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## PLANNING

### Questions from the Hon Paul Green MLC

#### Regional Planning

1. Minister the Standing Committee on State Development completed a report on regional development last year. The report recommended: *“That the Minister for Planning outline what action is being taken to improve the planning framework and processes for the benefit of regional New South Wales, with particular regard to the following: community consultation, reducing complexity, recognise regional differences, taking account of State and regional strategic growth and the preservation and protection of the environment and heritage, facilitating growth and infrastructure and flexibility to respond to change in technology, population, land use, economic development and agriculture.”* Minister can you update us on what you are doing in regards to regional planning?

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

#### Office Administration

2. 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?
3. 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?
4. 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?
5. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2016-17?

- (a) What is the cost of this?
- 6. 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?
- 7. 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?
- 8. 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?
- 9. What was the total amount your office spent on stationery?
- 10. 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?
- 11. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?
  - (a) What is the monthly cost of this?
- 12. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
  - (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?
- 13. 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
- 14. 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**

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

### **Labour Hire Firms**

17. 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**

18. 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?
19. 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?
20. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?
21. 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?
22. 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?
23. 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**

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

### **Overseas Trips**

- 26. 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?
- 27. 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**

- 28. 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
- 29. 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**

- 30. 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?

31. 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**

32. 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?
33. 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?
34. 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?
35. 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?
36. 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?
- 37. 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?
- 38. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?
- 39. How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2016-17?
  - (a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?
- 40. What was the total amount your Departments/agencies spent on stationery?

#### **Smart Phone Accounts**

- 41. 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?
- 42. 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**

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

#### **Merchant fees**

- 45. 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.
- 46. 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.

47. 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**

48. 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.

### **Department of Planning**

49. Has your department secretary met with landholders and potential developers in the K2K project area?
- (a) If so, how many times, with whom, and on what dates?
50. How many times has your department secretary met with councillors or council officers since 1 July 2016?
- (a) With whom did they meet, from which council, and on what dates?

### **Priority Precincts**

51. Is the Department of Planning and Environment managing all of the current Priority Precincts?
- (a) If not, which Priority Precinct(s) are being managed by other Departments, Agencies, or other bodies?
- (b) Why have these decision(s) been made?
52. Has implementation of any Priority Precinct been ceded to a local Council?
- (a) Which Councils?
- (b) Why have these decision(s) been made?
53. Is the Government considering Randwick, Kensington, or Kingsford, or parts thereof, as a Priority Precinct?
- (a) What planning has been undertaken in relation to a Priority Precinct in this area?
- (b) Has Randwick Racecourse been considered in any investigations into a Priority Precinct in this area?
- i. To what extent?
- ii. What considerations were made in relation to:



- I. New housing?
- II. Affordable housing?
  - a. What type(s) of affordable housing?
- III. New open space?
- IV. Social infrastructure?
- V. Can any analysis undertaken in relation to any of the above be provided?

54. Is the Department investigating alternative uses for, or the potential redevelopment of, current Social Housing stock located within the Anzac Parade Priority Precinct?

### **Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor**

- 55. Why is the State Government not funding critical infrastructure to support the population increases projected under the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy?
- 56. What transport improvements will be delivered to support the increase in local pedestrians, cyclists, buses and private cars?
- 57. What is the Government's plan to deal with congestion in town centres along the Corridor, including Hurlstone Park, Campsie, Belmore and Canterbury?
- 58. What is the Government's plan for north-south commuting for residents of the Corridor?
- 59. What is the Government doing to ensure that plans for new metro stations improve the structure of town centres along the corridor?
- 60. Regarding the Government's proposal for to widen Stacey Street and realign the Loch Street, Ninth and Second Avenue intersection (marketed as the 'Campsie Bypass'):
  - (a) How much funding is the Government committing to the project?
  - (b) How and on what timeframe will the project be delivered?
- 61. With Belmore and Campsie critically undersupplied with neighbourhood parks:
  - (a) What spaces has the Government identified for purchase as new open space in order to service the existing and proposed residents?
  - (b) What funding has the government allocated for the purchase of land to create of new neighbourhood parks?
- 62. With at least 177 additional hospital beds needed to service additional population along the Corridor:

- (a) Does the Government plan to upgrade of Canterbury Hospital?
- (b) How much funding will the government allocate to service the additional population?
- 63. With at least seven new ambulance stations, six new fire stations and five new police stations needed to meet the needs of the additional population along the Corridor:
  - (a) Has the Government identified sites for these new essential services?
  - (b) How will site purchases and service provision be funded?
  - (c) When will the new services commence operation?
- 64. What new community facilities, particularly multicultural facilities, will the Government build to accommodate new residents of the Corridor?
- 65. What facilities does the Government plan to build to accommodate the needs of an ageing population along the Corridor?
- 66. With regards to new school and TAFE facilities along the Corridor, to accommodate population growth:
  - (a) How many new schools is the Government planning to build?
  - (b) What sites has the Government identified for new schools along the Corridor?
  - (c) How much funding has the Government allocated for new schools?
  - (d) Does the government intend to build new TAFE facilities to service the population of the Corridor?
  - (e) What sites has the Government identified for new TAFE facilities?
  - (f) How much funding has the Government allocated for the construction of new TAFE facilities along the Corridor?

### **Local Planning Panels (IHAPS)**

- 67. What, if any, code of conduct provisions will apply to panel members?
  - (a) What process will be in place to sanction panel members who show themselves unable or unwilling to abide by these provisions?
  - (b) Which, if any, body will monitor the performance of panel members and sanction those who behave contrary to these provisions?

- (c) Will the process to remove or sanction panel members for misconduct be the same for panel chairs or panel members drawn from the Department's pool and panel members chosen by a council?

### **Coordination with other Departments and Agencies**

- 68. Which Department or Agency is overseeing the coordination of the Department of Planning and Environment, UrbanGrowth Development Corporation, Landcom, the Greater Sydney Commission, the Department of Transport and Infrastructure, and any other Department or Agency on:
  - (a) District Plans
  - (b) Priority Precincts
  - (c) The Transport master plan
- 69. Which Department or Agency is managing the integration of the above plans?

### **Warragamba Dam**

- 70. In 2016, the budget included an initial funding to increase the height of the Warragamba Dam wall. Has this work started? If not, when will it start?
- 71. As a result of this work, will the Department of Planning and/or other agencies change the existing "frozen" zonings between Penrith and Hawkesbury?

<b>Questions from Mr David Shoebridge MLC</b>
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### **Greater Sydney Commission meetings**

- 72. How often do representatives from the Minister's office attend meetings with the Greater Sydney Commission?
- 73. On whose instruction did a ministerial advisor accompany the representative from the Greater Sydney Commission to a meeting with David Shoebridge on 28 August 2017?

### **Coal station approvals**

- 74. The Government has a goal of zero emissions by 2050. Can you describe how this impacts on development assessment and approvals?
- 75. The NSW minerals council are suggesting that someone should build a new highly-polluting coal-fired power station in NSW (so called HELE). This would appear to be in direct conflict with the

Government's climate change policy framework of reaching zero emissions by 2050. Can you confirm that the planning department wouldn't recommend approval for such a proposal?

76. Has the Government ruled out recommending planning approval for any new polluting coal-fired power station?
77. How will the zero pollution commitment be achieved if new plants are approved?

### **Sydenham to Bankstown dwelling numbers**

78. Can the Minister explain why the Department of Planning's website and brochures distributed at 'information' sessions the Sydenham to Bankstown corridor "plans for **35,400 new homes**" but a 2016 report prepared for the Department states that the total capacity allowed by new zonings in the strategy would actually allow for more than **91,000 new dwellings**.

### **Greater Macarthur Priority Precinct Growth Plan**

79. Can the Planning Minister outline how he proposes to ensure that development in the Campbelltown area will not come at the cost of the last healthy koala population in the Sydney Basin?
80. Has the Government conducted any analysis as to the impacts on koalas likely to result from the development associated with the Greater Macarthur Priority Precinct Growth Plan?
  - (a) If so, what are the results of this analysis and how does the Government propose to minimise the impacts of development on koalas so that the population continues to thrive?
81. In light of the ongoing review of SEPP 44, will the Government commit to pausing any current development proposals until the review has been completed and a satisfactory Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management for the Campbelltown LGA completed and approved by the State Government?

### **Narrabri Gas Field**

82. Did the PAC breach their Code of Conduct when three PAC secretariat staff, and five commissioners, including the commission's Chair Lynelle Briggs, attended secret briefings from Santos related to their proposed Narrabri gas project on June 5 and 6?
83. Will you guarantee that none of the staff or commissioner who attended these secret briefings will be involved in the Review PAC for the project?
84. Will you commit to not holding a public PAC hearing on the Narrabri gas project so that community members can retain their third-party appeal rights?

### **Ecologically sustainable development**

85. What plans are there to change the current definition of ecologically sustainable development?
86. What consideration has been given to implementing climate impact statements as a core part of major project assessment?
87. What plans are there to use the planning act to ensure assessment of coal mining in NSW is consistent with the 2 degree undertaking from the Paris Climate Commitment?
88. What has been the change in average size house footprint over the last 50 years? What is the current trend predicted here?
89. What are the greenhouse emissions per head of Edmondson Park compared to Rozelle?

### **Climate change**

90. What modelling does the department undertake to understand the impact of proposed developments on climate change?
91. What percentage of the State's total emissions are estimated to come from the construction and operation of developments considered by the Department of Planning or any other planning approval body in this state?

### **Property Council**

92. How many times has the Minister or representatives from the Ministers' office met with representatives from the Property Council in the last year?
93. Is the Minister aware of a document produced by the Property Council titled "NSW Advocacy Priorities 2016?"

### **Planning and Assessment Commission**

94. How many determinations did the Planning and Assessment Commission make in 2016/17?
  - (a) Of these determinations, how many recommended approval?
  - (b) How many did not recommend approval?

### **Gateway determinations**

95. How many gateway determinations were made in 2016/17?
  - (a) Of these determinations, how many recommended approval?
  - (b) How many did not recommend approval?

### **Joint regional planning panels**

96. How many determinations have Joint Regional Planning Approvals made in the following financial years:
- (a) 2016/17?
    - i. Of these how many recommended approval?
    - ii. Of these how many did not recommend approval?
  - (b) 2015/16?
    - i. Of these how many recommended approval?
    - ii. Of these how many did not recommend approval?
  - (c) 2014/15?
    - i. Of these how many recommended approval?
    - ii. Of these how many did not recommend approval?
  - (d) 2013/14?
    - i. Of these how many recommended approval?
    - ii. Of these how many did not recommend approval?
  - (e) 2012/13?
    - i. Of these how many recommended approval?
    - ii. Of these how many did not recommend approval?

### **Coordinator General for the Central Coast**

97. What was the Department's budget for the position of "Coordinator General for the Central Coast" in the budget year 2016/17?
98. What is the Department's budget for this position for the budget year 2017/18?
99. Can the minister confirm that this position was filled in accordance with the Government Sector Employment Act 2013?
100. How and when was this position advertised?
101. How many applications did the Department receive for this position?

### **Wollongong coal**

102. How will the Department of Planning proceed with the Wollongong Coal expansion application while Wollongong Coal has hundreds of thousands of dollars outstanding in unpaid levies to the Division of Resource and Energy, and are under investigation over whether it is a “fit and proper person” to hold a mining licence?
103. How is it that the Dept of Planning is entertaining Wollongong Coal's expansion plans again when the company is still under investigation for its fitness to hold a coal license?
104. A coal washery and processing plant are proposed for Russell Vale colliery, just a couple of hundred metres from people's homes. Considering Wollongong Coal's track record on failing to meet the conditions of its approval, how do you think this one will end?

### **Freight Noise Attenuation Program**

105. Can the Minister advise of any past or planned spending to implement a dedicated zoning category to be included in LGA's Local Environment Plans for the purpose of identifying lands affected by rail freight noise and any associated applicable development constraints?
106. Can the Minister advise of any past or planned spending to formulate a new State Environmental Planning Policy to address minimum noise attenuation standards for new housing in the vicinity of rail freight corridors?

### **Springvale mine**

The Department of Planning and Environment has required Centennial Springvale to lodge a total of \$6 million in bonds to cover any long-term impacts to swamps under the swamp off-set policy of December 2016:

107. How did the Department itemise and detail the calculation of offset liability for each of the three bonds that Centennial Springvale has paid for long-term swamp impacts?
108. Is the Department's “negligible environmental consequences” trigger criteria for release of the \$6 million bond for swamp offset payment based on measurements which would indicate a lowering of shallow groundwater levels in a swamp from longwall mining?
109. Now that Springvale consent SSD5594 of September 2015 is invalid, what happens to this bond money?
110. Are biological factors, such as the presence or absence of threatened species, poor “negligible environmental consequences” triggers for swamp offsets as such animal populations may linger for years only to be extinguished in a drought or wildfire?

111. Once the near-surface rocks are fractured by longwall mining, the damage is permanent and there is no evidence of recovery of ground water levels in a swamp following an observed decline from longwall mining, so is it unnecessary to wait for a period of 12 months to release the bond for swamp offsets?
112. Will the Minister for Planning ensure that \$2 million is paid for each swamp Centennial Springvale damages by longwall mining?
113. Why has the Minister for Planning not ordered Centennial to stop undermining any more swamps given the extreme risk of permanent damage?

#### **Redbank**

114. Given that the Hawkesbury Mayor was named in ICAC and was on the planning committee, the developer has allegedly given buyers false information, why is the Redbank development continuing?

#### **Planning for climate change**

115. What steps is the Minister taking to implement greenhouse gas emissions targets in NSW planning laws?
116. What liaison does the Minister have with local councils regarding the implementation of effective coastal planning guidelines and sea level rise planning benchmarks?

#### **Aboriginal heritage**

117. How many staff at the Department of Planning and Environment have expertise in Aboriginal heritage issues?
118. How much has the Department of Planning and Environment allocated in 2016-17 specifically to conserve and celebrate Aboriginal heritage?

#### **Investigations and prosecutions**

119. How many staff does the Department of Planning and Environment employ to investigate alleged breaches to project approval conditions? How many of these related to Aboriginal heritage?
120. What is the Department of planning and Environment's budget for specifically enforcing the conditions?



### **Queanbeyan Crematorium**

121. Why was it necessary for \$2.25 million to be borrowed for the proposed new cemetery on the corner of Old Cooma and Burra Roads near Mount Campbell Estate?
122. Where were the other parcels of land considered for the site of the new Cemetery and Crematorium?
123. What was the asking price of the other parcels of land?
124. Was any crown/government owned land available for the site of the new Cemetery and Crematorium?
125. Are you aware that the piece of land on the corner of Old Cooma and Burra Road is above a bore water table which would have a high risk of contamination if the Cemetery and Crematorium were to go ahead?
126. Are you aware that the piece of land on the corner of Old Cooma and Burra Road is subject to flooding and is not suitable for a Cemetery and Crematorium?
127. Are you aware that you will be the first jurisdiction to change a schedule 1 to an E4 zone to allow Cemetery and Crematorium with permission?
128. Does a change of a schedule 1 to an E4 zone to allow Cemetery and Crematorium with permission go against the reason for identifying a piece of land as an Environmental zone?

### **Oatley Bowling Club**

129. Can you explain why the Member for Oatley believes the resumption of public parkland zoned RE1 is not overdevelopment?
130. Specifically what projects did Ms Laura Locke undertake during her secondment to the Department Planning from the former Hurstville City Council?
131. In what way does the resumption of this public parkland accord with the Greater Sydney Commission's Goal No. 4, being "a sustainable and resilient city that protects the natural environment and has a balanced approach to the use of land and resources?"

### **Earlwood Bardwell Park Turrella Priority Precincts**

132. Can the Minister advise as to the nature of the footprint proposal for the priority precinct zones announced for Earlwood, Turrella and Bardwell Park announced mid year on the Department webpage?

133. Can the Minister assure the residents of Earlwood, Turrella and Bardwell Park that the footprint proposal will not exceed that which was exhibited at the Rockdale Town Hall on 24 July 2017 attended by department of planning staff and over 500 concerned members of the public?

**Sydenham to Bankstown**

134. Why did the Department of Planning not release any technical reports for the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Strategy when it made the announcement on 14 October 2015?
135. When did the Department of Planning finally release all the technical reports and studies and furthermore which reports were they?
136. Why was there a delay in the release of these reports?
137. Were the authors of these reports all paid up members of the Committee for Sydney of which Lucy Turnbull was the Chairperson until her appointment as Chief Commissioner of Greater Sydney Commission in early December 2015?
138. Did the Committee for Sydney prepare submissions in support of the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Strategy and the Metro extension to Bankstown and if so what was the date and nature of these submissions?
139. Is the Minister aware of the former Canterbury Council Mayoral Minute dated 12 November 2015 whereby the following is stated:
- (a) Council request an urgent meeting with the NSW Minister for Planning to discuss council's concerns in relation to the draft Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor.
  - (b) The minister and the department be advised that:
    - Council opposes the Draft Strategy in its present form
    - Council request that immediate release of all supporting studies and reports in the departments possession relating to the strategy
    - Council again requests that the exhibition period be extended.
140. Can the Minister please advise as to why the council which firmly opposed the Strategy in November 2015 by February 2016 recommended the making of Belmore Campsie and Canterbury be made Priority Precinct Zones?
141. Was there any offer in kind made to the council by the Minister's office and or representative of the Minister and or the Department in any meeting which took place between the Council (as a result of the Mayoral Minute dated 12 November 2015) and February 2016.

142. What protocols and governance guidelines have been put in place for planning and senior staff that leave the Department of Planning who move into private consultancy who in turn have to liaise with the Department on various planning matters.?
143. Is the Minister aware of senior staff who have left the Department of Planning who are now acting as consultants for applicants and or land holders for the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Strategy?
144. Is the Minister aware that Elton Consulting (which is also a member of the Committee for Sydney) was engaged to undertake the public consultation process in 2015/2016 for the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Strategy on behalf of the Department of Planning?
145. Is the Minister aware that Elton Consulting also lodged a submission on behalf of property owners in Sydenham dated 28 January 2016 as part of the public consultation process and the submission was made under the name of DesignInc - The submission can be viewed on the department of planning online submissions register?
146. Is the Minister aware of any lobbying by Elton Consulting on behalf of property owners in Sydenham with the Department of Planning during this period?
147. How can the Minister assure the public that the engagement process undertaken by Elton Consulting was at arms length and totally transparent when the firm itself was acting for property owners in favour of the Strategy? Does this not invalidate any reports and recommendations that Elton have made to the Department as a result of its works?
148. How can the people of NSW have any confidence in the Department of Planning and the Greater Sydney Commission to deal with this strategy and all planning matters in a fair and transparent manner considering this extraordinary appointment of a company whose role was to garner public feedback? ( and in the same breath act as a consultant for property developers)

#### **Role of JBA Planners in Sydenham to Bankstown**

149. Will the Minister advise the Parliament as to the role of JBA planning in the making of the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Strategy?
150. Can the Minister advise if JBA signed a confidentiality agreement in relation to the making of any report for the Department of Planning for the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Strategy?
151. Can the Minister advise the date of the report prepared by JBA planning for the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Strategy?

152. Can the Minister advise the date by which JBA prepared a submission on behalf of the owners of the Canterbury Racecourse – Australian Turf Club for the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Strategy?
153. Will the Minister advise the date and nature of discussion which have taken place between the Australian Turf Club and the Minister's office and or any person of the Department of Planning in relation to the redevelopment of the racecourse and or surplus land to the Canterbury Racecourse?
154. Will the Minister advise us as to the source of the information on page 20 of the Canterbury Station Precinct – Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy released on 27 June 2017 as follows: "**The precinct is served well by open space**" Section 5.2.6
155. Is the Minister aware that the old local government area of Canterbury is graded at the bottom end of open space provision benchmark in the state – that it is deficient by 35 hectares which is the site of the current racecourse?  
  
A reference to creation of open space within Canterbury Racecourse is "as works in kind by developers" – page 34
156. Is the Minister aware that the suburb of Ashbury which abuts the Canterbury Racecourse is a listed conservation zone within the Canterbury Local Environmental Plan 2012 and hence any talk of highrise development on the Racecourse will severely impact on the heritage integrity of the suburb?
157. When did the Australian Turf Club discuss the plans for a masterplan for the racecourse site for development of up to 18 storey highrise towers on the site with the department of planning?
158. Is the Minister and or any member of the Department aware of any discussions having taken place with the Minister for Gaming in relation to the redevelopment of the site?
159. Can the Minister advise as to how the suburb of Lakemba was nominated as a priority precinct suburb on 27 June 2017?

#### **Masterplanning & Funding for Sydenham to Bankstown**

160. Can the Minister assure the parliament that no masterplanning or procurement works will take place until all submissions have been received and been properly considered as part of the engagement process?
161. Has the Department of Planning asked either Inner West Council, the Georges River Council and or Canterbury Bankstown Council to assist or undertake the masterplanning or like works

for the nominated priority precinct suburbs and or the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Strategy?

162. What funding (if any) (and the purposes for) has been provided to the Inner West Council, the Georges River Council and or Canterbury Bankstown Council by the Department as a result of the Strategy, the priority precinct suburbs and or zones in the past financial year and for the anticipated new financial year?

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163. Is the Minister aware of the ICAC raid which took place at the offices of the former Canterbury Council Chamber at Beamish Street Campsie on where media reports were that trucks took away files from the planning division?
164. In view of the impending ICAC investigation will the Minister suspend the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Strategy until the ICAC fully deliberates – commences proceedings makes recommendations for prosecution etcetera?

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166. Is the Minister aware that the former disgraced council did not notify adjoining property owners of such rezonings which took place across the entire 33 sq kms of the former local government area?
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168. What infrastructure provisions have been put in place for the massive upzonings as a result of the CLEP 2012?
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170. What allocation has been made in the State Budget for improvements to Canterbury and Bankstown Hospitals to cater for the 100's of thousands of extra persons to be brought in?

171. What allocation has been made for the schools, childcare centres, police, emergency services, libraries, roads, footpaths, sewerage, electricity grids for the projected increase in population as a result of the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Strategy and the announcement of the Priority Precinct Zones?

### **Submissions Received by Department of Planning for Sydenham to Bankstown**

172. Of the 1800 submissions received in 2016 as a result of the public consultation how many espoused the redevelopment of the Canterbury racecourse for highrise, how many espoused the creation of priority precinct suburbs for Lakemba Belmore Campsie and Canterbury, how many espoused the shifting of density from East of Canterbury Railway Station to the suburbs west of Canterbury Station and how many supported the upzoning of almost every street in the suburbs of Wiley Park, Lakemba, Belmore, Campsie and Canterbury to between 4 to 25 storeys in height and the removal of any single storey homes?
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174. Will the Minister supply these maps?

### **Heritage in Sydenham to Bankstown**

175. Why has the Minister ignored the Heritage Significance of the Suburbs of Lakemba, Belmore Campsie and Canterbury?
176. The Greater Sydney Commission for the South Region noted that Hurlstone Park is unique and should be protected – will the Minister and the Commissioner extend the same courtesy to the suburbs of Marrickville, Dulwich Hill Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore Lakemba Wiley Park and Punchbowl which all have significant streetscape , post war federation homes and unique character worthy of preservation and protection?
177. The Premier stated on May 8 (in the North Shore Times): *“Clearly my goal is, no matter where you live in Greater Sydney – whether its my community or another – you should still feel a sense that your community is not changing too much, that the local character is protected”*.
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- (b) How is it that the character of these areas will be protected for unit buildings that will be imposed on them for between 4-25 storeys in some suburbs and for unit upzoning in excess of 91,000 units?

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178. What input has Sydney Metro and the Department of Transport played with the Department of Planning and Environment in developing and implementing customised strategies for each of the metro precincts between Sydenham to Bankstown?
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180. Which stations have been earmarked for over station high rise development between Sydenham to Bankstown as part of the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Strategy?
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#### Housing and Population

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- (a) What does this translate to in terms of dwellings required over this period?
- (b) How many of these dwellings are projected to be constructed in your Department's planned priority precincts?
  - i. Can you provide a breakdown of the total dwellings projected for each priority precinct?
- (c) How did you arrive at the numbers of dwellings for each priority precinct?

- (d) What was the process of arriving at both:
  - i. The total projected dwellings in a given priority precinct
  - ii. The proposed zoning for land in and around priority precincts to be rezoned and which came first?

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- (a) 2015-16
- (b) 2016-17

### **Housing Acceleration Fund**

194. What projects are the Government looking into in relation to the Housing Acceleration Fund (HAF)?

195. Can the Minister confirm whether any further funds from the HAF will be spent on any project related to WestConnex?

### **Office of Housing Coordinator**

196. What is the operating statement of the Office of Housing Coordinator (OHC) within the Department?

- (a) What staff will be allocated to the OHC?

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