

Question 1 - 3

1. What was the final Cost Benefit Ratio (BCR) for the location of the rail maintenance facility at Dubbo?
2. What other sites were considered and what were the BCR for those sites?
 - (a) Were either Bathurst or Goulburn examined as possible locations for the facility?
 - (b) Why were those sites less suitable for the maintenance facility?
3. What analysis has been done on the cost of running trains to Dubbo for maintenance versus other sites such as Goulburn?

ANSWER

I am advised:

There is no BCR for the maintenance facility site. A multi criteria assessment was done for the maintenance facility.

Dubbo was selected as the preferred location for the new maintenance facility after a comprehensive analysis of potential sites against a range of different criteria including operational, environmental, social, economic and construction considerations. The intent of the process was to find a site that would minimise the need for empty running trains, minimise capital and operating costs, reduce strain on the Sydney metropolitan network and encourage regional development.

Dubbo has some important features that make it a suitable location for the maintenance facility. It is an endpoint for regional rail services, has excellent transport links and a strong industrial base. It is also home to the necessary training and educational facilities.

There are existing regional services that operate to Dubbo that will enable trains to be changed out for maintenance without any additional running costs.

Question 4

4. Did the relevant government agency receive any correspondence/communication from the Deputy Premiers office which influenced the final decision to locate the facility at Dubbo?

ANSWER

I am advised:

No.

Question 5

5. What is the expected cost of maintaining the Endeavour Fleet that runs on the Hunter line at Dubbo?

ANSWER

I am advised:

The Endeavour trains that supplement services on the Hunter Line are outside the scope of the Regional Rail Fleet Project.

Question 6

6. What is the current expected delivery date for the new;
- (a) XPT Trains
 - (b) Xplorer Trains
 - (c) Endeavour Trains

ANSWER

I am advised:

The first trains in the new Regional Rail Fleet, which will replace the XPT, Xplorer and Endeavour trains, are expected to be running from 2023, with the full fleet coming into service progressively.

Question 7

7. The original budget for the project was \$2.8 billion. Is the project currently still running on budget?
- (a) Has a contingency budget been allocated given that other projects such as the Sydney Light Rail have had massive over runs?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Yes, the project is currently running on budget.

The total budget for the project is \$2.8 billion which includes a capital cost of \$1.26 billion for the new fleet, the new maintenance facility in Dubbo, some minor enabling works and project costs, as well as recurrent costs associated with maintenance services for the first 15 years.

The project has had a contingency provision in place since it was established.

Question 8

8. When did Sydney Trains first become aware of the issue surrounding the steel centre pins on the XPT Fleet?
- (a) When was the order to replace the wheel centre pins first placed?
 - (b) After the first locomotive was identified with the problem, when were the other 4 locomotives identified?
 - (c) What is the expected time table for replacing the wheel centre pins on all XPTs?

(d)What if any, contribution did the standard of rail track play in causing the steel wheel centre pins to fail?

(e)Is the Ministers office notified on a regular basis about maintenance issues in the regional fleet as a matter of normal protocol?

ANSWER

I am advised:

The XPT fleet is maintained to the highest standard and undergoes thorough inspection every 42 days. This includes the testing of component parts such as centre pins.

Cracks in the centre pin of a diesel locomotive were identified in January 2018, with the locomotive removed from service.

As the pin is a bespoke design with high quality requirements, Sydney Trains was required to go out to tender. Due to the specialised design, it took more than a year to find a supplier who could manufacture the pins to the necessary standards.

Sydney Trains awarded a contract to Bradken Limited in April 2019 to manufacture centre pin castings for the XPT fleet.

The first two of 38 centre pins have been delivered to Sydney Trains and installed to replace the cracked pins in the locomotive, before returning it to service.

The remaining centre pins will be delivered from early November, and will be progressively installed to replace the centre pins on the entire XPT fleet over the coming months as a matter of caution.

During the procurement process for the replacement centre pins, all XPT services underwent regular inspections and maintenance, and were deemed safe to operate passenger services.

In total four XPT diesel locomotives have had cracked pins identified, with the locomotives removed from service. One locomotive has now been returned to service after having its pins replaced.

These locomotives will be returned to service following the completion of all necessary and appropriate engineering assessments and actions.

The Minister's office is notified about issues that impact safety or cause a disruption to services.

Question 9

9. According to reports the cost of the retro fitting stations and tunnels on the Blue Mountains line was not part of the original budget for the project, what is the total cost of the project including all upgrades to stations, tunnels and other infrastructure across the whole network including the Central Coast and Illawarra Lines?

ANSWER

I am advised:

The cost of upgrading the Blue Mountains Line west of Springwood to modern standards, the only part of the electrified train network yet to be upgraded, is included in the New Intercity Fleet project budget.

Question 10

10. What is the current expected delivery date for the new Intercity fleet?

- (a) Approximately when will new trains will be running on;
- (b) Newcastle/Central Coast Line
- (c) Illawarra Line
- (d) Blue Mountains Line

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer given at the hearing.

Question 11

11. Is the rail maintenance facility at Kangy Angy on time and on budget?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Yes.

Question 12

12. The bridge giving access to the Kangy Angy facility according to news reports is understood to be worth at least \$50 million, what is the final cost of the bridge and associated road works?

- (a) How many people are expected to use the bridge each day?
- (b) How many local residents are expected to benefit from the new bridge?

ANSWER

I am advised:

The maintenance facility at Kangy Angy will include access for local residents via a new flood free bridge that will connect Enterprise Drive to Orchard Road.

The new access bridge will be the main access route into and out of the maintenance facility site.

The cost of the access bridge forms part of the maintenance facility design and construct contract.

Question 13 - 14

13. There were reportedly three Central Coast sites being investigated for the location of the intercity maintenance facility, given the flooding issues of the selected site why were the other sites not considered to be suitable?

14. The cost of the facility was reported to be in the vicinity of \$265 million, what is the projected final cost of the facility?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Transport for NSW considered the suitability of a number of locations along the existing rail network as well as existing rail maintenance facilities as the site of a new maintenance facility for the New Intercity Fleet.

The Kangy Angy site was selected on the basis of operational, environmental and construction considerations.

The contract with John Holland to design and build the New Intercity Fleet maintenance facility at Kangy Angy is available on the NSW Government eTenders website.

Question 15

15. Can you outline the role of train guards on the new intercity trains given there will be no guard station in the design of the trains?

(a) Where will the guards be located?

(b) What will their specific role be?

(c) Will guards be able to override automatic door controls on the new trains?

(d) If not how will guards be able to properly monitor platforms?

(e) If CCTV is used are there any potential blind spots on platforms that will not be visible?

(f) In testimony Mr Allaway said that there would be a guard on-board for revenue services, what does this mean?

ANSWER

I am advised:

The New Intercity Fleet will operate with a driver and customer service guard on board the train when it's in passenger service. Customers have told TfNSW that they value a visible staff presence on the train. The role of the customer service guard is to provide quality service to customers travelling with NSW TrainLink.

The customer service guard will be responsible for various platform and boarding assistance activities as well as fault finding and rectification, as directed by the driver.

Guards will be a visible presence, coming out from the guard's cab and walking through the carriage to provide customer service.

Guards will provide customer service on board and assistance to customers requiring help to get on or off the train, including people with disabilities, parents with prams and the elderly.

Consultation with the Rail, Tram & Bus Union, staff and stakeholders is ongoing.

Question 16

16. The new train carriages do not carry the same number of passengers as current carriages, how many stations on the network will need to be lengthened to accommodate the new ten car sets?

(a) Central Coasts/Newcastle Line

(b) Illawarra Line

(c) Have upgrades to infrastructure on these two lines been factored into the final costings of the project?

ANSWER

I am advised:

This information is publicly available.

Question 17

17. With the introduction of the new Intercity fleet, can the Minister guarantee that no station staff positions will be cut?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Transport for NSW supports and upholds the Government's position on regional jobs.

Question 18

18. In regards to the recommendations from the Final Report of the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Waterfall Rail Accident, what is the status of the implementation of the digital communications system between trains?

(a) Can trains currently communicate between each other – driver to driver?

(b) If this still has not been achieved when is the expected date of completion for Recommendation 38?

ANSWER

I am advised:

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

Question 19

19. Are trains on the Newcastle/Central Coast Line and the Illawarra Line still speed reduced pending full implementation of the Waterfall Inquest report?

(a) Are there plans to increase speed limits to improve travel time for commuters?

ANSWER

I am advised:

All trains on the Newcastle and Illawarra lines run at the permitted speeds for those lines. The permitted speeds take into account the geographical and other environmental aspects that ensures a safe speed for the train.

A number of factors impact the speed at which trains can operate across the network, including stopping patterns, track alignment and train loadings. Through the More Trains, More Services program, Transport for NSW is always looking at ways to improve journey times for customers, including express services on the intercity network.

Question 20

20. What is the current timeline for the construction of the attenuator at the Port of Eden?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Options are being considered on how best to proceed to meet the objective of providing a safe refuge for the boating community in Snug Cove, in an affordable way.

Question 21

21. What is the current budget for the construction at the attenuator at the Port of Eden?

ANSWER

I am advised:

The NSW Government has provided \$19 million for the Eden Safe Harbour project.

Question 22

22. When are the next round of regional bus contracts due for renewal?

(a) Will the implementation of on demand bus services impact on new regional bus contracts?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Contracts expire in 2024.

On Demand Public Transport will be an important feature of future networks, supporting metropolitan, outer metropolitan and regional services by offering convenient first and last-mile options.

In the future, On Demand public transport services will form part of the integrated public transport network, replacing suboptimal route services, enabling convenient and efficient connections from residential areas to key interchanges and places of interest.

In regional NSW, on demand provides more personalised, end to end journeys, by connecting transport hubs in cities and centres to smaller towns and villages. Data, insights and feedback from the pilots will be used to inform future improvements across the entire transport network.

Question 23 - 31

23. How does the Government intend to promote the Seniors Regional Travel Card?

24. Why is the scheme not being introduced until January 2020?

25. Considering that costs for taxis, fuel and other transport costs are the same for residents in Wollongong as they are in Shellharbour, why have aged care pensioners in Wollongong (and Newcastle) been excluded from eligibility for the scheme?

26. Have Uber and other rideshare platforms been specifically excluded from the scheme? Why?

27. Why have the specifics of the scheme not yet been announced -

(a) How will seniors apply?

(b) Where do they apply?

(c) Do they receive discounts on individual fares or as a lump sum payment?

(d) If a lump sum payment, what proof is required to claim the amount?

(e) Will the \$250 per year be applicable over a financial year (or calendar year) given the scheme commences in January 2020?

(f) Will the amount accrue over multiple years?

(g) Will card holders be able to claim the amount for costs incurred whilst travelling to metropolitan areas?

28. Will carers and family members who are wholly responsible for transporting eligible seniors be able to apply for and receive the \$250?

29. Is it true that during the election campaign, pensioners were attempting to use National party election paraphernalia to access transport, because they were led to believe the pamphlets entitled them to discounted fares?

30. How has the Government determined that \$90 million will be enough to cover the cost of the program over the next three years?

31. How will the Government advertise or promote the card to ensure the highest take-up possible?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Transport for New South Wales is working through the launch approach for the Regional Seniors Transport Card. More details of how this will be communicated to customers will be available towards the end of 2019.

There are a number of activities which need to take place to allow for customer applications to be processed and fulfilled prior to the card being made available to customers. The January 2020 introduction date is consistent with the original announcement which allowed time for implementation.

The Regional Seniors Transport Card is targeted at regional and rural areas outside the metropolitan areas of Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong. The definition of Regional NSW is consistent with that used for Restart NSW. The local government areas included are those areas most in need of assistance with travel-related costs.

The details of the Regional Seniors Transport Card are still being finalised as part of the implementation approach. Transport for NSW is working through all implementation matters and will ensure the community is updated on how the program will work in advance of its roll out

Customers will be able to apply online or via a customer contact centre

The \$250 will be available for one calendar year, from the year it is received until 31 December that year. If the \$250 is not spent in the calendar year it will not be available beyond this date.

Transport for New South Wales has no knowledge of pensioners attempting to use National party election material to access transport.

The program's costing has been informed by modelling from NSW Treasury with an assumed takeup rate of 40%. The 40% take up is comparable with the 38% actual take up of the Western Australia travel card scheme and consistent with PBO assumptions used in costings relating to seniors initiatives.

Question 32 – 35

32. How many trials are ongoing?

- 33.How much have they cost to date?
34.How much have you spent per passenger on trials?
35.How many people were using it?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Information about the On Demand public transport trials is publicly available.

Question 36 - 37

- 36.Has it been a net reduction in cost compared to fixed service?
37.What was cost recovery ratio of fixed vs on demand?

ANSWER

I am advised:

The On Demand trials are ongoing and will continue to be monitored and evaluated.

Question 38

- 38.Are there new trials planned?

ANSWER

I am advised:

There are no plans to roll out any further trials of On Demand public transport at this stage.

Question 39

- 39.Will companies conduct the trial be able to retain vehicles or other equipment procured for the purpose of the trial?
(a)If so, which vehicles?
(b)In which trial areas?
(c)What was the procurement cost of each vehicle of piece of equipment being retained?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the Minister or Transport and Roads' response to Transport and Roads supplementary question 402.

Question 40

40. What is the forecast final cost for following project:

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the Minister for Transport and Roads' response to Transport and Roads supplementary questions 412 and 413.

Question 41

41. Work Fleet Augmentation and Replacement Program, and Mobile Maintenance Train?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you the Minister for Transport and Roads' response to Transport and Roads supplementary question 412.

Question 42

42. What is the BCR for the following project?

(a) Work Fleet Augmentation and Replacement Program, and Mobile Maintenance Train?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the Minister for Transport and Roads' response to Transport and Roads supplementary question 413.

Question 43

43. What is the Budget allocation for the following projects?

(a) Work Fleet Augmentation and Replacement Program, and Mobile Maintenance Train?

ANSWER

I am advised:

This information is in the 2019-20 Budget papers

Question 44

44. What is the planned completion date for the following project?

(a)Work Fleet Augmentation and Replacement Program, and Mobile Maintenance Train?

ANSWER

I am advised:

The planned completion dates are subject to the completion of the final business case and availability of funding.

Question 45

45.How many Transport cluster staff are allocated to Ministerial Offices?

(a)What are their names?

(b)What are their substantive titles?

(c)What are roles or titles within each Minister's Office?

(d)Have any assignments exceeded 18 months?

i If so, which assignments?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Ministers' Office staff numbers and salary bands are available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

Question 46

46.As at 30 August 2019, how many staff held positions in the organisational structure of the Office of the Secretary?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you the Minister for Transport and Roads' response to Transport and Roads supplementary question 416.

Question 47 - 52

47.What is the safe working life of the XPT centre pins that are the basis of the current withdrawal from service?

48.Have any of the XPTs had the centre pins work beyond the safe working life?

49.How often would the XPT centre pins require replacement?

50.Do we have a supply of the centre pins in case of fault or the requirement for replacement?

51.What is the total cost of current centre pin replacement?

52.On page 16 of the Uncorrected Transcript the following exchange is recorded:

"The Hon. MICK VEITCH: Okay, that is fine. Minister, the main thing here is for the community to know the other 15 XPT engines have been assessed, the centre pins are going to be replaced—is that right?

Mr PAUL TOOLE: That is correct."

What is the proposed schedule for replacing the centre pins on the remaining 15 XPT engines?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 8.

Question 53

53. In the Uncorrected Transcript on Page 28 the Minister states in response to a question about resourcing and support for parliamentary secretaries:

Mr PAUL TOOLE: There have not been a lot of trips that they have been on at this point in time.

Please list each trip the respective Parliamentary Secretaries have undertaken while representing the Minister or when accompanied by the Minister?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Parliamentary Secretaries represent the Minister at meetings and event as required. I refer you to the answer to questions on notice 16 – 17.

Question 54 - 57

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

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

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

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

ANSWER

I am advised:

In 2018-19, total expenditure by the Ministry on domestic travel was \$1,093,735.

Questions 58 - 60

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

59. 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?

60. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Savings from the NSW Government's efficiency dividend are outlined in the Budget Papers.

Question 61

61. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Ministers' Office staff numbers and salary bands are available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

Question 62

62. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

There were 261 smartphones and other mobile devices allocated across the Ministers' IT Network in 2018-2019. The total usage cost of these smart phones and other mobile devices (including iPads) was \$334,630, compared to 2009-10 expenditure of \$434,854 under Labor. There were 6 devices lost/stolen across the Ministerial Offices during 2018-2019. The cost of replacing any lost or stolen devices is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund. Repairs are funded by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Corporate and Ministerial Services.

Question 63

63. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

There were 111 iPads allocated across the Ministers' IT Network in 2018-2019. The cost of replacing any lost or stolen devices is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund. Repairs are funded by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Corporate and Ministerial Services.

Question 64

64. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2018-19?

(a) What is the cost of this?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Artwork in Ministers' Offices includes art donated at no cost.

Question 65 - 66

65. 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?

66. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Floral arrangements purchased by the Ministry are managed within Ministerial office budgets.

Question 67

67. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Ministers' offices subscribe to a modest number of publications, which are managed within Ministerial office budgets.

Question 68

68. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Gifts are presented to dignitaries during overseas missions and to dignitaries visiting NSW in accordance with established protocol.

Question 69

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

ANSWER

I am advised:

The Ministry spent \$466 on filtered water for their offices in 2018-19.

Question 70

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

ANSWER

I am advised:

Expenditure on hospitality across the Ministry totalled \$27,782 in 2018-19, which includes catering for stakeholder meetings and courtesy calls with visiting dignitaries.

Question 71

71. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle? (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Ministers, the Leader of the Opposition, other nominated public office holders and certain former office holders are provided with official cars and drivers. During 2018-19, all costs associated with these vehicles were paid from the relevant Ministerial office budget.

Question 72

72. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Expenditure on taxis, hire cars and ride share services in 2018-19 across the Ministry was \$119,179, compared to 2009-10 expenditure of \$175,776 under Labor.

Question 73

73. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Expenditure on charter flights for the Ministry totalled \$83,845 in 2018-19, compared to 2009-10 expenditure of \$281,567 under Labor.

Question 74

74. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

No.

Question 75 - 76

75. 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?

76. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Accommodation planning for Transport for NSW is undertaken in accordance with the Government's accommodation strategy and design guidelines.

Agile working environments are being rolled out as appropriate.

Question 77

77. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Expenditure on hospitality is limited to official work related purposes with any related staff benefits subject to Fringe Benefits Tax provisions.

The provision and acceptance of gifts, benefits and hospitality is subject to specific policies and agency Codes of Conduct and is strictly monitored.

Question 78

78. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

The Transport Cluster uses Labour Hire firms, in accordance with NSW Public Service policies to cover temporary vacancies as required.

Question 79

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

(a) What was the cost of stationery 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Stationery purchases by Premier and Cabinet Cluster agencies are made in accordance with the applicable policies and procedures on procurement.

Question 80

80. 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.2018-2019v.2019-present(e)How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards for the following financial yearsi.2015-16 ii.2016-17 iii.2017-18 iv.2018-2019v.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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

The NSW Government has implemented a PCard program to realise a number of benefits including savings from the use of cards over traditional high cost procure-to-pay processes and the enhanced capability to track and monitor expenditure.

Cards are issued to staff according to business need and are managed in accordance with Treasury Policy TPP 17-09 Use and Management of NSW Government Purchasing Cards.

Staff are prohibited from using official PCards for personal or other unofficial purposes and cards are not connected to reward schemes or any other program that would provide a personal benefit to the cardholder.

All NSW Government card balances are paid within bank payments terms and therefore no late fees or interest charges are incurred.

Question 81

81.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 advisers in financial year:
i. 2015-16
ii. 2016-17
iii. 2017-18
iv. 2018-2019
v. 2019-present?

ANSWER

I am advised:

(a-b) Transport for NSW staff numbers are included in the Annual Report. Transport for NSW staff numbers undertaking media or public relations activities are commensurate with need and can go down or up as required.

(c-e) The Financial Statements, including legal, consulting and any other general costs from third party service providers, are available in the agency annual report. These are available in accordance with NSW Government Procurement Policy.

Question 82

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

ANSWER

I am advised:

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

Question 83

83. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

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

Question 84

84. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Details of overseas travel including costs are published on agency websites.

Question 85

85. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Agency travel was conducted in accordance with relevant NSW Government policies and guidelines including Treasury Circular TC18-15 and ATO determinations.

Question 86

86. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

No.

Question 87

87. 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

ANSWER

I am advised:

The Financial Statements, including legal, consulting and any other general costs from third party service providers, are available in agency annual report.

Question 88

88. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Data sent and received is not tracked as a website metric as this does not provide customer benefit.

Question 89 - 93

89. 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?

90. What was the total cost of all redundancies? 91. 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?

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

93.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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Voluntary redundancies are a component for agencies to achieve their efficiency dividends. Redundancy figures can be found in the Annual Report. The Labour Expense Cap introduced in the 2012-13 Budget also continues to give Secretaries as much flexibility as possible to achieve these savings in the most appropriate ways to meet the service requirements of their agencies. Frontline staff such as nurses, police officers and school teachers and regional employees have been quarantined from this measure.

Question 94

94.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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to supplementary questions 110-111.

Question 95 - 106

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

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

96.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?

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

98.How many were reported as lost?

99. How many tablets are given to staff or board members? (a) How many new tablets in the last year?
100. 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?
101. How many phones and tablets had to be replaced due to damage?
102. How many were reported as lost?
103. 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?
104. 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?
105. 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?
106. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

IT costs are managed within each agency's budget and in accordance with NSW Government's ICT and procurement policies and frameworks

Question 107 - 109

107. 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.
108. 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.
109. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

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

NSW does not accept payment for goods and services, so we do not impose merchant fees on our customers.

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

Question 110 - 111

110. 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?

111. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

The Financial Statements, including advertising and sponsorship, are available in agency annual reports. The NSW Government uses advertising to inform the public of their rights, obligations and entitlements as well as to explain government policies, programs, services and initiatives. Government advertising is conducted within guidelines outlined in the NSW Government Advertising Handbook. Any sponsorship arrangements are conducted within ICAC principles.

Question 112

112. 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.

ANSWER

I am advised:

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

Question 113 - 120

113. 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?

114. 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.

115. 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?

116. 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?

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

(a) 2019-20?

(b) 2020-21?

(c) 2021-22?

118. What proportion of that electricity is it estimated will come from renewable sources, for each year?

119. 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.)?

120. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Energy purchases by Transport Cluster agencies are made in accordance with the applicable policies and procedures on procurement under whole of government Contracts 776 (small sites under 100,000 kwh per annum) and 777.

Under these contracts the following suppliers are mandated:

- 776 – Origin Energy Electricity Limited
- 777 – ERM Power Retail Pty Ltd

The NSW Government Resource Efficiency Policy was introduced in 2014 to reduce the NSW Government's operating costs and lead by example in increasing the efficiency of the resources it uses.

NSW Government agencies are required to report on energy use under the Government Resource Efficiency Policy. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment publishes progress reports on compliance with the policy.

Question 121

121. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

The Financial Statements, including expenditure on any general costs, are available in an agency's annual report. Plant and related purchases by Transport cluster agencies are made in accordance with the applicable policies and procedures on procurement.

Question 122 - 125

122. 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.

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

124. What percentage of staff in each agency has undertaken domestic violence training?

125. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Section 6.18 of the Public Service Industrial Relations Guide provides guidance to staff and management on appropriate strategies for supporting a staff member experiencing domestic violence. This guidance further references Section 84A of the Award (leave for matters arising from domestic violence) and Treasury Circular 19-08 Domestic and Family Violence Workplace Support Policy – Guiding Principles for Agencies.

Section 84A was added to the Award in 2011.

All staff members employed under the Award in a cluster agency are entitled to be absent from the workplace due to an incident of domestic violence if required. Similar clauses apply to agencies covered by their own negotiated agreements.

From 1 January 2019, a separate leave type of Domestic & Family Violence Leave was made available as a separate leave type. In 2018-19, there were no reported leave days of this type taken.

In accordance with the Award, NSW Government Sector employees are entitled to ten days paid domestic and family violence leave per calendar year. This leave is non-cumulative and can be taken in part-days, single days, or consecutive days. Staff may also utilise all available Family and Community Service Leave, Sick Leave and Carer's Leave to assist with managing domestic violence circumstances. If this leave is unavailable special leave may be granted up to five days per calendar year.

All staff, their families and contractors have access to the Employee Assistance Program.

An e-learning module has been developed in consultation with Family and Community Services. Transport for NSW is working to ensure all staff are trained in line with the developed modules.

DPC is an accredited White Ribbon Workplace through White Ribbon Australia. DPC continues to provide ongoing support and guidance to cluster agencies on best practice approaches to supporting women who are experiencing domestic violence.

An e-learning module has been developed in consultation with Family and Community Services. Transport for NSW is working to ensure all staff are trained in line with the developed modules.

Transport NSW complies with the highest levels of document and privacy management consistent with the Privacy and Personal Information Act 1998 (NSW).

Question 126

126. 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

ANSWER

I am advised:

(a) This training was formally introduced first in July 2013 and is regularly reviewed and updated in accordance with policies and guidance.

(i-ii) Attendance at sexual harassment and anti-bullying training courses is mandatory for Transport for NSW and a number of other agencies in the cluster.

(iii) Session times vary between trainers and agencies but range from 2 hours up to half a day.

(iv) Various specialist providers as well as EAP providers. Some agencies utilise training courses organised by others within the cluster to maximise efficiencies.

(v) The needs of at-risk groups are considered in the training provided.

(b) Participation is mandatory in Transport for NSW and a number of agencies in the cluster.

(c) Complaints of this nature are addressed through Transport for NSW policies and agency procedures. Not all complaints are raised as a formal complaint and may be addressed informally and directly between the complainant and the individual being complained of.

Question 127

127. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Information is available in each agency's Annual Report.

All agencies use gender balance on interview panels as well as offering flexible working arrangements to allow better management of work and home commitments. Agencies continue to promote diversity and inclusion strategies which promote a workplace free from social biases of any kind.

All equivalent positions determined by an objective assessment of their work value are paid the same salary within all agencies. The relevant distribution of women in each classification of work across the sector is reported by the Public Service Commission (PSC) but is also available in the agency's Annual Report.

The workforce profile data collected by the PSC is made available to Women NSW.

Question 128

128. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

The Financial Statements, including expenditure on professional photography, are available in agency annual reports.

Question 129

129. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

The Financial Statements, including expenditure on unmanned aerial services, are available in agency annual reports.

Question 130 - 131

130. 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
- (b) 2016-17
- (c) 2017-18
- (d) 2018-2019
- (e) 2019-present?

131. Please provide their names, their substantive work title, and their seconded work title.

ANSWER

I am advised:

NSW Government sector employees may be seconded from agencies to Ministers' offices in accordance with Clause 35 of the Government Sector Employment Regulation 2014.

Question 132 - 133

132. 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?

133. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

The Financial Statements, including expenditure on consultants, are available in agency annual reports.

Question 134

134. Since March 30, how many formal GIPAs have your cluster/ department received?

ANSWER

I am advised:

From 1 April to 11 September inclusive 900 access applications (formal GIPAs) have been received for the transport cluster (TfNSW, RMS, Sydney Trains, Sydney Metro, P2P)

Question 135

135. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Access granted in full = 317

Partial access = 249

Refused in full = 51

These numbers do not align with the above total for the following reasons:

- not all matters received in the subject period have been decided;
- there are other types of decisions which can be made in response to an application (e.g. the information is not held by the agency, that the information is already available to the applicant etc.);
- more than one decision can be made in response to an access application (see s. 58(2)).

Question 136

136. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Total = 21

Out of those who decided to appeal, those who decided to use:

Internal = 6

Information Commissioner = 14

NCAT = 1

GIPAs overturned on appeal:

Internal = 1

Information Commissioner = 2

The Information Commissioner does not have the authority to 'overturn' a decision. Instead the legislation enables the IC to make recommendations to the agency, one of which may be to make a new decision

NCAT = 0

Question 137 - 138

137. 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)?

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

(a) For what reason/s?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Total = 12

I refer you to the Minister for Transport and Roads' response to Transport and Roads questions on notice 48 and 49.

Question 139 - 151

139. Is the Government committed to spending \$188 million building the Fingal Bay Link Road?

140. Is the final project cost for the Fingal Bay Link Road subject to a Benefit Cost Ratio assessment?

141. When the Fingal Bay Link Road project was announced by former Minister Melinda Pavey, the Minister said project designs would be completed by the end of 2019. Is that timeline still correct?

142. When is construction due to begin on the Fingal Bay Link Road?

143. Have there been any modelling or preparatory assessments undertaken by Roads and Maritime Services regarding Fingal Bay Link Road? (a) If yes, what assessments were undertaken?

144. When the Fingal Bay Link Road project was announced by former Minister Melinda Pavey, the Minister said modelling had been undertaken by Roads and Maritime Services to determine the investment of \$188 million was needed. What was the title of that document?

145. Has a Benefit Cost Ratio assessment been initiated or concluded for the Fingal Bay Link Road?

(a) If yes, what was the result of that assessment?

146. Does the Government see the Fingal Bay Link Road as a potential bushfire evacuation route?

147. Has the Government consulted any agencies regarding the possible use of the Fingal Bay Link Road as a bushfire evacuation route?

(a) If yes, which agencies?

148. What kind of area would need to be cleared on either side of the Fingal Bay Link Road to make the road safe to use as a bushfire evacuation route?

149. Has Roads and Maritime Services given the Fingal Bay Link Road project a priority classification?

(a) If yes, what is that classification?

150. When will project design and route options for the Fingal Bay Link Road be finalised and released to the public?

151. When is construction on the Fingal Bay Link Road due to be completed?

ANSWER

I am advised:

The NSW Government announced \$188 million in funding to plan the Fingal Bay link road.

The project is subject to strategic and final business cases. Both will include economic analysis, including benefit costs analysis.

Regarding Fingal Bay Link Road project design, I refer you to the previous response, LA 0660.

The modelling document is Capital Investment Brief (Gate 0).

The project is in the planning stage. It is not an objective of the project to provide a bushfire evacuation route.

Roads and Maritime Services has not given the Fingal Bay Link Road project a priority classification.

Regarding project design and route options, I refer you to the previous response, LA 0660.

Question 152 - 160

152. How much money has been publicly committed to duplicating Nelson Bay Road?

153. What is the current expected cost of the Government's current project to duplicate Nelson Bay Road?

154. What sections of Nelson Bay Road will be duplicated?

155. What sections of Nelson Bay Road will remain single lane each way following the Government's current duplication project?

(a) Which sections will remain single lane each way?

156. On what date is the current Nelson Bay Road duplication project due to be completed?

157. On what date was a direction given to Roads and Maritime Services to change their planning and construction timeline for Nelson Bay Road in order to commence and complete the Williamtown to Bobs Farm section first?

158. Does the Government have any plans to duplicate any further sections of Nelson Bay Road following the Williamtown to Bobs Farm section?

159. Will any sections of Nelson Bay Road from Williamtown to Bobs Farm remain single lane each way following the current duplication project?

160. When will the Stockton to Williamtown section of Nelson Bay Road be duplicated?

ANSWER

I am advised:

The NSW Government is investing \$275 million to improve safety and travel times on Nelson Bay Road including duplicating the road from Williamtown to Bobs Farm and early work to upgrade the Nelson Bay Road and Lemon Tree Passage Road intersection and the Nelson Bay Road and Medowie Road intersection. Information about early works and next steps is available on the project page of the Roads and Maritime Services website.

Question 161 - 164

161. How much money has the Commonwealth Government committed to the M1 to Raymond Terrace Extension project?

162. How much money has the State Government committed to the M1 to Raymond Terrace Extension project?

163. What is the expected cost of the M1 to Raymond Terrace Extension?

164. What is the current timeline for the M1 to Raymond Terrace Extension, including:

(a) Design and route options released for public consultation

(b) Design and route options finalised

(c) Assessment processes commenced

(d) Final approvals

(e) Construction commencement

(f)Opening

ANSWER

I am advised:

On 2 April 2019, the Federal Government committed \$1.6 billion for the M1 Pacific Motorway to Raymond Terrace. The NSW Government has committed \$200 million under Rebuilding NSW to prepare the project for construction. The project is in the planning and development stage and cost estimates are not finalised yet. Transport for NSW will consult with the community and stakeholders as the project is developed and timelines are finalised.

Question 165 - 166

165.What is the forecast final cost for following projects:

- (a)Muswellbrook Bypass?
- (b)Nelson Bay Upgrade – Stage 1?
- (c)New England Highway, Belford to Golden Highway Upgrade?
- (d)New England Highway, Singleton Bypass?
- (e)New England Highway, Tenterfield Heavy vehicle Bypass (planning)?
- (f)Newell Highway Overtaking Lanes Package?
- (g)Newell Highway, New Dubbo Bridge?
- (h)Newell Highway, North Moree Heavy Duty Pavement?
- (i)Pacific Highway and Manns Road, Narara Creek Road to Parsons Road?
- (j)Pacific Highway, Coffs Harbour Bypass?
- (k)Princes Highway, Nowra Bridge Replacement over Shoalhaven River?
- (l)Warnervale Link Road, Albert Warner Drive to Pacific Highway?

166.What is the BCR for the following projects?

- (a)Muswellbrook Bypass?
- (b)Nelson Bay Upgrade – Stage 1?
- (c)New England Highway, Belford to Golden Highway Upgrade?
- (d)New England Highway, Singleton Bypass?
- (e)New England Highway, Tenterfield Heavy vehicle Bypass (planning)?
- (f)Newell Highway Overtaking Lanes Package?
- (g)Newell Highway, New Dubbo Bridge?
- (h)Newell Highway, North Moree Heavy Duty Pavement?
- (i)Pacific Highway and Manns Road, Narara Creek Road to Parsons Road?
- (j)Pacific Highway, Coffs Harbour Bypass?
- (k)Princes Highway, Nowra Bridge Replacement over Shoalhaven River?
- (l)Warnervale Link Road, Albert Warner Drive to Pacific Highway?

ANSWER

I am advised:

(a) Cost: \$266 million.
BCR: 1.3.

(b) Cost: \$4 million.

BCR: To be confirmed.

(c) Cost: \$85 million.
BCR: 3.7.

(d) Cost: Subject to final business case
BCR: To be confirmed

(e) Cost: Subject to final business case.
BCR: To be confirmed.

(f) Cost: \$193.3 million.
BCR: 1.1.

(g) Cost: Subject to final business case.
BCR: To be confirmed.

(h) Cost: Subject to final business case.
BCR: To be confirmed.

(i) Cost: Subject to final business case.
BCR: To be confirmed.

(j) Cost: \$1.8 billion.
BCR: 1.

(k) Cost: \$310 million.
BCR: 2.4.

(l) Cost: Subject to final business case.
BCR: To be confirmed.

Question 167

167. What is the Budget allocation for the following projects?

- (a) Muswellbrook Bypass?
- (b) Nelson Bay Upgrade – Stage 1?
- (c) New England Highway, Belford to Golden Highway Upgrade?
- (d) New England Highway, Singleton Bypass?
- (e) New England Highway, Tenterfield Heavy vehicle Bypass (planning)?
- (f) Newell Highway Overtaking Lanes Package?
- (g) Newell Highway, New Dubbo Bridge?
- (h) Newell Highway, North Moree Heavy Duty Pavement?
- (i) Pacific Highway and Manns Road, Narara Creek Road to Parsons Road?
- (j) Pacific Highway, Coffs Harbour Bypass?
- (k) Princes Highway, Nowra Bridge Replacement over Shoalhaven River?
- (l) Warnervale Link Road, Albert Warner Drive to Pacific Highway?

ANSWER

I am advised:

This information is in the 2019-20 Budget papers.

Question 168

168. What is the planned completion date for the following projects?

- (a) Muswellbrook Bypass?
- (b) Nelson Bay Upgrade – Stage 1?
- (c) New England Highway, Belford to Golden Highway Upgrade?
- (d) New England Highway, Singleton Bypass?
- (e) New England Highway, Tenterfield Heavy vehicle Bypass (planning)?
- (f) Newell Highway Overtaking Lanes Package?
- (g) Newell Highway, New Dubbo Bridge?
- (h) Newell Highway, North Moree Heavy Duty Pavement?
- (i) Pacific Highway and Manns Road, Narara Creek Road to Parsons Road?
- (j) Pacific Highway, Coffs Harbour Bypass?
- (k) Princes Highway, Nowra Bridge Replacement over Shoalhaven River?
- (l) Warnervale Link Road, Albert Warner Drive to Pacific Highway?

ANSWER

I am advised:

- (a) Early 2027, weather dependent.
- (b) Completed.
- (c) Late 2023, weather dependent.
- (d, e, h, i, l) Subject to Final Business Case, tenders for construction and weather dependent.
- (f) End 2022, weather dependent.
- (g) Early 2024, weather dependent.
- (j) 2024/2025, weather dependent.
- (k) October 2024, weather dependent.

Question 169

169. Please list all actual expenditure, by financial year, for McKanes Falls Bridge since it first became a line item in the NSW Budget Papers and break the expenditure into maintenance and construction for a replacement structure.

ANSWER

I am advised:

Since the project was announced in December 2012, it is estimated that \$60,000 has been spent on maintaining the existing bridge and \$1.992 million has been spent developing an upgraded bridge. Maintenance expenditure is lower than expected due to the planned upgrade of the bridge.

Question 170 - 173

170. What impact (in terms of car numbers) will the River Street Bridge have on traffic congestion (as it affects people driving from West Dubbo to the CBD area of Dubbo) at the following locations at non flood times? (a) The Victoria Street roundabout (junction of Newell and Mitchell highways)? (b) The Whylandra Street section of the Newell Highway?

171. What impact will building a high level crossing at River Street in this term of government have on the prospects of the State and Federal governments thereafter funding a ring road/by pass for Dubbo connected to a high level crossing at Troy north of River Street?

172. Can you give assurances that the River Street Bridge project will not block off Baird Street forcing the bulk of West Dubbo Residents to travel past West Dubbo Public School and St Pius Primary School?

173. Will the outcome described in question 3 effect the safety of both school communities?

ANSWER

I am advised:

This flood mitigation measure is expected to have minimal effect, as the River Street Bridge is providing a bypass of Erskine and Bourke streets in North Dubbo, not these locations. Further investigation would be needed to confirm the traffic numbers.

A Dubbo ring road would be the responsibility of the council to progress.

Continued access to Baird Street will be ensured.

Question 174

174. What date was the RMS 2015 traffic monitoring survey of Dubbo carried out?
(a) What were the total numbers of cars and trucks recorded that day?
(b) What were the total numbers of cars recorded in only one direction that day?
(c) What was the estimate of the error rate from mismatching partial plates?
(d) Why was the northernmost survey point placed at Purvis Lane and not Boothenba Rd, thus missing many highway vehicles that entered and exited Dubbo via Troy Bridge, Newell Highway and/or Boothenba Rd?
(e) Where was the survey monitoring point on the Golden Highway? East or West of Yarrandale Rd/Wheelers Lane?
(f) Why was the Newell Highway South and the Mitchell Highway East checkpoint placed so close to town that it inevitably counted many locals as highway traffic?

- (g) Why won't the state government release the full data from the survey despite repeated requests from citizens concerned about the River Street Bridge?
- (h) How can the RMS justify its conclusions of the percentage of vehicles that would use the bypass based upon the faulty assumption that 'stopping in Dubbo' and 'using a bypass' are mutually exclusive events when they aren't?
- (i) Why does the RMS not factor in heavy vehicles that currently detour via Narromine and the phenomena of induced and generated traffic?

ANSWER

I am advised:

The numbers of cars and trucks recorded cannot be answered with a single date or numbers for a single date, as traffic models comprise inputs from multiple data sources at different times.

The matching rate average is 90 per cent

The northernmost survey cordon point was located north of Boothenba Road.

The survey monitoring point on the Golden Highway was west of Yarrandale Rd/Wheelers Lane.

The locations were selected to enable development of a traffic model for Dubbo. They were selected with input from local stakeholders and modelling expertise provided by GTA Consultants.

Regarding River Street Bridge, Roads and Maritime is satisfied that the model is accurate. Transport for NSW prepared the model using data obtained by specialist consultants and data it already held.

Question 175

175. Why is the state government supporting the Eumungerie to Tomingley Rd as the bypass for Dubbo when this route is far more flood prone than the Newell Highway through Dubbo?

ANSWER

I am advised:

In 2018 the NSW Government provided a \$25,000 grant to Narromine Shire Council towards a scoping study to better understand the amount of freight utilising the road and the potential economic benefits of an upgrade.

Question 176

176. Why has the state government ignored requests from citizens concerned about the River Street Bridge proposal for information on how much it would cost the NSW Government to upgrade the road from Eumungerie to Tomingley, including high level

bridges; levee banks; a new bypass around Narromine approximately the same length as the one around Dubbo would be; and safety measures like cameras and weigh stations?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Both Transport for NSW's Newell Highway Corridor Strategy (2015) and Dubbo Regional Council's Road Transportation Strategy to 2045 identified the need for a new high-level bridge in Dubbo.

The Newell Highway Corridor Strategy identified the need to provide flood immunity for the highway so that Performance Based Standards Class 3(a) vehicles are provided with reliable access.

Question 177

177. Why has the scoping study into the viability of upgrading the Eumungerie to Tomingley Rd paid for with a grant of \$25,000 from the state government not been made public? Why is the state government not releasing it despite multiple requests?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Inquiries about the report should be directed to Narromine Shire Council.

Question 178

178. Why has the state government refused repeated requests from citizens concerned about the River Street Bridge proposal for copies of the nearly 900 submissions for the original Dubbo bridge consultation in 2016?

ANSWER

I am advised:

The Review of Environmental Factors (REF) submissions report, which is currently being finalised, summarises all the submissions received during the May-June 2019 public display of the REF. Copies of the individual submissions are not included in the submissions report. Each submission received is provided with an individual submission number and responses to the issues raised in each submission are addressed in the report. This ensures the privacy of those who made a submission, while also allowing them to find the response to their submission in the report. Those who provided contact details will be informed of their submission number.

Community consultation reports for the May-June 2019 consultation activities for the Building a better Dubbo projects and the 2016-17 consultation activities for New Dubbo Bridge will be released at the same time.

Question 179

179. Why is the state government proposing to build a bridge that would have flooded approach roads that need flood detours that are also flooded (e.g. Yarrandale Rd on the East bank; Thompson & Whylandra, which floods higher than the 'flood detour' on the west banks) or requires the Newell Highway traffic to travel through the intersection of Victoria & Whylandra St, interfering with traffic trying to cross the LH Ford Bridge?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Dubbo is on a flood plain which provides challenges for planning and building transport infrastructure in the area. There is no easy solution and there are constraints with all options. The new bridge at River Street will keep people moving through and around Dubbo during a flood.

The River Street Bridge will provide immunity from 1 in 100 year flooding of the Macquarie River, and the upgraded roads on either side will provide 1 in 50 year immunity.

This second high-level crossing of the Macquarie River will connect to River Street and provide essential east-west access during floods for emergency services, local schools, hospital and the airport.

Question 180

180. In response to a question on whether a local workforce will be used in the Coffs Harbour Bypass construction the Minister stated on page 25 of the uncorrected proof of the hearing transcripts that "We always go out with our tenders and we try to give the opportunity to employ locals where we can".

(a) Will the tender documents express a preference for local employees?

(b) If not, how will you ensure that the people of the Coffs Harbour region, which has very high levels of unemployment, have a strong chance of obtaining employment on the bypass project?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Procurement for construction contractors is yet to be finalised, however the contract will require performance outcomes in the areas of local contractor engagement.

We always work with our contractors to encourage local participation. Experience on the Pacific Highway upgrade and other regional projects shows that we can achieve this.

Question 181

181. The Minister stated that there has been consultation with the business chamber on the future of Coffs Harbour after the bypass. Many businesses will be adversely impacted by the loss of passing traffic.

(a) What stage have those discussions reached?

(b) Are there any initial ideas?

(c) When will concrete plans be in place?

(d) Please provide the dates of the meetings that were conducted with the Chamber of Commerce.

ANSWER

I am advised:

The project team will continue to engage with key stakeholders, including the Chamber of Commerce, throughout the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) display period and throughout delivery. Transport for NSW is arranging a briefing on the EIS and next steps. A representative of the Chamber of Commerce is on the Community Consultative Committee (CCC), which met with the project team on 29 April, and another consultation will be held on 25 September. Informal discussions have been held with the Chamber of Commerce for the display of the EIS.

The project team discussed bypassed town signage with Coffs Harbour City Council. Bypassed Town signage is a NSW Government initiative which aims to encourage travellers to stop and visit bypassed towns in rural and regional NSW.

We will continue to engage with and consult key stakeholders, including the council and the Chamber of Commerce throughout the project approval and delivery phases.

A CCC meeting was held on 29 April 2019 and another on 25 September 2019. Since the display office opened on 11 September there have been informal discussions with Chamber representatives. There will be ongoing consultation and engagement with the Chamber of Commerce.

Question 182

182. The original costing of \$1.2 million for the Coffs Harbour Bypass included tunnels. Last year, Roads Minister Melinda Pavey stated that cost savings had nothing to do with the decision to change the design from tunnels to cuttings. Now that we are back to a design with tunnels, you have stated that the main driver for the cost increase to \$1.8 million is the inclusion of tunnels. Was the former Minister's statement incorrect?

ANSWER

I am advised:

The \$1.2 billion cost was based on an early concept design. The estimated total cost of the project has changed during the refinement and enhancements of the design in

response to community consultation. As per my answers in the Hearing, the increase in cost reflects a number of factors including the added tunnels, changes to gradient and the use of low-noise pavement along the entire alignment.

Question 183

183. With regard to grid and ramp structures on State and Regional Roads:

- (a) How much money has been expended on maintenance for each of the last five financial years?
- (b) How much money has been spent on grid and ramp replacement for each of the last five financial years?
- (c) Is there an ongoing works program to assess the grids and ramps for structural integrity and safety? If so,
 - i. what is the scheduled frequency for such work, and
 - ii. when was the programmed work last conducted?

ANSWER

I am advised:

(a)

2018/19- \$45,351
2017/18 – \$102,149
2016/17 – \$88,438
2015/16 – \$92,405
2014/15 - \$92,405

(b)

2018/19- \$33,000
2017/18 – 0
2016/17 – \$44,000
2015/16 – \$111,000
2014/15 - 0

(c) Yes. Weekly or fortnightly, depending on type and location

Question 184

184. Minister what is the speed limit on Nerriga Road?

- (a) Are you aware of community concerns about safety on Nerriga Road?
- (b) Minister how much funding has been allocated to the maintenance of Nerriga Road?
- (c) What conversations have you had with the local community about the state of Nerriga Road?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Nerriga Road has a speed limit of 100km/h.

The NSW Government has invested in a \$70 million program of works to improve a number of roads in the Monaro state electorate, including the upgrade of four sections of Nerriga Road. Work includes both widening and sealing of unsealed sections with the aim of working toward an upgraded route from Nowra to the Kings Highway at Braidwood.

In 2019-20 \$419,000 has been allocated to Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council for Nerriga Road under the Regional Roads Repair program.

Question 185

185. What is the final cost of the Rawson Road, Woy Woy underpass?

- (a) Is the Minister aware that Gosford City Council spent \$7m in the financial year 2013/14?
- (b) Is the Minister aware of the budget allocation for the Rawson Road Underpass that year?
- (c) Given that correspondence from Transport and Maritime Services stipulate a \$12m allocation what happened to the rest of the money?
- (d) Is the Minister in control of how government money is spent?
- (e) Is stage 4 of the project still unfunded?
- (f) What research did the Liberal Party undertake before the 2011 state elections before promising this project?
- (g) Has the full \$130m for the project been committed?
- (h) What consultations with Gosford City Council has the minister had with Gosford City Council?
- (i) Has the minister met with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss this issue?
- (j) Is the Minister aware of the community concern surrounding this project?
- (k) Does the Minister consider the current level crossing at Rawson St Woy Woy a safety risk?
- (l) Does the Minister agree with Roads and Maritime Services that Stage 4 of the Rawson Rd Underpass is an "essential component" of the project?
- (m) Has the government completely walked out on this project?
- (n) What justifications does the government have for its current approach to the Rawson Rd Woy Woy underpass?

ANSWER

I am advised:

In 2011/12, the NSW Government announced a \$30 million special grant to Central Coast Council over four years for the project. A further \$15 million was provided in 2014/15. This was increased to \$52 million in February 2015.

The council's cost estimate increased from \$52 million to between \$80 and \$115 million. The NSW Government was not in a position to provide funding above the \$52 million it had already committed. The council cancelled the project.

Question 186

186.What is the expenditure on routine remarking of line markings for State and Regional roads, for each of the past five financial years?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Actual Delivery (\$M)

2018-2019: \$21.377

2017-2018: \$21.917

2016-2017: \$22.596

2015-2016: \$22.147

2014-2015: \$22.259

Question 187

187.How many contractors were engaged in the last financial year to conduct routine remarking of line markings on State and Regional Roads last financial year?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Nine.

Question 188

188.What is the expenditure replacement of signage on State and Regional roads for each of the past five financial years?

ANSWER

I am advised:

2014-15: \$1,372,105

2015-16: \$1,264,703

2016-17: \$1,431,155

2017-18: \$3,991,104

2018-19: \$4,414,042

Question 189

189.How many contractors were engaged in the last financial year to prepare replacement signage on State and Regional Roads last financial year?

ANSWER

I am advised:

17.

Question 190

190.In the Uncorrected Transcript on Page 28 the Minister states in response to a question about resourcing and support for parliamentary secretaries:Mr PAUL TOOLE: There have not been a lot of trips that they have been on at this point in time. Please list each trip the respective Parliamentary Secretaries have undertaken while representing the Minister or when accompanied by the Minister?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 53.

Question 191- 193

191.Is the Minister aware of community concern about the safety of the intersection at Bellevue Crescent and the Great Western Highway in Medlow Baths?

192.Is the Minister aware that safety upgrades were slated for the area in 2012?

193.Why then were no upgrades for this area included in the "The Preferred Treatment Report" produced by RMS in November 2014?

ANSWER

I am advised:

The NSW Government is prioritising the Medlow Bath duplication and safety improvements, with construction starting during this term. The NSW Government has announced \$2.5 billion to duplicate the Great Western Highway from Katoomba to Lithgow. It will deliver improved road safety and efficiency, boost the local economy, improve freight access and cut travel times.

Question 194

194.What is the budget allocation for the Great Western Highway and Range Rd intersection project? When will construction begin? When will construction be completed?

ANSWER

I am advised:

\$2.1 million. Construction is expected to begin on 29 October 2019 and be completed by 26 March 2020, weather permitting.

Question 195

195.What is the nature of any utility relocations?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Relocation of overhead power lines.

Question 196

196.What consultation has been conducted with local neighbours and road users regarding the timeframes and scope of the construction?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Local landholders have been advised of the project. The project team will be in contact with impacted stakeholders when the construction start dates and likely traffic impacts during construction have been determined.

Question 197 - 200

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

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

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

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

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 54 - 57.

Question 201 - 203

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

202.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?

203.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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 58- 60.

Question 204

204. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 61.

Question 205

205.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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 62.

Question 206

206.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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 63.

Question 207

207. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2018-19?

(a) What is the cost of this?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 64.

Question 208 - 209

208. 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?

209. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 65 - 66.

Question 210

210. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

Please refer to the answer to supplementary question 67.

Question 211

211. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 68.

Question 212

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

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 69.

Question 213

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

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 70.

Question 214

- 214.What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?(a)What is the cost of each non-standard feature?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 71.

Question 215

- 215.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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 72.

Question 216

216. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 73.

Question 217

217. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 74.

Question 218 - 219

218. 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?

219. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 75 -76.

Question 220

220. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 77.

Question 221

221. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 78.

Question 222

222. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 79

Question 223

223. 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 breakdown 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 80.

Question 224

224. 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 advisers in financial year:

i. 2015-16

ii. 2016-17

iii. 2017-18

iv. 2018-2019

v. 2019-present?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 81.

Question 225

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

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 82.

Question 226

226. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 83.

Question 227

227. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 84.

Question 228

228. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 85.

Question 229

229. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 86.

Question 230

230. 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

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 87.

Question 231

231. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 88.

Question 232 - 236

232. 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?

233.What was the total cost of all redundancies?

234.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?

234.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?

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

236.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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 89 - 93.

Question 237

237.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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 94.

Question 238 - 249

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

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

239.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?
- 240.How many had to be replaced due to damage?
241.How many were reported as lost?
242.How many tablets are given to staff or board members?
(a)How many new tablets in the last year?
243.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?
- 244.How many phones and tablets had to be replaced due to damage?
245.How many were reported as lost?
246.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?
247.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?
- 248.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?
- 249.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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 95 -106.

Question 250 - 252

- 250.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.
251.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.
252.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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 107 - 109.

Question 253 - 254

253. 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?

254. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 110 – 111.

Question 255

255. 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.

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 112.

Question 256

256. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 113.

Question 257 - 263

257. 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.

258. 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?

259. 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?

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

(a)2019-20?

(b)2020-21?

(c)2021-22?

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

(a)2019-20?

(b)2020-21?

(c)2021-22?

261. What proportion of that electricity is it estimated will come from renewable sources, for each year?

262. 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.)?

263. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 113 – 120.

Question 264

264. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 121.

Question 265 - 268

265. 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.

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

267. What percentage of staff in each agency has undertaken domestic violence training?

268. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 122 – 125.

Question 269

269. 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

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 126.

Question 270

270. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 127.

Question 271

271.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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 128.

Question 272

272.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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 129.

Question 273

273.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
- (b)2016-17
- (c)2017-18
- (d)2018-2019
- (e)2019-present?

274. Please provide their names, their substantive work title, and their seconded work title.

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 130 - 131.

Question 275 - 276

275. 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?

276. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to supplementary question 132 - 133.

Question 277

277. Since March 30, how many formal GIPAs have your cluster/ department received?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to supplementary question 134 - 138.

Question 278

278. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to supplementary question 134 - 138.

Question 279

279. 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?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to supplementary question 134 - 138.

Question 280

280. 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)?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to supplementary question 134 - 138.

Question 281

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

(a) For what reason/s?

ANSWER

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to supplementary question 134 - 138.