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TOURISM AND MAJOR EVENTS

Questions from Ms Dawn Walker MLC

Growing tourism and pressure on infrastructure

1. Many local councils in NSW, such as Byron Shire Council are facing growing pressures on local infrastructure from a booming tourism industry.
 - (a) Will the Government permit NSW councils to implement a tourism levy or 'bed tax' to support visitor-related infrastructure, such as landscaping, road maintenance, public amenities, better lighting and improved transport?
 - (b) What is the NSW Government doing to support councils in monitoring and implementing compliance programs in relation to residential dwellings being illegally used for tourism purposes, which can deprive local communities of stable accommodation through un-regulated 'holiday-letting'?
 - (c) Does the NSW Government have any commitment to expend its tourism budget on projects other than destination marketing campaigns so that income generated by tourism can be re-invested back into local infrastructure?

Questions from Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

Use of artificial intelligence

2. 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

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

4. What policy guidelines, if any, guide the exploration and use of artificial intelligence by the department?
5. 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)

Destination NSW international offices

6. What is the budget allocation for 2017-18 for each of the following Destination NSW offices, broken down into employee costs, office costs (such as rent and office expenses), travel costs (such as transport, accommodation, attendance at events), and other costs:
 - (a) New Zealand
 - (b) Hong Kong
 - (c) Shanghai
 - (d) Beijing
 - (e) Chengdu
 - (f) Guangzhou
 - (g) Korea
 - (h) North America
 - (i) United Kingdom and Europe
 - (j) Germany
 - (k) Japan
 - (l) Singapore
 - (m) India
7. What was the amount spent for each of the previous years 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17 for each of the following Destination NSW offices, broken down into employee costs, office costs (such as rent and office expenses), travel costs (such as transport, accommodation, attendance at events), and other costs:
 - (a) New Zealand

- (b) Hong Kong
- (c) Shanghai
- (d) Beijing
- (e) Chengdu
- (f) Guangzhou
- (g) Korea
- (h) North America
- (i) United Kingdom and Europe
- (j) Germany
- (k) Japan
- (l) Singapore
- (m) India

8. What is the current annual salary for the following positions and any other unlisted Manager, Director, or Executive positions in each international office of Destination NSW:

- (a) New Zealand – Country Manager, and Marketing Executive;
- (b) Hong Kong – Regional Director, North Asia;
- (c) Shanghai - Regional Manager, Marketing Executive, and Business Development Manager;
- (d) Beijing – Business Development Manager;
- (e) Chengdu – Business Development Manager, Western China;
- (f) Guangzhou – Business Manager, Southern China;
- (g) Korea – Business Development Manager;
- (h) North America – Regional Manager, USA;
- (i) United Kingdom and Europe – Regional Manager, UK and Europe;
- (j) Germany – Business Development Manager;
- (k) Japan – Country Manager, and Marketing Executive;
- (l) Singapore – Regional Director; and
- (m) India – Country Manager, Business Development Manager, and Administration Executive?

9. What reporting and accountability measures does the Government undertake regarding key performance indicators and evaluation of objectives and outcomes of each of the 13 international offices of Destination NSW?
 - (a) Will the Government make this reporting publicly available (with any commercial-in-confidence information removed)?
 - (b) If so, when?
 - (c) If not, why not?
10. What is the current annual salary for each Chair, Director, and General Manager of the following Destination Networks:
 - (a) Destination Riverina Murray;
 - (b) Destination Southern NSW;
 - (c) Destination North Coast;
 - (d) Destination Country and Outback NSW;
 - (e) Destination Sydney Surrounds North; and
 - (f) Destination Sydney Surrounds South?
11. What is the Government's formal plan or policy for Accessible Tourism, particularly for the tourism industry in regional NSW? Please provide details.
12. What resources or tools are currently available from the Government regarding Accessible Tourism, particularly for the tourism industry in regional NSW?
13. On what date was the NSW Government's bid to host the Logies Awards submitted?
14. Was the proposition that the NSW Government place a bid to host the Logies Awards initiated and proposed by Destination NSW, the office of the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, or another source? Please provide details.
15. Has the Minister visited Newcastle in 2017?
 - (a) If so, on what date and what official activities were undertaken?

Mount Keira Summit Park

16. Has the Minister had specific discussions regarding:
 - (a) Mount Keira Summit Park Re-Development

- (b) Work of Destination Wollongong
 - (c) The arrival of cruise ships at Port Kembla
17. If yes, for any of the above projects, what was the outcomes and actions that the Government reached, so that these initiatives can be advanced?
18. What funding applications have been made to the NSW Government to assist in the redevelopment of the Mount Keira Summit Park in the following years:
- (a) 2012
 - (b) 2013
 - (c) 2014
 - (d) 2015
 - (e) 2016
19. Has the Minister sought briefings from Destination Wollongong in relation to tourism on Mount Keira?
- (a) If so, when were these briefings held?
20. What funding applications have been made to the NSW Government for the following forms of active infrastructure in the Keira electorate to assist in supporting regional tourism?
- (a) Cycling
 - (b) Walking
 - (c) Bushwalking

Supercars

21. When will the noise management plan for the Newcastle 500 be released?
- (a) Has the noise management plan been reviewed by Safe NSW?
 - (b) Has the noise management plan been reviewed by the EPA?
 - (c) Has the noise management plan been reviewed by NSW Health?
22. Will the noise management plan and mitigation measures be independently reviewed?
23. Will the noise management plan be released to the public?
- (a) If not, why not?

24. Will it be safe for residents who live along the Newcastle 500 track to stay in their homes during the race?
25. When will residents impacted by the Newcastle 500 be given access to the Noise Management Plan for the Newcastle 500 Supercars race?
26. Why did the Government decide not to provide compensation for claims of economic loss (including loss of business) resulting from the Newcastle Supercars event?
 - (a) What support has the NSW Government provided to businesses impacted by the Newcastle 500?
27. When will the accreditation process for residents be finalised?
28. What is the budget for the Newcastle 500 Co-ordination Office for each of the following years:
 - (a) 2017;
 - (b) 2018;
 - (c) 2019;
 - (d) 2020;and
 - (e) 2021?
29. How many staff work in the Newcastle 500 Co-ordination Office as at 6/9/17?
30. What has been the cost of the Newcastle 500 Co-ordination Office since it commenced operating?
31. Has the Minister visited Newcastle since the civil works for the Newcastle 500 commenced?
 - (a) If not, why not?
32. The NSW Government correspondence policy states “We aim to open all correspondence within one business day of receipt, and respond where required, within 20 working days of receipt”, what percentage of correspondence in your office is responded to within 20 working days?
33. How many residents have been offered to be relocated during the Newcastle 500?
34. What is the cost of the Newcastle 500 to the NSW Government?

Office Administration

35. 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?
36. 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?
37. 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?
38. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2016-17?
- (a) What is the cost of this?
39. 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?
40. 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?
41. 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?
42. What was the total amount your office spent on stationery?
43. 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?
44. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?

- (a) What is the monthly cost of this?
- 45. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
 - (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?
- 46. 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
- 47. 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

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

Labour Hire Firms

- 50. 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

51. 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?
52. 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?
53. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?
54. 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?
55. 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?
56. 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

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

Overseas Trips

59. 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?
60. 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

61. 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
62. 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

63. 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?
64. 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

65. 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?
66. 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?

67. 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?
68. 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?
69. 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?
70. 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?
71. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?
72. How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2016-17?
 - (a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?
73. What was the total amount your Departments/agencies spent on stationery?

Smart Phone Accounts

74. 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?
75. 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

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

Merchant fees

78. 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.
79. 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.
80. 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

81. 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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| Questions from Mr Justin Field MLC |
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Newcastle V8 Supercar Race – funding

82. What NSW government funds are being provided to construct the Newcastle 500 racetrack and its related infrastructure?
 - (a) How much is the contribution from Newcastle City Council?
 - (b) How much is the contribution from Supercars?
83. Minister Andrew Constance announced \$150 million to be directed to the Newcastle CBD revitalisation. How much of this is to be used for the Newcastle 500 Supercars racetrack construction?
84. What is the estimated value of lost economic activity in Newcastle East precinct resulting from the Supercars event, including:
 - (a) loss of income to local businesses due to lost access

- (b) loss of community, sporting and major events in the Foreshore Park area
 - (c) any other foreseen losses?
85. Have predicted costs for the event been exceeded to date?
- (a) If so, by how much and who is paying for these additional costs?
86. Did an economic assessment of the race consider costs of personnel for:
- (a) Newcastle City Council
 - (b) NSW Health
 - (c) Emergency services
 - (d) Transport for NSW
 - (e) Police and Local Area Command
 - (f) Office of Environment and Heritage
 - (g) Port Corporation
 - (h) Small business owners.
87. Will the Government commission the Auditor-General to do a pre-race estimation of costs so that the estimated costs can be compared to the post-race costs?
88. Will the Government commission the Auditor-General to do a post-race assessment of the race?
89. Is there a Memorandum of Understanding between Destination NSW and Newcastle City Council?
- (a) If so, will this be publicly released?
 - (b) What are the terms of this agreement?

Newcastle V8 Supercar Race – consultation

90. How many businesses have you directly consulted on noise impacts near the race track?
- (a) How many of these have been advised there are risks if they operate on race day?
91. How many complaints from the community and businesses have you received?
- (a) How many of these have you responded to?

Newcastle V8 Supercar Race – health impacts

92. What is considered an acceptable noise level for businesses to continue to practice?

93. What is the extent of the duty of care that DNSW has to Newcastle East residents before, during and after the race?
94. Given that the *Workplace and Safety Act 2011* and associated regulations are not set aside through the Motor Racing Act (2008) and its amendment in 2017, h
95. Will the noise levels expected for the race be within the limits under the *Workplace and Safety Act 2011*?
- (a) What duty of care does the NSW Government and Destination NSW have with regard to potential breaches of the safe limits set down in Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017 under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*, to persons in the precinct who will be affected?
96. Regarding businesses unable to operate on the race weekend:
- (a) How many are expected to be closed?
- (b) Will they be provided compensation for their loss?
97. Has a Noise Management Plan and acoustics report been developed? If so, when will this be publicly released?

Newcastle V8 Supercar Race – heritage impacts

98. To date, has there been any removal or damage to heritage buildings, monuments, fences, kerbs and cobblestones?
99. Are the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) conditions of consent for the Newcastle Coal River Precinct binding?
- (a) If so, have any fines or other enforcement activity occurred?
100. There have been reports of contractors beginning construction 22 days before approvals were granted, is this true?
- (a) If so, why was work not halted when residents alerted OEH to this breach?

Newcastle V8 Supercar Race – civil works

101. Do the civil works involved with the construction of this racetrack involve contracts between private construction companies and Supercars?
- (a) If so, why is Supercars responsible for infrastructure construction rather than council or state government?

- (b) Is Supercars being paid any fees for its role in the infrastructure construction and contractor management?
102. Given that there are public funds being dedicated to civil works, how has the government protected itself and its taxpayers from any commercial risks associated with the performance of these works?
- (a) Are there contractual or financial guarantees?
 - (b) What procurement controls are being applied?
103. Regarding the supply of bollards, temporary fencing, rental trucks and construction plant and equipment for the civil works:
- (a) Who is engaged in the contract for rental of this equipment?
 - (b) Is there an exclusive supply agreement with Coates Hire?

ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR SKILLS

Questions from Ms Dawn Walker MLC

TAFE facilities and classifications

104. In the Budget Estimates Hearings, the Minister and Managing Director said that the Dapto TAFE facility was not a Connected Learning Centre but a “TAFE access point”

- (a) What exactly is a TAFE access point?
 - i. What is the purpose of these access points?
 - ii. How of these access points are there in NSW?
 - iii. Where are the other ‘access points’ located?
- (b) Can you provide a list of the all the TAFE campuses in NSW, along with their classifications (e.g. Connected Learning Centre, Access Point, College)

Stage Two Connected Learning Centres

105. Does the Government still have plans to replace Chullora TAFE with a Connected Learning Centre?

- (a) When will this TAFE campus, or part of it, be closed?

106. Does the Government still have plans to replace Epping TAFE with a Connected Learning Centre?

- (a) When will this TAFE campus, or part of it, be closed?

107. Does the Government still have plans to replace Belrose TAFE with a Connected Learning Centre?

- (a) When will this TAFE campus, or part of it, be closed?

108. Does the Government still have plans to replace Vincentia TAFE with a Connected Learning Centre?

- (a) When will this TAFE campus, or part of it, be closed?

109. Does the Government still have plans to replace Scone TAFE with a Connected Learning Centre?

- (a) When will this TAFE campus, or part of it, be closed?

110. Does the Government still have plans to replace Maclean TAFE with a Connected Learning Centre?
 - (a) When will this TAFE campus, or part of it, be closed?
111. Does the Government still have plans to replace Corowa TAFE with a Connected Learning Centre?
 - (a) When will this TAFE campus, or part of it, be closed?
112. Does the Government still have plans to replace Narrandera TAFE with a Connected Learning Centre?
 - (a) When will this TAFE campus, or part of it, be closed?
113. Does the Government still have plans to replace Grenfell TAFE with a Connected Learning Centre?
 - (a) When will this TAFE campus, or part of it, be closed?

Private VET providers

114. How has this affected the number of Adult English Education teachers employed in the Illawarra region by TAFE NSW?
115. Have the overall enrolment figures for AMEP changed since the change of provider?

TAFE enrolments and modernisation

116. Why do the Budget Estimates 2017/18 forecast a decline in TAFE enrolments for 2017? What is the government's goal for future enrolments, say to 2020 in TAFE? Is it continuing decline?
117. What is the cost of the TAFE modernisation program?
 - (a) What are the main features of the programs?
 - (b) How many enrolments is it predicted to produce?
 - (c) What consultancy firms have been or are involved with the TAFE modernisation program?
 - i. What is their expertise in vocation and educational training?

Consultants and TAFE

118. What is the estimated budget cost for the work of the consultancy firms?
119. How many consultants are currently employed by TAFE NSW across all programs?
120. What is the total cost of all consultants employed by TAFE NSW?

TAFE employees

121. Budget Estimates 2017/18 (p6-12) indicate a decline in TAFE employees to 9,969 for 2017/18.
- (a) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of TAFE positions:
 - i. Teaching, non-teaching and consultants for 2017 and their regional location?
 - (b) How does the budget allocation for skills development for employment of \$2.076 billion in Budget Estimates 2017/18 (p6-5) representing an increase of 1.6% with an average annual growth of 1.2% (from Budget Statement 2017/18 p5-16) compare with other states and territories?
 - (c) There is a 96.5% increase in capital expenditure from \$66.7 million in 2016/17 to \$131 million in 2017/18 for skills development for employment. Could the Minister provide details of the key elements of this modest projected increase in capital expenditure from its very low base?
 - (d) Given the capital assets in TAFE NSW distributed throughout the state, can the Minister outline the number and location of buildings currently not in use?
 - (e) Is there a capital asset divestment plan for TAFE NSW? Could the Minister table details of this plan?

Training for Refugees under Smart and Skilled

122. How many students holding humanitarian visas have applied for fee-free scholarships under Smart and Skilled since 1 January 2017?
123. How many students have accessed fee-free training under Smart and Skilled for qualifications up to Cert IV level since 1 January 2017?
124. How many students who are deemed asylum seekers have been eligible and applied for subsidised training in higher level qualifications under Smart and Skilled (as is the case for refugees) since 1 January 2017?

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

Dapto TAFE

125. How much rent is being collected at the former Dapto TAFE site?
126. How much did TAFE invest into the Dapto Connected Learning Centre?
127. Is it true that students are unable to use the toilets at the Dapto connected learning centre?

TAFE

- 128. What TAFE assets were recycled in the 16-17 financial year?
- 129. How many TAFE buildings have been leased since coming to government and how much rent has that generated?

Wollongong TAFE (Appendix B)

- 130. Does West Wollongong TAFE offer courses in butchery?
- 131. In which year did West Wollongong TAFE commence providing these courses?
- 132. How many students were enrolled in butchery courses at West Wollongong TAFE in (i) 2015, (ii) 2016 and (iii) 2017?
- 133. Does the TAFE supply meat products needed for butchery students to train with?
- 134. How much did West Wollongong TAFE spend on meat products in (i) 2015, (ii) 2016 and (iii) 2017?
- 135. Which companies supply meat products for West Wollongong TAFE?
- 136. How often are meat products purchased for use by students?
- 137. On what date were the meat products used in the Illawarra Mercury photograph in the article titled “Union ‘cooked up’ meat claims” (Illawarra Mercury, 24 August 2016) purchased?
- 138. How much did the meat products that appeared in the Illawarra Mercury on 24 August 2016 cost?
- 139. Were other meat products purchased as part of the same order as those which appeared in the Illawarra Mercury on 24 August 2016?
- 140. When were these meat products which appeared in the Illawarra Mercury on 24 August 2016 used by students engaged in butchery training?
- 141. Does TAFE train its butchery students in the appropriate hygiene techniques for working with meat products?
- 142. Does this training include reminders about the use of protective clothing when near or handling meat products?

Hunter TAFE

- 143. Noting that enrolments in Hunter TAFE have dropped from 64,403 in 2012 to under 25 000 last year, what are the enrolment numbers for Hunter TAFE in 2017?

144. Why have the enrolment numbers dropped by over 35000 students since 2012?
145. As the Minister for Skills are you alarmed about the massive drop enrolment numbers?

Granville TAFE (Appendix A)

146. Granville TAFE used to be one of the largest in the state and has suffered cuts to courses and student numbers and sale of property
- (a) Minister, how many students from the cancelled Granville TAFE welding course transferred to the other welding courses at Mt Druitt and Campbelltown?
 - (b) What was the sale price of Granville TAFE's South Street buildings which were described as "Premier Mixed-Use Development Site with Significant value-add potential".

Smart and Skilled

147. How many private providers are operating on TAFE campuses? Where are they operating?
148. What percentage of Smart and Skilled funding goes towards administration costs?
149. Isn't it true under Smart and Skilled that students are charged to re-sit a unit of competency if they fail in the first instance?
150. This being the case, how much of this was collected in 16-17 from students resitting units of competency?
151. Can you confirm Smart and Skilled audits were conducted in March this year?
- (a) If so, why haven't these audits been released?
 - (b) When will they be released?

One TAFE

152. I note that the latest stage of the roll out of "One TAFE" is a formal consultation process to align core training and educational capabilities with the new operating model. Is the current fee structure something that will be reviewed as part of this process? Will this consultation process result in campus closures?
153. TAFE NSW has marked the dissolution of autonomous institutes around NSW as "a significant milestone". This has resulted in the creation of new regions – Belmont TAFE is now part of the North Region, which runs from Gosford up to the QLD border. Did the Minister consider accessibility for students when deciding to re-draw these boundaries?

154. With such large boundaries, does the Minister consider it feasible to marry up skills with jobs available?
155. Will Belmont TAFE continue to offer face to face courses under the “One TAFE” model?
156. I note that the Managing Director indicates that jobs will be affected by this restructure. How many of those jobs will be at Belmont TAFE?
157. The Managing Director notes that TAFE’s priority is delivering quality education and training. How does the Government intend to deliver on that priority after axing so many jobs, and losing so many students?
158. I note that TAFE has refocused its energy into serving “customers” as opposed to students. Does this re-classifying as a customer, rather than a student mean that the focus is on profiteering as opposed to educating, and does the Minister acknowledge this may undermine employers’ confidence in the skills of workers?
159. One of the senior positions in the new One TAFE management structure is “Manager Ideation” which is described as “leading a team specialising in idea management in products, capability, services, processes and paradigmatic models.” What does this mean in plain language?
160. Can you supply an organisational chart for One TAFE showing all management positions and their relation to each other and the various segments of TAFE?
161. Can you supply detailed job descriptions for each management position in the One TAFE structure?
162. Were outside consultants involved in developing this organisational chart and coming up with job titles?
163. What examples of international best practice in vocational education were consulted in developing this organisational structure?

Enrolments

164. What is the percentage of TAFE NSW enrolments in skill sets rather than qualifications for young people with no previous qualification?
165. Why do the Budget Estimates 2017/18 forecast a decline in TAFE enrolments for 2017?
166. What is the government’s goal for future enrolments?
167. Where does the Government anticipate TAFE enrolments will be by 2020?

168. Why does the 2016 TAFE annual report omit any mention of the number of hours of training actually provided to TAFE students in that year, figures which have been previously included in annual reports?
169. How many Indigenous students are enrolled in TAFE? Is this number fewer than in 2012?
170. In 2012, TAFE enrolled more than 141,000 unemployed students, are you concerned that only 97,000 unemployed students are enrolled this year?
171. Are you concerned there were only 161,000 students enrolled in TAFE from rural and regional NSW, compared to 225,000 students from rural and regional enrolled in a VET course NSW in 2011?
172. Why has the government cut apprenticeship funding for commercial cookery from \$10,480 to \$9,540, which is a cut of \$940 per student?

TAFE corporate (Appendix C)

173. What is the estimated budget cost for the work of consultants and consultancy firms?
174. How many consultants are currently employed by TAFE NSW across all programs?
175. What is the total cost of all consultants employed by TAFE NSW? What is their salary range and average salary?

Office Administration

176. 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?
177. 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?
178. 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?
- 179. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2016-17?
 - (a) What is the cost of this?
- 180. 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?
- 181. 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?
- 182. 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?
- 183. What was the total amount your office spent on stationery?
- 184. 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?
- 185. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?
 - (a) What is the monthly cost of this?
- 186. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
 - (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?
- 187. 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

188. 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

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

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

Labour Hire Firms

191. 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

192. 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?

193. 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?

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

195. 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?

196. 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?

197. 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

198. How much did your ministerial office spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2016-17?

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

Overseas Trips

200. 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?

201. 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

202. 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

203. 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

204. 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?
- 205. 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

- 206. 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?
- 207. 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?
- 208. 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?
- 209. 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?
- 210. 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?

211. 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?

212. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?

213. How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2016-17?

(a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?

214. What was the total amount your Departments/agencies spent on stationery?

Smart Phone Accounts

215. 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?

216. 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

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

218. What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by your Ministerial office this year?

Merchant fees

219. 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.

220. 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.
221. 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

222. 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.”

Appendix A



Appendix B



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Union 'cooked up' meat claims

BY ANDREW PEARSON

TAFE Illawarra has hit back at claims it can't afford to buy the meat products needed to train butchery students.

The vocational education and training provider was given a grilling by Labor politicians and the NSW Teachers Federation (NSWTF) this week, amid revelations the Baird government's reform of the sector had left students short-changed.

On Monday, NSWTF organiser Adam Curtis told the *Mercury* the government's Smart and Skilled funding "doesn't cover the cost of teaching students" and, as a result, there wasn't enough money to purchase the meat required for butchery students to practice on.

TAFE Illawarra's human services, tourism and hospitality faculty director Jenny Hill said carcasses were regularly purchased for students to work with during block training sessions on campus.

"We purchase the carcass-

es and the meat products required by the students so that we can run the classes," Ms Hill said.

She also dismissed the union's suggestion that students weren't being supported, saying meat processing had been delivered fully on-the-job in rural and regional areas for about 16 years.

"We recently began to deliver it on-the-job in the northern Illawarra as well, but we still run block release classes ... to teach the students skills that they're not getting the experience with on the job," she said.

Teachers visit butchery students six times a year and "students are provided with all the material they require", she said.

Labor's candidate for Wollongong, Paul Scully, and the party's spokeswoman for skills, Prue Car, used the meat-less butchery students anecdote to propel the Opposition's campaign against TAFE cuts on Monday.

TAFE Illawarra Institute

Director Belinda Mackinnon said it was "extremely disappointing that we have false claims made about TAFE NSW courses without checking with us first".

This year's 102 butchery enrolments at TAFE's Wollongong West campus are up slightly on last year's 99.



TAFE Illawarra's Jenny Hill.

Appendix C

