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| 1 | <p>Is there a classification system for floodplains that is used by the Government or departments?</p> <p>(a) What are the classifications?</p> <p>(b) What is the definition of a “dangerous flood plain” as described by the Minister on page 9 of the transcript?</p> <p>i. List the dangerous flood plains in NSW.</p> <p>(c) Is the assessment of flood plains as dangerous by the Reconstruction Authority using an existing standard in relation to flood:</p> <p>i. Frequency?</p> <p>ii. Severity?</p> <p>iii. Evacuation?</p> <p>(d) If the Reconstruction Authority is writing a new standard for assessing floodplains as dangerous, what are the resources that they are deploying to inform the standard?</p> <p>i. List the resources.</p> | <p>DPE</p> <p>(a)(b)(i) Dangerous areas of floodplains are areas with a significant risk to life associated with flooding. This may relate to evacuation constraints, flood behaviour and constraints.</p> <p><u>NSWRA</u></p> <p>c) Floodplains are formed over many millennia and the boundary defined by the probable maximum flood (worst possible flood). Dangerous floodplains are areas where there is high risk primarily to life and things of value. The risk is not uniform and varies across the floodplains. There is not a standard for defining and classifying dangerous floodplains but work is underway to formalise existing risk based principles for consideration in decision making. Key considerations in assessing high risk include:</p> <p>i) Flood hazard is determined by a number of factors such as flood height, velocity, rate of rise, duration and spatial extent.</p> <p>ii) Evacuation capacity</p> <p>iii) Specific community needs</p> <p>d) This will be considered as part of disaster adaptation planning.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Is the Government assisting any Council with the preparation of updated flood risk assessments or local floodplain modelling?</p> <p>(a) Is the Government aware of any ongoing flood risk assessment or local floodplain modelling that is being undertaken by any Council?</p> <p>i. List the Councils.</p> <p>(b) For high-risk floodplains, is the Government pro-actively assisting Councils in the preparation of flood risk assessments or local floodplain modelling?</p> <p>i. Does the Government keep track of developments that are proposed in high flood risk areas?</p> <p>ii. Is the NSW Government able to intervene in development proposals in high risk areas?</p>   | <p>(a) This matter rests within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for the Environment.</p> <p>(b) This matter rests within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for the Environment.</p> <p>i. No.</p> <p>ii. No.</p>   |

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|   | <p>(c) Has the Government received an updated flood risk assessment or local floodplain modelling from any council in the last 12 months?</p> <p>i. List the Councils.</p> <p>(d) Has the Government received a planning proposal related to a flood risk assessment or local floodplain modelling from any council in the last 12 months?</p> <p>i. List the Councils.</p> <p>(e) Is there a state-wide program of flood risk analysis that involves engagement with local Councils?</p>   | <p>(c) This matter rests within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for the Environment.</p> <p>(d) Planning proposals do not relate to flood risk assessments or local floodplain modelling, but zoning and use of land.</p> <p>(e) This matter rests within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for the Environment.</p>  |
| 3 | <p>Is the Government undertaking any assessments for developments in high risk areas other than those listed on the planning portal?</p> <p>(a) Is the Government aware of any developments in high risk areas that could be vulnerable to flood or fire?</p> <p>i. List the developments.</p> <p>(b) Is the Government aware of any Council areas that have development proposals that would surpass the infrastructure capacity of the area?</p> <p>i. List the Councils.</p> <p>(c) Has the Government received any correspondence from local Councils requesting assistance for particular or multiple developments in their area?</p> <p>i. List the Councils.</p> <p>ii. What action is taken by the Government in response to requests for assistance from local Councils with developments?</p> <p>(d) Is there any kind of emergency power that the Government has in relation to developments in response to disasters or other significant changes that impact a development?</p> <p>i. Should the Government have an emergency power that can intervene in developments if necessary?</p> <p>(e) Is there a Government program of works for coastal inundation risk?</p> <p>(f) Is there a Government program of works for bushfire risk?</p> <p>(g) Is there a Government program of work for climate change risk?</p> | <p>(a) I am advised State significant DAs and modifications to major projects under assessment are listed on the NSW Planning Portal, including those in areas vulnerable to bushfire and flooding, at <a href="http://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects">pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects</a>.</p> <p>(b) The Department of Planning and Environment assesses infrastructure and servicing for rezoning during the Gateway stage however relies on consultation with State Agencies to identify if there is sufficient capacity within the existing or planned infrastructure and servicing for the proposed housing or employment development. If a State Agency notes constraints or inadequacies, it may lead to a proposed rezoning not proceeding.</p> <p>i. Both infill and greenfield housing require new or upgraded infrastructure servicing to deliver housing. To ensure that future growth can be accommodated, infrastructure capacity needs to be regularly assessed and upgraded. The Department is working to support alignment of infrastructure and planning activities across the state.</p> <p>(c) Location in high-risk areas is only one part of the Department's decision to provide support to a council. The Department's Planning Delivery Unit is providing case management support to 137 development projects in 47 councils across NSW, and assessment support on nearly 1,000 DAs for over 11,000 homes at the request of 46 councils, through the Regional Housing Flying Squad and other similar council support programs.</p> |

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|   |   | <p>Funding assistance has been provided to Canada Bay and Strathfield Council after the Department received written correspondence requesting funding assistance to progress rezonings under the Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy (PRCUTS). The Department has worked with the local councils and provided financial support last financial year to Inner West Council, Burwood, Parramatta and Canada Bay, in relation to their parts of the corridor in accordance with PRCUTS.</p> <p>(d) The NSW Reconstruction Act 2022 (RA Act) provides the Government with functions and powers to promote community resilience to the impact of disasters through prevention and preparedness, and reconstruction and recovery following disasters.</p> <p>(e) This matter rests partially within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for the Environment.</p> <p>Under the NSW Coastal Management Framework, councils are preparing coastal management programs which identify coastal management issues, including coastal hazards like inundation, and the actions required to address these issues in a strategic and integrated way. Coastal management programs detail how and when those actions are to be implemented, their costs and proposed cost-sharing arrangements and other viable funding mechanisms.</p> <p>(f) This matter falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Emergency Services.</p> <p>(f) This matter rests within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for the Environment and Minister for Energy.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Has the Government received correspondence from any local Council about the Premier’s anti- NIMBY rhetoric?</p> <p>(a) Has any of the correspondence received from any Council by the Government expressed concerns about the rhetoric used by the Premier in relation to NIMBY-ism?</p> | <p>(a) The Department regularly receives correspondence from Councils on a range of issues. The NSW Government continues to work closely with local councils in relation to new and expanded developments.</p>  |

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| <p>(b) What Government policies or programs currently encourage or incentivise local Councils to accept new or expanded developments?</p> <p>i. How many councils are taking advantage of these programs or policies?</p> <p>ii. How many Councils are not taking advantage of these programs?</p> <p>iii. How many Councils have responded positively to these programs?</p> <p>iv. How many Councils have responded negatively to these programs?</p> | <p>(b) The Department manages several programs to encourage new housing including the Planning Delivery Unit (PDU), the NSW Planning Portal, the Regional Housing Fund and new reforms to support social and affordable housing.</p> <p>In 2022-23, the PDU case managed 55 cases involving 45,000 dwellings with a total CIV of \$11 billion.</p> <p>The PDU has also provided assessment support to councils through the Regional Housing Flying Squad, Central Coast Accelerated DA Program, Metro Assessment Relief program and the Expert Assessment program. In 2022-23 the program supported 49 councils to enable a total capital investment (CIV) of \$2.44b, 11,035 dwellings and 296 ongoing jobs. The NSW Planning Portal has helped digitise planning services for 128 councils and has developed new solutions to streamline approvals for councils.</p> <p>The Regional Housing Fund commenced in February 2022 to incentivise councils to deliver infrastructure and open space projects that directly support new housing supply. 21 councils have been supported with funding for 30 projects. The fund complements the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund and the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program that also incentivise councils to support new homes.</p> <p>The Government announced new policies to support new social and affordable housing developments in June 2023, which will free up council capacity to progress assessment of market-delivered housing and lower density projects.</p> <p>A new SSD pathway has been announced for projects with 15% total gross floor area for affordable housing and a calculation of CIV more than \$75 million. This program will allow more developments for social and affordable housing to be determined by the Minister, rather than by the relevant council or planning panel as the consent authority.</p> |
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|   |   | <p>Expanded self-assessment powers have also been made available to LAHC and AHO to deliver residential developments up to 75 homes.</p> <p>The Department exhibited changes to the Housing SEPP from November 2022 to January 2023 and received strong support from councils for increasing the delivery of social and affordable housing.</p> <p>The Department has engaged with councils in recent months to confirm the final policy.</p>   |
| 5 | <p>Has any assessment by the Government been undertaken into the future of the final voids left by mining projects in the Hunter Valley?</p> <p>(a) Does the Government have an assessment of the total value of remaining infrastructure that is associated with these voids?</p> <p>i. Is there any assessment of the cost associated with removing remaining infrastructure associated with these voids?</p> <p>(b) Have any of the final voids in the Hunter Valley been assessed for renewable energy potential?</p> <p>i. How many?</p> <p>(c) Do any of the final voids have potential to be used for renewable energy purposes?</p> <p>i. How many?</p> <p>(d) For each of the final voids, what is the vertical height between the rim and sea level?</p> <p>(e) Is the Government considering amendments to any development approvals to require further site remediation of mine sites and particularly final voids?</p> | <p>(a) This matter rests within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Natural Resources.</p> <p>(b) Any proposal for pumped hydro within final voids would be subject to separate planning approvals. No applications have been lodged with the Department for pumped hydro within an approved final void.</p> <p>(c) This would be subject to detailed investigation and separate environmental impact assessments.</p> <p>(d) This matter rests within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Natural Resources.</p> <p>(e) Under the EP&amp;A Act, the Department cannot vary consent conditions unless a modification application is submitted by an applicant. The Department will carefully consider any modification applications lodged by applicants to vary the final landform of a mine site.</p> |
| 6 | <p>Has the Government received any requests for assistance from Councils or others in relation to developments that are colloquially referred to as “zombie DAs”?</p> <p>(a) How many requests have been made?</p> <p>i. How many requests has the Government agreed to?</p> <p>(b) How many requests have been made by Councils?</p> <p>i. How many requests has the Government agreed to?</p> <p>(c) How many requests have been made by proponents?</p> <p>i. How many requests has the Government agreed to?</p>  | <p>(a) The Department has received correspondence from councils and communities regarding 10 development sites throughout NSW, generally requesting a moratorium on development at these sites, a change in legislation to require re-assessment of the developments, and a request for the Government to acquire land at Manyana..</p> <p>i. Zero</p> <p>(b) Five.</p>   |

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| <p>(d) How many requests have been made by neither a Council or the proponent?</p> <p>i. How many requests has the Government agreed to?</p> <p>(e) How many projects have been referred by the Minister to the Commonwealth Government under the EPBC Act in the financial year:</p> <p>i. 2017-2018?</p> <p>ii. 2018-2019?</p> <p>iii. 2019-2020?</p> <p>iv. 2020-2021?</p> <p>v. 2021-2022?</p> <p>vi. 2022-2023?</p> <p>vii. 2023-Current?</p> <p>(f) What assessment is undertaken by the Government to decide whether the Minister should make a referral to the Commonwealth Government under the EPBC Act?</p> <p>(g) What work is the Government undertaking to resolve historic reporting and record keeping for developments by local Councils?</p> <p>i. Has the Government prepared any estimates for how many “zombie DAs” might be in NSW?</p> <p>ii. If yes, what is the estimate?</p> | <p>i. Zero.</p> <p>(c) Zero.</p> <p>(d) Multiple requests from individual community members and community action groups, as well as two petitions have been received in relation to all zombie DA sites.</p> <p>i. Zero.</p> <p>(e) One was referred in 2019-20.</p> <p>(f) The Department does not have a process under the current bilateral agreement as no referrals have been made.</p> <p>(g) Section 240 of the EP&amp;A Regulation requires councils to keep a register of information about development applications including the date of determination, the date of issue of any related construction certificate, when building works commence and the date of issue of any occupation certificate. There is no requirement for a council to maintain records regarding developments that have commenced but are not completed by a nominated date because under current legislation a development consent does not lapse once lawfully commenced.</p> <p>The Department does not propose to require councils to create a register of historical development consents that have been granted but not completed as this would be a significant administrative burden requiring manual inspection of paper records going back to 1980 and then making a case-by-case determination of whether identified sites satisfy the substantial commencement test or not.</p> <p>i. The Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Planning and Environment is scheduled to commence a public inquiry into this matter in</p> |
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|    |   | 2024. Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No 7 is also examining this matter as part of its inquiry into planning and the environment.   |
| 7  | <p>What is the assessment criteria used to determine whether requests for extensions of public consultation for projects are granted?</p> <p>(a) How many projects have had requests for extensions made in the last 12 months?</p> <p>i. How many have been granted?</p>   | <p>The Department considers requests for extensions on a project-by-project basis to determine whether an extended exhibition may be required. Factors to be considered include the complexity of the project and the level of public interest.</p> <p>Information relating to the number of extension requests and how many of these have been granted is not readily available.</p>  |
| 8  | <p>In response to the 13 coal project extensions that are currently under consideration by the Government, what actions have been taken to account for projected emissions under:</p> <p>(a) The current 50% emissions reductions by 2030 objectives of the Government?</p> <p>(b) The current 70% emissions reductions by 2035 objectives of the Government?</p>   | <p>The Department is required to consider contemporary Government and Commonwealth Government climate change policy settings in its assessment of mining projects, including those under assessment. This includes NSW emissions reductions objectives as outlined in the Net Zero Plan Implementation Updates, the EPA's Climate Change Policy and Action Plan, along with recent reforms to the Commonwealth Government's Safeguard Mechanism.</p>   |
| 9  | <p>Has the Government instructed the Department, in any way, about the 13 coal project extensions in NSW?</p> <p>(a) For each of the projects, what is the expected date for the final decision?</p> <p>i. Which projects will be decided before the end of the year?</p> <p>(b) Does the extraction and burning of coal in NSW impact the emissions reduction targets?</p> <p>i. What is the total emissions that are projected for each of the 13 coal project extensions that are under consideration?</p> <p>ii. What are the total emissions reductions associated with coal mines that are closing down between now and 2050, excluding the projects that are currently being considered for extension?</p> | <p>No.</p> <p>(a) These projects are under assessment and no definitive timeframe can be provided on the date of determination of these projects.</p> <p>(b) This matter rests within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Energy.</p> <p>i. The estimated greenhouse gas emissions for each of these projects is publicly available on the Department's major projects portal at <a href="http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects">www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects</a>.</p> <p>ii. This matter rests within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Energy.</p> |
| 10 | <p>What actions are the Government taking to ensure that officers of the RA are local to the impacted community?</p> <p>(a) How many staff are currently employed by the RA?</p> <p>(b) How many full time equivalent employees are there in the RA?</p>  | <p>The RA has a regional presence across NSW including recent impact areas such as Lismore – Northern Rivers. The Authority will continue to mobilise staff to disaster impact areas across NSW should this be required.</p>   |

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|    | <p>(c) How many staff of the RA live in Sydney?</p> <p>i. How many RA staff live in the Northern Rivers?</p>   | <p>a) There are 323 staff currently employed by RA, excluding contractors.</p> <p>b) There are 253 full time equivalent staff employees at the NSW Reconstruction Authority.</p> <p>c) According to our records, 182 RA staff live in Sydney</p> <p>i) Approximately 13 RA staff live in the Northern Rivers.</p>   |
| 11 | <p>Are there any unfilled positions in the RA?</p> <p>(a) What are the currently vacant positions?</p> <p>(b) Is there any identified need for the creation of new positions with the RA to ensure it can complete its role?</p> <p>i. What needs have been identified that are currently not fulfilled by RA employees?</p> <p>(c) Why is the Property Officer role that has been advertised by the RA only a temporary position?</p> <p>i. Is there any identified need for ongoing property management by the RA?</p> | <p>The RA has approximately 80 unfilled positions.</p> <p>a) The RA has several vacant positions ranging from administration support roles to front line roles that support community recovery.</p> <p>b) The RA has recently completed an organisational design process to ensure the RA is set up to deliver on its mandate under the NSW Reconstruction Authority Act 2022. The RA is in the final stages of a restructure to ensure current staff are matched to roles prior to the RA going market to fill new, and technical and specialist roles.</p> <p>c)</p> <p>d) The Property Officer is to replace two resources that have been working with the Program team on a contractor basis through SC Group. The role will work across the three streams of the Resilient Homes Program being Buyback, House Raise and House Retrofit.</p> <p>i) These property management functions are tied to the delivery of the Resilient Homes Program.</p> |
| 12 | <p>Will the full \$1.5 billion dollars in funding be made available to the Resilient Homes Program?</p> <p>(a) Will the full 6,000 households be eligible for support if the program has its full \$1.5 billion in funding?</p> <p>(b) Will a further 4,000 homes be included in Tranche 2?</p> <p>(c) Will the 4,000 retrofits and house raisings be funded?</p>  | <p>This is a decision for Government.</p>   |
| 13 | <p>Has the NSW Government asked the federal Government to contribute towards the remaining 700m of the Resilient Homes Program?</p>  | <p>This is a decision for Government.</p>   |

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|    | <p>(a) If no, since the budget has been announced, has the NSW Government made a formal request to the federal government for more funding for the Resilient Homes Program?</p> <p>i. Why has it taken over 8 months for the Government to ask for the program to be fully funded given that the federal Government has publicly said they are “ready to assist”?</p> <p>(b) If yes, when was this request made?</p> <p>i. Why did it take over 6 months for the Government to ask for the program to be fully funded?</p> <p>ii. Has the federal Government responded to this issue?</p> |   |
| 14 | <p>When will the full \$1.5 billion of funding for the Resilient Homes Program be announced?</p> <p>(a) If the federal Government refuses to commit any additional money, will the Resilient Homes Program be fully funded by NSW?</p>  | This is a decision for Government.  |
| 15 | <p>Have any raises or retrofits been approved since 29 September?</p> <p>(a) Why did it take 20 months for affected households in the Northern Rivers to be approved for retrofits or house raising?</p> <p>(b) What systems does the Reconstruction Authority have in place to ensure that retrofits and raises are delivered as soon as possible?</p> <p>(c) How many people that have not been able to access a buyback, house-raise or retrofit are currently living in homes that were flood-affected?</p>   | <p>a) The Resilient Homes Program was focussed on the highest risk to the community and emergency services and therefore focussed on home buyback stream of the program.</p> <p>b) The RA has developed the RHP guidelines, RHP assessment plan and the RHP prioritisation plan.</p> <p>c) That is not data that the NSWRA holds</p>  |
| 16 | <p>In the Byron Shire, 977 applications were made for buybacks and just 4 homes were approved as of the 29th of September. Why have so few homeowners in Byron been able to access support?</p>   | <p>All applications for the Resilient Homes Program have been prioritised based on the greatest risk to life in most future floods. The majority of Byron Shire Council is outside the highest risk area.</p> <p>As at 27 October, 2023, 34 properties are Indicatively Prioritised (Eligible) for buyback, 5 offers have been approved, 3 homeowners have accepted their offers. An additional 7 properties have had valuations progressed. The remaining 19 properties are at various stages of assessment.</p> <p>In addition, 46 properties in Byron Shire are Indicatively Prioritised (Eligible) for raising and retrofit, with floor level surveys are being progressed for an additional 21 properties.</p> |
| 17 | <p>What steps are being taken to ensure increased communication with the community in the Northern Rivers on the issue of flood recovery?</p>   | <p>The NSW Government has reset flood recovery efforts in the Northern Rivers including communication and engagement activities. This includes</p>  |

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|    |   | <p>establishing a fortnightly community leaders forum with local MPs and Mayors and an operational Reconstruction Steering Committee comprised of Councils, the NSW Reconstruction Authority (RA), and other State agencies. Regular pop-up information sessions have been established across all seven LGAs as well as meetings with local resident associations and community groups. There are also ongoing regular briefings with key community stakeholders including recovery support services, community recovery officers, community housing providers, legal and financial support services and councils. RA has commenced a door-to-door community outreach program with more than 3,000 homes door knocked so far in the Lismore, Richmond Valley, Tweed and Byron local government areas. A Recovery Update newsletter will be distributed before the end of the year.</p> |
| 18 | Will residents who have spent their own money on raising or retrofitting their homes be eligible for reimbursements under the scheme?   | <p>The NSWRA may, as part of the Resilient Homes Program (RHP), reimburse homeowners for costs incurred in raising or retrofitting their homes post the flooding events in February and March, 2022. The homeowner must provide the Northern Rivers Adaptation Division with remittance advice demonstrating payment to a licensed builder, and any other relevant trades. Further, the homeowner must be able to demonstrate that the works were carried out lawfully and comply with all relevant planning requirements and building codes.</p> <p>The homeowner is required to complete the RHP application process. An application may or may not be approved depending on the relevant RHP Guidelines, eligibility criteria and NRRC policy at the relevant time.</p>   |
| 19 | Why is eligibility based on the 1 in 20 mapping rather than who was actually flooded?   | <p>Consistent with the 2023 NSW guidelines for voluntary house raising programs (DPE, 2023) and a range of voluntary house raising recommendations in existing floodplain management plans for Northern Rivers Local Government Areas, eligible properties have been identified where the home's surveyed floor level is lower than an estimated 1 in 20 chance per year flood level (plus a buffer of 0.1m).</p>  |
| 20 | Why does the data released under Questions on Notice state that 1,648 homes were flooded in the Tweed but only 1,339 applications were made to the Resilient Homes Program? Are there over 300 flooded homeowners who have not made applications? | <p>The figure supplied is not data the NSW RA holds. The Resilient Homes Program is a voluntary program. Homeowners are responsible for applying to the program.</p>   |

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| 21 | What is the number of homes that were destroyed in landslides in the Northern Rivers broken down by suburb?  | This is a matter for the Minister for Emergency Services.   |
| 22 | What is the number of homes that were impacted by being washed away in the Northern Rivers broken down by suburb?  | This is a matter for the Minister for Emergency Services.   |
| 23 | How many temporary homes have been provided under the temporary housing program for flood- affected areas in NSW?  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 546 dwellings as part of the Northern Rivers temporary housing villages</li> <li>• Over 415 caravans in the Northern Rivers as part of the At-home caravan program.</li> <li>• 135 pods in the Central West as part of the Pods on Private Property program.</li> <li>• 135 caravans in the Central West as part of the At-home caravan program</li> </ul>   |
| 24 | <p>What is the assessment criteria used to determine whether the Minister directs the IPC to hold a public hearing for any given project instead of a public meeting?</p> <p>(a) How many projects has the IPC made decisions about?</p> <p>i. How many times has the IPC requested that the Government direct them to hold a public hearing instead of a public meeting?</p> <p>(b) What are the differences between the IPC holding a public meeting and a public hearing for any given project?</p> <p>(c) Is there any standing Government policy about the IPC that relates to public meetings and public hearings?</p> <p>(d) How times has the IPC been directed to hold a public hearing instead of a public meeting in the financial year:</p> <p>i. 2017-2018?</p> <p>ii. 2018-2019?</p> <p>iii. 2019-2020?</p> <p>iv. 2020-2021?</p> <p>v. 2021-2022?</p> <p>vi. 2022-2023?</p> <p>vii. 2023-Current?</p> | <p>The IPC is not involved nor advised of the reasons for the Minister’s direction, however all cases where the Commission has been directed to hold a hearing have been mining projects, with the exception of the Byron Shire Short Term Accommodation hearing earlier this year, which was held for the purposes of providing advice to Government.</p> <p>(a) Since the Independent Planning Commission was established in March 2018, it has completed 202 cases. This is comprised of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 54 State significant development (SSD) determinations where either a public meeting or hearing was held</li> <li>• Three additional public hearings, held as part of a multi-stage review process for SSD determinations</li> <li>• 30 SSD determinations where neither a public meeting nor a public hearing was held</li> <li>• 60 modifications to SSDs, including:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 24 modifications to SSDs where a public meeting was held</li> <li>○ 36 modifications to SSDs where neither a public meeting nor hearing was held</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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| <p>(e) When directing the IPC to hold a public hearing, does the Government consider potential witnesses that might be required to give evidence that would otherwise be unwilling to?</p> <p>(f) For each occasion that the IPC was directed to hold a public hearing instead of a public meeting, how many entities were required to give evidence to the Commission?</p> <p>i. How many times have the IPC failed to receive evidence from a person that they would have otherwise wanted to?</p> <p>(g) How many judicial reviews have been launched in response to decisions taken by the IPC after the Government directed the IPC to conduct a public hearing for a project instead of a public meeting?</p> <p>i. How many have been successful?</p> <p>(h) How many appeals have been launched in response to decisions taken by the IPC on projects after public meetings have been held?</p> <p>i. How many by the proponent?</p> <p>ii. How many by anyone but the proponent?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five development applications, including one with a public meeting</li> <li>• 50 advice reports to government, including one with a public hearing.</li> </ul> <p>(i) The IPC cannot request a public hearing, or a direction that a public hearing be held – that is a matter for the Minister. The IPC has been directed to hold 17 hearings. For cases without a hearing, the decision on whether or not to hold a public meeting is at the discretion of the Commission Panel. The Commission has held 69 public meetings.</p> <p>(b) The public meeting process is modelled on the public hearing. Other than public hearings extinguishing merit appeal rights for both sides, a discernible process difference in practice is that public hearings are more likely to have Counsel Assisting supporting the Panel in the running of the hearing, including putting questions to speakers. Hearings are also more likely to have the Department of Planning and Environment and the Applicant returning at the end of the hearing to answer questions from the Panel about what they have heard in the hearing, although this may occur for public meetings as well.</p> <p>(c) Public hearings are only held at the direction of the Minister under s 2.9(1)(d) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the Act). Requirements for public hearings are set out at Schedule 2 Part 2 Section 3 of the Act, which was updated in 2022 to allow for hearings to be held “wholly or partly by audio link, audio visual link or other electronic means”. Requirements for public meetings are set out at Schedule 2 Part 5 Section 25 of the Act. Other policies relating to public meetings and hearings are in the Commission’s own guidelines available on the Commission website.</p> <p>(d) Since March 2018 when the IPC was established, the Commission has held 17 hearings at the request of the Minister, 13 of which were for coal mines, two of which were second hearings for a</p> |
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|  |           |                 | vi.                                     | 2022-2023    | 4   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project</li> <li>•McPhillamys Gold Project</li> <li>•Bowdens Silver</li> <li>•Byron Shire Short Term Accommodation (advice matter)</li> </ul>  |         |      |              |   |  |           |                 |                               |
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|  |           |                 | vii.                                    | 2023-Current | Nil | <p>(e) The Commission has not been advised of the considerations of Government in respect of public hearing directions.</p> <p>(f) The Commission has not needed to compel any entity or individual to attend and give evidence at an IPC public hearing.</p> <p>(i) Nil.<br/>The Chair of the Commission may require a person to give evidence at a public hearing or require production of documents under Schedule 2 Part 2 Section 4 of the Act.<br/>If the Commission Panel wishes to have specific information from a stakeholder it will typically request and hold a transcribed meeting with them. This happens occasionally in the case of other government agencies and rarely in the case of other stakeholders.</p> <p>(g) Six judicial reviews of Commission decisions for which a public hearing was held have been launched.<br/>The following table shows the outcome and appeal status of all Commission hearing cases:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1265 1070 2027 1380"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1265 1070 1476 1209">Hearing</th> <th data-bbox="1476 1070 1646 1209">Type</th> <th data-bbox="1646 1070 1832 1209">IPC Decision</th> <th data-bbox="1832 1070 2027 1209">Decision appealed under Judicial Review</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1265 1209 1476 1380">Bylong Coal Project (nb hearing was held by the Planning</td> <td data-bbox="1476 1209 1646 1380">Coal Mine</td> <td data-bbox="1646 1209 1832 1380">Refused consent</td> <td data-bbox="1832 1209 2027 1380">Yes – IPC decision was upheld</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Hearing | Type | IPC Decision | Decision appealed under Judicial Review | Bylong Coal Project (nb hearing was held by the Planning | Coal Mine | Refused consent | Yes – IPC decision was upheld |
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|  |  |  | Assessment Commission)   |               |                 |                                 |
|  |  |  | Narrabri Coal Seam Gas   | Coal seam gas | Granted consent | Yes – IPC decision was upheld   |
|  |  |  | Narrabri Underground Mine Stage 3 Extension Project                                    | Coal mine     | Granted consent | Yes – IPC decision was upheld   |
|  |  |  | Bowdens Silver   | Silver mine   | Granted consent | Yes – in progress               |
|  |  |  | Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project  | Coal mine     | Granted consent | Yes – in progress               |
|  |  |  | Dendrobium Mine Extension Project  | Coal mine     | Refused consent | Yes – discontinued by applicant |
|  |  |  | Glendell Continued Operations Project + Mount Owen Continued Operations SSD-5850 Mod 4 | Coal mine     | Refused consent | No                              |
|  |  |  | Hume Coal Project & Berrima Rail Project (two hearings)                                | Coal mine     | Refused consent | No                              |
|  |  |  | Mangoola Coal Continued Operations   | Coal mine     | Granted consent | No                              |

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|  |  |  | Maxwell Underground Coal Project                | Coal mine     | Granted consent | No  |
|  |  |  | McPhillamys Gold                                | Gold mine     | Granted consent | No  |
|  |  |  | Rix’s Creek Coal Mine Extension                 | Coal mine     | Granted consent | No  |
|  |  |  | Russell Vale Coal Underground Expansion Project | Coal mine     | Granted consent | No  |
|  |  |  | Tahmoor South Coal Project                      | Coal mine     | Granted consent | No  |
|  |  |  | Vickery Mine Extension (two hearings)           | Coal mine     | Granted consent | No  |
|  |  |  | Byron Short Term Rental Accommodation           | Advice matter | n/a             | n/a |

(i) There have been no successful judicial reviews of IPC determinations.

(h) Twelve IPC decisions have been appealed in the courts where a public hearing was not held. The following table shows these cases and the outcome:

| Number | Matter             | IPC decision                  | Court outcome   |
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| 1      | Crookwell Windfarm | IPC refused consent           | IPC agreed to a conciliated outcome based on an amended application |
| 2      | Dartbrook Mine     | IPC partially refused consent | IPC agreed to a conciliated outcome                                 |

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|  |  |    |                                   | based on an amended application  |
|  |  | 3  | Edmondson Park Mod (concept plan) | IPC refused consent<br>IPC agreed to a conciliated outcome based on new information                        |
|  |  | 4  | Martins Creek Quarry              | IPC refused consent<br>Still under appeal  |
|  |  | 5  | Moorebank intermodal Stage 2      | IPC granted consent<br>Appealed by an objector, IPC agreed to very minor changes to the conditions         |
|  |  | 6  | Moorebank intermodal Stage 3      | IPC granted consent<br>Appealed by an objector, appeal withdrawn   |
|  |  | 7  | Mundamia residential subdivision  | IPC granted consent<br>Appeal against deemed refusal, then appeal withdrawn after decision made by IPC     |
|  |  | 8  | Next Generation Energy from Waste | IPC refused consent<br>Appeal withdrawn  |
|  |  | 9  | Penrith Helipad                   | IPC granted consent<br>Appealed by objector council, objector council and applicant reached agreed outcome |
|  |  | 10 | President Private Hospital        | IPC refused consent<br>Applicant amended the application, still under appeal                               |

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| 12 | West Culburra  | IPC refused consent   | IPC agreed to a conciliated outcome based on an amended application |                        |                     |                  |    |               |                     |   |
| 25 | How does the Minister receive advice as to whether to refer a project to the IPC for a public Hearing?   | The IPC is not aware of the process undertaken by the Department of Planning and Environment in respect of this advice.   |   |                        |                     |                  |    |               |                     |   |
| 26 | <p>Has the Government had any communication with the IPC about the review of the Strategic Statement on Coal?</p> <p>(a) Is there any responsibility for Planning and Public Spaces to communicate Government policy to the IPC?</p>   | <p>No.</p> <p>(a) There are no formal arrangements in place. The IPC does its utmost to keep itself informed of new and updated policies. This includes inviting speakers from a range of NSW Government agencies responsible for policies relevant to the work of the Commission to provide briefings on policies to Commissioners at the IPC's Quarterly Commissioners Meeting. Relevant policies are also referenced in the Department of Planning and Environment's whole of government assessment report for individual projects. In the Minister's Statement of Expectations for the Commission, the Minister "... encourage[s] the Commission to seek guidance from the Planning Secretary to clarify policies or identify policy issues that may have implications for State significant development determinations".</p> |   |                        |                     |                  |    |               |                     |   |
| 27 | <p>What technical merit aspects inform advice provided by the Department to the Minister with regards to recommending a project be subject to a public hearing?</p> <p>(a) Is there a particular team that is responsible for discussing technical merits of any given project with respect to advice that is then provided to the Minister about public hearings?</p> | <p>The IPC is not aware of the process undertaken by the Department of Planning and Environment in respect of this advice.</p> <p>(a) i. The IPC is a separate agency that is independent of the Department of Planning and Environment and is not able to state with authority which of the Department's individual business units are involved in the preparation of such advice.</p>   |   |                        |                     |                  |    |               |                     |   |

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|    | i. What is the team?   |  |
| 28 | Was any part of the EIS for the Oven Mountain Pumped Hydro Energy Storage ever amended while it was on exhibition during the 28-day period?<br>(a) If yes, why was it altered?   | The Department was advised during exhibition of the Oven Mountain Pumped Hydro project that there were sensitive photographs and personal contact information in the Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment in the exhibition version. The proponent provided a revised version and the Department replaced the version online.<br><br>No other changes were made.  |
| 29 | Were there any aboriginal artifacts removed from the project site?<br>(a) If yes, for what purpose?<br>(b) Where were they taken?  | An Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment was completed by the proponent as part of the EIS for the project. The assessment must comply with the <i>Code of Practice for the Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW</i> . The assessment is publicly available at <a href="http://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au">majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au</a>                 |
| 30 | Where does the water supply for the village of Bellbrook come from and what studies have been undertaken to ensure the proposal will not impact water supply?  | This information can be found at <a href="http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/oven-mountain-pumped-hydro-energy-storage-0">www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/oven-mountain-pumped-hydro-energy-storage-0</a> .<br><br>Potential impacts to town water supplies from the project will be considered by the Department during its assessment of the project.    |
| 31 | The Project includes 2 dams, yet recent water harvesting laws in NSW have changed water harvesting from 30% to 10%. How will this impact the project?  | The surface water entitlement calculations undertaken as part of the surface water assessment for the project assumed that up to 10% of the average regional runoff from the project site may be captured for use.   |
| 32 | Have any alternatives to this Project been considered, including the use of batteries in Armidale as suggested by concerned residents?   | The proponent has considered alternative project sites, reservoir locations and storage capacities, and plant, equipment and infrastructure designs in developing the project.   |
| 33 | Have you or your department calculated the exact power saving considering the Scheme indicated a \$7 to \$9 range per megawatt hour? How much will the average family benefit from this scheme in power savings a year?  | The economic analysis completed as part of the Environmental Impact Statement for the project estimates that the project would reduce the NSW wholesale electricity cost by approximately \$600 million per year and save approximately \$1 billion in total customer retail bills.  |
| 34 | Have any Developers or Housing Associations approached your Office or the Department of Planning to receive an exemption from the Housing and Productivity Contribution, or to advocate for a specific proposal to be exempt?<br>(a) If so, please provide details.<br>(b) If yes, will you rule out any exemptions? | The draft Ministerial planning order was provided for comment on 25 August 2023 and outlined exemptions. Feedback received included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landcom requested that the exemption for affordable housing development should explicitly specify development by Landcom. No change was made.</li> <li>NSW Property Council requested consideration be given to how</li> </ul> |

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|    |   | <p>the exemption applies to the affordable housing component of ‘build to rent’ development. No change was required as the policy exempted the affordable housing component.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban Taskforce Australia requested clarification of how the contribution would apply to subsequent stages of development under a ‘concept approval’. The draft order was amended to exclude a levy of subsequent stages of development under a concept approval if payment was made before 1 July 2026.</li> <li>• Urban Taskforce and the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) requested clarification that the contribution would not apply to the application for strata-subdivision of development that was approved (or pending approval) prior to commencement. The draft order was amended to exclude strata-subdivision of high-density residential applications as it was intended for the levy to be paid prior to the construction certificate.</li> <li>• UDIA requested an exemption for superlot subdivision. No change was made.</li> <li>• Pacific Planning Group requested an exemption on behalf of their clients for the market portion of affordable housing developments. No change was made.</li> </ul> |
| 35 | <p>Will the Housing and Productivity Contribution Fund report annually, including listing a collection of funds per local council area?</p> <p>(a) Will the annual amount collected from the fund be made public?</p> <p>(b) Will the amount collected by each local council area be annually reported on?</p> <p>i. If not, then why not?</p>  | <p>NSW Treasury is responsible for the management of the Housing and Productivity Fund. It is required to report in accordance with the <i>Government Sector Finance Act 2018</i>.</p> <p>The Department will be responsible for the management of any future strategic biodiversity component. This will be held in a special deposits account and also subject to reporting requirements set out in the <i>Government Sector Finance Act 2018</i>.</p>  |
| 36 | <p>At the Australian Clean Energy Summit, the NSW Minister for Climate Change, Energy, and the Environment announced that NSW will “speed up the process” of constructing renewable energy projects and connecting them to the electricity network.</p> <p>(a) Will the fast-tracking of the approval processes impact upon the public consultation process with local communities?</p> | <p>Measures will not impact the public consultation process.</p> <p>The Department has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with EnergyCo, which will provide additional resources to support faster assessments. The Department is also exhibiting draft guidelines, which will help reduce additional information requests and delays through the</p>   |

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|    | (b) Please specify how you intend to fast-track the renewable infrastructure approval processes?  | process that can be viewed on the Department’s website at <a href="http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/draftplans/exhibition/draft-energy-policy-framework">www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/draftplans/exhibition/draft-energy-policy-framework</a> .  |
| 37 | Can you confirm why the following data is not publicly available for each Council, how it can be obtained and when it will be available:<br>(a) The number of Full Time Equivalent planners assessing DAs<br>(b) Breaking down DAs on the Portal by size/value and for residential DAs, on the number of dwellings.<br>(c) Reporting on assessment times and submitted-to-lodged times according to the breakdown by size/value and number of dwellings.<br>(d) Number of DA withdrawals by each Local Council.<br>(e) Capturing and including the time that assessment is paused for while RFIs are outstanding<br>(f) Number of RFIs issued<br>(g) Number of Land and Environment Court cases in each LGA | (a) The NSW Planning Portal (the Portal) does not capture this information as it is not part of the Secretary’s approved form.<br><br>(b) – (d) & (f) The Portal captures this data, however for this to be published it would need design work along with approval of the Secretary and Minister to publish.<br><br>(e) & (g) The Portal does not capture this data. |
| 38 | How large is the backlog of enquiries to the Department relating to BASIX and the Planning Portal?  | As at 20 November, the Portal ticket backlog is 6,305 (excl. BASIX). The BASIX backlog is at 1,192 tickets.<br>The Minister requested DPE develop an Action Plan to address this issue, which is being implemented. The overall backlog has stabilised, and evidence suggests it is on a downward trend.  |
| 39 | How many technical enquiries have been made to the Department since 1 October regarding the Planning Portal?  | Technical enquires since 1 October through to 20 November 2023 for the Portal is at 1,480 tickets of which 643 tickets were closed.   |
| 40 | How many staff at DPE are responsible for resolving technical issues and P – tickets from the public?   | Nine full-time and three part-time employees.   |
| 41 | Did DPE bring on additional staff to support customer service requests when the BASIX program was moved into the Planning Portal?   | This question was answered on page 40 of the transcript.  |
| 42 | The Housing and Productivity Contribution under the legislation is held by Treasury in a Special Deposits Account, how is the Housing and Productivity Contribution accounted for in the Budget?  | This matter rests under the portfolio responsibilities of the Treasurer.  |
| 43 | Why is there a note showing appropriation revenue from the Digital Restart Fund (Special Deposit Account – Budget Paper 2, 4-2) and Transport for NSW Fund (Special Deposit Account – Budget Paper 2, 11-2), but not from the Housing and Productivity Fund (HAP Fund)?   | This matter rests under the portfolio responsibilities of the Treasurer.  |

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| 44 | Will you make publicly available the receipts into the special deposits account and the distributions from the account?   | This matter rests under the portfolio responsibilities of the Treasurer.  |
| 45 | What is the yearly amount of housing and productivity contributions that the Government is budgeting to receive over the forward estimates?<br>(a) 2023/24<br>(b) 2024/25<br>(c) 2025/26<br>(d) 2026/27 | This matter rests under the portfolio responsibilities of the Treasurer.  |
| 46 | What is the projected yearly expenditure from the Housing and Productivity Contribution over the forward estimates?<br>(a) 2023/24<br>(b) 2024/25<br>(c) 2025/26<br>(d) 2026/27                         | This matter rests under the portfolio responsibilities of the Treasurer.  |
| 47 | Has the Minister considered easing any design constraints, such as overshadowing and sunlight requirements for infill developments?   | Every development is assessed on its merits and any impacts on neighbours and the community are considered. A comprehensive policy framework is in place for assessing impacts on overshadowing and the like. This policy framework includes the Apartment Design Guide and controls under both state and local planning instruments. |
| 48 | How many properties are you projecting your changes to the in-fill affordable housing provisions of the Housing SEPP to deliver?  | The proposed policy will include incentives for developers to provide affordable housing, but it is optional for them to do so. The Department will monitor the performance of the policy with respect to dwelling yields.  |
| 49 | How many affordable properties are you expecting the in-fill affordable housing SEPP to deliver?  | The Department will monitor the performance of the policy with respect to dwelling yields.  |
| 50 | Where are you expecting housing under these provisions to be delivered?   | The policy will apply to 'accessible areas' of the state. This is defined in the <i>State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021</i> as being close to transport or employment centres.   |
| 51 | Will you guarantee appropriate access to infrastructure, including public transport?  | The provisions will only be available on sites that have good access to public transport and services.  |
| 52 | When will the revised policy be announced?  | The Government intends to make the amendments by the end of 2023.   |
| 53 | What are the changes between your announcement of 15 June and what will form part of the in-fill affordable housing provisions of the housing SEPP?   | Some aspects of the reforms have been shaped based on feedback received by stakeholders following targeted consultation on the draft between 27 September to 17 October 2023.   |

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| 54 | You indicated that applicants who qualified would get a “height bonus of 30% above local environment plans”, that has changed now, hasn’t it?   | Where an applicant provides the specified amount of affordable housing, a 30% bonus is available.  |
| 55 | When considering the rezoning around transport hubs, are there classes or categories for all train and metro stations when considered by the Department, based on the patronage, number of services etc?<br>(a) If so, what are they? | The Government made a commitment to rebalance growth around infrastructure. The Department is working with a range of government agencies, including Transport for NSW, to identify locations for future housing growth.   |
| 56 | How many urban planners are currently employed by the Department of Planning and Environment?   | As at 31 October 2023, there were 863 employees working within the Department on planning officer award classifications (including GCC).<br><br>Of these, 697 employees were working within the Planning group on planning officer award classifications. University degree qualifications in planning (or equivalent, such as environmental engineering) are a requirement for these classifications. This figure does not include senior executives or employees on other awards who may have university degree qualifications in planning (or equivalent).  |
| 57 | How many urban planners were employed by the Department of Planning and Environment on 24 March 2023?   | As at 31 March 2023, there were 820 employees working within the Department on planning officer award classifications (this does not include the GCC, as it was not part of the Department at this date).<br><br>Of these, 665 employees were working within the Planning group on planning officer award classifications. University degree qualifications in planning (or equivalent, such as environmental engineering) are a requirement for these classifications. This figure does not include senior executives or employees on other awards who may have university degree qualifications in planning (or equivalent). |
| 58 | How many urban planners were employed by the Department of Planning and Environment on 30 June 2022?  | As at 30 June 2022, there were 752 employees working within the Department on planning officer award classifications (does not include GCC as not part for the Department at this date).<br><br>Of these, 611 employees were working within the Planning group on planning officer award classifications. University degree qualifications in planning (or equivalent, such as environmental engineering) are a requirement for these classifications. This figure does not include senior executives or employees on other awards who may have university degree qualifications in planning (or equivalent).                  |

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| 59 | How many urban planners have been recruited by the Department of Planning and Environment since 5 April 2023 to present?   | Since 5 April 2023, 246 planning officer classification roles were filled across the Department.  |
| 60 | Given you have expanded the State Significant Development planning approval pathway with the changes to the affordable housing in-fill provisions, LAHC and AHO projects over 75 homes and Landcom projects over 75 homes with 50% affordable housing, how many planners have you hired to undertake these additional assessments? | The Department is currently reviewing staffing needs for the additional assessment work, including the voluntary redeployment of staff with relevant skills, through an expression of interest process. The number of positions is yet to be finalised.   |
| 61 | Given Landcom now has the ability to self-assess affordable housing developments of up to 75 homes, how many planners have been hired by Landcom to fulfill this role?   | Landcom is not planning to hire additional planners to support the use of the self-assessment powers.   |
| 62 | Do you have any plans to expand the Strong Start Cadetship program in the future?  | There are currently no plans to expand the Strong Start Cadetship Program.  |
| 63 | Why was the “Strong Start Cadetship” Program limited to regional and rural councils, rather than all councils?   | All councils in NSW were eligible to participate.   |
| 64 | How many councils have made applications to this program?<br>(a) If not, all applicable councils have made applications, why is this the case?   | 74 councils submitted 115 applications for the program. All councils that applied received one grant.   |
| 65 | Have determinations been made as to the successful applicants?<br>(a) Has the money been paid?   | Yes. Grant funding has been paid.   |
| 66 | Is the money paid to councils, the planners, or directly to pay off HECS debts?  | The grant funding was paid directly to councils.  |
| 67 | When will the Strong Start Cadetship Program be reviewed, and an extension of the program considered?  | Councils have one year (until 30 June 2024) to employ a Planning Cadet or select an existing staff member to upskill through the program. A review of the program will be conducted at this time.   |
| 68 | How many urban planners were transferred from the Greater Cities Commission and Western Parkland City Authority to the Department of Planning and Environment after 27 June 2023 to present?   | In total, 40 people across GCC’s Strategic Planning and Innovation Districts have a planning qualification as at 31 October 2023 (including planning officer, clerk, and senior executive employee classifications).<br><br>No employees from Western Parkland City Authority are on planning officer classifications. University degree qualifications in planning (or equivalent, such as environmental engineering) are a requirement for these classifications. |

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| 69 | Did the Department of Planning and Environment, Greater Cities Commission or Western Parkland City Authority make any planners redundant after 27 June 2023?   | No.   |
| 70 | <p>Were there any redundancies made because of the redeployment of staff from the Greater Cities Commission and the Western Parklands City Authority to the Department of Planning?</p> <p>(a) If yes, how many redundancies, what were the cost of those redundancies and what were the bands of the staff who were made redundant?</p>   | GCC and WPCA staff became staff of the Department on 1 July 2023. Since that date, there have been no redundancies of those staff members.  |
| 71 | <p>The Measures Statement in Budget Papers states that there have been “savings associated with a restructuring of the Greater Cities Commission and Western Parkland City Authority to reduce overlap and duplication between planning agencies?”</p> <p>(a) How much money has been saved?</p> <p>(b) How many redundancies have there been in the Greater Cities Commission and Western Parkland City Authority?</p> <p>(c) How many staff have been redeployed into the Department of Planning and Environment from the Greater Cities Commission and Western Parkland City Authority?</p> <p>(d) What will happen to these staff when DPIE becomes the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure?</p> <p>(e) How many staff have been transferred between agencies in the Department of Planning and Environment, by agency?</p> | <p>(a) \$111 million over 4 years.</p> <p>(b) Nil.</p> <p>(c) All staff of the Greater Cities Commission and the Western Parklands City Authority staff agencies.</p> <p>(d) Staff employed by Department will become staff of DPPI or DCCEEW on 1 January 2024 based on the portfolios they are supporting at that time.</p> <p>(e) No Department staff have been transferred between agencies to date as a result of machinery of government changes, however under section 46 of the Government Sector Employment Act, staff within Government departments, may be reassigned.</p> |
| 72 | <p>Please list the councils throughout Greater Sydney who have met their housing targets and by how much for each of the following years:</p> <p>(a) FY 2018/19</p> <p>(b) FY 2019/20</p> <p>(c) FY 2020/21</p> <p>(d) FY 2021/22</p> <p>(e) FY 2022/23</p>  | <p>Housing targets for Greater Sydney councils are not set on a yearly basis.</p> <p>Housing targets were set in the Greater Sydney Region Plan - A Metropolis of Three Cities and accompanying District Plans for the five-year period of 2016/17 to 2020/21 The LGAs that met these targets and by how much are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blacktown (+3,811)</li> <li>• The Hills (+2,107)</li> <li>• Bayside (+1,472)</li> <li>• Canada Bay (+19)</li> <li>• Lane Cove (+362)</li> <li>• Ryde (+1,969)</li> </ul>  |

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|    |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sutherland (+834)</li> <li>• Waverley (+82)</li> <li>• Woollahra (+264)</li> <li>• Blue Mountains (+22)</li> <li>• Liverpool (+1,341)</li> <li>• Penrith (+1,382)</li> <li>• Wollondilly (+89)</li> </ul> <p>Overall, Greater Sydney was within 4% of the overall target for the five-year period.</p> <p>Subsequent to the release of the Greater Sydney District Plans, six to 10-year housing targets were set for the period between 2021/22 to 2025/26. As the time period for these targets is ongoing, we are not yet able to report on which councils have met these targets.</p>  |
| 73 | <p>Please list the councils outside of Greater Sydney who have met their housing targets and by how much for each of the following years:</p> <p>(a) FY 2018/19</p> <p>(b) FY 2019/20</p> <p>(c) FY 2020/21</p> <p>(d) FY 2021/22</p> <p>(e) FY 2022/23</p> | <p>Housing targets are not currently in place for the councils outside of Greater Sydney.</p> <p>The <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> was updated in 2022 to require city plans to identify local government area (LGA)-level housing targets over 5, 10 and 20 years from the making of the City Plans for the Six Cities Region. The Six Cities Region now includes the following LGAs outside of Greater Sydney:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Port Stephens</li> <li>• City of Newcastle</li> <li>• Cessnock</li> <li>• Maitland</li> <li>• Lake Macquarie</li> <li>• Central Coast</li> <li>• City of Wollongong</li> <li>• Shellharbour</li> <li>• Shoalhaven</li> <li>• Kiama</li> </ul> |
| 74 | <p>Please provide a list of housing targets for each LGA in Greater Sydney for FY 2023/24</p>   | <p>Housing targets for Greater Sydney councils are not set on a yearly basis. The current five-year targets in place through Local Housing Strategies cover the period between 2021/22 to 2025/26. The targets for each LGA during this period are:</p>   |

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|    |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blacktown (16,500 – 18,500)</li> <li>• Canterbury-Bankstown (12,500)</li> <li>• Cumberland (7,200)</li> <li>• Georges River (3,450)</li> <li>• Parramatta (23,660)</li> <li>• The Hills (9,000)</li> <li>• Bayside (7,720)</li> <li>• Burwood (2,030)</li> <li>• Canada Bay (3,800)</li> <li>• Hornsby (3,800)</li> <li>• Hunters Hill (150 – 200)</li> <li>• Inner West (5,000 – 5,700)</li> <li>• Ku-ring-gai (3,000)</li> <li>• Lane Cove (3,000 – 3,500)</li> <li>• Mosman (300)</li> <li>• North Sydney (3,000)</li> <li>• Northern Beaches (3,500)</li> <li>• Randwick (4,300)</li> <li>• Ryde (8,400 – 8,900)</li> <li>• Strathfield (3,800)</li> <li>• Sutherland (3,700 – 3,800)</li> <li>• Sydney (17,033)</li> <li>• Waverley (1,250 – 1,350)</li> <li>• Willoughby (1,600)</li> <li>• Woollahra (500 - 600)</li> <li>• Blue Mountains (550)</li> <li>• Camden (12,700 – 15,200)</li> <li>• Campbelltown (7,100 – 8,250)</li> <li>• Fairfield (3,760)</li> <li>• Hawkesbury (1,100 – 1,300)</li> <li>• Liverpool (11,000 – 12,500)</li> <li>• Penrith (7,800)</li> <li>• Wollondilly (1,800 – 2,300)</li> </ul> |
| 75 | Please provide a list of housing targets for each LGA in NSW outside of Greater Sydney for FY 2023/24 | Housing targets are not currently in place for the councils outside of Greater Sydney. The <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> was  |

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|    |   | <p>updated in 2022 to require future city plans to identify local government area (LGA)-level housing targets over five, 10 and 20 years from the making of the City Plans for the Six Cities Region. The Six Cities Region now includes the following LGAs outside of Greater Sydney:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Port Stephens</li> <li>• City of Newcastle</li> <li>• Cessnock</li> <li>• Maitland</li> <li>• Lake Macquarie</li> <li>• Central Coast</li> <li>• City of Wollongong</li> <li>• Shellharbour</li> <li>• Shoalhaven</li> <li>• Kiama</li> </ul> <p>Draft region and city plans for the Six Cities Region, including draft LGA housing targets are due to go on exhibition in 2024.</p>  |
| 76 | Will the Government investigate changing planning laws to make it simpler, faster and cheaper, for low impact riverbank restoration due to flood damage?  | This is a decision for Government.  |
| 77 | <p>For residents in South Lismore following last year's floods, what is the eligibility criteria to receive each of the following:</p> <p>(a) A buyback<br/>(b) A house raising<br/>(c) A waterproof fitout</p> | <p>Homes being prioritised under the Resilient Homes Program (RHP) present the greatest risk to life to both residents and emergency response agencies sent to rescue them.</p> <p>a) Home Buy-back stream –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) the residence is classified under the RHP as being at 'severe risk'.</li> <li>ii) the homeowner owned the home before the February and March 2022 flood events.</li> <li>iii) the residence was directly damaged by either flood waters in the 2022 Flood Event or landslip caused by the 2022 Flood Event, and</li> <li>iv) the residence was:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. used primarily for residential accommodation.</li> <li>b. not a moveable dwelling (other than a manufactured home that is privately owned by an individual)</li> </ol> </li> </ol> |

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|  |  | <p>c. not a tourist and visitor accommodation<br/>d. and is not operated for commercial or business purposes where the use is not for housing (for example, a caravan park, hotel, motel).</p> <p>b) Home Raising stream –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) the residence is classified under the RHP as being at ‘moderate risk’.</li> <li>ii) the residence does not meet the risk level associated with a Home Buyback but is still at risk of flooding, as it has a floor level that is lower than an estimated 1 in 20 chance per year flood level (plus a buffer of 0.1m)</li> <li>iii) the residence’s construction type is suitable for raising (for example units or homes made of brick may be unsuitable for raising)</li> <li>iv) the homeowner owned the home before the February and March 2022 flood events</li> <li>v) the residence was directly damaged by flood waters in the 2022 flood event.</li> <li>vi) the residence was:       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. used primarily for residential accommodation.</li> <li>b. not a moveable dwelling (other than a manufactured home that is privately owned by an individual)</li> <li>c. not a tourist and visitor accommodation</li> <li>d. and is not operated for commercial or business purposes where the use is not for housing (for example, a caravan park, hotel, motel).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>c) Home Retrofit stream –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) the residence is classified under the RHP as being at ‘likely risk’</li> <li>ii) the residence does not meet the risk level associated with a Home Buyback but still at risk</li> <li>iii) the homeowner owned the home before the February and March 2022 flood event</li> <li>iv) the residence was directly damaged by flood waters in the 2022 flood event</li> <li>v) the residence was:</li> </ul> |
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|    |  | <p>a. used primarily for residential accommodation.</p> <p>b. not a moveable dwelling (other than a manufactured home that is privately owned by an individual)</p> <p>c. not a tourist and visitor accommodation</p> <p>d. and is not operated for commercial or business purposes where the use is not for housing (for example, a caravan park, hotel, motel).</p>  |
| 78 | Hawkesbury City Council has made a request for funding to repair Cornwallis Drain under the Disaster Funding Recovery Arrangements with Council concluding the design works and waiting for a funding agreement to go to tender. Will funding from the NSW Government be made available to Hawkesbury City Council?  | <p>The NSW Reconstruction Authority is aware that Hawkesbury City Council has been working with NSW Public Works to define the scope of the repair of the essential public asset, Cornwallis Road. We understand that Council is still looking at fill options to support the substructure of the road. Once received and if eligible under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) Council can establish an estimate for funding approval with NSW for Transport.</p> <p>The NSW Government is contributing \$20 million for the repair of the Cornwallis Road erosion.</p> |
| 79 | Following flooding, Hawkesbury City Council has requested an additional \$3 million to fund repairs of parks, reserves and Council-owned riverbanks. Will funding be forthcoming to Hawkesbury City Council?   | The NSW Reconstruction Authority is responsible for the cost share arrangement under the DRFA with the Commonwealth. This fund is limited to repairs of essential public assets such as transport of public infrastructure that is an integral part of the state's infrastructure.   |
| 80 | Hawkesbury City Council is seeking \$9 million for urgent safety upgrades to the Pitt Town Evacuation Route. Will the NSW Government fund or deliver repairs?  | The RA is developing a high-priority regional Disaster Adaptation Plan (DAP) for the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley which will focus on reducing the impact of flooding. The DAP will include a suite of mitigation and adaptation measures, including upgrades to evacuation infrastructure. The Pitt Town Evacuation Route will be considered as part of this process.   |
| 81 | It has been determined that the damage to Rising Main C was a result of the March 2021 flood in the Hawkesbury. Hawkesbury City Council has had to fund this interim cost and with evidence now demonstrating it was a result of flood damage, a letter was officially sent to the NSW Government on 28 February 2023, requesting funding assistance via urgent inclusion of | This is a matter for NSW Public Works.   |

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|    | Hawkesbury City Council to the same funding program as eight councils in the Northern Rivers region. Will funding for this purpose be forthcoming?   |  |
| 82 | <p>Please provide how many Development Applications have been withdrawn by council, in each of the following years:</p> <p>(a) FY 2020/21</p> <p>(b) FY 2021/22</p> <p>(c) FY 2022/23</p>  | The Portal captures this data, however for this to be published it would need design work along with approval of the Secretary and Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to publish.   |
| 83 | How much did it cost to build the speedway?  | This matter rests within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Transport.   |
| 84 | <p>What is the stage of the review into short term rental accommodation regulations?</p> <p>(a) When will we hear the findings of this review?</p> <p>(b) Who is conducting this review?</p> <p>(c) Has a panel or advisory board been established?</p> <p>(d) If so, who is on this advisory board?</p> <p>(e) Has an interim report been provided to Government?</p> | <p>The review of the state-wide STRA planning and regulatory framework has not commenced. Consultation and engagement on the review is proposed to commence in early 2024. The review will be conducted by the Department with details around governance and approach under consideration.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the review will be finalised and recommendations reported to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces in the first half of 2024.</p> |
| 85 | <p>Has the Minister requested any modelling from his Department on how a similar tax to Victoria would work in NSW?</p> <p>(a) Would you share this modelling with Portfolio Committee 7?</p> <p>(b) Has the Department informed you of how much money would be raised if a similar measure is adopted in NSW?</p>   | This matter rests under the portfolio responsibilities of the Treasurer.   |
| 86 | What is the figure?  | Refer to supplementary question on notice 85.  |
| 87 | Minister Jackson has stated the NSW Government “would be discussing with the Victorian Government what they have in mind”, have you engaged in any discussions with your Labor colleagues in Victoria about short term rental taxes?   | Refer to supplementary question on notice 85.  |
| 88 | The Commonwealth are considering new reforms to force adequate mobile phone reception in new developments. What involvement have you or your Department had with the Commonwealth on this proposal?  | The Department is co-chairing a Mobile Telecommunications Working Group with the Commonwealth Government and all states and territories, which aims to identify opportunities to improve mobile phone coverage in new developments and growth areas. Through this working group, the Department had the opportunity to   |

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|    |  | review and provide input into the draft policy released by the Commonwealth Government for broader consultation.  |
| 89 | Does the NSW Government support this proposal?   | Yes.  |
| 90 | Are there existing standards in NSW for Mobile Phone reception in developments?  | This matter rests under the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government.   |
| 91 | Is mobile phone reception assessed during the planning approval process?   | No.   |
| 92 | If the Commonwealth proceeds with this measure, what changes need to be made to NSW legislation, if any?   | No change will be required to NSW legislation. The proposed change to the Commonwealth Government policy does not introduce any new regulatory requirements.  |
| 93 | Has the Minister considered taking action on mobile reception in new developments separately?  | It is not proposed to introduce any planning regulations or requirements regarding mobile phone coverage in new developments at this stage.   |
| 94 | Has the Minister or Department consulted the telecommunications companies on this matter?<br>(a) With knowledge that Communications is a Federal responsibility, has the NSW Government considered requirements for telcos with regard to mobile reception?        | Yes, the Department together with the Commonwealth Government has met with telecommunication companies on this matter.  |
| 95 | Would the Minister extend these standards to mobile internet reception?  | Both mobile telephone and internet coverage is being looked at by the working group.  |
| 96 | What standards are there at present for internet reception in new developments?<br>(a) If none, is the Minister considering implementing standards for internet reception?<br>(b) Has the Department canvassed the viability of this proposal, or how it may work? | Fixed line services for voice and broadband services in new developments are already required through the Commonwealth Telecommunications Act and Australian Government policy.   |
| 97 | What changes have been made in the planning system to assist in delivering the Renewable Energy Roadmap?   | The Department is publicly exhibiting draft guidelines that will help deliver the Roadmap that can be viewed on the Department's website at <a href="http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/draftplans/exhibition/draft-energy-policy-framework">www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/draftplans/exhibition/draft-energy-policy-framework</a> .<br><br>The guidelines are designed to promote faster decisions, provide certainty to investors and industry, and improve transparency for communities. |
| 98 | Has the Government canvassed making any other changes in the Planning System to assist in delivering the Renewable Energy Roadmap?   | Refer to supplementary question on notice 97.   |

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| 99  | <p>What progress has the Government made, after accepting the recommendations of the O'Reilly Report with respect to renewable energy infrastructure, on each recommendation?</p>  | <p>The Department is exhibiting draft guidelines that address several of the recommendations of the O'Reilly report, including recommendations 39, 41, 42 and 44.</p> <p>Progress on other recommendations rests within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Energy.</p>   |
| 100 | <p>When wind farms reach the end of their working lives, what mechanism are there for the swift and effective clearing of the land from the wind turbines?</p>   | <p>The Department has developed standard conditions for wind farms for decommissioning of a project, including clear decommissioning triggers and rehabilitation objectives.</p>   |
| 101 | <p>Has the Government considered using any wind farm sites for housing, after they are decommissioned?<br/>(a) If so, which sites?</p>   | <p>No State significant wind farms are currently proposed for decommissioning and the Department has not considered using any wind farm sites for housing post--decommissioning.</p>   |
| 102 | <p>How many wind farm sites are owned by the NSW State Government?<br/>(a) Can you please provide a list of every windfarm site owned by the NSW State Government, by location with their size in hectares?<br/>(b) What is the expected date that each of these sites will reach the end of their working lives?<br/>(c) What planning is being done to determine what happens to these sites when the wind turbines stop?<br/>i. How many years out does this planning start?<br/>ii. Who in the Department is responsible for this process?</p> | <p>No existing State significant wind farm is owned by the NSW Government.</p>   |
| 103 | <p>A report by Rystad Energy stated: ““Planning departments are often rejecting the lodgement of DAs to satisfy internal timing metrics associated with evaluating DAs ... Multiple participants commented that this was a particular problem in NSW.”<br/>How do you respond to this statement?</p>   | <p>The Department's <i>State Significant Development Guidelines 2022</i> (SSD Guidelines) provide guidance on the requirements for Scoping Reports and Environmental Impact Statements. The SSD Guidelines also note that the Department carries out a high-level check of the EIS. Revisions may be sought if they do not meet the requirements of the SSD Guidelines or the Secretary's Environmental Assessment requirements (SEARs).</p> |
| 104 | <p>How many Development Applications are there submitted right now for wind farms waiting for assessment?<br/>(a) If there are many, why has a wind farm not been approved since 2021?</p>   | <p>Nine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five of these are in the final stages of assessment. These applications had significant periods of time waiting on key information to be provided by applicants to the Department.</li> <li>• Three are waiting on the applicant to provide its response to submissions.</li> <li>• One is on exhibition until Wednesday 13 December 2023.</li> </ul>                                  |

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| 105 | <p>What measures have you taken to ensure that Planning departments are not rejecting DA's to solely satisfy internal DA assessment timing metrics?</p> <p>(a) How about this on a broader basis with Housing?</p> <p>(b) How about this with regard to renewable energy sites?</p>  | <p>The Department has rejected applications for major projects where the information provided does not meet the necessary guidelines or the SEARs for the project. Where necessary, the Department will also ask for more information from the applicant to complete its assessment.</p>  |
| 106 | <p>There are some people prepared to install on their properties so called "Tiny Homes" which are produced off-site to provide more housing, at a cost of about \$110,000. This would be to rent out as a granny flat or the like. But they run into significant planning approval issues to allow semi-permanent dwellings on their properties.</p> <p>Do you have any plans to enable a clearer planning pathway for "Tiny Homes"?</p> | <p>Planning legislation in NSW does not define 'tiny home'. This type of development can take the form of a caravan, manufactured home or conventionally constructed building. There are different planning and approval processes that apply, depending on where and how a 'tiny home' is constructed.</p> <p>A registrable tiny home is most likely a caravan and can be placed on private property without council approval, subject to the exemptions listed at section 77 of the <i>Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2021</i> (LG Regulation).</p> <p>If a tiny home is prefabricated but not on a trailer and not registrable, it is classified as a manufactured home. These can be installed without approval on dwelling sites within an existing caravan park or manufactured home estate. They can also be used (outside a park or estate) to accommodate a person who has been displaced due to natural disaster for up to two years, or longer if permitted by council.</p> <p>In the case of a tiny home that is constructed on-site, a complying development certificate or development consent for a dwelling house, secondary dwelling or dual occupancy would be required. The complying development provisions set out in the <i>State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008</i>, or <i>State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021</i> may apply.</p> <p>The Department is currently reviewing the planning and approval framework for caravan parks, manufactured home estates, camping grounds and moveable dwellings. This work involves a review of the planning pathways for movable dwellings.</p> |

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| 107 | Will you work with councils to achieve this goal?  | <p>The Department is regularly in contact with local councils to understand the issues and local challenges in implementation of the current provisions with an evolving development type.</p> <p>Any reforms will be subject to public consultation including with councils.</p>  |
| 108 | What work has the Department already conducted into planning pathways for “Tiny Homes”?  | <p>The Department is currently exhibiting some reforms to the <i>Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2021</i> which are aimed at simplifying the exemption pathways for the installation of caravans on land outside caravan parks.</p> <p>The reforms currently on exhibition form Phase 1 of a multi phased reform program, with further amendments to be exhibited in 2024.</p>  |
| 109 | <p>Does the Government have a Regional Housing Strategy and can the Minister please outline the priorities of the Regional Housing Strategy?</p> <p>(a) If not, is the Government developing a Regional Housing Strategy?</p> <p>(b) If so, when will the Regional Housing Strategy next be updated?</p> | <p>Yes, the Government is continuing to implement the Government’s response to the Regional Housing Taskforce recommendations from August 2022, with initiatives being delivered between 2022-26.</p> <p>A review may be undertaken once all initiatives are implemented at the end of 2026.</p>   |
| 110 | Round 2 of applications for the Regional Housing Strategic Planning Fund have recently closed, is the Government considering a Round 3?  | Any announcements regarding future rounds will be announced in due course.   |
| 111 | <p>The previous Coalition Government adopted all recommendations of the Regional Housing Taskforce in August 2022, is the Government continuing this approach?</p> <p>(a) What progress has the Government made on implementing all recommendations of the Regional Housing Taskforce?</p>               | <p>Yes.</p> <p>(a) Significant progress has been made across several key initiatives, and responsibility for implementing the initiatives is shared across several government agencies.</p> <p>Key achievements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• expanding the Urban Development Program to more high-growth regional areas</li> <li>• supporting delivery of critical enabling infrastructure through the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund Round 3 and the Regional Housing Fund</li> <li>• establishing the Regional Housing Strategic Planning Fund</li> <li>• preparation of Regional Housing Delivery Plans</li> <li>• establishing the Regional Housing Flying Squad; and</li> </ul> |

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|     |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>development of a toolkit to support regional councils plan for temporary and seasonal workers.</li> </ul>  |
| 112 | What is the Government's tree canopy cover target?   | The Government is committed to expanding urban tree canopy across Greater Sydney to 40% by 2036, in line with the Greater Sydney Region Plan.   |
| 113 | What actions is the Government taking to support the tree canopy cover target?   | The Government is supporting a range of activities including council grant programs, partnerships with non-government organisations such as Landcare NSW and Greening Australia, canopy data provision, economic valuation guidance for green infrastructure and local council capacity building programs. More information about the Department's urban greening programs can be found at <a href="http://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/our-work/programs-and-initiatives/urban-greening">www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/our-work/programs-and-initiatives/urban-greening</a> . |
| 114 | When was the tree canopy cover target last updated, and when will it next be updated?  | The target to increase urban tree canopy across Greater Sydney to 40% by 2036 is included in the Greater Sydney Region Plan (2018). This target will be considered as part of the review of the Region Plan.  |
| 115 | How has the NSW Government worked with local government on planting more trees?  | <p>Under the Government's urban greening programs, Greater Sydney councils have been awarded over \$35 million in grant funding to deliver 131 tree planting and demonstration projects.</p> <p>In addition, the Government's Greener Neighbourhoods Program supports councils to strengthen strategic approaches to urban greening through the provision of canopy data, grant funding and policy support.</p>   |
| 116 | How many trees were planted across Greater Sydney in FY 2022-23 and forecast for FY 2023-24, by LGA?   | As part of the commitment to expanding Greater Sydney's canopy cover to 40% by 2036, the Government is monitoring canopy change on a biennial basis.  |
| 117 | Has the Minister ever asked the Premier for a larger staffing allocation?  | Allocation of Ministerial staff numbers and grades are a matter for the Premier.  |
| 118 | Could the Minister please provide job titles for all current positions/employees in the Office of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces? | Ministerial staff numbers and grades are published on the NSW Government website.   |

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| 119 | Could the Minister please provide total (incl. superannuation and other benefits) remuneration awarded to each member of staff and their corresponding job title?  | Please refer to the response in question 118.   |
| 120 | How many staff have left the Office of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces since 5 April 2023, and what titles did they hold?  | Please refer to the response in question 118.   |
| 121 | <p>How many Departmental Liaison Officers (DLOs) are seconded to the Minister's office, and from which Departments?</p> <p>(a) Did the Minister or any other Ministerial staff request that any specific individuals be appointed to his office as Departmental Liaison Officers?</p> <p>i. If so, why ?</p> <p>(b) Have any of the Minister's Departmental Liaison Officers during his tenure been current or previous members of the Australian Labor Party ?</p> <p>(c) Did any of the Minister's Departmental Liaison Officers campaign for the Australian Labor Party at the 2022 Federal Election or the 2023 NSW State Election?</p> <p>(d) Was the Minister aware of any former Departmental Liaison Officers who were members of the Australian Labor Party when they worked in the Minister's office?</p> <p>(e) Did of the Minister's former Departmental Liaison Officers campaign for the Australian Labor Party at the 2022 Federal Election or the 2023 NSW State Election?</p> <p>(f) Have any Department Liaison Officers in the Minister's office engaged or are engaging in party political work and/or activities?</p> <p>(g) Have any DLOs in the Minister's office been included in meetings where party political matters were discussed?</p> | NSW Government the information relating to DLOs is available on the Disclosure Log: Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 Reference number PD_A5833715. |
| 122 | <p>Did the Minister hire any staff to work in his ministerial office from a NSW Government Department (not including the Parliament of New South Wales)?</p> <p>(a) If so, how many?</p> <p>(b) If so, which title(/s) do they hold and what Department were they hired from?</p>  | Please refer to the response to question 118.   |
| 123 | Have any of the Minister's Departmental Liaison Officers since he was appointed on 5 April 2023 later become advisors in the Minister's office?  | Please refer to the response to question 120.   |

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| 124 | Have any DLO positions been advertised publicly?   | Please refer to the response to question 121.   |
| 125 | <p>Have any recruitment services been engaged for the employment of DLOs?</p> <p>(a) If yes:</p> <p>i. What companies were engaged?</p> <p>ii. Were the positions advertised?</p> <p>iii. What was the cost of the recruitment services?</p> <p>iv. What was the cost of the advertising?</p> <p>v. Were any individuals interviewed by the Minister or staff within the Minister's office?</p> <p>vi. Were any DLOs subsequently employed?</p> <p>vii. Were any DLOs employed on a contract or fixed term basis or were they employed as on-going departmental employees?</p> | Please refer to the response to question 121.   |
| 126 | <p>The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust wrote to you on 1 June 2023 and 14 July 2023 regarding the appointment and monitoring of private certifiers and have yet to receive a response .</p> <p>(a) Will you provide a response to the concerns raised by the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust?</p> <p>(b) When will a response be provided to the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust?</p>  | Following an extensive search of Ministerial Office correspondence and DPE records, no correspondence can be found.   |
| 127 | <p>How many pieces of correspondence has the Office of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces received since 5 April 2023?</p> <p>(a) How many pieces of correspondence have been responded to since 5 April 2023?</p> <p>(b) On average, how long does it take to respond to correspondence to your office?</p>  | <p>(a) The Ministerial Office has received a total of over 8,000 pieces of correspondence, including formal correspondence, Ministerial referrals, representations from Members of Parliament, meeting requests, media inquiries, and issue campaign letters.</p> <p>(b) Timeframes for the management of correspondence are outlined in DPC's Circular C2021-09 Ministerial Correspondence Handling.</p> |
| 128 | <p>Are statistics kept on how many options developers have for land with the intention to develop housing?</p> <p>If not:</p> <p>(a) Does the Department think this data would be helpful in ensuring that land is being developed?</p> <p>(b) How might the Department consider collecting this data?</p>   | The NSW Land Registry Service creates and maintains land titles records on behalf of the Government.  |
| 129 | <p>How many options on land have developers held in these months:</p> <p>(a) January 2023</p> <p>(b) February 2023</p>   | The Department does not collect this data.  |

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|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(c) March 2023</li> <li>(d) April 2023</li> <li>(e) May 2023</li> <li>(f) June 2023</li> <li>(g) July 2023</li> <li>(h) August 2023</li> <li>(i) September 2023</li> <li>(j) October 2023</li> </ul>  |   |
| 130 | <p>How many options on land have been forfeited in these months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) January 2023</li> <li>(b) February 2023</li> <li>(c) March 2023</li> <li>(d) April 2023</li> <li>(e) May 2023</li> <li>(f) June 2023</li> <li>(g) July 2023</li> <li>(h) August 2023</li> <li>(i) September 2023</li> <li>(j) October 2023</li> </ul>      | Refer to supplementary question on notice 129.  |
| 131 | <p>How much capacity does the Department have to determine planning approvals?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Can the Department handle an influx of planning approvals being directed to the Department instead of local councils?</li> <li>(b) Could the Department handle an LGA of 250,000 people having planning consent stripped from it?</li> </ul> | <p>The Department assesses and determines development applications that meet the state significant development threshold or where the Minister is the consent authority.</p> <p>The Department is not removing consent authority from councils but will continue to assist and provide support where needed.</p>  |
| 132 | <p>Does the Government have a policy regarding the planning assessment of data centres?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) If so, can the policy be outlined?</li> <li>(b) If not, is the Government developing such a policy?           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. When can it be expected to be released?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>              | <p>Yes.</p> <p>(a) Data centres having a total power consumption of over 15 megawatts are declared to be State significant development (SSD) and are assessed by the Department. This reflects their status as development that is strategically important to NSW.</p> <p>Any data centre with a CIV above \$30 million that does not qualify as SSD would instead be regionally significant development.</p> |

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| 133 | What mechanisms are in place to assess the growing number of data centres across New South Wales?  | <p>Provisions specifically for data centres were inserted into the <i>State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport &amp; Infrastructure) 2021</i> in 2019 and further amended in 2022 to provide a clear and consistent planning pathway, specifically for data centres. These provisions nominate the prescribed zones in which data centres are permissible with consent.</p> <p>A specific SSD category and threshold for data centres was also inserted into <i>State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021</i> in 2019, separating them from warehouses.</p> <p>Assessment and determination of data centres is a shared responsibility between State and local government depending on the size of a proposal. The Department monitors and adjusts pathway thresholds for currency.</p> |
| 134 | Has the Minister or Department explored a specific SEPP or other avenue to assess data centres independent of the current assessment as warehouses?  | Data centres are defined separately to warehouses under standard planning definitions and are therefore not assessed as warehouses.   |
| 135 | These data centres need quite a lot of land, and will only become more popular in the future as AI develops further – what planning has the Department engaged in to ensure this land is available in NSW and companies aren't tempted to move interstate? | Data centres are permissible in employment and industrial land use zones, and ongoing work being done by the Department and councils to ensure there is an adequate supply of employment and industrial lands for data centres.   |
| 136 | How does New South Wales policies in this area compare to that of other states and territories in Australia, and how are we ensuring we stay ahead of the game so we maintain the jobs and investment here in NSW?   | In 2021, the Commonwealth Government and NSW Productivity Commission made recommendations in relation to employment lands and reforming the land use zones that applies to this land. This work was based on a case study from Victoria and benchmarking across all states and territories. In response, the Department replaced the business and industrial zones with new fit for purpose employment zones. The employment zones provide expanded permissibility for employment land use activities.  |
| 137 | What ongoing engagement does the Department have with the major stakeholders in this space, on data centres?   | The Department continually engages with industry stakeholders through various forums.   |
| 138 | <p>What is the current status and progress made for the following priority growth areas and precincts?:</p> <p>(a) Bayside West Precincts</p> <p>(b) Burwood, Strathfield and Homebush</p>   | <p>Updates on each precinct can be found on the Department's website at <a href="http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/plans-for-your-area/priority-growth-areas-and-precincts">www.planning.nsw.gov.au/plans-for-your-area/priority-growth-areas-and-precincts</a>.</p>   |

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| (c)  | Camellia-Rosehill Precinct                    |  |
| (d)  | Carter Street, Auburn                         |  |
| (e)  | Cherrybrook Precinct                          |  |
| (f)  | Church Street North, North Parramatta         |  |
| (g)  | Circular Quay Renewal                         |  |
| (h)  | Explorer Street, Eveleigh                     |  |
| (i)  | Frenchs Forest                                |  |
| (j)  | Glenfield                                     |  |
| (k)  | Greater Macarthur                             |  |
| (l)  | Greater Parramatta                            |  |
| (m)  | Greater Penrith to Eastern Creek              |  |
| (n)  | Ingleside                                     |  |
| (o)  | Leppington                                    |  |
| (p)  | Lowes Street, Maryland                        |  |
| (q)  | Macquarie Park                                |  |
| (r)  | Marsden Park North                            |  |
| (s)  | Northern Beaches Aboriginal Land              |  |
| (t)  | North West Growth Area                        |  |
| (u)  | Orchard Hills                                 |  |
| (v)  | Parramatta CBD                                |  |
| (w)  | Parramatta Road                               |  |
| (x)  | Penrith Lakes                                 |  |
| (y)  | Pymont Peninsula                              |  |
| (z)  | Rhodes (aa) Riverwood                         |  |
| (bb) | Seven Hills                                   |  |
| (cc) | Schofields Town Centre                        |  |
| (dd) | South Creek West                              |  |
| (ee) | South Eveleigh Train Workshop                 |  |
| (ff) | South West Growth Area                        |  |
| (gg) | St Leonards and Crows Nest                    |  |
| (hh) | Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor  |  |
| (ii) | Sydney Metro Northwest Urban Renewal Corridor |  |
| (jj) | Telopea                                       |  |
| (kk) | Vineyard                                      |  |
| (ll) | Waterloo South                                |  |

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|     | (mm) West Schofields<br>(nn) Western Sydney Employment Area<br>(oo) Western Sydney Aerotropolis<br>(pp) Westmead<br>(qq) Wianamatta South Creek<br>(rr) Wilton  |  |
| 139 | What is the percentage of precincts delivered within publicly stated timeframes in FY 2022-23 and forecast for FY 2023-24?  | For FY2022-23 the Department was forecast to deliver five precincts. Four precincts were delivered (80%).<br><br>In FY23/24, the Department was forecast to deliver 14 precincts as per publicly stated timeframes. Of these, 11 are on track to be delivered this financial year. The remainder have been delayed and are anticipated to be delivered within the next financial year. |
| 140 | What is the next stage in development for all of these priority growth areas and precincts?   | The priority growth areas and precincts are at different stages.   |
| 141 | What is the projected housing growth for all of these priority growth areas and precincts, by due date?   | Current estimates, where available, can be found at <a href="http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/plans-for-your-area/priority-growth-areas-and-precincts">www.planning.nsw.gov.au/plans-for-your-area/priority-growth-areas-and-precincts</a> .   |
| 142 | What exact dollar figure does the Government plan to provision for the implementation of the Master Plan for each of the above in each of the following financial years:<br>(a) FY 2023/24?<br>(b) FY 2024/25?<br>(c) FY 2025/26?<br>(d) FY 2026/27?  | The Department does not have responsibility for implementing Masterplans.  |
| 143 | Table A3.2 in the Budget Papers states the Variation details of appropriations during 2022-23. There was a Commonwealth funding adjustment of \$66,332,000 in the Department of Planning and Environment.<br>Can you explain the reason behind this funding adjustment and what the additional funding is being spent on? | The Commonwealth Funding Adjustment is a reduction of \$66 million due mainly to variation of timing for delivery of Commonwealth water-related projects. Other adjustments include increased funding for improving waste and recycling infrastructure, and Emergency Response Fund for recovery and post-disaster resilience initiatives.   |
| 144 | Has the Minister provided a statement of Ministerial Priorities to the Department?  | Ministerial priorities reflect the objectives of implementing the Government's key election commitments and following changes to the   |

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|     |  | machinery of government the Minister will provide an updated Statement of Ministerial Priorities.   |
| 145 | Can you please provide the most recent statement of Ministerial Priorities to Portfolio Committee 7?   | Please refer to the Annual Report 2021-22.  |
| 146 | Can you please provide the Incoming Minister’s Brief provided to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces in April 2023 to Portfolio Committee 7?   | The Government will follow the same procedure on the release of incoming ministerial briefings as the previous government’s practice. .   |
| 147 | The Measures Statement in Budget Papers states that land transfer costs have been reduced in the Planning Ministerial Corporation.<br>(a) How has this been achieved?<br>(b) How much money has been saved?                                | (a) By reducing the Planning Ministerial Corporation’s land transfer budget from \$55m to \$28m in 2023-24 and by the same amount in each of the forward estimate years<br>(b) Projected budget savings over 2023-24 and the forward estimate years will be at least \$108m.      |
| 148 | The Measures Statement in Budget Papers states that there have been “administrative savings in the Department of Planning and Environment”.<br>(a) How much money has been saved?<br>(b) In which areas has money been saved and how much? | (a) A total of \$10.4 million of savings has been budgeted to June 2027.<br>(b) They reflect expected impact of reduced program activity and service optimisation in administrative areas.  |
| 149 | What is the current number of staff within the Department of Planning and Environment, by agency?  | Refer to the 2022–23 the Department of Planning and Environment Annual Report.  |
| 150 | What was the number of staff within the Department of Planning and Environment, by agency<br>(a) on 24 March 2023?<br>(b) on 30 June 2022?   | Refer to the 2021–22 and 2022–23 the Department of Planning and Environment Annual Reports.   |
| 151 | What is the number of residents per hectare of open space in every LGA in NSW?   | NSW councils quantify public open space differently to each other. As a result of different methods of data collection, and in some cases an absence of data, there is currently no data available to confirm the number of residents per hectare of open space across every LGA. |
| 152 | What is the proportion of homes in urban areas within 10 minutes’ walk of quality green, open and public space in FY 2022-23 and forecast for FY 2023-24?  | Through Government funded projects; within the 2022-23 financial year, the number of homes with access to green open and public space within ten minutes increased by approximately 102,035 dwellings. There is no data available for FY 2023-24.                                 |
| 153 | What is the proportion of homes within 10 minutes’ walk of quality green, open and public space for every LGA in New South Wales?  | Local government plans and delivers public open spaces within their local government areas. Local government defines and measures the provision   |

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|           |   | of open spaces differently. Therefore comparable rates of provision of public open space and proximity to homes is not available.   |
| 154       | <p>What is the amount of new and enhanced public spaces in square metres in the 1 – 3-year pipeline in precincts being developed in FY 2022-23 and forecast for FY 2023-24 by:</p> <p>(a) Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation?</p> <p>(b) Sydney Olympic Park Authority?</p>       | <p>(a) FY 2022-23: 4,000 sqm; FY 2023-24: 2,000 sqm</p> <p>(b) FY 2022-23: 8,000 sqm; FY 2023-24: 0 sqm</p>   |
| 155       | <p>What is the amount of new and enhanced public spaces in square metres that have commenced construction in precincts being developed in FY 2022-23 and forecast for FY 2023-24 by:</p> <p>(a) Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation?</p> <p>(b) Sydney Olympic Park Authority?</p> | <p>(a) FY 2022-23: 0 sqm; FY 2023-23: 0 sqm</p> <p>(b) FY 2022-23: 0 sqm; FY 2023-24: 8,000 sqm</p>   |
| 156       | What is the percentage of NSW landmass subject to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people’s legal rights or interests in FY 2022-23?   | This matter rests within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty.  |
| 157       | What is the area in kilometres squared of area in NSW covered by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people’s legal rights or interests in the sea in FY 2022-23?   | This matter rests within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty.  |
| 158       | In square metres what is the adaptive reuse of Government owned land (annualised quantum of Government land repurposed for social, economic, and environmental use) in FY 2022-23 and forecast for FY 2023-24 ?   | This matter rests within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Property.   |
| 159 / 160 | What is the timeframe for state significant development assessments (including State Significant Development or State Significant Infrastructure) on 30 June 2023 and forecast for FY 2023-24?  | The average assessment time for the six-month period to 30 June 2023 was 79 days. The six-month forecast average assessment time for FY 2023-24 is 84 days.   |
| 161       | <p>Does the Department track zoned capacity that is yet to be built?</p> <p>(a) If so, can the Department provide this information by LGA?</p>  | The Department uses the Development Capacity Model (DCM) to calculate an estimate of zoned capacity or dwelling potential at the site level across all infill areas of Greater Sydney.  |
| 162       | <p>Could the Minister please list the names of data sets that are being used for strategic planning purposes in the DCM ?</p> <p>(a) Which of these are publicly available?</p>   | <p>The DCM uses both publicly available and commercially purchased datasets.</p> <p>Publicly available property and planning layers are accessed from the NSW Planning Portal and include the property cadastre layer, Zone, Floor Space Ratio, Height of Building, Lot Size and Heritage Maps.</p> |

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|     |   | Purchased data applied in the DCM, and subject to licensing agreements, include comprehensive property data such as Automated Valuation Model and recent sales evidence data from CoreLogic.  |
| 163 | The Budget stated that additional investments in the compliance systems of Revenue NSW for the collection of stamp duty and land tax – could the Department please explain what these additional investments are and how much the investments are worth?                        | This matter rests within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government.  |
| 164 | Will you explore artificial intelligence-based value calculation models like the one Value Australia is offering, to improve efficiency and reduce the large costs associated with what is essentially today's manual valuation?  | The Department is focusing on identifying priority use cases for the application of artificial intelligence within the local development assessment process, particularly in the pre-lodgement phase.   |
| 165 | What AI tools is the Department using to develop strategic plans at a state and local level?  | The Department currently does not use artificial intelligence to develop strategic plans.   |
| 166 | Has the Minister issued any permits to investigate a very fast train linking Sydney with other centres within or outside the state?<br>(a) If yes, what were the conditions of the permits?<br>(b) If yes, at what locations?<br>(c) Are there any plans to issue such permits? | The Department is not aware of any recent advice being actioned under this legislation.   |
| 167 | Does the Minister intend to undertake any activity under the Very Fast Train (Route Investigation) Act?   | As required.  |
| 168 | How have density precincts been determined?   | The Government has committed to rebalancing population growth around infrastructure. Details of the Government's response to the housing crisis have been announced and further initiatives will be announced in due course.  |
| 169 | What value uplift and value capture mechanisms are utilised to plan and maximise development?   | Value capture is not currently a feature of the NSW planning system. Infrastructure contributions are not set based on value uplift. The Government expects all business cases seeking capital investment to consider value sharing.  |
| 170 | As recommended by the NSW Productivity Commission, will the Minister be including a requirement to calculate any new regulation's contribution to building cost versus social benefit in policy?  | Under existing legislation, a Better Regulation Statement is required for all significant new and amending regulatory proposals. A Regulatory Impact Statement is needed when a principal regulation is made or remade. Both require an evaluation of the economic and social costs and benefits. |

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| 171 | How many invoices to suppliers or contactors from your portfolio agency were not paid on time since 28 March 2023, broken down by agency?               | <p>The department actively promotes the NSW Government policy to adopt purchase cards for the payment of transactions for up to \$10,000. This payment method results in immediate payment to supplier, however, these transactions are not included in the analysis of payments made through our accounts payable system.</p> <p>In 2022-23, excluding the bills paid immediately to the supplier via purchase cards, the Department process 96.01% of invoices due were paid on time.</p> <p>In addition, the department flags any small business suppliers who have registered with the Office of the Small Business Commissioner, for the Faster Payment Terms, a policy that reduces the payment term for small businesses from 20 days to 5 days, which is aimed at improving the speed of payments to registered small business.</p> <p>The department continues to educate employees and vendors regarding payment options and the most suitable approach.</p> <p>Please note that the NSW Reconstruction Authority migrated to a new accounts payable system during this period which temporarily contributed to delays in invoice processing times. Payment performance has significantly improved in recent months and almost returned to average with a total of only 5 invoices being paid between 30 and 60 days late over the months of September and October.</p> |
| 172 | How many invoices to suppliers or contactors from your portfolio agency were paid over 30 days late on time since 28 March 2023, broken down by agency? | <p>Since 28 March 3,279 invoices across the Department were paid between 30-60 days.</p> <p>Please note that the NSW Reconstruction Authority migrated to a new accounts payable system during this period which temporarily contributed to delays in invoice processing times. Payment performance has significantly improved in recent months and almost returned to average with a total of only 5 invoices being paid between 30 and 60 days late over the months of September and October.</p>   |
| 173 | How many invoices to suppliers or contactors from your portfolio agency were paid over 60 days late on time since 28 March 2023, broken down by agency? | <p>Since March 28 the Department had 968 invoices that were paid after 60 days.</p> <p>(a) the Department has incurred no penalties for late payments.</p>  |

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|     | (a) What was the penalty for paying suppliers or contactors late, broken down by agency?  | Please note that the NSW Reconstruction Authority migrated to a new accounts payable system during this period which temporarily contributed to delays in invoice processing times. Payment performance has significantly improved in recent months and almost returned to average with a total of only 5 invoices being paid between 30 and 60 days late over the months of September and October.<br>(a) Nil.   |
| 174 | Has your Ministerial car been subject to any traffic or parking fines?<br>(a) If so, please provide details of each fine?<br>(b) Who was driving the car at the time of each incident?<br>(c) Who paid any of the fines?  | Where a fine is incurred the payment of the fine is the responsibility of the driver of the vehicle.  |
| 175 | Has your Ministerial Car been pulled over by the police?<br>(a) If so, who was driving the car?   | The Department does not record these types of events.   |
| 176 | Has the Minister been the subject of any workplace complaints, including bullying, harassment, and sexual harassment?   | Any complaint or disclosure made under the respectful Workplace Policy is confidential. The Policy applies to all Ministerial Offices and staff and published on the Cabinet Office website. As noted by the Goward Review, a key feature of effective workplace complaints policies is confidentiality in the complaint and investigation process. Confidentiality makes sure that staff feel safe about raising any concerns and confident that action will be taken in response. |
| 177 | How much did the Department/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities spend in legal costs since 28 March 2023?<br>(a) For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?   | Please refer to the annual reports by agency, where this information is publicly available.   |
| 178 | Have any Department/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice since 28 March 2023:<br>(a) Social media?<br>i. What were the cost of these services?<br>(b) Photography?<br>i. What were the cost of these services?<br>(c) Videography?<br>i. What were the cost of these services?<br>(d) Acting training? | Please refer to the annual reports by agency, where this information is publicly available.   |

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|     | <p>i. What were the cost of these services?</p> <p>(e) Ergonomics?</p> <p>i. What were the cost of these services?</p>  |  |
| 179 | <p>Since 28 March 2023, how many consultancy contracts have been signed in your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?</p> <p>(a) What was the individual amount of each contract?</p> <p>(b) What is the purpose of each contract?</p> <p>(c) Who was the contract with?</p> <p>(d) Did the contract go to a competitive tender?</p>   | <p>Please refer to the annual reports by agency, where this information is publicly available and the eTendering website.</p>  |
| 180 | <p>For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister's portfolio please report:</p> <p>(a) How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff?</p> <p>i. Please provide a break-down of this information by grade.</p> <p>(b) What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card for the last year?</p> <p>(c) What was each largest reported purchase for?</p> <p>(d) 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?</p> <p>(e) How many credit cards have been reported lost or stolen?</p> <p>i. What was the cost to replace them?</p> <p>(f) How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy?</p> <p>i. What was the total value of those purchases?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>iii. Were all those amounts repaid?</p> <p>iv. If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>(g) 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?</p> <p>i. What amount was repaid, in full?</p> <p>ii. What amount was left unpaid?</p> | <p>(a) Consistent with the Government's Faster Payment Terms Policy, the Department uses Pcards to ensure faster payments for vendors, particularly small vendors.<br/>As at 30 June 2023, there was a total of 3,235 cards on issue.</p> <p><b>Cards on Issue by Agency:</b><br/>         Department of Planning and Environment – 2,661<br/>         Biodiversity Conservation Trust – 87<br/>         Centennial and Moore Park Trust – 8<br/>         Environment Protection Authority – 90<br/>         Heritage NSW – 50<br/>         Hunter and Central Coast Development Corp – 9<br/>         Natural Resource Access Regulator – 130<br/>         Royal Botanic Gardens – 79<br/>         Sydney Olympic Park Authority – 19<br/>         Western Sydney Parklands Trust – 4<br/>         Property NSW – 89<br/>         Waste Asset Management Corp – 9</p> <p>i.<br/>         G/SCALE – 1<br/>         GRADE 1 – 1<br/>         ADM GR2 – 1<br/>         BAND 1 – 214<br/>         BAND 2 – 57<br/>         BAND 3 – 14<br/>         BAND 4 – 1<br/>         CLASS 2 – 1</p> |

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|  | <p>(h) Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes?</p> <p>i. Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes? (i) Can a copy of the staff credit card policy please be provided?</p> | <p>CLASS 3 – 1<br/>                 CLASS 4 – 34<br/>                 CLASS 5 – 11<br/>                 CLASS 6 – 14<br/>                 CLASS 7 – 70<br/>                 CLASS 8 – 33<br/>                 CLASS 9 – 147<br/>                 CLASS 10 – 49<br/>                 CLASS 11 – 53<br/>                 CLASS 12 – 85<br/>                 CLASS 13 – 22<br/>                 CLASS 14 – 30<br/>                 CREWMAN – 7<br/>                 FXDWINGP – 1<br/>                 GD 1/2 – 173<br/>                 GD I-II – 4<br/>                 GD V-VI – 2<br/>                 GDIII-IV – 1<br/>                 GEN OPS – 0<br/>                 GR 1/2 – 38<br/>                 GR 3/4 – 94<br/>                 GR 5/6 – 103<br/>                 GR 7/8 – 250<br/>                 GR 9/10 – 247<br/>                 GR 1 – 2<br/>                 GR 1/2 – 9<br/>                 GR 11 – 29<br/>                 GR 11/12 – 365<br/>                 GR 12 – 23<br/>                 GR 2 – 2<br/>                 GR 2/3 – 10<br/>                 GR 3 – 5<br/>                 GR 3/4 – 46<br/>                 GR 4 – 4<br/>                 GR 4/5 – 8</p> |
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|  |  | <p>SR_MGR – 1</p> <p>(b) \$176,693</p> <p>(c) Renewal of car registrations for National Parks and Wildlife Service as a one-off increase in card limit to pay the registration of Motor vehicle fleet.</p> <p>(d) \$19,035 (Grade 9) for environmental sensors</p> <p>(e) 282 cards reported lost or stolen. Cost to replace is \$0.</p> <p>(f) 379</p> <p>i. \$42,281.41</p> <p>ii. 379 with a total value of \$42,281.41</p> <p>iii. Yes.</p> <p>iv. N/A</p> <p>(g) \$5,149.99</p> <p>i. Yes.</p> <p>ii. N/A</p> <p>(h) No.</p> <p>i. No.</p> <p>i. The policy can be found at <a href="http://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0006/490083/Purchasing-Card-Policy.pdf">www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0006/490083/Purchasing-Card-Policy.pdf</a>.</p> <p><b>Np</b></p> |
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|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 1</li> <li>i. Executive General Manager – 1</li> <li>b. \$5,029.25</li> <li>c. Conference registration fee</li> <li>d. \$8,216.97 – Executive General Manager</li> <li>e. Zero</li> <li>f. Zero</li> <li>g. Zero</li> <li>h. No</li> </ul> <p><u>NSWRA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) 137             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Card holders are not tracked by grade.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) \$8,500.00</li> <li>(c) Exclusive Level One Defensive Driving Program x20 Participants</li> <li>(d) \$2,700.00, Grade 7/8</li> <li>(e) 14             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Nil</li> </ul> </li> <li>(f) 23             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. \$897.60</li> <li>ii. All</li> <li>iii. Yes</li> <li>iv. N/A</li> </ul> </li> <li>(g) \$190.28             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Repaid in full</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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|     |  | <p>ii. N/A</p> <p>(h) No, this is against NSWRA policy.</p> <p>i. N/A</p>   |
| 181 | <p>How many senior executive service employees were employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities on:</p> <p>(a) 28 March 2023?</p> <p>(b) 23 October 2023?</p>    | <p>Please refer to the annual reports by agency, where this information is publicly available.</p> <p>Due to machinery of government changes, the number of senior executive employees is not comparable between those dates.</p> |
| 182 | <p>What is the expenditure on senior executive service employees employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?</p>                            | <p>Please refer to the annual reports by agency, where this information is publicly available.</p>  |
| 183 | <p>How many individuals were employed as internal legal counsel by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities on:</p> <p>(a) 28 March 2023?</p> <p>(b) 23 October 2023?</p> | <p>Please refer to the annual reports by agency, where this information is publicly available.</p>  |

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| 184 | What is the expenditure on internal legal counsel employees employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities 28 March 2023?  | Please refer to the annual reports by agency, where this information is publicly available.   |
| 185 | <p>How many redundancies were processed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?</p> <p>(a) Of these redundancies, how many were:</p> <p>i. Voluntary</p> <p>ii. Forced</p> <p>(b) What was the total cost of all redundancies in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?</p> | <p>(a) There have been 22 redundancies at the Department since 28 March 2023 (excl. EPA, NSWRA and IPC).</p> <p>i. Voluntary – 22</p> <p>ii. Forced – 0</p> <p>(b) Total cost \$2,317,388.</p> <p><u>NSWRA</u></p> <p>Three.</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>i) The RA has undertaken zero voluntary redundancies since 28 March 2023.</p> <p>ii) The RA has undertaken three forced redundancies since 28 March 2023.</p> <p>(b) Redundancies in the RA since 20 March total \$1,011,688.21.</p> |
| 186 | Is any former employee from your ministerial office now employed by any Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?   | <p>The Department does not retain this information.</p> <p>No former employee of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces is employed by the NSWRA.</p>  |
| 187 | <p>How many staff were dismissed from each Department/agency under your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?</p> <p>(a) Without identifying individuals, what were the reason(s) for each dismissal?</p>   | <p>From 28 March 2023, the Department has dismissed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• four for an early termination of a temporary contract</li> <li>• seven for the termination of employment of senior executives</li> <li>• three for performance and/or misconduct</li> <li>• four due to medical retirement.</li> </ul> <p>From 28 March 2023, the NSWRA has dismissed three.</p>  |

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|     |  | (a) Since 28 March 2023, the RA has dismissed 2 employees due to poor performance and 1 was a redundancy. All three were senior executives.  |
| 188 | What was the total amount each of the Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities spent on stationery since 28 March 2023?  | Please refer to the annual reports by agency, where this information is publicly available.  |
| 189 | How many employees in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities are working in an 'acting' capacity?   | <p>As at 31 October, the Department had 1,714 staff working in an “acting” capacity (excl. EPA and IPC), in line with the Public Service Commission’s assignment-to-role guidelines.</p> <p>As at 10th November 2023, the RA has 51 employees who are currently acting in other roles.</p>   |
| 190 | What is the average number of days worked from home by employees in each Department/Agency within your portfolio responsibilities?   | <p>The Department’s flexible work arrangements require employees to arrange with their managers the appropriate number of days to work from the office or remotely, based on the business need and the nature of individual roles.</p> <p>There are no systems in place centrally to measure staff attendance in all the Department office sites across NSW.</p> <p>The NSWRA does not hold data to provide a response to this question. However, all staff are directed to attend the office more often than not.</p> |
| 191 | <p>What was the total expenditure since 28 March 2023 by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities on:</p> <p>(a) Taxi hire?</p> <p>(b) Ridesharing services?</p> <p>(c) Limousine/private car hire?</p> <p>(d) Hire car rental?</p> | <p>Total expenditure since 28 March 2023 is \$891,514. To provide the information split as requested would require significant resource redirection for the Department.</p> <p><u>NSWRA</u></p> <p>a) \$9,384</p> <p>b) \$2,681</p> <p>c) Nil</p> <p>d) \$55,540</p>   |
| 192 | Do any senior executive service employees in any of the Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities have a driver that is paid for by the Department/agency?  | The Department have no senior executives that have a driver..  |

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|     | <p>(a) If so, what is the number of senior executive service employees that have a driver, and which senior executive service employees have a driver?</p> <p>(b) How much was spent on these drivers since 28 March 2023?</p>                                  | <p>The NSWRA has zero senior executives that have a driver. Our payroll also confirms we have no drivers that are currently being paid by the RA.</p>   |
| 193 | <p>Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?</p>   | <p>Charter air flight costs include various operational activities, including bushfire hazard reduction, aerial surveying, and aerial feral and pest management. Between 1 April 2023 and 30 June 2023, the Department spent \$3,066,490 for these activities. From 1 July 2023 to 31 October 2023, the Department spent \$2,190,670 for the same activities.</p> <p><u>NSWRA</u></p> <p>Nil.</p>       |
| 194 | <p>Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on domestic flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?</p> <p>(a) Of these, how many flights were taken in business class?</p> <p>(b) Of these, how many flights were taken in first class?</p> | <p>Since 28 March 2023, the Department spent \$3,470,701 on domestic flights.</p> <p>(a) Zero</p> <p>(b) Zero</p> <p>Since 28 March 2023, the NSWRA have spent \$54,009 on domestic flights. (a) – (b) are booked through FCM as per the Government travel guidelines. However, the RA complies with the NSW Travel and Transport Policy which requires flights to be booked as economy by default.</p> |
| 195 | <p>Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on overseas flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?</p> <p>(a) Of these, how many flights were taken in business class?</p> <p>(b) Of these, how many flights were taken in first class?</p> | <p>Please refer to the annual reports by agency, where this information is publicly available.</p>  |
| 196 | <p>Was an efficiency dividend applied to any Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities in the 2023-24 NSW Budget?</p>  | <p>No efficiency dividend was applied to the Department or the NSWRA in the 2023-24 Budget.</p>   |

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|     | <p>(a) If so, what was the efficiency dividend applied to each Department/agency?</p> <p>(b) What measures are being considered to achieve this efficiency dividend?</p>   |   |
| 197 | <p>How many GIPA Applications have been received by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?</p> <p>(a) How many of these Applications have been accepted?</p> <p>(b) How many of these Applications have been rejected?</p> <p>(c) If so, what were the reasons provided?</p> <p>(d) How many of these Applications were re-assigned?</p> <p>(e) How many of these Applications had fees waived/reduced?</p> <p>(f) Please provide in table form the following details of each Application received by your office:</p> <p>i. Date received.</p> <p>ii. Date acknowledged.</p> <p>iii. Date responded.</p> <p>iv. The description provided for the information sought.</p>                                      | <p>Information concerning the obligations of a Minister's office as an agency under the GIPA is required to be submitted to the Attorney General, in accordance with section 125(2) of the Act. Information is included in the annual report of the Department of Communities and Justice.</p>  |
| 198 | <p>How many GIPA Applications have been received by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?</p> <p>(a) How many of these Applications have been accepted?</p> <p>(b) How many of these Applications have been rejected?</p> <p>i. If so, what were the reasons provided?</p> <p>(c) How many of these Applications were re-assigned?</p> <p>(d) How many of these Applications had fees waived/reduced?</p> <p>(e) Please provide in table form the following details of each Application received by your office:</p> <p>i. Date received.</p> <p>ii. Date acknowledged.</p> <p>iii. Date responded.</p> <p>iv. The description provided for the information sought.</p> | <p>GIPA statistics are reported annually by the Information and Privacy Commission. Further information can be found at <a href="http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/information-access/agency-gipa-dashboard/gipa-dashboard">www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/information-access/agency-gipa-dashboard/gipa-dashboard</a>.</p> <p><u>NSWRA</u></p> <p>(a)-(e) This is publicly available information and is contained in the NSW Reconstruction Authority's Annual Report.</p> |
| 199 | <p>How much has your ministerial office spent on hospitality, including catering and beverages, since 28 March 2023?</p>   | <p>Zero.</p>  |

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| 200 | How much have Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities spent on hospitality, including catering and beverages, since 28 March 2023?   | <p>Department finance systems indicate \$32,860 from 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023 and \$28,230 from 1 July 2023 to 31 October 2023 has been coded towards expenditure that could be classed as hospitality.</p> <p>This is publicly available information and is contained in the NSW Reconstruction Authority’s Annual Report.</p>  |
| 201 | Have you been the recipient of any free hospitality?<br>(a) What was the total value of the hospitality received?  | Ministers are required to declare to the Secretary of the TCO certain gifts and hospitality with a market value of more than \$500 under Part 4 of the Schedule to the Ministerial Code. I comply with my obligations under Part 4 of the Schedule to the Ministerial Code.  |
| 202 | Have any staff members in your office been the recipient of any free hospitality?<br>(a) What was the total value of the hospitality received?<br>(b) Are these gifts of hospitality declared publicly?<br>(c) Do staff declare their gifts publicly?  | All Ministerial staff are required to comply with their disclosure obligations under the Gifts, Hospitality and Benefits Policy for Office Holder Staff and I expect them to do so.  |
| 203 | Have any Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities utilised the services of Labour Hire Firms since 28 March 2023? If yes, please advise in table form:<br>(a) The names of the firms utilised.<br>(b) The total amount paid to each firm engaged.<br>(c) The average tenure period for an employee provided by a labour hire company.<br>(d) The longest tenure for an employee provided by a labour hire company.<br>(e) The duties conducted by employees engaged through a labour hire company.<br>(f) The office locations of employees engaged through a labour hire company.<br>(g) The highest hourly or daily rate paid to an employee provided by a labour hire company. | <p>Refer to contingent workers section of the Department of Planning and Environment Annual Report, to be tabled December 2023.</p> <p>Additional information can be found in the Whole of Government Scheme found at <a href="http://info.buy.nsw.gov.au/schemes/contingent-workforce-scheme">info.buy.nsw.gov.au/schemes/contingent-workforce-scheme</a>.</p> <p><u>NSWRA</u></p> <p>In accordance with WoG Contingent Workforce Scheme., the NSWRA use Contractor Central for labour hire. Contractor costs are contained in either “agency contractors” within Employee Related Expenses for a standard labour hire contractor, or “contractor – projects” category disclosed in the Other Operating Expenses for project related contractors, in the annual report.</p> |
| 204 | How much has your ministerial office spent on advertising or sponsored posts since 28 March 2023 on the following social media platforms:<br>(a) Facebook  | No money has been spent from the Ministerial Office on advertising or sponsored posts on the social media platforms.   |

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|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(b) Instagram</li> <li>(c) LinkedIn</li> <li>(d) TikTok</li> <li>(e) YouTube</li> <li>(f) WhatsApp</li> <li>(g) X (formerly known as Twitter)</li> </ul>  |  |
| 205 | <p>How much has each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities spent on advertising or sponsored posts since 28 March 2023 on the following social media platforms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Facebook</li> <li>(b) Instagram</li> <li>(c) LinkedIn</li> <li>(d) TikTok</li> <li>(e) YouTube</li> <li>(f) WhatsApp</li> <li>(g) X (formerly known as Twitter)</li> </ul> | Please refer to the annual reports by agency, where this information is publicly available.  |
| 206 | <p>Have you had media training or public speaking training?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) If yes, who paid for it?</li> <li>(b) If paid by taxpayers, what was the amount paid since 28 March 2023?</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Ministerial budget</li> <li>(b) \$4,000</li> </ul>  |
| 207 | <p>How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies and what is the total cost to employ these advisers?</p>   | <p>The Department has an integrated media support model made up of centralised and embedded services. Various roles within the model incorporate media advisory functions; however, not all roles are limited to these functions.</p> <p><u>NSWRA</u><br/>One. \$158,695.99</p>      |
| 208 | <p>What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities and their total cost?</p>  | <p>The Department is currently finalising machinery of government changes, which may involve amendments to organisational structures. Therefore, we are unable to provide a forecast regarding the number of media or public relation advisers specifically.</p> <p><u>NSWRA</u></p> |

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|     |   | Three, for a total cost of \$502,501.24.   |
| 209 | What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?  | <p>The Department obtains media monitoring services through a whole-of-government contract, which is managed by the Premier’s Department.</p> <p><u>NSWRA</u><br/>\$0</p>  |
| 210 | Please provide a list of all transactions where customers need to pay a merchant fee on credit and/or debit card payments in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities.               | <p>Various payment options are available to customers across the Department, including BPay (no fees charged). When a customer uses a debit or credit card, merchant fees are applicable.</p> <p><u>NSWRA</u><br/>Not applicable</p>   |
| 211 | Please provide the percentage and/or amount of the merchant fees applied to all credit and/or debit card payments/transactions payments in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities. | <p>Various payment options are available to customers across the Department, including BPay (no fees charged).</p> <p>The following merchant fee surcharges apply across the Department for card payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mastercard and Visa 0.4%</li> <li>• American Express 1.5%</li> <li>• Diners Club 2.4%</li> </ul> <p><u>NSWRA</u><br/>Not applicable.</p> |
| 212 | What was the total amount paid in merchant fees on credit and/or debit card payments made by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?                           | <p>This matter falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Treasury.</p> <p><u>NSWRA</u><br/>\$0</p>   |
| 213 | <p>Did you make any updates to your Ministerial disclosure on or after 2 August 2023?</p> <p>(a) If yes, what prompted this update to your disclosure?</p>  | <p>I comply with my obligations under Part 4 of the Schedule to the Ministerial Code.</p>  |
| 214 | <p>How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS6 grade for the following months:</p> <p>(a) April</p>  | <p>Ministerial staff numbers and grades are published on the NSW Government website.</p>   |

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|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(b) May</li> <li>(c) June</li> <li>(d) July</li> <li>(e) August</li> <li>(f) September</li> <li>(g) October</li> </ul>  |  |
| 215 | <p>How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS5 grade for the following months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) April</li> <li>(b) May</li> <li>(c) June</li> <li>(d) July</li> <li>(e) August</li> <li>(f) September</li> <li>(g) October</li> </ul> | Refer to the response to question 214. |
| 216 | <p>How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS4 grade for the following months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) April</li> <li>(b) May</li> <li>(c) June</li> <li>(d) July</li> <li>(e) August</li> <li>(f) September</li> <li>(g) October</li> </ul> | Refer to the response to question 214. |
| 217 | <p>How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS3 grade for the following months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) April</li> <li>(b) May</li> <li>(c) June</li> <li>(d) July</li> <li>(e) August</li> <li>(f) September</li> <li>(g) October</li> </ul> | Refer to the response to question 214. |

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| 218 | How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS2 grade for the following months:<br>(a) April<br>(b) May<br>(c) June<br>(d) July<br>(e) August<br>(f) September<br>(g) October | Refer to the response to question 214.  |
| 219 | How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS1 grade for the following months:<br>(a) April<br>(b) May<br>(c) June<br>(d) July<br>(e) August<br>(f) September<br>(g) October | Refer to the response to question 214.  |
| 220 | What is the average salary for staff members in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?   | Refer to the response to question 214.  |
| 221 | How many DLOs were seconded to your ministerial office for the following months:<br>(a) April<br>(b) May<br>(c) June<br>(d) July<br>(e) August<br>(f) September<br>(g) October                           | I am advised that information relating to Department Liaison Officers is available on the Disclosure Log: Government Information {Public Access} Act 2009 {the GIPA Act}, Reference number PD_A5833715. |
| 222 | How many people are employed in your ministerial office as at 1 October 2023?  | Refer to the response to question 214.  |
| 223 | How many women are employed in your Ministerial office as at 1 October 2023?   | My Ministerial office aims to reflect the communities we serve.   |

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| 224 | How many staff employed in your ministerial office identify as culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) as at 1 October 2023?   | Refer to the response to question 123  |
| 225 | How many staff employed in your ministerial office identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander as at 1 October 2023?   | Refer to the response to question 123.   |
| 226 | How many staff in your office are employed as media advisers or have responsibility for media/social media/communications?  | Refer to the response to question 214.   |
| 227 | How many staff in your office are employed as policy advisers or have responsibility for policy work?   | Refer to the response to question 214.   |
| 228 | How many staff in your office are employed as 'caucus liaison officers'?<br>(a) What are the responsibilities allocated to 'caucus liaison officers'?<br>(b) Have 'caucus liaison officers' been directed to only work with Government MPs?<br>(c) Do 'caucus liaison officers' contact members of the Australian Labor Party as part of their regular work duties? | All staff are employed to assist the Minister in accordance with the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013. Staff are expected to comply with the NSW Office Holder's Staff Code of Conduct.              |
| 229 | How many staff members employed in your office under the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 have been seconded from a NSW Government Department/agency?<br>i. Please list each Department/agency staff members have been seconded from.   | Refer to the response to question 214.   |
| 230 | What is your ministerial office budget for 2023-24?<br>(a) How much of this budget is allocated to staff?   | Minister's office budgets are drawn from the Premier's Department annual financial allocation. Further information relating to Minister's Office Budgets is contained in the Minister's Office Handbook. |
| 231 | How many iPhones/Smart Phones are assigned to staff in your ministerial office?<br>(a) For each phone, how much was each bill in 2022-23?<br>(b) How many phones have been lost or replaced due to damage in your office?<br>i. What is the cost of replacing those phones?   | Minister's Staff Acceptable Use of Communication Devices Policy provides guidance on the use, loss, theft and return of communication devices provided for business purposes.                            |
| 232 | How many iPads or tablets are assigned to your ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?<br>(a) What was the cost of providing iPads or tablets to your ministerial office in 2022-23?  | Please refer to the response to question 231.  |

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|     | (b) How many iPads or tablets have been replaced due to lost or damage in 2022-23?<br>i. What was the cost of replacing these devices?   |  |
| 233 | How many laptops has the Premier's Department or The Cabinet Office assigned to your ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?<br>(a) What was the cost of providing laptops to your ministerial office in 2022-23?<br>(b) How many laptops have been replaced due to lost or damage in 2022-23?<br>i. What was the cost of replacing these devices? | Please refer to the response to question 231.  |
| 234 | Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?<br>i. What is the cost of this?   | Purchase or lease of artwork for official purposes is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.  |
| 235 | Have any floral displays or indoor plants been hired or leased for display in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?<br>i. If so, what was the cost of these items?  | Hire or lease of floral displays or indoor plants is in accordance with standard procurement practices.  |
| 236 | What was the total amount your office spent on stationery since 28 March 2023?   | Spending on office stationery is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.   |
| 237 | What brand of paper is used in your office?<br>(a) Is it recycled paper?<br>(b) Is it Australian made paper?   | Office supplies are purchased in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.  |
| 238 | What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals, and periodicals since 28 March 2023?<br>(a) What are these services/newspapers/magazines/journals/periodicals?  | The cost of subscriptions is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.   |
| 239 | What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office since 28 March 2023?<br>(a) What were the gifts purchased?<br>(b) Who were they gifted to?  | The Ministers' Office Handbook provides guidance on the decision to present a gift.  |
| 240 | What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?<br>(a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?   | Non-standard accessories fitted to Ministerial vehicles are for business, security and safety reasons, in accordance with the NSW Government Motor Vehicle Operational guidelines. |

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| 241 | <p>What is the total spend for your office since 28 March 2023 for:</p> <p>(a) Taxi hire?</p> <p>(b) Ridesharing services?</p> <p>(c) Hire car rental?</p> <p>(d) Limousine/private car hire?</p>  | The Ministers' Office handbook provides guidance on taxi and ride share services. Cists are managed within Ministerial office budgets.   |
| 242 | <p>Were any planes or helicopters chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money since 28 March 2023?</p> <p>(a) If yes, please provide details of the trip including the date of the trip, purpose of the trip, the method of transport and the cost?</p> | All domestic and international travel bookings for official business purposes must be made through the NSW Government's approved travel supplier, currently FCM Travel Solutions. The Premier's Department website also details PD_A5842315 that has been released under the GIPA Act. |
| 243 | <p>Have you had any overseas trips paid for using public funds since 28 March 2023?</p> <p>(a) If yes, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?</p>  | In line with M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel information, Minister's overseas travel is published on the Premier's Department website.  |
| 244 | <p>Have you undertaken any official overseas travel that was privately funded since 28 March 2023?</p> <p>(a) If yes, what was the nature of these trips?</p> <p>(b) Who paid for these trips?</p>   | No   |
| 245 | Does your Parliamentary Secretary have pass access to your ministerial office?   | Security passes for 52 Martin Place are issued in accordance with the 52 Martin Place security procedures  |
| 246 | Does your Parliamentary Secretary have a desk in your ministerial office?  | No   |
| 247 | Has your Parliamentary Secretary spoken on any pieces of legislation on your behalf? If so which legislation?  | Please refer to the Legislative Assembly Hansard.  |
| 248 | <p>What event/meetings has your Parliamentary Secretary attended on your behalf?</p> <p>(a) Please provide in table form the date and the purpose of the event/meeting.</p>  | The general duties of a Parliamentary Secretary are outlined in the Minister's Office handbook, which is available on the Premier's Department website.  |
| 249 | How often do you meet with your Parliamentary Secretary?   | I regularly meet and discuss issues with my Parliamentary Secretary.   |
| 250 | <p>Has your Parliamentary Secretary travelled overseas since 28 March 2023?</p> <p>(a) If so, when, and where?</p> <p>(b) If so, what was the cost of:</p> <p>i. Airfares?</p> <p>ii. Accommodation?</p> <p>iii. Food and beverage?</p>                                    | Refer to the response to question 243.   |

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|     | iv. Transportation?<br>v. Entertainment?   |  |
| 251 | Has your Parliamentary Secretary travelled domestically since 28 March 2023?<br>(a) If so, when, and where?<br>(b) If so, what was the cost of:<br>i. Airfares?<br>ii. Accommodation?<br>iii. Food and beverage?<br>iv. Transportation?<br>v. Entertainment? | Parliamentary Secretaries are subject to the same travel rules when travelling on official business as a Parliamentary Secretary.  |
| 252 | Has your Parliamentary Secretary received training?<br>(a) If so, was it speech, voice, or media training?<br>(b) If yes, who provided this training, on what date and at what cost?   | No   |
| 253 | Has your office or department used a Probity Auditor or Probity Advisors, or similar, since 28 March 2023?<br>(a) If so please list the company and/or individual, the project, the engagement dates, and their total remuneration in tabular format.        | Yes<br>(a) Payments relating to engagements of probity services from 28 March 2023 to 10 November 2023 are listed below (project descriptions are included where available): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. APAC PROBITY ADVISORY &amp; AUDITING, PiccoloMe/PalaceGateKiosk, \$1,097.60</li> <li>2. BDO SERVICES PTY LTD, Local Gov Waste, \$1,750.00</li> <li>3. BDO SERVICES PTY LTD, TRC assessment, \$2,250.00</li> <li>4. CENTIUM PTY LTD, UDP, \$38,282.50</li> <li>5. CENTIUM PTY LTD, Accelerated Infrastructure Fund 3 tranche 2, \$6,250.00</li> <li>6. CENTIUM PTY LTD, SAPP, \$62,897.50</li> <li>7. CENTIUM PTY LTD, DWH, \$6,630.00</li> <li>8. CENTIUM PTY LTD, Biodiversity, \$25,710.50</li> <li>9. ELM PROBITY ADVISORY, PM Panel, \$375.00</li> <li>10. ELM PROBITY ADVISORY, Rydalmere, \$9,600.00</li> <li>11. ELM PROBITY ADVISORY, Chatswood, \$4,235.00</li> <li>12. ELM PROBITY ADVISORY, Stage 2 HFS, \$14,687.50</li> <li>13. HWL EBSWORTH LAWYERS, NPWS website RFT, \$15,515.00</li> <li>14. MADDOCKS, IFC, \$34,460.21</li> <li>15. MASTERS FAMILY TRUST, CPP R1, \$3,390.00</li> </ol> |

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|  |  | <p>16. NOBLE SHORE P/L, National Water Grid Fund, \$13,925.00</p> <p>17. NTT AUSTRALIA DIGITAL PTY LTD, \$6,187.50</p> <p>18. OCONNOR MARSDEN &amp; ASSOCIATES P/L, \$12,320.00</p> <p>19. OCONNOR MARSDEN &amp; ASSOCIATES P/L, \$1,410.00</p> <p>20. OCONNOR MARSDEN &amp; ASSOCIATES P/L, HTP, \$7,480.00</p> <p>21. OCONNOR MARSDEN &amp; ASSOCIATES P/L, \$6,650.00</p> <p>22. O'CONNOR MARSDEN &amp; ASSOCIATES P/L, TRF Legal, \$96,628.75</p> <p>23. O'CONNOR MARSDEN &amp; ASSOCIATES P/L, AMRF Equipment, \$5,301.25</p> <p>24. O'Connor Marsden &amp; Associates Pty, \$1,856.25</p> <p>25. OCONNOR MARSDEN &amp; ASSOCIATES PTY L, Newcastle Station, \$1,531.25</p> <p>26. OCONNOR MARSDEN &amp; ASSOCIATES PTY L, Sports Hub, \$12,701.25</p> <p>27. OCONNOR MARSDEN &amp; ASSOCIATES PTY L, Sports Hub, \$4,972.50</p> <p>28. OCONNOR MARSDEN &amp; ASSOCIATES PTY, Ross St Gate House, \$3,920.00</p> <p>29. OCONNOR MARSDEN &amp; ASSOCIATES PTY L, Macquarie St GH, \$4,690.00</p> <p>30. O'CONNOR MARSDEN &amp; ASSOCIATES PTY L, SSWP, \$8,955.00</p> <p>31. PETER FRANCIS SINGLETON, PROC Chair, \$29,166.67</p> <p>32. PROCURE GROUP P/L, Metro West, \$4,030.00</p> <p>33. PROCURE GROUP P/L, H Block, \$2,000.00</p> <p>34. PROCURE GROUP P/L, North Parramatta, \$1,820.00</p> <p>35. PROCURE GROUP P/L, TOD, \$1,750.00</p> <p>36. PROCURE GROUP P/L, Regional Housing Fund, \$918.75</p> <p>37. PROCURE GROUP P/L, PSLF/Regional Housing Fund, \$1,435.00</p> <p>38. PROCURE GROUP P/L, PSLP, \$490.00</p> <p>39. PROCURE GROUP P/L, \$3,140.00</p> <p>40. PROCURE GROUP P/L, Priority Projects, \$735.00</p> <p>41. PROCURE GROUP P/L, \$2,868.75</p> <p>42. PROCURE GROUP P/L, Waterview, \$3,080.00</p> <p>43. PROCURE GROUP PTY LTD, Lizard Rock, \$500.00</p> <p>44. PROCURE GROUP PTY LTD, \$437.50</p> <p>45. PROCURE GROUP PTY LTD, Waterloo Estate, \$28,493.25</p> <p>46. PROCURE GROUP PTY LTD, \$3,000.00</p> |
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|     |   | <p>47. PROCUREMENT CO PTY LTD, \$2,362.50<br/>         48. ELM PROBITY ADVISORY, \$2,687.50<br/>         49. O'CONNOR MARSDEN &amp; ASSOCIATES PTY L, Fee Proposal, \$595.00.</p> <p><u>NSWRA</u></p> <p>This is publicly available information and is contained in the NSW Reconstruction Authority's Annual Report.</p> |
| 254 | <p>Are you a Member of the Qantas Chairmans Club?</p> <p>(a) Have you ever previously been a member? When did you cease to be a member?</p> <p>(b) When did you initially become a member?</p> <p>(c) When was this declared on the Ministerial gifts register?</p> | <p>Please refer to the disclosure of pecuniary interest, where this has been declared.</p>  |
| 255 | <p>Have you received any training since becoming a Minister?</p> <p>(a) If yes, please provide the details of what the training was.</p>  | <p>All Cabinet Ministers have undertaken a program on Ministerial induction training.</p>   |
| 256 | <p>Have you received any speech, vocal or performance training?</p> <p>(a) If so, what was the cost?</p> <p>(b) Was this cost covered by the taxpayer?</p>  | <p>No.</p>  |
| 257 | <p>What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?</p>  | <p>All acceptable use of Network Services must be lawful, appropriate and ethical. The Minister's Staff Acceptable Use of Network Services Policy is available in the Minister's Office Handbook.</p>   |
| 258 | <p>What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?</p>  | <p>Please refer to the response to question 257.</p>  |