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**JOBS, INVESTMENT, TOURISM AND WESTERN SYDNEY**

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## JOBS, INVESTMENT, TOURISM AND WESTERN SYDNEY

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

#### Penrith Panthers

1. Please provide the instrument of delegation which increased or varied the maximum financial delegation of the then Chief Executive, Office of Sport, Mr Matt Miller, to permit him to enter the \$12 million funding agreement with Penrith Rugby League Club Limited dated 21 February 2019.
2. Did you disclose your membership of Penrith Panthers to then Premier Mike Baird prior to the announcement of the \$12 million funding for Penrith Panthers in March 2015?
3. Did you disclose your membership of Penrith Panthers to Premier Baird at any subsequent time? If so, when?
4. Have you disclosed your membership of Penrith Panthers to Premier Berejiklian? If so, when did you do so?

#### Answer:

1. The Minister delegated the Chief Executive of the Office of Sport to execute the funding agreement with Panthers. Any milestone payments greater than \$3 million require ministerial approval.
- 2-4 The Minister was not required to disclose his \$5 membership of Penrith Panthers as he did not derive a pecuniary benefit from the project.

#### Bushfire response by Destination NSW – Now's the Time to Love NSW

5. When did DNSW first communicate with tourism operators about bushfires since 1 July 2019?
6. What information has DNSW provided to tourism operators about bushfire relief?
  - (a) What format was the information?
  - (b) How was it distributed?
  - (c) How many tourism operators was it distributed to?
  - (d) How many people accessed information (eg. Via attendance at workshops or downloading).
7. What if any information has been provided to the RAA about the needs of tourism operators post bushfires by DNSW?

8. What if any representations has the minister made to the Prime Minister or Deputy Premier or Minister Marshall re: RAA on the special needs of tourism operators?
9. What was the cost of creating and implementing the "Time to Love NSW" campaign?
10. How was creative agency "The Works" chosen to create the campaign?
11. Was there a competitive tender process?
12. What date was the campaign launched?
13. How long will the campaign run for?
14. Is there an ongoing cost for the campaign? If so, what are the ongoing costs and how much has been allocated?
15. Does the campaign have set targets and KPI's?
  - (a) If so,
    - i. How are targets and KPI's being measured?
    - ii. When are they being monitored?
    - iii. Who is monitoring them?
    - iv. When will they be reported?
    - v. Will the report be published?
  - (b) If not, why not?
16. What feedback has DNSW received from the Tourism Operators about the campaign?
17. Has DNSW actively engaged with Tourism Operators to ask their opinion about the campaign?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If so, has this engagement been conducted by existing staff or have additional staff been allocated?
18. Acting chief executive officer Stephen Mahoney said the campaign is the first phase of a two-year recovery plan that will focus on getting domestic and international visitors inspired and excited about holidaying in Sydney and NSW. What does the two year recovery plan involve?
  - (a) Has the plan been completed?
  - (b) Is the plan publicly available?
    - i. If so where?

- ii. If not, why not?
  - (c) Who is responsible for drafting the 2 year recovery plan?
  - (d) Who is responsible for monitoring the 2 year recovery plan?
  - (e) Is the plan fully funded by the Government?
  - (f) What is the funding for each stage of the plan?
19. How many times has the hashtag #LoveNSW been used through each of the social media channels;
- (a) Facebook
  - (b) Twitter
  - (c) Instagram
  - (d) LinkedIn
  - (e) Google Plus
  - (f) Pinterest
  - (g) Other platforms
20. What was the target number for the hashtag be used?
21. Is there a social media policy for employees of Destination NSW?
- (a) Is it publicly available?
  - (b) If so where is it published?
  - (c) Are there KPIs for employees?
  - (d) How many employees have administrative rights on Destination NSW Pages?
  - (e) Who monitors their postings?
22. Was there any consideration given to using the hashtag #SpendWithThem or #StayWithThem as publicised by Turia Pitt? Perhaps giving it funding?
- (a) If so, how was that progressed?
  - (b) If not, why not?
  - (c) Isn't the whole point of hash tags being to leverage off viral posts and influencers?

- (d) What influencers has Destination NSW engaged with to try and improve visitation to fire affected regions?
23. How many meetings have you had with the Deputy Premier regarding Bushfire Recovery?
24. Have you put forward and submissions to ERC for any tourism funding?
- (a) If so, how many?
- (b) How many approved?
- (c) Please provide a list of approved submissions
- (d) If not, why not?
25. Of the \$76 million Tourism Assistance Package announced by the Prime Minister, how much has been spent on NSW product?
- (a) What has been funded? (Please disaggregate by Program and Project).
26. When was the \$43million announced for Destination Networks planned to rollout?
- (a) When did it roll out? ( Please disaggregate by Destination Network)
27. Who selected the image of the Sydney Opera House to promote NSW Tourism in Times Square?
- (a) Was there more than one image to pick from?
- (b) If so, what were the other images of?
- (c) Why was a regional destination or series of images not chosen?
- (d) What research was undertaken to support the selection of an image?
- (e) How much is the display costing?
- (f) How long will it be there?
28. Has Destination NSW calculated the total quantum of direct and indirect losses from the NSW Bushfires prior to COVID-19?
- (a) If so, how much was it?
- (b) If not, why not?
29. Has DNSW calculated the quantum of direct and indirect losses to tourism in NSW in the wake of the COVID-19?
- (a) If so, what is it?

- (b) If not, why not?
30. What is the combined direct/indirect loss to the NSW economy through tourism from drought, floods, fires and COVID19 in 2019/20?
31. What if any strategies did DNSW seek additional funding for in order to help tourism businesses survive through the drought, floods, fires and COVID-19?
- (a) When were these strategies proposed by DNSW?
- (b) When were they delivered?
- (c) If not, when will they be delivered?
- (d) If not, why not?
32. Were tourism accommodation operators advised about any arrangements for taking in evacuees?
33. What advice has been provided to tourism accommodation providers regarding and payments for costs associated with taking in evacuees?
34. Signage on the M5 at Hurstville on 20 January 2020 said “Road closure on South Coast”. Do you know why they did not offer any specific road information?
35. Have you received feedback about safety signage and its accuracy and impact on tourism visitation?
- (a) If so, when?
- (b) If so what did you do about it?
36. What measures is DNSW putting in place to address mental health issues for tourism operators who have lost up to 90% of their annual income as a result of natural disasters in 2019/20
37. Has a Visiting Friends and Relatives campaign been rolled out by DNSW?
- (a) If so, when?
- (b) If so, how?
- (c) If so, what is it?
- (d) If not, why not?

**Answers:**

Please refer to answers provided for Legislative Council Question on Notice 1136, submitted 3 April 2020.

### **Bushfire Recovery – Special Disaster Assistance Funding for Tourism Operators**

38. Have Rural Financial Counsellors been appointed to tourism operators regarding the RAA Special Disaster Grants?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If not, have you advocated they be appointed to the Minister for Agriculture?
39. Were tourism operators who lost power, water and/or internet/telephone eligible for Special Disaster Assistance Loans?

#### **Answer:**

Please refer to answers provided for Legislative Council Question on Notice 1139, submitted 3 April 2020.

### **Cancellation of the Regional Tourism Awards**

40. Why did the NSW Regional Tourism Awards get cancelled?
41. When were you made aware of this?
42. Did the Regional Tourism Awards get in contact with Destination NSW or yourselves to assist with sponsorship?
43. Has Destination NSW ever provided sponsorship funding in the past?
44. Did Destination NSW or the Minister step in and offer to provide some funding?
45. Do you value the regional tourism awards as a business development tool?
46. Do you value the regional tourism awards as a networking opportunity for the tourism industry?
47. Do you think it sets a bad example when a regional tourism award event, which is held in a regional tourism area is cancelled?
48. What do you think that says to other event organisers?
49. Do you think there is a lack of confidence in the regional tourism sector?
50. Did the Regional Tourism Awards go ahead after September 11, 2001?
51. Do you think the tourism sector in NSW is in a better or worse position than then?
52. Have other states cancelled their regional tourism awards?

**Answer:**

Please refer to answers provided for Legislative Council Question on Notice 1142, submitted 3 April 2020.

**Bushfire Recovery - Aboriginal Tourism**

53. Is DNSW aware of the loss of Aboriginal sites of significance in the bushfires?
54. Is DNSW aware of the loss of access to Aboriginal sites of significance in the bushfires?
55. Has there been any audit or reporting of the impact of either a loss of sites or access to them?
  - (a) If so, when was this conducted?
  - (b) If not, why not?
56. What impact will the loss of these sites or loss of access to them have on Aboriginal Tourism Operators?
57. What, if any, assistance has been provided to Aboriginal Tourism operators who have lost their sites?
  - (a) If so, when was this offered?
  - (b) If so, what plans are there to assist the rehabilitation of these Aboriginal sites of significance or to restoring access?
58. What advocacy is Destination NSW doing for Aboriginal Tourism Operators to assist in restoring access to?

**Answer:**

Please refer to answers provided for Legislative Council Question on Notice 1143, submitted 3 April 2020.

**Bushfire Recovery – Regional Disaster Recovery & Preparedness Workshops**

59. Which bushfire affected Destination Networks held recovery workshops?
  - (a) If so, for each Destination Network:
    - i. When was the meeting held?
    - ii. Were minutes taken?



- iii. If so, are they publically available?
  - iv. Which agencies attended?
  - v. Are more planned?
  - vi. If so, When?
60. Which Destination NSW Network Chairs or CEO's/GM's attend regional recovery meetings in each area impact by bushfires?
- (a) Are they all invited?
  - (b) If not, why not?
61. What critical incident management disaster response and recovery training has been provided to tourism operators in NSW by DNSW since 2015. Please list all opportunities and key foci of opportunity for each one (eg. Flood, fire, east coast lows, drought) etc

**Answer:**

Please refer to answers provided for Legislative Council Question on Notice 1145, submitted 3 April 2020.

**Bushfire Recovery - Snowy Valley Mountains Tourism**

62. When will Paddy's Falls amenities/picnic tables be open to the public?
- (a) What action is Destination NSW taking to escalate this on behalf of tourism operators?
63. When will the Hume and Howell walking track be repaired and restored to service?
- (a) What advocacy is Destination NSW doing to escalate this?
64. What action is the Destination NSW taking to assist tourism operators who have been impacted by closures at Mt Selwyn and Cabramurra snow fields?
- (a) What advocacy is Destination NSW doing to get these snowfields back on track to assist tourism services and other indirect retailers in recovery?
  - (b) When will it open?
65. What assistance will the NSW Government provide to help get Sugar Pine walk and Laurel Hill opened and up to public?
- (a) When will it open?

- (b) What advocacy is Destination NSW doing to escalate this?
66. What assistance is the NSW taking to get Yarrangobilly Caves and Thermal Pool reopened for Tourist?
- (a) What date are the caves expected to open?
- (b) What date is the Thermal Pool expected to open?
- (c) When will the huts in this park reopen to tourists?
- (d) What advocacy is Destination NSW doing to escalate this?
67. Are you aware of a proposal for the sealing of a road from Tumut to Canberra?
- (a) If so, has Destination NSW or the Minister had any input into the development of a business case for this?

**Answers:**

Please refer to answers provided for Legislative Council Question on Notice 1147, submitted 3 April 2020.

**Coronavirus response by Destination NSW and lack of investment in the new inbound tourism markets with the slow down in growth of Chinese Tourism**

68. What is the impact of the current Coronavirus threat on inbound tourism? (Please answer on monthly figures over the next 12 months by region and economic spend direct and indirect and visitor numbers for international and domestic visitors:
- (a) International arrivals
- (b) Domestic arrivals
69. Has there been an estimate of the impact of the threat over the next twelve months?
70. The Minister obviously listened to the opposition's suggestions in the September Budget Estimates around diversification of the inbound tourism market, and we understand that the Minister recently attended a mission to India with former Premier and incoming High Commissioner Barry O'Farrell. What were the tourism goals of the meetings?
- (a) Were these goals met?
- (b) With coronavirus appearing to be a bigger issue for India in the last week, what other inbound markets has Destination NSW been working on?

(c) How is that going?

71. What is the plan B for international tourism into Sydney?

72. Is the Minister concerned about the impact of cruise ships flooding the domestic tourism operator and accommodation market with cheap deals?

(a) If so, what is Destination NSW doing to try and work with regional operators to increase visitation?

**Answer:**

Please refer to answers provided for Legislative Council Question on Notice 1149, submitted 3 April 2020.

**Regional Tourism - Cuts to Destination NSW Tourism Funding Programs**

73. For Destination NSW please provide a breakdown of funding for 2018/19 and 2019/20.

(a) Product Development Program

(b) Marketing cooperative Program

(c) Regional Conferencing Program

(d) Events Funding Program

(e) Regional Flagship Events Program

74. How much of the Regional Flagship Events Program funding for 2019-20 had been expended by 31 December 2020?

75. How much of the Regional Flagship Events Program funding for 2019-20 had been expended by 29 February 2020?

76. What is the Regional Flagship Events Program funding for 2018-19?

77. What is the Regional Flagship Events Program funding for 2019-20?

(a) Regional flagship Events Program funding has nearly doubled from around \$480,000 per annum in 2013 – 2016 to \$814,750 in 2017 and then to over \$2 million in 2017-18. Why have you dropped the funding back so much?

(b) Was the program not delivering?

(c) If so, why not?

- (d) If this was an opportunity to spend some money in regional seats, why would you not continue it as the drought continues to hit?
78. If the additional funding was to increase regional funding, how will you maintain the same level of regional funding with \$35 million in cuts?
79. How will this impact on tourism and other small businesses in regional economies that are already struggling from the impact of the current drought?
80. What regional flagship events that were funded in 2018 or 2019 won't be funded this year or will have their funding cut – How many are there ?
81. What impact will cuts to regional flagship funding have on drought affected communities?
82. Some event organisers have reported that they have not been able to access Regional flagship Events Program funding this year and have been unable to find out why. Have you advised unsuccessful applicants?
83. When do you advise unsuccessful applicants?
84. Is there a deadline for advising applicants that you have funded or not funded their events in advance of their events?
85. What were the results of the Treasury Review in 2019?
86. What impact has the review had on DNSW?
87. Will the results of the review be published and available publicly?
88. What is the annual quantum of tourism funding that is provided to each DNSW Network?  
(Please disaggregate by network and program for each year since inception).
89. Please disaggregate by Local Government Area
90. What was the quantum of tourism funding provided to each LGA for all years from 2008/09 and 2009/10 to year to date and projected 2019/20? (Please disaggregate by program).

**Answer:**

Please refer to answers provided for Legislative Council Question on Notice 1144, submitted 3 April 2020.

**Vacancies in Regional Development Officer Positions in Destination NSW**

91. Please outline all regional DNSW programs as at 1/3/20 by:

- (a) Name of business unit
  - (b) Purpose
  - (c) Number of FTE staff (establishment and actuals)
  - (d) Location
  - (e) Number of days any position has been vacant in 2018/19 and 2019/20 (to 1/3/20)
92. What is the annual quantum of tourism funding that is provided to each DNSW Network?  
(Please disaggregate by network and program for each year since inception).
93. Please disaggregate by Local Government Area
94. What was the quantum of tourism funding provided to each LGA for all years from 2008/09 and 2009/10 to year to date and projected 2019/20? (Please disaggregate by program)
95. How many Regional Tourism Destination Manager Positions are there at DNSW?
- (a) How many have experienced vacancies since 1/7/2019
  - (b) For how many business days?
  - (c) What were the number of vacancies from 1/7/18-30/6/19?
  - (d) Were these vacancies advertised?
  - (e) If so, how and where?

**Answer:**

Please refer to answers provided for Legislative Council Question on Notice 1146 submitted 3 April 2020.

**Freak Show Festival of Motorcycles in Walcha**

96. How much funding was allocated to the Freak Show Festival of Motorcycles?
97. How much money did the promoters of the Freak Show Festival of Motorcycles receive?
- (a) What was this funding spent on?
  - (b) What funding stream was it allocated from?
98. Was their contract for a one-off year or for multiple years?
- (a) If for multiple years, please provide details of the length of contract.
99. When did DNSW first become aware that event would be cancelled?

100. Did event organisers approach DNSW for additional funding? If so when?
101. Has the NSW Government received other funding requests for proposals in the New England Region?
  - (a) If so, what are they?
102. In Destination NSW's 2018/19 Annual Report it lists The Freak Show as one of a number of new events secured for regional NSW. Further on in the report other projects have an individual listing and funding amount but the funding for the Freak Show is not listed. Why is that? –
103. Was any of the funding allocated to The Freak Show used for the Walcha Motorcycle Weekend?
  - (a) If so, how much?

**Answer:**

Please refer to answers provided for Legislative Council Question on Notice 1148, submitted 3 April 2020.

**New CEO of Destination NSW**

104. Was the position for a new CEO of Destination NSW advertised? If so, where was it advertised and when?
105. How many applicants applied for the position?
106. Was there a panel formed to assess the applications? If so, who was on the panel?
107. When did Mr Stephen Mahoney commence in the Acting CEO role?
108. What date in May will Mr Steve Cox commence?
109. Is he employed on a contract? If so, what is the length of his contract?
110. How many times have you met with Acting CEO Stephen Mahoney?
111. Have you received briefings from Mr Mahoney? If so, how many?
112. Has Mr Mahoney expressed concern about the last 2 consecutive cuts to Destination NSW's budget?
113. Why is Destination NSW being left without a permanent CEO for 7 months?
114. Does that concern you that Destination NSW has not had a permanent CEO during unprecedented times?

115. Are you concerned about the \$65 million cuts?
116. Will you guarantee no cuts to Destination NSW's in the 2020/2021 Budget?
117. Did you have regular meetings with Ms Chipchase when she was the CEO? If so, how often?
118. Did Ms Chipchase raise concerns with you regarding the cuts to the Destination NSW Budget?
119. What were the results of the Treasury Review in 2019?
120. What impact has the review had on DNSW?
121. Will the results of the review be published and available publicly?
- (a) If so, when ?
  - (b) If not, why not?
122. Why did it take so long to appoint a replacement for Sandra Chipchase?
123. Did Ms Chipchase receive any termination payment?
- (a) If so, has that changed now that she's been appointed to the Federal Tourism Advisory body?
124. Did the Minister or anyone at Destination NSW provide a reference for Ms Chipchase?
- (a) Was anyone asked?
125. Tourism operators report DNSW were slow due to elections, budget, shuffle, Treasury Review and departure of their CEO. They feel that it's been drifting for nearly 12 months. Now they still have to wait for another 3 months for a permanent CEO.
- (a) Do you agree this is unacceptable?
  - (b) If not, what do you say to those who say it?

**Answers:**

Please refer to answers provided for Legislative Council Question on Notice 1132, submitted 3 April 2020.

**Independent Brewers Action Plan**

126. In the Independent Brewers Action Plan, there are several different timeframes defined. What is your interpretation of the following:
- (a) Short-Term commencing by Q1 2020?

(b) Mid-Term commencing by mid 2020?

127. The following Actions/Activities have been listed as the responsibility of Destination NSW. Can you please provide an update of each of the actions and indicate if they have commenced. (All of these are marked as Short-term Q1 2020)

- (a) Encourage independent brewers with customer facing venues to list their venues and visitor experiences on Destination NSW consumer websites Sydney.com and visitnsw.com via the Get Connected program.
- (b) Encourage independent brewers with event spaces suitable for conferences and meetings to list their venue on meetinnsw.com.au.
- (c) Make available to independent brewers the Destination NSW Social Media Guidelines to assist their marketing efforts.
- (d) Connect independent brewers in regional NSW with their relevant Destination Network to explore local business opportunities.
- (e) Promote Destination NSW's Product Showcase events, to encourage brewer participation to share information about the industry and brewery visitor experiences with Destination NSW staff and learn about Destination NSW opportunities.
- (f) Identify opportunities for, and facilitate the development of, regional and metro 'food, wine and ale trails' and work with independent brewers to build content for these trails as outlined in the NSW Food & Wine Tourism Strategy & Action Plan.
- (g) Utilise Destination NSW promotional platforms like visitnsw.com to promote 'food, wine and ale trails'.

128. Has the NSW Independent Brewing Industry Development Working Group been created?

- (a) Who is Destination NSW's representative?
- (b) How often do they meet?
- (c) Are minutes taken of the meetings?
- (d) If so, are they publicly available?

129. How is Destination NSW supporting NSW Manufacturers to access NSW Government and Commonwealth Government programs and funding initiatives?



- (a) Have you provided information on funding opportunities for brewers within the NSW Regional Business Event Development Fund? If not, why not? If so, how was this achieved?
130. How is Destination NSW promoting support measures available to startups and SMEs?
131. Has Information been provided information on Destination NSW's NSW First program to assist brewers develop, promote and sell their beverage products to domestic and international buyers? If so, how was it distributed and when?
132. If not, why not? When will it be done?
133. Has Destination NSW assisted independent brewers through the NSW First Program, to develop export ready tourism experiences that are suitable to various international visitors? If so, how and when?
134. If not, why not. When will this occur?
135. Has Destination NSW assisted independent brewers with export ready tourism experiences to promote their products to the international travel trade? If so, how was this done? If not why not? When will this be done?
136. Have you discussed the Independent Brewers Action Plan with other Ministers? If so, who and on how many occasions?
137. Were you involved in the development of the plan in anyway? If so, how were you involved? If not, why not, it involves your agency.
138. Were extra staff employed to implement the outcomes and strategies of the plan?
139. If so, how many?
140. If not, were existing staff given extra duties to implement the plan?
- (a) If so who?
- (b) Which areas were the staff taken from?

**Answer:**

Please refer to answers provided for Legislative Council Question on Notice 1133, submitted 3 April 2020.

## **Budget**

141. What did you ask for in your pre-budget submission?
142. Was it an increase in funding, and maintenance of the same level of funding (maintaining the cuts), or a further reduction (yet another cut)?

### **Answer:**

Please refer to answers provided for Legislative Council Question on Notice 1134, submitted 3 April 2020.

## **Bushfires support**

143. How many tourism businesses have been fire-affected?
- (a) Burn directly?
  - (b) Smoke affected?
  - (c) Not burnt or smoke affected but have seen loss of revenue or downturn in trade?
144. Of these, how many are eligible for government grants?
145. How many applications from tourism businesses for the grants have you had?
146. How many of those have been processed?
147. How many of those have been successful?

### **Answer:**

Please refer to answers provided for Legislative Council Question on Notice 1135, submitted 3 April 2020.

## **Coronavirus**

148. Have you quantified the estimated impact of the coronavirus on the tourism sector?
149. How much lost economic activity?
150. How many impacted businesses?
151. What are you planning to do to help these tourism businesses through this crisis?

### **Answer:**

Please refer to answers provided for Legislative Council Question on Notice 1137, submitted 3 April 2020.

### **Tourist arrival statistics**

The ABS tracks incoming visitor destination and duration of stay

(<https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/3401.0>). They recently looked at 2019 as a whole.

152. Aside from the NT, NSW was the only state in the country to have less tourists in December 2019 compared to December 2018. Why?
- (a) Does this worry you?
153. Visitors from India and the UK spend significantly less time in NSW compared to other states and the Australian average. Why?
154. Why do visitors from India spend on average 30 days when they visit NSW, but 49 days when they visit VIC, 61 days in WA, and 70 days in SA?
155. Why do visitors from the UK spend on average 16 days when they visit NSW, but 20 days when they visit VIC and QLD, and 21 days in SA and WA?
156. What are you doing to ensure that visitors to NSW spend at least as long on average on their trip in NSW compared to other states?

### **Answer:**

Please refer to answers provided for Legislative Council Question on Notice 1138, submitted 3 April 2020.

### **Arts & Show Funding**

157. Minister, you were all too happy to make the announcement that the Theatre Royal would be subleased to a commercial operator to refurbish the venue but when asked supplementary questions about you then said that questions would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Arts. What is your role in this?
158. Does Destination NSW have a disclosure log as required under the GIPA Act?
- (a) If so, where can it be found?
- (b) If not why, not?

**Answer:**

Please refer to answers provided for Legislative Council Question on Notice 1140, submitted 3 April 2020.

**Visitor Impacts**

159. Please provide visitor arrival data for international visitors from all weeks from 1/7/2015 – 1/3/2020 (if weekly is not available, please indicate monthly statistics).

**Answer:**

Please refer to answers provided for Legislative Council Question on Notice 1141, submitted 3 April 2020.

**Western Sydney Airport**

160. Is there any concrete day for a fuel pipeline going to Western Sydney Airport to be built?

- (a) A document published on the Transport for NSW website on 19/07/2018 stated having fuel tankers delivering fuel instead of an operation fuel pipeline could pose: congestion problems, risk motorist safety; and cause delays to key freight corridors. Did the state government consider that report when refusing to build a fuel pipeline before their airport opens in 2026?
- (b) What procedures will be put in place to ensure motorist safety isn't compromised by the fuel delivery trucks?

161. Will the M12 motorway definitely be built before the airport opens in 2026?

- (a) Are there any fears within state government departments that the project will not be complete before the airport opens in 2026?
- (b) Has the federal government or any federal government department raised concerns that the project will not be finished before the airport opens in 2026?

162. Rail line to Macarthur

- (a) When is construction on the rail line from Western Sydney Airport to Macarthur going to begin?
- (b) Where station will the line connect to?
- (c) Are there any plans to have a direct train service from Campbelltown to the airport?

- (d) Will any additional stations be built along the line connecting the airport to Macarthur?
  - i. If so, where will those stations be built?

**Answer:**

160-162. These questions are more appropriately directed to the Minister for Transport and Roads, the Hon. Andrew Constance MP, as the Minister responsible for Transport for NSW, which includes Sydney Metro.

**Dunheved Road Project**

163. The federal government has allocated \$63.5 million to the Dunheved Road project in the Penrith LGA. Has the government released its \$63.5 million contribution towards the project?

- (a) If so, when is construction on the project set to begin and end?
- (b) If not, when will those funds be released?
- (c) Have you had any correspondence with the Minister for Transport and Roads about the project?
  - i. If so when was that correspondence and what was discussed?

**Answer:**

163 This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Transport and Roads, the Hon. Andrew Constance MP.

**Nepean River**

164. When were levels of faecal bacteria last recorded in the Nepean and Hawkesbury Rivers?

165. What locations were those levels recorded at?

166. What did those readings show?

167. A Western Sydney University study showed there had been hazardous levels of faecal bacteria found in the Nepean and Hawkesbury rivers. Have you made any representations to any relevant ministers to:

- (a) Improve the water quality?
- (b) Make sure regular monitoring occurs?

- (c) Make sure the public is informed of hazardous levels?
  - i. If so, can you explain what Ministers those representations were made to, what was discussed and what were the outcomes?

168. When was the last time water quality was monitored in the Georges River?

### **Answer**

164 – 167. These questions should be referred to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing, the Hon Melinda Pavey MP, who has responsibility for WaterNSW.

168. This question should be referred to the Minister for Energy and Environment, the Hon Matt Kean MP.

### **Hospitals**

169. A Bureau of Health information report early last year stated 10 of the worst performing hospitals in the state were located in Western Sydney. What discussions have you had with the Minister for Health following the BHI's report?

- (a) What outcomes occurred as a result of those discussions?
- (b) What plans are being put in place to lift standards at Western Sydney hospitals?
- (c) The report raised 32 red flags at Blacktown Hospital. Have all 32 of those red flags been addressed and the issues resolved.
- (d) Campbelltown Hospital had 26 red flags raised. Have all 26 of those red flags been addressed and the issues resolved?
- (e) Fairfield had 18 red flags raised. Have all 18 of those red flags been addressed and those issues resolved?
- (f) Liverpool had 14 red flags raised. Have all 14 of those red flags been addressed and those issues resolved?

170. What discussions have you had with the Minister for Health to ensure Western Sydney hospitals can cope with the demand of Coronavirus cases?

171. What discussions have you had with the Minister for Education to ensure Western Sydney schools are equipped to handle any Coronavirus issues that may arise?

172. What discussions have you had with Western Sydney business advocated – like local chambers of commerce – to discuss how they will deal with any impacts stemming from the Coronavirus?

173. What discussions have you had with Western Sydney-based universities to ensure they are equipped to handle any issues stemming from the Coronavirus?

**Answer:**

169. These questions would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Health and Medical Research.

170-173. The Minister has regular discussions with ministerial colleagues and external stakeholders in relation to the impacts of Coronavirus.

**Supercars**

174. Did the NSW Government transfer the ownership of equipment that it purchased for the Homebush Supercars Race to Supercars Australia as part of the agreement for Newcastle 500?

(a) If so, what was the amount paid for this equipment?

175. What was the estimated value of the equipment?

176. What funds did the NSW Government provide towards the civil works needed for the Newcastle 500?

**Answers:**

174. Yes

(a) This is available in the Destination NSW 2016-17 Annual Report.

175. See answer above.

176. This is available in the NSW Budget 2016-17 Half Yearly Review.