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PLANNING

Questions from Ms Dawn Walker MLC

Review of SEPP 44

1. The NSW government has been consulting on SEPP 44 (koala habitat protection) since December 2016. Can the Minister for Planning please advise as to the status of the review, on a likely completion date and on future opportunities for community input?

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

Meetings

2. How often does the Minister meet with:
 - (a) Lucy Turnbull
 - (b) Sarah Hill
 - (c) John Brogden
 - (d) Professor Mary O'Kane
 - (e) Jim Betts
 - (f) Philip Davies/Anna Chau
3. When was the last meeting the Minister took with each of the above?
4. Have you or any of your staff taken meetings with Michael Photios in the past 12 months?
 - (a) If yes, what was discussed at these meetings?
 - (b) If no, has Mr Photios sought to meet with you or your staff in the past 12 months?
5. Have you or any of your staff met with Harry Hughes since he left your office?
 - (a) If yes, what was discussed at those meetings?
 - (b) If no, has Mr Hughes sought to meet with you or your staff in the past 12 months?

Federal policies

6. A Productivity Commission report in 2016 recommended that Australia publish a National Population Policy as a joint effort between the Commonwealth and the States. The report noted an “apparent lack of interest” from state governments and that the NSW Government didn’t even both to lodge a submission.

- (a) Why did the Government decline to make a submission?
 - (b) Has your Department subsequently prepared any briefing documents on this matter?
7. How many meetings did the Minister have with the former Minister for Urban Infrastructure and Cities Paul Fletcher?
- (a) Was population and immigration discussed?
 - (b) Was federal funding of infrastructure?
 - (c) Are you satisfied with the Federal Government's actions on these matters to date?
8. Has the Minister met with the new Minister for Cities, Urban Infrastructure, and Population Alan Tudge?
- (a) If no, do you have a meeting scheduled?
 - i. If not, why not?
 - (b) If yes, did you raise any of the above issues with him?
 - i. What was his response?

Cudgen and Tweed Valley

9. Is the new Tweed Valley Hospital proposed as State Significant Infrastructure?
10. Is the new Tweed Valley Hospital proposed as State Significant development?
11. Has the Minister made any declarations or approvals relating to the Government's proposed Tweed Valley Hospital site at Cudgen?
12. In relation to the Government's proposed Tweed Valley Hospital project at Cudgen, has the Minister been provided with any of the following:
- (a) environmental assessment material related to that site
 - (b) traffic assessment material related to that site
 - (c) ecological assessment material related to that site
 - (d) Aboriginal heritage assessment material related to that site
 - (e) Bushfire standoff material related to that site
13. If yes, will you make this material publicly available?

14. Will the Minister detail if any public authorities have been consulted in preparation of any environmental assessment, traffic assessment, and or ecological assessment material relating to the Government's proposed Tweed Valley Hospital project at Cudgen?
15. Will the Minister detail what specific matters have been investigated by any and all public authorities in preparation of any assessment material relating to the Government's proposed Tweed Valley Hospital project at Cudgen?
16. The following species are listed as a critically endangered, endangered or vulnerable species within schedules of the Commonwealth EPBC Act and may occur on the Government's proposed Tweed Valley Hospital project at Cudgen:
 - (a) the Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*)
 - (b) the Australian painted snipe (*Rostratula australis*)
 - (c) the Grey-headed flying fox (*Pteropus poliocephalus*)
 - (d) the Australasian bittern (*Botaurus poiciloptilus*)
 - (e) the Mitchell's rainforest snail (*Thersites mitchellae*)
 - (f) the Southern black-throated finch (*Peophila cincta cincta*)
 - (g) the Wallum sedge frog (*Litoria olongburensis*)
 - (h) the Water mouse (*Xeromys myoides*)
 - (i) the Cattle egret (*Ardea ibis*)
 - (j) the Great egret (*Ardea alba*)
 - (k) the Magpie goose (*Anseranas semipalmata*)
 - (l) the Painted snipe (*Rostratula benghalensis*)
 - (m) the White-throated needletail (*Hirundapus caudacutus*)
17. Accordingly, has the Minister referred this development to the Commonwealth for assessment under the EPBC Act?
 - (a) If yes, what response, if any, has been received?
 - (b) If no, why not?

Secretary

18. Why has the NSW Government stripped powers from the GSC?

19. Why does the Department insist on making plans for areas and imposing strategies on councils, but blames councils for issues with development applications and planning proposals?

Planning and Design

20. Why are plans for the Wilton Growth Area continuing to progress while legal proceedings are taking place for South East Wilton by the council?
21. Is the NSW Government concerned that Country Garden is looking to buy land at Wilton?
 - (a) Has the Minister or Department had meetings with them regarding this or any area?
 - (b) Did Daryl Maguire?
22. Why did the Department ignore advice regarding OEH regarding koala protection at Wilton?
23. How did the NSW come up with 16.8% tree canopy cover in Sydney?
24. Why did the Office of Open Space and Parklands give so much money to councils around the North Shore when these areas already have so much tree canopy cover?
25. How much time and money did the NSW Government spend on planning Sydenham to Bankstown?
 - (a) Why did the Government persist so long despite clear and constant objection from the community?
26. What is the Government's new plan for Sydenham to Bankstown?
 - (a) Does the housing target of 35,400 homes along the corridor remain in place under the decision to return some planning controls to local councils?
 - (b) Has the plan been scrapped?
27. Planning for the Planned Precincts has taken years. Why are the community still waiting?
28. Given the state of the housing market, is now the time to be imposing massive costs on developers in the form of SICs?
 - (a) Won't these new fees be passed onto homebuyers (including first homebuyers)?
29. Don't SICs take money away from local councils?
30. Why has the NSW Government strung developers and residents along for plans for Ingleside?
 - (a) Why has a fire safety review only just happened recently when it should've been done years ago?

- (b) What input, if any, did the previous Minister have on this issue?
31. Why has growth in the North West exceeded NSW Government projections?
- (a) Were the official forecasts incorrect?
32. Why have plans progressed for Sydney Olympic Park and Carter Street without guaranteed public transport upgrades?
33. The RMIT liveability report suggested that 41% of lower income households in Sydney are experience housing affordability stress, what is the NSW Government going to do about this?
34. What conversations has the Minister or Department had with Ray Hadley?
- (a) What assurances has the Minister provided Mr Hadley about his property?
35. Regarding the purchase of Fernhill, was the NSW Government aware of the court case between Biofin Pty Ltd (tenant of Fernhill) and Angas Securities (the landowner)?
- (a) Was the NSW Government aware of alleged misconduct of Biofin with regards to hosting events able to be heard clearly by surrounding neighbours at Fernhill without the proper approval from Penrith City Council and the landowners?
36. What is the NSW Government doing to handle increasing density in Sydney?
37. Why is the NSW Government introducing a Planned Precinct at West Schofield when there is a severe lack of commuter car parking and insufficient public transport?
38. Why does the Sydney Metro West end at Tallawong Station and not at Schofields station where it connects to the main T1 line and a new suburb is being planned for the area?
- (a) Isn't this an example of the Government being short-sighted and not adequately planning for the future of the area?
39. Why is the NSW Government persisting with plans for Wentworth Point when there isn't an adequate provision of public transport to service the area?

Policy and Strategy

40. How many proposals for boarding houses and aged care homes have been approved, following receiving SEPP compatibility certification, despite the council opposing the proposal?
41. Why does the SEPP for Affordable Housing allow the NSW government to override council's planning controls?
- (a) What issue did this provision seek to address?

42. Is the government considering amending or repealing the Affordable Housing SEPP to address concerns about boarding house developments that breach planning rules or are proposed in suburban areas of Sydney?
43. In an undated letter from Deputy Secretary Alison Frame to the General Manager of the City of Ryde, Ms Frame notes that the Department will ‘consult directly with Ryde residents during [the two year deferral period of the Low Rise Medium Density Housing Code (“the Code”) for the Ryde LGA]’.
 - (a) What consultation has taken place already and what consultation is planned?
 - (b) What form will this consultation take?
 - (c) How long will this consultation run for?
 - (d) Will public submissions be accepted during the consultation period?
 - (e) Will the Department undertake consultation with residents of other LGAs subject to, or granted deferrals from, the Code?
 - i. If not, why not?
 - ii. If yes, would you kindly answer questions a) through d) above for each LGA.

Major Projects

44. When the Government advances a major project, particularly a transport project, what consultation is undertaken with the Minister and/or the department?
45. Does this consultation go to the viability of projects in terms of current, planned, and projected density for the proposed area?
46. What advice did the Department or the Secretary provide to the Minister regarding the second Harbour Crossing and the Northern Beaches Link tunnel?
47. What advice did the Greater Sydney Commission provide to the Minister regarding the second Harbour Crossing and the Northern Beaches Link tunnel?
48. What advice did the Minister provide in relation to the second Harbour Crossing and the Northern Beaches Link tunnel to:
 - (a) The Premier?
 - (b) The Minister for Transport and Infrastructure?

49. Do you think it is appropriate that Projects NSW, an arm of the independent statutory agency Infrastructure NSW, is being used as the applicant for the Allianz Stadium rebuild simply so the Government can avoid the scrutiny of the Independent Planning Commission?
- (a) Do you intend to use Projects NSW as the applicant for future major projects to avoid the IPC?
50. Does it concern you that the CBD and South East Light Rail received planning approval over four years ago and has been under construction for nearly as long and yet:
- (a) Six separate modifications to the project have been approved since then?
- (b) Some sections of the light rail are still being designed, as revealed last week by the Deputy Secretary, Infrastructure and Services, at Transport for NSW?

Energy and Mining

51. Why was Deputy Secretary Kylie Hargreaves asked to leave the Department last year?
- (a) Were there concerns that the Department was neglecting its role?
52. What is the Government doing about Yancoal, which has seen some major incidents take place at its mine in the Hunter Valley?
53. Does NSW have enough bonds to cover the cost of mining rehabilitation across the state?
54. What provisions are in place to ensure that controversial mining activities are fit and proper for purpose?
55. Has the Government found any miners not fit and proper?
56. Is KEPCO fit and proper to hold a mining licence?
- (a) What steps have you taken to ensure they are?

Housing Acceleration Fund

57. Does the Minister still agree with the Premier that supply is the single biggest factor when it comes to improving housing affordability?
58. The Minister has stated previously that housing completions are their highest since the Second World War. If completions are so high, why has this alone not solved Sydney's affordability crisis?

59. Can the Minister assure the public that he does not intend to raid the Housing Acceleration Fund for unrelated purposes, as was done in 2016 with an allocation of \$140m from the HAF for a WestConnex off-ramp?
60. Why is the HAF being raided to top up infrastructure blow outs like the abovementioned off-ramp?

Landcom

61. When was the role of the Landcom CEO first advertised?
62. How many applicants were there in response to that advertisement?
63. Was Mr Brogden one of the applicants?
64. How many staff did Landcom trading as Urban Growth have prior to the restructure which saw two organisations result – Landcom and the Urban Growth Development Corporation?
65. How many staff remained with Landcom after Urban Growth Development Corporation was formed?
66. How many of those staff have left Landcom since?
67. How many staff restructures have there been at Landcom since July 2017?
68. How many staff were made redundant as a result of each restructure?
 - (a) What was the cost of redundancy payments made to staff?
69. How many staff had their employment otherwise terminated after each restructure?
 - (a) What was the resulting cost of payments made to staff?
70. Will you provide a breakdown of that figure between long service and annual leave entitlements and other payments on termination?
71. What areas were the redundancies/staff terminations in?
72. Can you confirm that there is no recruitment of new staff to these same areas?
 - (a) Why then were these terminations made?
73. How many consultants has Landcom engaged since October 2017?
 - (a) What areas to these consultants work in?
74. Have staff been made redundant or staffing levels reduced, while consultants have been engaged to do the same work/work in the same areas/fields?

75. How much has Landcom spent on consultants since July 2017?

Miscellaneous

76. What actions have the Minister or any of his ministerial or departmental staff taken in relation to the publishing of alleged internal Budget Estimates preparation questions by Crikey on 6 August 2018?

(a) Is the release of the questions being investigated?

(b) Have external investigators been engaged?

(c) What discussions has the Minister had in relation to the release of these questions with:

i. The Secretary or nay Deputy Secretaries of the Department of Planning and Environment?

ii. His ministerial staff?

iii. His ministerial colleagues, including the Premier?

77. How much did the Department's Transitional Development Office spend on the Year of Communications for 2018?

78. How much did the Department's Transitional and Development Office spend on the Planned Precincts public awareness, communication and/or advertising campaign in 2017 and 2018?

79. Did the Secretary offer to fund the Department's Transitional and Development Office \$6 million to work on the Department's internal communications campaign "The Year of Communications" and the Planned Precincts public campaign?

80. Why was the Planned Precincts public communications campaign cancelled?

81. Why has the Government permitted the Shepherds Bay development to proceed in Meadowbank when there is a critical shortage of car parking, traffic issues and increased density. By approving huge developments like Shepherds Bay has the Government failed the people of the City of Ryde Council area?

82. Did the Department stage a staff event at the Sydney Opera House featuring an interpretative theatre group performing a "planning" show?

83. Is the Government ensuring best practice design is implemented at the Martin Place Metro over station development site?

84. Why is the Minister determining the Macquarie Bank over station development proposal .Given the Liberal Party's close links to the company isn't this a potential conflict of interest?

85. Why is the Government pressing ahead with plans to build an extra 450 dwellings in Epping? Parramatta Council has raised density, traffic and available commercial floor space concerns which are being ignored by the Government.
86. Why will the Port Stephens area receive little funding under the new Hunter Special Infrastructure Contribution?
87. What is the Government doing to address overcrowding and traffic concerns around Byron Bay Parklands during the annual festivals held in the area such as Splendour in the Grass?
88. Is the Government failing regional NSW towns like Bourke by not adequately planning or funding towns for the future?
89. What is the Minister's response to ABC reports that the Department ignored advice from Department of Industry, Water in its assessment of the Bylong Coal Project?
90. The Sydney Football Stadium is being done in two stages, so how can the community comment on a concept it cannot see?
91. The planning approval for the new stadium at Parramatta was also in two stages and took 10 months. On this timeline, demolition of the SFS should occur in April 2019. Why is the assessment process for this project being fast tracked?
92. How many fines have been issued to trucks working on the WestConnex projects that are illegally using local roads?
93. How many truck movements are involved in the WestConnex M4 widening and New M5 projects?
94. The Premier's top priority is housing affordability and has fast tracked tens of thousands of home approvals to increase supply. Why then are there more than 20,000 vacant apartments in Sydney?
95. What is the Government proactively doing to address the growing problem of Sydney's shortage of available cemetery burial space?
96. What is the Government's position on two current cemetery proposals for Wallacia and Varroville?
97. Given available cemetery space is becoming a critical issue why isn't the Minister determining the projects?
 - (a) Isn't this another example of the Minister avoiding controversial projects where he is the final decision maker?

98. Why has the Government reduced the minimum setback conditions for the Martin Place Metro over station development?
- (a) Is this because the applicant is Macquarie Bank?
99. Is the Government meeting its 2011 election commitment to the priority sewage program?
- (a) Which areas are not meeting that commitment?

CEO Recruitment

100. Following the appointment of John Brogden as interim CEP, was a new recruitment process for the appointment of a permanent CEO undertaken?
- (a) If yes:
- i. Who ran this recruitment process?
 - ii. How many applicants were there?
 - iii. How many people were interviewed?
 - iv. What were the skills and qualifications of those interviewed?
- (b) If no:
- i. Why was a competitive recruitment process not undertaken?
 - ii. Who made the decision to not proceed with a competitive recruitment process?
101. Why was a permanent chair not appointed to the Landcom Board prior to the appointment of the CEO?

Board

102. Part 2, Section 8 of the Landcom Act requires that the Landcom Board consist of 7 directors. How long has it been since Landcom had 7 directors?
103. How many directors were on the Board at the time of Mr Brogden's appointment?
104. How many directors have resigned or not sought reappointment since 1 July 2017?
105. Did the shareholder Ministers consult with the Planning Minister prior to the appointment of Ms Suzanne Jones as Chair in May 2018?
106. Did the Minister for Planning have any discussions with Mr Brogden in relation to the appointment of Ms Jones as permanent Chair?

People Matters

107. How did the Landcom People Matters Survey results compare to the rest of the public service?

Hunter Development Corporation (HDC)

108. How many FTE staff were employed at the HDC for each of the following years:

- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2012;
- (c) 2013;
- (d) 2014;
- (e) 2015;
- (f) 2016;
- (g) 2017; &
- (h) 2018?

109. What is the cost of wages for the HDC for each of the following years:

- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2012;
- (c) 2013;
- (d) 2014;
- (e) 2015;
- (f) 2016;
- (g) 2017; &
- (h) 2018?

110. How much has HDC spent on advertising for each of the following years:

- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2012;
- (c) 2013;
- (d) 2014;
- (e) 2015;

- (f) 2016;
- (g) 2017; &
- (h) 2018?

111. What is the cost of consultants engaged by HDC for each of the following years:

- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2012;
- (c) 2013;
- (d) 2014;
- (e) 2015;
- (f) 2016;
- (g) 2017; &
- (h) 2018?

Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan

112. When will the Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan be released?

- (a) What has been the delay in releasing the plan?
- (b) What changes have been made to the plan?
- (c) Who has the Government consulted with regarding changes to the plan?

Affordable Housing

113. How many affordable housing property has the government delivered for each of the following years:

- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2012;
- (c) 2013;
- (d) 2014;
- (e) 2015;
- (f) 2016;
- (g) 2017; &

(h) 2018?

114. How many affordable housing property has the government delivered in the Newcastle electorate for each of the following years:

(a) 2011;

(b) 2012;

(c) 2013;

(d) 2014;

(e) 2015;

(f) 2016;

(g) 2017; &

(h) 2018?

115. Of the over \$2.4billion allocated to the Housing Acceleration Fund how much has been spent in the Newcastle electorate?

Gwandalan Rose Corp Development

116. Residents who have purchased land and housing packages in a new Rose Corp development at Gwandalan have been demanding answers in relation to a park that was included on the original proposal and subsequently deleted.

(a) How often are developers permitted to recategorise land set aside for public use and recreation in order to increase the retail value of the overall development?

(b) Does the Minister accept that some developers view consent conditions imposed by approval authorities as flexible, and begin development with no intention of complying with those consent conditions?

i. Does the Minister believe that the current safeguards against this sort of approach are sufficient to protect potential property buyers?

Development in Heathcote East, 1-21 Dillwynnia Grove. DA 17/0467

117. Please note there has been an evacuation alert for East Heathcote in January this year with an out of control Bush Fire 8km away in the Royal National Park at Waterfall and Bundeena.

(a) Planning Minister, are you aware that the Greater Sydney Commission, Southern Sydney Planning Panel is considering approving a development application of 55 apartments, at 5

levels, and the probability of a commercial interest in the Heritage Listed historic Heathcote Hall, in an isolated part of Heathcote East, surrounded by 15,000 hectares of the Royal National Park, with 1 road in and out, no evacuation procedures and a Council zoning of E4, due to it being a bushfire prone area?

- (b) Sutherland Shire Council, Local Emergency Management Committee, NSW RS and in turn the SSPP, have been compromised with unprofessional advice as witnessed at the Panel hearing and documented in Assessment Reports.
 - i. Is the Minister prepared to intervene, meet with residents and community groups and their families, understand the issues and have this life threatening development reviewed before lives are put at risk in the event of a major fire?
- (c) Can the Minister explain why minutes are not made available from the SSPP meeting held with the East Heathcote Community on the evening of the 28th June 2018?
- (d) Is the Minister aware that due process was not given to the community attending the SSPP Hearings?

Examples: Community Speakers were prevented from using a large photograph of the 2001 effects of the bush fires in the Royal National Park around the three sides of East Heathcote; they were also prevented from using the existing audio visual equipment in the room. The developers were permitted to make extensive use of their numerous drawings of the proposed development.

Time limits for speakers (individuals and groups) were enforced but not for the Developer. They well and truly exceeded their time limit and with no consequence.

Helen Lochhead Chairman of the SSPP failed to enforce her directions to the Developer's Architect Karla Castellanos when she addressed the SSPP and the community. The Chairperson twice requested the Architect to address the concerns of the residents – effects on amenities and significant bush fire threats. **No attempt was made to enforce this request.**

Planning Panels

118. In both 2017 and 2018, the Minister stated in the Estimates Hearing that local government 'is happy to bear the cost' of Local Planning Panels. Which specific councils have conveyed their appreciation to the Minister for having this additional cost put on to them and their ratepayers?

Eurobodalla Rural Lands Strategy

119. Does your Department support the Eurobodalla Rural Lands Strategy, which has been adopted by the local council despite the written concerns of five state government agencies and numerous community organisations?
- (a) If so, why?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Wentworth Point Development

120. Will the cycleway along the waterfront at Wentworth Point be closed at any stage of the Sekisui Development along Hill Rd in Wentworth Point?
121. Will the government be selling the last remaining RMS land adjacent to Peninsula Park at Wentworth Point?
- (a) If so, when?
 - (b) Have any plans by any agency been formulated for this site?
 - (c) Has RMS submitted a formal planning proposal for this land to City of Parramatta Council Parramatta Council?
 - (d) Has the traffic section of RMS made any objections to development plans for this site?
122. What is the budget for Peninsula Park development for
- (a) 2018-19,
 - (b) 19-20
 - (c) 20-21.
123. When will work at Peninsula Park commence?
124. What is the budget for the new Marina development at Wentworth Point for 2018-19
- (a) 19-20
 - (b) 20-21?

Efficiency dividends

125. What is the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each agency within your portfolio in 2018-19?
126. What is the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each agency within your portfolio in 2019-20?

127. What is the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each agency within your portfolio in 2020-21?
128. What is the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each agency within your portfolio in 2021-22?
129. What was the total efficiency dividend that was achieved for each agency within your portfolio between 2011-12 and 2017-18 inclusively?

Ministerial Travel/Meal Allowance

130. How many nights' travel were claimed by the Minister during the 2017-18 period?
131. How many nights' travel were claimed by the Minister's spouse during the 2017-18 period?
132. What was the total amount of travel allowances claimed by the Minister and their spouse (if applicable) during 2017-18?
133. What is the total amount of meal allowances claimed by the Minister and their spouse (if applicable) during 2017-18?

Office Administration

134. How many staff are in your ministerial office?
 - (a) What was the average salary for staff members in your office during 2017-18?
 - (b) What is the estimated average salary for a ministerial staffer in your office in 2018-19 based on current appointments?
135. How many blackberries/iPhone/smart phones are assigned to your staff?
 - (a) For each phone, how much was each bill in 2017-18?
 - (b) How many phones have been lost or replaced due to damage in your office?
 - i. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
136. 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 2017-18?
 - (b) How many iPads or tablets have been replaced due to lost or damage in 2017-18?
 - i. What was the cost of replacing these devices?
137. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2017-18?
 - (a) What is the cost of this?

138. Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been hired or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2017-18?
- (a) If so, what was the cost of these items?
139. Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been purchased for display in your ministerial office in 2017-18?
- (a) If so, what was the cost of these items?
140. What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals in 2017-18?
- (a) What are these services/newspapers/magazines/journals/periodicals?
- i. Who is the subscriber for each of these?
141. What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office in 2017-18?
- (a) What were the gifts purchased?
- i. Who were they gifted to?
142. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?
- (a) What is the monthly cost of this?
143. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
- (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?
144. What was the total bill for your office in 2017-18 for:
- (a) Taxi hire
- (b) Limousine hire
- (c) Private hire care
- (d) Hire car rental
- (e) Ridesharing services
145. Were any planes or helicopters chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money in 2017-18?
- (a) If yes, will you please detail each trip, the method of transport and the cost?

Agile Workspaces/Activity Based Working/Hot-desking

146. Has your department adopted “agile working environment/activity based working” practices – e.g. hot-desking?
147. If not, are there plans to introduce activity based working practices in 2018-19?
148. How much has your department spent in the roll-out of the agile working environment Including laptops, furniture, lockers and other equipment?

Hospitality

149. How much did your ministerial office spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2017-18?
150. How much did your Department/agency spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2017-18?

Labour Hire Firms

151. Do any Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities utilise the services of Labour Hire Firms?
152. If yes, please advise in table form for 2017-18:
- (a) The names of the firms utilised
 - (b) The total amount paid to each firm engaged
 - (c) The average tenure period for an employee provided by a labour hire company
 - (d) The longest tenure for an employee provided by a labour hire company
 - (e) The duties conducted by employees engaged through a labour hire company
 - (f) The office locations of employees engaged through a labour hire company
 - (g) The highest hourly or daily rate paid to an employee provided by a labour hire company

Media and Public Relations

153. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?
154. 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?
155. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?
156. 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 2017-18?

Facebook

157. How much did your ministerial office spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2017-18?
158. How much did your Department/agency spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2017-18?

Overseas Trips

159. 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?
160. Have you undertaken any official overseas travel that was privately funded?
- (a) If so, what was the nature of these trips?
 - (b) Who paid for these trips?

Department/Agency Travel

161. What was the total expenditure in 2017-18 by Departments/agencies within your portfolio on:
- (a) Taxi hire
 - (b) Limousine/private car hire
 - (c) Hire car rental
 - (d) Ridesharing services

Drivers

162. Are any of the senior executives in the relevant Department provided drivers?
- (a) If so, can you please specify which positions are provided drivers?
 - (b) In total, how many drivers are used by senior executives in the Department?
 - (c) What is the total cost of drivers for senior executives in the Department?

Consulting

163. How much did the Department/agencies under your portfolio responsibility spend in legal costs in 2017-18?

- (a) For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?
164. Have Department/agencies under your portfolio engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice in 2017-18:
- (a) Social media
 - i. And the cost of these services
 - (b) Photography
 - i. And the cost of these services
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Domestic Violence Leave Policies, Awareness and Usage

175. For each department, statutory agency and/or other bodies in the Minister's portfolio please report:
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Sexual harassment and Anti-bullying training and awareness programs

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 - (b) Whether or not all employees and/or contractors have received such training?
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181. Is the program tailored to take into consideration specific needs of LGBTQIA, ATSI and CALD or other at risk groups?
- (a) How?
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186. How much money was spent on electricity for each agency in your portfolio by name in each of the above financial years?
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188. How much electricity is it estimated that each agency in your portfolio will consume in:
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 - (b) 2019-20?
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HOUSING

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Office Administration

201. How many staff are in your ministerial office?
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 - (a) For each phone, how much was each bill in 2017-18?
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203. How many iPads or tablets has DPC assigned to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?

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- (a) What is the monthly cost of this?
210. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
- (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?
211. What was the total bill for your office in 2017-18 for:
- (a) Taxi hire
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212. Were any planes or helicopters chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money in 2017-18?

(a) If yes, will you please detail each trip, the method of transport and the cost?

Agile Workspaces/Activity Based Working/Hot-desking

213. Has your department adopted “agile working environment/activity based working” practices – e.g. hot-desking?

(a) If not, are there plans to introduce activity based working practices in 2018-19?

214. How much has your department spent in the roll-out of the agile working environment Including laptops, furniture, lockers and other equipment?

Hospitality

215. How much did your ministerial office spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2017-18?

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Media and Public Relations

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221. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?
222. Have you had media training or speech training?
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Consulting

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- (a) How many complaints have been initiated in relation to:
- (b) Sexual harassment
- (c) Bullying
- (d) Workplace violence

Participation of women in Government

313. For each department, statutory agency and/or other bodies in the Minister's portfolio please report:

- (a) What number and percentage of women are employed within the agency?
- (b) What number and percentage of women are employed within the management levels of the agency?
- (c) What number and percentage of women are employed in the top ten leadership positions of the agency?
- (d) How is this data publicly reported on a regular basis?
- (e) What strategies does the agency use to encourage women in to management and leadership positions?
- (f) What is the gender pay gap within your agency?
- (g) Does the agency report participation of women figures to Women NSW on a regular basis?

Energy

314. For each agency in your portfolio by name, how much electricity did it consume for each of:

- (a) 2014-15?
 - (b) 2015-16?
 - (c) 2016-17?
 - (d) 2017-18?
315. What proportion of the electricity consumed by each agency in your portfolio by name for those years came from renewable sources? Please name each source of energy (coal, solar, wind, etc.) and the proportion of the total electricity used.
316. How much money was spent on electricity for each agency in your portfolio by name in each of the above financial years?
317. What was the name of the energy supplier to each agency in your portfolio by name for those financial years?
318. How much electricity is it estimated that each agency in your portfolio will consume in:
- (a) 2018-19?
 - (b) 2019-20?
 - (c) 2020-21?
 - (d) 2021-22?
319. What proportion of that electricity is it estimated will come from renewable sources, for each year?
320. For each agency in your portfolio by name, please provide the estimated proportion of energy to be used from each kind of energy (coal, gas, solar, wind etc.)?
321. What is the name of the energy supplier to each agency in your portfolio for each of:
- (a) 2018-19?
 - (b) 2019-20?
 - (c) 2020-21?
 - (d) 2021-22?

PLANNING, HOUSING, SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE

Questions from Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment

322. How many staff currently employed by the Department of Planning and Environment identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?
323. How many staff in total are employed by the Department of Planning and Environment?
324. How many staff currently employed in the regional offices of the Department of Planning and Environment identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?
325. How many staff in total are employed by the Department of Planning and Environment in regional offices?
326. How many staff who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander are currently employed at the executive level in the Department of Planning and Environment?
327. How many staff in total are currently employed at the executive level in the Department of Planning and Environment?
328. What is the average remuneration for staff who do not identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?
329. What is the average remuneration for staff who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?
330. What is the Department of Planning and Environment doing to meet the Council of Australian Governments agreement to a target of 2.6% indigenous employment in the public sector by 2015 as part of the National Partnership Agreement on Indigenous Economic Participation?

Employment of Women

331. How many women are currently employed by the Department of Planning and Environment?
332. How many staff in total are employed by the Department of Planning and Environment?
333. How many women are currently employed in the regional offices of the the Department of Planning and Environment?
334. How many staff in total are employed by the Department of Planning and Environment in regional offices?
335. How many women are currently employed at the executive level in the Department of Planning and Environment?

336. How many staff in total are currently employed at the executive level in the Department of Planning and Environment?
337. What is the average remuneration for male staff?
338. What is the average remuneration for female staff?
339. Does the Department of Planning and Environment record gender diverse identities for their employees?
- (a) If yes, how many staff employed by The Department of Planning and Environment are gender diverse?
 - (b) If not, why not?
340. Does the Department of Planning and Environment have any targets regarding employment and remuneration of women?
- (a) If so, what are they and what is being done to meet them?
 - (b) If not, why not and are there any plans to introduce targets?

Employment of people with a disability

341. How many people with a disability are currently employed by the Department of Planning and Environment?
342. How many people with a disability are currently employed in the regional offices of the Department of Planning and Environment?
343. How many people with a disability are currently employed at the executive level in the Department of Planning and Environment?
344. How many staff in total are currently employed at the executive level in the Department of Planning and Environment?
345. What is the average remuneration for staff with a disability?
346. Does the Department of Planning and Environment have any targets regarding employment and remuneration of people with a disability?
- (a) If so, what are they and what is being done to meet them?
 - (b) If not, why not and are there any plans to introduce targets?

Questions from Mr David Shoebridge MLC

Medium density housing

347. How was the date determine until which some councils will be exempt from the medium density housing code?
348. How many councils have been granted a deferral?
349. How many councils requested a deferral?
350. Did any councils request a deferral and have it denied? If so which council, and why?
351. Why was the decision made to exempt some councils from the medium density housing code until 100 days after the election?
- (a) Why was that date selected?
 - (b) What's the difference between council implementing it now and mid next year?
352. What criteria did the councils have to meet to be granted the exemption?
353. How many councils have an "LEP so broken that they require assistance?"
- (a) Which councils are they?
354. Did any councils receive a longer deferral?
- (a) If so which ones, and why?

Climate change

355. What is the carbon impact of the coal extracted annually from NSW coal mines?
356. How is it that the planning minister does not have a transparent planning process to guide planning around issuing coal exploration permits?

Sea level rises

357. When will the Government introduce a sea level rise guideline that councils are required to follow?

Emissions

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

Trees

360. What consideration has been given to introducing binding tree canopy targets across Sydney?
361. What are the current canopy trends across NSW?
362. How does the department monitor trends?
363. If the department does not monitor this how can it accurately assess the impact of tree removal for development proposals?
364. Why has the Government not implemented comprehensive tree protection measures in the Planning Act?
365. What guidelines does the department provide for suitable plantings considering the impact on tree cover, encouraging native flora and fauna and asset protection?
366. How was the figure of 16.8% tree canopy cover in Sydney calculated?
367. How much funding was provided by the Office of Open Space and Parklands to councils on the North Shore? How does this compare to funding in other parts of the state, particularly the Western Suburbs?

Western Sydney

368. What strategies is the department implementing to greens parts of Sydney, especially in the Western Suburbs that lead to heat islands and threats to resident health?

Loss of public open space – bowling clubs across Sydney

369. How many bowling clubs in NSW have been converted to seniors living/retirement villages since 2011?
370. What consideration has the NSW Department of Planning Given to the cumulative impact of the loss of green open space from development of bowling clubs and golf courses in particular?
371. Will you change the Seniors Living SEPP to prevent bowling greens being built on for seniors living?

Infrastructure

372. What is the impact of Government signalling rezoning for greater development on land prices generally?
373. What was the impact on land prices of the announced rezoning around the Sydenham to Bankstown corridor?

374. What is the anticipated cost impact on required infrastructure of these land price increases?

Sydenham to Bankstown

375. How much was spent on plans for the Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor?

376. How much was spent on staffing costs related to plans for the Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor?

377. How much was spent on publicity materials for plans for the Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor?

378. How much was spent on community consultation for plans for the Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor?

379. What is the Government's new plan for Sydenham to Bankstown?

380. Does the housing target of 35,400 homes along the corridor remain in place?

Mambo Wetlands

381. What was the outcome of the investigation instigated in 2018 when the Premier asked the Planning Department to look into the feasibility of a buy back using the Coastal Lands Protection Scheme?

GIPA

382. We have been advised of substantial delays in the processing of GIPA applications by the department, does the department have sufficient staff to process requests?

383. What is the average time to provide documents in response to a GIPA request?

384. What was the average time to provide documents in response to a GIPA request in the 2017/18 financial year?

Planning, Housing

385. What is the NSW Government's plan to ensure affordable housing and affordable rental housing are viable options for women and children impacted by domestic and family violence across NSW?

Compliance and enforcement

386. How many staff does the Department of Planning and Environment employ to investigate alleged breaches to project approval conditions?

(a) How many of these related to Aboriginal heritage?

387. How many compliance actions did the Department of Planning undertake in 2017/18 relating to breaches to Aboriginal heritage conditions for State Significant projects?
388. What is the Department of Planning and Environment's budget for specifically enforcing conditions of consent for State Significant Developments (SSD)?

Parramatta Planning Agreements

389. Why was the Special Infrastructure Contribution Levy not charged in Parramatta at the same time as the reduced 20% public value share rate and how much public revenue has been lost to the benefit of developers and land owners due to this delay?
390. How much revenue has been lost due to the delay in implementation of this SIC Levy in other areas of NSW and was all foregone SIC revenue included incorrectly in the 2016/17 and 2017/18 Budget Income statements?
391. When will this SIC Levy now be imposed and how much loss of SIC revenue has been provided for in the 2018/19 Budget Estimates due to ongoing delay in charging the Levy?

Greater Sydney Commission meetings

392. How often do representatives from the Minister's office attend meetings with the Greater Sydney Commission?

Ecologically sustainable development

393. What plans are there to change the current definition of ecologically sustainable development?
394. What consideration has been given to implementing climate impact statements as a core part of major project assessment?
395. 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?
396. What has been the change in average size house footprint over the last 50 years?
- (a) What is the current trend predicted here?
397. What are the greenhouse emissions per head of Edmondson Park compared to Rozelle?

Property Council

398. How many times has the Minister or representatives from the Ministers' office met with representatives from the Property Council in the last year?

Planning and Assessment Commission

399. How many determinations did the Planning and Assessment Commission make in 2017/18?
- (a) Of these determinations, how many recommended approval?
 - (b) How many did not recommend approval?

Gateway determinations

400. How many gateway determinations were made in 2017/18?
- (a) Of these determinations, how many recommended approval?
 - (b) How many did not recommend approval?

Aboriginal heritage

401. How many staff at the Department of Planning and Environment have expertise in Aboriginal heritage issues?
402. How much has the Department of Planning and Environment allocated in 2017-18 specifically to conserve and celebrate Aboriginal heritage?

Greater Sydney Commission

403. What powers have been removed from the Greater Sydney Commission?
404. Why were these powers removed?

Wilton Growth Area

405. Why are plans for the Wilton Growth Area continuing to progress while legal proceedings are taking place for South East Wilton by the council?
406. Has NSW Planning had meeting with Country Garden about land in Wilton?
407. Do current plans for Wilton comply with OEH advice regarding koala protection?
408. Is there an RFS plan for the first stage of the development in Wilton South East?
- (a) If not, why not?
409. Is there a finalised infrastructure and staging plan and state and local contribution plan for the Wilton South East proposal?
- (a) If not, why not?

North West Growth

410. What is the current population in the North West of Sydney?

411. How much does this exceed Government projections?
412. What is the reason for the inconsistency between projections and what actually happened?

Olympic park

413. Why have plans progressed for Sydney Olympic Park and Carter Street without guaranteed public transport upgrades?

Policy and Strategy

414. Across NSW how many proposals for boarding houses and aged care homes have been approved, following receiving SEPP compatibility certification, despite the council opposing the proposal?
415. If planning NSW does not collate these numbers how can it assess the impact of the SEPP?

Affordable Housing SEPP

416. Why does the SEPP for Affordable Housing allow the NSW government to override council's planning controls?
417. What issue did this provision seek to address?
418. Is the government considering amending or repealing the Affordable Housing SEPP to address concerns about boarding house developments that breach planning rules or are proposed in suburban areas of Sydney?

Building cladding

419. When is the building cladding register expected to come out?
420. Will the register be fully public?
- (a) If not, why not?

Planning panels

421. What community consultation was undertaken in setting up the Planning Panels?
422. What are the approval rates for each panel?
423. How many of the projects approved have been significantly in excess of local planning controls?
424. What oversight is there of the panel decisions?

Planned Precincts

425. How much did the Department's Transitional and Development Office spend on the Planned Precincts public awareness, communication and/or advertising campaign in 2017 and 2018?
426. Why was the Planned Precincts public communications campaign cancelled?

Shepherd's Bay

427. What steps are being taken to ensure sufficient car parking, traffic capacity and public transport for the Shepherd's Bay development at Meadowbank?

Macquarie Bank

428. Is the Minister the decision maker for the Macquarie Bank over station development proposal?
429. What steps are being taken to address the potential conflict of interest given the Liberal Party's close links to the company?
430. Why has the minimum setback conditions for the Martin Place Metro over station development been reduced?

Port Stephens area

431. What funding will the Port Stephens area receive under the new Hunter Special Infrastructure Contribution?

Supply

432. How many vacant apartments are there in Sydney?
433. How many vacant apartments are there across NSW?
434. How many vacant houses are there in Sydney?
435. How many vacant houses are there across NSW?

Nelson Road, Hunters Hill

436. What are the current plans for remediation at Nelson Road, Hunters Hill?
437. Is the Government planning on building a containment cell at the remediation site?
438. Does the site post a risk for contaminants including radium entering the Parramatta River/Sydney Harbour?
439. What is the status of discussions about a treatment centre for the Hunters Hill contaminants?