

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2016-17

**MINISTER FOR WESTERN SYDNEY
MINISTER FOR WESTCONNEX
MINISTER FOR SPORT**

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS – WESTERN SYDNEY

QUESTION – Campbelltown Koalas

1. The Campbelltown area contains the only healthy, chlamydia free population of koalas listed in NSW as actually growing. Their long term survival is now under threat from proposed urbanisation projects in the Campbelltown and Greater Macarthur area. What actions is the Minister for Western Sydney taking to protect these koalas?

ANSWER:

Koala habitat will be protected through a range of measures. The government has acted on the recommendation of the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer that a whole-of-government NSW Koala Strategy be developed and has committed funding to:

- deliver a state-wide map of potential koala habitat and updated map of koala occurrence to support planning and decision making.
- \$800,000 for on-ground koala conservation activities in 2017-18 through the Saving our Species program, which is aimed at securing NSW's threatened species in the wild for the next 100 years. This is part of the \$100 million committed over the next five years to protect of all threatened species in NSW. This includes \$50,000 to help implement and support the actions in the draft Campbelltown koala plan of management such as restoring habitat connectivity, community engagement and identification of hotspots for dog attack.

QUESTION – 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?

ANSWER:

2 – 5. As outlined in the Digital Government Strategy, the NSW Government will continue to explore the use of cognitive and machine learning, and related Artificial Intelligence technologies, to simplify processes, eliminate duplication, and improve customer experience.

QUESTION – Western Sydney Tourism

6. In the 2014 Budget the Government committed \$500,000 to develop a Western Sydney tourism, events and conference strategy. Has the strategy been prepared and released?

ANSWER:

The Western Sydney Visitor Economy Strategy was released by the Minister for Tourism and Major Events on 31 August 2017. A copy of the strategy is available online at <https://www.destinationnsw.com.au/about-us/strategies-and-plans/western-sydney-visitor-economy-strategy>

QUESTION – Rugby League World Cup

7. Why did the Government fail to secure a single Rugby League World Cup game in Western Sydney?

ANSWER:

The Rugby League World Cup 2017 Organising Committee made the decision of where to play games. As you would be aware Parramatta Stadium is unavailable because the NSW Government is currently building a new world class stadium.

The NSW Government was able to secure all women's pool games and semi-finals.

QUESTION – Service NSW

8. What action has been taken to meet the Government's March 2014 commitment to move the headquarters of Service NSW from the Sydney CBD to Parramatta?

ANSWER:

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

QUESTION – Non-air-conditioned Trains

9. Why are non-airconditioned trains only being run on the Campbelltown via Granville line and the Olympic Park line, when Western Sydney is the hottest part of Sydney?

ANSWER:

This is a matter for the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

QUESTION – Western Sydney Tolls

10. Why do tolls on the Westconnex rise at twice the rate of inflation when tolls on the Second Harbour Tunnel will be capped at the CPI?

ANSWER:

Tolling concessions involve a number of inputs including escalation rate, the initial toll price, amount of government contribution and the term of the concession. The government has made no decision on the tolling regime for Western Harbour Tunnel.

QUESTION – Office Administration

11. 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?

12. 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?

13. 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?

14. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2016-17?

- (a) What is the cost of this?

15. 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?

16. 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?

17. 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?

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

19. 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?

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

(a) What is the monthly cost of this?

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

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

22. 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

23. 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?

ANSWER:

11. Ministers' staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website. Refer to: [http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers and ministers staff numbers](http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers).

12. There were 240 smart phones allocated across the Ministerial Offices in 2016-17. The total usage cost of these smart phones and other mobile devices (including iPads) was \$269,644, a 53.4% per cent reduction on the 2008-09 expenditure of \$578,691. The cost of replacing any lost or stolen devices is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund. Repairs are funded by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Corporate and Ministerial Services.

13. There were 139 iPads in use across the Ministers' IT network in 2016-17. The cost of replacing any lost or stolen devices is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund.

Repairs are funded by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Corporate and Ministerial Services.

14. Artwork in the Minister's office includes items given at no cost.

15 – 16. Floral arrangements purchased by the Ministry are managed within the office's budgets.

17. The Minister's office subscribes to a modest number of publications, the cost of which is managed within the office's budget.

18. Expenditure on stationery in 2016-17 across the Ministry was \$146,596. This includes the cost of printed stationery (business cards and letterheads).

19. Gifts are presented to dignitaries during overseas missions and to dignitaries visiting NSW.

20. No.

21. Ministers, the Leader of the Opposition, other nominated public office holders and certain former office holders are provided with official cars and drivers. During 2016-17 all costs associated with these vehicles were paid from the relevant office's budget.

22. Expenditure on taxis, hire cars and ride share services in 2016-17 across the Ministry was \$82,771, down from \$99,463 last year. This compares with 2009-10 expenditure of \$175,776.

23. Expenditure on charter flights for the Ministry totalled \$6,921 in 2016-17, down from \$28,706 last year. This compares with expenditure in 2009-10 of \$281,567.

QUESTION – Hospitality

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

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

ANSWER:

24. Expenditure on hospitality across the Ministry totalled \$32,021 in 2016-17- which includes catering for stakeholder meetings and courtesy calls with visiting dignitaries –

25. Costs are managed within each agency's recurrent budget.

QUESTION – Labour Hire Firms

26. 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

ANSWER:

Agencies use Labour Hire firms, in accordance with NSW Public Service policies to cover temporary vacancies as required. There are no central records maintained, with operations authorised to make such arrangements, subject to their overall labour expense cap.

QUESTION – Media and Public Relations

27. 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?

28. 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?

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

30. 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?

31. 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?

32. 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?

ANSWER:

27. Staff numbers are included in the Annual Report.

28. Staff numbers undertaking media or public relations activities are commensurate with need and can go down or up as required.

29. The NSW Government purchases all commercial media monitoring centrally through the Department of Premier and Cabinet which delivers significant savings through aggregated procurement.

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32. No.

QUESTION – Facebook

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

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

ANSWER:

33. No taxpayer money has been spent on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts.

34. Where appropriate social media is used by agencies alongside other forms of advertising as a cost effective medium of communication.

QUESTION – Overseas Trips

35. 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?

36. 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?

ANSWER:

35 – 36. Details of overseas travel including costs are published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website.

QUESTION – Department/Agency Travel

37. 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

38. 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?

ANSWER:

37. All Departments' travel in 2015-16 was accordance with NSW Treasury and Finance Circular OFS-2014-07.

38. No.

QUESTION – Consulting

39. 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?

40. 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

ANSWER:

39 – 40. Financial statements, including expenditure on consultants, are available in agency annual reports.

QUESTION – Department/Agency Staffing

41. 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?

42. What was the expenditure on senior executive service employees employed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio in 2016-17?

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43. What was the number of internal legal counsel employees employed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio in 2016-17?

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44. What was the expenditure on internal legal counsel employees employed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio in 2016-17?

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45. 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?

46. 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?

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

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

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

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

ANSWER:

41. Public Service Senior Executive (PSSE) numbers are reported in the Annual Reports of each agency.

42. Public Service Senior Executive (PSSE) remuneration is reported in the Annual Reports of each agency.

43 – 44. Staff numbers and their cost are managed within the agency's Labour Expense Cap, as part of the sector's Budget Controls.

45 – 48. Voluntary redundancies are a component for agencies to achieve their efficiency dividends. Redundancy figures across the sector for 2016/17 are anticipated to be in the order of 1,222, totalling 12,999 since July 2011. The Labour Expenses Cap introduced in the 2012-13 Budget also continues to give Secretaries as much flexibility as possible to achieve these savings in the most appropriate ways to meet the service requirements of their agencies. Nurses, police officers and teachers in schools have been quarantined from this measure.

49. Stationary expenses are accounted for in agencies recurrent budgets.

QUESTION – Smart Phone Accounts

50. 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?

51. 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?

ANSWER:

50 – 51. IT costs are managed within each agency's budget and are guided by NSW Government's ICT and procurement policies and frameworks.

QUESTION – Websites Visited

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

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

ANSWER:

52 – 53. The configuration of the Ministers' IT network infrastructure by our third party service providers does not allow the determination of such data.

QUESTION – Merchant fees

54. 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.

55. 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.

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

ANSWER:

54 – 56. All NSW Government agencies are required to impose surcharges to recoup their merchant interchange fees, pursuant to Treasury Circular TC12/13.

Agency staff only use their Pcards for the purchase of goods and services for official business purposes. If particular vendors elect to impose a merchant fee on card transactions, that is an unavoidable cost of doing business. It would not be possible to determine fees charges to Departmental cards, as these would either be embedded in the individual transaction cost, or if separately disclosed would require each monthly card statement for each user to be reviewed.

QUESTION – Probity Auditor

57. 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.

ANSWER:

In accordance with the NSW Procurement Board's Direction (PBD-2013-05), agencies have internal mechanisms in place to ensure that probity considerations are routinely taken into account in its procurement decisions, and the use of external probity advisers and auditors is the exception rather than the rule. The Department's Annual Report includes all consultancies including those involving probity advisors valued more than \$50,000.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS – WESTCONNEX

QUESTION – Toll free period on M4

58. How was the flat fee of \$15 million paid to Sydney Motorway Corporation for on month of toll free period on the M4 calculated?

(a) How many cars were forecast to use the road?

i. And what toll was used per vehicle to make this calculation?

59. Closing date for the Expressions of Interest for the Rozelle Interchange present here <https://www.westconnex.com.au/news-media/eoi-announced-rozelle-interchange> is set to 15 September. According to the Minister during the Budget Estimates hearing on 6 September 2017, the EOI was open with no deadline specified. When was the closing date added to this EOI?

60. Closing date for the Expressions of Interest for the Rozelle Interchange present here <https://www.westconnex.com.au/news-media/eoi-announced-rozelle-interchange> was 11 August 2017 and it is now set to 15 September 2017. Has the date been changed recently? If so, when was the timeline extended?

ANSWER:

58. This information is Commercial-in-confidence.

59 – 60. The procurement process for the Rozelle Interchange is in its early stages and we are continuing to engage with potential consortiums in the market and parties who have expressed interest.

QUESTION – Funding of projects

61. Does RMS pay any form of interest to the Treasury for money borrowed from the NSW Government's Infrastructure Fund during construction?

(a) If yes, what is that interest rate?

62. Does Sydney Motorways Corporation pay any form of interest to the Treasury for money borrowed from the NSW Government's Infrastructure Fund during construction?

63. Please provide the budgeted capital expenditure (capex), the financing charges and the total project cost of the WestConnex Project.

ANSWER:

61 – 62. The NSW Government does not borrow money from Treasury.

63. Total cost of project is \$16.8billion.

QUESTION – Use of artificial intelligence

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

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

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ANSWER:

64 – 67. Please refer to answer provided to 2 – 5.

QUESTION – Property Inspections

68. Have any employees of SMC, or consultants engaged by SMC, ever looked through the garbage bins of households?

69. Have any reports been produced concerning the inspections of garbage bins of households along the route of WestConnex?

70. What action has been taken to avoid any inspections of garbage bins of households along the route of WestConnex?

ANSWER:

68 – 70. I am advised that there have been no reports of Sydney Motorway Corporation or its contractors carrying out inspections of household garbage bins.

QUESTION – M4 and Parramatta Road Use

71. On average, how many cars use the M4 widening westbound each day since the M4 toll was introduced on 15 August 2017?

(a) Please breakdown by weekday and weekend.

72. On average, how many cars use the M4 widening westbound each day in the month before the M4 toll was introduced?

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75. On average, how many trucks use the M4 widening westbound each day since the M4 toll was introduced on 15 August 2017?

(a) Please breakdown by weekday and weekend.

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78. On average, how many trucks use the M4 widening eastbound each day in the month before the M4 toll was introduced?

(a) Please breakdown by weekday and weekend.

79. On average, how many cars use the Parramatta Road each day since the M4 toll was introduced on 15 August 2017?

(a) Please breakdown by weekday and weekend.

80. On average, how many cars use the Parramatta Road each day in the month before the M4 toll was introduced?

(a) Please breakdown by weekday and weekend.

ANSWER:

71 – 78. This is Commercial-in-confidence.

79 – 80. This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

QUESTION – M4 toll fairness

81. Is it fair for the people of Western Sydney to pay \$4.56 for the M4 toll?

ANSWER:

I am advised that the community has many years of experience with toll roads, and has shown an acceptance of tolls when they provide the immediate benefit of reduced travel times.

Tolls facilitate private investment in motorways, which enables new infrastructure to be built sooner, providing direct benefits to motorists through travel time savings.

QUESTION – M4 toll revenue

82. How much in tolling revenue from the M4 widening toll has been raised so far from the M4 toll?

83. How much tolling revenue from the M4 widening toll was received from 15 August 2017 to 31 August 2017?

84. What is the average tolling revenue received from the M4 widening toll each day?

85. How much will be raised from the sale of the M4 widening toll concession?

86. Will the revenue from the M4 widening toll concession be given in its entirety to the Sydney Motorway Corporation?

87. Are there any guaranteed traffic volumes, toll revenue or other variable for WestConnex toll concessions?

(a) If so, what are they?

ANSWER:

82 – 85. This is commercial-in-confidence.

86. Yes.

87. No.

QUESTION – WestConnex budgets

88. What was the difference between the \$10 billion budget for WestConnex outline in the 2012 State Infrastructure Strategy and the \$11.5 billion budget mooted in 2013?

89. What was the difference between the \$11.5 billion budget for WestConnex mooted in 2013 and the \$14.9 billion budget in 2014?

90. What was the difference between the \$14.9 billion budget for WestConnex in 2014 and the \$15.4 billion budget in 2015?

91. What was the difference between the \$15.4 billion budget for WestConnex in early 2015 and the \$16.8 billion budget in November 2015?

92. Will WestConnex cost \$17-\$17.8 billion (including the Sydney Gateway)?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

88. The original WestConnex Project had an estimated budget of \$10 billion to \$13 billion. When the original WestConnex Business Case was approved in 2013, it had an estimate of \$11 billion to \$11.5 billion (\$2012).

89. The original WestConnex Business Case was prepared in "Real" 2012 dollars and did not take into account inflationary impacts for future years. The original Business Case estimate of \$11.5 billion was converted to "Nominal" dollars – that is "Real" dollars after allowing for inflationary impacts – resulting in an estimate in "Nominal" dollars of \$14.9 billion. All WestConnex Business Cases and budgets are now shown in "Nominal" dollars.

90. The increase from \$14.9 billion to \$15.4 billion was due to approved scope changes, which enhanced the effectiveness and benefits of the project and increases in land acquisition costs.

91. The increase from \$15.4 billion to \$16.8 billion was due to scope changes which enhanced the effectiveness and benefits of the project.

92. The WestConnex budget remains \$16.8 billion with the WestConnex project making the already budgeted \$800m contribution towards the motorway component of the Sydney Gateway project.

QUESTION – WestConnex contributions

93. What is the total NSW Government equity contribution to the Sydney Motorway Corporation?

94. Has the NSW Government made any other contribution to the Sydney Motorway Corporation?

(a) If so, what is it?

95. What is the total Commonwealth Government contribution to the Sydney Motorway Corporation?

96. What is the total Commonwealth Government loan to the Sydney Motorway Corporation?

97. What is the total private sector debt supplied to the Sydney Motorway Corporation?

98. Will the toll concessions for all stages of WestConnex as well as the current NSW Government equity injections cover the full cost of WestConnex?

99. Will the NSW Government make any further equity contributions to the Sydney Motorway Corporation?

ANSWER:

93 – 94. This information is commercial-in-confidence.

95 - 96- This information is in the public domain and can be found at <http://sydneymotorway.com.au/westconnex-new-m5-finance>

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98 - 99- This information is commercial-in-confidence.

QUESTION – WestConnex toll concessions

100. Will the tolling concessions on WestConnex raise more than \$12 billion?

101. How much will the tolling concessions on WestConnex raise?

102. Will any of the revenue from the WestConnex tolling concessions go towards any project other than WestConnex, including the Western Harbour Tunnel, Northern Beaches Tunnel or F6?

ANSWER:

100 – 101. This is commercial-in-confidence; the NSW Government is in the middle of a sale process.

102. No.

QUESTION – Sydney Motorway Corporation Sale

103. Will the sale of 51% of the Sydney Motorway Corporation include the toll on the yet unbuilt stage 3 of WestConnex?

104. When will the Sydney Motorway Corporation be sold?

105. How much revenue will be generated from the sale of WestConnex?

106. Will the sale of 51% of the SMC result in any financial return to the NSW Government (in the form of dividends or other payments)?

107. Does the sale of 51% of the SMC include the sale of a tolling concession on the M5 South West Motorway?

ANSWER:

103 – 107. This is a matter for the Minister for Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations.

QUESTION – What is WestConnex

108. On Channel 10 News on the 20th of August 2017, the Minister for WestConnex said, "Well anything that is tolled is part of the WestConnex Motorway is part of WestConnex. If it's not tolled, therefore it's not part of the WestConnex." Are all costs associated with the Hill Road on ramp and off ramp included in the budget for WestConnex?

(a) If not, can you confirm that there will be no toll on the Hill Road on ramp and off ramp?

ANSWER:

I am advised that there is no toll on the Hill Road on ramp. The tolling distance commences at the entry to the WestConnex motorway carriageway.

Information on the Hill Road off ramp project is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

QUESTION – WestConnex Integration Works

109. Is the Hill Road off ramp of the M4 widening part of WestConnex?

110. Is the Hill Road on ramp of the M4 widening part of WestConnex?

111. Are any other on ramps or off ramps that connect to WestConnex, not considered part of WestConnex?

112. What is the total cost of WestConnex integration works?

113. When will all WestConnex integration works be completed?

ANSWER:

109 – 113. This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

QUESTION – Future Motorways

114. Will the Sydney Motorway Corporation be involved in the construction of the Western Harbour Tunnel?

115. Will the Sydney Motorway Corporation be involved in the construction of the Northern Beaches Tunnel?

116. Will the Sydney Motorway Corporation be involved in the construction of the F6

ANSWER:

114 – 116. This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

QUESTION – M4 widening

117. Was the M4 widening completed by its baseline completion date?

118. Was the M4 widening completed within its \$497 million budget?

119. Would you consider that the M4 widening was completed on time and on budget?

ANSWER:

117 – 119. I am advised that the New M4 Widening project was delivered on budget as agreed between Sydney Motorway Corporation and its joint venture contractor.

Forecast completion was mid-2017 with the project officially opening on 16 July 2017 after handover to the operation and maintenance contractor.

QUESTION – Sydney Gateway confusion

120. For how long have you been unaware that the Sydney Gateway is part of WestConnex?

121. Is the Sydney Gateway part of WestConnex?

122. Has Sydney Gateway always been part of WestConnex?

123. Has Sydney Gateway ever been part of WestConnex?

124. On page 18 of the WestConnex Updated Strategic Business Case it is stated “WestConnex consists of three stages split into six sub-projects” and one of these sub-

projects is the Sydney Gateway. On what date did WestConnex no longer consist of “three stages split into six sub-projects”?

ANSWER:

120 – 124. This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

QUESTION – Sydney Gateway project

125. What is the Estimated Total Cost of the Sydney Gateway?

126. How is the Sydney Gateway funded?

127. What will the toll be on the Sydney Gateway?

128. Will the toll on the Sydney Gateway be sold separately to the remainder of WestConnex tolls?

129. Will the toll on the Sydney Gateway be included in the \$8.60 WestConnex toll cap?

ANSWER:

125 – 129. This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

QUESTION – WestConnex allocation

130. On what page of the Updated Strategic Business case is it explained that the \$800 million for the Sydney Gateway is an allocation?

131. When did you first make it clear that the \$800 million for the Sydney Gateway is an allocation?

(a) Please say where this was made clear (media release, newspaper article, speech, etc)

132. Is there any document that lists the \$800 million for the Sydney Gateway as an allocation that is dated prior to 1 August 2017?

(a) If so, where can it be found?

133. Will the Sydney Motorway Corporation pay the builders of the Sydney Motorway Corporation \$800 million as an allocation or will this be an additional payment made by NSW Taxpayers?

134. On page 4-11 of the NSW Budget’s Infrastructure Statement the “Estimated Total Cost” of the Sydney Gateway is stated as \$800 million. Is this an error or a lie?

ANSWER:

130 – 134. The \$16.8 billion WestConnex motorway program will deliver better road access across Sydney and better connect important economic parts of Sydney. The WestConnex

budget includes an \$800 million contribution towards the Sydney Gateway. The full scope of Sydney Gateway is a separate project that does not come under the WestConnex program.

The WestConnex Updated Strategic Business Case is available on the WestConnex website.

QUESTION – Misled Parliamentary Committee - Sydney Gateway

135. On 7 News on 10 August 2017 the Premier said, “Obviously it [The Sydney Gateway] feeds into the project [WestConnex] but it’s not part of it. It never was.” Did Tim Reardon lie to the Budget Estimates hearing in 2016 when he responded ‘yes’ when asked, “Could I confirm that the cost of the Sydney gateway is included in the \$16.8 billion?”

136. On what date was the Sydney Gateway no longer considered part of WestConnex?

ANSWER:

135. No.

136. The \$16.8 billion WestConnex motorway program will deliver better road access across Sydney and better connect important economic parts of Sydney. The WestConnex budget includes an \$800 million contribution to the road component of Sydney Gateway. The full scope of Sydney Gateway is a separate project that does not come under the WestConnex program.

QUESTION – WestConnex Business Case and the Sydney Gateway

137. The Updated Strategic Business Case for WestConnex lists the Sydney Gateway as part of stage 2 and the 2017-18 Budget states that the Sydney Gateway, “...cost is included within the \$16.8 billion estimated total cost for the WestConnex project.” Was this an error?

(a) If so, are there any other mistakes in the WestConnex Business case?

ANSWER:

Refer to answer for question 136.

QUESTION – Sydney Gateway cost increase

138. In a 2016 Budget Estimates hearing, the CEO of RMS, Mr Kanofski, was asked whether the budget for the Sydney Gateway was \$800 million and he answered “correct.” When did RMS first estimate the cost of the Sydney Gateway at between \$1 billion and \$1.8 billion?

139. What is the current Estimated Total Cost of the Sydney Gateway?

140. Did RMS make Treasury aware that the Estimates Total Cost of the Sydney Gateway was between \$1 billion and \$1.8 billion?

(a) If so, when?

ANSWER:

138 – 140. This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

QUESTION – Sydney Gateway Toll

141. On 10 August you said, “The Sydney Gateway project does not have the same tolling regime as WestConnex.” Will the toll concession for the Sydney Gateway be granted prior to the 2019 NSW Election?

142. What will be the new toll on the Sydney Gateway?

143. Will the new toll be covered under the WestConnex \$8.60 toll cap?

144. Will the new toll concession on the Sydney Gateway be sold?

145. On what date was the Sydney Gateway Toll first announced and how was it announced?

ANSWER:

141 – 145. This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

QUESTION – WestConnex website

146. On what date was the Sydney Gateway removed from the ‘Projects’ section of the WestConnex website to the ‘Related Projects’ section of the WestConnex website?

147. Who made the request to change the website?

148. Is the Minister aware that the website was changed?

ANSWER:

146 – 148. I am advised that the Sydney Motorway Corporation routinely reviews and updates the content on the WestConnex website.

QUESTION – Victoria Road Tunnel

149. Is the Tunnel from the Rozelle Interchange under Victoria Road to near the Iron Cove Bridge part of WestConnex?

(a) If so, what stage?

150. What is the cost of the tunnel under Victoria Road?

(a) When will construction begin on this tunnel?

(b) When will the tunnel open?

ANSWER:

149. The proposed WestConnex M4-M5 Link project is the last stage of WestConnex, and includes an underground tunnel from the Rozelle Interchange to Victoria Road near Iron Cove Bridge, known as the 'Iron Cove Link'.

150. The construction of the Iron Cover Link as part of the proposed M4-M5 Link project is factored into the \$16.8 billion WestConnex project.

(a)-(b) This information is in the WestConnex M4-M5 Link Environmental Impact Statement, which is currently on exhibition for public consultation.

QUESTION – Rozelle Interchange

151. Will there be a separate toll on the Rozelle interchange?

152. Is the Rozelle Interchange part of WestConnex?

ANSWER:

151 – 152. I am advised that this information is available in the M4-M5 Link Environmental Impact Statement which is on the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's website.

QUESTION – M5 toll concession

153. The toll concession on the M5 is due to expire in December 2026. Are you considering an extension of this toll?

(a) If so, for how long?

(b) Given that the M5 will have paid for itself by 2026, what is the justification for extending the toll?

154. Has the extension of the M5 toll concession been assigned to the Sydney Motorway Corporation?

155. Are you selling an extension of the M5 toll concession?

(a) If so, is it being sold as part of the current sale of the Sydney Motorway Corporation?

(b) If so, are there guarantees being made as part of the sale about Cashback?

156. Will there be a toll imposed on the existing M5 East tunnel that is currently free to use?

(a) If so, when will it commence and how much will it be?

157. What is the current completion date of the New M5?

ANSWER:

153 – 157. I refer you to the response given at the hearing.

QUESTION – WestConnex spoil

158. Has any WestConnex spoil or construction waste been transported to Queensland for disposal?

ANSWER:

WestConnex contractors manage environmental issues in accordance with Planning Approval Conditions and Construction Environmental Management Plans approved by the Department of Planning and Environment. WestConnex contractors are also subject to Environmental Protection Licence conditions, which are enforced by the Environmental Protection Authority.

QUESTION – WestConnex Financing – Auditor General

159. Was it always the NSW Government's intention to sell a 51% stake in the Sydney Motorway Corporation or did the industry landscape change?

160. Was there ever a plan to sell each toll concession on WestConnex separately?

161. The NSW Auditor General wrote in the WestConnex: Assurance to the Government, "The balance of the funding for the project [WestConnex] will come from private sector debt and equity capital raised against tolls on completed stages of the project, with the recycling of Government capital invested in the individual stages of WestConnex once actual traffic volumes are established." Is this description of the financing of WestConnex accurate?

(a) Which Agency provided the information that this statement is based on?

ANSWER:

159 – 161. This is a matter for the Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations.

QUESTION – WestConnex Financing – previous statements

162. Are you aware that before a budget estimates hearing your predecessor, Duncan Gay said, "We indicated that the business case was to build stage 1, lease it and then use that money to build stage 2 and lease that and then use that money to build stage 3." Was the former Minister incorrect?

163. Will the 51% of the Sydney Motorway Corporation be sold before the completion of the M4 East?

164. Will the 51% of the Sydney Motorway Corporation be sold before the completion of the New M5?

ANSWER:

162 – 164. This is a matter for the Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations.

QUESTION – WestConnex Financing – maximising revenue

165. Are you aware that page 256 of the Updated Strategic Business Case states, "Maintaining full ownership during construction is expected to maximise the return to the State on eventual sale." Do you agree that you are no longer maintaining full ownership of WestConnex during construction?

(a) If so, why has the funding strategy changed?

ANSWER:

This is a matter for the Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations.

QUESTION – WestConnex Financing – Stage 2 ownership

166. Is the NSW Government maintaining full ownership of WestConnex Stage 2 through to completion?

ANSWER:

This is a matter for the Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations.

QUESTION – WestConnex Financing

167. On 16 August the AFR reported that the sale of 51% of the SMC would generate approximately \$5-\$6 billion. Is this correct?

168. The same article said that WestConnex will generate \$1.083 billion in annual earnings by 2030, does that sound about right?

169. How much of those \$1.083 billion in earnings will come from the M4 widening?

ANSWER:

167 – 169. This is commercial-in-confidence. The Government is in the middle of a sale process.

QUESTION – WestConnex compensation claims

170. Is the total amount of WestConnex compensation claims still \$1.05 billion or is it higher?

171. What are the compensation claims for?

172. Your cabinet in confidence Transport Cluster Financial Report states that you expect to settle the claims for between \$180 million and \$340 million. Is this still the case?

173. Have any of the claims been settled?

174. What is the value of claims that have been settled? How much were they settled for?

175. When do you expect to finish the settlement of all WestConnex compensation claims?

176. When did you receive the first of these claims?

177. Do the compensation claims have any effect on the overall WestConnex budget?

(a) If not, what budget within WestConnex meets these claims?

178. What is the value of the contingency budget for WestConnex?

ANSWER:

170 – 178. This is commercial-in-confidence. The Government is in the middle of a sale process.

QUESTION – Subsidence caused by tunnels

179. Can you advise how many properties in total will be impacted by subsidence caused by WestConnex tunnel?

(a) How many properties will be affected in:

i. Ashfield?

ii. Haberfield?

iii. Leichhardt?

iv. Lilyfield?

v. Rozelle?

vi. Annandale?

vii. Stanmore?

viii. Newtown?

ix. St Peters?

180. How many of these are homes and how many are commercial properties?

181. Have these home and property owners been told that their properties are expected to be impacted by subsidence? If so, how was this information communicated to property owners?

182. What is the typical sort of property damage associated with subsidence?

183. What is the plan to deal with any instances of property damage caused by subsidence?

184. How much is budgeted for rectification?

ANSWER:

179 – 184. I am advised that the majority of the M4-M5 Link's tunnels will be located at depths of greater than 35 metres in Hawkesbury sandstone, which provides ideal tunnelling conditions. Similar to other tunnelling projects in Sydney such as NorthConnex, Sydney Metro and the New M4 and New M5, work on the M4-M5 Link would be regularly monitored and assessed to ensure tunnels are strengthened appropriately for minimal impact at ground level.

The Environmental Impact Statement for the M4-M5 Link is on public exhibition until 16 October 2017. It discusses potential impacts on buildings and open space and recommends further assessment during detailed design and construction planning to be carried out once a contractor is appointed to the project.

All properties on the surface within 50 metres from the outer edge of the tunnels will be offered a property condition survey before and after construction. This will ensure a clear record of property conditions before construction starts.

QUESTION – WestConnex number of Property Acquisitions

185. How many properties have been acquired for WestConnex stage 1 (please include compulsory acquired or by negotiation)?

186. How many properties have been acquired for WestConnex stage 2 (please include compulsory acquired or by negotiation)?

187. How many properties have been acquired for WestConnex stage 3 (please include compulsory acquired or by negotiation)?

188. How many properties are yet to be acquired for WestConnex stage 1 (please include compulsory acquired or by negotiation)?

189. How many properties are yet to be acquired for WestConnex stage 2 (please include compulsory acquired or by negotiation)?

190. How many properties are yet to be acquired for WestConnex stage 3 (please include compulsory acquired or by negotiation)?

ANSWER:

185 – 190. This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

QUESTION – WestConnex value of Property Acquisitions

191. What is the amount that has been spent on property acquisitions (compulsory or negotiated) for WestConnex Stage 1?

192. What is the amount that has been spent on property acquisitions (compulsory or negotiated) for WestConnex Stage 2?

193. What is the amount that has been spent on property acquisitions (compulsory or negotiated) for WestConnex Stage 3?

194. What is the budget for property as yet to be acquired (compulsory or negotiated) for WestConnex Stage 1?

195. What is the budget for property as yet to be acquired (compulsory or negotiated) for WestConnex Stage 2?

196. What is the budget for property as yet to be acquired (compulsory or negotiated) for WestConnex Stage 3?

ANSWER:

191 – 196. This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

QUESTION – Road Accidents

197. What is the total number of traffic crashes on the M4 Church Street off-ramp between 15 August and 29 August?

198. What is the total number of traffic crashes on the M4 Church Street off-ramp between 1 August and 15 August?

199. What is the total number of traffic crashes on the M4 Church Street off-ramp between 18 July and 1 August?

200. Please list the date of each traffic crashes on the M4 Church Street off-ramp between 1 June 2017 and 5 September 2017?

201. Were any people injured in these crashes?

(a) If so, how many?

(b) If so, how many were hospitalised?

ANSWER:

197 – 201. This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

QUESTION – WestConnex smoke stacks

202. What are the total number of smoke stacks for WestConnex?

203. Please list the location of each smoke stack for WestConnex?

ANSWER:

202 – 203. Information regarding ventilation facilities is available on the WestConnex website.

QUESTION – WestConnex to Sydney Airport

204. Will motorists travelling from Penrith to Sydney Airport via WestConnex and the Sydney Gateway pay two tolls?

ANSWER:

Motorists travelling from on WestConnex will pay a toll capped at \$8.60 (\$2017). Currently motorists travelling on from Penrith on the M7 and M5 to Sydney Airport are pay two tolls equal to \$12.45 (\$2017). Questions regarding the Sydney Gateway are a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

QUESTION – WestConnex – Parliamentary Ethics advisors

205. Is the Minister aware of any of his former staff members currently working for a company involved in an unsolicited proposal for the Sydney Gateway?

(a) If so, how many?

206. Is the Minister aware of any former staff members of the former Minister for Roads, Duncan Gay, currently working for a company involved in an unsolicited proposal for the Sydney Gateway?

(a) Is so, how many?

207. Has the Minister sought advice from the Parliamentary ethics advisor in relation to dealing with these former staff members?

208. Is the Minister aware of any advice having been sought by him or others of the Parliamentary ethics advisor in relation to dealing with these former staff members?

ANSWER:

205 – 208. I adhere to the Ministerial Code of Conduct, including the policy on meeting disclosures.

QUESTION – SMC Sale

209. Is the Government is considering as part of the SMC sale offering any form of “no compete” clause for public transport investments, such as Sydney Metro West, increased ferry or bus services?

210. Is the Government considering as part of the SMC sales offering any sort of revenue guarantee, underwriting, minimum value, shadow toll or other undertaking that would lessen the risk for the buyer?

211. Will the Government retain any control over any of: the final design, construction, operation, safety, community impact, property acquisitions, transparency of information, integration of the WestConnex Stages 1, 2 or 3 once it has sold 51 per cent to the private sector?

212. Will the Government will be required to transfer any or all of the design, operation, construction and setting of tolls of the Western Harbour Tunnel, Warringah Freeway Interchange, Beaches Link or F6 connector to SMC to enable integration with the proposed Stage 3 interchange at Rozelle and the Stage 2 interchange at St Peters?

213. Will the Government put its final position to the market for the sale of a minimum 51 per cent of SMC prior to the finalisation of the M4-M5 Link EIS determination?

214. Will the Government retain any minimum level of ownership to protect the interests of the taxpayers and residents of NSW, until such time as the final design is locked in?

215. Will the Government continue with the WestConnex build if it does not raise sufficient equity from a 51 per cent or greater stake in SMC to cover the proportional value of the existing Government funding of WestConnex?

216. Will the Government sell more than 51 per cent of WestConnex stages 1, 2 and 3 in the current process will it fund Sydney Metro West? If not, when will it fund Sydney Metro West, as the Minister has publicly said it the main west line will be at total capacity by 2031 at the latest and it takes a minimum 8 years to plan and build a new metro?

217. Given that the vehicle mix in the Stage 3 EIS is significantly different from that in the WestConnex Business Case, particularly with around one tenth the number of commercial vehicles predicted, has the Business Case been updated to account for this change, given that large commercial vehicles pay three times the car toll?

218. Given that the Government has announced several times its desire to build the Sydney Metro West, and is backing the development of the Western Sydney Airport, what changes to the major demand assumptions in the Business Case have been made, and have these conveyed to the market?

219. What is the total value and value by project of all enabling works required from the budget to support the WestConnex, including the Sydney Gateway; the Alexander to Moore

Park Connector; the Iron Cove link; the Western Harbour Tunnel link; the Anzac Bridge and Western Distributor upgrades (as forecast in M4-M5 Link EIS) and all access and egress upgrades for the entire route that connect to or from any part of the WestConnex project?

220. What is the strategic estimated cost of the Rozelle Interchange based on the current EIS reference design, and how much has this increased from the original strategic estimate in 2016?

221. Can the Minister confirm that the Iron Cove link “will not cost a cent extra” as the former Minister for Roads claimed in July 2016?

ANSWER:

209 – 210. This is a matter for the Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations.

211 – 212. I refer you to the response given at the hearing.

213 – 215. This is a matter for the Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations.

216. Please refer to the Minister for Transport.

217. Infrastructure NSW independently reviews major projects (including all toll road projects) throughout their development and delivery. Infrastructure NSW monitors Tier 1 project performance through independent Gateway Reviews and Health Checks. Additional economic financial analysis was undertaken to reflect the changes in vehicle mix and this was reviewed as part of the Independent Gateway process.

The traffic projections used in the WestConnex Updated Strategic Business Case and Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) were modelled using land use projections developed by Transport Performance and Analytics (TPA) — formerly the Bureau of Transport and Analytics (BTA) and prior to that the Bureau of Transport Statistics (BTS).

218. This is a matter for the Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations.

219. This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

220. I refer you to the response given in the hearing.

221. Please refer to the answer for question 150.

QUESTION – Integration, enabling or other related works

222. Regarding network enhancements aligned with the WestConnex project:

(a) What is the sub/project name of each network enhancement aligned with the WestConnex project?

(b) What is the total cost of network enhancements aligned with the WestConnex project?

(c) What amount of this cost is within the approximately \$16.8 billion project cost of the WestConnex?

223. What is the total value of all works required to support, enable or integrate the WestConnex?

224. As forecast in M4-M5 Link EIS, what is the total value of all works required to support, enable or integrate the WestConnex?

225. What is the total value of all works required to support, enable or integrate the Sydney Gateway?

226. As forecast in M4-M5 Link EIS, what is the total value of all works required to support, enable or integrate the Sydney Gateway?

227. What is the value of each project required to support, enable or integrate the WestConnex?

228. What is the value of each project required to support, enable or integrate the Sydney Gateway?

ANSWER:

222 – 228. This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

QUESTION – Estimated Costs

229. What is the strategic estimated cost of the Rozelle Interchange based on the current EIS reference design?

230. What is the estimated total cost of the Sydney Gateway?

231. What is the estimated total cost of the Alexander to Moore Park Connector?

232. What is the estimated total cost of the Iron Cove link?

233. What is the estimated total cost of the Western Harbour Tunnel link?

234. What is the estimated total cost of the Anzac Bridge?

235. What is the estimated total cost of the Western Distributor upgrades?

236. The former Minister for Roads claimed in July 2016 that the Iron Cove link “will not cost a cent extra”:

(a) Do you stand by these comments?

(b) Will all costs related to the Iron Cove Link fall within the WestConnex project budget?

ANSWER

229. I refer you to my response given at the hearing.

230 - 231. This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

232 & 236. The construction of the Iron Cover Link as part of the proposed M4-M5 Link project is factored into the \$16.8 billion WestConnex project.

233–235. This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

QUESTION – Access and Egress Upgrades

237. What is the total value of all access and egress upgrades for the entire route that connect to or from any part of the WestConnex project?

238. What is the project name and value of each access and egress upgrade for the entire route that connect to or from any part of the WestConnex project?

ANSWER:

237 – 238. This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

QUESTION – Sydney Motorway Corporation (SMC)

239. As part of the SMC sale is the Government considering offering any form of “no compete” clause for public transport investments, such as Sydney Metro West, increased ferry or bus services?

240. As part of the SMC sale is the Government considering offering

- (a) Any sort of revenue guarantee that would lessen the risk for the buyer?
- (b) Any sort of revenue underwriting or minimum value that would lessen the risk for the buyer?
- (c) Any sort of shadow toll that would lessen the risk for the buyer?
- (d) Any sort of undertaking that would lessen the risk for the buyer?

241. Once 51 per cent of the SMC is sold:

- (a) What level of control will the NSW Government or relevant Ministers retain over the final design of the WestConnex?
- (b) What level of control will the NSW Government or relevant Ministers retain over the construction of the WestConnex?
- (c) What level of control will the NSW Government or relevant Ministers retain over the operation of the WestConnex?

- (d) What level of control will the NSW Government or relevant Ministers retain over safety on the WestConnex?
- (e) What level of control will the NSW Government or relevant Ministers retain over the community impact of the WestConnex?
- (f) How will SMC acquire new property?
- (g) Will property purchases or acquisitions undertaken by SMC be required to adhere to the changes introduced in the Land Acquisition Reform 2016?
- (h) What level of control will the NSW Government or relevant Ministers retain over integration of the WestConnex stages 1, 2 and 3?
- (i) Will the SMC CEO continue to appear before Parliamentary inquiries?
- (j) Will the SMC CEO continue to appear before NSW Budget Estimates hearings?
- (k) Will procurement by SMC adhere to the NSW Procurement laws?
- (l) Will procurement by SMC adhere to relevant NSW Procurement Board directions?
- (m) Will procurement by SMC adhere to the NSW Government Procurement Policy Framework?

242. Do you intend to sell more than 51 per cent of the shares in SMC?

243. Do you intend to retain 49 per cent of the shares in SMC until such time as the final design of WestConnex is locked in?

244. Do you intend to retain any minimum level of ownership of SMC until such time as the final design of WestConnex is locked in?

245. Has the SMC sales value risk in any way delayed the funding of the Sydney Metro West?

246. Has the WestConnex sales value risk in any way delayed the funding of the Sydney Metro West?

ANSWER:

239 – 241. (a)-(e) I refer you to the response given at the hearing.

241. (f)-(g) This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Services.

241. (i)-(j) Legislative Council procedures apply to Budget Estimates hearings.

241. (k)-(m) Sydney Motorway Corporation will adhere to all legal requirements.

242 – 244. This is a matter for the Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations.

245 – 246. No.

QUESTION – Business Case Updates

247. Have the total estimate of benefits from the WestConnex stages 1, 2 and 3 increased since the updated business case?

248. What is the most up-to-date total estimate of benefits from the WestConnex stages 1, 2 and 3?

249. What is the additional expected cost to the M4-M5 link generated by addressing the issues raised by the community through the preceding M4-M5 design review?

250. What was the original strategic estimated cost of the Rozelle interchange in 2016?

251. Regarding assumptions in the business case:

- (a) Have any changes to demand assumptions been made since 1 December 2015?
- (b) Have any changes to major demand assumptions been made since 1 December 2015?
- (c) Have any changes to benefit assumptions been made since 1 December 2015?
- (d) Have any changes to demand assumptions since 1 December 2015 been conveyed to the market?
- (e) Have any changes to benefit assumptions since 1 December 2015 been conveyed to the market?

252. Does the Western Sydney Airport change any demand assumptions in the business case?

253. Does the intention to build the Sydney Metro West change any demand assumptions in the business case?

254. Has the business case been updated to reflect differences in the stage 3 EIS?

ANSWER:

247-248 & 251 - 254. Infrastructure NSW regularly provides assurance reviews of original program changes and progress through independent Gateway Reviews and Health Checks. Gateway Reviews are part of an assurance process which provides confidence to Government in the information supporting their investment decisions, the strategic options under consideration, and the delivery agency's capability and capacity to manage and deliver the project. Additional economic financial analysis was undertaken to reflect the changes in vehicle mix in the EIS for the M4-M5 Link and this was reviewed as part of the Independent Gateway process.

The traffic projections used in the WestConnex Updated Strategic Business Case and Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) were modelled using land use projections developed by Transport Performance and Analytics (TPA) — formerly the Bureau of Transport and Analytics (BTA) and prior to that the Bureau of Transport Statistics (BTS).

Overall, WestConnex will significantly reduce congestion and traffic volumes on local roads. This modelling considers the level of toll users incur on all tolled roads across the Sydney metropolitan area.

Benefits of the WestConnex project are on the WestConnex website.

249. Addressing the issues raised by the community will be funded from the existing budget – which is within the total WestConnex Budget of \$16.8 billion.

250. Information on the WestConnex budget is available in the State Budget Papers.

QUESTION – Environmental Impact Statement

255. Given the EIS for the M4-M5 Link states that there will be future significant local road traffic impacts, for example at the Crescent and Johnstone Street, at Euston Road, to the Anzac Bridge and the Western Distributor, but that the RMS does not have any plans to mitigate those impacts:

(a) Will the Minister commit to withholding the EIS submission until those impacts are quantified?

(b) Will the Minister commit to withholding the EIS submission until the mitigations are planned to ensure that there is an integrated response to the delivery of the M4-M5 link?

(c) Will the Minister commit to withholding the EIS submission until budgets are allocated to ensure that there is an integrated response to the delivery of the M4-M5 link?

ANSWER:

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning and Housing.

QUESTION – Free Alternative to the WestConnex

256. Can you assure motorists that there will be free option for every link that the WestConnex serves?

257. Will you publish a map of free alternatives to every link that the WestConnex serves?

258. Will all classes of trucks be permitted to use every free option?

259. Which class of trucks will not be permitted to use the free option?

ANSWER:

256 – 259. Untolled alternative arterial roads remain available.

QUESTION – Office Administration

260. 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?

261. 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?

262. 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?

263. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2016-17?

(a) What is the cost of this?

264. 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?

265. 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?

266. 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?

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

268. 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?

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

(a) What is the monthly cost of this?

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

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

271. 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

272. 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?

ANSWER:

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS – SPORT

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- Customer management systems
- Scanning legal documents to find relevant case law
- Categorising and searching documents
- Directing petitions efficiently
- Translation
- Document drafting

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

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

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

ANSWER:

Please refer to answer provided to questions 2 – 5.

QUESTION – Davey Browne

311. Has the Office of Sport and Recreation received a copy of the transcript of the coronial inquiry in the death of Davey Browne?

312. What actions has the Minister taken in regards to the recommendations of the NSW Coroner following the coronial inquiry into the death of Davey Browne?

ANSWER:

311. No

312. The Government is carefully considering each of the recommendations and will respond as soon as those considerations are finalised.

Action taken to date includes:

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- Enhanced combat sport inspector training, including concussion awareness training will be provided by leading medical experts, has been developed by the Office of Sport.

- Dr Adrian Cohen, Headsafe, and Combat Sports Authority Medical Practitioner, Dr Luke Inman, will be delivering the mandatory enhanced training for all combat sport inspectors in November 2017.
- A new condition has been imposed on all contest permits that requires promoters to submit a Combatant Evacuation Plan.
- The Office of Sport is consulting with registered industry participants and promoters in relation to the introduction of automatic timing systems for combat sports contests.

QUESTION – Combat Sport

313. How many EFT staff are currently employed in the Combat Sport Authority?

314. How many of the positions of the Combat Sport Authority have been vacant at any time over the 12 months?

ANSWER:

313. The Combat Sports Authority does not employ any staff. The Office of Sport provides administrative and regulatory services to the Authority.

314. The Act requires the Authority to consist of a nominee of the Commissioner of Police approved by the Minister and no fewer than four and no more than six persons appointed by the Minister. Of members appointed by Minister, one is to be a medical practitioner and one who is/has been a Judge of a court in Australia or an Australian lawyer for at least seven years. These requirements have always been met.

QUESTION – Parramatta War Memorial Pool

315. What is the amount that has been allocated for the rebuilding of the Parramatta War Memorial Pool by the NSW Government?

316. What site has the NSW Government identified for a new swimming complex and are there any heritage restrictions or legislative barriers that would require amendment before construction commenced at that site?

ANSWER:

315. NSW Government has announced it will contribute up to \$30 million to support the relocation of the pool.

316. This is a matter for the Minister for the Environment.

QUESTION – Stadia

317. What is the projected cost of the upgrade of Allianz stadium?

318. Has a business case been completed for an indoor sports stadium in the CBD and when will that business case be released?

319. How many meetings have you held with either members of the SCGT or the SCGT staff regarding upgrades to either ANZ Stadium or the Sydney Cricket Ground outside your ministerial office?

320. Minister given your statement in budget estimates that the budget allocated for the Parramatta stadium is \$360 million and your answer to a question on notice on the 28th March that the projected cost of Parramatta Stadium was within \$300 million. Could you outline why the cost has blown out by \$60 million?

ANSWER:

317. A strategic business case has yet to be completed.

318. As publicly stated a feasibility study will be completed before a business case.

319. I adhere to the Ministerial Code of Conduct, including the policy on meeting disclosures.

320. The total approved budget for the project is \$360 million. The project is on time and within the approved project budget.

QUESTION – Regional Sporting Infrastructure

321. How many meetings in total have you held with Penrith City Council regarding sporting infrastructure?

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QUESTION – Active Kids Voucher Program

325. When will the Active Kids Voucher program begin?

326. How many school age children are there in NSW who will be eligible to apply for these grants?

327. Will the programme be available for primary and high school children?

328. Who will be allowed to register as a registered provider?

329. Will parents receive a voucher for each child?

330. Will sporting organisations and registered providers receive the full amount of \$100 for vouchers provided, even if their fees currently fall below this amount?

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332. What measures will be put in place to ensure sporting organisations and registered providers do not increase fees as a result of the Active Kids Voucher programme?

ANSWER:

325. Participant registration and redemptions available from 31 January 2018.

326. This is available from the NSW Centre for Education, Statistics and Evaluation website.

327. Yes

328. Affiliated sports clubs, non-affiliated sports clubs, fitness and recreational activity providers meeting the eligibility criteria and business rules.

329. Yes, if they apply and are eligible.

330. No.

331. The Office of Sport will undertake demand modelling during the rollout of the Active Kids Rebate.

332. Targeted and random audits will be conducted of providers to enforce compliance with business rules which prevent unreasonable increases in fees over the life of the program.

QUESTION – Office Administration

333. How many staff are in your ministerial office?

(a) What was the average salary for staff members in your office during 2016-17?

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(a) For each phone, how much was each bill in 2016-17?

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