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PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES

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Questions from Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC

SEPP 70 Affordable Housing
1. How many councils in NSW have adopted the SEPP 70 Affordable Housing provisions?
   (a) How many councils currently have affordable housing contribution schemes?
   (b) How many are currently being prepared?
   (c) What research or analysis was conducted by the Department of Planning to project the uptake of the expanded SEPP 70?
   (d) How many affordable housing units (AHUs) have been constructed as a result of affordable housing contribution schemes in NSW?

2. Who is responsible for monitoring the adoption and the impact of the SEPP 70 provisions?

3. What support or engagement has been provided to local governments on the expanded operation of SEPP 70?

4. How many properties in NSW which were originally approved as affordable housing have now reverted to general rental stock after the expiry of the 10-year requirement?

Draft Environmental SEPP
5. What is the timeline of the release of the proposed new Environmental SEPP?

Waterloo Redevelopment
6. Can you provide an updated timeline for the commencement and completion of the Waterloo redevelopment?

7. How many social, affordable and public housing units existed on the site prior to the proposed redevelopment?

8. How many social, affordable and public housing will be built on the site?
   (a) What percentage is this of the overall housing units on the site?
   (b) What percentage will be affordable housing units?
   (c) What percentage will be public/social housing units?

9. How many social, affordable or public housing bedrooms are provided in the current plan?
(a) How does this compare to the current number of affordable, social or public housing bedrooms on the site?

10. What response did the Department provide to the City of Sydney with regard to their alternative plan for the site?

Redfern Station Accessibility and ATP

11. Were funds from the sale of Australian Technology Park made available for the Redfern station accessibility upgrade?

12. Was there a decision to not use these funds for infrastructure improvements in Redfern?

13. How have the proceeds from the sale of the ATP been spent?

14. Have the developer contributions for the development of the ATP site contributed to the accessibility upgrade at Redfern station?

Questions from Mr David Shoebridge MLC

Climate Change

15. What steps are being taken to ensure that climate change is a primary consideration in every major planning decision in NSW?

16. What percentage of NSW climate targets will be achieved through improvements in the planning system?

Wilpinjong Extension Project

17. Why has the final Social Impact Management Plan for the Wilpinjong Extension Project not yet been signed off when it was submitted to the Department of Planning in September 2018?

18. Which officers in the Department of Planning are responsible for signing off Social Impact Management Plans?

19. What expertise do they have in the assessment of social impacts of State Significant Development?

20. How does the Department assess cumulative social impacts of proposals like this?

21. What is the status of the development of cumulative impact assessment guidelines as proposed under the Environmental Impact Assessment Project?
Wilton
22. How will water be assured for the Wilton Priority Precinct Development?
23. What advice has the Office of Water given in the strategic planning of this new city?
24. Why were Wilton Developers exempt from providing water recycling infrastructure?
25. What water monitoring measures will be imposed on the development?

Koala Corridor – Walker Corporation Wilton South East
26. Why did DPE commission a biodiversity study in 2017 given one was completed in 2015 by DPE?
27. Who initiated this study?
28. Given there is no requirement for biocertification and biobanking – how will the conservation of this land be managed and funded?

Questions from the Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC (on behalf of the NSW Labor Opposition)

Independent Planning Commission
29. What is the current caseload for the Independent Planning Commission?
30. What is the breakdown in the current caseload of the Independent Planning Commission by:
   (a) Determination
   (b) Review
   (c) Advice
31. What are the number of cases before the Independent Planning Commission by type:
   (a) Resources
   (b) Urban development
   (c) Industrial
   (d) Infrastructure
   (e) Others
32. What is the average number of days that cases were before the Independent Planning Commission for consideration last year? Is this an increase over the year before? If so, by how many days?

33. Does the Independent Planning Commission have a target number of days to complete a case before it? If so, what is it? If not, why not?

34. Does the Department provide the Independent Planning Commission with its own budget to manage? If so, how much was that for 2018-19 and how much is it for 2019-20? How is the level of the annual departmental allocation determined?

35. When the Government requests that the Independent Planning Commission undertake a specific task does it provide an additional allocation of funds for these reviews?

36. How many staff form the secretariat to support the Independent Planning Commission? Are these staff independently appointed or seconded from within the Department?

**Inner Sydney Regional Bike Network**

37. Is the Minister aware that the cost of congestion in Sydney is set to cost us about $15 billion by 2031?

38. Is the Minister aware that Infrastructure Australia predicts traffic delays are set to increase by 2031, even with its infrastructure projects coming online?

39. Is the Minister aware that 1 million daily short-trips in Sydney are taken by private cars within a radius of less than 5km?

40. Does the Minister accept Infrastructure Australia’s assertion that a 2-5% shift of short—distance car trips would reduce cars on our roads by 20,000-50,000 vehicles a day?

41. Does the Government support the City of Sydney’s Inner City Regional Bike Network, as listed on Infrastructure Australia’s Infrastructure Priority List?

42. What funding has the NSW Government committed to realising this project?

43. What conversations with Infrastructure Australia have occurred in relation to this project?

44. Has the Minister met with Lord Mayor Clover Moore (the proponent of the project?)

45. Is the project likely to be implemented in the next 0-5 years, the timeframe indicated by Infrastructure Australia?

46. Has the Government provided any assistance to the City of Sydney to develop a complete business case?
Major infrastructure projects

47. What requirements are there for active transport infrastructure to be included as part of major infrastructure projects including road, rail and freight projects?

48. What are the active transport commitments associated with:
   (a) WestConnex M4 East?
   (b) WestConnex M5?
   (c) WestConnex M4-M5?
   (d) The Sydney gateway Project?
   (e) Northconnex?
   (f) Sydney Metro?
   (g) Sydney Metro Southwest?
   (h) CBD and Eastern Suburbs light Rail?
   (i) Parramatta Light Rail?

49. Are there any safety performance measures, incentives, awards or bonus structures that recognise good performance of NSW infrastructure, Councils or regions when it comes to walking and cycling?

50. What is the cost-benefit analysis formula applied to active transport projects?

51. How does the inclusion of active transport in a major project impact the cost-benefit analysis of major infrastructure projects?

52. What would the cost-benefit analysis for WestConnex be now given the cycling path has been deferred?

Street trees

53. Considering that one of the key factors that encourage people to walk is the provision of footpaths and the planting of street-trees, how is the Government going to ensure that a significant proportion of the 6 million trees it has promised to plant will be planted adjacent to footpaths to provide shade?

Sydney Harbour Bridge Cycleway

54. How is the Department of Planning involved in the process of assessing the proposed Sydney Harbour Cycleway?
55. Has the Minister of Department met with cycling groups in relation to this project?

56. Is the Minister and Department supportive of the proposed project?

Walking
57. How does the Government measure walking rates in NSW?

58. How does the NSW Government record pedestrian safety in NSW?

59. Has the NSW Government considered using pedestrian sensors as is the case in Chicago, Melbourne and other cities?

60. Has this technology been discussed with any local councils in NSW, including the City of Sydney?

61. What technology do we use when we are measuring the number of cars that use a road?

62. Do you accept that the lack of technological advancement in the way we count pedestrians mean that pedestrians are under-represented in planning and infrastructure?

Western Sydney Airport
63. What plans does the Government have to ensure cycling and pedestrian links are included in plans for the Western Sydney Aerotropolis?

Ritz Carlton – Star – Pyrmont
In August 2018, the Star Casino lodged an ambitious proposal for a 220 room, 237 metre high hotel tower and 204 residences as part of the $500 million proposal.

In July 2019, the Department of Planning lodged a submission opposing this plan with the Independent Planning Commission (the decision maker).

The Star, the Urban Taskforce, Alan Jones and Treasurer Perrottet have all come out opposing the actions of the department and calling for approval of the Ritz Carlton proposal, even though the IPC has not assessed it.

Planning Minister Rob Stokes has defended the process and the professionalism of his departmental officers.

On or about 18 August 2019, the Premier ordered a ‘snap review’ of the planning controls at Pyrmont to ensure they were ‘consistent with the government’s vision’ for the area.

64. What is the government’s ‘vision for Pyrmont’?
65. You have said that the departmental submission was a “thorough and rigorous assessment” of the proposal, one which “reflects the consistent and widespread opposition to the scale of the proposal”. Do you stand by that statement?

66. You agree that the departmental officers who prepared the submission were diligent and competent in the way they undertook their duties?

67. You have no criticism of them or their work?

68. Why then did you agree to write to the Greater Sydney Commission seeking a review of the relevant planning controls in Pyrmont?

69. The Greater Sydney Commission only finalised its district plan for the Pyrmont area in 2018. Why would that not be “fit for purpose” so soon?

Just 5 days before the Premier announced the review of planning instruments by the GSC, senior officials of your department told the Independent Planning Commission that nothing was being planned for the area. Ms Anthea Sargent, the department’s executive director for compliance, industry and key sites, said, “As far as we are aware there is no plan to do any state significant precincts within the Pyrmont area both within government and nor by council.” She also stated that there was no view from the Department “as to what the future of Pyrmont might look like” and that at “this point in time .. there is nothing planned for that part of Pyrmont.”

70. Did your department mislead the IPC?

71. Did your department not know about the Premier’s plans to launch a review of planning controls in Pyrmont?

72. When did you learn of the Premier’s plan for the review?

73. How did the review of planning instruments for the Western Harbour precinct, including the Pyrmont peninsula, come about?

74. Was it on the basis of your advice?

75. What detailed, professional advice was provided by you, or your agency, to the Premier before she made the planning review announcement?

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76. The Greater Sydney Commission is supposed to be independent. But its Chief Executive, Sarah Hill, is a deputy secretary of your own department, DPIE. That means the head of the body charged with giving advice about the suitability of existing planning controls is now a deputy secretary of the body that produced the old advice, which caused the need for the review. That is just ridiculous, isn’t it?

77. In your referral letter to the GSC, you ask it to “conduct an independent review of the planning framework for the Western Harbour precinct, including the Pyrmont peninsula” and to prepare a report assessing the appropriateness or the “efficacy of current planning controls and any recommendations the Commission might make to ensure good planning outcomes” for the area. Key areas on which you ask the GSC to advise include the Eastern City District Plan and the Greater Sydney Region Plan – A metropolis of Three Cities – both of which are creations of the GSC. You are asking the GSC to mark its own homework, aren’t you?

78. In your referral to the GSC, you set a timeframe of 30 September for their report to be finalised and with government. That is not an adequate period of time to conduct a proper review of existing planning controls and advise on any changes, is it?

79. Like the ‘assurance review’ conducted for Ryde before the State election, you and the government are just using the GSC as a political fix, aren’t you?

80. On radio 2GB you said, “When you go outside the planning controls, you’re taking a big risk. And the general message out of this is developers who stick within the rules, they’re likely to get a quick process and much more likely to get approved. Developers who want to change the rules are going to have a much longer time and it’s more unlikely they can expect approval.”

You also said (in the SMH 26 July) that the proponent has “made a big gamble and put everything on the table” and that the Star “made a decision to risk everything on a very big proposal.”

Can you elaborate on these comments?

81. In what way does the Star proposal ‘go outside the rules’? You have said the proposal was several times higher than current development controls allow. Is that correct?

82. Is it the case that the local environmental plan for Pyrmont sets a maximum height of 28m? Star would have been aware of this?

83. Star was told by the planning department in the past that the government would not tolerate the historic suburb being taken over by the Casino?

84. So how did they think a 237 m tower would be approved?
85. Alan Jones has said that the government of which you are a part gave the project “the green light for four years”. The proponent, the Star has said they got great support from the government over the previous four years during the planning process to this point. Is this correct, or are they just making this up?

86. The criticisms made of the proposal in your department’s submission included that it was reliant on a possible future metro station that may not be built? Is that correct?

87. The DPIE assessment also said it did not fit in with the low-to-medium scale character of the existing density in Pyrmont. Is that correct: does Pyrmont have low-to-medium scale density?

88. You department assessed that the tower was inappropriate for its location, would create “unacceptable visual impacts due to its scale”, be “unduly prominent”, have adverse impacts on views from residential properties, cause overshadowing in winter, and fails “to promote good design and amenity of the built environment.” How will the review of relevant planning controls by the Greater Sydney Commission change these drawbacks in the proposal?

89. When you get the report from the GSC, what is the process?

90. Will any changes to planning controls made after you receive the GSC report apply to the current IPC consideration of the Ritz Carlton, or will they apply only to future proposals?

91. The Coalition Government and its Planning Ministers have said it would not use Part 3A or mechanisms like it to determine applications. Why are you permitting Star proposal is to be determined under the provisions of the old Part 3A?

**Compliance**

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

93. How many of these related to Aboriginal heritage?

94. How many reports related to alleged unauthorized harm to Aboriginal heritage were reported to the NSW Government in 2018/19?

   (a) How many of these were investigated?

   (b) If suspected harm to Aboriginal heritage was not investigated, why not?

95. How many compliance actions did the Department of Planning undertake in 2018/19 relating to breaches to Aboriginal heritage conditions for State Significant projects?
96. What is the Department of Planning and Environment’s budget for specifically enforcing conditions of consent for State Significant Developments (SSD)?

**Spot re-zonings**

97. The *Planning Amendment Bill 2019* passed the Legislative Assembly on 31 July, and was introduced into the Legislative Council on 6 August. There have been 3 sitting days when the House could have considered this legislation (leaving aside the time in which the reproductive health legislation was considered), but your government did not put it forward. Why is that? Will your government progress this legislation the Legislative Council? If not, why not?

98. You agree with ending spot re-zonings, don’t you Minister?

99. In late May or early June this year, you told the Property Council you wanted to remove the ‘element of surprise’ from the planning system. You were referring to so-called ‘spot’ re-zonings weren’t you?

100. Do you agree that the use of this mechanism undermines community confidence in the planning system?

101. Do you agree that this mechanism is being used as an alternative to proper, thoughtful strategic planning?

102. Is it your proposal that Local Environment Plans (planning instruments made by Council, with the community consultation, with the State Government) should be re-made by Councils more frequently, as an alternative way of dealing with matters? How often should this take place?

103. You have publicly suggested that legislative change is not required to end spot re-zonings or rezoning reviews. How will you bring them to an end? What would stop them being used again?

104. How many applications are lodged each year for spot re-zonings?

105. Who lodges them?

106. How many are approved each year?

107. What is the usual length of time for the approval (average and median times)?

**Planning Ministerial Corporation**

Budget Paper No. 43 pp4-8, 4-55 indicated the Planning Ministerial Corporation spent $38.3 million last financial year, but is proposed to spend $110. 3 million in 2019-2020.

108. What was the money spent on last financial year?

109. What is the proposed spending to be on in the current financial year?
110. What is the remit or scope of the Planning Ministerial Corporation’s activities?

111. How is it governed?

Sarah Hill

112. Dr Sarah Hill is both a Deputy Secretary of your department, and the Chief Executive of the Greater Sydney Commission. Is that not a conflict, given the very different roles of each of the Department and the GSC?

113. Was the position in which Dr Hill is now employed as a Deputy Secretary of your department advertised?

114. Was Dr Hill employed in that role after a competitive, merit selection process? If not, why not?

115. Could the Minister outline what process was used in the recruitment of Ms Hill to her post as Deputy Secretary?

116. What checks were conducted about the various claims she makes about her past work record?

I refer to the statements in the name of the Chief Executive of the Greater Sydney Commission, who is also a Deputy Secretary in your Department, in each of the three most recent annual reports of the GSC for 2015-2016, 2016-17, 2018-19 where she said, “Sarah created a new planning authority known as the London Olympic and Paralympic Joint Planning Authority …”

I refer also to a statement issued by her lawyer to the Sydney Morning Herald and published which said, “Dr Hill had never claimed she was solely responsible for the development of the London Olympic and Paralympic Authority …”

117. Do you agree that the contents of annual reports should be factually correct?

118. How do you reconcile the contents of the three GSC annual reports cited above with the reported statement by Dr Hill’s lawyer?

119. Isn’t the clear and plain meaning to be taken from that part of the annual reports cited above that Dr Hill was claiming sole responsibility for creating the London Olympic and Paralympic Joint Planning Authority?

120. If you do not agree, what other meaning do you derive from it?

121. Would the Minister agree that the normal interpretation of a claim to have ‘created a new planning authority’ is not that the person claiming this was a junior member of a team but the person responsible?
122. Does the Minister agree that the reference in the Hill resume in the GSC Annual Report to Ms Hill having been ‘the recipient of two international planning awards including the Mayor of London Planning Award for Excellence and the Royal Town Planning Institute Award for Planning’ is inaccurate?

123. Is the Minister aware that neither of the two awards was ‘international’ and were awards only for London or UK initiatives and recipients?

124. Is the Minister aware that the named recipients of one of the awards does not include Sarah Hill and that both awards for were teams rather than an individual?

125. Can the Minister confirm when he learned that the CEO of the GSC had not ‘created a new planning authority known as the London Olympic and Paralympic Joint Planning Authority responsible for the master-planning and approvals for the London 2012 Olympic Games and its Legacy’?

126. Can the Minister now confirm that Deputy Secretary Hill worked for a short period for a body established by 4 London Councils called the Joint Planning Authorities Team in 2004; that that body’s director was called Janet Thomas and that Janet and her team reported to 4 heads of planning/senior planners of the 4 participating Councils?

127. Is the Minister aware that Ms Janet Thomas and the 4 senior council planners ‘created’ and ran JPAT?

128. Has the Minister ever been presented with documentary evidence of the claims that Deputy Secretary Hill ‘created a new planning authority’?

129. Is there any JPAT document signed by Deputy Secretary Sarah Hill or citing her as the creator or leader of JPAT?

130. Did Deputy Secretary Hill meet with or contact Janet Thomas, director of JPAT or Sue Foster, former head of planning at Hackney Council between being informed of the story by the SMH and the statement quoting them in the SMH on 3/7/2019?

**Question to John Brogden, CEO of Landcom**

On p34 of the transcript of the Budget Estimates hearing, the CEO of Landcom, Mr Brogden, indicates that he has not seen the reports from Mr Werman and does not know its contents. However, there is a copy of each of the March and May reports of Mr Werman in the Landcom return to order. Mr Brogden confirms this in his letter to DPC of 24 May 2019, which accompanied the return to order.

131. Mr Brogden, at p34 of the transcript of the Planning Budget Estimates hearing, you stated that:
“When Mr Pratt indicated clearance of Ms Jones and Ms Jones returned to work, the secretary also made it clear that he would not provide me or Ms Jones or any other parties with a copy of the report. So I have not seen the report.”

At p36 of the transcript there was also this exchange:

**The Hon. ADAM SEARLE:** Just going back to Mr Werman’s report, you did not see a copy?

**Mr BROGDEN:** No.

**The Hon. ADAM SEARLE:** To your knowledge, has anyone on the board seen a copy?

**Mr BROGDEN:** No. The better way to answer that is Mr Pratt made it clear that he would not be producing a copy of the report to any other party.

If Mr Pratt would not provide you with a copy of the report, how does Landcom possess a copy of each of Mr Werman’s March and May reports on the matter?

132. You misled the committee when you made those statements, didn’t you?

133. Why did you mislead the committee?

134. When did Landcom receive a copy of the reports?

135. Who at Landcom received the reports?

136. From whom were the reports received?

137. When did you become aware that Landcom had received the reports?

138. When did your office receive the reports?

139. When did you see the reports?

140. Given the importance you have placed on being an ambassador for good mental health, and stopping workplace bullying, it is not believable that you did not read the Werman reports, or learn what its contents are, is it?

141. Given your legal and moral responsibilities you have as CEO towards the workforce at Landcom, why did you not make yourself aware of the contents of the Werman reports?

142. You have read the reports, haven’t you?

143. At p36 of the transcript of the Planning Budget Estimates hearing, you stated, or agreed with the proposition, that you and Landcom relied upon the assessment made by Treasury Secretary, Michael Pratt, of the allegations made against Ms Jones. That is not correct, is it?
144. Why did you rely on Mr Pratt’s assessment when you had a copy of the reports and could read them yourself?

145. It would have been negligent of you as CEO to not read them, given they were in the possession of Landcom?

146. When you were interviewed for the role of Landcom CEO, were you subject to psychological and psychometric evaluation and assessment?

147. If yes, what form did that take, who conducted the testing and when?

Hunter Central Coast Development Corporation

148. How many FTE staff were employed at the HCCDC for each of the following years:

(a) 2011;
(b) 2012;
(c) 2013;
(d) 2014;
(e) 2015;
(f) 2016;
(g) 2017;
(h) 2018; and
(i) 2019?

149. What is the cost of salaries and superannuation and all other entitlements for the HCCDC for each of the following years:

(a) 2011;
(b) 2012;
(c) 2013;
(d) 2014;
(e) 2015;
(f) 2016;
(g) 2017;
(h) 2018; and
150. How much has HCCDC 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; and
- (i) 2019?

151. What is the cost of consultants engaged by HCCDC for each of the following years:

- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2012;
- (c) 2013;
- (d) 2014;
- (e) 2015;
- (f) 2016;
- (g) 2017;
- (h) 2018; and
- (i) 2019?

152. How many iPhone/smart phones are assigned to staff?

- (a) For each phone, how much was each bill in 2018-19?
- (b) How many phones have been lost or replaced due to damage?
- (c) What is the cost of replacing those phones?

153. How many iPads or tablets has HCCDC assigned to staff?

- (a) What was the cost of providing iPads or tablets?
(b) How many iPads or tablets have been replaced due to loss or damage in 2018-19?

(c) What was the cost of replacing these devices?

154. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in HCCDC offices in 2018-19?

(a) What is the cost of this?

155. Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been hired or leased for display in HCCDC offices in 2018-19?

(a) If so, what was the cost of these items?

156. What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals (including online services) in 2018-19?

(a) What are these services/newspapers/magazines/journals/periodicals?

(b) Who is the subscriber for each of these?

157. What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office in 2018-19?

(a) What were the gifts purchased?

(b) Who were they gifted to?

158. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers?

(a) What is the monthly cost of this?

159. How much did HCCDC spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2018-19?

160. How many fleet vehicles does HCCDC have?

(a) What is the cost of these vehicles?

(b) Who uses these vehicles?

161. What was the total bill for your office in 2018-19 for:

(a) Taxi hire

(b) Limousine hire

(c) Private hire care

(d) Hire car rental

(e) Ridesharing services?

162. Were any planes or helicopters chartered by HCCDC in 2018-19?
(a) If yes, will you please detail each trip, the method of transport and the cost?

163. How many credit cards are currently on issue to HCCDC staff?
   (a) Please provide a break-down of this information by grade.

164. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card for the following financial years:
   (a) 2015-16
   (b) 2016-17
   (c) 2017-18
   (d) 2018-2019
   (e) 2019-present
      i. What was each largest reported purchase for?

165. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards for the following financial years:
   (a) 2015-16
   (b) 2016-17
   (c) 2017-18
   (d) 2018-2019
   (e) 2019-present

166. How much did HCCDC spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2018-19?

167. 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?
   (b) Have you undertaken any official overseas travel that was privately funded?
   (c) If so, what was the nature of these trips?
   (d) Who paid for these trips?

168. How many redundancies were processed by HCCDC during 2018-19?
   (a) Of these redundancies, how many were:
i. Voluntary?

ii. Involuntary?

(b) What was the total cost of all redundancies?

169. Have any staff who received a redundancy in the last two years undertaken any paid work or provided any paid services for the department, statutory agency and/or other body with which they were formerly employed?

170. Has HCCDC engaged in any corporate sponsorships?

(a) Who were these sponsorships with?

(b) What was the purpose of these sponsorships?

(c) What was the value of these sponsorships, by case and year?

(d) What was the value of these sponsorships in the following financial years:

i. 2015-16

ii. 2016-17

iii. 2017-18

iv. 2018-19?

Affordable Housing

171. How many affordable housing properties 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; and

(i) 2019?
172. How many affordable housing properties 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; and
(i) 2019?

173. How many dwellings will be delivered through the Housing Acceleration Fund in the Newcastle?

174. Of the land sold by HCCDC in the Honeysuckle precinct, how much has been allocated to social housing and affordable housing?

Newcastle Port Community Contribution Fund

175. Please provide a list of all projects funded through the Newcastle Port Community Contribution Fund including the applicant name, the amount received and the status of the project.

Hunter Central Coast Development Corporation Land Sales

176. Please provide a list of all former rail corridor land sales including DP/Lot Number, total sales price and the purchaser’s name.

177. Please provide a list of all land sales since 2011 by HCCDC including DP/Lot Number, total sales price, date of sale and the purchaser’s name.

Newcastle Station

178. How much has HCCDC spent activating the Newcastle Station Precinct since it open?

(a) Please provide a monthly breakdown.

179. How much has HCCDC provided to event managers to activate the Newcastle Station Precinct since it open?

(a) Please provide a monthly breakdown.
HIIF for Newcastle Basketball at Broadmeadow

180. Considering Newcastle Basketball is relocating to Lake Macquarie, what will the $5 million allocated to the Basketball Association of Newcastle towards the Multi-Purpose Complex in Broadmeadow be spent on?

Newcastle Mines Grouting Fund

181. How much in total has the NSW government allocated to mine subsidence grouting in the Newcastle LGA since 2014?

182. What expenditure has there been by the NSW government on mine subsidence grouting in the Newcastle LGA in 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018/2019 financial years and in the current financial year to date?

183. What are the projects and locations that have received government expenditure on mine subsidence grouting in the Newcastle LGA during 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018/2019 and in the current financial year to date?

184. How much government expenditure has there been on each of the projects and locations that have received mine subsidence grouting in the Newcastle LGA during 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018/2019 and in the current financial year to date?

185. Please provide breakdown of all projects that have been funded through the Newcastle Mines Grouting Fund, including the total amount received from the fund, applicants name, project name and address of the project.

WestConnex

186. In relation to the condition which you placed on Westconnex for two dedicated lanes of public transport during your first term as Planning Minister, when does that condition have to be complied with?

187. Are you considered waiving, removing or substituting that condition? If yes, please provide details.

Future Development in Canterbury

188. What are the development plans being proposed for the Canterbury electorate?

(a) Do these plans include spot rezoning for high rise apartments?

189. The government has launched a review of planning controls along Canterbury road. Can the government provide an exact date on when the review will be completed?
190. What is the timeline for developments in Canterbury road?

191. What planning is being done with the Department of education for additional places in schools? Are there plans for new schools to be constructed?

192. What coordination has been done with the Department of Transport for additional transport services such as busses, and other transport options?

193. Are there plans for commuter car parks?

194. What planning is being done with the Department of Health with respects to how plan on how Canterbury hospital can accommodate for an increase in the local residential population?

195. Is the government working with local council on planning? What timeline has the government provided council in regards to design and implementation?

(a) What has the community raised as concerns?

196. What is the current limit of rooms per boarding house?

(a) Has the government consulted Council on this cap? Has the government consulted with the community on this cap?

197. What systems does the government have in place to ensure that rent is affordable for residents in boarding houses?

198. As part of the Governments proposed Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor, the Government plans to add new developments that will be built on the proposed conversion of the heavy rail to a metro. What discussions has the Department of Planning had with the Department of Transport?

199. Canterbury, Campsie, and Belmore have been identified in this strategy as planned precincts. Has master planning for these precincts begun? The community resoundingly dismissed the Governments proposed priority precincts. Is this Urban Renewal Corridor proposal another way for the Government to increase development in our community?

(a) The Government website states that master planning will include more detailed studies and community consultation. Will this involve cooperation and input from Council?

(b) The Government website concedes that the master planning will result in rezoning of these precincts. Will this include spot rezoning? What type of zoning?

(c) Will these precincts planned the council or by the Government?
200. What is the proposed number of dwellings for Canterbury, Campsie, and Belmore?

201. Does the Government understand that there has been significant increase in residential dwellings over the last five years without adequate health, education, transport, or social infrastructure? Will the government continue this overdevelopment without adequate and essential infrastructure?

**Ministerial Travel/Meal Allowance**

202. How many nights travel were claimed by the Minister during the 2018-19 period?

203. How many nights travel were claimed by the Minister’s spouse during the 2018-19 period?

204. What was the total amount of travel allowances claimed by the Minister and their spouse (if applicable) during 2018-19?

205. What is the total amount of meal allowances claimed by the Minister and their spouse (if applicable) during 2018-19?

**Efficiency dividends**

206. What was the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio in 2018-19?

207. What is the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio in

   (a) 2019-20?

   (b) 2020-21?

   (c) 2021-22?

208. What was the total efficiency dividend that was achieved for each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio between 2011-12 and 2018-19 inclusively?

**Ministerial Office Administration**

209. How many staff are in your ministerial office?

   (a) What was the average salary for staff members in your office during 2018-19?

   (b) What is the estimated average salary for a ministerial staffer in your office in 2019-20 based on current appointments?

210. How many iPhone/smart phones are assigned to your staff?

   (a) For each phone, how much was each bill in 2018-19?
(b) How many phones have been lost or replaced due to damage in your office?
(c) What is the cost of replacing those phones?

211. 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 2018-19?
   (b) How many iPads or tablets have been replaced due to lost or damage in 2018-19?
   (c) What was the cost of replacing these devices?

212. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2018-19?
   (a) What is the cost of this?

213. Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been hired or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2018-19?
   (a) If so, what was the cost of these items?

214. Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been purchased for display in your ministerial office in 2018-19?
   (a) If so, what was the cost of these items?

215. What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals (including online services) in 2018-19?
   (a) What are these services/newspapers/magazines/journals/periodicals?
   (b) Who is the subscriber for each of these?

216. What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office in 2018-19?
   (a) What were the gifts purchased?
   (b) Who were they gifted to?

217. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?
   (a) What is the monthly cost of this?

218. How much did your ministerial office spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2018-19?

219. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
   (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?
220. What was the total bill for your office in 2018-19 for:

(a) Taxi hire
(b) Limousine hire
(c) Private hire care
(d) Hire car rental
(e) Ridesharing services?

221. Were any planes or helicopters chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money in 2018-19?

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

222. 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 2018-19?

Agile Workspaces/Activity Based Working/Hot-desking

223. Have any of your departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies 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 2019-20?

224. How much have your departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies spent in the roll-out of the agile working environment including laptops, furniture, lockers and other equipment in 2018-19?

Hospitality

225. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister’s portfolio please report:

(a) How much was spent on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2018-19?
(b) Whether the department, statutory agency and/or other body has coffee machines? And if so:
   i. How many?
   ii. What was their purchase cost?
   iii. What is their maintenance cost?
iv. Who has access to them?

v. Which staff have access to the machines?

**Labour Hire Firms**

226. Do any departments, statutory agency and/or other bodies within your portfolio responsibilities utilise the services of Labour Hire Firms? If yes, please advise in table form for 2018-19:

(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

(h) Who authorised the use of labour hire companies?

(i) Do staff under these labour hire arrangements receive as much training and security clearance as permanent staff?

**Stationery**

227. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister’s portfolio please report:

(a) What was the cost of stationary for the following financial years:

   i. 2015-16

   ii. 2016-17

   iii. 2017-18

   iv. 2018-2019

   v. 2019-present

(b) What brand of paper is used?

   i. Is this paper Australian made?
Credit Cards

228. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister’s portfolio please report:

(a) How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff?
   i. Please provide a break-down of this information by grade.

(b) What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card for the following financial years:
   i. 2015-16
   ii. 2016-17
   iii. 2017-18
   iv. 2018-2019
   v. 2019-present

(c) What was each largest reported purchase for?

(d) How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards for the following financial years:
   i. 2015-16
   ii. 2016-17
   iii. 2017-18
   iv. 2018-2019
   v. 2019-present

(e) How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards for the following financial years:
   i. 2015-16
   ii. 2016-17
   iii. 2017-18
   iv. 2018-2019
   v. 2019-present
(f) What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period and what was the card holder’s employment grade?

(g) How many credit cards have been reported lost or stolen?
   i. What was the cost to replace them?

(h) How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy?
   i. What was the total value of those purchases?
   ii. How many purchases were asked to be repaid on the basis that they were illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and what was the total value thereof?
   iii. Were all those amounts actually repaid?
   iv. If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?

(i) What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and asked to be repaid, and what was the cardholder’s employment grade?
   i. What that amount actually repaid, in full?
   ii. What amount was left unpaid?

(j) Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes?
   i. Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?

(k) Can a copy of the staff credit card policy please be provided?

Media and Public Relations

229. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister’s portfolio please report:

(a) How many media/communications/public relations advisers are employed?
   i. What is the total salary cost for media/communications/public relations advisers in 2018-19?

(b) What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media/communications/public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?

(c) What is the total cost of media monitoring services?
   i. Please provide a breakdown by department, statutory agency and/or other body.
(d) Are any media or public relations advisers currently engaged as contractors?
   i. Who are these contracts with?
   ii. What is the value of these contracts?

(e) How much was spent on media or public relations advisors in financial year:
   i. 2015-16
   ii. 2016-17
   iii. 2017-18
   iv. 2018-2019
   v. 2019-present?

Facebook
230. How much did your ministerial office spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2018-19?

231. How much did your department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister’s portfolio spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2018-19?

Overseas Trips
232. 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?
   (b) Have you undertaken any official overseas travel that was privately funded?
   (c) If so, what was the nature of these trips?
   (d) Who paid for these trips?

Department/Agency Travel
233. What was the total expenditure in 2018-19 by departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies within your portfolio on:
   (a) Taxi hire
   (b) Limousine
   (c) Private car hire
   (d) Hire car rental
(e) Ridesharing services

(f) Chartered flights?

Drivers
234. Are any of the senior executives in the relevant department, statutory agency and/or other body 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, statutory agency and/or other body?

(c) What is the total cost of drivers for senior executives in the department, statutory agency and/or other body?

Consulting
235. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister’s portfolio please report:

(a) How much was spent in legal costs in 2018-19?
   i. For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?

(b) Have departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies under your portfolio engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice in 2018-19:
   i. Social media
   ii. Photography
   iii. Acting training
   iv. Ergonomics

(c) What was the cost of these services?
   i. Social media
   ii. Photography
   iii. Acting training
   iv. Ergonomics
Web Content
236. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister’s portfolio please report:
   (a) What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed this year?
   (b) What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed this year?

Department/Agency Staffing
237. How many redundancies were processed by departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2018-19?
   (a) Of these redundancies, how many were:
      i. Voluntary?
      ii. Involuntary?

238. What was the total cost of all redundancies?

239. Have any staff who received a redundancy in the last two years undertaken any paid work or provided any paid services for the department, statutory agency and/or other body 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?

240. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies under your portfolio responsibility?

241. How many staff were dismissed from departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2018-19?
   (a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?

242. How much was spent advertising for recruitment for the following financial years:
   (a) 2015-16
   (b) 2016-17
   (c) 2017-18
   (d) 2018-2019
(e) 2019-present?

**Smart Phone**

243. How many mobile phones are given to staff or board members?

(a) How many new mobile phones were purchased in the last year?

244. What is the total cost of these phones for the following financial years:

(a) 2015-16
(b) 2016-17
(c) 2017-18
(d) 2018-2019
(e) 2019-present?

245. How many had to be replaced due to damage?

246. How many were reported as lost?

247. How many tablets are given to staff or board members?

(a) How many new tablets in the last year?

248. What is the total cost of these tablets for the following financial years?

(a) 2015-16
(b) 2016-17
(c) 2017-18
(d) 2018-2019?

249. How many phones and tablets had to be replaced due to damage?

250. How many were reported as lost?

251. How many people have both a smart phone and a tablet?

(a) What is the lowest ranked official who has both a work smart phone and tablet?

252. How many staff or board members overspent on their phone or tablet data bill?

(a) By how much?
(b) What was the average cost of data bills for tablets and mobile phones?
(c) What was the highest monthly cost?
253. Do the departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies within your portfolio have an iTunes account?
   (a) What was the total expenditure in 2018-19 on iTunes?
   (b) What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?

254. Do the departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies within your portfolio have a Google Play Store account?
   (a) What was the total expenditure in 2018-19 on through the Google Play Store?
   (b) What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through the Google Play Store?

**Merchant fees**

255. Please provide a list of all transactions where customers need to pay a merchant fee on credit and/or debit card payments to a department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio.

256. Please provide the percentage and/or amount of the merchant fees applied to all credit and/or debit card payments/transactions to a department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio.

257. What was the total amount paid in merchant fees on credit and/or debit card payments to departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies within your portfolio in 2018-19?

**Advertising and Sponsorships**

258. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister’s portfolio please report:
   (a) How much was spent on advertising in the following financial years:
      i. 2015-16
      ii. 2016-17
      iii. 2017-18
      iv. 2018-2019?

259. Has your department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio engaged in any corporate sponsorships?
   (a) Who were these sponsorships with?
   (b) What was the purpose of these sponsorships?
(c) What was the value of these sponsorships, by case and year?

(d) What was the value of these sponsorships in the following financial years:

   i. 2015-16
   ii. 2016-17
   iii. 2017-18
   iv. 2018-19?

Probity Auditor

260. Has your office or department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio 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.

Energy

261. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body within 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?
   (e) 2018/19?

262. What proportion of the electricity consumed by each department, statutory agency and/or other body within 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.

263. How much money was spent on electricity for each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio by name in each of the above financial years?

264. What was the name of the energy supplier to each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio by name for those financial years?

265. How much electricity is it estimated that each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio will consume in:

   (a) 2019-20?
266. What proportion of that electricity is it estimated will come from renewable sources, for each year?

267. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio by name, please provide the estimated proportion of energy to be used from each kind of energy (coal, gas, solar, wind etc.)?

268. What is the name of the energy supplier to each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio for each of:
   (a) 2019-20?
   (b) 2020-21?
   (c) 2021-22?

**General Costs**

269. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister’s portfolio please report:

   (a) Any gardening services used for indoor or outdoor pot plants/flowers maintenance?
      i. Who are the contracts with?
      ii. How much does each contract cost?
      iii. How often do they visit?
      iv. How much was spent on this service in financial year:

   - 2015-16
   - 2016-17
   - 2017-18
   - 2018-19?

(b) Any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants hired or leased for display in any offices?

   i. Who were the contracts with?
   ii. How much was each contract cost?
   iii. How much was spent on this service in financial year:
• 2015-16
• 2016-17
• 2017-18
• 2018-19?

Domestic Violence Leave Policies, Awareness and Usage

270. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister’s portfolio please report:

(a) A copy of the entity’s policy or web link to the entity’s domestic violence leave policy;

(b) Date of introduction of domestic violence leave into enterprise agreements/contracts of employment, awards as applicable;

(c) Whether or not all employees and/or contractors are eligible for domestic violence leave;

(d) Number of days of domestic violence leave that have been taken in each financial year since the introduction of such leave;

(e) Number of days available for eligible staff to access domestic violence leave in each financial year;

(f) Number of other personal days of leave that have been taken in each financial year since the introduction of domestic violence leave;

(g) Number of sick days available for eligible staff to access domestic violence leave in each financial year;

(h) Whether or not all staff and/or contractors have access to Employee Assistance Programs?

(i) What training has been undertaken with management and administration for those involved in approving and/or processing domestic violence leave on issues such as?

   i. Privacy and confidentiality of information about domestic violence

   ii. Access to emotional, psychological, financial and medical support which may be required

271. Who has provided training on domestic violence in the workplace?

272. What percentage of staff in each agency has undertaken domestic violence training?
273. What efforts have been made to ensure that perpetrators (or their accomplices) within the staffing profile are not able to access personal information of victims in order to identify their location, or other information which may assist in committing domestic violence against them, including changing or accessing records in such a way as to disadvantage them financially or legally?

**Sexual harassment and Anti-bullying training and awareness programs**

274. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister’s portfolio please report:

(a) Date of introduction of sexual harassment and anti-bullying training and awareness programs and a copy of such documentation.

   i. Whether or not all employees and/or contractors have received such training?
   
   ii. Is this course mandatory for all employees/contractors?
   
   iii. How long for each session, how many sessions?
   
   iv. Who delivers it?
   
   v. Is the program tailored to take into consideration specific needs of LGBTQIA, ATSI and CALD or other at risk groups?

   • How?

(b) What percentage of staff in each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio have undertaken sexual harassment and anti-bullying training and awareness programs?

(c) How many complaints have been initiated in relation to:

   i. Sexual harassment
   
   ii. Bullying
   
   iii. Workplace violence

**Participation of women in Government**

275. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister’s portfolio please report:

(a) What number and percentage of women are employed within the department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio?
(b) What number and percentage of women are employed within the management levels of the department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio?

(c) What number and percentage of women are employed in the top ten leadership positions of the department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio?

(d) What strategies does the department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio use to encourage women in to management and leadership positions?

(e) What is the gender pay gap within your department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio?

(f) Does the department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio report participation of women figures to Women NSW on a regular basis?

Professional Photography

276. How much has been spent on professional photography for the following financial years:

   (a) 2015-16
   (b) 2016-17
   (c) 2017-18
   (d) 2018-2019
   (e) 2019-present?

Unmanned Aerial Services

277. How much has been spent on Unmanned Aerial Services for the following financial years:

   (a) 2015-16
   (b) 2016-17
   (c) 2017-18
   (d) 2018-2019
   (e) 2019-present?

Seconded Staff

278. How many staff from your department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio have been seconded to your Ministerial Office, for the following financial years:

   (a) 2015-16
279. Please provide their names, their substantive work title, and their seconded work title.

Consultant Costs
280. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister’s portfolio please report, the total expenditure on consultants by financial year:
   (a) 2015-16
   (b) 2016-17
   (c) 2017-18
   (d) 2018-2019
   (e) 2019-present?

281. What are names and values of the five most expensive reports produced by consultancies for each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister’s portfolio by financial year:
   (a) 2015-16
   (b) 2016-17
   (c) 2017-18
   (d) 2018-2019
   (e) 2019-present?

GIPA Questions to the CEOs/ Department Secretaries
282. Since March 30, how many formal GIPAs have your cluster/ department received?
283. Out of the received formal GIPAs, how many have you determined to:
   (a) Grant full access to the information?
   (b) Grant partial access to the information?
   (c) Not grant access to the information?
284. Out of the GIPA where partial information or no information was granted, how many have decided to appeal?

(a) Out of those who have decided to appeal, how many have decided to use:

   i. The agency’s internal appeals’ mechanism?

   ii. Review by the Information Commissioner?

   iii. Review by NCAT?

(b) How many of those GIPAs have been overturned on appeal?

   i. Internal appeals’ mechanism?

   ii. Review of the Information Commissioner?

   iii. Review by NCAT?

285. GIPAs that have been granted full or partial access, how many appear on the agency’s disclosure log?

(a) What is the rationale for not putting GIPAs on the agency’s disclosure log (excluding GIPAs asking for personal information)?

286. Has any GIPAs that appeared on the agency’s disclosure log been taken down?

(a) For what reason/s?