



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES

## **BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017-2018**

### **Supplementary Questions**

**Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Planning and Environment**

**RESOURCES, ENERGY AND UTILITIES, ARTS**

Hearing: Friday 1 September 2017

**Answers due by: Wednesday 27 September 2017**

**Budget Estimates Secretariat**  
Phone 9230 2412  
[budget.estimated@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:budget.estimated@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

## RESOURCES

### Questions from Mr Jeremy Buckingham MLC

#### Coal

1. Do you accept that anthropogenic climate change is happening and is a major threat to our standard of living?
2. Do you accept that the burning of fossil fuels is the number one cause of climate change?
3. How do you justify your government approving a massive expansion of coal mining?
4. How long will we be mining thermal coal for in NSW?
5. By what volume has production and export of thermal coal in NSW increased since 2010?
6. How much public money has been spent since 2010 on projects, research and infrastructure to further the expansion in the volume of coal being produced and exported from New South Wales?
7. Does the NSW Government have any plan for transitioning the workforce away from coal mining?

#### Coal fired power closure

8. What is the NSW Government plan for people in regional NSW affected by the closure of coal fired power stations?

#### Shenhua

9. What steps does Shenhua need to take before they can begin mining at the Watermark site?
10. Was a review of whether Shenhua had met the conditions for a full EL renewal or only a partial EL renewal undertaken before the NSW Government bought back 50% of their Exploration License?
11. How was the decision to buy back 50% of the EL determined?
  - (a) Did the Government ever consider buying back a different percentage of the license?
12. Did the Government ever consider buying back 100% of the license?
  - (a) If so why did you not go through with this?
13. What due diligence was conducted before the 50% buy-back of Shenhua's EL?

## **Narrabri gas**

In July last year, the Resources and Energy Division amended an activity approval for CSG exploration wells on PEL238 deleting the condition requiring works to be completed and rehabilitated by August 2016, effectively making the activity approval an open-ended approval for Santos to continue producing gas. Santos has also sought approval from the Planning Department to modify its development consent for other CSG exploration wells on PEL238 removing the three year limit on the activity.

Santos has also sought approval from the Planning Department to modify another consent, one that grants them approval to use coal seam gas obtained during exploration and assessment on the nearby PAL2 to make electricity in the Wilga Park power station, also to extend for three years the time that they can continue using this gas in the power station. Santos is currently utilising some of the gas.

14. What volume of gas has been produced at PEL238 and PAL2 and being sent to the Wilga Park power station for electricity production?
15. How does the Minister and the Department determine whether Santos is still “exploring and assessing” gas, or whether they are conducting a CSG production project by stealth in the Pilliga?
16. Can the Minister outline what assessment or analysis was undertaken to satisfy the government that this gas would otherwise have been vented or flared?
17. How can the Minister be assured and assure the public that Santos is not undertaking CSG production without a licence to do so?

## **Mining in catchments**

18. How much water is diverted from the drinking water catchment and is accumulating in the mine workings in or beneath the Special Areas of Sydney’s drinking water catchment per annum?
19. What is the dollar value per ML that the NSW Government currently uses in cost-benefit analysis of major projects inside the state’s drinking water catchment?

## **Maules creek mines**

20. Is the Narrabri Underground mine classified as “Underground” or “Deep Underground” and what royalty rate is Whitehaven Coal paying for that mine?
21. Has the Maules Creek mine been assessed against the Department’s new cost calculation tool to ensure that the Rehabilitation Security Deposit covers all works needed for rehabilitation and closure?

22. Has the Tarrawonga mine been assessed against the Department's new cost calculation tool to ensure that the Rehabilitation Security Deposit covers all works needed for rehabilitation and closure?

### **Fit and Proper Person Test**

23. How many mining operators are currently being investigated as to whether they meet to the fit and proper person test?
24. Is the Department currently looking into whether the Salim Group which owns Mach Energy which owns the Mount Pleasant Coal Mine meets the fit and proper person test given there are allegations they have been involved in corruption, illegal palm oil operations and human rights abuses, including child slave labour and the shooting of 14 people in West Bengal?

### **Unconventional Gas**

25. Will the NSW Government rule out unconventional gas mining in the Riverina?
- (a) If not, why not?
26. Has the Government had any applications for exploration licenses since the recent strategic release for far-Western NSW?
- (a) If so, how many and from who?
- (b) When is a decision expected to be made?

### **Longwall coal mining**

27. Given that the risk ranking for nationally threatened swamps due to longwall mining has been increased to high by Centennial Coal, but the Independent Monitoring Panel for the Springvale Mine believes that it could be increased to extreme; will the Minister call an immediate halt to longwall mining under swamps on Newnes Plateau?
28. The Independent Monitoring Panel, whose role under the 2015 development consent extends to advice on swamp impact avoidance, believes the termination of mining at the end of Centennial Coal's longwall 421 may still not be enough to minimise impacts on Gang Gang East Swamp. Will the Minister prevent or terminate the mining of longwall 421 to prevent far-field impacts, such as the loss of flows over Gang Gang Falls?

## Questions from Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

### Use of artificial intelligence

29. What current uses of artificial intelligence does the department undertake?

Note: Please include all uses of AI including uses for resource allocation and administrative support, big data analysis, replacement and assistance of experts and researchers, procedural matters, or summarising diverse data – for reference this might include:

- Chatbots for customer service or advice
- Customer management systems
- Scanning legal documents to find relevant case law
- Categorising and searching documents
- Directing petitions efficiently
- Translation
- Document drafting

30. What planned uses does the department have for artificial intelligence?

31. What policy guidelines, if any, guide the exploration and use of artificial intelligence by the department?

32. What research, if any, has the department undertaken regarding the use of AI in Government services?

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

### Narrabri Gas Project

On 1 February 2017, Santos issued a public statement which reads in part:

*“The proposed Narrabri Gas Project, located in North West NSW, could supply up to 50% of NSW gas needs and provide significant benefits to the region and the state more broadly. Santos will make the gas available to NSW and the east coast domestic market via a pipeline linking into the existing Moomba to Sydney Pipeline. The pipeline will be constructed by APA Group and will be subject to a separate approval.”* (Emphasis added)  
<https://www.santos.com/media-centre/announcements/narrabri-gas-project-environmental-impact-statement-submitted/>

33. If the Santos Narrabri CSG project is approved, do you guarantee that the gas extracted will be sold only in NSW to NSW household and business customers?

34. If not, why not?
35. There is already a proposed gas pipeline which has regulatory and planning approval – from Narrabri to Newcastle. This would pretty much guarantee that any gas would be sold and used here in NSW. Why not make that a condition of approval?
36. Why is Santos proposing the construction of a different pipeline, one that can pump the gas to Queensland for liquification and export, if they claim it will “supply up to 50 % of NSW gas needs”?
37. What are NSW gas needs?
38. How much gas will Narrabri produce?

### **Mining Rehabilitation**

Last year, the former Minister indicated that \$2.1 billion was held in mining rehabilitation bonds: GPSC No. 5, transcript of hearing, Wednesday 31 August 2016, p11.

39. How much in total is held in mining rehabilitation bonds now?
40. What is the total assessed value of rehabilitation works required to be performed in total across NSW?
41. How much is held in mining rehabilitation bonds, by mining title?
42. What is the assessed value of rehabilitation works required to be performed, by mining title?
43. Will you provide a complete list of mining offsets, by mining title, including all relevant information for those offsets such as locations and maps?
44. Will you implement all the recommendations made by the NSW Audit Office in its Report “Mining Rehabilitation Security Deposits”?
45. What is the timeframe for implementation of the recommendations made by the NSW Audit Office in its Report “Mining Rehabilitation Security Deposits”?
46. What amount of money is your Government investing this year in implementation of the recommendations made by the NSW Audit Office in its Report “Mining Rehabilitation Security Deposits”?

### **Coal Mines Insurance**

I refer to your answers given in the Parliament regarding COAL INDUSTRY WORKERS COMPENSATION on 22 June and 8 August 2017.

47. When will your government take action to address the risks to current workers' compensation arrangements in the NSW coal industry identified in the Supreme Court decision of *Kuypers v Ashton Coal Operations*?

**Shenhua**

During the Budget Estimates hearing, there was the following exchange:

**The Hon. ADAM SEARLE:** *Are you aware that Shenhua, the company you are dealing with, made a statement to the Hong Kong stock exchange on 12 July which states, "On 29 June 2017 Watermark Pty Limited reached an agreement with the New South Wales Government in relation to partial extension of the exploration licence." Are you aware of that statement being made by Shenhua?*

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** *No, I am not aware of that statement being made.*

**The Hon. ADAM SEARLE:** *Is that statement false?*

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** *The statement is not correct as the exploration licence has not yet been renewed.*

**The Hon. ADAM SEARLE:** *Again, the statement is false; it is not factually correct?*

**The Hon. BEN FRANKLIN:** *The Minister did say that the statement was not correct. I do not know that he can be any more clear than that, Mr Searle.*

**Mr JEREMY BUCKINGHAM:** *Was that a point of order?*

**The Hon. BEN FRANKLIN:** *No, I was just assisting.*

**The Hon. DON HARWIN:** *The language used by Shenhua is a matter for it. I have given you a statement as to what the actual position is.*

**The Hon. ADAM SEARLE:** *How did your Government calculate the \$262 million and from which budget line item does it come?*

48. Which Budget line item does the \$262 million refund for Shenhua come from, or can be found in? If not found in the Budget Papers, where does this money come from?
49. What date was this money paid?
50. How was this money paid?
51. If the money has not been paid, when is it to be paid and how will it be paid?
52. Are you the Minister authorising the payment? If so, pursuant to what legal authority are you engaging in this payment?

53. If you are not the Minister authorising the payment, who is the Minister? Pursuant to what legal authority did that Minister authorise the payment, or will authorise the payment?

During the hearing the Minister and the Hon. Adam Searle MLC had this exchange:

***The Hon. ADAM SEARLE:*** *Is that statement false?*

***The Hon. DON HARWIN:*** *The statement is not correct as the exploration licence has not yet been renewed.*

54. While you say “the exploration license has not yet been renewed” (emphasis added), does this mean you have reached a decision about whether you will renew the balance of EL 7223 but have just not carried it out?
55. If you have decided you will renew the balance of the exploration not being bought back or refunded by the NSW Government, when did you reach that view? Who have you communicated that view to? In what form have you made that communication, or those communications if more than one (conversation, letter, emails, text message etc)? When did each of those communications take place? Please provide dates, or your best approximation of dates, for each communication.
56. Other than the decision to refund or buy back 51.4 per cent of the Watermark exploration license, have you or the NSW Government reached any other agreement (whether formally or informally) with Shenhua, whether verbal or written?

#### **Shenhua**

57. On what date did Shenhua make its application to renew exploration license 7223?
58. Was that application to renew all or only part of EL 7223?
59. Did that application comply with each and every requirement of s113 of the Mining Act 1992, in particular 113(3)?

#### **Office Administration**

60. 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?
61. 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?
- 62. 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?
- 63. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2016-17?
  - (a) What is the cost of this?
- 64. 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?
- 65. 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?
- 66. 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?
- 67. What was the total amount your office spent on stationery?
- 68. 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?
- 69. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?
  - (a) What is the monthly cost of this?
- 70. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
  - (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?

71. 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
72. 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**

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

### **Labour Hire Firms**

75. 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**

76. 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?

77. 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?
78. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?
79. 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?
80. 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?
81. 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**

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

### **Overseas Trips**

84. 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?
85. 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**

86. 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

87. 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**

88. 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?

89. 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**

90. 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?

91. 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?

92. 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?
- 93. 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?
- 94. 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?
- 95. 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?
- 96. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?
- 97. How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2016-17?
  - (a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?
- 98. What was the total amount your Departments/agencies spent on stationery?

### **Smart Phone Accounts**

- 99. 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?
- 100. 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**

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

**Merchant fees**

103. 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.
104. 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.
105. 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**

106. 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.

## ENERGY AND UTILITIES

### Questions from Mr Jeremy Buckingham MLC

#### LED Lighting

107. Why are only 7 per cent of New South Wales' street lights LEDs compared to 16 per cent in Victoria and what you are doing to facilitate greater and faster uptake?
108. What are the main barriers to greater uptake of LED lighting?
109. Will you consider using the public lighting code to make LEDs the default light for all new installations?
110. Does the NSW Government have any targets around uptake of LED lighting?

#### Renewable Energy

111. NSW is responsible for 39% of total energy consumption in Australia but only about 21% of the total new build renewables across the mainland States. How do you explain NSW lagging so far behind?
112. Considering that NSW has good solar resources why is NSW responsible for just 6% of the total PV under development?
113. Why do only 15% of houses in NSW have roof top solar, as opposed to 32% in Queensland, 31% in WA and 25% in SA?
  - (a) What are you doing to increase uptake in roof top solar?
114. Would you support a mandatory requirement for all new buildings to have a percentage of their roof area dedicated to solar power?
115. When Liddell closes in 2022, will NSW have the 5-6GW of renewable energy required to be built to replace its generation capacity?

#### Transmission capacity

116. Is there a looming crisis of transmission capacity which will hamper the growth of renewable energy in NSW?
117. Are you concerned that Transgrid only has capacity at present to connect 5GW of new renewables across its grid?
118. What are you doing to ensure the early stage transmission investment required to capitalise on the renewable resource potential in NSW?

119. Transgrid has announced it has 3 GW of transmission connection agreements from various project proponents, but as yet none of those are proceeding. Similar projects are proceeding in every other state except NSW, why isn't Transgrid making the investment in NSW?

(a) Is it because the grid has been privatised?

### **Snowy Hydro**

120. If the Federal Government buys NSW out of its 58% ownership of Snowy Hydro, will you commit to use the \$3.5 billion to improve our renewable energy infrastructure in NSW?

### **Desalination plant**

In August 2016 [IPART said](#) repairs at desal would commence in October 2016 and will continue for 12 months. Since then in July 2017, IPART's [final report](#) says that the repairs won't be completed until 13 December 2018:

121. Why has the deadline for completed works been pushed back again?

122. What confidence do you have in the new deadline?

123. Why do consumers have to pay \$85.51 per year for it to be in "water security mode" for more than 3 years when it is clearly inoperable?

## **Questions from Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC**

### **Use of artificial intelligence**

124. What current uses of artificial intelligence does the department undertake?

Note: Please include all uses of AI including uses for resource allocation and administrative support, big data analysis, replacement and assistance of experts and researchers, procedural matters, or summarising diverse data – for reference this might include:

- Chatbots for customer service or advice
- Customer management systems
- Scanning legal documents to find relevant case law
- Categorising and searching documents
- Directing petitions efficiently
- Translation
- Document drafting

125. What planned uses does the department have for artificial intelligence?



126. What policy guidelines, if any, guide the exploration and use of artificial intelligence by the department?
127. What research, if any, has the department undertaken regarding the use of AI in Government services?

<b>Questions from Mr Justin Field MLC</b>
---

**Warragamba Dam**

128. How much money is currently allocated to raising the Warragamba Dam wall?
129. What is the cost prediction for the entire project?
  - (a) Please provide cost breakdowns
130. How much of this money will be sourced from the Climate Change Fund to raise the wall?
131. What is the main justification for raising the Warragamba Dam wall?
132. For the purposes of planning assessment, will the proposal be considered critical state significant infrastructure?
133. How many hectares of urban land in the North West Sector Growth Area that are being developed by the NSW Government are on flood prone land?
134. Has any, and if so, how much money has been allocated for high-level escape routes and flood preparedness for flood prone urban expansion areas in the North West Sector?
135. Lowering the full supply level to achieve flood management and also avoid the damage to the national parks upstream may produce in a net benefit to ecosystems and species if presently inundated habitat could be restored. Levees are also considered cost effective flood solutions:
  - (a) Please provide justification that there are no alternative time frames, locations or activities to its proposed raising of the Warragamba dam wall?
136. The Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley Flood Management Taskforce is reported as acknowledging that Full Supply Level lowering options would reduce risk to life but the Taskforce claims there are water quality and supply costs that make these alternatives less cost effective than the proposed raising the dam wall by 14 metres for flood mitigation:
  - (a) Why doesn't the NSW Government undertake an independent assessment of the cost and environmental savings of alternatives compared against the damage to World Heritage listed wilderness national parks caused by the dam wall raising?

137. Will Water NSW investigate flood mitigation alternatives to save the White Gum, the wilderness and wild rivers of the southern Blue Mountains World Heritage Area?
138. What guarantees can the NSW Government offer to ensure that the dam wall raising is to be used for flood mitigation and not water storage?
139. How will the high perimeter to area ratio of raising flood storage behind the proposed raised wall of Warragamba Dam be assessed for environmental impacts?
140. Will the inundation following the raising of Warragamba Dam wall constitute a 40 per cent reduction in the Camden White Gum? If not, what level of reduction is predicted?

### **Sydney Desalination Plant**

141. How much water has been produced by the desalination plant to date? Please provide amount per year since 2012.
142. How much is the NSW Government spending per year, directly or indirectly through arrangements with Sydney Desalination Plan Pty Ltd, on the desalination plant, in terms of:
  - (a) Annual lease arrangement
  - (b) Availability charge
  - (c) Administrative costs
  - (d) Maintenance costs
  - (e) Insurance costs
  - (f) Any other costs
143. Will the raising of the Warragamba Dam wall result in any changes to the contract with the desalination plant operator?
144. In terms of the damage to the desalination plant:
  - (a) Who is paying for the construction costs for repairs?
  - (b) How much is the repair expected to cost?
  - (c) When is the repair expected to commence
  - (d) When is the repair expected to be completed by?
  - (e) What is the reason for the delay in repair?

145. Please provide justification for return on investment for Government considering the facility will be owned by operators by the end of the lease? Please refer to any reports that have been conducted
146. Considering the costs to the consumer, will the Government consider closing the desalination plant?

<b>Questions from the Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC (on behalf of the NSW Labor Opposition)</b>
---

**Water**

147. Is it true that Andrew Willicott was appointed General Manager of Customer Delivery for Sydney Water in April 2017?
148. Is it true that since then Mr Willicott has travelled to the United Kingdom on four occasions?
149. Was this personal leave?
150. If so, was recreation leave taken?

**Rebates**

In this year's Budget Paper No. 3, p 8-18 it states your government will spend "\$257 million in 2017-18 on energy rebates to assist approximately 900,000 in NSW customers with the cost of energy bills."

However, in Budget Paper No. 3 for 2016-17 it stated on p 6-3 that the NSW Government would spend "\$259 million to assist over 800,000 eligible households with the financial costs of meeting their energy needs."

151. Do you accept that in its published Budget paper No. 3 the NSW Government is proposing to spend less on assisting customers with the cost of energy bills in 2017-18 than it proposed to spend in the 2016-17 Budget year?
152. If you do not agree, can you explain how \$257 million in 2017-18 is more than \$259 million in 2016-17?

For the 2016-17 Budget year:

153. What was the dollar amount provided for each form of rebate or assistance available for eligible households?

154. When was each form of rebate or assistance available for eligible households most recently increased, prior to the 2016-17 Budget? Please provide the information by each rebate or form of assistance and indicate when that was increased and from what previous amount.
155. At the time of the Budget being delivered on 21 June 2016, what was the estimate of how many households would take-up the assistance available? Please list the number of households estimated to take up each rebate or form of assistance?
156. How many eligible households actually took up the assistance available? Please list the number of households by each rebate or form of assistance, and by postcode or electorate.

For the current 2017-18 Budget year, as at the day the Budget was delivered on 20 June 2017:

157. What was the dollar amount provided for each form of rebate or assistance available for eligible households?
158. What was the estimate of how many households would take-up the assistance available? Please list the number of households estimated to take up each rebate or form of assistance.

On Sunday 3 September, you and the Premier made an announcement about increasing government rebates by 20 per cent and support for energy efficient appliances.

159. Which rebates or forms of assistance are being increased? Please provide a full list.
160. What was the amount of each rebate or form of assistance before the announcement?
161. What is the new amount for each rebate or form of assistance?
162. When will these new amounts be available from?
163. What is the total value of this package?
164. Is it part of the \$257 million in Budget Paper No. 3, p8-18 or is it additional money?
165. If it is additional to the \$257 million in Budget Paper No. 3, p8-18, where does this money come from?
166. If it is additional to the \$257 million in Budget Paper No. 3, p8-18, please indicate where in the Budget Papers this money can be found?

### **Desalination Plant**

167. Is the Sydney Desalination Plant open and could it produce water if required?
168. When will the Desalination plant be operational and available if required?

169. Are you aware that the owners of the desalination plant have previously advised IPART that it would be available in October 2017 and are now saying December 2018 - have you or your office or your Department made any contact with the owners of the desalination plant about the three year delay in repairing their operation?
170. What is the reason for the three year delay in repairing the damage to the operation of the desalination plant?
171. How much is each Sydney household is paying each year to the owners of the desalination plant to have it available for emergency water supplies?
172. Do you consider it reasonable to have a three year delay in the operation of the desalination plant when Sydney-siders are paying \$96 a year in insurance to have the plant available?
173. Will you guarantee that the desalination plant will be available, if required, to produce water in December 2018?
174. Do you have a view on the decision of IPART to delay the imposition of an abatement clause on the owners of the desalination plant until December 2018 - a full 3 years after the plant was damaged in a storm?
175. Isn't it true that the owners of the plant dragged their feet on repairs because under the terms of your Government's privatisation deal Sydney water customers had to pay the availability charge - whether the plant was available or not?
176. Considering that the desal plant will not be available until December 2018 (a full three years since it was damaged in a storm) and in that time Sydney families have paid \$277 each in "availability" fees - Have you personally made contact with the owners of the desalination plant and demanded that they repair it?

### **Credit Rating**

177. What is Sydney Water's credit rating today?
178. Will you guarantee that Sydney Water's credit rating will not drop?
179. Is the Minister aware why Sydney Water's credit rating has had such a dramatic reduction?
180. How much revenue does Sydney Water give the NSW Treasury by way of dividend, tax equivalent payments and T-Corp fees - This year and next year?
181. Will you guarantee that Sydney Water will not face a credit event over the forward estimates as a result of this lower credit rating?

182. How can you assert that Sydney Water is just as safe from a credit event today as it was in 2015 when the credit rating then was the second highest available and now Treasury has mandated that it will sit two notches above junk bond status?
183. Given Moody's downgraded Sydney Water's Credit Rating one notch in 2015 and given that a one notch downgrade on Sydney Water rating this year would see the company become a junk bond investment - how do you guarantee that Sydney Water will not face a credit event?
184. Is the Minister aware what the credit rating is for Melbourne Water?
185. Why does the Government consider it appropriate to have a significantly lower credit rating than other comparable businesses?
186. Sydney Water's Credit Rating destined to sit two notches below Melbourne Water's?

### **Office Administration**

187. 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?
188. 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?
189. 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?
190. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2016-17?
- (a) What is the cost of this?
191. 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?
192. 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?
193. 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?
194. What was the total amount your office spent on stationery?
195. 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?
196. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?
- (a) What is the monthly cost of this?
197. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
- (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?
198. 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
199. 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**

200. How much did your ministerial office spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2016-17?

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

### **Labour Hire Firms**

202. 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**

203. 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?
204. 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?
205. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?
206. 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?
207. 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?
208. 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**



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

### **Overseas Trips**

211. 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?
212. 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**

213. 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
214. 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**

215. 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?
216. 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**

217. 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?
218. 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?
219. 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?
220. 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?
221. 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?
222. 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?
223. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?
224. How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2016-17?
- (a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?
225. What was the total amount your Departments/agencies spent on stationery?

### **Smart Phone Accounts**

226. 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?
227. 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**

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

### **Merchant fees**

230. 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.
231. 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.
232. 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**

233. 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.

## THE ARTS

### Questions from Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

#### Use of artificial intelligence

234. What current uses of artificial intelligence does the department undertake?

Note: Please include all uses of AI including uses for resource allocation and administrative support, big data analysis, replacement and assistance of experts and researchers, procedural matters, or summarising diverse data – for reference this might include:

- Chatbots for customer service or advice
- Customer management systems
- Scanning legal documents to find relevant case law
- Categorising and searching documents
- Directing petitions efficiently
- Translation
- Document drafting

235. What planned uses does the department have for artificial intelligence?

236. What policy guidelines, if any, guide the exploration and use of artificial intelligence by the department?

237. What research, if any, has the department undertaken regarding the use of AI in Government services?

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

#### Liz Anne McGregor

238. Liz Ann McGregor was appointed as the cultural ambassador in June 2014, have you reappointed her to this role?

239. Does Liz Ann McGregor receive any financial support for her activities as cultural ambassador?

240. Does she receive any secretariat support in her role as cultural ambassador?

241. Has there been any consideration of replacing her with someone who is located in Western Sydney?

242. How many times has she gone to Western Sydney in her capacity as cultural ambassador in the period July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017?
243. How many times has she gone to Western Sydney in her capacity as cultural ambassador in the period July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016?
244. How many times has she gone to Western Sydney in her capacity as cultural ambassador in the period July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015?

**Regional Cultural Fund**

245. How many expressions of interest have been received for the regional cultural fund for each of the following councils/islands/unincorporated territories?
- (a) Ballina Shire Council
  - (b) Bathurst Regional Council
  - (c) Bega Valley Shire Council
  - (d) Blayney Shire Council
  - (e) Byron Shire Council
  - (f) Cabonne Council
  - (g) Central Coast
  - (h) Cessnock
  - (i) Coolamon Shire Council
  - (j) Cowra Shire Council
  - (k) Forbes Shire Council
  - (l) Greater Hume Shire
  - (m) Griffith City Council
  - (n) Junee Shire Council
  - (o) Kempsey Shire Council
  - (p) Lachlan Shire Council
  - (q) Lake Macquarie
  - (r) Leeton Shire Council
  - (s) Lismore City Council

- (t) Lockhart Shire Council
- (u) Maitland
- (v) Mid-Western Regional
- (w) Narrabri Shire Council
- (x) Narrandera Shire Council
- (y) Narromine Shire Council
- (z) Oberon Shire Council
- (aa) Orange City Council
- (bb) Parkes Shire Council
- (cc) Port Macquarie - Hastings Council
- (dd) Port Stephens
- (ee) Tamworth Regional Council
- (ff) Weddin
- (gg) Albury City Council
- (hh) Armidale Regional Council
- (ii) Balranald
- (jj) Bellingen Shire Council
- (kk) Berrigan
- (ll) Bland
- (mm) Carrathool Shire Council
- (nn) Coffs Harbour City Council
- (oo) Dubbo Regional Council
- (pp) Edward River Council
- (qq) Eurobodalla Shire Council
- (rr) Federation Council
- (ss) Glen Innes Severn
- (tt) Goulburn-Mulwaree Council

(uu) Gwydir Shire Council

(vv) Inverell

(ww) Kyogle Council

(xx) Lithgow

(yy) Liverpool Plains Shire Council

(zz) Lord Howe Island

(aaa) MidCoast Council

(bbb) Moree Plains Shire Council

(ccc) Murray River Council

(ddd) Murrumbidgee Shire Council

(eee) Queanbeyan-Palerang

(fff) Richmond Valley Council

(ggg) Singleton

(hhh) Snowy Monaro

(iii) Snowy-Valleys

(jjj) Tenterfield

(kkk) Tweed

(lll) Unincorporated Far West

(mmm) Upper Lachlan Shire Council

(nnn) Uralla Shire Council

(ooo) Wagga Wagga City Council

(ppp) Walgett

(qqq) Warrumbungle Shire

(rrr) Wentworth

(sss) Wingecarribee Council

(ttt) Yass Valley Council

(uuu) Bogan



- (vvv) Bourke
- (www) Brewarrina
- (xxx) Broken Hill
- (yyy) Central Darling
- (zzz) Clarence Valley
- (aaaa) Cobar
- (bbbb) Coonamble
- (cccc) Cootamundra-Gundagai
- (dddd) Dungog
- (eeee) Gilgandra
- (ffff) Gunnedah
- (gggg) Hay
- (hhhh) Hilltops
- (iiii) Kiama
- (jjjj) Muswellbrook
- (kkkk) Nambucca
- (llll) Shoalhaven
- (mmmm) Temora
- (nnnn) Upper Hunter Shire
- (oooo) Walcha
- (pppp) Warren

246. What is the total value of expressions of interest for the regional cultural fund for each of the following councils/islands/unincorporated territories?

- (a) Ballina Shire Council
- (b) Bathurst Regional Council
- (c) Bega Valley Shire Council
- (d) Blayney Shire Council

- (e) Byron Shire Council
- (f) Cabonne Council
- (g) Central Coast
- (h) Cessnock
- (i) Coolamon Shire Council
- (j) Cowra Shire Council
- (k) Forbes Shire Council
- (l) Greater Hume Shire
- (m) Griffith City Council
- (n) Junee Shire Council
- (o) Kempsey Shire Council
- (p) Lachlan Shire Council
- (q) Lake Macquarie
- (r) Leeton Shire Council
- (s) Lismore City Council
- (t) Lockhart Shire Council
- (u) Maitland
- (v) Mid-Western Regional
- (w) Narrabri Shire Council
- (x) Narrandera Shire Council
- (y) Narromine Shire Council
- (z) Oberon Shire Council
- (aa) Orange City Council
- (bb) Parkes Shire Council
- (cc) Port Macquarie - Hastings Council
- (dd) Port Stephens
- (ee) Tamworth Regional Council

- (ff) Weddin
- (gg) Albury City Council
- (hh) Armidale Regional Council
- (ii) Balranald
- (jj) Bellingen Shire Council
- (kk) Berrigan
- (ll) Bland
- (mm) Carrathool Shire Council
- (nn) Coffs Harbour City Council
- (oo) Dubbo Regional Council
- (pp) Edward River Council
- (qq) Eurobodalla Shire Council
- (rr) Federation Council
- (ss) Glen Innes Severn
- (tt) Goulburn-Mulwaree Council
- (uu) Gwydir Shire Council
- (vv) Inverell
- (ww) Kyogle Council
- (xx) Lithgow
- (yy) Liverpool Plains Shire Council
- (zz) Lord Howe Island
- (aaa) MidCoast Council
- (bbb) Moree Plains Shire Council
- (ccc) Murray River Council
- (ddd) Murrumbidgee Shire Council
- (eee) Queanbeyan-Palerang
- (fff) Richmond Valley Council

(ggg) Singleton  
(hhh) Snowy Monaro  
(iii) Snowy-Valleys  
(jjj) Tenterfield  
(kkk) Tweed  
(lll) Unincorporated Far West  
(mmm) Upper Lachlan Shire Council  
(nnn) Uralla Shire Council  
(ooo) Wagga Wagga City Council  
(ppp) Walgett  
(qqq) Warrumbungle Shire  
(rrr) Wentworth  
(sss) Wingecarribee Council  
(ttt) Yass Valley Council  
(uuu) Bogan  
(vvv) Bourke  
(www) Brewarrina  
(xxx) Broken Hill  
(yyy) Central Darling  
(zzz) Clarence Valley  
(aaaa) Cobar  
(bbbb) Coonamble  
(cccc) Cootamundra-Gundagai  
(dddd) Dungog  
(eeee) Gilgandra  
(ffff) Gunnedah  
(gggg) Hay

- (hhhh) Hilltops
- (iii) Kiama
- (jjjj) Muswellbrook
- (kkkk) Nambucca
- (llll) Shoalhaven
- (mmmm) Temora
- (nnnn) Upper Hunter Shire
- (oooo) Walcha
- (pppp) Warren

### **Film**

- 247. How much does the State government spend on attracting international film production to NSW?
- 248. Who are we competing with?
- 249. What do we do to win those productions?
- 250. Are you confident that you do enough to attract international films to NSW to create jobs in the local industry?
- 251. How many films have we lost to other jurisdictions under your Government?
- 252. Have you been following the controversy over the \$160 million Aqua Man – featuring Amber Heard, Willem Dafoe and Nicole Kidman — at Hastings Point on the Tweed Coast?
- 253. Do you think the Mayor and Deputy Mayor’s opposition to the project has hurt NSW as a filming destination internationally?
- 254. Do you think companies will be reluctant to film here?
- 255. What steps do you consider necessary to protect and attract the industry – in light of these attacks?

### **Bondi Pavilion**

- 256. Has the NSW Government allocated any financial support to the proposed Bondi Pavilion?
- 257. Has Create NSW provided any advice on the Bondi Pavilion plans?

258. Under the plan, are you aware of how much cultural space will be retained and how much will go towards restaurant and retail activity?
259. Do you support Waverley Liberal-dominated Council's plans to privatise the facility?
260. Given the Save Bondi Pavilion group has asked lead candidates for Waverley Council to sign a pledge to guarantee that the Bondi Pavilion will not be privatised, what is your response to the Mayor Sally Betts and her Liberal colleagues refusing to sign the pledge?
261. Do you support the privatisation of our national icon? Yes or No?

### **National Filmed Theatre**

262. Are you aware of the National Film Theatre concept?
263. It is where theatrical performances are recorded with multi-cameras and shown in cinemas so that residents can have access to international theatre?
264. Have you ever seen a performance?
265. Are you aware that the Federal Government through its Catalyst program provided financial support for the concept to Australian Filmed Theatre Live – which was founded in 2010 by Grant Dodwell, Raj Sidhu and Peter Hiscock?
266. They want to take Australian filmed theatre to rural NSW. Do you support those plans?
267. You may not be aware but I wrote to your predecessor and suggested that the NSW Government accept it as a new version of entertainment in its funding streams. What has been the response to those representations?
268. Have you held any discussions with ANT Live – as they want to take their productions to rural and regional NSW?
269. Have you had any consideration of extending the Regional Cultural Fund to the ANT Live?

### **Arts Funding – Bowral Arts**

270. Has the Member for Wollindilly made any representations on behalf of Wingecarribee Shire Council on its plans to upgrade the Bowral Arts Centre or the Mittagong Playhouse?

### **Memorial**

271. As Arts Minister, what is your response to community calls for additional plaques to be added which denote the historical context of the figure memorialised?

## **Theatre**

272. Given on April 6 in State Parliament, you announced the Government is investing \$800,000 over four years into the new National Theatre of Parramatta, have you given consideration to supporting other smaller theatre groups such as Redline Productions at the Old Fitz, Old 505 Theatre in Newtown, the Hayes Theatre or Sport for Jove at the Seymour Centre?

## **Office Administration**

273. 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?
274. 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?
275. 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?
276. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2016-17?
- (a) What is the cost of this?
277. 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?
278. 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?
279. 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?

280. What was the total amount your office spent on stationery?

281. 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?

282. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?

(a) What is the monthly cost of this?

283. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?

(a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?

284. 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

285. 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**

286. How much did your ministerial office spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2016-17?

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

### **Labour Hire Firms**

288. 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**

- 289. 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?
- 290. 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?
- 291. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?
- 292. 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?
- 293. 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?
- 294. 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**

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

### **Overseas Trips**

- 297. 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?

298. 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**

299. 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

300. 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**

301. 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?

302. 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**

303. 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?
304. 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?
305. 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?
306. 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?
307. 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?
308. 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?
309. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?
310. How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2016-17?
- (a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?
311. What was the total amount your Departments/agencies spent on stationery?

### **Smart Phone Accounts**

312. 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?
313. 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**

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

### **Merchant fees**

316. 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.
317. 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.
318. 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**

319. 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.