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The Hon Paul Green MLC  
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Dear Paul Green MLC

Please find attached the corrected transcript, answers to supplementary questions and questions taken on notice from the recent budget estimates hearing.

Yours sincerely

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Question Number	Question	Response
1	<p>Minister the Standing Committee on State Development completed a report on regional development last year.</p> <p>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.”</p> <p>Minister can you update us on what you are doing in regards to regional planning?</p>	<p>The Government has now released Regional Plans for the 9 regions outside Greater Sydney. These regional plans have been developed in consultation with local government and stakeholders and provide a 20 year vision for each region, setting the direction for strategic land use planning, including planning for housing, jobs, infrastructure and a healthy environment. This is the first time that the entire state has been covered by strategic land use plans.</p> <p>Each Regional Plan recognises the different opportunities of the region and is accompanied by an Implementation Plan setting out timeframes and responsibilities for delivery of the actions laid out for each region.</p>

<p>2</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>Ministers' staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website. Refer to: <a href="http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premier_and_ministers_staff_numbers">http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premier_and_ministers_staff_numbers</a></p>
<p>3</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>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.</p>

<p>4</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2016-17?            (a) What is the cost of this?</p>	<p>Artwork in the Premier's office includes art donated at no cost and artwork on loan from the Art Gallery of NSW for which the Gallery charges a nominal subscription fee.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>Floral arrangements purchased by the Ministry are managed within the office's budgets.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>Floral arrangements purchased by the Ministry are managed within the office's budgets.</p>

8	<p>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?</p> <p>(a) What are these services/newspapers/magazines/journals/periodicals?</p> <p>i. Who is the subscriber for each of these?</p>	<p>The Premier's office subscribes to a modest number of publications, the cost of which is managed within the office's budget.</p>
9	<p>What was the total amount your office spent on stationery?</p>	<p>Expenditure on stationery in 2016-17 across the Ministry was \$146,596. This includes the cost of printed stationery (business cards and letterheads).</p>
10	<p>What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office in 2016-17?</p> <p>(a) What were the gifts purchased?</p> <p>i. Who were they gifted to?</p>	<p>Gifts are presented to dignitaries during overseas missions and to dignitaries visiting NSW.</p>
11	<p>Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?</p> <p>(a) What is the monthly cost of this?</p>	<p>No</p>
12	<p>What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?</p> <p>(a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?</p>	<p>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.</p>

13	<p>What was the total bill for your office in 2016-17 for:</p> <p>(a) Taxi hire  (b) Limousine hire  (c) Private hire care  (d) Hire car rental  (e) Ridesharing services</p>	<p>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.</p>
14	<p>Were any planes or helicopters chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money in 2016-17?</p> <p>(a) If yes, will you please detail each trip, the method of transport and the cost?</p>	<p>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.</p>
15	<p>How much did your ministerial office spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2016-17?</p>	<p>Expenditure on hospitality across the Ministry totalled \$32,021 in 2016-17- which includes catering for stakeholder meetings and courtesy calls with visiting dignitaries.</p>
16	<p>How much did your Department/agency spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2016-17?</p>	<p>Costs are managed within each agency's recurrent budget.</p>

17	<p>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:</p> <p>(a) The names of the firms utilised</p> <p>(b) The total amount paid to each firm engaged</p> <p>(c) The average tenure period for an employee provided by a labour hire company</p> <p>(d) The longest tenure for an employee provided by a labour hire company</p> <p>(e) The duties conducted by employees engaged through a labour hire company</p> <p>(f) The office locations of employees engaged through a labour hire company</p> <p>(g) The highest hourly or daily rate paid to an employee provided by a labour hire company</p>	Financial statements, including expenditure on consultants, are available in agency annual reports.
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?	DPE staff numbers undertaking media or public relations activities are commensurate with need and can go down or up as required.
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?	DPE staff numbers undertaking media or public relations activities are commensurate with need and can go down or up as required.

20	What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?	The NSW Government purchases all commercial media monitoring centrally through the Department of Premier and Cabinet which delivers significant savings through aggregated procurement.
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?	Not available
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?	Not available
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?	No.
24	How much did your ministerial office spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2016-17?	No taxpayer money has been spent on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts.
25	How much did your Department/agency spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2016-17?	Where appropriate social media is used by agencies alongside other forms of advertising as a cost effective medium of communication.

26	<p>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?</p>	<p>Details of overseas travel including costs are published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website.</p>
27	<p>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?</p>	<p>Details of overseas travel including costs are published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website.</p>
28	<p>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</p>	<p>The total expenditure for the Department of Planning and Environment was:  Taxi Hire = \$91,024  Private Car Hire = \$0  Car Rental = \$96,191  Ride Share = \$-  Total = \$187,214  This includes expenditure associated with the Planning, Resources, Energy and Utilities, and Arts portfolio.</p>

29	<p>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?</p> <p>(a) How much was spent on these drivers in 2016-17?</p>	No
30	<p>How much did the Department/agencies under your portfolio responsibility spend in legal costs in 2016-17?</p> <p>(a) For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?</p>	<p>\$2,149,498</p> <p>(a) Specific and operational matters including: planning, property, environment, environmental heritage and natural resources law, major commercial matters, dispute resolution, commercial and contractual matters, information technology, routine/standard property advice and transactions, statutory land acquisition processes, corridor/infrastructure and accreditation requirements, crown land, local government law, employment and industrial relations law, administrative, governance and statutory interpretation and advice, enforcement regulation and prosecution and general</p>

		litigation and dispute resolution.
31	<p>Have Department/agencies under your portfolio engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice in 2016-17:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Social media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. And the cost of these services</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) Photography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. And the cost of these services</li> </ul> </li> <li>(c) Acting training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. And the cost of these services</li> </ul> </li> <li>(d) Ergonomics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. And the cost of these services</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Financial statements, including expenditure on consultants, are available in agency annual reports.

<p>32</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>The number of senior executives are reported in agency annual reports in accordance with the Government Sector Employment Act 2103.</p>
<p>33</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>The expenditure on senior executive service employees is reported in agency annual reports in accordance with the Government Sector Employment Act 2103.</p>
<p>34</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>2016/2017 DPE approximately 40-50, with numbers varying during the year. The DPE legal team also provides legal services to support Resources, Utilities, Water, Energy and Arts. (a) 2011/2012 DPE approximately 30-35</p>
<p>35</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>2016/2017 DPE \$5,005,655 (includes providing legal support to Resources, Utilities, Water, Energy and Arts) (a) 2011/2012 DPE \$3,116,118</p>

<p>36</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>Financial statements, including redundancy expenditure, are available in the agency annual reports.</p>
<p>37</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>Consistent with the NSW Managing Excess Employee Policy, employees who accept a voluntary redundancy in the Environment and Heritage portfolio cannot be re-employed or re-engaged in any capacity in any NSW public sector agency within the period covered by their severance payment, without first repaying the relevant portion of their severance pay. This requirement applies to employment or engagement in any capacity as staff members, contractors, consultants or employees or principals of companies engaged in contracting to a public sector agency.</p>
<p>38</p>	<p>Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies</p>	<p>No</p>

	under your portfolio responsibility?	
39	<p>How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2016-17? (a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?</p>	<p>Matters or inquiries of employee misconduct or underperformance are managed in accordance with the relevant employing legislation, Awards, policies and procedures. The Government Sector Employment Act 2013 provides the mechanisms for management of such matters under Section 68 and Section 69. Matters in relation to Fitness for Duty are managed pursuant to Regulation 15 of the Government Sector Employment Regulation 2014.</p> <p>It is not appropriate to disclose or make comment on any individual matter/s that could potentially identify and party or staff member subject to or a witness in such matters. The outcomes of these types of inquiries are and must remain confidential.</p>
40	<p>What was the total amount your Departments/agencies spent on stationery?</p>	<p>Costs are managed within each agency's recurrent budget.</p>

<p>41</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>IT costs are managed within each agency's budget and are guided by NSW Government's ICT and procurement policies and frameworks.</p>
<p>42</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>IT costs are managed within each agency's budget and are guided by NSW Government's ICT and procurement policies and frameworks.</p>
<p>43</p>	<p>What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by your Ministerial office this year?</p>	<p>The configuration of the Ministers' IT network infrastructure by our third party service providers does not allow the determination of such data.</p>
<p>44</p>	<p>What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by your Ministerial office this year?</p>	<p>The configuration of the Ministers' IT network infrastructure by our third party service providers does not allow the determination of such data.</p>
<p>45</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Customers pay merchant fees across a range of invoiced and non-invoiced revenue categories such as Titles applications fees, rents, levies, licensing, registrations and</p>

		<p>subscriptions. All NSW Government agencies are required to impose surcharges to recoup their merchant interchange fees, pursuant to Treasury Circular TC12/13.</p>
46	<p>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.</p>	<p>Customers pay merchant fees across a range of invoiced and non-invoiced revenue categories such as Titles applications fees, rents, levies, licensing, registrations and subscriptions. All NSW Government agencies are required to impose surcharges to recoup their merchant interchange fees, pursuant to Treasury Circular TC12/13.</p>
47	<p>What was the total amount paid in merchant fees on credit and/or debit card payments in your Department/agency in 2016-17?</p>	<p>Customers pay merchant fees across a range of invoiced and non-invoiced revenue categories such as Titles applications fees, rents, levies, licensing, registrations and subscriptions. All NSW Government agencies are required to impose surcharges to recoup their merchant interchange fees, pursuant to Treasury Circular TC12/13.</p>

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.	In accordance with the NSW Procurement Board's Direction (PBD-2013-05), DPC has 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 advisers valued more than \$50,000.
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?	No meetings.
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?	28 February 2017 – Georges River Council (John Rayner and Gail Connolly) and 2 August 2017 – Campbelltown Council (Fiona Morrison).



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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?	The Department of Planning and Environment takes the lead in the statutory planning process for all Priority Precincts.
52	Has implementation of any Priority Precinct been ceded to a local Council? (a) Which Councils? (b) Why have these decision(s) been made?	No.

<p>53</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>Not at this time. Randwick has been considered as an Urban Activation Precinct in the past (2015). Although Randwick and in particular the Racecourse was recently reconsidered, no decision to re-investigate a Priority Precinct at Randwick has been made.</p>
<p>54</p>	<p>Is the Department investigating alternative uses for, or the potential redevelopment of, current Social Housing stock located within the Anzac Parade Priority Precinct?</p>	<p>No at this time</p>

<p>55</p>	<p>Why is the State Government not funding critical infrastructure to support the population increases projected under the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy?</p>	<p>The Department has prepared a draft SIC to complement the infrastructure planning already released as part of the recently exhibited draft strategy. The SIC, when exhibited, will outline funding for prioritised items of district infrastructure. The release of the SIC will occur before any Priority Precincts are rezoned within the corridor.</p>
<p>56</p>	<p>What transport improvements will be delivered to support the increase in local pedestrians, cyclists, buses and private cars?</p>	<p>The draft strategy proposes a range of new or upgraded pedestrian and cycle links in each of the eleven precincts. The draft strategy focuses on district level infrastructure and in particular identifies 16km of new walking and bike track, known as the GreenwaySW. The draft strategy also proposes a range of road upgrades within the corridor. A full schedule of district infrastructure is published in the exhibited strategy, available on the Department's website. While the draft strategy does list some local infrastructure, a more comprehensive local contributions plan will be developed by both Councils as part of the rezoning process.</p>

57	What is the Government's plan to deal with congestion in town centres along the Corridor, including Hurlstone Park, Campsie, Belmore and Canterbury?	The focus of the draft strategy is to provide for more homes and jobs within comfortable walking distance of the future metro rail service. The draft strategy also proposes a range of road upgrades within the corridor, which should be directed to Transport for NSW for further information.
58	What is the Government's plan for north-south commuting for residents of the Corridor?	This question should be directed to Transport for NSW.
59	What is the Government doing to ensure that plans for new metro stations improve the structure of town centres along the corridor?	This question should be directed to Transport for NSW.
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?	This question should be directed to Transport for NSW.

<p>61</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>The Department is currently considering submissions on this draft strategy, including submissions on open space and neighbourhood parks.</p>
<p>62</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>This question should be directed to the NSW Ministry of Health. The Ministry has been consulted as part of the development of the draft strategy.</p>
<p>63</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>This question should be directed to the relevant agencies for these services.</p>



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	services commence operation?	
64	What new community facilities, particularly multicultural facilities, will the Government build to accommodate new residents of the Corridor?	This question should be directed to the relevant council/s.
65	What facilities does the Government plan to build to accommodate the needs of an ageing population along the Corridor?	The Government does not build on privately owned land. Any Government-owned land will be planned by the relevant agencies.

<p>66</p>	<p>With regards to new school and TAFE facilities along the Corridor, to accommodate population growth:</p> <p>(a) How many new schools is the Government planning to build?</p> <p>(b) What sites has the Government identified for new schools along the Corridor?</p> <p>(c) How much funding has the Government allocated for new schools?</p> <p>(d) Does the government intend to build new TAFE facilities to service the population of the Corridor?</p> <p>(e) What sites has the Government identified for new TAFE facilities?</p> <p>(f) How much funding has the Government allocated for the construction of new TAFE facilities along the Corridor?</p>	<p>Some of the upgrades to existing schools and the need for new schools has been identified in the exhibited plans and is available on the Department's website. There is already a TAFE at Bankstown, with capacity to expand. Future funding for state infrastructure including education will be exhibited prior to rezoning.</p>
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<p>67</p>	<p>What, if any, code of conduct provisions will apply to panel members?</p> <p>(a) What process will be in place to sanction panel members who show themselves unable or unwilling to abide by these provisions?</p> <p>(b) Which, if any, body will monitor the performance of panel members and sanction those who behave contrary to these provisions?</p> <p>(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?</p>	<p>The panels will be subject to a strict code of conduct which will prevent them determining any matter in which they have a financial or non-financial interest. The code will be based closely on the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW.</p> <p>(a) The sanctions available to councils include the power to remove a panel member from office. The general manager of the council must provide a written statement of the reasons for removing the member from office and make this statement publicly available. The minister also has the power to remove a panel member from office if ICAC provides a report recommending consideration be given to removal of the member due to corrupt conduct.</p> <p>(b) Panels are accountable to their councils in the first instance. Councils will also be required to provide regular reports on panel activities to the Department of Planning and Environment, which will monitor the implementation of the</p>
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		<p>reform.</p> <p>The recent amendments specifically provide that a member of an IHAP is a public official for the purposes of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1993.</p> <p>This ensures ICAC has full jurisdiction to investigate any allegation of corrupt conduct on the part of an IHAP member.</p> <p>(c) The process for sanctioning panel members will be the same for all members of the panel.</p>
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68	<p>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:</p> <p>(a) District Plans (b) Priority Precincts (c) The Transport master plan</p>	<p>a.) Greater Sydney Commission b.) Department of Planning and Environment c.) Transport for NSW</p>
69	<p>Which Department or Agency is managing the integration of the above plans?</p>	<p>The Greater Sydney Commission is working on an update to A Plan for Growing Sydney simultaneously with Transport for NSW work on an update to the Long Term Transport Master Plan. The Greater Sydney Commission Board includes Secretaries of DPE, Transport for NSW and Infrastructure NSW to ensure alignment and integration.</p>
70	<p>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?</p>	<p>This is more appropriately referred to the Premier</p>

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?	The Department of Planning and Environment is preparing a regional planning response to flood risk as part of implementing the Hawkesbury-Nepean Strategy - Resilient Valley: Resilient Communities. This involves workshops with council, infrastructure, emergency management and planning agencies to identify relevant flood planning issues, including how Penrith City Centre could grow through improved evacuation capacity.
72	How often do representatives from the Minister’s office attend meetings with the Greater Sydney Commission?	It is common practice.
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?	No Person provided instruction.

74	The Government has a goal of zero emissions by 2050. Can you describe how this impacts on development assessment and approvals?	Under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the Department of Planning and Environment is required to thoroughly assess the potential social, economic and environmental impacts of any proposal in accordance with applicable NSW Government guidelines and policies, including policies relating to greenhouse gas emissions. All development applications are considered on their merits on a case by case basis, and it would not be appropriate to pre-empt the outcome of an assessment process for a hypothetical development application.
75	The NSW minerals council are suggesting that someone should build a new highly-polluting coalfired 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?	As above

76	Has the Government ruled out recommending planning approval for any new polluting coal-fired power station?	As Above
77	How will the zero pollution commitment be achieved if new plants are approved?	As Above
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.	35,400 new homes are forecast to be completed within the corridor over the next 20 years. The 'total capacity' number discussed in a supporting report is a theoretical number used in scenario testing for economic and development feasibility and for infrastructure analysis. As part of the normal planning process this number is reduced - first as part of a feasibility analysis and second as part of an assumed rate over time. The Department has published all reports that informed the planning process to date. The rezoning phase will regulate the supply of new homes.
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?	The Department will work with Campbelltown City Council to ensure the actions and recommendations from its Koala Plan of Management are incorporated into the forthcoming Draft Land Use and Infrastructure

		Implementation Plan. Additionally, new development areas will utilise cleared land and will incorporate habitat corridors where available.
80	<p>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?</p> <p>(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?</p>	<p>The Department has commissioned ecological assessments of the Greater Macarthur area that included an assessment of the potential habitat values for koalas. Those ecological assessments are publicly available on the Department's webpage. Individual rezoning proposals, such as Mt Gilead, have commissioned more detailed koala assessments, which are also available on the Department's webpage.</p>
81	<p>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?</p>	<p>The Department of Planning and Environment will continue to assess each rezoning proposal on its merits and in accordance with evidence.</p>

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?	The Planning Assessment Commission is an independent statutory body under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, and the Commission has publicly released documents about the visit, which can be found on its website at <a href="http://pac.nsw.gov.au/gipa">pac.nsw.gov.au/gipa</a> .
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?	As above
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?	As above
85	What plans are there to change the current definition of ecologically sustainable development?	The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 draws its definition of 'ecological sustainable development' from the Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991. The Department has no current plans to change this definition.

<p>86</p>	<p>What consideration has been given to implementing climate impact statements as a core part of major project assessment?</p>	<p>One of the objects of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act is to encourage ecologically sustainable development (ESD), requiring the effective integration of economic and environmental considerations in decision-making processes. A core component of the environmental impact assessment processes for SSD and SSI projects, administered by the Department, is the consideration of ESD. This includes consideration of potential impacts on greenhouse gas production and climate change. Assessments for SSD and SSI projects also need to consider climate change resilience and adaptation as relevant to the proposed development.</p>
<p>87</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>Greenhouse gas emissions are considered as part of the assessment of State Significant projects, in accordance with applicable legislation and NSW Government policies and guidelines. For coal mines, this includes estimation of Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 greenhouse emissions and their relative contribution of</p>

		total emissions at the State, National and International level.
88	What has been the change in average size house footprint over the last 50 years? What is the current trend predicted here?	<p>This data are published by the ABS at:  <a href="http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Previousproducts/8752.0Feature%20Article1Jun%202013">http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Previousproducts/8752.0Feature%20Article1Jun%202013</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Previousproducts/8731.0Feature%20Article1Feb%202010?opendocument&amp;tabname=Summary&amp;prodno=8731.0&amp;issue=Feb%202010&amp;num=&amp;view=">http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Previousproducts/8731.0Feature%20Article1Feb%202010?opendocument&amp;tabname=Summary&amp;prodno=8731.0&amp;issue=Feb%202010&amp;num=&amp;view=</a></p>
89	What are the greenhouse emissions per head of Edmondson Park compared to Rozelle?	The Department does not collect data on emissions per head.
90	What modelling does the department undertake to understand the impact of proposed developments on climate change?	The Department of Planning and Environment issues comprehensive assessment requirements for the preparation of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) for State Significant projects, including a requirement to estimate greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with the National Greenhouse Accounts Factors.

		Greenhouse gas emissions are then assessed in accordance with applicable NSW Government guidelines and policies, including policies relating to greenhouse gas emissions.
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?	The Department of Planning and Environment does not collect this data for state significant projects or projects determined by other planning authorities.
92	How many times has the Minister or representatives from the Ministers' office met with representatives from the Property Council in the last year?	The Ministers diaries are available publicly online. The Staff have separately met with the Property Council on two occasions since I have assumed this portfolio.
93	Is the Minister aware of a document produced by the Property Council titled "NSW Advocacy Priorities 2016?"	This document predates my tenure as Planning Minister, and I am not aware of it.
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?	In 2016/17 a total of 56 applications were determined by the Planning Assessment Commission. (a) 53 applications were approved by the Planning Assessment Commission.

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?	This information is available on the Department's website. In 2016/17 a total of 354 Gateway Determinations were issued. (a) 346 Gateway determinations recommended the Planning Proposal proceed to exhibition. (b) 8 Gateway determinations did not recommend the Planning Proposal proceed to exhibition.
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<p>96</p>	<p>How many determinations have Joint Regional Planning Approvals made in the following financial years:</p> <p>(a) 2016/17?</p> <p>i. Of these how many recommended approval?</p> <p>ii. Of these how many did not recommend approval?</p> <p>(b) 2015/16?</p> <p>i. Of these how many recommended approval?</p> <p>ii. Of these how many did not recommend approval?</p> <p>(c) 2014/15?</p> <p>i. Of these how many recommended approval?</p> <p>ii. Of these how many did not recommend approval?</p> <p>(d) 2013/14?</p> <p>i. Of these how many recommended approval?</p> <p>ii. Of these how many did not recommend approval?</p> <p>(e) 2012/13?</p> <p>i. Of these how many recommended approval?</p> <p>ii. Of these how many did not recommend approval?</p>	<p>This information is available on the Department's website.</p> <p>(a) In 2016/17 a total of 286 determinations were made the JRPP.</p> <p>i. 270 applications were approved</p> <p>ii. 16 applications were refused</p> <p>(b) In 2015/16 a total of 404 determinations were made by the JRPP.</p> <p>i. 371 applications were approved</p> <p>ii. 33 applications were refused</p> <p>(c) In 2014/15 a total of 306 determinations were made by the JRPP.</p> <p>i. 285 applications were approved</p> <p>ii. 21 applications were refused</p> <p>(d) In 2013/14 a total of 244 determinations were made by the JRPP</p> <p>i. 229 applications were approved</p> <p>ii. 15 applications were refused</p> <p>(e) In 2012/13 a total of 242 determinations were made by the JRPP</p> <p>i. 225 applications were approved</p> <p>ii. 17 applications were refused</p>
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97	What was the Department's budget for the position of "Coordinator General for the Central Coast" in the budget year 2016/17?	The Coordinator General has been provided with sufficient funding to ensure that it will be able to delivery on the Governments mandate, subject to the Department's overall funding limits.
98	What is the Department's budget for this position for the budget year 2017/18?	As above
99	Can the minister confirm that this position was filled in accordance with the Government Sector Employment Act 2013?	Yes
100	How and when was this position advertised?	The position has been filled on a temporary basis due to the nature of the role in accordance with the Government Sector Employment Act 2013.
101	How many applications did the Department receive for this position?	Not applicable

<p>102</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>Wollongong Coal owns and operates the Russell Vale mine, which is currently on care-and-maintenance. There is an application before the Department for the Russell Vale Underground Expansion Project. This project has been subject to a comprehensive assessment process, including two reviews by the independent Planning Assessment Commission (PAC). The project is currently on hold while Wollongong Coal considers the findings and recommendations of the second PAC review, which raised a number of concerns including the potential water impacts of the proposal. The Department has not yet received any formal documentation about a revised proposal. The Department is also aware that Wollongong Coal is under investigation about whether it is a “fit and proper person” to hold a mining lease.</p>
<p>103</p>	<p>How is it that the Dept of Planning is entertaining Wollongong Coal's expansion plans again when the company is still under</p>	<p>As above</p>

	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?	As above
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?	The Department has no current plans to implement a dedicated zoning category in LGA's Local Environmental Plans for the purpose of identifying lands affected by rail freight noise.
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?	The State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 requires the consent authority to consider vibration and noise mitigation measures relating to certain road and rail corridors. The Department currently has no plans to amend these existing provisions.

107	<p>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:</p> <p>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?</p>	<p>The Springvale mine development consent includes strict conditions requiring the protection of a number of significant swamps and the establishment of an independent monitoring panel to advise on the ongoing impacts of the mine. There are also a number of swamps within the approved mining layout that were predicted to be impacted. The consent conditions require that any impacts to these swamps must be remediated or offset.</p> <p>The Department is aware that mining-related impacts on swamps are occurring to some of those swamps where impacts were predicted. However, the nature and extent of these impacts is not yet clear and at this stage it is not possible to determine to what degree these swamps will recover.</p> <p>The development consent conditions expressly take that into account and only require that the offset liability is determined after 12 months of completion of all mining within 400 metres of the affected swamps. As the current mining activities at Springvale are still within</p>
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		<p>400 metres of the affected swamps, the offset liability has not been determined. Nevertheless, the Department has taken a precautionary approach and required that the mining company provide a total of \$6 million in bonds that could be used to offset swamp impacts.</p> <p>The Department continues to closely monitor the results of the extensive monitoring network at Springvale, and will seek ongoing advice from the independent expert panel to ensure compliance with the conditions of consent. Furthermore, based on monitoring results and advice from the independent monitoring panel, the mining company has agreed to remove two of its approved longwalls to avoid further impacts to swamps. Notwithstanding the recent Court of Appeal judgment, the Springvale development consent is still valid and the requirements to offset swamp impacts remain.</p>
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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?	As above
109	Now that Springvale consent SSD5594 of September 2015 is invalid, what happens to this bond money?	As above
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?	As above
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?	As above

112	Will the Minister for Planning ensure that \$2 million is paid for each swamp Centennial Springvale damages by longwall mining?	As above
113	Why has the Minister for Planning not ordered Centennial to stop undermining any more swamps given the extreme risk of permanent damage?	As above
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?	<p>I am advised that Mr Bassett, the person named in the ICAC report was not a member of Hawkesbury Council when the Council resolved to send the rezoning to the Department of Planning and Environment for finalisation.</p> <p>The Department undertook a detailed assessment of the proposal prior to the plan being published on the 11 April 2014.</p> <p>The current development approvals remain in place unless declared invalid by the Land and Environment Court.</p> <p>Allegations of false information being given to buyers should be directed to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.</p>

<p>115</p>	<p>What steps is the Minister taking to implement greenhouse gas emissions targets in NSW planning laws?</p>	<p>The Department is continuing to look at what steps can be taken in the planning system to minimise electricity costs to business and households and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. On 1 July 2017, the Government increased the BASIX energy targets, typically by 10 percent for houses and low-rise units, and 5 percent for mid- and high-rise units. The stringency for thermal comfort heating and cooling caps also changed.</p>
<p>116</p>	<p>What liaison does the Minister have with local councils regarding the implementation of effective coastal planning guidelines and sea level rise planning benchmarks?</p>	<p>That is a matter for the Minister for Environment</p>
<p>117</p>	<p>How many staff at the Department of Planning and Environment have expertise in Aboriginal heritage issues?</p>	<p>There are currently two staff members within the Department with Aboriginal cultural heritage expertise. The Office of Environment and Heritage and the Department of Education (Aboriginal Affairs) are the expert agencies within government for ACH matters, which the Department consults as required.</p>

118	How much has the Department of Planning and Environment allocated in 2016-17 specifically to conserve and celebrate Aboriginal heritage?	As above
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?	The Department of Planning and Environment has compliance team of 22 FTEs. All Investigation Officers may investigate Aboriginal heritage matters in relation to project approval conditions. In the past year around 7 out of the 346 investigations focused on Aboriginal heritage issues.
120	What is the Department of planning and Environment's budget for specifically enforcing the conditions?	\$3.385 million.
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?	This should be referred to Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council
122	Where were the other parcels of land considered for the site of the new Cemetery and Crematorium?	This should be referred to Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council
123	What was the asking price of the other parcels of land?	This should be referred to Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council
124	Was any crown/government owned land available for the site of the new Cemetery and Crematorium?	This should be referred to Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

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?	This should be referred to Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council
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?	This should be referred to Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council
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?	Cemeteries and crematoriums are permitted with consent in environmental zones in a number of local environmental plans in NSW. For example, the Armidale Dumaresq LEP 2012 and Cooma-Monaro LEP 2013 both permit cemeteries in the E4 Environmental Living Zone.
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?	The Department issued a Gateway determination to allow Council to exhibit its proposal to permit a cemetery and crematorium on a site zoned E4 Environmental Living. Council will undertake a range of studies to determine if the site is suitable for use as a cemetery and crematorium.

129	Can you explain why the Member for Oatley believes the resumption of public parkland zoned RE1 is not overdevelopment?	This questions should be directed to the Member for Oatley.
130	Specifically what projects did Ms Laura Locke undertake during her secondment to the Department Planning from the former Hurstville City Council?	There is no record of a secondment under the GSE Act, of Ms Laura Locke to the NSW Department of Planning’.
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?"	This is a matter for the Georges River Council to consider in consultation with its local community.
132	Can the Minister advise as to the nature of the footprint proposal for the priority precinct zones announced for Earlwood, Turella and Bardwell Park announced mid year on the Department webpage?	The maps released earlier this year describe those areas of both precincts that will be investigated for possible change in the planning framework to promote more homes or jobs. That means areas outside of those areas, including all open space, will not be proposed for any land use change.

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?	The area to be investigated for possible change in the planning framework will not increase.
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?	All documents released with the 2015 draft strategy are available on the Department's website.
135	When did the Department of Planning finally release all the technical reports and studies and furthermore which reports were they?	All documents released with the 2015 draft strategy are available on the Department's website.
136	Why was there a delay in the release of these reports?	All documents released with the 2015 draft strategy are available on the Department's website.
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?	That is a question for the Committee for Sydney.

<p>138</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>There is no record of the Department receiving submissions from the Committee for Sydney during the original drafting in 2015-16, or during the recent revised draft exhibition process.</p>
<p>139</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>It is understood that the matters raised by Council in 2015 have all been addressed. The Department continues to work closely with Council staff.</p>

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?	That is a question for Council.
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.	No.
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.?	As with all public servants, the confidentiality obligations on Department of Planning staff continue to apply after they have finished employment the Department. This would ordinarily prevent people dealing with matters they were involved with while working with the Department, and they would otherwise be able to deal with the Department on the same basis as any other member of the public or consultant.

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?	No.
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?	No.
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?	No.
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?	No.

<p>147</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>Elton Consulting was commissioned by the Department to facilitate community workshops. Elton Consulting did not provide technical planning advice to the Department.</p>
<p>148</p>	<p>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)</p>	<p>Elton Consulting was commissioned by the Department to facilitate community workshops. Elton Consulting did not provide technical planning advice to the Department.</p>
<p>149</p>	<p>Will the Minister advise the Parliament as to the role of JBA planning in the making of the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Strategy?</p>	<p>JBA was commissioned by DPE as a lead planning and urban design consultant.</p>

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?	Yes. Confidentiality agreements are part of all contracts awarded by the Department.
151	Can the Minister advise the date of the report prepared by JBA planning for the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Strategy?	Mapping and analysis undertaken by JBA was incorporated in the draft Corridor Strategy and individual Precinct reports released in October 2015.
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?	The submission for the draft Corridor Strategy was dated 22 January 2016. An additional submission on the revised Corridor Strategy was provided 1 September 2017.
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?	Departmental staff met with the Australia Turf Club (ATC) on 16 August 2016, 13 April 2017 and 26 July 2017. At the latest meeting, the ATC confirmed its willingness to undertake a long-term master plan for its site. DPE advised that formal governance arrangements for the Canterbury Priority Precinct will be established with Canterbury-Bankstown Council. A future project working group may invite the ATC to submit working concepts to contribute to the formal planning process.

<p>154</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>This is based on the Department's analysis of existing Open Space within the Canterbury Station Precinct, including Tasker Park, Canterbury Park, Blick Oval, Campbell Athletic Field and extensive open space along the Cooks River foreshore. This statement was also referenced in the original draft Strategy in 2015.</p>
<p>155</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Yes. It is apparent that Council has not delivered enough open space to meet the community's needs, and has proposed to dispose of some open space. A 20 year strategy to better plan for the community's needs is therefore important.</p>
<p>156</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>Any future planning for the development of the racecourse will take the local character of Ashbury into consideration.</p>

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?	Departmental staff met with the Australia Turf club on 16 August 2016, 13 April 2017 and 26 July 2017. Detailed matters such as building heights were not discussed.
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?	No.
159	Can the Minister advise as to how the suburb of Lakemba was nominated as a priority precinct suburb on 27 June 2017?	Lakemba was identified as a possible Priority Precinct because of its close relationship with Belmore centre and the combined significant forecast growth co-joining Campsie / Belmore and Lakemba. This position was endorsed in a letter received from the Council dated 31 March 2017.
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?	Procurement for the next phase of planning is underway. Feedback from submissions will be provided to all consultants as part of the next phase of planning.

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?	Yes, a partnership approach to master planning work is preferred for all Priority Precincts.
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?	None. It is the responsibility of each Council to plan for growth in their area and to respond to the metropolitan strategy and targets for homes and jobs set by the District Plans. The procurement by the Department of studies and key consultants to aid the planning process assists Councils. The Department is however in discussions with the Council about the allocation of funding towards local infrastructure through the Precinct Support Scheme.
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?	Yes

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?	The Minister is not aware of the subject matter of the ICAC investigation or any link between the raid referred to and the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Strategy.
165	Is the Minister aware that the previous Canterbury Council upzoned for 44,000 dwellings in the making of the Canterbury Local Environmental Plan 2012 which was gazetted on 1.12.2013?	I am advised that the Canterbury LEP 2012 was notified 21 December 2012, repealing the Canterbury Planning Scheme Ordinance 1970.
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?	I am advised that the Canterbury LEP 2012 was notified 21 December 2012, repealing the Canterbury Planning Scheme Ordinance 1970.
167	In view of this massive upzoning how does the Minister justify any further density increases in the former local government area – particularly for the suburbs of Punchbowl, Wiley Park, Lakemba, Belmore, Campsie, and Canterbury in the form of declarations as Priority Precinct suburbs for Lakemba, Belmore, Campsie and Canterbury?	The growth forecast outlined in the Sydenham to Bankstown urban renewal corridor strategy includes forecast growth from all current plans including the current Local Environmental Plans approved by Councils.

168	What infrastructure provisions have been put in place for the massive upzonings as a result of the CLEP 2012?	This is a question for Council to explain the determination and implementation of their s.94 local contributions plan.
169	Does the Minister believe it is just and equitable that suburbs such as Mosman, Hunters Hill Point Piper attract between 300 to 400 dwelling construction targets and these areas which are low socio economic attract over 36,000 dwellings and counting?	The Department is investigating the opportunity for more homes and jobs around all 31 stations of the future metro rail service.
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?	This question should be directed to the NSW Ministry of Health.
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?	This question should be directed to relevant agencies.

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?	A summary of submissions received and the matters raised in submissions can be found in the Consultation Reports dated April 2016. Details of issues raised during community workshops can be found in the Consultation Report dated September 2016. Further details of submissions received are summarised in the Revised Corridor Strategy including Precinct Chapters. All these reports and submissions received are available on the Department's website.
173	Can the Minister advise as to how many times the land use and precinct maps have changed between the time of announcement of the Strategy on 14 October 2015 and the released strategy announced on 25 June 2017?	Maps were released with the draft strategy in 2015. Updated maps were released in April 2016 rectifying errors. Maps were also provided at workshops held in May 2016 to aid discussion with community. Maps were subsequently updated in the Revised Corridor Strategy and Precinct Chapters.
174	Will the Minister supply these maps?	All these maps are available on the Department's website.

<p>175</p>	<p>Why has the Minister ignored the Heritage Significance of the Suburbs of Lakemba, Belmore Campsie and Canterbury?</p>	<p>A number of heritage studies have been undertaken in response to community feedback to the exhibition of original draft Strategy. These heritage studies included selected areas within Canterbury and Belmore precincts in consultation with Council. Council should play a primary role in the investigation and listing of local heritage items.</p>
<p>176</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>Through the process, the Department has engaged directly with the community to better understand what is unique about each place. Specialist design consultants have helped capture the most important aspects of local character in each place.</p>

<p>177</p>	<p>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”.</p> <p>(a) Minister would you say that the Strategy which seeks to upzone almost every street in Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, Lakemba, Wiley park and Punchbowl and to upzone to 6000 units in Marrickville and to 2000 units in Dulwich Hill is in line with the Premiers statement above?</p> <p>(b) How is it that the character of these areas will be protected for unit buildings that will imposed on them for between 4-25 storeys in some suburbs and for unit upzoning in excess of 91,000 units?</p>	<p>Through the process, the Department has engaged directly with the community to better understand what is unique about each place. Specialist design consultants have helped capture the most important aspects of local character in each place. The strategy takes into consideration the feedback from the community and local character statements will be defined as part of the future rezoning process in the four Priority Precincts. The 20 year strategy means that change will be incremental.</p>
<p>178</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>The Department has met with the Sydney Metro team and Transport for NSW to discuss how the proposed stations can be best integrated with the adjoining areas and additional transport infrastructure that would be</p>

		required to support growth in the corridor.
179	What population figures have been provided by Sydney Metro to the Department of Planning for its requirement for patronage for Sydenham to Bankstown Metro and have these population/patronage figures been relied upon in the zoning analysis for the Strategy?	No population figures have been provided by Sydney Metro to the Department.
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?	The Revised Strategy identifies that over station development would be suitable at Bankstown and Lakemba.
181	Have there been any discussions held between the Department of Planning and Department of Transport and or any other third party in relation to the development potential and or yield of these sites and if so which sites were discussed and what was the nature of these discussions?	The potential for over station development at Bankstown and Lakemba has been discussed. More detailed planning would be required to determine development yields.

<p>182</p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Chatbots for customer service or advice</li> <li>* Customer management systems</li> <li>* Scanning legal documents to find relevant case law</li> <li>* Categorising and searching documents</li> <li>* Directing petitions efficiently</li> <li>* Translation</li> <li>* Document drafting</li> </ul>	<p>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</p>
<p>183</p>	<p>When did the department implement AI technologies and which technologies were these?</p>	<p>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</p>

184	What planned uses does the department have for artificial intelligence?	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
185	What is the anticipated timeline for the expansion of existing AI uses or implementation of new technologies?	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
186	What policy guidelines, if any, guide the exploration and use of artificial intelligence by the department?	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
187	What research, if any, has the department undertaken regarding the use of AI in Government services?	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
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<p>192</p>	<p>What are your Department's projections of population growth in Sydney for the next 20 years?</p> <p>(a) What does this translate to in terms of dwellings required over this period?</p> <p>(b) How many of these dwellings are projected to be constructed in your Department's planned priority precincts?</p> <p>i. Can you provide a breakdown of the total dwellings projected for each priority precinct?</p> <p>(c) How did you arrive at the numbers of dwellings for each priority precinct?</p> <p>(d) What was the process of arriving at both:</p> <p>i. The total projected dwellings in a given priority precinct</p> <p>ii. The proposed zoning for land in and around priority precincts to be rezoned and which came first?</p>	<p>The Department's projections of population growth are publically available on the Department's website. Sydney is projected to grow by between 1.67 million people (low series) and 2.67 million people (high series). This will require an additional 725,000 dwellings to accommodate the growth, and an additional 100,000 dwellings to address historic shortfall. A range of information is used to determine forecasts for homes and jobs in a precinct including demographic and economic information as well as inputs from specialist studies. All housing and employment forecasts are published on the Department's website when precinct plans are exhibited for public comment, or rezoned.</p>
<p>193</p>	<p>What is the number of dwellings in Sydney owned by investors sitting empty in each of</p> <p>(a) 2015-16</p> <p>(b) 2016-17</p>	<p>In 2015-16, Sydney had a rental property vacancy rate of 1.9%. For 2016-17, the data that is available shows a vacancy rate of 1.9% (to March 2017).</p>
<p>194</p>	<p>What projects are the Government looking into in relation to the Housing Acceleration Fund (HAF)?</p>	<p>The Department is currently assessing a short list for projects that could be funded by the \$600m allocation made by</p>



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		Government as part of its Housing Affordability package.
195	Can the Minister confirm whether any further funds from the HAF will be spent on any project related to WestConnex?	No funds from the HAF are anticipated to be spent on any project related to the WestConnex. A project adjacent to the West Connex (Hill Rd off ramp) is being funded by HAF 4. It will provide access for over 18,000 new dwellings in Carter Street, Sydney Olympic Park and Wentworth Point.

<p>196</p>	<p>What is the operating statement of the Office of Housing Coordinator (OHC) within the Department? (a) What staff will be allocated to the OHC?</p>	<p>There is no document titled 'Operating Statement'.</p> <p>a) The NSW Government announced a \$4.3 billion housing affordability package on 1 June 2017 to make it easier for people to own their own home, particularly those buying their first property. The package will increase the supply of housing, speed up approvals and provide stamp duty relief to first home buyers.</p> <p>The Office of Housing Coordination (OHC) has been established within the Department of Planning and Environment. The OHC will ensure timely delivery of the key measures in the housing affordability package. These measures include accelerating rezonings, infrastructure delivery, Local Environment Plan updates and reforms to infrastructure contributions.</p> <p>The OHC comprises a team of specialists who will address any bottlenecks to rolling out key infrastructure, delays to rezoning and development assessments to unlock housing development, and ensuring greater housing</p>
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		<p>supply.</p> <p>PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT A1 AND A2</p>
<p>197</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>Ministers' staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website. Refer to: <a href="http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premier_and_ministers_staff_numbers">http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premier_and_ministers_staff_numbers</a></p>

<p>198</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>199</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>200</p>	<p>Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2016-17?            (a) What is the cost of this?</p>	<p>Artwork in the Premier's office includes art donated at no cost and artwork on loan from the Art Gallery of NSW for which the Gallery charges a nominal subscription fee.</p>

201	<p>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?</p>	<p>Floral arrangements purchased by the Ministry are managed within the office's budgets.</p>
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203	<p>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?</p>	<p>The Premier's office subscribes to a modest number of publications, the cost of which is managed within the office's budget.</p>
204	<p>What was the total amount your office spent on stationery?</p>	<p>Expenditure on stationery in 2016-17 across the Ministry was \$146,596. This includes the cost of printed stationery (business cards and letterheads).</p>
205	<p>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?</p>	<p>Gifts are presented to dignitaries during overseas missions and to dignitaries visiting NSW.</p>

206	Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office? (a) What is the monthly cost of this?	No.
207	What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle? (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?	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.
208	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	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.
209	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?	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.
210	How much did your ministerial office spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2016-17?	Expenditure on hospitality across the Ministry totalled \$32,021 in 2016-17- which includes catering for stakeholder meetings and courtesy calls with visiting dignitaries –

211	How much did your Department/agency spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2016-17?	Costs are managed within each agency's recurrent budget.
212	<p>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:</p> <p>(a) The names of the firms utilised</p> <p>(b) The total amount paid to each firm engaged</p> <p>(c) The average tenure period for an employee provided by a labour hire company</p> <p>(d) The longest tenure for an employee provided by a labour hire company</p> <p>(e) The duties conducted by employees engaged through a labour hire company</p> <p>(f) The office locations of employees engaged through a labour hire company</p> <p>(g) The highest hourly or daily rate paid to an employee provided by a labour hire company</p>	The DEpartment of Planning and Environment uses 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.
213	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?	DPC staff numbers are included in the Annual Report.

214	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?	DPC staff numbers undertaking media or public relations activities are commensurate with need and can go down or up as required.
215	What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?	The NSW Government purchases all commercial media monitoring centrally through the Department of Premier and Cabinet which delivers significant savings through aggregated procurement.
216	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?	Not available
217	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?	Not available
218	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?	No.
219	How much did your ministerial office spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2016-17?	No taxpayer money has been spent on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts.

220	How much did your Department/agency spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2016-17?	Where appropriate social media is used by agencies alongside other forms of advertising as a cost effective medium of communication.
221	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?	Details of overseas travel including costs are published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website.
222	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?	Details of overseas travel including costs are published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website.
223	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	The total expenditure for the Department of Planning and Environment was: Taxi Hire = \$91,024 Private Car Hire = \$0 Car Rental = \$96,191 Ride Share = \$- Total = \$187,214 This includes expenditure associated with the Planning, Resources, Energy and Utilities, and Arts portfolio.

224	<p>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?</p> <p>(a) How much was spent on these drivers in 2016-17?</p>	No
225	<p>How much did the Department/agencies under your portfolio responsibility spend in legal costs in 2016-17?</p> <p>(a) For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?</p>	Financial statements, including Legal Services expenditure and expenditure on consultants, are available in agency annual reports.
226	<p>Have Department/agencies under your portfolio engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice in 2016-17:</p> <p>(a) Social media i. And the cost of these services</p> <p>(b) Photography i. And the cost of these services</p> <p>(c) Acting training i. And the cost of these services</p> <p>(d) Ergonomics i. And the cost of these services</p>	Financial statements, including Legal Services expenditure and expenditure on consultants, are available in agency annual reports.

227	<p>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?</p>	<p>The number of senior executives are reported in agency annual reports in accordance with the Government Sector Employment Act 2103.</p>
228	<p>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?</p>	<p>The expenditure on senior executive service employees is reported in agency annual reports in accordance with the Government Sector Employment Act 2103.</p>
229	<p>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?</p>	<p>2016/2017 (0) (a) 2011/2012 Not applicable this Housing portfolio was created 01.04.17</p>
230	<p>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?</p>	<p>2016/2017 (0) (a) 2011/2012 Not applicable this Housing portfolio was created 01.04.17</p>

<p>231</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>232</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>Consistent with the NSW Managing Excess Employee Policy, employees who accept a voluntary redundancy in the Environment and Heritage portfolio cannot be re-employed or re-engaged in any capacity in any NSW public sector agency within the period covered by their severance payment, without first repaying the relevant portion of their severance pay. This requirement applies to employment or engagement in any capacity as staff members, contractors,</p>

		consultants or employees or principals of companies engaged in contracting to a public sector agency.
233	Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?	MO TO RESPOND
234	How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2016-17? (a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?	<p>Matters or inquiries of employee misconduct or underperformance are managed in accordance with the relevant employing legislation, Awards, policies and procedures. The Government Sector Employment Act 2013 provides the mechanisms for management of such matters under Section 68 and Section 69. Matters in relation to Fitness for Duty are managed pursuant to Regulation 15 of the Government Sector Employment Regulation 2014.</p> <p>It is not appropriate to</p>



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		disclose or make comment on any individual matter/s that could potentially identify and party or staff member subject to or a witness in such matters. The outcomes of these types of inquiries are and must remain confidential.
235	What was the total amount your Departments/agencies spent on stationery?	Costs are managed within each agency's recurrent budget.
236	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?	IT costs are managed within each agency's budget and are guided by NSW Government's ICT and procurement policies and frameworks.

237	<p>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?</p>	<p>IT costs are managed within each agency's budget and are guided by NSW Government's ICT and procurement policies and frameworks.</p>
238	<p>What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by your Ministerial office this year?</p>	<p>The configuration of the Ministers' IT network infrastructure by our third party service providers does not allow the determination of such data.</p>
239	<p>What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by your Ministerial office this year?</p>	<p>The configuration of the Ministers' IT network infrastructure by our third party service providers does not allow the determination of such data.</p>
240	<p>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.</p>	<p>Customers pay merchant fees across a range of invoiced and non-invoiced revenue categories such as Titles applications fees, rents, levies, licensing, registrations and subscriptions. All NSW Government agencies are required to impose surcharges to recoup their merchant interchange fees, pursuant to Treasury Circular TC12/13.</p>

241	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.	Customers pay merchant fees across a range of invoiced and non-invoiced revenue categories such as Titles applications fees, rents, levies, licensing, registrations and subscriptions. All NSW Government agencies are required to impose surcharges to recoup their merchant interchange fees, pursuant to Treasury Circular TC12/13.
242	What was the total amount paid in merchant fees on credit and/or debit card payments in your Department/agency in 2016-17?	Customers pay merchant fees across a range of invoiced and non-invoiced revenue categories such as Titles applications fees, rents, levies, licensing, registrations and subscriptions. All NSW Government agencies are required to impose surcharges to recoup their merchant interchange fees, pursuant to Treasury Circular TC12/13.
243	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.	In accordance with the NSW Procurement Board's Direction (PBD-2013-05), DPC has 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.
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244	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?	This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.

<p>245</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
<p>246</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
<p>247</p>	<p>Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2016-17?            (a) What is the cost of this?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
<p>248</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>

249	<p>Have any floral displays or indoor plants or potplants been purchased for display in your ministerial office in 2016-17?</p> <p>(a) If so, what was the cost of these items?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
250	<p>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?</p> <p>(a) What are these services/newspapers/magazines/journals/periodicals?</p> <p>i. Who is the subscriber for each of these?</p>	<p>These questions have already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answers.</p>
251	<p>What was the total amount your office spent on stationery?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
252	<p>What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office in 2016-17?</p> <p>(a) What were the gifts purchased?</p> <p>i. Who were they gifted to?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
253	<p>Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?</p> <p>(a) What is the monthly cost of this?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
254	<p>What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?</p> <p>(a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>

255	<p>What was the total bill for your office in 2016-17 for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Taxi hire</li> <li>(b) Limousine hire</li> <li>(c) Private hire care</li> <li>(d) Hire car rental</li> <li>(e) Ridesharing services</li> </ul>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
256	<p>Were any planes or helicopters chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money in 2016-17?</p> <p>(a) If yes, will you please detail each trip, the method of transport and the cost?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
257	<p>How much did your ministerial office spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2016-17?</p>	<p>These questions have already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answers.</p>
258	<p>How much did your Department/agency spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2016-17?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>

259	<p>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:</p> <p>(a) The names of the firms utilised</p> <p>(b) The total amount paid to each firm engaged</p> <p>(c) The average tenure period for an employee provided by a labour hire company</p> <p>(d) The longest tenure for an employee provided by a labour hire company</p> <p>(e) The duties conducted by employees engaged through a labour hire company</p> <p>(f) The office locations of employees engaged through a labour hire company</p> <p>(g) The highest hourly or daily rate paid to an employee provided by a labour hire company</p>	This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.
260	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?	This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.
261	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?	This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.

262	What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?	This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.
263	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?	This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.
264	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?	This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.
265	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?	This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.
266	How much did your ministerial office spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2016-17?	This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.
267	How much did your Department/agency spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2016-17?	This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.

268	<p>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?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
269	<p>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?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
270	<p>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</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
271	<p>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?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>

<p>272</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
<p>273</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
<p>274</p>	<p>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?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
<p>275</p>	<p>What was the expenditure on senior executive service employees employed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio in 2016-17?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>

	(a) How much was this number in 2011-12?	
276	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?	This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.
277	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?	This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.
278	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?	This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.

279	<p>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?</p> <p>(a) What was the nature of these works/services?</p> <p>(b) What was the total cost of these works or services?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
280	<p>Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
281	<p>How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2016-17?</p> <p>(a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
282	<p>What was the total amount your Departments/agencies spent on stationery?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
283	<p>Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have an iTunes account?</p> <p>(a) What was the total expenditure in 2016-17 on iTunes?</p> <p>i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>

284	<p>Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have an Android account?</p> <p>(a) What was the total expenditure in 2016-17 on Android?</p> <p>i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
285	<p>What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by your Ministerial office this year?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
286	<p>What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by your Ministerial office this year?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
287	<p>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.</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
288	<p>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.</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>
289	<p>What was the total amount paid in merchant fees on credit and/or debit card payments in your Department/agency in 2016-17?</p>	<p>This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.</p>



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290	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.	This question has already been asked and I would direct you to my previous answer.
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