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Supplementary Questions from the Hon. Mark Pearson MLC

Foxes

1. Over the last few years, tens of thousands of dollars of government funds have been spent developing a permit system for captive foxes. Dozens of fox owners in New South Wales have already been issued with permits to keep foxes securely in their homes. There have been no recorded incidents of escape or harm to wild or farmed animals.

As a result of the recently introduced Pest Control Order, however, it is now illegal to rescue and rehome foxes, even if they are de-sexed and kept in secure enclosures on private properties.

- (a) What was the reason for the decision to cease issuing permits and introducing the Pest Control order?
- (b) How does the rescue and secure rehoming of desexed, wild-born, rescue foxes, to responsible carers, negatively impact upon the current fox control measures in New South Wales?
- (c) Now that it is illegal to rescue and care for foxes in New South Wales, how will the government ensure the welfare of orphaned and injured foxes who will now be left to starve and suffer without the intervention of specialised rescue groups such as Sydney Fox Rescue?

TNR

2. Has there been an independent study done in NSW of the effectiveness and cost benefit analysis of TNR programs?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, when was this study conducted and what was the outcome?

Farm Mutilations

3. The Government recently supported a Motion urging wool growers to end the practice of mulesing and susceptibility to worm infestation by breeding out wrinkles, in the interim pain relief should be used.

- (a) Given the estimated cost of 50 cents per dose for pain relief such as Tri Solfen and the worldwide trend of wool buyers demanding the humane treatment of sheep, is it not time the government ensured certainty by mandating the use of pain relief when mulesing?
 - i. If not, is this in breach of Section 24, subsection 1. of the POCTAA, whereby, the Act states 'in a manner that inflicted no unnecessary pain upon the animal'?
- (b) Should, in fact, all on-farm mutilation require mandatory pain relief?
- (c) How can the public be confident that industry is progressing forward in regards to animal welfare if it will not mandate the use of topical pain relief at 50 cents per dose?

Ducks

- 4. How many disease outbreaks have occurred in the duck meat industry over the last 5 years in NSW?
 - (a) How were these outbreaks managed by the industry and government?
 - (b) How many individual ducks were affected and what was the fate of these ducks?
 - (c) What were the diseases that occurred i.e. avian flu or Anatispestifer, and what was the origin or source of the outbreak?
- 5. What is the percentage of disease outbreaks per duck farmed in NSW over the last 5 years?
- 6. What disease prevention strategies are required on duck farms, given vaccines and antibiotics are not commonly used due to their expense?
- 7. Do any documented biosecurity procedures exist which state strategies to prevent the introduction of diseases to duck farms?
 - (a) If so, is this information publicly available? If not, can my office be issued with this information?
- 8. Given that water deprivation of water to ducks results in pain and suffering as well as increased risk of disease and infection, yet the introduction of water and free range practices also increases the biosecurity risk of disease from wild water fowl, how can the duck meat industry exist without either being inherently cruel or being a high biosecurity risk?

Meat Chickens

9. We have been anonymously informed of a mass disease outbreak on Baiada Poultry farms near Griffith, NSW. We have been informed that the disease outbreak caused chickens to suffer from paralysis, before dying and that one farm with 28 sheds lost approximately 500,000 birds in April this year, with adjoining farms potentially affected.
- (a) Is the Minister able to confirm whether this information is accurate?
 - i. If so, how many chickens were slaughtered as a result of the outbreak?
 - ii. Is it a fact that dead birds were subsequently transported to Victoria to be processed into pet food?
 - (b) What was the cause of the outbreak and has it been resolved?
 - (c) What steps have been taken to ensure similar outbreaks do not occur in the future?
 - (d) Can the Minister provide assurances to consumers of chicken meat for both human consumption and pet food that the product is safe?

Brumbies

10. The King of the Ranges Stockman's Challenge is a brumby/wild horse catch event held in Murrurundi. These events involve newly trapped brumbies which have been taken from the NWPS passive trapping program and then ridden and chased for "entertainment".
- (a) Have any formal complaints of such events in relation to animal cruelty been made to your Department?
 - i. If so, what action was taken and were these complaints thoroughly investigated?
 - (b) If these events are found to be in breach of Section 4, subsections 2 (a) and 2 (d) of the POCTAA, will the Minister legislate a ban of these events across NSW?

Introduced Species

11. The Feralscan website which is run by the Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre, encourages people to not only record 'feral', or what I prefer to call 'introduced' animal locations via mapping but also to engage with and kill individual animals, the term used is "control". The site includes references for all manner of species including rabbits, foxes, wild dogs, cats, pigs, birds and deer. On further browsing the site, via an app, allows people of the community to map

animal locations so as animals can be trapped and killed or “controlled”. The site even encourages people to upload their photos of kills to the gallery on the site.

- (a) Is the Minister satisfied that this program is adhering to existing animal cruelty legislation and that all killing of animals is monitored and controlled?
12. Suggested methods of killing promoted and endorsed by the website include stunning by a blow to the head using a blunt instrument (e.g. metal pipe, wooden club etc.), cervical dislocation, decapitation, or bleeding out. All methods are backed by disclaimers that state the method is to be properly performed by skilled and trained operators.
- (a) How can the government be endorsing such methods of suffering unchecked and unmonitored?
 - (b) How can the government ensure such community members participating in this program are sufficiently ‘skilled and trained’ in these methods of killing?
13. There is a broad definition of what constitutes a feral cat on the website. However, there is no information on how a user could identify the difference between say a stray, a 'feral or even a house cat that is allowed to roam.
- (a) In regards to this, how does this program ensure participants are not mapping and killing free roaming pets or lost companion animals?
 - (b) Is this program an attempt from the government to sanction and endorse cruelty and killing of animals by community members under the guise of conservation?
 - (c) As part of this program is it possible for a participant to remove a mapped sighting once it has been recorded?
 - i. If so, does this allow for those that carry out unmonitored ‘control’ methods such as blunt force trauma and decapitation to effectively remove any evidence of registering a sighting from their account if someone were to report it to either the DPI or other authorities?
 - (d) Have there been any reports of harassment and threats to volunteers who care for free living animals, such as cats as a result of the implementation of this program?

Pound Animals

14. To minimise cruel and often unlawful handling, trapping, seizure and impounding of kittens and cats, the WA RSPCA in conjunction with Cat advocacy groups produced a CAT TRAPS GUIDE which was circulated to WA councils, shelters and pest controllers.
- (a) Can the Minister confirm if a similar or improved NSW guide has been produced and circulated to councils, shelters, pest controllers and made accessible to the public in NSW?
- i. If not, why not and will the Minister authorise the creation of such a guide?
 - ii. If so, where is this published?
 - iii. If such a guide is published by the government, will the Minister ensure that it include the relevant mandatory legislation and penalties which would apply in lieu of breaches, and how any such breaches would be enforced?

Questions from Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

Greyhound Racing

15. Please outline the process that the Government will undertake in converting crown land currently used for greyhound racing for community use? How will the community have a say in this process?
16. Please provide a list of all crown land properties currently used for greyhound racing.

Dolphin Marine Magic

17. Regarding the below extract from the transcript on page 37

Mr HANSEN: Following the meeting with Dolphin Marine Magic, I wrote to and said providing it could provide to us two undertakings, we would allow it to continue operating with the 10 seals.

- (a) Please provide a copy of the letter.
18. Will the NSW Government cancel Dolphin Marine Magic's license if they fail to build the new seal enclosure?
19. Regarding the below extract from the transcript on page 37
- Mr HANSEN: No. We continue to closely monitor and be engaged with the organisation. Since 2014 it has asked for consideration of a number of variations to the standards.

- (a) Please provide a list of all variations that have been applied for since 1 January 2014 and indicate whether they were approved or refused.
20. Was a metal object found inside the body of the dolphin calf Ji-Ling?
 - (a) If yes, what was the object?
 - (b) Was it a watch?
 - i. If it was who was the owner of the watch?
 21. Please provide a copy of the autopsy report of the dolphin calf Ji-Ling.
 22. Was the Department asked by Dolphin Marine Magic not to release the autopsy report of the dolphin Ji Ling?
 - (a) If yes, what was the reason for this?
 23. Would the NSW Government consider banning the breeding of captive dolphins to ensure the current dolphins in captivity would be the last?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 24. Did four Australian Little Blue Penguins die in Dolphin Marine Magic's care between September 2015 and April 2016?
 - (a) If yes, what were the causes of death?
 - (b) Does the department consider this an unusually high mortality rate?
 - (c) What action is the department taking to reduce this mortality rate?
 25. Does the use of a permanent barrier to bisect the primary dolphin pool violate the NSW Dolphin Standards?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 26. Given there is no other compliant space for the seals (indeed, even the seal pool itself is not compliant for the seals), where and how are the seals legally housed when the seal pool is required as a dolphin isolation pool?
 27. Clause 29 of the General Standards for Exhibiting Animals states: "Visitors who are in contact with animals must be encouraged not to ... (b) kiss the animals". According to Questions on Notice LC178 (Response 7b): "The Department has received a response from Dolphin Marine Magic (about the kisses) and this is currently being reviewed".
 - (a) What is the status of this review?

- i. If this review has been completed please provide a copy of the review.
- 28. Dolphin Marine Magic advertises kisses to tourists (for example, on posters) and also instructs visitors at the end of dolphin shows to line up in the “kissing hut” to receive their free dolphin kiss. Dolphin Marine Magic heavily advertises “free dolphin kisses” for every visitor (its phone number is even 1300-KISSES). Is this considered encouragement of kissing?
- 29. Bucky is an elderly dolphin and the “star performer” at Dolphin Marine Magic. Has Bucky’s cancer recurred?
 - (a) Given Bucky is an old and sick animal, how will NSW DPI require that Bucky’s training regime be modified, as required by Clause 55 of the General Standards?

Koala Park

- 30. Given Koala Park at West Pennant Hills has been convicted and fined for mistreating emaciated and disease-ridden koalas in its care, what extra conditions, if any, have been attached to their license and how is the Government monitoring these?
 - (a) Under what circumstances would the government consider suspending the license?

Companion Animals

- 31. The NSW Government has established a Responsible Pet Ownership Reference Group as part of its response to the Companion Animals Taskforce Reports.
 - (a) What strategies has the Government implemented between June 2015 and July 2016?
- 32. How much money did the NSW Government allocate to Local Governments to help reduce the euthanasia rates in Council companion animal shelters between June 2015 and July 2016?
- 33. How much money was spent last financial year (2015-2016) on subsidising registration fees for companion animals?
- 34. Recommendation 5 of the Joint Select Committee Inquiry into Companion Animal Breeding Practices in August 2015, recommended that the NSW Government undertakes a comprehensive study of euthanasia rates. Has the Government conducted a comprehensive study of euthanasia rates?
 - (a) If yes, please provide a copy of the report.
 - (b) If no, why not?

35. Please provide the statistics for euthanasia rates for cats and dogs in NSW from 2013-2015.

Sharks

36. The (Grey Morwong) (*Nemadactylus douglasii*) have been assessed as 'Overfished' since 2006/07, according to the Status of fisheries resources report 2013-2014 a stock rebuilding plan is yet to be developed.
- (a) Has this plan been completed?
 - i. If yes, please provide a copy of the plan
 - ii. If no, when will this plan be completed?
37. The last Fishery Management Strategies Performance Report was in 2004, when will the DPI be releasing or conducting more reports?

Sydney Zoo

38. Have the proponents of the proposed Sydney Zoo begun the process for applying for a license to exhibit animals?
- (a) If yes, what animals have been applied for and what is the current status of the application?

Antibiotic Use

39. How is the NSW Government regulating and avoiding the misuse and overuse of antibiotics in animal agriculture?
40. How is the NSW Government monitoring products imported from overseas jurisdictions, where antibiotic overuse or misuse may not be sufficiently regulated?

Sow Stalls

41. Will the NSW Government consider a legally enforceable ban on sow stalls to ensure sow stalls are phased out across the entire industry?

42. The Model Code of Practice for Pigs states that from 2017, sows are prohibited from being confined to a stall for more than six weeks of any given gestation period. Will the provision in the Model Code be legally enforceable in NSW? If so, how does the NSW Government propose to monitor and enforce compliance with this requirement?

Independent Office of Animal Welfare

43. The need for an independent office arises from the conflict of interest, whether real or perceived, in the role and function of departments of primary industries (or their equivalent).
44. Would the NSW Government consider establishing an Independent Office of Animal Welfare?
- (a) If not, why not?

Animal Cruelty

45. How many cruelty reports involving agricultural animals were investigated last year by:
- (a) RSPCA NSW
- (b) Animal Welfare League NSW
- (c) NSW Police?
46. How many animal agricultural facilities were inspected last year (both announced and unannounced) by authorities last year?

Sharks

47. Please provide a breakdown on what the NSW DPI has already spent regarding the \$16m shark attack mitigation campaign announced last year.

NSW Farm Trespass Policy

48. What action has the Department of Primary Industries taken in implementing the NSW Farm Trespass Policy, if any?

Foxes

Has the Local Land Services Act (2013) in conjunction with the Pest Control Order for European Red Foxes (2014) made it illegal for members of the public to rescue, care for and own red foxes.

49. How will the government ensure humane treatment for injured foxes and their kits?
50. As a declared pest under the Local Land Services act, it is illegal to transport a fox without a permit. If a member of the public finds an injured fox in urgent need of veterinary care and transports that fox to a vet, will they be charged with breaching the order?

1080

51. Is the NSW Government investing in more humane and/or non-lethal invasive species control methods? For example finding an alternative to 1080?
52. Under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act (POCTA) Section 15, it is illegal to administer poison to a domestic animal, where poison can be defined as “ a) a substance included in the list, as in force for the time being, proclaimed under section 8 of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966”. 1080 (fluoroacetic acid) is a listed schedule 7 poison, making it a “Substances of exceptional danger”.
 - (a) As such the use of 1080 on domestic animals is illegal. Why is POCTA Section 15 limited to domestic animals and why does it not offer protections to wildlife from the slow and painful death caused by 1080 bait?

Questions from Mr David Shoebridge MLC

Commonwealth/State review of RFSs

53. What stage is this review at? What is the anticipated timeline?
54. Who is undertaking the review?
55. What are the terms of reference?
56. What public consultation will occur as part of this review?

NSW Forestry Industry Roadmap

57. What opportunities of the carbon economy are envisaged in the NSW Forestry Industry Roadmap released on 25 August 2016?
58. How will carbon credit income compare with traditional income from income from logging?
59. How will State native forests attract carbon income?

Community Service Obligations

60. I refer to the Forestry Corporation Community Service Obligation funding for the Hardwood Forests Division for “Government Relations and Community Engagement”:
 - (a) What information, education and or training programmes and education or awareness raising activities and/or resources or resource packages partly or wholly funded or contributed to and regardless of whether or not any of these be of a ‘pilot’ or experimental nature, are produced by region, in each year from FY 2012 to FY 2016.
61. In reference to Forestry Corporation Community Service Obligation funding for the Hardwood Forests Division for “Recreation and Tourism”:
 - (a) What recreation and/or or tourist related information and or promotional programmes, events, activities, and/or infrastructure are provided by this, whether or not any of these be of a ‘pilot’ or experimental nature, partly or wholly funded or contributed to, by region, in each year from FY 2012 to FY 2016.
62. In relation to Forestry Corporation Community Service Obligation funding for the Hardwood Forests Division for both “Government Relations and Community Engagement” and “Recreation and Tourism” what funding has been provided between 2012 and 2016 to any external organisations in order to undertake activities relevant to either of these categories, whether undertaken under the auspices of those external organisations or in partnership with Forests NSW?
63. Of the funding provided for 3. please provide details of recipient organisations, amounts and purpose of the funding including the names or titles of relevant feasibility studies, programmes, events, initiatives, or resources undertaken or proposed.
64. Forests Corporation NSW also has a corporate expenditure programme that includes categories “Government Relations and Community Engagement” and “Recreation and Tourism”. Please provide details of all corporate partners, recipient organisations, amounts and purpose of the funding including the names or titles of any relevant feasibility studies, programmes, events, initiatives, or resources undertaken, partially developed for the years 2012-6. Of these programmes are any ongoing with the understanding there will be future contributions from the department?
65. Does or has the department provide any money directly to Forests Corporation or to any of its corporate partners exclusive of CSO funding arrangements?

Murrah Flora Reserve: alternative timber subsidy

66. How much of \$2.5 million grant from the Environmental Trust to “facilitate sourcing timber from alternative South East NSW State Forests” following the creation of the Murrah Flora Reserve has been spent?
67. On what basis is it allocated? Is it paid directly to the logging / haulage contractors or does the Forestry Corporation retain amounts and reduce royalties charged
68. Which logging and/ or haulage contractors have received funding from this fund and how much has each received?
69. What quantity of logs has attracted the subsidy?
70. From which State Forests were alternative logs sourced and how much was obtained from each forest? What percentage of logs from each operation has attracted the subsidy?
71. To which mills were the logs delivered? What quantity did each mill receive?
72. Is there a steering committee or other body responsible for directing the management of the new Flora Reserve? If so, please provide details.

Animal welfare in logging operations

73. On how many occasions have prescriptions to protect (1) wombat burrows or (2) other species which are not listed as threatened been applied in logging operations in the Eden and Southern RFA Regions?
 - (a) Please provide details, including the location of these prescriptions.
74. Has there ever been an investigation or prosecution for breaches of animal cruelty laws during logging operations in State Forests?

Storm damage to Eden chipmill jetty

75. Has Allied Natural Wood Exports (ANWE) or South East Fibre Exports requested any modification to the current application of the Wood Supply Agreement between Forestry Corporation and South East Fibre Exports following storm damage to the chipmill jetty in June 2016?
 - (a) If so, what are the details of the request?

76. Has ANWE sought or received any other kind of assistance from within this portfolio following the June 2016 storm damage?

Staffing

77. How many Full Time Equivalent staff positions are there in each office of the NSW Forestry Corporation?
78. Has the Commonwealth Government been consulted about the new Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals (IFOAs) to determine whether they provide equivalent protection to that available to threatened species under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act

NSW Department of Trade Investment employment figures

79. The Department of Trade and Investment in its Key Data for 2015, lists NSW Forestry and services employment as 2,131 and with a multiplier as 5,166 based on the 2011 census. Last year FCNSW employed 582 people. And yet Minister Blair and the logging industry have stated there are 22,000 timber jobs in NSW. (In 2009 the Department said “Estimated 6 300 people employed through dependent businesses, with over 12 000 indirect jobs generated?
- (a) How is this figure is derived?
- (b) Does it include everyone who handles a piece of wood?
80. What percentage of timber produced in NSW is pine?
81. Of the timber manufacturing jobs what percentage of those are pine?

Yield Losses relating to the Pacific highway upgrade:

82. Has FCNSW estimated the yield losses incurred by the clearing of forests for the Pacific Highway construction?
83. What area of forest has been cleared?
84. How have these losses been accounted for in wood contract commitments?

Yield Losses relating to the Whitehaven Coal Mine:

85. Has FCNSW estimated the yield losses incurred by the clearing of forests for the Whitehaven Coal Mine at Maules Creek?

86. What area of forest has been cleared?
87. How have these losses been accounted for in wood contract commitments?

Hoop Pine plantations near Toonumbar

88. Are logs from the Hoop Pine plantation being exported whole?
89. What has been the sale process for this timber?
90. Were they put out to tender?
91. What price are they being sold for?
92. What volume is estimated will be produced?
93. Where are the logs being processed?
94. The Hoop Pine was planted on a site that was formerly rainforest. Will the area be regenerated to rainforest after the site has been cleared? If not, what is planned for that area?

Montreal Process Reporting Requirements

95. Are FCNSW keeping records of the area of mature forest that is converted to regrowth in any particular year?
96. If they are, why is it not being reported?
97. Could the Minister please supply the figures for area of public native forest in each category of growth stage since 2011 or is the Minister maintaining the classic forestry fiction of the Magic Pudding- it doesn't matter how much mature forest is cut, there is never any less of it, or any more regrowth?

Crowns of Trees

98. Can the Minister confirm that the definition of “waste” and “residues” from Forestry Corporation NSW logging of public native forests includes crowns of trees and excludes trunks of trees?
 - (a) If so, how the crowns are placed on the log trucks?
99. If Forestry Corporation are using chippers to woodchip the crowns before they leave the forest:
 - (a) How many woodchippers do Forestry Corporation have?
 - (b) What is the size and approximate volumes of each chip in a year?

FCNSW Breaches

100. What is Forestry Corporation's current policy for responding to community generated allegations of breaches of licence and or IFOA?

Forestry concerns

101. What hectareage of area public native forest and in what locations has been affected by the FCNSW variations of STS, "intensive harvesting outside the authorisation of the IFOA" since application of their variations began (estimated as beginning between 2005-2009)?
102. What environmental impact has there been across the above areas since the STS variations began?
103. How many species impacted, how many of each species, how many hectares of habitat and of what habitat class and Forest Ecosystem type has been lost for each threatened species?
104. How many cubic metres of additional timber has been harvested under STS variations that are "intensive harvesting outside the authorisation of the IFOA" and how much additional value in dollars has been gained since FCNSW began the practice?
105. What are the likely additional and adverse effects on soils and water due to the STS variations?
106. What will the government require of the FCNSW to redress the environmental losses and degradation caused?
107. Will they include restoration requirements such as: lantana control, Bell-miner removal, remediation of landscape impacts, permanent exclusion of logging from 'offset' areas marked on Harvest Plans that have not yet been logged and/or delaying logging in adjacent compartments until these areas have achieved a measurable and adequate level of recovery and canopy cover?
108. Will the government use the estimated value of the illegally logged timber to help fund this forest restoration?
109. Will the government require the FCNSW to cease "intensive harvesting outside the authorisation of the IFOA"?
110. On what occasions and in what wording and context has the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) "previously indicated its view" to Forestry Corporation NSW (FCNSW) that intensive

logging and clearfelling as FCNSW variations of Single Tree Selection (STS) is unauthorised and not consistent with the Interim Forestry Operations Approvals (IFOA)?

111. When will the Nature Conservation of NSW receive an answer to their letter of June 27th 2016 to the Environment Minister Mr Mark Speakman regarding these issues?
112. When will the Nambucca Valley Conservation Association receive an answer to their letter of June 24th 2016 to the Environment Minister Mr Mark Speakman regarding these issues?

Regional Forest Agreements

113. Will the Government be making a decision on whether to extend Regional Forest Agreements in this term of government? Can the government release the terms of reference for a review of the performance of the RFAs?
114. What government agencies have been tasked with undertaking the review, and what is the timeline for review completion?
115. What community consultation will the government be making as part of any RFA review process? When will consultation commence?
116. How does the government propose to assess the performance of the RFAs in respect of their higher level aims?
117. Given the lack of timely and adequate reporting throughout the life of the RFAs, does the government commit to making no decision on RFA extensions prior to any review being completed?
118. Does the government accept that there are a suite of high value, but less tangible, forest services besides timber provision such as carbon sequestration, water supply and tourism and how does the government propose to factor the valuation of these services into the decision making process?
119. The Australian National University recently completed a set of environmental accounts for the Victorian Central Highlands RFA region that showed water is worth 100 times the value of timber, and lost carbon due to logging worth 60 times timber. Will the government develop such accounts for the Eden, Southern and North East RFA regions so that decision making on forests considers the full range of forest values?

120. Will the government assess the proportion of the Comprehensive Adequate and Representative reserve network of forest ecosystems that has been created via the RFA process and commit to completing the CAR reserve network?
121. Several times over the life of the current RFAs the forestry agency has been unable to supply contracted wood volumes. There is evidence that has been read on to the Parliamentary record from the 1990s that the forestry agency has a history of over-stating wood volumes. Will the Government commit to an independent review of wood volumes as part of any RFA review?
122. During the life of the current RFA there has been no analysis done on whether current logging prescriptions have protected threatened species from the impacts of logging. Prior to the RFAs there was significant survey work to detect, map and model threatened species habitat. Will the Government undertake a similar process in order to assess the state of forest dependent fauna, and particularly threatened species, as part of the RFA review?
123. The forestry agency has remapped the forests using LIDAR. Will the agency make the results of this process available as part of the RFA review?
124. Climate change was not considered during the assessment process that led to the RFAs. In what way will climate change be considered as part of the RFA review?

Crown Lands

125. When will the Minister for Lands adopt the Plan of Management for Bondi Park, Pavilion and Beach 2014-2024?
126. What steps are being taken to ensure that the site of the Bondi Pavilion remains managed for the benefit of the community?
127. Does the Government support the Green Ban that has been placed on the Bondi Pavilion site?
128. What steps are being taken to ensure that Crown Land trustees manage land for the benefit of the community rather than to maximise profits?
129. Will you provide full details of all formal and informal meetings and discussions which your office has held with Waverley Council elected or unelected staff about the \$38 million proposals for the Bondi Pavilion?
130. What grants have been provided in the last 5 years towards works associated with Bondi Park, Beach and Pavilion Plan Of Management, or Bondi Park and Pavilion generally?

Kirkbride complex at Callan Park

131. Has a tenancy proposal been received for the site of the Kirkbride complex at Callan Park?

Questions from the Hon Robert Brown MLC
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Game Licencing Unit

132. With respect to game licences:

- (a) How many new licences were issued in:
 - i. 2016 to date?
 - ii. 2015?
- (b) How people holding game licences were there in:
 - i. 2016 to date?
 - ii. 2015?
- (c) How many new Class G licences were issued in:
 - i. 2016 to date?
 - ii. 2015?
- (d) How people holding Class G game licences were there in:
 - i. 2016 to date?
 - ii. 2015?
- (e) How many new Class R licences were issued in:
 - i. 2016 to date?
 - ii. 2015?
- (f) How people holding Class R game licences were there in:
 - i. 2016 to date?
 - ii. 2015?
- (g) How many Class R licence tests were conducted in:
 - i. 2016 to date?
 - ii. 2015?
- (h) How many hunters participated in hunting activities in:
 - i. 2016 to date?
 - ii. 2015?
- (i) How many days of hunting were conducted in:
 - i. 2016 to date?
 - ii. 2015?
- (j) By species, how many animals in total were killed by hunters in:
 - i. 2016 to date?
 - ii. 2015?

Questions from the Hon Shaoquett Moselmane (on behalf of the NSW Labor Opposition)

Lands

133. What work is the former CEO of Cemeteries and Crematoria, Carl Malmberg, currently carrying out for Ms Stone?
134. How long will Mr Malmberg be seconded to other duties?
135. What is the Board fees for the Chair of Cemetery and Crematoria NSW (CCNSW)?
136. What are the board fees for other members of CCNSW?
137. How many times did the Board meet in 2015-16?
138. What was the duration of each meeting?
139. Was the membership of the NSW Crown Holiday Park Trust subject to a transparent expression of interest process? If not, why not?
140. How many times have the NSW Crown Holiday Park Trust met in 2015-16?
141. What was the duration of each meeting?
142. How many members of the NSW Crown Holiday Park Trust live in Sydney?
143. Where have the meetings of the NSW Crown Holiday Park Trust taken place?
144. How many times has each Board member of the NSW Crown Holiday Park Trust attended the meeting?
145. Were cemeteries included in the Greater Sydney Metro Plan of 2010?
146. What did the Minister mean by an ad hoc approach to cemetery management before 2011?
147. What remuneration did David Harley receive for his work on cemetery reform?
148. Out of what fund was he paid?
149. Are you aware of the concerns held by many councils and coastal communities over the delays in important dredging works being approved by Crown Lands?
150. Can the Minister explain the delays behind dredging areas of the Myall River where it enters Port Stephens?
151. Who has the delegation to approve such works?

152. Are you satisfied with the current delegations in Crown Lands that are causing these delays in approvals?
153. When were the current delegations (including financial delegations) put in place?
154. Have you reviewed the delegations since becoming Minister?
155. How many greyhound clubs, racetracks and related facilities are located on Crown Land or dedicated land?
156. Can the Minister provide a list of these locations, as well as their statutory land values?
157. What is the remuneration package of Mr Rod Gilmour, the current administrator of the Wentworth Park Sporting Complex Trust?
158. Was the administrator's position subject to advertising and/or a transparent expression of interest process? If not, why not?
159. Was the community trust that previously managed the Wentworth Park Sporting Complex Trust subject to a transparent expression of interest process? If not why not?
160. Is it true that the former Deputy Premier and Minister responsible for the Crown Lands Act 1989 ignored Department advice and appointed a Trust without seeking nominations from the community? If not, how was the previous Trust appointed?
161. Minister, despite 5 years of you and your predecessors talking about the synergy between Primary Industries and Crown Lands, why does Crown Lands now report to the Deputy Secretary of Resources and Energy?
162. What are the new synergies between Crown Lands and Energy?
163. How many years of experience in public land management does the Deputy Secretary of Resources and energy and Lands have?
164. Why was Crown Lands removed from the oversight of the Director General of Primary Industries?
165. Can you rule out another restructure of Crown Lands?
166. How many times as the formal identification – title of Crown Lands within the industry cluster changed since 2011?
167. Can you provide details of the costs associated with these changes?
168. How much money was provided through the Public Reserves Management Fund (PRMF) in 2015-16?

169. How much of this was grants?
170. How much of this was loans?
171. How much PRMF funding was announced between December 1 2014 and March 31 2015?
172. How much PRMF funding was announced between December 1 2015 and March 31 2016?
173. Can you provide a list of grants and loans for 2015-16, noting the location of each grant, the local government area, and the State electorate?
174. Can you provide a list of unsuccessful applications for the PRMF in 2015-16?
175. How much money was repaid into the PRMF in 2015-16?
176. Can you provide a balance of the PRMF as at 30 June for the following years:
 - (a) 2011-12
 - (b) 2012-13
 - (c) 2013-14
 - (d) 2014-15
 - (e) 2015-16
177. Are there any outstanding loans beyond the original term? If so, please list.
178. How many FTE's have left Crown Lands since 2011 either through retirement or redundancy?
179. What steps have Crown Lands taken to capture corporate knowledge lost through the retirement or redundancy of Crown Lands' officers since 2011?
180. What funds have been spent to date on the review of the Crown Lands Act 1989?
181. How much did Crown Lands spend on beach rehabilitation in 2015-16?
182. What was the value of unpaid Crown Land lease fees in 2015-16?
183. How many legal cases have been commenced, finalised or were active in any way against the NSW Government in relation to Crown Land?
184. How many complaints in relation to Crown Lands were received in 2015-16?
185. How many temporary staff are employed in the
 - (a) Dubbo Crown Lands office
 - (b) Grafton Crown Lands office

(c) Newcastle Crown Lands office

186. How many Senior Executives (those with remuneration higher than Grade 12) were employed in Crown Lands in 2015-16?
187. How many Senior executives (those with remuneration higher than Grade 12) were primarily in the Newcastle Head office of Crown Lands?

Soil Conservation Service

188. Does the Soil Conservation Service have a business plan in place?
189. Has it been approved by Treasury? If not, why not?
190. How many FTE's within Soil Conservation have been lost either through redundancy or retirement since 2011?

Domestic Violence Leave and Awareness – Lands

191. For each department, statutory agency and/or other bodies in the Minister's Portfolio please report:
- (a) Date of introduction of domestic violence leave into enterprise agreements/contracts of employment, awards as applicable;
 - (b) Whether or not all employees and/or contractors are eligible for domestic violence leave;
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 - (d) Number of days available for eligible staff to access domestic violence leave in each financial year;
 - (e) Number of other personal days of leave that have been taken in each financial year since the introduction of domestic violence leave;
 - (f) Number of sick days available for eligible staff to access domestic violence leave in each financial year;
 - (g) Whether or not all staff and/or contractors have access to Employee Assistance Programs?
 - (h) What training has been undertaken with management and administration for those involved in approving and/or processing domestic violence leave on issues such as?
 - i. Privacy and confidentiality of information about domestic violence

- ii. Access to emotional, psychological, financial and medical support which may be required
- (i) Who has provided training on domestic violence in the workplace?
- (j) What percentage of staff in each agency has undertaken domestic violence training?
- (k) What efforts have been made to ensure that perpetrators (or their accomplices) within the staffing profile are not able to access personal information of victims in order to identify their location, or other information which may assist in committing domestic violence against them, including changing or accessing records in such a way as to disadvantage them financially or legally?

Sexual harassment and Anti-bullying training and awareness programs - Lands

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- (a) Date of introduction of sexual harassment and anti-bullying training and awareness programs
- (b) Whether or not all employees and/or contractors have received such training?
- (c) Is this course mandatory for all employees/ contractors?
- (d) How long for each session, how many sessions?
- (e) Who delivers it?
- (f) Is the program tailored to take into consideration specific needs of LGBTQIA, ATSI and CALD or other at risk groups?
- (g) How?
- (h) What percentage of staff in each agency has undertaken sexual harassment and anti-bullying training and awareness programs?

Elton Report into Rookwood General Cemetery trust

193. Did the Minister sign off on the Department's briefing that recommended the removal of the Rookwood General Cemetery Trust?

194. Did the Minister read the original report before signing it off?

195. Who authorised the publication of the original Elton report into the Trust before significant errors were identified?

Domestic Violence Leave and Awareness - Water

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Sexual harassment and Anti-bullying training and awareness programs - Water

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Commercial fishing

198. Is the Minister aware of concerns within the Industry that the reform process has left them swamped in reports and proposals but no certainty and most importantly the need to purchase their own businesses again in order to continue operating?
199. Does the Minister think it is fair that commercial fishers should have to purchase their businesses again?
200. By reducing licences to 90 days from a full year of fishing days, does the minister agree that the government will be increasing red tape for fishers as they will have to report on and monitor the number of days of fishing as well as catch volume?
201. What is the benefit to counting the number of days someone is fishing for? Isn't a sustainable industry one which looks at how much fish they are taking from seas and rivers, rather than one which counts how many days it takes them to do it?

202. Is the Minister aware of industry concerns that that the reduction in the number of days will ensure that commercial fishers end up working longer hours on fishing days to try and catch up, which means more fish taken from a smaller catchment area?
203. Is the Minister aware of industry concerns that the health and safety of fishers will be place at further risk as a result of these changes?
204. Has the Minister met with the Minister for Small Business and/or the Small Business commissioner to discuss the commercial fishing restructure?
205. What industry stakeholders has the Minister met with in relation to the commercial fishing industry reform process? If so, please advise which stakeholders, the dates and issues discussed.
206. Is the Minister aware of an independent report dated May 2016 which review the current NSW Resource Assessment Framework for NSW Fisheries?
207. Is the Minister concerned that the report identifies organisation changes and reduced resources that are available for assessments?
208. Is the Minister concerned that the report calls the Resource Assessment Framework as “*poorly defined*”, “*Elements of the framework ..not well linked*”, and “*not well linked to management needs*”?
209. Has the Minister formally responded to the Independent Report?
210. What has the Minister and/or the Department done to address these concerns identified in the May 2016 independent report?
211. Is the Minister aware of industry concerns that the loss of scientific research capability of Fisheries has had an impact on the quality of data that is required to undertake the commercial fishing restructure?
212. Is the Minister aware of industry concerns that the share trading trial recently announced will not work?
213. Is the Minister aware that there was strong advice from industry not to engage in such a trial?
214. Is the Minister aware of strong concerns within the industry that fishers are unable to use the subsidisation program without any confidence? What is the Government doing to address these concerns from industry ?
215. Is the Minister aware of industry concerns over the lack of detail in critical parts of the restructure, such as how the proposed linkages would interact and compensate for regional difference?

216. What is the Government doing to address these concerns?
217. Is the minister aware that fishers are being forced to invest in more shares without any information regarding return on investment and the cost to business?
218. Does the Minister expect all fishers to participate in the trial?
219. If not, what is the purpose and value of such a trial?
220. How many changes to the restructure process have you or your Department approved since the restructure was originally announced earlier this year?
221. Minister, is the industry now more secure and certain as a result of the implementation of the restructure process in June 2016?
222. Is the Minister concerned that the entire process could end up in costly litigation, at great expense to industry, NSW taxpayer and ongoing uncertainty? If not, why not?
223. Is the Minister aware of resistance in some parts of the seafood supply chain to mandatory country of origin labelling?
224. Will the Government mandate Country of Origin Labelling?

Shark Strategy

225. What are the estimated number of sharks inhabiting off the NSW coast?
226. How many sharks are currently tagged to enable tracking through mobile devices?
227. Why have some sharks transmitted for hundreds of days, whilst others have been able to be tracked for 4 or 5 days?
228. Is the Department aware of what has occurred when transmission has ceased within a short period?
229. Is the Department aware of concerns about these tracking devices and shark's navigational abilities?

Greynurse Shark protection

230. How many times have Fish Rock and Green Island Greynurse Shark critical habitat areas been patrolled for the protection of Greynurse Shark populations in:
- (a) 2015?

(b) 2016 to date?

231. How many prosecutions commenced or penalty notices were issued for illegal fishing in Greynurse Shark critical habitat areas in:

(a) 2015?

(b) 2016 to date?

232. Does DPI – Fisheries now keep log books of their patrols at this site?

233. How many Greynurse Sharks were injured or killed through illegal fishing in:

(a) 2015?

(b) 2016 to date?

234. Please provide a breakdown of location, date, and cause.

Retention of corporate knowledge

235. 1. How many FTE's have left Primary Industries since 2011 either through retirement or redundancy?

236. 2. What steps have Primary Industries taken to capture corporate knowledge lost through the retirement or redundancy of Crown Lands' officers since 2011?

Local Land Services

237. With the proposed sales of assets by Local Land Services, will the Minister ensure that any funds raised from these sales stay in the local community where they are sold/leased?

DPI Strategic Plan

238. The DPI strategic plan has a goal of a 30% increase in primary industries by 2020. What is the Department's expected share of that increase for agriculture?

Farm Business Skills Professional Development Program

- 239. How many applications have been made for the Farm Business Skills Professional Development Program?
- 240. How many have been successful?
- 241. How much funding is available through the program?
- 242. How much funding offered through the Farm Business Skills Professional Development Program has been taken up?

Former Parliamentarians

- 243. Has any former Parliamentarian been employed in your office or that of predecessors responsible for Lands, Primary Industries and Water since 2011? If so, please provide name of Parliamentarian and the length of time employed, and remuneration package?

Impact of the 2015 April Super Storms and 2016 January Storms in the Hunter on primary industries

- 244. How does Primary Industries communicate with farmers - email, letter?
- 245. Does the Department have a comprehensive list of all farms in the Maitland Electorate?
- 246. Is the Minister aware that many farmers had to halve their stocks after the April 2015 superstorms at less than half the price they had to pay to restock them later the same year?
- 247. How many farmers lost stock in the January storms?
- 248. Why did the Minister not apply for Category C funding after the January 2016 storms?
- 249. What is the government doing to advocate for small farm owners who work off farm to provide a living wage while they are establishing their properties, or those transitioning to retirement supplementing their income with superannuation to ensure they are eligible for natural disaster payment from the Federal Government under Category C Funding?
- 250. What were the stock levels of Maitland cattle farms in 2011, 13, 14, 15, 16 financial years?

Domestic Violence Leave and Awareness – Primary Industries

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Sexual harassment and Anti-bullying training and awareness programs

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- (g) How?
- (h) What percentage of staff in each agency has undertaken sexual harassment and anti-bullying training and awareness programs?

Water

- 253. Why did Sydney water lock access to Caloola Road Reserve, in Constitution Hill for a number of days this year? Did it consult with Parramatta Council regarding this decision?
- 254. When was the reserve transferred to Council?
- 255. What was Sydney Water's net debt for 2015-16?
- 256. How many complaints were received by Sydney Water in 2015-16?
- 257. Can the Minister rule out an increase in water levies for households and businesses in Broken Hill to help meet the costs of the Murray River to Broken Hill pipeline?

Domestic Violence Leave and Awareness – Water

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Sexual harassment and Anti-bullying training and awareness programs - Water

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- (g) How?
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Correspondence

- 260. Minister, what is the average turnaround time for answered to correspondence from (a) general community, (b) opposition MP's, and (c) Government MP's?
- 261. When was the current holder of the position of Director, Ministerial Liaison Office appointed?
- 262. What type of correspondence does the Director have oversight?
- 263. Is the Director, Ministerial Liaison Office privy to requests made under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*?
- 264. Is it true the current Director previously worked in the office of the former Deputy Premier?
- 265. Are you satisfied that there are no conflicts of interest in handling sensitive material between the Ministers, members of Parliament and community stakeholders?
- 266. Was the role advertised in the NSW Jobs website?

Commercial Fishing business Adjustment Program

- 267. How many commercial fishing businesses exist across New South Wales?
 - (a) How many owners of said businesses exist across New South Wales?
 - (b) How many are sole traders?
 - (c) How many are partnerships?
 - (d) How many commercial fishing businesses control/own multiple businesses across New South Wales?
 - (e) How many commercial fishing businesses are active across New South Wales?
 - (f) How many commercial fishing businesses are inactive across New South Wales?
 - (g) How many fishing business owners own an active as well as an inactive fishing business in New South Wales?
 - (h) How many inactive fishing businesses are owned/controlled by entities which also own/control an active fishing business across New South Wales?

- (i) How many commercial fishing businesses have the requisite endorsements to continue to operate after July 2017 in New South Wales?
268. How many commercial fishing businesses exist in each region across New South Wales?
- (a) How many owners of said businesses exist within each region?
 - (b) How many are sole traders in each region?
 - (c) How many are partnerships in each region?
 - (d) How many commercial fishing businesses control/own multiple businesses in each region?
 - (e) How many commercial fishing businesses are active in each region across New South Wales?
 - (f) How many commercial fishing businesses are inactive within each region across New South Wales?
 - (g) How many fishing business owners own an active as well as an inactive fishing business within each region across New South Wales?
 - (h) How many inactive fishing businesses are owned/controlled by entities which also own/control an active fishing business in each region across New South Wales?
 - (i) How many commercial fishing businesses have the requisite endorsements to continue to operate after July 2017 in each region across New South Wales?
269. Will the Minister guarantee that the Government will support fishers who want to stay in the industry?
- (a) How does the Minister plan to do so?
270. Has the Minister obtained independent advice that the introduction of an effort quota will not increase the safety risks associated with the work of commercial fishermen?
271. Has the Minister obtained independent advice that the introduction of an effort quota will not increase the risk of overfishing?
272. Has the Minister obtained independent advice that the introduction of an effort quota will not increase the risk of environmental damage to fishery?
273. Is the Minister satisfied that the expansion of catch quotas will not lead to dumping of poor quality catch?
- (a) How will this be monitored?

Cooks River

274. Has a study been completed to assess the impacts on water quality in the Cooks River of removing 1,000 trees along the north banks of the river to protect an oil pipeline that may or may not still be in use?
- (a) What impacts will the removal of trees have on the ongoing work of Sydney Water to clean up the River?
 - (b) What was the total amount spent by Sydney Water in 2015-16 and allocated for 2016-17 on measures to improve water quality in the Cooks River?

Office Administration

275. How many staff are in your ministerial office?
- (a) What was the average salary for staff members in your office during 2015-16?
 - (b) What is the estimated average salary for a ministerial staffer in your office in 2016-17 based on current appointments?
276. How many blackberries/iphones/smart phones are assigned to your staff?
- (a) For each phone, how much was each bill in 2015-16?
 - (b) How many phones have been lost or replaced due to damage in your office?
 - i. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
277. How many iPads or tablets has DPC assigned to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
- (a) What was the cost of providing iPads or tablets to your Ministerial Office in 2015-16?
 - (b) How many iPads or tablets have been replaced due to lost or damage in 2015-16?
 - i. What was the cost of replacing these devices?
278. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2015-16?
- (a) What is the cost of this?
279. Have any floral displays or indoor plants or potplants been hired or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2015-16?

- (a) If so, what was the cost of these items?
280. Have any floral displays or indoor plants or potplants been purchased for display in your ministerial office in 2015-16?
- (a) If so, what was the cost of these items?
281. What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals in 2015-16?
- (a) What are these services/newspapers/magazines/journals/periodicals?
- i. Who is the subscriber for each of these?
282. What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office in 2015-16?
- (a) What were the gifts purchased?
- i. Who were they gifted to?
283. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?
- (a) What is the monthly cost of this?
284. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
- (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?
285. What was the total bill for your office in 2015-16 for:
- (a) Taxi hire
- (b) Limousine hire
- (c) Private hire care
- (d) Hire car rental
- (e) Ridesharing services
286. Were any planes or helicopters chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money in 2015-16?
- (a) If yes, will you please detail each trip, the method of transport and the cost?

Hospitality

287. How much did your ministerial office spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2015-16?

288. How much did your Department/agency spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2015-16?

Labour Hire Firms

289. Do any Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities utilise the services of Labour Hire Firms? If yes, please advise in table form for 2015-16:

- (a) The names of the firms utilised
- (b) The total amount paid to each firm engaged
- (c) The average tenure period for an employee provided by a labour hire company
- (d) The longest tenure for an employee provided by a labour hire company
- (e) The duties conducted by employees engaged through a labour hire company
- (f) The office locations of employees engaged through a labour hire company
- (g) The highest hourly or daily rate paid to an employee provided by a labour hire company

Media and Public Relations

290. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?

291. What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?

292. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?

293. Have you had media training or speech training?

- (a) If yes, who paid for it?
- (b) If paid by taxpayers, what was the amount paid in 2015-16?

Facebook

294. How much did your ministerial office spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2015-16?

295. How much did your Department/agency spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2015-16?

Overseas Trips

296. Were any of your overseas trips in the last financial year paid for in part or in full by using public money?

(a) If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?

297. Have you undertaken any official overseas travel that was privately funded?

(a) If so, what was the nature of these trips?

(b) Who paid for these trips?

Department/Agency Travel

298. What was the total expenditure in 2015-16 by Departments/agencies within your portfolio on:

(a) Taxi hire

(b) Limousine/private car hire

(c) Hire car rental

(d) Ridesharing services

Consulting

299. How much did the Department/agencies under your portfolio responsibility spend in legal costs in 2015-16?

(a) For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?

300. Have Department/agencies under your portfolio engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice in 2015-16:

(a) Social media

i. And the cost of these services

(b) Photography

i. And the cost of these services

(c) Acting training

i. And the cost of these services

- (d) Ergonomics
 - i. And the cost of these services

Department/Agency Staffing

- 301. How many redundancies were processed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2015-16?
 - (a) Of these redundancies, how many were:
 - i. Voluntary
 - ii. Forced
 - (b) What was the total cost of all redundancies?
- 302. Have any staff who received a redundancy in the last two years undertaken any paid work or provided any paid services for the agency with which they were formerly employed?
 - (a) What was the nature of these works/services?
 - (b) What was the total cost of these works or services?
- 303. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?
- 304. How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2015-16?
 - (a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?

Smart Phone Accounts

- 305. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have an iTunes account?
 - (a) What was the total expenditure in 2015-16 on iTunes?
 - i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?
- 306. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have an Android account?
 - (a) What was the total expenditure in 2015-16 on Android?
 - i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android?

Websites Visited

307. What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by your Ministerial office this year?
308. What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by your Ministerial office this year?

Merchant fees

309. Please provide a list of all transactions where customers need to pay a merchant fee on credit and/or debit card payments in your Department/agency.
310. Please provide the percentage and/or amount of the merchant fees applied to all credit and/or debit card payments/transactions in your Department/agency?
311. What was the total amount paid in merchant fees on credit and/or debit card payments in your Department/agency in 2015-16?

Probity Auditor

312. Has your office or department used a Probity Auditor or Probity Advisors, or similar, in the past five years? If so please list the company and/or individual, the project, the engagement dates, and their total remuneration in tabular format?

Flexible Workplaces

313. Minister, the Premier announced on International Women's Day that the public service would all have access to flexible working arrangements by 2019.
- (a) Do you centrally register staff who have flexible work arrangements?
 - (b) What numbers of staff within your Department currently have flexible working arrangements?
 - (c) Are you aware of any measures that are currently underway to implement this?

Changes to Department of Primary Industries and Local Lands Services

314. How many positions have been lost in Maitland due to restructuring of the Department of Primary Industries and Local Land Services in 2015, and 2016?

Questions from Mr Jeremy Buckingham MLC

Pest management

- 315. Is the NSW Government planning to get rid of pest control orders?
- 316. Is there an active state-wide deer management plan in NSW, similar to the wild dog management plan? If not why not?
- 317. Last year you said that no state-wide census of deer numbers has been conducted since 2009. Given the Natural Resources Commission have said that deer numbers have increased “30 percent over a five-year period to 2010 and anecdotal evidence suggest an even greater increase since this time” when will the NSW Government undertake a state-wide census of deer numbers so that we can know the extent of the issue?

Climate Change

- 318. Has the Enhanced Drought Information System which you indicated DPI was developing last year been commissioned?
- 319. How much money is the DPI currently spending on research into the impacts and responses to climate change for agriculture?

Budget Underspend

- 320. Why has the DPI budget been reduced by \$200 million since 2013-14?
- 321. Why did DPI underspend your budget last year by \$150 million? Was this to cover up the \$110 million reduction from last year's budget?
- 322. Why were grants and subsidies underspent by over \$70 million last year? Who missed out?
- 323. Why did you spend over \$100 million less on operating expenses last year than budgeted? What programs were not delivered?
- 324. Why have you underspent on operating expenses every year for the past 3 years for a total underspend of over \$270 million? Which programs specifically were not rolled out?

Snowy Hydro

- 325. Under the 2002 intergovernmental Snowy agreements the River Murray was scheduled to receive 70GL/yr. There is now 510 GL accumulated River Murray Increased Flows (RMIF)

environmental water being held in Snowy Hydro Ltd's storages and there has only ever been one release of 38GL in 2005/06.

(a) Will the RMIF be called out this year or not?

i. If not, what is the cause of this ongoing delay and when will it be rectified?

326. According to the Snowy Water Licence a full review of the provisions of the licence is due in May 2017.

(a) What processes has the Minister set in train for the review of the Snowy Water Licence?

(b) In light of the fact that the NSW Government amended the Snowy Hydro Corporatisation Act in 2014 and abolished the independent Snowy Scientific Committee, what efforts will the government undertake to ensure a thorough independent scientific assessment of the state of the rivers and catchments affected by the Snowy Scheme will be made available to inform public comment to the 2017 Snowy Water Licence Review?

(c) The amendment to the Snowy Hydro corporatisation Act in 2014 which abolished the Snowy Scientific Committee required the establishment of a Snowy Community Advisory committee. This committee has still not been established. When will the Minister appoint the Committee?

Aboriginal Water Initiative

327. Has the NSW Government reduced the funding to the NSW Aboriginal Water Initiative?

328. How will the reduced funding and staff impact on the AWI's ability fulfil NSW's obligations under the Basin Plan, especially given the expanded workload and responsibilities required to complete to complete the Water Resource Plan development by 2019?

329. How can the NSW provide assurance to Aboriginal communities that it has the will and capacity to comply with the requirements of the Basin Plan?

Barwon-Darling

330. Will water shepherding be implemented in the Barwon-Darling system? Will water shepherding be implemented in the northern catchments?

331. The changes to the Barwon-Darling WSP in 2012 favoured upstream users to the detriment of downstream users (in the Lower Darling), how will NSW Government protect or manage flows through the Barwon-Darling so that the Lower Darling receives adequate water?

332. How will the significant government investment in water recovery be secured?

Development and accreditation of Water Resource Plans

Water Resource Plans (WRPs) are a key requirement of states in implementation of the Basin Plan. Protection of Planned Environmental Water (PEW), both in terms of overall water volume and its environmental effectiveness, is a key requirement of WRPs.

- 333. How is the NSW Government held accountable to the Intergovernmental Agreement on implementing the Basin Plan?
- 334. Will the NSW Government ensure that WRPs don't reduce Planned Environmental water?
- 335. Will you ensure that there is a robust and fair Prerequisite Policy Measures (PPM) Implementation Plan?
- 336. How will you ensure that all other States deliver on the Basin Watering Strategy outcomes?
- 337. What will be the process and timeframes for the accreditation of the WRPs?