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### **Supplementary Questions**

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS, ASSISTANT  
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## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

### Questions from Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

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

#### NSW Preschools

5. How many preschools were operating in NSW as of:
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6. How many Government run preschools were operating in NSW as of:
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  - (b) 1 July 2017
8. How many preschools closed in NSW during:
  - (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)
9. How many preschools converted to become Long Day Care Centres in:
  - (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)

**Ministerial visits**

10. How many preschools has the Minister personally visited in:
  - (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)
11. How many Long Day Care Centres has the Minister personally visited in:
  - (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)
12. How many family day care has the Minister personally visited in:
  - (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)
13. How many Outside of School Hours has the Minister personally visited in:
  - (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)

**Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate**

14. How many full time equivalent staff were employed in the NSW Department of Education Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate in:
  - (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)

15. How many staff in total were employed in the NSW Department of Education Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate in:
  - (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)
16. How many staff employed by the NSW Department of Education Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate are employed in a compliance or inspection role:
  - (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)
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  - (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)
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  - (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)
19. How many staff employed by the NSW Department of Education Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate are employed in an administration role:
  - (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)
20. How many staff positions within the NSW Department of Education Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate were vacant as of:
  - (a) 1 July 2016
  - (b) 1 July 2017
21. How many staff resigned from their positions with the NSW Department of Education Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate during:
  - (a) 2016-17
  - (b) 2017-18 (to date)

22. How many staff employed by the NSW Department of Education Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate were on workers compensation leave during:
- (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)
23. How many hours of leave of staff employed by the NSW Department of Education Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate was not back filled in:
- (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)
24. What was the total budget of the NSW Department of Education Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate in:
- (a) 2016-17
  - (b) 2017-18 (to date)
25. How much has the NSW Department of Education Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate spent on consultants in:
- (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)
26. Which early childhood consultant were engaged by the Department or by the Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate in:
- (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)
27. How much has the NSW Department of Education Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate spent on catering in:
- (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)
28. How much has the NSW Department of Education Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate spent on travel in:
- (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)

29. How much has the NSW Department of Education Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate spent on mobile phones and mobile phone credit in:
- (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)
30. How much has the NSW Department of Education Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate spent on media monitoring in:
- (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)

### **Start Strong**

31. How many preschool services received less funding under Start Strong in 2017 than under the former preschool funding model?
- (a) Which services received less funding under Start Strong?
  - (b) What action is the Department taking to ensure these services remain viable?
  - (c) How many services are receiving business support?
    - i. For how long have these services been receiving business support?
    - ii. Who is delivering the business support?
32. Since the introduction of the Start Strong funding model, how many preschools have opted to not increase their hours of operation?

### **Family Day Care**

33. How many family day care centres were inspected by the Department in:
- (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)
34. How many staff were authorised to conduct inspections of family day care centres by the Department in:
- (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)
35. How many applications to operate family day care centres were submitted in:
- (a) 2016

(b) 2017 (to date)

36. How many applications to operate family day care centres were approved by the Department in:

(a) 2016

(b) 2017 (to date)

37. Of the 124 family day care centres which reportedly had their registration cancelled by the Department:

(a) What is the total number of educators who were employed by those providers at the time of their registration being cancelled

(b) What is the total number of students who were enrolled by those providers at the time of their registration being cancelled

### **Telegraph Point Childcare service**

38. How many individuals contacted the Minister's office regarding the impending closure of the Telegraph Point Childcare Service?

39. When was the Minister first informed of the potential closure of the Telegraph Point Childcare Service?

40. What action did the Minister take when informed of the potential closure of the Telegraph Point Childcare Service?

41. What action has the Minister taken since the closure of the Telegraph Point Childcare Service?

42. Has the Minister met with parents who used the Telegraph Point Childcare Service?

43. Has the Department issued a tender for the operation of a new childcare service at Telegraph Point?

44. When does the Department expect a new childcare service at Telegraph Point to commence operating?

### **Outside of School Hours Care**

45. How many Outside of School Hours Care centres are operating in NSW in:

(a) 2016

(b) 2017 (to date)

46. How many Outside of School Hours Care providers are there in NSW

- (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)
47. How many NSW Outside of School Hours Care providers are not for profit organisations?
- (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)
48. How many NSW Outside of School Hours Care providers are for profit organisations?
- (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)
49. How many NSW Outside of School Hours Care centres are run by parent management committees?
- (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)
50. How many NSW Outside of School Hours Care centres on NSW public school grounds have changed from not for profit providers to for profit providers in:
- (a) 2016
  - (b) 2017 (to date)
51. How many applications have been received under round 3 of the Before and After School Care Grants program to date?
52. How many applications received under round 3 of the Before and After School Care Grants program have been successful?
53. What is the total funding provided to date through round 3 of the Before and After School Care Grants program?
54. How many places have been created to date through round 3 of the Before and After School Care Grants program?
55. What is the total funding provided to successful applicants through the Before and After School Care Grants program since 2015?
56. How many places have been created by successful applicants through the Before and After School Care Grants program since 2015?



## Office Administration

57. How many staff are in your ministerial office?
- (a) What was the average salary for staff members in your office during 2016-17?
  - (b) What is the estimated average salary for a ministerial staffer in your office in 2017-18 based on current appointments?
58. How many blackberries/iphones/smart phones are assigned to your staff?
- (a) For each phone, how much was each bill in 2016-17?
  - (b) How many phones have been lost or replaced due to damage in your office?
    - i. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
59. 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 2016-17?
  - (b) How many iPads or tablets have been replaced due to lost or damage in 2016-17?
    - i. What was the cost of replacing these devices?
60. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2016-17?
- (a) What is the cost of this?
61. Have any floral displays or indoor plants or potplants been hired or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2016-17?
- (a) If so, what was the cost of these items?
62. Have any floral displays or indoor plants or potplants been purchased for display in your ministerial office in 2016-17?
- (a) If so, what was the cost of these items?
63. What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals in 2016-17?
- (a) What are these services/newspapers/magazines/journals/periodicals?
    - i. Who is the subscriber for each of these?
64. What was the total amount your office spent on stationery?
65. What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office in 2016-17?

- (a) What were the gifts purchased?
  - i. Who were they gifted to?
- 66. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?
  - (a) What is the monthly cost of this?
- 67. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
  - (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?
- 68. What was the total bill for your office in 2016-17 for:
  - (a) Taxi hire
  - (b) Limousine hire
  - (c) Private hire care
  - (d) Hire car rental
  - (e) Ridesharing services
- 69. Were any planes or helicopters chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money in 2016-17?
  - (a) If yes, will you please detail each trip, the method of transport and the cost?

### **Hospitality**

- 70. How much did your ministerial office spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2016-17?
- 71. How much did your Department/agency spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2016-17?

### **Labour Hire Firms**

- 72. Do any Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities utilise the services of Labour Hire Firms? If yes, please advise in table form for 2016-17:
  - (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**

- 73. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies and what is the total cost to employ these advisers?
- 74. 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?
- 75. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?
- 76. By how much has the number of media or public relations advisers employed for each of your portfolio agencies increased since 2011-12 to the current date?
- 77. By how much has the expenditure on media or public relations advisers employed for each of your portfolio agencies increased since 2011-12 to the current date?
- 78. 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 2016-17?

### **Facebook**

- 79. How much did your ministerial office spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2016-17?
- 80. How much did your Department/agency spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2016-17?

### **Overseas Trips**

- 81. 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?
- 82. 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**

83. What was the total expenditure in 2016-17 by Departments/agencies within your portfolio on:
- (a) Taxi hire
  - (b) Limousine/private car hire
  - (c) Hire car rental
  - (d) Ridesharing services
84. Do any senior executive service employees in your Departments/agencies have a driver that is paid for by the Departments/agencies? If so, what is the number of senior executive service employees that have a driver and which senior executive service employees have a driver?
- (a) How much was spent on these drivers in 2016-17?

### **Consulting**

85. How much did the Department/agencies under your portfolio responsibility spend in legal costs in 2016-17?
- (a) For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?
86. Have Department/agencies under your portfolio engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice in 2016-17:
- (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**

87. What was the number of senior executive service employees employed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio in 2016-17?
- (a) How much was this number in 2011-12?

88. What was the expenditure on senior executive service employees employed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio in 2016-17?
  - (a) How much was this number in 2011-12?
89. What was the number of internal legal counsel employees employed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio in 2016-17?
  - (a) How much was this number in 2011-12?
90. What was the expenditure on internal legal counsel employees employed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio in 2016-17?
  - (a) How much was this number in 2011-12?
91. How many redundancies were processed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2016-17?
  - (a) Of these redundancies, how many were:
    - i. Voluntary
    - ii. Forced
  - (b) What was the total cost of all redundancies?
92. 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?
93. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?
94. How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2016-17?
  - (a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?
95. What was the total amount your Departments/agencies spent on stationery?

#### **Smart Phone Accounts**

96. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have an iTunes account?
  - (a) What was the total expenditure in 2016-17 on iTunes?

- i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?
97. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have an Android account?
- (a) What was the total expenditure in 2016-17 on Android?
- i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android?

### **Websites Visited**

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

### **Merchant fees**

100. 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.
101. 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.
102. What was the total amount paid in merchant fees on credit and/or debit card payments in your Department/agency in 2016-17?

### **Probity Auditor**

103. 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.

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| <b>Questions from Mr Justin Field MLC</b> |
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### **Family Day Care**

104. Of the 124 family day care providers in NSW that shut between June 2016 and June 2017 (see: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-08-23/nsw-family-daycare-victoria-subsidies-childcare-at-home/8833222>):
- (a) How many voluntarily closed, how many had licences suspended and how many had licences cancelled?
  - (b) How many of these services recommenced operations?

- (c) What were the reasons for the licence cancellations and licence suspensions (please include any categories under which a cancellation or suspension was actioned and the number of services impacted)
  - (d) For the licences cancelled, how many educators were operating under these providers?
105. For the 296 family day care providers currently in operation in NSW (number based on answer in hearing), how many educators does this represent?
106. How many children are currently registered in family day care services in NSW?
107. How much money was directed by the NSW Government to family day care in the last financial year?
108. How much money was directed by the Federal Government to family day care services in NSW in the last financial year?

### **National Partnership Agreement**

109. Under the National Partnership Agreement (NPA), what is the breakdown of spending that has been spent to date or is allocated for each of the sub-elements listed under project elements 1 and 2 of the NSW Implementation Plan for the period 1 Jan 2016 to 21 Dec 2017?
- (a) Project element 1:
    - i. The Preschool Funding Model
    - ii. Community Preschools Outreach Grants programme
    - iii. Community Preschool 600 Hours Incentive Scheme
    - iv. Grants to Long Day Care
    - v. Local Partnerships (indigenous and low income families)
    - vi. Preschool Disability Support Program
    - vii. Preschools for Sustainable Communities
  - (b) Project element 2:
    - i. Affordability for parents
    - ii. Infrastructure
    - iii. Data collection
    - iv. Qualified early childhood workforce

v. Operational Support Program

vi. Transition to school

110. What is the total amount of grants paid under the NPA since the beginning of the current agreement?
111. For any grants paid as part of funding under the NPA since the beginning of the current agreement, please list the:
- (a) Receiver of the grant
  - (b) The date the grant was made
  - (c) The sub element of the NPA under which the grant was made
  - (d) The amount of the grant
  - (e) The local government area
112. Under the Grants to Long Day Care (LDC) centres project sub-element, since the beginning of the current agreement, what has been the break-down of grants made to:
- (a) Government (state or local) run LDC centres
  - (b) Non-profit LDC centres
  - (c) For profit LDC centres

**Breakdown of early childhood facilities in NSW**

113. How many of the following centres/services are currently operating in NSW:
- (a) Government run preschools
  - (b) Community preschools
  - (c) Non-profit long day care centre
  - (d) For profit long day care centre
  - (e) Mobile preschool serve
  - (f) Any other services delivering preschool in NSW
114. What is the cap on the number of educators that can be employed in a centre for each service type as listed in the above question?
115. What reporting requirements exist in regards to whether a preschool program is led by a teacher with tertiary qualifications?



- (a) Does this occur on a daily basis?
  - (b) What guarantees exist for parents that their child is being taught by a tertiary qualified teacher?
116. Noting that the Commonwealth holds enrolment records, does the NSW Government have access to these records? If so, please provide enrolment records for the last financial year for:
- (a) Government run preschools
  - (b) Community preschools
  - (c) Non-profit long day care centre
  - (d) For profit long day care centre
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117. Does NSW hold attendance records? If so, please provide attendance records for the last financial year for:
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118. Considering the disparity between enrolment and attendance figures seen in Australian Bureau of Statistics data (2016), particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, what accountability programs are in place to ensure providers are not subsidised for children not attending preschool?

**Pay rates for early childhood educators in NSW**

119. What is the current rate of pay for a tertiary qualified early childhood educator working in NSW Government run preschools?
120. What is the award rate for a tertiary qualified early childhood educator delivering a preschool program in a non-profit or for-profit long day care centre in NSW?

121. What is the award rate for a tertiary qualified early childhood educator working in a community preschool in NSW?

**Preschool Fees and Start Strong**

122. In regards to the Government's public statement that funding as part of the Start Strong program would deliver fee reductions of up to 30%, how is the Government monitoring fee changes?
123. In regards to the \$85m allocated under the Start Strong program for community preschools:
- (a) How are allocation decisions being made?
  - (b) In regards to any grants made to date under this funding, please list:
    - i. The Receiver of the grant
    - ii. The date the grant was made
    - iii. The amount of the grant
    - iv. The local government area
124. In regards to the \$30m allocated under the Start Strong program for support for children in long day care centres:
- (a) What types of services, programs or infrastructure is being funded?
  - (b) How are allocation decisions being made?
  - (c) In regards to any grants made to date under this funding, please list:
    - i. The Receiver of the grant
    - ii. The date the grant was made
    - iii. The amount of the grant
    - iv. The local government area
125. In regards to the statement in the hearing that average fees for community preschools in NSW are about \$35 a day, what is the average fee for a long day care centre?
126. For long day care centres, what is the percentage of funding that is passed to parents for fee reduction?

### **Early childhood education research**

127. In regards to the research initiative with the University of Wollongong as mentioned by Ms Loble in the hearing, will a report be produced from this initiative and be made publicly available?  
When is this expected to be finalised?
128. In regards to the August census results mentioned by Ms Mitchell, will the results of this be made publicly available? If so, when?
129. Has the Government engaged in any research into the long-term social and economic benefits of early childhood education?

## ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS

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

#### Aboriginal Languages

134. What is the current status of promised legislation for Aboriginal Languages in NSW?

#### Aboriginal Land Claims

135. What is the current outstanding figure for Aboriginal land claims in NSW?

- (a) How many claims were approved in 2016/17?
- (b) How many, if any, Aboriginal Land Claims were refused by the Registrar in 2015/16?

- (c) What strategies are the Department of Aboriginal Affairs using to reduce the number of outstanding Land Claims?
- (d) How many Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALC) are trialling Aboriginal Land Agreements?
  - i. How were these trial areas chosen?
  - ii. Is there a process for other LALCs to participate?
  - iii. How many agreements have been signed off?
  - iv. Has there been a target set for ALAs approved in the next 12 months?
- (e) Has there been a formal Land Claim lodged on the area known as the Butterfly Cave in the Hunter?

### **Economic Development**

136. What involvement does your Department have in supporting Aboriginal community negotiations with Government Department economic development decisions?
- (a) How many Government projects involving Aboriginal Land have been negotiated since OCHRE was implemented?
  - (b) How many Government tenders involving Aboriginal companies or entities have been successful since OCHRE was implemented?

### **Justice Reinvestment**

137. Is your Department currently funding any research into Justice Reinvestment programs?
138. Does your Department collect data on Aboriginal Suicide rates in the prison system?

### **Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility, Empowerment (OCHRE)**

139. How much from the Aboriginal Affairs budget in 2016/17 is allocated to the OCHRE program?
- (a) Is any of this funding allocated for the Deputy Ombudsman for Aboriginal Programs?
    - i. How much?
    - ii. How many FTE staff are allocated to specifically support the Deputy Ombudsman for Aboriginal Programs?
  - (b) How much of this funding is allocated for Aboriginal Language and Culture Nests?

- (c) How much of this funding is allocated for the negotiation and monitoring of Local Decision Making accords?
  - (d) How much of this funding is allocated for the Opportunity Hubs Program?
  - (e) How much of this funding is allocated to the following principles outlined in the OCHRE plan:
    - i. Connected communities?
    - ii. Strong accountability reforms?
    - iii. Language and cultural development?
    - iv. Local Decision making?
140. What is the total allocation for Aboriginal Language and Cultural Nests including contributions made by departments other than Education in 2015/16?
- (a) What is the total allocation for each of the following language nests;
    - i. North West Wiradjuri?
    - ii. Gumbaynggirr?
    - iii. Bundjalung?
    - iv. Paakantji/Baakanji?
    - v. Gamilaraay/Yuwaalaraay/Yuawaalayaay?
  - (b) As at 31/7/17 how many FTE Aboriginal language tutors have been engaged?
141. Has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Commonwealth Vocational Training and Employment Centre been signed as promised?
- (a) If not, when will it be finalised?
  - (b) If yes, where is it published?
142. What is the total FTE staffing allocation for the Opportunity Hubs program?
- (a) How many FTE staff are employed at each of the following Opportunity Hubs;
    - i. Upper Hunter?
    - ii. Dubbo?
    - iii. Campbelltown?

iv. Tamworth?

143. Has the NSW Aboriginal Economic Development Framework (AEDF) been completed?

(a) If not, when is it expected to be completed?

(b) If yes, how many formal Industry Based Agreements (IBAs) were signed in 2015/16?

i. With whom were each of these agreements signed?

(c) How many IBAs are expected to be signed in 2016/17?

(d) Have plans to prioritise procurement from Aboriginal suppliers resulted in any formal directives or memorandums?

i. Is information about procurement from Aboriginal suppliers published publicly?

A. If yes, where?

144. How much funding is allocated for training and informing NSW public servants about the Local Decision Making accord process in 2016/17?

145. The OCHRE Plan indicates that the NSW Government will establish an independent Aboriginal Council, has this been completed?

(a) When did the council last meet?

(b) Who are the council members?

(c) What are the functions of this council?

146. During 2015/16 did other state agencies allocate or transfer funding to the Office of Aboriginal Affairs to help achieve the OCHRE principles?

(a) If yes, how much did the following agencies provide to OCHRE;

i. The NSW Ministry of Health?

ii. The Department of Education?

iii. The Department of Justice?

iv. Multicultural NSW?

v. The NSW Office of Sport?

### **Deaths in Institutions**

147. How many Aboriginal deaths have there been in NSW institutions since April 2011?

148. How many Aboriginal deaths have there been in NSW institutions since January 2017?

### **Culture and Heritage Law Reform**

149. Does the Government plan to introduce legislation dealing specifically with Aboriginal Heritage in 2016/17?
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151. Are any fund allocated for the process of Aboriginal culture and heritage reform in 2016/17
  - (a) How much is this allocation?

### **The Office of Aboriginal Affairs Staffing**

152. How many Aboriginal staff are currently employed in the Office of Aboriginal Affairs?
  - (a) What proportion of these staff are senior executive staff?
  - (b) What is the average remuneration for non-Aboriginal staff?
  - (c) What is the average remuneration for Aboriginal staff?

### **Aboriginal Centre of Excellence**

153. What is the current status of the Aboriginal Centre of Excellence?
154. What is the total 2015/16 budget for the Centre of Excellence?
155. How many staff are employed at the Centre of Excellence?

### **Federal Budget Impacts**

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  - (a) How much funding will be lost over the forward estimates and how will the shortfall be filled?
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  - (a) How many times?
  - (b) When?
158. Have you made representations to the Federal Ministers for Indigenous Affairs, Health or Federal Attorney General raising concerns about budget cuts in their portfolios?
  - (a) If yes, who?
    - i. When?



- ii. Will their responses be made public?

### **Miscellaneous**

- 159. Are Aboriginal people who relocate able to access culturally specific services?
- 160. Does the Office of Aboriginal Affairs run any programs specifically targeted at enabling Aboriginal people to make connections with Aboriginal social support networks?
- 161. What is the government doing to ensure that Aboriginal people who move to new areas avoid social isolation?

### **Restructure**

- 162. Are any of your portfolio agencies undergoing a restructure?
  - (a) If yes,
    - i. how many FTE staffing positions are expected to be cut?
    - ii. How many people are expected to have their wages cut as a result of the restructure?
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### **Correspondence**

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- 164. How many pieces of correspondence have been outstanding for more than 60 days as at 31/7/17?

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168. Does the Office of Aboriginal Affairs allocate funding to provide recurrent grant funding to nongovernment organisations in 2017/18?

- (a) If yes,
  - i. What are the names of all organisations in receipt of funding?
  - ii. What is the total amount of funding received by each organisation?
  - iii. On what date was the funding advanced for each organisation?
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  - v. Was any funding withheld or returned?
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- (a) What was the total cost of these reports, audits and studies?

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- (a) How much has been allocated for the payment of private contractors to complete these initiatives in 2015/16?

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| <b>Questions from Mr David Shoebridge MLC</b> |
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219. What liaison does the Minister have with the Juvenile Justice Department, and Corrective Services NSW more broadly, regarding the overrepresentation of Aboriginal people in juvenile detention?

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### **Aboriginal child removals**

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### **Custody Notification Service**

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| <b>Questions from Ms Dawn Walker MLC</b> |
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**Aboriginal Land Councils**

231. Minister, under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, you have the power to appoint administrators and investigators to Local Aboriginal Land Councils – with the approval of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council. Pursuant to this:

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