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Questions from Mr David Shoebridge MLC

4 degrees of warming

1. Are you aware that the Bureau of Meteorology says Australia is on track for 4 degrees of warming under the current emissions trajectory?
2. What would be the impact of this on seniors in NSW?
3. Is there a plan in place for adaptation of facilities and teaching to respond to this scenario?

Homelessness

4. Older women are the fastest growing demographic in homelessness, what's the plan to address this?
5. Older women have difficulty accessing housing because they are homeless due to low income, not complex need. When will there be specific programs available to assist older women with homelessness and low income support?

NSW Aging Strategy

6. Even though the progress report for the 2 year implementation of the NSW Ageing strategy (2016 – 2020) is on track, there are concerns that the strategy is not ambitious enough to address the needs of our ageing population, when will a more ambitious strategy be implemented?

Commissioner

7. How is the ageing and disability commissioner providing support to vulnerable adults and their families or carers following an investigation?
8. What support options will be available?
9. What is the budget for this support?

Older workers

10. What is happening to support older people in the workforce? Eg. Physically demanding jobs like construction and nursing transitioning people into coaching or administrative roles?

Veterans employment program

11. Has consideration been given to expanding the veterans employment program to the private sector?

12. Will the government support RSLs to divest poker machines, due to the vulnerability to gambling addiction of veterans and the fact that clubs can remain profitable without poker machines?

Multiculturalism

13. What strategies has the NSW government in place to support and increase diversity within the NSW public service?
14. What is the number and percentage of people employed in the NSW public service who are culturally and linguistically diverse in 2019-2020.
15. Does this represent an increase in such employment, and if so by what percent in relation to 2018-2019?
16. What NSW government agencies provide information in languages other than English?
17. What languages are made available in these departments?
18. What services are available for people needing translators to assist them with engaging with government services?
19. Have all NSW Government agencies prepared multicultural plans as required by the MPSP Framework and reported publicly on the progress of these plans?
20. Which agencies have not prepared such plans and or reported on these plans in the period 2019-2020?

Questions from the Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC (on behalf of the NSW Labor Opposition)
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Penrith Panthers Western Sydney Community and Sport Facility

21. Did the Office of Sport do the original assessment before the grant was announced in 2015 for the Penrith Panthers Western Sydney Community and Sport Facility?
22. When was notification of Federal Government approval for a funding agreement for the revised and reassessed Penrith Panthers project, received by the Office for Sport and was this notification received in writing, on which date and from whom

Maximum Financial Delegation

23. Please provide the instrument which set the maximum financial delegation of the then Chief Executive, Office of Sport, Mr Matt Miller as at 21 February 2019

Sydney Football Stadium

24. Have any other discussions have taken place either by the Minister, the Office of Sport, Infrastructure NSW or the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust for a commercial partner to fund the inclusion of an LED curtain in the Sydney Football Stadium design?
25. Are there any provisions in the contract between Infrastructure NSW and John Holland for the inclusion of an LED curtain within the design?
26. Which elements of the construction would be fast-tracked to meet the July 30th 2022 deadline for handover?
27. On releasing the contract between Infrastructure NSW and John Holland, a number of sections have been redacted. Why has the Contractual Completion Date been redacted from the public release?
28. The Premier stated that by going back to market on the Sydney Football Stadium the Government had “ensured the new stadium will be the highest quality”. What high quality aspects have been added to the construction?
29. Have any additional features been added to the Sydney Football Stadium design?
30. Were any parts of the \$99 million cost blowout previously identified by Lendlease in their rejected works offer in May 2019?
31. What was the amount paid to the Australian Rugby League Commission on top of the blowout to the Sydney Football Stadium, was it \$12 million or \$20 million?

32. Were discussions held with the ARLC regarding the potential for the government to provide land to them for a new Headquarters as part of the negotiations to secure the 2021 NRL Grand Final?
33. Have the NSW Government begun discussions with the Australian Rugby League Commission about a venue for State of Origin in 2022?
34. National Rugby League CEO Todd Greenberg described rugby league at the Sydney Cricket Ground as “not the greatest experience”. Is the Sydney Cricket Ground the likely option to be put forward by the NSW Government for a State of Origin game in 2022?

Sydney Cricket Ground Members Facilities

35. What is the cost of the new members’ facilities at the SCGT?
36. Will the new members’ facilities be included on land currently subject to the development application for the Sydney Football Stadium?
37. The SCG Trust informed members in November that the new members’ facilities “will form part of the stadium footprint”. Where are these facilities planned to go?
38. The SCG Trust informed members in September that the new ‘Stadium Club’ members’ facilities would “like the old one, (would) be attached to the stadium itself”. Why were the Stadium Club facilities not included in the state two development application for the Sydney Football Stadium?
39. In this same email communication to members, the Trust informed them the plans were to be “on display for the rest of the membership before the end of the year”. Has this happened? If not, why not?
40. When will the SCG Trust be submitting the plans for the new members’ facilities as a development application?
41. When is construction expected to begin on the planned members’ facilities?
42. When are tenders to be called for to build the planned members’ facilities?
43. When are the new members’ facilities expected to be opened?

NSW Office of Sport

44. Was there any delay in funding from the NSW Office of Sport to State and Disability Sporting Organisations?
45. When was the funding for the 2019/20 financial year confirmed?
46. What was the cause of the delay in this crucial funding?

47. Funding to State and Disability Sporting Organisations, which includes our biggest participation sports has not changed from \$60,000 in the nine years you have been in government. Why are sports such as gymnastics, netball and hockey being left behind in funding?
48. In the past twelve months, there has been two permanent and one acting Minister, the CEO of the Office of Sport, Sport NSW and Venues NSW have all resigned from their positions and we've had the heads of the majority of major sports in the state express their concern about the "lack of leadership" for sport in NSW. How can the public have any confidence in the Government to turn this around?
49. What processes were undertaken by the Office of Sport to identify potential conflicts of interest for tenders?
50. What due diligence was undertaken by the Office of Sport when assessing the tender from Barrie Smith Motor Sport Pty Ltd to refurbish the Sydney International Equestrian Centre track?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If yes, did this identify any connection between Barrie Smith Motor Sport Pty Ltd and the board of Equestrian NSW?
51. When did the Office of Sport become aware that a subsidiary Barrie Smith Motor Sport Pty Ltd employs the son of the Equestrian NSW President?
52. Upon learning this information, what action was undertaken by the Office of Sport?
53. Were any concerns raised to the Office of Sport or any of its employees about potential conflicts of interest in the tender process for the Sydney International Equestrian Centre? If so, what action was taken to identify and limit these conflicts?

Regional Sports Infrastructure Fund & Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund

54. Not one PCYC received funding under the first round – why did the four PCYC grants miss out on funding?
55. Did the former Minister for Sport Stuart Ayres provide any submissions for any grant in his capacity as Minister or as the Member for Penrith?
56. Was geographic location or geographic spread taken into account at any point in the assessment process for the Greater Sports Facility Fund?
57. How many projects recommended for funding by the Office of Sport or the assessment panel were not approved?

58. When grant applications were deemed successful, who was notified and by whom?
59. Were any of the recipients notified by the Minister or a local member of parliament rather than the department?
60. Did any of the announcements involve candidates in the upcoming NSW election who weren't members of parliament?
61. The former Minister said he approved grants "based on recommendations from the Office of Sport". Does this mean the top 15 ranked grant applications were approved?

Sydney Speedway

62. The government announced that they *will host a forum on November 15 with motorsport organisations to "discuss the potential masterplan of the new Sydney Motorsport Precinct at Eastern Creek."* Was that date was originally a meeting organised by Mr Gary Holt of Eastern Creek Karting?
63. Was Mr Holt refused to attend the meeting on November the 15th despite the fact it had originally been organised at his instigation?
64. Has Mr Holt been included in any of the meetings regarding the Masterplan for motorsport, particularly given the \$5 million indoor motor cross facility being built on that site?
65. When was the Minister made aware that Sydney Metro West would resume the Granville Valvoline Speedway site as part of the project?
66. When did the Minister contact the Sydney Speedway regarding this decision?
67. Did the Minister meet with the Valvoline Speedway leaseholders either before the announcement or contact them on the day of the announcement?
68. Was the Minister aware of investments being made by the leaseholders while both Crown Lands and the Sydney Metro West had an interest in the site?
69. Was the Minister aware of plans by the leaseholders to develop the site when decisions were made to resume it for the Sydney Metro West project? Has the Minister ever attended the Valvoline Speedway?
70. Will the Minister give an iron clad guarantee that a new Sydney Speedway will be constructed and operational for the 2021/22 season?
71. Operators of the Sydney Speedway have raised concerns that the proposed site at Sydney Motorsport Park is only half the size of the current site. Have these concerns been addressed?

72. Will the new speedway in western Sydney be 'like for like', including parking capacity and road crew vehicles bays?

Hunter Sports and Entertainment Precinct

73. The draft concept plan for the Hunter Sports and Entertainment Precinct was released in July 2017 with community consultation taking place until November 2017, with nothing happening since the release, when will the final plan be released to the community?
74. The Venues NSW website says "Feedback from the consultation is now being used to refine the concept plan and to identify any alternate options for the Precinct for further Government consideration". It has been over 2 years, how much longer will it take for the community consultation to be worked through and a final plan delivered?
75. When will the final plan be considered by cabinet?
76. The draft 'Vision for the Hunter Sports & Entertainment Precinct' states that the concept plan currently has no funding attached to it. How will the Hunter Sports and Entertainment Precinct be funded?
- (a) How much will it cost?
77. Are there any plans to sell off parts of the precinct or the Newcastle Showground to fund the redevelopment?
78. In the 2017 draft plan the former Minister for Sport, Stuart Ayres said 'I look forward to progressing the future of the precinct, a key priority for the NSW Government.' How much longer will the people of the Hunter have to wait until your government delivers world class sports and entertainment facilities in the region?
79. On 12 January 2019 a Venues NSW spokesperson told the Newcastle Herald "Venues NSW, working with Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation, are preparing a Strategic Business Case for the Hunter Sports & Entertainment Precinct... This Strategic Business Case is still in the process of being reviewed and once that is completed it will be submitted for consideration by the NSW Government." Has the Strategic Business Case been completed?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If not, how much will it cost?
- i. Has funding been allocated to this?

(c) Was funding ever allocated to completing the business case?

i. If yes, why has it not progressed?

(d) If so, has it been considered by Government?

If so, when will a decision be announced about the future of the precinct?

80. You are spending over \$2 billion on stadia in Sydney - how much have you spent on the Hunter Sports and Entertainment Precinct?
81. Considering the Hunter Sports and Entertainment Precinct is considered the next key site for major sporting and economic development in Greater Newcastle, why has the masterplan process stalled?
82. Will the Newcastle Show remain at the Newcastle Showground as part of the Hunter Sports and Entertainment Precinct masterplan?

Hunter Homeless Connect day

83. Each year the Hunter Homeless Connect day brings together a wide range of government and non-government services at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre to support those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Minister, are you aware that Hunter Homeless Connect are charged thousands of dollars by your department to use the Newcastle Entertainment Centre for two days?
84. Considering the important work this not-for-profit organisation does, will you commit to waiving these fees so they can continue to focus on supporting the homeless?
- (a) If no, so you will not support a not-for-profit group helping countless vulnerable people?
- (b) If yes, will you consider refunding the fees they have been charged in previous years to use the Newcastle Entertainment Centre?

Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program

85. How many defibrillators have been provided to sport clubs in the Newcastle electorate through the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program?

Newcastle Sports Infrastructure Funding

86. Are sports clubs in the Newcastle LGA eligible for the Regional Sports Infrastructure Fund?
- (a) If not, why not?
87. What sports infrastructure funding programs is the Newcastle LGA eligible for?

- (a) Of these programs, what funding have sports organisations received in the following years:
- i. 2015;
 - ii. 2016;
 - iii. 2017;
 - iv. 2018;
 - v. 2019;
 - vi. 2020?

Canterbury Sporting Facilities

88. Is the NSW Government aware of any plans to change the current use of Canterbury Golf Course?
89. Will the NSW Government commit to maintaining the Canterbury Golf Course site as public open space?
90. Will the NSW Government commit to maintaining the Canterbury Racecourse site as public open space?

Anti-racism work

91. What did the Minister for Multiculturalism or Multiculturalism NSW (MNSW) do in response to racist attacks resulting from misinformation on the coronavirus?
92. How many media releases, press interviews, statements tweets or Facebook posts did the Minister and MNSW issue condemning this racism?
93. What is MNSW doing more broadly to combat racism?
94. How has MNSW responded to the November 2019 Islamophobia Report that found islamophobia attacks are becoming more public and intense?
95. How has MNSW responded to a November 2019 Anti-Semitism report showing a large number of anti-Semitic acts in NSW?

Multicultural grants

96. How much of the MNSW budget is allocated towards the grants program?
97. How many grants have been allocated this year and to whom?
98. How many grant applications were made? Were rejected?

99. What systems or processes are in place to monitor projects or events once the grant funding has been awarded?
100. How do you determine the long term success of grant funding?

Strategy

101. MNSW had a strategic plan that expired in 2017, strategic priorities for 2018-19, what is the strategy for 2019-20 and beyond?
102. Who is being consulted?
103. How much funding has the Government made available?
104. What will the priorities be?
105. What is the duration?

MNSW Staffing

106. MNSW staffing fell from 62 in 2017-18 to 56 in 2018-19, why the 10% decrease?
107. Our multicultural community is growing, why is the multicultural agency shrinking?

PMES Results

108. According to the annual People Matters Survey in MNSW only 51% of your staff feel that senior managers listen to their contribution and less than half (49%) of your staff fee change is well managed
109. What are you doing to address this?

Coordinator General for Refugee Resettlement

110. What is the status of the Coordinator General for Refugee Resettlement Peter Shergold?
111. How much is he remunerated?
112. What does the role involve?
113. When does Professor Shergold's term expire and will the position be continued?

Tenure as Minister

114. According to your diary disclosure from October to December 2019, you did not hold a single Seniors meeting (but over a dozen Sports meetings), why not?
115. How long do you expect to Act as Minister?
116. Does our seniors community deserve a full-time Minister?

NSW Seniors Saver Card

117. How many people have taken up the new Seniors Savers card since it was launched on July 1 2019?
118. Is the Government on track to meet its goal of 60,000 eligible seniors signed up in a year ($\frac{3}{4}$ of all eligible people?)
119. Minister, does Seniors Card sell the private information of cardholders to third parties and corporations?
120. How many?
121. In each of the past three financial years, what is the total amount of revenue raised for the NSW Government through selling data to partners in the Seniors Card?
122. What is the total amount of revenue raised for the NSW Government through selling data to partners in the Seniors Saver Card?
123. To date, what has been the total cost of promoting the new Senior Saver card?
124. How does the Government track the total savings a cardholder makes in each year? How?
125. Is the data regarding the spending habits of cardholders shared with third parties?
126. What is the value of that data?

Bushfire Recovery and scams

127. Has the Minister or his Department provided any input or support to Fair Trading when it comes to protecting seniors against scams following the bushfires?
128. Has the Minister or Department broadcast any messages through its various channels to warn seniors about scams during the bushfires and recovery period?
129. Has the NSW Government committed any funds to support seniors around bushfire scams?
130. Has the Minister or your Department provided any specific support to seniors who have been affected by the bushfires or February storms?
131. Has the Minister or Department issued any memorandum or advice to seniors during the bushfire period or recovery?
132. Did the Minister or Department issue any advice regarding seniors to evacuation centres during the bushfire period?

133. Has the Minister or Department issued any advice to other departments managing the recovery on how to best assist seniors?
134. Particularly those who might face barriers due to digital illiteracy?
135. So the NSW Government has done nothing to specifically support seniors during the bushfire period?

Royal Commission into Aged Care

136. What is the role of the NSW Government in contributing to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety?
137. Have you considered the interim report that found aged care is woefully inadequate, basic human rights denied and neglected?
138. What is your response?
139. What preparations are taking place in anticipation of the final report in 2020

NSW Ageing Strategy

140. The NSW Ageing Strategy expires this year, what is the status of a new strategy?
141. What new funding will be allocated to the strategy?
142. How many Full Time staff are allocated to delivering the strategy?
143. Which community groups have been invited to provide feedback on the strategy?
144. When will the Year 3 progress Report for the existing strategy be available

Regional Seniors Travel Card

145. What is the Minister's view on the fact that seniors on a Disability Support Pension or Carers Payments are ineligible for the Regional Seniors Travel Card?
146. It's true that people with disability and carers face some of the biggest barriers to accessing transport in the bush. Why shouldn't they be eligible?
147. Have you had any input into the development of the scheme?
148. Have you met with any seniors groups concerned about aspects of the scheme?
149. It looks as though the eligibility criteria of the scheme discriminates against people with disability or carers, wouldn't you agree?
150. How could the scheme better serve seniors in regional communities

Elder abuse

151. What is the rate of elder abuse identified in each metropolitan, regional and remote area of NSW?
152. What is the rate of elder abuse per socio-economic division within NSW?
153. What funding has been provided to promote awareness of and reduction in instances of elder abuse in NSW since the National Elder Abuse Conference in February 2018?
154. What has the NSW Government done to progress the issue of elder abuse at COAG since the last Estimates hearing

Disability and Ageing Commission

155. What is How many staff are employed by the Ageing and Disabilities Commissioner?
156. How many complaints have been made to the Commissioner since the office commenced?
157. How many of these cases pertain to:
 - (a) Aged care?
 - (b) Elder abuse?
 - (c) Health facilities for the aged?
 - (d) Housing for the aged?
 - (e) Discrimination against the aged?
158. What is the total amount of funding allocated to funding awareness of elders abuse in NSW?
159. Since it commenced, how many calls has the NSW Elder Abuse Helpline & Resource Unit received in relation to concerns about Enduring Power of Attorney arrangements?
160. How many of these cases have been investigated?
161. How many of these investigations has led to criminal actions?
162. How many calls has the NSW Elder Abuse Helpline received in each month since it opened?
163. What is the rate of elder abuse identified in each metropolitan, regional and remote area of NSW?
164. What is the rate of elder abuse per socio-economic division within NSW
165. How many FTE staff are currently employed in the NSW Elder Abuse Helpline & Resource Unit?
166. What assistance has been provided, and by which government departments, to victims of elder abuse in aged care facilities and in the general community?

Seniors staffing

167. How many staff are employed in the Department responsible for seniors, the department responsible for seniors?
168. How has the staffing allocation for the Department responsible for seniors changed since the last Estimates hearings?
169. What are the total administrative operating costs for the Department specifically attributable for seniors programming, policy and planning?

Ageing Workers

170. Will working and retiring remain a priority area in the NSW Ageing Strategy?
171. Given it was a priority in the past Ageing Strategy, what is the Government doing to assist and protect older workers in the workforce now?
172. What funding has been committed under the existing Ageing Strategy to promote, advance or assist workforce participation by seniors?

Budget

173. What funding will be attached to the new Strategy set to begin from 2020?
174. What is the total cost of running the Art of Ageing exhibition in 2019-2020?
175. What is the total cost of running Grandparents Day events and programs?
176. How has that amount changed over each of the past four financial years? By how much has it increased or decreased?
177. What was the total cost of running the NSW Seniors Festival Expo in 2020?
178. How much revenue did the NSW Seniors Festival Expo make in 2020?
179. What is the total cost of running the NSW Seniors Concert in 2019-2020?
180. How many FTE staff are allocated to running the Seniors Festival in 2019-2020?
181. Are these contract positions?
182. How many people attended the concert?
183. What is the total cost of running the Modified Sports program in 2019-2020?
184. How many people participated in the Modified Sports program in 2020?
185. What is the total cost of running the Cooking for One or Two program in 2019-2020?

186. What is the total cost of running the Grandparent Connection program in 2019-2020?
187. How many people were involved in the Grandparent Connection program in 2020?
188. What is the total cost of running the Grandparent Connection program in 2019-2020?
189. How many people participated in the Sing Your Age program in 2019-2020?
190. What is the total cost of running the Sing Your Age program in 2019-2020?
191. How many people have participated in the Tech Savvy Seniors program in 2019-2020?
192. What is the total cost of running the Tech Savvy Seniors program in 2019-2020?

Other

193. When will the government make details about a grant funding program to reduce social isolation public?
194. What is the current regulation regarding alert devices used regularly by older people and those with chronic illness?

Regional Seniors Travel Card

195. What date did you become aware that DVA gold card holders were unable to receive the regional seniors travel card?
 - (a) How did you find out?
 - (b) Who did you find out from?
196. What representations or consultation did you have with the Minister for Customer Service about resolving the issue?
 - (a) When did those discussions occur?
 - (b) Where did those discussions occur?
 - (c) What was discussed?
197. Did the Minister for Customer Service provide a date for when the issue would be resolved by?
 - (a) If so, what was that date?
198. Did the Minister explain why DVA gold card holders were excluded from the regional seniors travel card scheme?
 - (a) If so, explain.

199. Who did you speak with when reversing your decision to allow veterans and war widows to apply for the Regional Seniors Travel Card?
200. What will be the cost of expanding the eligibility of the scheme to include veterans and war widows?
201. How many veterans or war widows have attempted to apply for the scheme since you announced your backflip on February 15?
202. What is stopping you from processing their applications for another three months?
203. Why can't a manual system be set up to enable these vulnerable seniors to apply?

My Community Project

204. Did the Minister of Customer Service explain to you why DVA gold card holders were excluded from voting in the My Community Project initiative last year?
 - (a) If so, explain why they were excluded?
 - (b) What representations have you made to the Minister for Customer service regarding DVA gold card holders being excluded from voting in the My Community project initiative?
205. Has the Minister for Customer Service given you a guarantee that DVA gold card holders will be able to vote in the next round of the My Community Project?
206. Given the issues with the My Community Project initiative and the regional seniors travel card, have you sought any guarantees from the Minister for Customer Service that there will be no more issues with Service NSW and DVA card holders?
 - (a) Have any more issues regarding DVA gold card holders and Service NSW been raised with you or your office?
 - i. If so explain what those issues were.

Service NSW

207. What are all the state government rebates that DVA gold card holders are eligible for?
208. How many veterans applied for the low household income rebate in 2018/19 and so far in the 2019/20 fiscal year?
 - (a) How many war widows applied for the low household income rebate in 2018/19 and so far in 2019/20?

209. How many veterans applied for the pensioner water rebate rebate in 2018/19 and so far in the 2019/20 fiscal year?
- (a) How many war widows applied for the pensioner water rebate rebate in 2018/19 and so far in the 2019/20 fiscal year?
210. How many veterans applied for the gas rebate in 2018/19 and so far in the 2019/20 fiscal year?
- (a) How many war widows applied for the gas rebate in 2018/19 and so far in the 2019/20 fiscal year?
211. How many veterans applied for the appliance replacement rebate in 2018/19 and so far in the 2019/20 fiscal year?
- (a) How many war widows applied for the appliance replacement rebate in 2018/19 and so far in the 2019/20 fiscal year?
212. How many veterans applied for the pensioner free drivers licence renewal rebate in 2018/19 and so far in the 2019/20 fiscal year?
213. How many war widows applied for the pensioner free drivers licence renewal rebate in 2018/19 and so far in the 2019/20 fiscal year?
214. How many veterans applied for the free drivers licence test rebate in 2018/19 and so far in the 2019/20 fiscal year?

Independent Commissioner into veterans' suicide

215. What discussions have you had with your federal counterpart, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Office of Veterans Affairs regarding the appointment of the independent commissioner?
216. Have you or the DVA offered support or resources to assist the independent commissioner?
217. Have you asked your federal counterpart for the terms of reference for the Independent Commissioner?
218. Can you provide any specific statistics for the number of NSW veterans that have committed suicide?
219. Can you provide any specific statistics for the number of NSW veterans that have attempted suicide?
220. Can you provide statistics for the number of NSW ADF personnel that have committed suicide?
221. Can you provide statistics for the number of NSW ADF personnel that have attempted suicide?

222. Does the NSW government have a formal position on a possible Royal Commission into veterans' suicide?
- (a) If so, what is the position and how/why was it formed?
 - (b) If not, does the state government plan to adopt a formal position?
 - i. If so, when do you expect that position to be adopted and made public?