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### **Portfolio Committee No. 3 – Education**

#### **Tourism and Major Events, Assistant Minister for Skills**

Questions on Notice

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The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: It is interesting that you mention your diaries. I have had a look at them, Minister and I am interested in the ones that are public. Obviously the last quarter is not currently available but to June this year you have had 71 meetings placed in your diary. It appears that only nine of those meetings are skills related and only one of them mentions TAFE specifically. What do you have to say about that?

Mr ADAM MARSHALL: I meet regularly with the managing director of TAFE, with TAFE senior management. I have travelled a lot right throughout the State visiting TAFE campuses, as you will see from my diary.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Your diary does not tell us where you visit.

Mr ADAM MARSHALL: I have visited multiple campuses right around the State.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Would you be able to provide a copy of those to the Committee? You can take it on notice; you do not need to do it now.

Mr ADAM MARSHALL: I can do that; that is fine. I have visited extensively and my door is always open to meet with various stakeholders who are critical to either of my portfolio responsibilities.

#### **Answer:**

Since being appointed as the Assistant Minister for Skills on 30 January 2017, I have visited the following TAFE NSW campuses;

- Port Macquarie
- Queanbeyan
- Gosford
- Taree
- Quirindi
- Grenfell
- Young
- Annandale

- Hamilton
- Armidale
- Inverell
- Glen Innes
- Griffith
- Ultimo
- Lismore
- Tenterfield
- Tamworth
- Moree
- Boggabilla
- Gunnedah

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The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Minister, would you be able to tell me how many TAFE graduation ceremonies you have been to?

Mr ADAM MARSHALL: Since being appointed Minister?

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Yes, not the ones in your electorate.

Mr ADAM MARSHALL: Or in the region around my electorate? There is one that sticks in my mind at Ultimo—the bachelor degree and diploma degree. I would have to take that question on notice.

#### **Answer:**

I have attended one graduation ceremony outside of my electorate in 2017.

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The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM: A development application [DA] is awaiting consent for the Ultimo TAFE office building. Can you confirm what the DA is for?

Mr ADAM MARSHALL: My understanding is that it relates to the refurbishment of a building on that campus to house TAFE corporate head office functions.

The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM: It is a head office refurbishment. What is the cost of that refurbishment?

Mr BLACK: We are in the tender process for that function. That site was chosen through a full business case analysis. Less than one-tenth of the corporate office will go to Ultimo.

The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM: What is the cost of the refurbishment?

Mr BLACK: I am conscious that the tenderers are listening to this hearing.

Mr ADAM MARSHALL: He is testing the market.

Mr BLACK: Yes, I am testing the market at the moment and I do not want to provide that information to the Committee now. However, I am happy to take the question on notice and to provide it in the appropriate manner.

**Answer:**

TAFE NSW will publish information on the Government Contracts Register at the appropriate time.

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The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM: Some of these figures count incomplete enrolments relating to community service obligations. You know and the student knows they will never be converted to actual enrolments. Those numbers are in these figures, are they not? That is what this document says?

Mr BLACK: No, that is not correct.

The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM: It is what it says in black and white. Do you want me to read it to you?

Mr BLACK: I think we need to—

The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM: It states, "Enrolments include enrolments used for tracking community service obligation funding in one region. These enrolments inflate the total enrolment figure as they will not be converted to valid enrolments." It is pretty clear.

Mr BLACK: With all due respect, I am happy to take you through the internal document in detail. I am disappointed that such a document has leaked into the public arena, understanding it is on a number of websites now. I am conscious that that information is strategically commercially sensitive to our competitors, but the community service obligation [CSO] funding—

The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM: I will get you to take the detail on notice because of the time, Mr Black.

Mr BLACK: I am happy to. The CSO is important to us.

**Answer:**

The report referred to is an internal TAFE NSW operational document used to monitor training activity across TAFE NSW including services provided as part of CSO. All students in receipt of CSO services are a 'Valid' VET enrolment which is counted as part of TAFE NSW enrolment data. No incomplete enrolments are counted in officially reported figures.

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The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: As you would be aware, the motor racing legislation for Newcastle Supercars was passed in February this year. During that debate in the second reading speech you committed on behalf of the Government to have a

Newcastle-based New South Wales Government community liaison officer from March. That commitment was fulfilled, was it not?

Mr ADAM MARSHALL: Yes, we have a unit on the ground there: two staff in Newcastle who are supported by Destination NSW.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Does that include the project manager?

Mr ADAM MARSHALL: Yes, and they work with Newcastle City Council and the race promoter, Supercars Australia, to coordinate that community consultation, which is important.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: That commission liaison officer is a full-time position, is that correct?

Mr ADAM MARSHALL: Yes, that is correct.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Its pay scale is around \$112,000 to \$124,000 per annum?

Mr ADAM MARSHALL: I would have to defer to Ms Chipchase on that operational matter.

Ms CHIPCHASE: Pro-rated.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: How is it pro-rated if it is full time?

Ms CHIPCHASE: It is full time but it is not a—

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: For a full year, I understand what you are saying.

Ms CHIPCHASE: Yes, correct.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Can you tell me how many people applied for that job?

Ms CHIPCHASE: No, I cannot, but I can take it as a question on notice.

**Answer:**

Destination NSW received 32 applications for the role of Community Liaison Officer, in the Newcastle 500 Coordination Office.

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The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Are you able to provide to the Committee—and I am happy to do this on notice—how many complaints have been made regarding the Supercars and how many of those have been responded to, and in what time frame?

Ms CHIPCHASE: Sure.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: I know there is a 20-day time frame for written questions but I am also interested in emails; some of the issues that have been raised by me have been immediate and urgent. Would you be able to provide that for us?

Ms CHIPCHASE: Sure. We would be able to give you a list of how many emails and letters come in. Also, we respond to requests.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: I am happy for you to take it on notice.

Ms CHIPCHASE: There are also many emails where there is not a question; it is more a statement, where people are expressing their lack of support. They are not asking us to do anything.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: If you could just let us know which ones you choose not to respond to, that would also be helpful.

**Answer:**

Destination NSW has received a total of 133 items of correspondence relating to the Newcastle 500 event, made up of 120 emails and 13 letters. All correspondence received is opened and assessed, however there were 64 instances where Destination NSW was not the addressee and had been provided with a copy of the correspondence for information only.

Best efforts are made to respond to correspondence within the 20 day timeframe. To ensure the provision of appropriate and accurate content, some responses may exceed a 20 day turn-around.

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The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: I want to ask about the international locations of representatives for Destination NSW. Can I confirm that there are 13 locations where there are international representatives?

Ms CHIPCHASE: Yes, that is correct.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: How many of those are collocated with existing Australian Government activity and how many of those are separate?

Ms CHIPCHASE: The bulk of them are collocated and they are either collocated with New South Wales government offices or with Tourism Australia. I think there are only two that are not at this stage.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Would you be able to provide to the Committee the breakdown of where they are located? I am aware of where they are, but obviously I want to know whether they are already with our trade offices or whether they are separate. Could you also provide a breakdown of the budget for each office to the Committee?

Ms CHIPCHASE: Sure.

**Answer:**

<b>FY 2016-17</b>	<b>Co-location</b>	<b>Office costs (rent and office expenses) \$000</b>	<b>Travel costs \$000</b>	<b>Other costs \$000</b>	<b>Employee costs \$000</b>
New Zealand	With Tourism Australia	44	6	25	198
Hong Kong	With Tourism Australia	63	9	27	227
Shanghai	With Department of Industry	117	9	27	239
Chengdu		30	7	22	45
North America	With Tourism Australia	57	27	24	270
Korea <sup>1</sup>		-	-	-	-
UK and Europe	With Tourism Australia	40	8	27	191
Germany	With Tourism Australia	-	-	-	-
Japan	With Tourism Australia	78	6	26	248
Singapore	With Tourism Australia	58	7	26	271
India	With Department of Industry	105	9	24	141