

Premier – Supplementary Questions

NUMBER	QUESTION - Kamay Ferry
1.	<p>The current Transport' State Significant Infrastructure Kamay Ferry Wharves DA that was flagged in the Kurnell Master Plan announced April 29th 2018 is a joint project between the Commonwealth and State for the Cook 2020 commemoration.</p> <p>DPI Fisheries do not support the project because of the damage to Commonwealth and State protected marine species and the EPA have raised issues concerning the gross inadequacy of Transport's contamination report. The SEARs have not been met.</p> <p>Fishers are rightly concerned about the impacts of this development on the integrity of Botany Bay as a Recreational Fishing Haven.</p> <p>At Budget Estimates for Transport 3rd September, Deputy Secretary Howard Collins referred to involvement by Mr Reardon and Mr Betts in progressing this project. With Mr Betts being terminated by you, and coupled with all these concerns including funding</p> <p>Can you please explain why this project still has your confidence?</p>
<p>ANSWER:</p> <p>This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.</p>	

NUMBER	QUESTION - ERC Meeting Issues
2.	<p>Which ERC meetings has Mr Perrottet attended where the Central Barangaroo development was discussed?</p> <p>Furthermore,</p> <p>(a) Why has the Government deliberately disadvantaged Grocon and assisted Lendlease, Crown and Aqualand in the negotiation and timing of the release of sightlines?</p> <p>(b) At ERC, which ministers declared a conflict of interest regarding Warwick Smith's involvement with Aqualand?</p>
<p>ANSWER:</p> <p>The deliberations of NSW Cabinet are confidential.</p>	

NUMBER	QUESTION - Definition of "Woman" and Misleading the Committee
3.	<p>Did Mr Coutts Trotter mislead the Committee in his definition of the meaning of 'woman' in citing the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act?</p> <p>(a) Doesn't section 23 of the Act define woman as meaning "a member of the female sex irrespective of her age"?</p> <p>(b) Will the Secretary now apologise, correct the record and instruct all NSW public sector agencies to follow the ADA s23 definition?</p>

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ANSWER:

I am advised no.

NUMBER	QUESTION - Stamp Duty Reform
4.	<p>I refer the Premier to an article in the Daily Telegraph on 1st March which reported that the Premier was going to exclude farmland, and I ask:</p> <p>(a) Can the Premier confirm the report that farmland will be exempt from the property tax reform proposal?</p> <p>(b) How will this exemption be delivered to provide farmers long term financial certainty?</p>

ANSWER:

This is a matter for the Treasurer.

NUMBER	QUESTION - Outcomes Based Budgeting
5.	<p>Can the Premier please explain how constant substantial increases in Domestic Violence Spending have not resulted in reductions in NSW Domestic Violence rates?</p>

ANSWER:

This question would be better directed to the Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence.

NUMBER	QUESTION - Outcomes Based Budgeting
6.	<p>What will the NSW Government's carbon abatement programs achieve in measurable reductions in average global surface temperatures (combating climate change) for the following years:</p> <p>(a) 2030,</p> <p>(b) 2040 and</p> <p>(c) 2050.</p>

ANSWER:

This is a matter for the Treasurer and Minister for Energy, and the Minister for Environment and Heritage.

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7.	<p>I refer to Malcolm Turnbull's recent description of the lack of hydro power back-up for renewables as a "crisis inside a crisis" and ask:</p> <p>(a) Other than Snowy 2.0, which some experts say will use more electricity than it generates, what hydro-power projects are either being built in NSW or the Government plans to build?</p>
<p>ANSWER:</p> <p>This is a matter for the Treasurer and Minister for Energy.</p>	

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8.	<p>What advice has the Premier received about the likelihood of blackouts in NSW from:</p> <p>(a) State agencies, and</p> <p>(b) the Federal Government?</p>
<p>ANSWER:</p> <p>As Premier, I am regularly briefed, by the Secretary of my Department, on a number of issues. Further questions on electricity supply should be directed to the Treasurer and Minister for Energy.</p>	

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9.	<p>What action is the Premier taking to avoid the blackouts referred to in Supplementary Question No. 7 (above) in NSW?</p>
<p>ANSWER:</p> <p>I refer you to my answer to question 8.</p>	

NUMBER	QUESTION - Indigenous Issues
10.	<p>In relation to the display of the Aboriginal flag:</p> <p>(a) Does the Premier recall on 3 February 2018 describing the permanent placement of an Aboriginal flag on the Sydney Harbour Bridge as a</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>"lavish exercise in trendy virtue signaling (that) ... won't make one iota of practical difference to the lives of the people of NSW. It won't lift a single indigenous community out of poverty and it won't close the gap one inch"</i></p> <p>(b) Why is he now doing this exact same thing?</p>
<p>ANSWER:</p> <p>The Government has announced it will permanently display the Aboriginal flag on the Sydney Harbour Bridge.</p>	

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The Government also remains committed to meeting its Closing the Gap targets.

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11.	Is the Premier aware of assessment by government officials in Bourke, Wilcannia and Toomelah that every Indigenous child over the age of 5 has been sexually abused? (a) What is the Premier doing to overcome this tragedy and crisis of indescribable proportions?
ANSWER: I am advised that there is no evidence to support this assertion. The NSW Government is committed to supporting better life outcomes for Aboriginal children and their families. This includes working in partnership with the NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations on meeting the Closing the Gap socio-economic priority reform areas, outcomes and targets. Further questions should be directed to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.	

NUMBER	QUESTION - Environmental Radicalism
12.	Is the Premier aware of criticism inside his government that he is captive to the woke-Green political agenda of Matt Kean? (a) Why would the Premier make the substantial sacrifices of high office in public life to implement Mr Kean's agenda drawn from the Greens?
ANSWER: I do not accept the premise of the question.	

NUMBER	QUESTION – Education
13.	Why has it taken so long for the Department of Education to use the funded "Teach For Australia" program to put extra teachers in NSW classrooms? (a) When will this happen?
ANSWER: This is a matter for the Minister for Education.	

NUMBER	QUESTION - Achievements in Office
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14.	What public policy reforms can the Premier point to during his time as head of government? In his answer, can the Premier limit his response to reforms he has actually implemented, and not to issues he talks about.
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ANSWER:

In the short time since I became Premier, I have led an ambitious and energised Government to deliver a brighter future for the people of NSW.

We continue to deliver a record number of schools, hospitals, roads and transport across the State.

Unfortunately, the Opposition continue to talk down NSW – and have no plans.

All recent announcements can be found on NSW Government websites.

NUMBER	QUESTION - Major Projects
15.	<p>Over the past few months, Minister Stokes and Premier Perrottet have indicated that the Government is about to cancel projects.</p> <p>(a) Which projects are being cancelled?</p> <p>(b) Is the Government committed to delivering the Northern Beaches Link?</p> <p>(c) If so, by when?</p> <p>(d) Is the Government committed to delivering the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2?</p> <p>(e) If so, by when?</p>

ANSWER:

This is a matter for the Minister for Infrastructure.

NUMBER	QUESTION - Rail Shutdown
16.	<p>Did Premier Perrottet inform Minister Elliott prior to sending a text message to the Chief Executive of Sydney Trains stating: 'Hi Matt its Dom – understand you are with the union. I want to be crystal clear. I want the trains back on the tracks tomorrow morning. You need to take whatever steps are required to make that happen.'?</p>

ANSWER:

I do not comment on private conversations.

NUMBER	QUESTION - Flood Recovery
17.	<p>Did the Premier consider Deputy Premier Toole for the role of Minister for Flood Recovery?</p> <p>(a) Did Deputy Premier Toole reject the role?</p>

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ANSWER:

The Hon. Steph Cooke MP was appointed Minister for Flood Recovery, and she is doing an excellent job.

NUMBER	QUESTION – Privatisation
18.	<p>Are there currently any plans for further privatisation of Government assets with expected sale values in excess of \$10 million?</p> <p>(a) Have any scoping studies been undertaken for such privatisations?</p> <p>(b) Will the Government rule out further privatisation of the electricity network assets?</p> <p>(c) Will the Government rule out any privatisation of Essential Energy?</p>

ANSWER:

The Government's asset recycling program has allowed us to invest record amounts in schools, hospitals, rail and roads across the State.

NUMBER	QUESTION - Kamay Ferry Wharf
19.	<p>What involvement has the Department of Premier and Cabinet had in relation to the proposed Kamay Ferry Wharf construction and operation DA SSI-10049?</p> <p>(a) What is the significance of this project to the Department?</p> <p>(b) The project was originally part of a plan to celebrate Captain Cook (the Kurnell Master Plan) - does the Premier accept that 'reconciliation' is not a valid rationale for the project?</p>

ANSWER:

I am advised that the Department of Premier and Cabinet currently has had no involvement with this project.

NUMBER	QUESTION - Kamay Ferry Wharf
20.	<p>What is the Premier's view on the serious contamination issues involved with the project?</p>

ANSWER:

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.

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21.	Will the Premier commit to ensure that independent marine sediment testing, overseen by an EPA accredited site auditor, will take place before the Planning Minister makes his decision on the project?
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ANSWER

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.

NUMBER	QUESTION - Kamay Ferry Wharf
22.	Can the Premier clearly rule out any future use, in any form, of the ferry wharves by the cruise industry should a terminal be built anywhere in Yarra Bay?

ANSWER

This is a matter for the Minister for Transport.

NUMBER	QUESTION - Roads and Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill 2022
23.	Did the Premier ensure that external legal advice was provided to the government before proceeding with the introduction and passage of the Roads and Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill 2022? (a) If yes, who provided that external legal advice?

ANSWER:

Questions relating to the *Roads and Crimes Legislation Amendment Act 2022* (NSW) should be referred to the Attorney General and Minister for Roads.

NUMBER	QUESTION - Roads and Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill 2022
24.	Is the Premier concerned about the possibility of the legislation being struck down?

ANSWER:

I refer you to my answer to question 23.