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## **SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE, PUBLIC SERVICE AND EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND THE ARTS**

### **Questions from Mr David Shoebridge MLC**

1. Are there any quotas for the supply of social housing to Aboriginal people anywhere in NSW?
2. Are there any quotas for the supply of social and affordable housing to Aboriginal people in the Waterloo development?
3. What funding has been directed to improving social and affordable housing options for Aboriginal people in the Sydney and Newtown LGAs?
4. Have any agreements been made via the Local Decision Making Initiative since 2018 to invest in improving the quality and availability of Aboriginal social housing? If so please provide details.

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

#### **Aboriginal Land Claims**

5. Has there been a formal Land Claim lodged on the area known as the Butterfly Cave in the Hunter?

#### **Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility, Empowerment (OCHRE)**

6. How much from the Aboriginal Affairs budget in 2019/2020 is allocated to the OCHRE program?
  - (a) Is any of this funding allocated for the Deputy Ombudsman for Aboriginal Programs?
    - i. How much?
    - ii. How many FTE staff are allocated to specifically support the Deputy Ombudsman for Aboriginal Programs?
  - (b) How much of this funding is allocated for Aboriginal Language and Culture Nests?
  - (c) How much of this funding is allocated for the negotiation and monitoring of Local Decision Making accords?
  - (d) How much of this funding is allocated for the Opportunity Hubs Program?
  - (e) How much of this funding is allocated to the following principles outlined in the OCHRE plan;
    - i. Connected communities?

- ii. String accountability reforms?
  - iii. Language and cultural development?
  - iv. Local decision making?
7. The OCHRE Plan indicates that the NSW Government will establish an independent Aboriginal Council, has this been completed?
- (a) When did the council last meet?
  - (b) Who are the council members?
  - (c) What are the functions of this council?

### **Culture and Heritage Law Reform**

8. Does the Government plan to introduce legislation dealing specifically with Aboriginal Heritage in 2020?
9. What involvement does the Minister and the office of Aboriginal Affairs have in the Aboriginal culture and heritage law reform process?

### **The Office of Aboriginal Affairs Staffing**

10. How many Aboriginal staff are currently employed in the Office of Aboriginal Affairs?
- (a) What proportion of these staff are senior executive staff?
  - (b) What is the average remuneration for non-Aboriginal staff?
  - (c) What is the average remuneration for Aboriginal staff?

### **Aboriginal Centre of Excellence**

11. What is the total 2020 budget for the Centre of Excellence
12. How many staff are employed at the Centre of Excellence?

### **Aboriginal Language and cultural nests**

13. Minister, the department of Aboriginal Affairs says that Language and Culture Nests provide a continuous learning pathway for Aboriginal people while recognising the existing language skills and knowledge of Aboriginal community members
- (a) How many co-ordinator positions are currently vacant in Aboriginal Language and Cultural Nests in NSW?

14. Under the Aboriginal Languages Act how is the intellectual property of Aboriginal Elders been protected?
  - (a) Does TAFE/Education Department get intellectual property rights over Elders?
15. What is the total allocation for Aboriginal Language and Cultural Nests including contributions made by departments other than Education in 2019/2020?
  - (a) What is the total allocation for each of the following language nests;
    - i. North West Wiradjuri?
    - ii. Gumbaynggirr?
    - iii. Bundjalung?
    - iv. Paakantji/Baakanji?
    - v. Gamilaraay/Yuwaalaraay/Yuawaalayaay?
  - (b) As at 31/7/16 how many FTE Aboriginal language tutors have been engaged?

### **Aboriginal Sacred Sites**

16. Has there been a loss of Aboriginal sites of significance?
17. Has there been an audit of sites?
18. What impact has bushfires had on Aboriginal Tourism Operators?
19. What assistance has been offered to Aboriginal Tourism Operators?

### **Heritage**

20. What is the process for listing a heritage item on the State Heritage Register?
21. How many times has the Heritage Council met in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?
22. Are there any current vacancies on the Heritage Council?
23. How many members of the Heritage Council have provided a conflict of interest declaration?
24. Who are the current members of the Heritage Council, and on what date was each member appointed?
25. What's the average time it takes for the Heritage Council to consider a completed state heritage register listing application, and give a recommendation to the Minister?
26. How many nominations for listing on the state heritage register are currently before the Department?

27. How many of the state heritage register applications which have closed for public comment have been considered by the Heritage Council and a recommendation given to the Minister?
28. Three state heritage register applications currently before the Department were submitted in 2017, including the Newcastle Recreation Reserve, the Warringah Civic Centre Precinct, and The Maltings at Mittagong. Which of those three applications have been considered by the Heritage Council, and what were their recommendations?
29. Five state heritage register applications currently before the Department were submitted in 2018, including Milton Park Cultural Landscape (Bowral), the Sisters of Mercy Convent (Singleton), Macquarie Homestead (near Bathurst), Maryland (Bringelly), and Mount Gilead Estate. Which of those five applications have been considered by the Heritage Council, and what were their recommendations?
30. Once the Heritage Council gives a recommendation to the Minister, does the Department send follow-up briefs or reminder memos to the Minister regarding outstanding applications?
31. Please provide a list each of the applications that have been considered by the Heritage Council, and the date the Council provided a recommendation to the Minister.
32. Please provide a list of the state heritage register application recommendations from the Heritage Council.
33. Once an item is listed on the State Heritage Register, what role, if any, does the Government play as a matter of course with that site afterwards?
34. How many items are listed on the State Heritage Register?
35. Have any items been removed from the State Heritage Register since 2011?
36. Does the Minister have any Department Liaison Officers who are responsible for heritage issues? How many?
37. Does the Minister have any ministerial advisors who are responsible for heritage issues? How many?
38. How many staff within the Department are exclusively employed to carry out heritage functions, full time equivalent, and at which public service grade?
39. When the Heritage portfolio moved from the Minister for Environment to the Special Minister of State, were there any departmental job losses as a result?
40. Does Heritage NSW have its own budget within the Department?

41. What is the “Heritage Information Management System”, and what function does it serve?

### **Aboriginal Affairs**

42. How many Local Decision Making accords have been entered?

(a) Where have these Accords been entered?

(b) How much additional funding has flowed to priorities under these accords?

43. What is the status of the state-wide ACORD with the NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Regional Alliances?

### **Arts Funding**

44. Is the Newcastle LGA considered regional or metropolitan for arts funding programs?

45. What arts and cultural infrastructure funding programs is the Newcastle LGA eligible for?

46. What arts and cultural infrastructure funding programs is the Newcastle Art Gallery eligible for?

47. What funding from the Arts & Cultural Development Program (ACDP) has been allocated to Newcastle projects?

48. How much money has the Newcastle Art Gallery received from the State Government since 2011?

49. How money has the Art Gallery of NSW received from the State Government since 2011?

50. How much money did Create NSW spend outside of Sydney for each of the following years:

(a) 2017-18;

(b) 2018-19, and

(c) 2019-20 to date?

51. How much money did Create NSW spend in total for each of the following years:

(a) 2017-18;

(b) 2018-19; and

(c) 2019-20 to date?

52. Can the Minister provide a list of arts grants funding provided by the NSW Government since 2011, including the amount provided, the recipient and project description?

## **Victoria Theatre**

53. What funding is available to the Victoria Theatre for their restoration project?
- (a) What funding has been provided to date?
54. What action has the Minister taken ensure that this historic theatre is restored?

## **Made in NSW Fund**

55. Is the Newcastle LGA eligible for the Made in NSW fund?
56. What Film and TV Production funding is the Newcastle LGA eligible for?
57. Who has received funding through the Made in NSW fund?

## **Heritage - King Edward Park Heritage Listing**

58. Is the Minister aware of the Heritage Council's recommendation on 2 August 2017 to list the Newcastle Recreation Reserve (King Edward Park) on the State Heritage Register?
59. Is this listing still under consideration?
60. Why has it taken 950 days to determine this listing?
- (a) When will a determination be made?
61. I refer to the answer to LA QON 310 received on 4 July 2019 which advised "The Heritage Council of NSW is currently concluding its consultation" has this consideration been completed?
- (a) If so, has a recommendation be made?
- i. If so, what was recommendation?
- (b) If so, when will the listing be determined?
62. If not, when will this consultation be completed?

## **All Roles Flex**

63. Minister, the Premier announced on International Women's Day that the public service would all have access to flexible working arrangements by 2019.
- (a) What numbers of staff within your Department currently have access to a flexible role?
- (b) Do you centrally register staff, who have flexible working arrangements?
- (c) What measures are currently in place to implement this?

## **Public Service – Contingent Labour**

*(Questions addressed to both Mr Tim Reardon, Secretary, DPC and Mr Scott Johnston, A/Public Service Commissioner)*

64. As of February 1, 2020, how many people were engaged under SCM 0007: Contingent Workforce contracts by Transport for NSW in 2020?
  - (a) What was the total value of those contracts?
  - (b) What was the total value of salaries for those contracts?
  - (c) Were all contracts and positions advertised publicly?
65. As of February 1, 2020, how many people were engaged under SCM 0005: Performance and Management Services contracts by Transport for NSW in 2020?
  - (a) What was the total value of those contracts?
  - (b) What was the total value of salaries for those contracts?
  - (c) Were all contracts and positions advertised publicly?
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  - (a) What was the total value of those contracts?
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  - (c) Were all contracts and positions advertised publicly?



69. How many people were engaged under SCM 0005: Performance and Management Services contracts by Transport for NSW in 2018?
- (a) What was the total value of those contacts?
  - (b) What was the total value of salaries for those contracts?
  - (c) Were all contracts and positions advertised publicly?
70. How many people were engaged under SCM 0007: Contingent Workforce contracts by Transport for NSW in 2017?
- (a) What was the total value of those contacts?
  - (b) What was the total value of salaries for those contracts?
  - (c) Were all contracts and positions advertised publicly?
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- (a) What was the total value of those contacts?
  - (b) What was the total value of salaries for those contracts?
  - (c) Were all contracts and positions advertised publicly?
72. How many people were engaged under SCM 0007: Contingent Workforce contracts by Transport for NSW in 2016?
- (a) What was the total value of those contacts?
  - (b) What was the total value of salaries for those contracts?
  - (c) Were all contracts and positions advertised publicly?
73. How many people were engaged under SCM 0005: Performance and Management Services contracts by Transport for NSW in 2016?
- (a) What was the total value of those contacts?
  - (b) What was the total value of salaries for those contracts?
  - (c) Were all contracts and positions advertised publicly?
74. How many people were engaged under SCM 0007: Contingent Workforce contracts by Transport for NSW in 2015?
- (a) What was the total value of those contacts?

- (b) What was the total value of salaries for those contracts?
  - (c) Were all contracts and positions advertised publicly?
75. How many people were engaged under SCM 0005: Performance and Management Services contracts by Transport for NSW in 2015?
- (a) What was the total value of those contracts?
  - (b) What was the total value of salaries for those contracts?
  - (c) Were all contracts and positions advertised publicly?