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**Special Minister of State, Roads, Arts, Music and the Night-time Economy, Jobs
and Tourism**

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Special Minister of State, Roads, Arts, Music and the Night-time Economy, Jobs and Tourism**Questions from Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC****Music and Night-time Economy**

1. Please provide a list of all music festivals, as defined by the Music Festivals Act 2019, that were designated as a subject festival under the Act.
 - (a) In relation to each subject festival, please list how many days before the festival commencement date they received their subject festival designation.

ANSWER:

As at 30 June 2023, there were 40 music festivals designated as a subject festival under the Act:

1. Summer Gathering
2. Return to Rio
3. This That
4. Mardi Gras After Party
5. Strawberry Fields
6. Dragon Dreaming
7. Yours & Owls
8. Lunar Electric
9. Groovin the Moo
10. Midnight Mafia
11. Fisher
12. Electric Gardens
13. Rabbits Eat Lettuce
14. NYE in the Park
15. Field Day
16. EPIK
17. Laneway
18. Transmission
19. Ultra
20. Festival X
21. Grapevine Gathering
22. Show Your True Colours
23. Falls Festival
24. Splendour in the Grass
25. Rolling Loud
26. Lost Paradise
27. Defqon
28. Subsonic
29. Knockout
30. Listen Out
31. HTID
32. Mode
33. For the Love

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34. Pure
35. Sydney World Pride 2023 Domain Dance Party
36. Sydney World Pride 2023 Bondi Beach Party
37. Sydney World Pride 2023 Rainbow Republic
38. The Drop – Manly
39. FOMO
40. Knotfest

Since 30 June 2023 festivals 34-40 have been reassessed by ILGA as ‘not-subject’ under the Act.

Four new festivals have been added to the list of subject festivals since 30 June 2023:

41. Harbourlife
42. Altitude
43. FSOE-800
44. Dreamstate

1 (a) Consolidated data is not held by ILGA.

ROADS**Rozelle Interchange**

2. Has Transport for NSW received more recent modelling data for Victoria Road Rozelle than was published in the Rozelle Interchange EIS documents in 2019?
 - (a) If so, has this data been provided to Inner West Council?

Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has undertaken updated traffic modelling for Victoria Road as part of the WestConnex Stage 3 Road Network Performance Plan in Q2, Q3 and Q4 2023.

A draft set of results were issued to Inner West Council during consultation of the Road Network Performance Plan in August 2023. A final set of modelling results will be available in the final version of the Road Network Performance Plan.

Western Distributor Road Network Improvements

3. What are the expected impacts of the Western Distributor Road Network Improvements project on the successful implementation of the Pyrmont Ultimo Transport Plan and the City of Sydney’s Pyrmont Planning Review?

Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW does not expect the Western Distributor Road Network Improvements Project to impact on the delivery of the Pyrmont-Ultimo Transport Plan (PUTP), the Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy (PPPS) or the City of Sydney’s Pyrmont Planning Review.

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4. Is the Minister aware of the City of Sydney's concerns about the impact the planned Western Distributor Road Network Improvements will have on delivering new housing density in Pyrmont?

Answer

Yes.

5. Does the Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy include an action to widen Harris Street?

Answer

I am advised:

The Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy (PPPS) and subsequent sub-precinct master plans do not include an explicit action to widen or pedestrianise the length of Harris Street. Rather, they identify an opportunity for Harris Street to become a local 'high street', in the context of the overall 20-year vision for the peninsula.

In support of this vision the Pyrmont-Ultimo Transport Plan (PUTP) acknowledges that as Pyrmont grows, so too does the demand for Harris Street to support both movement and place functions. The PUTP identifies several initiatives and opportunities to improve the place outcomes in appropriate points along Harris Street over time. This includes widening sections of footpath and implementing a dynamic lane transition scenario to provide four general traffic lanes during peak times and two general traffic lanes in the off-peak.

Transport for NSW also advises the Western Distributor Road Network Improvements project will address the seventh direction of the PPPS, which aims to alleviate community feedback around transport connectivity and mobility by improving the efficiency and reliability of the Western Distributor corridor and improving access to Pyrmont via the off ramps.

Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

Efficiency dividends imposed on cultural institutions

6. Please detail any efficiency dividend impacts, in dollar terms for the financial years 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and forward estimates, imposed on:
- (a) Museum of Applied Arts & Sciences (MAAS)?
 - (b) Museum of History?
 - (c) State Library?
 - (d) Opera House?
 - (e) Australian Museum?

ANSWER:

The budget papers include detailed information on budgeted expenses, revenue and capital expenditure. This includes detailed financial statements for individual agencies as well as for government as a whole. The budget papers also outline the financial impact of measures in the budget on individual portfolios as well as for government as a whole

Funding cuts to arts services and programs

7. Is the Government negotiating a reversal of funding cuts to the Art Gallery of NSW?

ANSWER:

Now that the Art Gallery of New South Wales' expanded campus has been operating for nearly a year, we have a clearer view as to what their needs are. The NSW Government is in discussions with the Art Gallery to develop a funding approach and if required we will assess, audit, and assist.

8. Will the cuts to the Blockbuster funding initiative be reversed?
- (a) Previous funding in 2021 was for \$10 million per year over the following 4 years. Is this still guaranteed or has it been cut completely?

ANSWER:

The blockbuster program was a COVID recovery initiative. A funding adjustment of \$5 million has been made to the Blockbuster funding program. The program will continue to fund a number of supported events through the 2023-24 and 2024-25 financial years.

9. Has the Arts and Cultural Funding Program had any funding cuts or changes at all in the current *Special Minister of State, Roads, Arts, Music and the Night-time Economy, Jobs and Tourism*

financial year?

ANSWER:

As part of the budget measures announced in August 2023, a reduction of \$790,000 was applied to the 2023-24 Arts and Cultural Funding Program budget. As a result, the revised budget is \$68.381,000. This was from the strategic initiatives fund.

Castle Hill Powerhouse

10. In relation to the Powerhouse at Castle Hill having been delayed due to issues with the hydraulic line being replaced, this was initially set to open in March 2023; what is the new timeline for this?

(a) Is the project on track to meet this target?

ANSWER:

The expansion of the Museums Discovery Centre in Castle Hill is nearing completion. The building is due to open early 2024.

11. The Budget indicates a cost of \$464.5 million over the four financial years to 2026-27 for both the new Powerhouse at Parramatta and the expansion at Castle Hill. Can you break down the expenditure going toward the Castle Hill project?

ANSWER:

The total budget for the Powerhouse Castle Hill project is \$44 million over FY2022 - FY2024.

Me-Mel Island

12. Regarding the returning of Me-Mel Island to First Nations owners, have any cultural uses been decided for this?

(a) The Premier announced in July an allocation of \$43 million toward the island's remediation and restoration over 4 years. Can you provide a breakdown of this funding?

(b) What form of consultation has taken place in relation to this?

ANSWER:

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

South by SouthWest

13. How much money did the NSW Government pay for South by SouthWest?

ANSWER:

The NSW Government's investment in South by SouthWest Sydney is commercial-in-confidence.

14. What are the terms and over what time scale?

ANSWER:

The NSW Government, through Destination NSW, has a contractual investment with SXSW Sydney Pty Ltd to deliver South by SouthWest Sydney for five years from 2023 to 2027. The terms of the contract are commercial-in-confidence. This were approved by the former government.

15. How many participants were there, how many were paid-up ticketholders?

ANSWER:

Ticket data is a matter for the event owner.

16. How many paying ticketholders came from:

- (a) NSW?
- (b) interstate?
- (c) Overseas?

ANSWER:

Event attendance data is not available at this time. Destination NSW has not yet completed its post-event assessment pending receipt of information from the event owner.

17. How many hotel nights were booked as a result?

ANSWER:

Destination NSW does not have access to third party hotel booking data for the event.

18. Did the event cover its costs and or break even?

ANSWER:

Event delivery costs are a matter for the event owner.

19. What were the costs of staging the event?

ANSWER:

See answer to Question 18.

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Questions from the Hon. Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)

ROADS

20. In relation to answer (3) to Question on Notice 205 regarding your top three goals:

- (a) What are the local road projects that you are focused on?
- (b) Who is the Government's expert infrastructure adviser?

Answer

Infrastructure NSW is the Government's expert infrastructure adviser [Expert Advice | Infrastructure NSW](#)

Information about funding for Transport projects is publicly available in the 2023-24 NSW State Budget papers.

21. In relation to the Independent Toll Review:

- (a) What is the total budget?
- (b) In relation to staff:
 - i. How many people have been allocated?
 - ii. What is the budget?
- (c) What is the remuneration being provided for:
 - i. Prof Allan Fells AO?
 - ii. Dr David Cousins AM?
- (d) How many meetings have you held with Prof Fells and Dr Cousins since 28 March 2023?
- (e) In relation to public consultation on 11,12, and 13 July 2023:
 - i. What is the cost of room hire for Wesley Conference Centre, Western Sydney University and Penrith RSL Function Centre?
 - ii. What is the cost of catering for Wesley Conference Centre, Western Sydney University and Penrith RSL Function Centre?
 - iii. Why were these three locations chosen?

Answer

I am advised

(a) – (c) This is a matter for the Treasurer.

(d) Meetings are disclosed in the Minister's Diary Disclosures and publicly available.

(e) This is a matter for the Treasurer.

22. In relation to the answer to Question on Notice 224, of the 24,189 e-toll tags that spent over \$60 per week between 01 April and 30 April:
- (a) What were the top five most commonly used toll roads?
 - (b) What is the breakdown of e-toll tags by class 2 motor vehicles and class 4 heavy motor vehicles?

Answer

I am advised:

(a) The five most commonly used toll roads are:

- WestConnex
- M2 Hills Motorway
- M7 Westlink
- Sydney Harbour Bridge and Tunnel
- Lane Cove Tunnel (including Military Road ramps).

Note that, per the Question on Notice 224 answered on 29 June 2023, the \$60 weekly average spend was calculated after excluding heavy vehicle spend and after excluding M5 trips that are cash back eligible.

(b) The analysis of average weekly spend excludes class 4 heavy motor vehicles. All included tags met the threshold on a class 2 equivalent basis.

23. In relation to the answer to Question on Notice 244 involving the overseas travel of Transport for NSW officials:
- (a) What was the location travelled to?
 - (b) What was the purpose of the trip?
 - (c) Was it travel by air in economy, premium economy, business, or first class?
 - (d) What were the costs for:
 - i. Ground transport (including taxis, shuttle busses, hire cares, and rideshare services)?
 - ii. Airfares?
 - iii. Luggage?
 - iv. Accommodation?
 - v. Total cost of the overseas trip?

Answer

I am advised:

Information about this trip is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website (https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2023/BN23-00266_Regional-Rail-Project_Overseas-travel_Post-travel-report_Spain-17-25-June-2023.pdf).

24. In relation to overseas travel by Transport for NSW Officials since 7 June 2023:
- (a) How many requests have been submitted?

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- (b) How many requests have been approved?
- (c) In relation to question 2, if travel was approved:
- (d) What was the location travelled to?
- (e) What was the purpose of the trip?
- (f) Was it travel by air in economy, premium economy, business, or first class?
- (g) What were the costs for:
 - i. Airfares?
 - ii. Luggage?
 - iii. Accommodation?
 - iv. Total cost of the overseas trip?

Answer

I am advised:

All overseas travel undertaken by Transport for NSW officials are reported in a post travel report which is published on the Transport for NSW website (<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/overseas-travel>). Details relating to the purpose and nature of travel are included.

25. In relation to the Strategic Infrastructure Review of the State's infrastructure capital program:
- (a) Who is conducting the review?
 - (b) What is the total cost of the review?
 - (c) How many staff from Transport for NSW are actively assisting the review?
 - (d) Will the findings of the review be made public?

Answer

I am advised:

The Strategic Infrastructure Review was conducted by Mr Ken Kanofski and supported by Infrastructure NSW. www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/treasurer-announces-september-budget
www.infrastructure.nsw.gov.au/expert-advice/strategic-infrastructure-review-announced/

A summary of the Review's findings is available in NSW 2023-2024 Budget Paper No.3, Chapter 1.2 page 1-9. www.budget.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-09/2023-24_01_Budget-Paper-No-3-Infrastructure-Statement_infrastructure-statement.pdf

26. In relation to the Urban Road Fund review:
- (a) Who is conducting the review?
 - (b) What is the total cost of the review?
 - (c) How many staff from Transport for NSW are actively assisting the review?
 - (d) Will the findings of the review be made public?

Answer

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I am advised:

There is no Urban Roads Fund review taking place. <https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/targeted-road-improvements-across-sydney>

27. With regard to the Urban Road Fund:

- (a) What is the estimated number of projects that will receive funding via the Fund?
- (b) What is the maximum amount that any individual project will receive via the Fund?
- (c) What is the minimum amount that any individual project will receive via the Fund?
- (d) What is the assessment criteria for determining what projects will receive funding and the amount of funding received via the Fund?

Answer

I am advised:

Information about the Urban Roads Fund is publicly available. <https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/targeted-road-improvements-across-sydney>

28. When do you anticipate Transport for NSW will finalise a plan for bus priority on Parramatta Road?

Answer

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Transport.

29. Why will the Government not proceed with a proposed extension of clearways between Kyeemagh and Sans Souci?

Answer

I am advised:

The NSW Government committed during the election campaign to not proceed with the proposal to extend clearways between Kyeemagh and Sans Souci. Transport for NSW is looking at options to alleviate traffic congestion while maintaining access to businesses and local amenities.

30. Can the Minister advise when the full business cases for WestConnex and NorthConnex will be released?

Answer

I am advised:

I refer to the response to LC 368.

31. When will the financial model for the Western Harbour Tunnel be released?

Answer

I refer to the answer provided to QoN LC 210.

32. When will the financial model for the M6 Stage 1 be released?

Answer

I refer to the answer provided to QoN LC 212.

33. Does the Minister charge tax-payers when he uses toll roads in his capacity as Minister for Roads?

Answer

I refer to the answer provided to QoN LC 213.

34. Can the Minister please outline what investigations are undertaken by Transport for NSW to understand ecological, topographical, hydrological, geological and other constraints when identifying potential corridors for future motorways?

Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW's priority is completing and getting more capacity and efficiency out of the Sydney motorway network, while ensuring seamless integration with the arterial network.

Generally, a broad study area through which the future motorway corridor will need to pass is identified. This study area is consistent with the strategic planning principles which underline the need to link key strategically important areas with a motorway corridor.

A number of specialist studies are also carried out to evaluate constraints and opportunities within the study area which leads to a list of possible options for the corridor.

35. What is the usual procedure for community consultation by Transport for NSW on alignment options for potential future expansion to the motorway network?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

36. Can the Minister advise if the Government has any plans to expand Sydney's motorway network?

Answer

Refer to my answer to LC 216.

37. Can the Minister advise when the Government intends to release the WestConnex base-case financial model?

Answer

I am advised:

The Minns Government is committed to greater transparency, and we are working with the government departments and Transurban on the release of information to the public.

38. With regard to the independent review of tolling, can the Minister advise:

- (a) When the review will be completed?
- (b) When will the interim report be made public?
- (c) When will the findings of the review be made public?

39. With regard to the independent review of tolling:

- (a) How is "fairness and equity" defined as a term of reference?
- (b) What is considered to be an equitable and fair price for a toll road user to pay when traveling between:
 - i. Penrith Local Government Area and the City of Sydney LGA?
 - ii. Blacktown Local Government Area and the City of Sydney LGA?
 - iii. Canterbury-Bankstown Local Government Area and the City of Sydney LGA?
 - iv. Liverpool Local Government Area and the City of Sydney LGA?
 - v. The Hills Shire Local Government Area and the City of Sydney LGA?
 - vi. Hornsby Local Government Area and the City of Sydney LGA?

Answer

38.

I am advised:

This information is available on the NSW Treasury website.

39.

I am advised:

Refer to my answer to LC 219.

40. With regard to the Western Harbour Tunnel:

- (a) Will the tunnel be tolled?
- (b) What will be the toll?

- (c) Will it be tolled each way?

Answer

I am advised:

The former NSW Government announced the Western Harbour Tunnel will be tolled. The Environmental Impact Statement for the Western Harbour Tunnel includes both northbound and southbound gantries, assuming future tolling.

Recommendations for future tolling will be an outcome of the Tolling Review.

41. Can the Minister please advise how many e-toll accounts spent over \$60 per week in the following months:
- (a) May 2023
 - (b) June 2023
 - (c) July 2023
 - (d) August 2023
 - (e) September 2023
 - (f) October 2023

Answer

I am advised:

- (a) 42,091 accounts
- (b) 39,126 accounts
- (c) 37,440 accounts
- (d) 42,024 accounts
- (e) 39,739 accounts
- (f) 38,860 accounts

42. Can the Minister please advise how many e-toll tags spent over \$60 per week in the following months:
- (a) May 2023
 - (b) June 2023
 - (c) July 2023
 - (d) August 2023
 - (e) September 2023
 - (f) October 2023"

Answer

I am advised:

- (a) 33,611 tags
- (b) 30,634 tags
- (c) 28,919 tags
- (d) 33,698 tags

- (e) 31,221 tags
(f) 30,465 tags

43. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy?

Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is continuing to work with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment and relevant councils involved in the implementation of Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy, to ensure the draft master plans and planning proposals support the future delivery of transport infrastructure along and adjoining the Parramatta Road Corridor.

44. Can the Minister please provide an update on the B34 assessment for the section of Parramatta Road between Haberfield and Burwood, including bus priority initiatives

Answer

In 2022, an investigation was undertaken into dedicating two lanes of Parramatta Road to public transport priority or a suitable alternative, Conditions of Approval B34.

Transport for NSW will be implementing several initiatives to improve public transport Parramatta Road. This includes new kerbside T3 Transit Lanes between Burwood and Haberfield expected to be delivered by early 2024. Transport will also deliver new bus lanes in both directions between Bland Street and the WestConnex tunnel portals in Ashfield, and a bus lane westbound between Norton Street and West Street.

45. Can the Minister please advise why the Government has decided to not proceed with the proposal to extend clearways between Kyeemagh and Sans Souci?

Answer

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 29.

46. Can the Minister advise, since 28 March 2023, how many times has she met with officials or members of any union affiliated with Unions NSW?

Answer

Ministers' diary disclosures are publicly available.

47. Can the Minister advise, since 28 March 2023, how many times he has met with officials or members of the Rail, Tram and Bus Union?

Answer

Ministers' diary disclosures are publicly available.

48. Can the Minister advise, since 28 March 2023, how many times has he met with officials or members of the Transport Workers Union?

Answer

Ministers' diary disclosures are publicly available.

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49. Can the Minister advise, how many times he has met with his Parliamentary Secretary?

Answer

Ministers' diary disclosures are publicly available.

50. Can the Minister please provide an update on the review of the application of speed zones at work sites?

Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW guidelines and frameworks emphasise the importance of restoring speeds to the sign-posted limits once daily work is completed and when it is safe to do so.

Transport for NSW is partnering with industry bodies to support the trial and approval of innovative temporary traffic management devices and solutions. A recent trial on a new type of signage with variable speed limits capability, has been successfully completed in regional NSW, with a view to implementation across the state.

51. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Berry's Bay project?

Answer

I am advised:

Information regarding Berrys Bay is publicly available. (<https://caportal.com.au/tfnsw/berrys-bay>)

52. Can the Minister please advise whether he supports the compulsory acquisition process?

Answer

I am advised:

From time to time, Transport for NSW may need to acquire privately owned land and/or properties as part of developing or upgrading infrastructure.

Transport for NSW makes every possible effort to avoid the need to acquire private land and property. However, in some cases, there is no alternative but to purchase land and/or properties to allow for construction of a project.

Transport for NSW seeks to complete all property acquisitions by negotiated agreement rather than through compulsory acquisition. The priority is to work with affected landowners to reach a fair and equitable outcome.

53. Can the Minister please provide an update on the number of owners of private properties that are currently in negotiation with Transport for NSW?

Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is currently negotiating with a number of property owners to acquire private properties.

54. Can the Minister please provide an update on how many unrestricted driver licence holders currently have the following number of demerit points:

(a) 12 points?

(b) 11 points?

(c) 10 points?

(d) 9 points?

(e) 8 points?

(f) 7 points?

(g) 6 points?

(h) 5 points?

Answer

I am advised:

The NSW Government is continuing to implement its demerit point reduction trial to give drivers who do the right thing the chance to shed a demerit point sooner.

It is expected to take about three months to finalise offences, so eligible drivers will start seeing one demerit point removed from mid-April 2024.

Further information around eligibility is publicly available.

55. Can the Minister please advise how many people in NSW currently hold the following:

(a) Car licenses, in total and broken down by those:

i. Without attached conditions or restrictions

ii. With the condition to only drive a motor vehicle fitted with an automatic transmission

iii. With the condition of wearing corrective lenses at all times while driving

iv. With the condition of not driving with a breath or blood alcohol concentration of 0.02 grams or more of alcohol in 210 litres of breath, or 100 millilitres of blood

v. With the learner driver licence

vi. With the P1 licence

vii. With the P2 licence

(b) Rider licence, in total and broken down by:

i. Learner licence

- ii. P1 licence
- iii. P2 licence
- iv. Full licence
- v. Light Rigid Licence
- vi. Medium Rigid licence
- vii. Heavy Rigid licence
- viii. Heavy Combination licence
- ix. Multi Combination licence

Answer

I am advised:

(a) Conditions are applied to driver licences for a number of reasons including medical reasons, provisional driving when a driver is on the pathway to getting their full licence, point to point passenger driver requirements such as alcohol and drug limits or other legal requirements such as driving a certain vehicle type or using an alcohol interlock device.

Further information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

(b) This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

56. With regard to heavy vehicle licences, can the Minister please advise:

- (a) How many heavy vehicle licences have been granted in 2023, in total and broken down by:
 - i. Light Rigid
 - ii. Medium Rigid
 - iii. Heavy Rigid
 - iv. Heavy Combination
 - v. Multi Combination
- (b) How many people have completed the Heavy Vehicle Competency Based Assessment in 2023
 - i. How many of these people passed the test
 - ii. The average pass rate for the HVCBA
 - iii. On average how many times applicants complete the HVCBA before passing
- (c) How many people have completed the heavy vehicle driving test in 2023
 - i. How many of these people passed the test
 - ii. The average pass rate for the test
 - iii. On average how many times applicants complete the test before passing

Answer

(a) This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

(b) i. From 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, 25,780 competency tests and final competency assessments were carried out. The competency assessments had a 98 per cent average pass rate during this period.

Data in relation to the number of attempts by a person is not available.

(c) This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

57. Does the Minister support distance based tolling?

Answer

The NSW Government has appointed Professor Allan Fels AO to lead an Independent Review of Tolling. The review will consider the structure and level of tolls for the future including efficiency, fairness, simplicity and transparency. The final review report will be publicly released in 2024.

Further information about the review is available on the NSW Treasury website.

58. Can the Minister please provide an update on the legislative review of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 and the Government's position on an introduction of a "reinstatement" approach to the calculation of "market value"?

Answer

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Lands and Property.

59. Can the Minister advise whether the Government will commit to funding Section B and Section C of the M6 Extension?

Answer

I am advised:

Information about the future stages of the M6 Extension is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website (<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/m6-stage-1>).

60. Can the Minister provide an update on the status of the upgrade to Mulgoa Road – Blaikie Road to Union Road Stages 5A and 5B is?

Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is currently considering the outcomes of the Australian Government's Independent Strategic Review to determine next steps and any impacts on future funding allocations for the NSW Government's infrastructure pipeline.

61. Can the Minister provide an update on the status of the Mona Vale Road, McCarrs Creek Road to Powder Works Road upgrade is?

Answer

I am advised:

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I refer you to the response on page 63 of the hearing transcript.

62. Can the Minister provide an update on the Wakehurst Parkway upgrade

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

63. Can the Minister provide an update on the status of the Urban Roads Pinch Point Program?

Answer

I am advised:

Information about the delivered pinch point projects under the program is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website (<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/300-million-urban-roads-pinch-point-program-pinch-point-programs-easing>).

64. Can the Minister provide an update on the status of the Parramatta Congestion Improvement Program?

Answer

I am advised:

Information is available on the Transport for NSW website (<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/parramatta-congestion-improvement-program-pinch-point-programs-easing>).

65. Can the Minister provide an update on the status of the Shovel Ready Infrastructure Investment Program, including the following projects:

- (a) Kingsford to Centennial Park walking & cycling
- (b) Bondi Junction Cycleway & Streetscape Upgrade
- (c) Pagewood – Wentworth Avenue and Baker Street Intersection Upgrade
- (d) Ryde – Devlin Street, Blaxland Road and Parkes Street Intersection Upgrade

- (e) Macquarie Park – Herring Road Improvements
- (f) Macquarie Park – Lane Cove Road and Waterloo Road Intersection Upgrade
- (g) Castle Hill – Showground Road and Carrington Road Intersection Upgrade
- (h) Turrumurra - Pacific Highway and Finlay Road Intersection Upgrade"

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

66. Can the Minister provide an update on the proposed upgrade to New Line Road over Pyes Creek?

Answer

I am advised:

Information about the New Line Road Project is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website (<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/new-line-road>).

67. Can the Minister provide an update on the widening of Epping Station Bridge?

Answer

I am advised:

Information about the Epping Station Bridge is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website (<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/epping-bridge-project>).

68. Can the Minister provide an update on the status of a new Towards Zero Safer Roads Program?

Answer

I am advised:

Information on the Safer Roads Program is available on the Towards Zero website (<https://towardszero.nsw.gov.au/safesystem/safe-roads>).

69. What is the Minister's plan to Integrate road safety assessment, safety features and requirements into broader transport infrastructure planning and delivery to ensure early and ongoing assessment and management of road safety risks?

Answer

I am advised:

The updated NSW Speed Zoning Standard was released in July 2023 and provides guidance on reviewing all speed zones, from 10 km/h through to 110 km/h, to enable the application and setting of safe and appropriate speed limits.

Safe System Principles are being embedded into key project lifecycle stages to provide road safety engineering assurance into major projects.

Transport for NSW is also developing a range of new and innovative road safety infrastructure treatments to transform the safety of the road network. These treatments will provide technical assurance in the

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form of standards, technical directions and supplements.

70. Can the Minister provide an update on the development of a new online Towards Zero Collaboration Hub?

Answer

I am advised:

A priority action of the 2026 Road Safety Action Plan is to deliver a new online Towards Zero Collaboration Hub to build capability and knowledge transfer among councils, enhance local leadership to deliver safety outcomes and facilitate local community action.

Stage one of the Towards Zero Collaboration Hub was delivered in September 2022, and the delivery of stage two is expected to be available in early 2024.

71. Can the Minister provide an update on the implementation of a Towards Zero Ambassador Program?

Answer

I am advised:

An action in the 2026 Road Safety Action Plan under the priority area 'Enhancing road safety in local communities' is to implement a Towards Zero Ambassador Program by the end of 2026.

A key priority of the program is to encourage local council leaders to be safety champions in their local communities and encourage local leadership in road safety.

72. Can the Minister provide an update on the review and expansion of the Local Government Road Safety Program?

Answer

I am advised:

The 2026 Road Safety Action Plan contains an action to expand the Local Government Road Safety Program to ensure every council has access to a Road Safety Officer to better resource their road safety planning and integration in their local communities.

73. In relation to Road Safety Officers:

- (a) What portion of Councils in NSW have access to a Road Safety Officer?
- (b) How many Councils do Road Safety Officers service on average?
- (c) Are Road Safety Officers employed directly by Councils?
 - i. If not, what are their employment arrangements?
- (d) What are the NSW Government's targets in relation to expanding access to Road Safety Officers by Councils?
- (e) What procedures are in place to measure the success of Road Safety Officers in facilitating better road safety planning and integration?

Answer

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I am advised:

(a) (b) Of the 128 local government areas in NSW, 83 currently participate in the program, with 2 councils using project only funding. The remaining 81 employ 74 Road Safety Officers, noting some councils share one officer.

(c) Yes.

(d) The NSW Government has committed to expanding the Local Government Road Safety Program to ensure every council has access to a Road Safety Officer.

(e) All participating councils in the Local Government Road Safety Program are required to complete Local Road Safety Action Plans. Transport for NSW reviews the Local Road Safety Action Plans to ensure that the Road Safety Officer projects submitted align with the problems defined in the Action Plan.

The Action Plans are also used to approve project funding requests, with Transport for NSW reviewing the Action Plan and nominated projects to ensure they are appropriate and consistent with program guidelines.

74. Can the Minister provide an update on the development of a new online NSW Road Safety Education Centre?

Answer

The 2026 Road Safety Action Plan contains an action to deliver a new digital NSW Road Safety Education Centre to improve access to coordinated information and resources for all road users at different life stages.

The development of an education framework to guide the development of effective and innovative road safety learning resources and experiences is nearing completion. The digital build is expected to commence early 2024 with an expected public launch in 2025.

75. Can the Minister provide an update on the development of a new Online Learner Licence Education and Testing Platform?

76. Can the Minister provide an update on the status of an expansion to the Driver Licensing Access Program?

Answer

75. An update on the Road Safety Action Plan actions is available on the Transport for NSW website: https://towardszero.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-05/TNSW10046-Road-Safety-Action-Plan-2026_1.pdf

76. An update on the Road Safety Action Plan actions is available on the Transport for NSW website: https://towardszero.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-05/TNSW10046-Road-Safety-Action-Plan-2026_1.pdf

77. In relation to the NSW Road Trauma Support Group:
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- (a) What support does the NSW Government currently provide to the Group?
- (b) What is the Government's plan for engaging with the Group moving forward?

Answer

I am advised:

- (a) Transport for NSW funds the Road Trauma Support Group NSW and meets bi-monthly with the group. Transport for NSW also supports the group with information and advice around road trauma.
- (b) The NSW Government has committed to funding the Road Trauma Support Group for the five years to 2026.

78. Can the Minister provide an update on the development of a trial program to equip low-cost technologies such as lane departure and collision warning systems to vehicles used by younger, older and regional drivers?

Answer

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister of Regional Transport and Roads.

79. Can the Minister provide an update on the development of a vehicle renewal program that provides former fleet vehicles from Government and corporate partners to younger and disadvantaged drivers to increase their use of safer vehicles?
80. What is the Minister's plan to strengthen the NSW Government Fleet Policy to extend safety requirements to Government contractors?

Answer

I am advised:

79. This information is publicly available in the NSW Road Safety Progress Report.

80. Currently, the NSW Government Motor Vehicle Pre-qualification Scheme applies to NSW Government fleet vehicles and specifies mandatory safety features for light and heavy vehicles, above those required for registration.

A priority of the 2026 Road Safety Action Plan is for Transport for NSW to introduce minimum safety standards for government contracts, and work has commenced to explore this further. Transport for NSW has also developed a proposal for a new standard seeking to increase safety requirements for contractor vehicles.

81. Can the Minister provide an update on the development of a new heavy vehicle safety strategy?

Answer

I am advised:

The development of a new heavy vehicle safety strategy is a key priority identified in the 2026 Road Safety Action Plan.

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Information around heavy vehicle road safety initiatives is available on the Transport for NSW website.

82. Can the Minister provide an update on the establishment of a Drug and Alcohol Road Safety Advisory Group?

Answer

I am advised:

The Advisory Group was established in June 2022.

83. Can the Minister provide an update on the development of a new Automated Enforcement Strategy to complement Police enforcement?

Answer

I am advised:

The Strategy was published in September 2022.

84. Can the Minister provide an update on the expansion of the use of approved mobile phone detection cameras to enforce seatbelt laws?

Answer

I am advised:

In October 2023, the NSW Government announced that it will add seatbelt compliance to the work of the existing mobile phone detection camera network.

Transport for NSW's existing suite of mobile phone detection cameras are expected to start detecting seatbelt non-compliance in about six months after the new laws are introduced. NSW Police will continue on-road enforcement of seatbelt offences.

85. Can the Minister provide an update on the status of reforms to post-crash drug and alcohol testing, to include drivers involved in crashes that cause grievous bodily harm?

Answer

I am advised:

Timing of the delivery of these initiatives is subject to Whole of Government processes and legislative change.

86. Can the Minister provide an update on the status of legislative changes to enable blood and urine testing, and analysis of drugs and alcohol, of all bicyclists involved in fatal crashes?

Answer

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 85.

87. Can the Minister provide an update on enhancements to the Motorcycle Graduated Licensing Scheme?

Answer

I am advised:

An update on the Road Safety Action Plan actions is available on the Transport for NSW website.

88. What is the Minister's plan to strengthen road safety information and campaigns to educate all road user groups about their road safety responsibilities, safe passing distance rules, and how to better manage risks that can lead to casualty crashes in NSW?

Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW delivers an annual integrated road safety communications program, and coordinates stakeholder engagement, partnerships, sponsorships and grants to educate road user groups on a variety of safe road behaviours and responsibilities.

Further, actions in the 2026 Road Safety Action Plan include a new digital NSW Road Safety Education Centre and a new online Towards Zero Collaboration Hub.

89. What is the Minister's plan to implement new and enhanced education programs for drink and drug driving offenders, to reduce reoffending and build on recent reforms to strengthen drink and drug driving penalties?

Answer

I am advised:

The 2026 Road Safety Action Plan includes an education program for drink and drug driving offenders.

90. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Government's commitment to upgrade Fifteenth Avenue Austral?

Answer

I am advised:

I refer you to the response for LC 934.

91. Can the Minister provide timelines for projects included in the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package?

Answer

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

92. Can the Minister explain how the Government plans to strengthen the regional transport network's capacity to withstand natural disasters?

Answer

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

93. Can the Minister please provide an update on the NSW Government's policy to mandate toll operators to issue consolidated toll notices to any road users commencing in 2023-24, including:
- (a) When this policy will be implemented?
 - (b) What is the cost of this policy?

Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is currently exploring existing systems capability to implement interim measures to achieve consolidated toll notices within the existing budget.

Transport for NSW are in parallel developing more sustainable and long-term measures.

94. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Hume Highway Traffic improvements from Villawood to Strathfield South?

Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is continually reviewing and investigating opportunities to maximise the use of state road assets to move people, goods and services whilst balancing local needs, to improve road safety and improve the reliability and efficiency of our networks for all users.

95. Can the Minister please advise what measures are being considered to better manage traffic volumes and parking needs on the Barrenjoey, Pittwater and Manly roads corridor between Mona Vale and The Spit?

Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is continually reviewing and investigating opportunities to maximise the use of state road assets to move people, goods and services whilst balancing local needs, to improve road safety and improve the reliability and efficiency of our networks for all users.

96. Can the Minister please provide an update on the clearways engagement for Pittwater Road, Collaroy?

Answer

I am advised:

There is no current proposal to amend the existing clearways on Pittwater Road at Collaroy.

97. Can the Minister please provide an update on the investigation of clearways for Eastern Valley Way and *Special Minister of State, Roads, Arts, Music and the Night-time Economy, Jobs and Tourism*

Clive Street, between Babbage Road, Roseville Chase and Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge?

Answer

I am advised:

There is no current proposal or investigation to amend the existing clearways on Eastern Valley Way and Clive Street between Babbage Road at Roseville Chase and Sailors Bay Road at Northbridge.

98. Can the Minister please provide an update on the clearways engagement for Condamine Street, Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation and Manly Road - Brookvale to The Spit?

Answer

I am advised:

There is no current proposal to amend the existing clearways on Condamine Street, Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation and Manly Road - Brookvale to The Spit.

99. With regard to the Transport for NSW review of ambient air quality around road tunnels announced on 21 June 2023, will the Government install filtration systems on WestConnex?

Answer

I am advised:

I have requested the NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer lead to review findings and recommendations of Tunnel Air Quality studies and reports on the human health effects of traffic-related air pollution. The Review will consider recent monitoring data on operating road tunnels in Greater Sydney. The terms of reference and details of the Advisory Committee on Tunnel Air Quality is publicly available here:

<https://www.chiefscientist.nsw.gov.au/independent-reports/tunnel-air-quality>.

The review will provide scientific and technical advice about the potential benefits of installing filtration and air treatment systems in NSW road tunnels.

100. On 23 June 2023, the Minister for Transport said that the Government will work with residents “to ensure that the issues around air quality and WestConnex are well managed”. Can the Minister advise:

(a) Does he agree with this statement?

(b) If so:

i. Does this include installing air filtration on exhaust stacks for tunnel projects?

ii. What other steps will the Minister take to ensure air quality?

iii. Does the Minister believe air filtration is required for tunnel projects like WestConnex

Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW recognises air quality around motorways is a key community concern and is committed to the health and safety of all road users and surrounding communities.

The NSW Government has requested the independent NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer to review the reports relating to road tunnel air quality and any potential benefits of filtration. This will also include an independent

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review of air quality monitoring from operating motorway tunnels across the network and investigate the impact on ambient air quality.

101. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Menangle Road Upgrade?

- (a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW and Department of Planning and Environment websites.

102. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Dora Creek Main Road intersection upgrade?

Answer

I am advised:

This a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

103. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Badgerys Creek and Bringelly road upgrade projects?

- (a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

- (a) The budget allocation is detailed in Budget Paper No.3 - Infrastructure Statement -Budget 2023-24.

104. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Princes Highway and Canal Road - Tidal flow improvements project?

- (a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

- (a) A total of \$0.6 million has been allocated for 2023-24.

105. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Sydney Airport Road upgrade?

- (a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 190.

- (a) The budget allocation is detailed in Budget Paper No.3 - Infrastructure Statement -Budget 2023-24.

106. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Coffs Harbour Bypass project?

- (a) For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

107. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Newell Highway upgrade?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

108. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Road Network Corridor Planning project?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

109. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Oxley Highway Corridor Strategy?
- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

110. Can the Minister please provide an update on the King Georges Road, Beverly Hills to Blakehurst project?
- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This information publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

- i. The budget allocation is detailed in Budget Paper No.3 - Infrastructure Statement - Budget 2023-24.

111. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Kings Highway Road Safety Review?
- For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

112. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Longueville slipway demolition?
- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This a matter for the Minister for Transport.

113. Can the Minister please provide an update on the proposed improvements between Picton Road & Bulli Tops - M1 Princes Motorway projects?
- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has completed early planning work for this project and is reviewing next steps.

114. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Mount Ousley interchange project?
- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

- i. The budget allocation is detailed in Budget Paper No.3 - Infrastructure Statement - Budget 2023-24.

115. Can the Minister please provide an update on the M5 Motorway Westbound Traffic Upgrade?
- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

- i. The budget allocation is detailed in Budget Paper No.3 - Infrastructure Statement - Budget 2023-24.

116. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Mamre Road upgrade:
- (a) Between Erskine Park Road, Erskine Park and Kerrs Road, Kemps Creek?
- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?
- (b) Between the M4 Motorway, St Clair and Erskine Park Road, Erskine Park
- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

Budget allocation is detailed in Budget Paper No.3 - Infrastructure Statement - Budget 2023-24 and on the Transport for NSW website.

117. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Waterfall Way upgrade from the Pacific Highway at Raleigh to Armidale?
- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

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118. Can the Minister please provide an update on the upgrade of Manns Road between Stockyard Place, West Gosford and Narara Creek Road, Narara?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

119. Can the Minister please provide an update on the bushfire resilience works along highways across NSW?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

120. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Henry Lawson Drive Upgrade?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

- i. The budget allocation is detailed in Budget Paper No.3 - Infrastructure Statement - Budget 2023-24.

121. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Barrington Bridge upgrade?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

122. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Heathcote Road - The Avenue to Princes Highway project?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

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The Final Business Case for this section of Heathcote Road is currently being developed.

i. The budget allocation is detailed in Budget Paper No.3 - Infrastructure Statement -Budget 2023-24.

123. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Heathcote Road, Infantry Parade, Hammondville to The Avenue, Voyager Point project?

i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

i. The budget allocation is detailed in Budget Paper No.3 - Infrastructure Statement - Budget 2023-24.

124. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Homebush Bay Drive Upgrade?

i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

i. The budget allocation is detailed in Budget Paper No.3 - Infrastructure Statement -Budget 2023-24.

125. Can the Minister please provide an update on the King Georges Road, Stoney Creek Road to Connells Point Road project?

i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

i. The budget allocation is detailed in Budget Paper No.3 - Infrastructure Statement - Budget 2023-24.

126. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Mona Vale Road, McCarrs Creek Road To Powder Works Road project?

i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

I refer you to the response given by Mr Murray in the hearing.

127. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Wakehurst Parkway improvements?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 62.

- i. The budget allocation is detailed in Budget Paper No.3 - Infrastructure Statement -Budget 2023-24.

128. Can the Minister please provide an update on the proposed Katoomba to Blackheath Upgrade?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

129. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Kelso to Raglan Upgrade?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

130. Can the Minister please provide an update on the New England Highway, Muswellbrook Bypass?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

131. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Newell and Oxley Highway Intersection Upgrade?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

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Answer

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

132. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Forbes Iron Bridge Upgrade?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

133. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Hargraves Lane and Federation St Upgrade, Gilgandra (Heavy Vehicle bypass)?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

134. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Silver City and Cobb Highway upgrade program?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

135. Can the Minister please provide an update on the M4 Smart Motorway project?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

136. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Warringah Freeway Upgrade?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

- i. The budget allocation is detailed in Budget Paper No.3 - Infrastructure Statement - Budget 2023-24.

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137. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Western Harbour Tunnel?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

- i. The budget allocation is detailed in Budget Paper No.3 - Infrastructure Statement - Budget 2023-24.

138. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Appin Road Improvements?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

- i. The budget allocation is detailed in Budget Paper No.3 - Infrastructure Statement - Budget 2023-24 and the Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication and the Arts website.

139. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Memorial Avenue, Old Windsor Road to Windsor Road project?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

- i. The budget allocation is detailed in Budget Paper No.3 - Infrastructure Statement - Budget 2023-24.

140. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Spring Farm Parkway Stage 1?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

- i. The budget allocation is detailed in Budget Paper No.3 - Infrastructure Statement - Budget 2023-24.

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141. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Horsley Drive Upgrade?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

- i. The budget allocation is detailed in Budget Paper No.3 - Infrastructure Statement - Budget 2023-24.

142. Can the Minister please provide an update on the M12 Motorway?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

- i. The budget allocation is detailed in Budget Paper No.3 - Infrastructure Statement - Budget 2023-24.

143. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Great Western Highway upgrade?

- i. For this financial year (2023-24) and the next three financial years, what is the budget allocation?

Answer

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

144. Can the Minister please advise when they or the Transport for NSW last corresponded with the Commonwealth Government regarding the M6 project, including to discuss funding contributions?

Answer

I am advised:

The M6 Stage 1 is a NSW Government project which is approved and in delivery.

The NSW Government has not corresponded with the Australian Government regarding the M6 Stage 1 project.

145. Can the Minister please advise when they or the Transport for NSW last corresponded with the Commonwealth Government regarding the Sydney Gateway project, including to discuss funding contributions?

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Answer

I am advised:

Although Sydney Gateway is a NSW Government funded project, parts of the project are on Commonwealth land. For this reason, the project has regular and ongoing communication with the relevant Commonwealth agencies.

146. Can the Minister please advise when they or the Transport for NSW last corresponded with the Commonwealth Government regarding the Western Harbour Tunnel, including to discuss funding contributions?

Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW last corresponded with the Australian Government around the Western Harbour Tunnel in February 2022.

The project is fully funded by the NSW Government and in delivery.

147. Can the Minister please advise when they or the Transport for NSW last corresponded with the Commonwealth Government regarding the M12 and M7 upgrades, including to discuss funding contributions?

Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW provides monthly progress reports and meets regularly with Australian Government representatives to discuss the M12 Motorway project and M7-M12 Integration Project.

148. Can the Minister please advise when they or the Transport for NSW last corresponded with the Commonwealth Government regarding the Great Western Highway upgrade, including to discuss funding contributions?

Answer

The last meeting between Transport for NSW and the Commonwealth Government was in June 2023 during the Project Deep Dive which formed part of the Federal Infrastructure Review.

149. Can the Minister please advise how many cases of companies being non-compliant with construction guidelines and safety legislation have been referred to Transport for NSW and/or the Minister by Government agencies and other entities for their consideration since 28 March 2023?

Answer

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Industrial Relations.

150. Can the Minister please advise how many sanctions have been issued by Transport for NSW or the

Minister against companies that have breached safety legislation or engaged in industrial non-compliance during Government roads projects since 28 March 2023?

- (a) What companies are they?
- (b) What projects they were working on in which they were sanctioned for?
- (c) Which of those companies are currently working on other Government projects?
- (d) What other projects are they currently working on?

Answer

I am advised:
This is a matter for the Minister for Industrial Relations.

151. Can the Minister please advise what was the nature of any sanctions placed on non-compliant contractors on Government roads projects since 28 March 2023?

Answer

I am advised:
This is a matter for the Minister for Industrial Relations.

152. Can the Minister please advise how the Government ensures that it's Building and Construction Industry guidelines are applied in roads projects?

Answer

I am advised:
Transport for NSW ensures compliance with guidelines is applied through its contracting arrangements with delivery partners and other third-party suppliers through the inclusion of clauses setting out requirements of and requiring compliance with the *NSW Industrial Relations Guidelines: Building and Construction Procurement* (NSW Guidelines) in standard contracts for building and construction work.

Tenderers are required to complete a declaration of compliance with the NSW Guidelines as part of standard tender documentation and processes.

153. Can the Minister please advise what consequences arise when contractors are found not to comply with the Government's Building and Construction Industry guidelines when working on roads projects?

Answer

I am advised:
This is a matter for the Minister for Industrial Relations.

154. Can the Minister please advise of their position on a proposed high line walkway along the Cahill Expressway?

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Answer

I am advised:

In line with its election commitment, the NSW Government is not proceeding with the Cahill Expressway highline component of the Circular Quay Renewal.

155. Can the Minister please advise how much it cost to produce the animated videos showing motorists how to navigate the Rozelle Interchange?

Answer

I am advised:

The cost of the visualisations is included in the overall project cost.

156. Can the Minister please provide an update on the testing of incident response, ventilation, and IT systems for Rozelle Interchange?

Answer

I am advised:

The cost of the visualisations is included in the overall project cost.

157. Can the Minister please provide an update on the operation of the Crescent overpass since it opened on Tuesday 7 November, including the number of users?

Answer

I am advised:

Initial assessments indicate between 9000 and 10,000 cars are using the overpass daily.

158. Can the Minister please provide an update on the widening and duplication works on Garfield Road East, Riverstone?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

159. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Pitt Town Bypass flood upgrade?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

160. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Richmond Road flood upgrade?

Answer

I am advised:

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This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

161. Can the Minister please provide an update on the flood upgrade to The Driftway Roundabout at Londonderry?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

162. Can the Minister please provide an update on the flood upgrade to Hill Road at Olympic Park?

Answer

I am advised:

City of Parramatta's draft masterplan for Hill Road identified tidal waters of the Parramatta River and stormwater surcharge can temporarily flood Hill Road.

City of Parramatta is consulting on a Parramatta River flood study and have identified Hill Road falls within the Probable Maximum flood area (noting the Wentworth Point area is outside the current flood study area).

Transport for NSW will continue to work with City of Parramatta to determine the proposed scope of any flood mitigation solutions, costs and timing of any work.

163. Can the Minister please advise what the timeline is for the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley Road Resilience Program?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

164. Can the Minister please provide an update on the development of a regional evacuation model to identify flood evacuation capacity requirements for different areas in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley?

Answer

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and the Minister for Emergency Services.

165. Can the Minister please provide an update on the development of Regional Evacuation Road Guidelines that identify the flood evacuation road network design requirements for the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley?

Answer

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I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

166. Can the Minister please advise how many tunnel over-height breaches there have been since April 2023, broken down by:

(a) week?

(b) location?

Answer

I am advised:

Since April 2023, there have been 33 confirmed over-height vehicle breaches on approach to/within tunnels across NSW:

Week	Number	Location(s)
1 May to 7 May 2023	1	Lane Cove Tunnel
8 May to 14 May 2023	1	General Holmes Drive Airport Tunnel
22 May to 28 May 2023	1	Sydney Harbour Tunnel
29 May to 4 June 2023	3	1. M5 East Tunnel 2. General Holmes Drive Airport Tunnel 3. Sydney Harbour Tunnel
5 June to 11 June 2023	2	1. Sydney Harbour Tunnel 2. Sydney Harbour Tunnel
12 June to 18 June 2023	2	1. Cooks River Tunnel 2. General Holmes Drive Airport Tunnel
19 June to 25 June 2023	1	Tugun Bypass Tunnel
26 June to 2 July 2023	4	1. Sydney Harbour Tunnel 2. Sydney Harbour Tunnel 3. General Holmes Drive Airport Tunnel 4. Cooks River Tunnel
3 July to 9 July 2023	1	Sydney Harbour Tunnel
10 July to 16 July 2023	2	1. Lane Cove Tunnel 2. Domain Tunnel
17 July to 23 July 2023	1	General Holmes Drive Airport Tunnel
31 July to 6 August 2023	1	Sydney Harbour Tunnel
14 August to 20 August 2023	1	Domain Tunnel
28 August to 3 September 2023	1	Sydney Harbour Tunnel
11 September to 17 September 2023	2	1. Sydney Harbour Tunnel 2. General Holmes Drive Airport Tunnel
18 September to 24 September 2023	2	1. M11 NorthConnex Tunnel 2. M5 East Tunnel
25 September to 1 October 2023	3	1. General Holmes Drive Airport Tunnel 2. Domain Tunnel 3. General Holmes Drive Airport Tunnel
2 October to 8 October 2023	2	1. M5 East Tunnel 2. Domain Tunnel
16 October to 22 October 2023	1	Sydney Harbour Tunnel

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23 October to 29 October 2023	1	Sydney Harbour Tunnel	
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167. Can the Minister please advise how many tunnel closures there have been due to over-height breaches since April 2023, broken down by:

- (a) week?
(b) location?

Answer

I am advised:

Since April 2023, there have been 24 tunnel closures across NSW due to confirmed over-height vehicle breaches:

Week	Number	Location(s)
1 May to 7 May 2023	1	Lane Cove Tunnel
8 May to 14 May 2023	1	General Holmes Drive Airport Tunnel
22 May to 28 May 2023	1	Sydney Harbour Tunnel
29 May to 4 June 2023	2	1. M5 East Tunnel 2. Sydney Harbour Tunnel
5 June to 11 June 2023	2	1. Sydney Harbour Tunnel 2. Sydney Harbour Tunnel
12 June to 18 June 2023	2	1. Cooks River Tunnel 2. General Holmes Drive Airport Tunnel
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3 July to 9 July 2023	1	Sydney Harbour Tunnel
10 July to 16 July 2023	1	Lane Cove Tunnel
14 August to 20 August 2023	1	Domain Tunnel
28 August to 3 September 2023	1	Sydney Harbour Tunnel
11 September to 17 September 2023	1	Sydney Harbour Tunnel
18 September to 24 September 2023	2	1. M11 NorthConnex Tunnel 2. M5 East Tunnel
2 October to 8 October 2023	2	1. M5 East Tunnel 2. Domain Tunnel
16 October to 22 October 2023	1	Sydney Harbour Tunnel
23 October to 29 October 2023	1	Sydney Harbour Tunnel

168. Can the Minister please provide an update on Transport for NSW and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator's development of solutions to tunnel over-height breaches?
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Answer

I am advised:

In June 2023, the NSW Government established an Over-height Truck Taskforce (the Taskforce), which is responsible for reducing over-height vehicle incidents in NSW.

The Taskforce is led by Transport for NSW and has representatives from the NSW Police Force, the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR), Road Freight NSW and the Transport Workers' Union. The Taskforce seeks to drive strategies to reduce incidents of over-height breaches, educate truck drivers on load and route management, and improve operational responses to get traffic moving when incidents occur.

Transport for NSW has also sent an education toolkit to the heavy vehicle industry to encourage freight operators and drivers to carry out all preventative measures necessary including covering all loads with a tarp, and ensuring no loads are over height.

The NHVR has engaged and communicated with the heavy vehicle industry via radio interviews and print ads, over-height truck brochures for industry translated into four languages, digital ads and social media campaigns. They have also carried out external communications including trade media columns (Owner Driver and Big Rigs), media releases and newsletters, and through on road engagement with drivers and operators.

Transport for NSW, the NHVR and NSW Police have worked together to streamline processes between the three agencies regarding incidents, investigations and information sharing.

Transport for NSW also regularly communicates requirements with trainers and assessors of the Heavy Vehicle Competency Assessment scheme. The training and assessment of heavy vehicle licence applicants seeks to reduce the risks associated with over height vehicles.

Trainers and assessors are reminded of the importance of correct completion of a pre-operational check and compliance with road rules criteria, and truck load limits such as weight and height. These are critical skills and knowledge which every heavy vehicle driver must demonstrate.

169. Can the Minister please advise what criteria is being used to determine when to adjust the speed limit on WestConnex from 80km/h to 90km/h?

Answer

I am advised:

An environmental planning consistency check is being prepared that will bring together activities already undertaken such as the speed limit review, road design review, road safety review, lighting review and ventilation assessment. It will consider how potential demand changes due to the proposed speed limit change compare with the three WestConnex Environmental Impact Studies predictions and their respective conditions of approval.

Transport for NSW is continuing to work with the motorway operators and other stakeholders to implement the speed limit increase as soon as possible.

170. Can the Minister please provide an update on the plan to use mobile phone detection cameras to

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enforce seatbelt compliance?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

171. With regard to the new fixed speed cameras for The Grand Parade at Brighton-Le-Sands, can the Minister please advise:

- (a) How many incidents of speeding have been recorded by mobile speed cameras on this section of road in 2023?
- (b) How many speeding related accidents have been recorded on this section of road since the use of mobile speed cameras in there?
 - i. How does this compare to the number of accidents prior to the use of mobile speed cameras there?
- (c) By what percentage is it anticipated that on this section of road the new fixed speed cameras will reduce:
 - i. Incidents of speeding?
 - ii. Total number of accidents?
 - iii. Number of accidents involving injury?
 - iv. Number of accidents involving serious injury?
 - v. Number of fatalities?
- (d) In what month are they expected to be fully operational?

Answer

I am advised:

New fixed speed cameras will be installed on The Grand Parade, 30 metres to the north of Gordon Street, Brighton-Le-Sands.

(a) In April 2018, mobile speed camera enforcement was first carried out within 500 metres either side of the planned location for the new fixed speed cameras on The Grand Parade at Brighton-Le-Sands. As at 1 November 2023, no speeding fines have been issued by mobile speed cameras on this one kilometre section of The Grand Parade at Brighton-Le-Sands during 2023.

(b) From April 2018 to December 2022, 38 crashes were reported to NSW Police. NSW Police assessed that speeding was a contributing factor in two of the crashes.

i. From July 2013 to March 2018, 62 crashes were reported to NSW Police.

(c) i. In NSW, a typical location treated with fixed speed camera enforcement may be expected to experience the following reduction in speeding fines compared to the first full calendar month of operation:

- Month 6 – 52 per cent

- Month 12 – 61 per cent
- Month 24 – 71 per cent
- Month 36 – 80 per cent.

ii. In NSW, a typical location treated with fixed speed camera enforcement may be expected to experience a 43 per cent reduction in casualty crashes after installation, compared with the five years prior to the fixed camera/s being installed.

iii. In NSW, a typical location treated with fixed speed camera enforcement may be expected to experience a 48 per cent reduction in injuries after installation, compared with the five years prior to the fixed camera/s being installed.

iv. Due to many fixed speed cameras in NSW being installed prior to 2005, when serious injury data first became available in NSW, this information is not available.

v. In NSW, a typical location treated with fixed speed camera enforcement may be expected to experience a 62 per cent reduction in fatalities after installation, compared with the five years prior to the fixed camera/s being installed.

(d) The cameras are expected to be fully operational in early 2024.

172. With regard to the new fixed speed camera for The Grand Parade at Sans Souci, can the Minister please advise:

(a) How many incidents of speeding have been recorded by mobile speed cameras on this section of road in 2023?

(b) How many speeding related accidents have been recorded on this section of road since the use of mobile speed cameras in there?

i. How does this compare to the number of accidents prior to the use of mobile speed cameras there?

(c) By what percentage is it anticipated that on this section of road the new fixed speed cameras will reduce:

i. Incidents of speeding?

ii. Total number of accidents?

iii. Number of accidents involving injury?

iv. Number of accidents involving serious injury?

v. Number of fatalities?

(d) In what month are they expected to be fully operational?

Answer

I am advised:

A new fixed speed camera will be installed on The Grand Parade, 35 metres to the north of Alice

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Street, Sans Souci.

(a) In January 2018, mobile speed camera enforcement was first carried out within 500 metres either side of the planned location for the new fixed speed camera on The Grand Parade at Sans Souci. As at 1 November 2023, 34 speeding fines have been issued by mobile speed cameras on this one kilometre section of The Grand Parade at Sans Souci during 2023.

(b) From January 2018 to December 2022, 28 crashes were reported to NSW Police. NSW Police assessed speeding was a contributing factor in 8 of the crashes.

(b) i. From July 2013 to March 2018, 39 crashes were reported to NSW Police.

(c) i. I refer you to the response to Supplementary Questions 171(c) i.

ii. I refer you to the response to Supplementary Questions 171(c) ii.

iii. I refer you to the response to Supplementary Questions 171(c) iii.

iv. I refer you to the response to Supplementary Questions 171(c) iv.

v. I refer you to the response to Supplementary Questions 171(c) v.

(d) I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 171 (d).

173. Can the Minister please advise what Infrastructure Australia's current involvement is with the M12 project?

Answer

I am advised:

Infrastructure Australia carried out a review of the M12 Motorway project in June 2020 and listed the project to the Infrastructure Priority List as a High Priority Project.

174. How many people are currently employed for the M12 project in total and broken down by:

(a) Local Government Area of residence?

(b) Age (18-29, 30-39, etc)?

Answer

I am advised:

As at 31 October 2023, more than 6,000 people were working on the M12 Motorway project. Of these employees, around 2,200 live in Western Sydney and around 680 are under the age of 25.

175. Can the Minister please advise how much money has been spent so far in Western Sydney as part of the Connecting Sydney Roads program?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available in Budget Paper No.3 - Infrastructure Statement - Budget 2023-24.
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176. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Elizabeth Drive safety initiatives and corridor enabling works?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

177. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Fifteenth Avenue Corridor linking Bradfield and the Western Sydney International Airport to Liverpool?

Answer

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 90.

178. Can the Minister please provide an update on the M7-M12 Integration Project - delivering the M7-M12 Interchange, the Elizabeth Drive Connection to the M12 and the Westlink M7 Widening?

Answer

I am advised:

The M7-M12 Integration Project started construction in August 2023. The project is critical in supporting the growth of Western Sydney by widening the M7 Motorway and delivering a seamless connection to the 16-kilometre M12 Motorway to provide direct access to the new Western Sydney International Airport.

As part of this project, Transport for NSW is establishing site compounds for construction. Safety barrier installation has also started on the M7 Motorway and along Elizabeth Drive, as well as early work for the bridge foundations of the new interchange.

179. Can the Minister please provide an update on the planning for Spring Farm Parkway Stage 2?

Answer

I am advised:

Information about Spring Farm Parkway Stage 2 is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website:

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/spring-farm-parkway-menangle-stage-2>

180. Can the Minister please provide an update on the \$1.5 million project to implement school crossings across Camden?

Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is working closely with Camden Council to prepare a scope of work, designs and costings.

181. Can the Minister please provide an update on Mulgoa road:

(a) stage 1?

(b) stage 2?

(c) stage 5?

Answer

I am advised:

(a) This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

(b) I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 60.

(c) I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 60.

182. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Bells Line of Road Safety Upgrades?

Answer

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

183. Can the Minister please advise of any changes in motorist numbers on the Sydney Harbour Bridge or Tunnel at any time during the week since the increase in tolls on October 29 2023?

Answer

I am advised:

There have not been any significant changes in the number of motorists using the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Harbour Tunnel since tolls increased.

184. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Prospect Highway, Reservoir Road to Martins Crescent project?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

185. Can the Minister please provide an update on the delivery of a heavy vehicle rest area in Western Sydney for drivers?

Answer

I am advised:

The 2023-24 NSW Budget reserves \$30 million to establish a heavy vehicle rest area in Greater Sydney.

Options for a rest area are currently being considered across six local government areas: Blacktown City,

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Penrith City, Fairfield City, Liverpool City, Camden and Campbelltown City.

Engagement included an industry roundtable on 22 September 2023 to discuss the preferred location, service and facilities and user models for a new rest area in Western Sydney.

Consultation closed on 1 October 2023 and Transport for NSW is currently reviewing feedback.

186. Can the Minister please advise, what number of motorists are currently anticipated to benefit from a \$60 toll cap scheme?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available.

187. Can the Minister please advise how many fatigue related crashes involving heavy vehicles have taken place in NSW in 2023, broken down by month?

Answer

I am advised:

Months and fatigue related crashes involving heavy vehicles include:

- January - 5
- February - 11
- March - 14
- April - 7
- May - 3
- June - 9
- July - 0
- August - 0
- September - 1
- October - 1
- November - 2

This data is effective as at 9 November 2023. Data for 2023 is preliminary and subject to change as data is further verified.

188. Can the Minister please advise of the number of heavy vehicle rest areas in NSW?

Answer

I am advised:

There are more than 1,350 heavy vehicle rest areas in NSW.

189. Can the Minister please advise what the greatest distance is between heavy vehicle rest areas on common trucking routes in NSW, and the locations of these rest areas?

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Answer

I am advised:

Locations of rest areas can be found via an interactive map on Transport for NSW's website (<https://maps.transport.nsw.gov.au/egeomaps/rest-areas/>).

190. Can the Minister please provide an update on the Sydney Gateway project?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

191. Can the Minister please advise on what date the twin arch bridges over Alexandra Canal are expected to be complete?

Answer

I am advised:

One of the two Twin Arch Bridges across the Alexandra Canal opened on 19 November 2023.

The second Twin Arch Bridge is expected to be launched across the canal towards the end of 2023.

192. Can the Minister please advise how many young people attended this year's bstreetsmart event in total, and broken down by:

(a) year 10 students?

(b) year 11 students?

(c) year 12 students?

Answer

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Health.

193. Can the Minister please advise how many young drivers aged 17-25 on NSW roads in 2023 have been:

(a) involved in a motor vehicle accident?

(b) injured in a motor vehicle accident?

(c) killed in a motor vehicle accident?

Answer

I am advised:

As at 9 November 2023:

(a) 2,801

(b) 691

(c) 35

194. Can the Minister please provide a description of their involvement in the Rozelle Parklands masterplan project?

Answer

I am advised:

Please refer to my media release:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/collaboration-to-deliver-for-community-at-rozelle-parklands>

195. Can the Minister please advise, when accidents are reported to the NSW Police, are they also shared with Transport for NSW to access safety?

Answer

I am advised:

NSW Police share all reported road crashes in accordance with the National Guidelines for Reporting of Road Traffic Accidents with Transport for NSW.

196. Can the Minister please advise, are near miss accidents recorded by Transport for NSW to access safety?

Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW does not regularly capture near miss incidents across the NSW road network. However, across the last 12 months the NSW Centre for Road Safety has been developing the road safety incident investigation camera.

The camera is deployed to sites identified as having a road safety issue for a four-week period to capture information on near crash events. This data can then be used to develop more effective and localised treatments.

197. Can the Minister please list all travel related costs your Parliamentary Secretary incurred in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary since 28 March 2023:

(a) kilometres travelled

(b) accommodation

(c) air fares

(d) meals/entertaining?

Answer

I am advised that all Parliamentary Secretaries are subject to the same travel rules as Ministers when travelling on official business as a Parliamentary Secretary. Further information is available in the NSW Minister's Office Handbook.

198. Can the Minister please provide details of the following activities undertaken by your Parliamentary

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Secretary since 28 March 2023:

- (a) meetings attended in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary?
- (b) functions attended in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary?

Answer

A Parliamentary Secretary shall have and may perform such functions as the Deputy Premier may, from time to time, determine in respect of him or her, pursuant to section 38C of the Constitution Act 1902. The general duties of a Parliamentary Secretary are outlined in the Ministers' Office Handbook available on the Premier's Department Website.

199. Can the Minister please advise, how often do you meet with your Parliamentary Secretary?

- (a) Are these meetings documented?
- (b) Who attends these meetings?

Answer

I regularly meet or speak with my Parliamentary Secretary.

200. Can the Minister please advise, who provides instructions and direction to your Parliamentary Secretary, you or your Chief of Staff?

I am advised:

Guidelines on the role of Parliamentary Secretaries and on the resourcing of their official responsibilities on behalf of Ministers are outlined in the Ministers' Office Handbook available on the Premier's Department Website.

- 201. Can the Minister please advise, how many iPhones does DPC assign to your Ministerial staff and to whom have they been issued?
- 202. Can the Minister please advise, how many tablets devices does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
- 203. Can the Minister please advise, how many tablets devices have you purchased for your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
- 204. Can the Minister please advise, how many iPhones have you purchased for your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
- 205. Can the Minister please advise, for each phone and device in your Ministerial office, how much was each bill from April to October?

Answer

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I am advised:

Ministers' Staff Acceptable Use of Communication Devices Policy provides guidance on the use, loss, theft, and return of communication devices provided for business purposes. Minister's staff may use mobile telephones for business and (reasonable use) private purposes.

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Under the current mobile plans all local and Australia-wide call to land line/ mobiles and texts are included in the plan. Premium service calls, international calls and global roaming services are outside of the plan and may be still chargeable based on the principles below.

Ministers' staff mobile phone charges are paid from the Ministers' office budget except for the items listed below, which need to be paid as a private expense:

- Personal international calls from within Australia
- Personal travel related global roaming charges
- Personal premium number service calls
- Any personal calls which are outside the plan need to be declared and paid for monthly.

Declarations are not required otherwise. The purchasing of technology items is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements. The costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet Annual report 2022-23.

206. Can the Minister please advise, how many phones or devices have been lost in your Ministerial office?

(a) What was the cost of replacing those phones or devices?

Answer

Ministers Staff Acceptable Use of Communication Devices Policy provides guidance on the use, loss, theft, and return of communication devices provided for business purposes. The purchasing of technology items is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements. The costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet Annual Report 2022-23.

207. Can the Minister please advise, how many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?

208. Can the Minister please advise, what is the forecast for 2023-24 for the number of media or public relations advisors to be employed and their total cost?

209. Can the Minister please advise, how many media or public relations advisers are employed in your ministerial office?

Answer

Staff numbers are included in the department's Annual Report each year. Staff numbers undertaking media or public relations activities are commensurate with need and can go up or down as required.

210. With regard to Ministerial travel paid in part or in full with public money, can the Minister please advise whether any relatives or friends accompanied you on any of these trips?

Answer

In line with the M2015-05-Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, Minister's overseas travel is published on the Premier's Department Website.

211. Can the Minister please advise, what are the annual remuneration packages for:

- (a) Your Chief of Staff?
- (b) Your head media advisor?
- (c) For each of your staff?

I am advised:

Ministerial staff numbers and grades are published on the NSW Government website.

212. Can the Minister please advise, what is the estimated expenditure for your office budget in 2023-24?

Answer

I am advised that Minister's office budgets are drawn from the Premier's Department annual financial allocation to cover employee related expenses, accommodation, and other operating expenses. Further information relating to Ministers' Office Budgets is available in the Ministers Office Handbook

213. Can the Minister please advise, have any office renovations, or fit outs been undertaken in your ministerial office since April?

- (a) If so, could you provide details of contracted costs?

I am advised:

The office has not occurred any contractual costs for renovations or fit outs.

214. Can the Minister please advise, what is your office budget?

Answer

I am advised that Minister's office budgets are drawn from the Premier's Department annual financial allocation to cover employee related expenses, accommodation, and other operating expenses. Further information relating to Ministers' Office Budgets is available in the Ministers Office Handbook

215. Can the Minister please advise, how many political advisors are in your office?

Answer

I am advised:
Ministerial staff numbers and grades are published on the NSW Government website.

216. Can the Minister please advise, how many administration staff are in your office?

Answer

I am advised:

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Ministerial staff numbers and grades are published on the NSW Government website.

217. Can the Minister please advise, how many Department Liaison Officers are assigned to your office?

Answer

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 <https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-09/PD%20A5833715%20-%20Disclosure%20log%20-%2020230913.pdf>

218. Can the Minister please advise, how many staff in the Department are assigned to Ministerial support duties?

I am advised:

None.

219. Can the Minister please advise, in terms of your ministerial office, how much did your office spend on taxi fares, including Cabcharge and Ride sharing since 28 March 2023?

Answer

I am advised:
Agency travel is conducted in accordance with relevant NSW Government policies and guidelines including Premier and Cabinet Circular C2022-08 and ATO determinations

220. Can the Minister please advise whether any of your portfolio agencies undergoing a restructure?

(a) How many jobs are expected to be cut as a result of that restructure?

(b) How many people are expected to have their wages cut as a result of that restructure?

(c) How many voluntary redundancies are expected to be offered as a result of that restructure?

Answer

Answer:

Transport for NSW is simplifying its operating model to better support the delivery of an integrated, reliable and safe transport network across the state.

Work has commenced to transition the organisation to a statewide transport operating model. These changes will move away from the current structure, defined by geographical divisions of Greater Sydney and Regional and Outer Metropolitan, to streamline the delivery of services, improve accountability and reduce duplication.

Serving the needs of its customers and communities will remain at the heart of Transport for NSW's new operating model, which is expected to be implemented in early 2024.

221. Can the Minister please advise, how many staff are employed in your office to support you in your role as Minister for Roads?

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Answer

All staff are employed to assist the Minister in accordance with the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013.

222. Can the Minister please advise, is your department currently undertaking any feasibility studies, audits, taskforces or reviews?

(a) If so:

- i. What are the terms of reference or details of each study, audit, taskforce or review?
- ii. Who is conducting each study, audit, taskforce or review?
- iii. Was each study, audit, taskforce or review publicly advertised seeking expressions of interest or competitive tenders?
- iv. Is there a contract in place detailing terms of engagement for each study, audit, taskforce or review?
- v. What is the timeline of each study, audit, taskforce or review?
- vi. What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is publicly available.

223. Can the Minister please advise, how long is the average turnaround for responding to correspondence that comes into your Ministerial office?

(a) How many pieces of correspondence have been outstanding for more than 60 days?

Answer:

The office seeks to complete and return correspondence as soon as possible.

224. In relation to school zones, how many:

- (a) Do not have a sign indicating it is a school zone?
- (b) Do not have flashing lights?

Answer

I am advised

(a) All school zones in NSW have signs indicating a school zone is in place.

(b) All school zones in NSW should have school zone flashing light signs.

Transport for NSW was recently advised of two existing school zones without flashing light signs and are progressing with installation. Some schools share flashing light signs as they are in the same school zone.

SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE

Parliamentary Liaison Officers

225. How many FTE staff are employed in your Ministerial Office?

(a) Does your Ministerial Office have a Parliamentary Liaison Officer?

- i. If yes, are the contact details of the Parliamentary Liaison Officer provided to all parliamentarians?
- ii. If no, who is the point of contact in your office for Members of Parliament and Electorate offices?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

All staff are employed to assist the Minister in accordance with the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 and staff are expected to comply with the NSW Office Holder's Staff Code of Conduct.

ARTS

226. What is the total allocation made for the Arts and Culture Funding Programme?

ANSWER:

The total Arts and Cultural Funding Program budget allocation in 2023-24 is \$68,381,000

227. How does that compare to the amounts allocated in 2021/22 and 2022/23?

ANSWER:

The Arts and Cultural Funding Program allocated \$73,409,000 in 2021-22 and \$71,940,000 in 2022-23.

228. Is there any funding in the budget for the Creative Capital Programme?

ANSWER:

Yes, \$47.3m is budgeted in FY23-24, \$7.7m is budgeted in FY24-25 and \$0.5m is budgeted in FY25-26. All funds have been committed.

229. Was an evaluation of that programme undertaken by the department?

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ANSWER:

An evaluation of the Creative Capital program has been commissioned and will commence after the majority of projects are complete. The evaluation is scheduled to commence in mid-2024.

230. Can you please provide a breakdown of the funding provided to the art gallery in the 2023-2024 budget?

ANSWER:

The Art Gallery of NSW's revenue for the 2023-24 Budget consists of:

- Funding Distribution from Department - \$40,632
- Acceptance by Crown Entity of Employee Benefits and Other Liabilities - \$805
- Sales of Goods and Services - \$39,458
- Grants and Contributions - \$20,684
- Investment Revenue - \$2,595
- Other Revenue - \$17

Total Revenue - \$104,191

Note – These amounts are reported in the 2023-24 Budget Papers, Budget Paper 2, Page 8-8.

MUSIC AND THE NIGHT-TIME ECONOMY

231. What is the budget allocation given to fund Sound NSW this financial year?

ANSWER:

Sound NSW is allocated \$31.227 million in the 2023-24 State Budget.

232. What are the amounts that are to be allocated each year over the Forward Estimates to deliver live music within the State?

ANSWER:

The NSW Government has committed \$103 million over four years to support the contemporary music sector, which will include support for live music. The distribution of this funding over forward estimates is currently being considered.

In reality, a number of NSW Government agencies support live music related initiatives - including Destination NSW, Create NSW and Sound NSW – all of which contribute to the state of live music within NSW.

233. Has worked commenced yet on development of the 10 year Contemporary Music Strategy?

ANSWER:

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Research has commenced to inform the development of a 10-year Contemporary Music Strategy, including the initiation of the NSW Live Music Census which will explore barriers and opportunities encountered by the sector.

Furthermore, preliminary engagement on the Strategy has occurred through consultation on the Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Policy. This policy will set the framework for the contemporary music strategy, which will formally commence in 2024.

234. What is Sound NSW's working definition of what is contemporary music?

ANSWER:

Sound NSW's working definition of contemporary music is music that is being created, written, produced and performed now. Through the development of the 10-year strategy, Sound NSW will consult the Sound NSW Advisory Board and key stakeholders to refine this definition.

235. Has the work commenced on the business case for permanent outdoor festival and concert infrastructure around the State?

ANSWER:

Create NSW is working with other NSW Government agencies to progress this initiative. A market needs analysis will be prepared prior to commencement of work on the business case.

236. How much will this cost in the current financial year?

ANSWER:

2023-24 costs are currently being assessed.

237. When will be the business case work be completed?

ANSWER:

Before work on a business case can commence, a market analysis must be completed to understand the need and requirements for permanent outdoor festival and concert infrastructure. Preparation is underway to commence the market analysis.

JOBS AND TOURISM

Jobs First Commission

238. When is the Commission set to be established?

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ANSWER:

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement.

239. Who will form the “expert body” of the Commission?

ANSWER:

See answer to Question 238.

240. Will there be an application process?

ANSWER:

See answer to Question 238.

241. How many people will be on the Commission?

ANSWER:

See answer to Question 238.

242. Who will lead the Commission?

ANSWER:

See answer to Question 238.

243. Who will the Commission report to?

ANSWER:

See answer to Question 238.

244. How will the Commission oversee the implementation and growth of local industries?

ANSWER:

See answer to Question 238.

245. What indicators will measure successes or weaknesses that will shape the Commission’s priorities for job growth?

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ANSWER:

See answer to Question 238.

246. How much has been budgeted for the Jobs First Commission in:

- (a) 2023-24
- (b) 2024-25
- (c) 2025-26
- (d) 2026-27

ANSWER:

See answer to Question 238.

247. Will the Commission have a directive to improve the unemployment rates across Western and South Western Sydney?

ANSWER:

See answer to Question 238.

South Western Sydney Unemployment Rate

248. What funding has been allocated in the 2023-24 Budget to specifically address unemployment rates across south-western Sydney?

ANSWER: The NSW Government is committed to job growth in Western Sydney and across the State, including our proposal to establish a NSW Jobs First Commission, rebuild domestic manufacturing, fund an additional 500 paramedics, recruit an additional 1,200 nurses and midwives, hire 1,000 additional apprentices and invest \$22 million in the early childhood workforce.

249. What programs have been introduced by the NSW Government since April 2023 to specifically address unemployment rates across south-western Sydney?

ANSWER: See answer to Question 248.

250. What indicators are used to determine the success of any programs at reducing unemployment in south-western Sydney?

ANSWER: The NSW Government administers programs consistent with the NSW Grant Administration Guide and NSW Evaluation Guidelines. Program objectives, outcomes and success indicators vary across programs. Mandatory evaluation requirements under the Evaluation Guidelines

means programs are evaluated to understand their effectiveness and inform better program design.

251. How many public sector jobs have been created in south-western Sydney since April 2023?

ANSWER: The Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade does not collect data on public sector jobs. According to the latest ABS Labour Force survey (ABS, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Cat. No. 6291.0.55.001 RQ1, August Qtr 2023), there was an increase of 1,700 jobs across three industries (Education and Training, Health Care and Social Assistance, Public Administration and Safety) in the South West SA4 (Liverpool, Fairfield, Bringelly) and Outer South West SA4 (Camden, Campbelltown and Wollondilly), in the three months to August 2023.

Destination NSW Regional Event Fund

252. Destination NSW CEO Steve Cox confirmed during Budget Estimates the Incubator Stream of the Regional Event Fund had been cancelled.

- (a) What date was Destination NSW advised the Incubator Stream had been cancelled?
- (b) What date were applicants for the Incubator Stream advised that the program would not be proceeding?
- (c) How many applications were received?
- (d) How many applications were successful?
- (e) How many applications were unsuccessful?
- (f) What was the total funding amount applied for by applicants under this program when it was cancelled?
- (g) How much of the allocated funding for this program had been administered when the program was cancelled?

ANSWER:

- (a) The NSW Government inherited record debt and significant fiscal challenges in March 2023. In addition, the former government cut \$100 million from State Significant Event Fund and more than \$180 million from the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade's budget just days before the election, both of which put significant pressure on the Destination NSW budget.

Destination NSW's operating budget was considered in the whole-of-government expenditure review undertaken ahead of the NSW Government's 2023 State Budget. On 30 June 2023, Destination NSW was advised this review could impact the ability to deliver the Incubator Stream of the Regional Event Fund.

- (b) Destination NSW advised applicants of the decision not to progress with the Incubator Stream of the Regional Event Fund on 4 September 2023.
- (c) Destination NSW received 88 applications under the Incubator Stream of the Regional Event Fund.
- (d) No applications were successful as the program was cancelled.
- (e) See response (d)
- (f) The total funding amount applied for was \$1,627,487 (ex GST)

(g) No funding had been administered at the time the program was cancelled.

Nature-Based Visitor Experience Development Grants

253. Destination NSW CEO Steve Cox confirmed during Budget Estimates that the Nature Based Visitor Experience Development Grants had been cancelled.

- (a) What date was Destination NSW advised the Nature-Based Visitor Experience Development Grants had been cancelled?
- (b) What date were applicants advised the program would not be proceeding?
- (c) How many applications had been received when the program was cancelled?
- (d) How many applications were successful?
- (e) How many applications were unsuccessful?
- (f) What was the total funding amount applied for by applicants under this program when it was cancelled?
- (g) How much of the allocated funding for this program had been administered when the program was cancelled?

ANSWER:

- (a) The NSW Government inherited record debt and significant fiscal challenges in March 2023. In addition, the former government cut \$100 million from State Significant Event Fund and more than \$180 million from the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade's budget just days before the election, both of which put significant pressure on the Destination NSW budget.

Destination NSW's operating budget was considered in the whole-of-government expenditure review undertaken ahead of the NSW Government's 2023 State Budget. On 30 June 2023, Destination NSW was advised this review could impact the ability to deliver the Nature Based Visitor Experience Development Grant

- (b) Destination NSW advised applicants of the decision not to progress with the Nature Based Visitor Experience Development Grant on 4 September 2023.
- (c) 60 eligible applications were submitted to the Nature Based Visitor Experience Development Grant
- (d) No applications were successful as the program was cancelled.
- (e) See response (d)
- (f) The total funding amount applied for was \$12,479,075(ex GST)
- (g) No funding had been administered at the time the program was cancelled.

Regional Business Event Development Fund

254. Destination NSW CEO Steve Cox confirmed in Budget Estimates the Regional Business Event *Special Minister of State, Roads, Arts, Music and the Night-time Economy, Jobs and Tourism*

Development Fund had been cancelled.

- (a) What date was Destination NSW advised the Regional Business Event Development Fund had been cancelled?
- (b) What date were applicants advised the program would not be proceeding?
- (c) How many applications had been received when the program was cancelled?
 - i. How many applications were successful?
 - ii. How many applications were unsuccessful?
- (d) What was the total funding amount applied for by applicants under this program when it was cancelled?
- (e) How much of the allocated funding for this program had been administered when the program was cancelled?

ANSWER:

- (a) The NSW Government inherited record debt and significant fiscal challenges in March 2023. In addition, the former government cut \$100 million from State Significant Event Fund and more than \$180 million from the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade's budget just days before the election, both of which put significant pressure on the Destination NSW budget.
Destination NSW's operating budget was considered in the whole-of-government expenditure review undertaken ahead of the NSW Government's 2023 State Budget. On 30 June 2023, Destination NSW was advised this review could impact the ability to deliver the Regional Business Event Development Fund.
- (b) Destination NSW advised applicants of the decision not to progress with the Regional Business Development Fund on 4 September 2023.
- (c) 67 applications were received.
 - (i) One application was successful, PRIMEX Field Days in Casino was granted \$30,000.
 - (ii) 66 applications were unsuccessful.
- (d) The total funding amount applied for was \$1,768,665
- (e) No funding had been administered at the time the program was cancelled.

Cancellation of Destination NSW Grant Programs

255. How many applications for Destination NSW Event Funding and Tourism Grant programs have been received since March 2023?

- (a) How many applications have been approved by this Government?
- (b) How many applications have been denied by this Government?
- (c) Has funding for all successful applicants been distributed?

ANSWER:

- (a) 29

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- (b) See responses to questions 252 to 254
- (c) Contracting and payment of all grants is in train.

256. What was the total funding amount applied for through these programs since March 2023?

- (a) What is the total funding amount administered to recipients through these programs since March 2023?

ANSWER:

The total amount applied for through these programs (Regional Event Fund, Nature-Based Visitor Experience Development Grants and Regional Business Event Development Fund) during the period funds were open was \$18,482,658

- (a) The total amount administered through these programs (Regional Event Fund, Nature-Based Visitor Experience Development Grants and Regional Business Event Development Fund) during the period funds were open was \$947,434

257. Has the Government apologised to businesses who spent time applying grant applications that were subsequently cancelled?

ANSWER:

The NSW Government, through Destination NSW, wrote to all funding program applicants on 4 September 2023 to advise them of the outcome of their applications. These communications included an apology for the delay in confirming funding outcomes and acknowledged how that may have presented challenges for applicants.

258. What is the total funding amount available for tourism operators in NSW?

ANSWER:

In line with the Regional Event Fund program guidelines, \$94,227 has been retained for future applications to the Event Development Stream which remains open during 2023/24, or until funds are exhausted.

There are no active grants programs on offer, visitor economy businesses and event owners can continue to access the range of services delivered by Destination NSW, via its Product Development team, NSW First Program, Regional NSW Conference Unit and Events team.

259. How is the NSW Government supporting tourism operators in NSW?

ANSWER:

The NSW Government is continuing to support the visitor economy through programs and initiatives delivered by Destination NSW including:

- NSW First Program of face-to-face workshops, resources and online webinars scheduled throughout the year.
- Product managers, subject matter experts, with specialist knowledge skills and experience in the areas

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of Aboriginal cultural tourism, Culinary and Agritourism, Nature, Sustainability and Wellness, Cruise, Rail, Road and Air, and Lifestyle experiences to support visitor economy businesses to develop, promote and sell their products.

- The Regional NSW Conferencing Unit provides support to increase the promotion and awareness of destinations and visitor experiences statewide by helping to secure new business events for regional NSW, training and education programs and product development and investment.
- Marketing and Digital media support to promote events, experiences and destinations across the state through campaigns delivered under the Feel New brand. All regions of NSW are also supported through the Always On content program which runs across the Visit NSW social, website and email channels.

Destination NSW provides operational funding to seven Destination Networks to develop and deliver regional funding programs and promotional activities, identify and support product development opportunities across a range of specialist areas to improve and grow visitor experiences, product, industry capacity and local skills.

Ultimate Fighting Championships

260. What was the total funding amount available from the cancellation of Destination NSW Grants since 28th March 2023?

ANSWER:

The cancellation of three programs (Regional Event Fund, Nature-Based Visitor Experience Development Grants and Regional Business Event Development Fund) resulted in an amount of \$4,082,566 saved by Destination NSW.

261. Was the funding for the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) partnership facilitated through Destination NSW?

(a) If no, which department facilitated the funding?

ANSWER:

Yes

(a) See answer to question 260

262. How much funding from cancelled Destination NSW programs was diverted for the UFC partnership?

ANSWER:

None

263. Has the UFC made any applications for additional or recurring funding to the NSW Government?

ANSWER:

I am advised DNSW have not received any additional or recurring funding applications from the UFC.

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Aviation Attraction Fund

264. The Aviation Attraction Fund ceased to operate on 30 June 2023. Why was the fund not continued beyond this date?

- (a) Was the Minister or Destination NSW approached to discuss the continuation of the fund?
- (b) What was the total funding amount administered through this program?

ANSWER:

The Aviation Attraction Fund was one of a range of COVID-19 stimulus measures designed to help the visitor economy recover from the impacts of travel restrictions. It was open for applications from 1 February 2022 to 30 June 2023.

The NSW Government inherited record debt and significant fiscal challenges in March 2023, and discovered the former government had made significant cuts to the State Significant Event Fund and Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade's budget.

The NSW Government sought to prioritise the delivery of essential services for NSW rather than re-invest in a range of COVID-19 stimulus measures in the 2023-24 budget.

- (a) The Minister has met with representatives of Sydney Airport and Newcastle Airport regarding the Aviation Attraction Fund. Destination NSW continues to engage with aviation stakeholders regarding possible support available to them.
- (b) As of 3 November 2023, \$20 million of the Aviation Attraction Fund has been contracted.

265. Is ensuring international and interstate passenger levels achieve a full recovery a priority for the NSW Government?

ANSWER:

Achieving pre-pandemic passenger levels is a priority for the NSW Government.

266. How many inbound interstate flights currently service Sydney Airport each week?

- (a) Is increasing inbound interstate flights a priority for the Government?

ANSWER:

This is a matter for Transport for NSW/Sydney Airport.

- (a) Supporting visitation, from all sources, to NSW is a priority for the NSW Government.

267. How many outbound interstate flights depart Sydney Airport each week?

ANSWER:

This is a matter for Transport for NSW/Sydney Airport.

268. How many inbound international flights currently service Sydney Airport each week?

(a) Is increasing inbound international flights a priority for the Government?

ANSWER:

This is a matter for Transport for NSW/Sydney Airport.

- (a) The Commonwealth Government negotiates the number of inbound and outbound international flights to the four capital city airports – Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney – via bilateral air service agreements.

269. How many outbound international flights currently depart Sydney Airport each week?

ANSWER:

This is a matter for the Commonwealth Government/Sydney Airport.

NSW Visitor Economy Strategy 2030

270. Is the Government committed to the targets in NSW Visitor Economy Strategy 2030 implemented by the previous Government?

- (a) What strategies have been implemented by to achieve these targets?
 (b) What is the total funding amount that has been allocated to support the Government to reach these targets?
 (c) What community consultation has been undertaken?

ANSWER:

The NSW Government is committed to a strong visitor economy in NSW and is considering how best to drive tourism to our state's metropolitan and regional areas.

- (a) The NSW Government is supporting tourism in our metropolitan and regional areas through investment in events, including major events, grant programs, marketing campaigns and industry partnerships.
 Significant regulatory reforms, passed by Parliament in November 2023, will create better operating environments for many tourism businesses. In addition, significant investment in contemporary music and delivery of the state's first Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Policy will support the creative sectors drive more visitation to NSW.
- (b) The total funding allocated to Destination NSW in FY24 is \$339.1 million. This is the second highest budget allocation since Destination NSW was established.
- (c) Destination NSW consulted with industry stakeholders on the NSW Visitor Economy Strategy 2030. Destination NSW consulted with industry stakeholders to implement actions within the Strategy, including development of the Feel New brand.

Qatar Airways' Bid

271. Does the Minister support the Federal Government's decision to block the Qatar Airways bid for extra flights to Australia?

ANSWER:

This is a matter for the Federal Government.

272. Does the Federal Government's decision to deny Qatar Airways' bid align with the NSW Governments priorities in tourism?

ANSWER:

This is a matter for the Federal Government.

OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS**Merchant fees**

273. 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.

ANSWER:

The Ministerial Office do not offer customer invoices to be paid via credit card / debit card facilities. One agency allows customer invoices to be paid via credit and/or debit card facilities.

This Agency operates in line with Treasury Circular "TC18-18 Agency recouping of merchant interchange fees".

Other Agencies within the portfolio do not allow this method of payment.

While Integrity Agencies form part of the overall budget papers for The Cabinet Office, the Cabinet Office does not engage in any budget related or operational matters of Integrity Agencies.

274. 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.

ANSWER:

Merchant fees are embedded in individual credit card payments. The Percentages will vary by supplier and the nature of the transaction.

275. 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?

ANSWER:

Merchant fees are embedded in credit card payments and are not separately identified in the data captured by the accounting system. Where a merchant fee is incurred the fee will be allocated to the expense category, for example a merchant fee on a domestic air fare will be treated as a Travel expense.

Website Usage

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276. What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

All acceptable use of network services must be lawful, appropriate, and ethical.

The Ministers' Staff Acceptable Use of Network Services Policy is available in the Ministers' Office Handbook.

277. What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

All acceptable use of network services must be lawful, appropriate, and ethical.

The Ministers' Staff Acceptable Use of Network Services Policy is available in the Ministers' Office Handbook.

Ministerial disclosures

278. Did you make any updates to your Ministerial disclosure on or after 2 August 2023?

(a) If yes, what prompted this update to your disclosure?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Disclosure obligations for Ministers under Part 2 (Standing disclosure of interests), Part 3 (Conflicts of Interest) and Part 4 (Gifts and Hospitality) of the Schedule to the Ministerial Code are continuous. Ministers are required to:

- notify the Premier of a change to their pecuniary and other interests as soon as practicable after the change has occurred
- notify the Premier of a change to pecuniary and other interests held by their immediate family members, as soon as practicable after the change has occurred
- notify the Premier promptly of conflicts of interest
- disclose gifts and hospitality promptly to the TCO Secretary.

I make continuous disclosures of the matters that are covered by the Ministerial Code.

Labour Hire Firms

279. 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:

- (a) The names of the firms utilised.
- (b) The total amount paid to each firm engaged.
- (c) The average tenure period for an employee provided by a labour hire company.
- (d) The longest tenure for an employee provided by a labour hire company.

- (e) The duties conducted by employees engaged through a labour hire company.
- (f) The office locations of employees engaged through a labour hire company.
- (g) The highest hourly or daily rate paid to an employee provided by a labour hire company.

ANSWER:

Portfolio agencies make use of the vendor management system (VMS) Contractor Central in accordance with the mandatory whole-of-government Contingent Workforce Scheme.

Information on Contractor Central and the Scheme, including registered suppliers, can be found on the NSW Procurement *buy.nsw* website.

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. Both form part of the audited financial statements within the Department / Agency’s Annual Report.

Details for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2022-23.

Details for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 will form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2023-24.

Hospitality

280. How much has your ministerial office spent on hospitality, including catering and beverages, since 28 March 2023?

ANSWER:

I am advised the following:

Catering provided for official purposes may be funded from the Ministerial office budget.

As Members of Parliament, Ministers have credit facilities extended to them for dining and hospitality at Parliament House. The facilities may be used for business or private purposes.

281. How much have Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities spent on hospitality, including catering and beverages, since 28 March 2023?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Hospitality costs, including catering and beverages are contained within the other expenses category in the Other Operating Expenses note of the audited financial statements within the Department / Agency’s Annual Report.

The costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2022-23.

Costs for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 will form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2023-24.

282. Have you been the recipient of any free hospitality?

- (a) What was the total value of the hospitality received?

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ANSWER:

I am advised:

Ministers are required to declare to the Secretary of TCO certain gifts and hospitality with a market value of more than \$500 under Part 4 of the Schedule to the Ministerial Code. This is a continuous obligation for which Ministers are personally responsible.

I comply with my obligations under Part 4 of the Schedule to the Ministerial Code.

283. Have any staff members in your office been the recipient of any free hospitality?

- (a) What was the total value of the hospitality received?
- (b) Are these gifts of hospitality declared publicly?
- (c) Do staff declare their gifts publicly?

ANSWER:

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.

I am advised;

A breach of the Policy may be a breach of the Office Holder's Staff Code of Conduct.

The Policy includes disclosure obligations for Ministerial staff in respect of gifts, hospitality and benefits over \$150. These disclosures are kept on the Office Holder's Register of Gifts and Benefits.

If a Ministerial staff member is required by their role to accompany their Office Holder at an event that the Office Holder is attending as the State's representative, or where the Office Holder has asked the staff member to attend, then attendance at that event would not constitute a gift or benefit for the purposes of the Policy.

Departmental Credit Cards

284. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister's portfolio please report:

- (a) How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff?
 - i. Please provide a break-down of this information by grade.
- (b) What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card for the last year?
- (c) What was each largest reported purchase for?
- (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?
- (e) How many credit cards have been reported lost or stolen?
 - i. What was the cost to replace them?
- (f) How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy?
 - i. What was the total value of those purchases?
 - 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?
- iii. Were all those amounts repaid?
- iv. If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?
- (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?
- i. What amount was repaid, in full?
- ii. What amount was left unpaid?
- (h) Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes?
- 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?

ANSWER:

The use and management of purchasing (credit) cards for official purposes is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements of the NSW Government. Further, each Department / Agency within the portfolio have as specified policy, these are attached.

While Integrity Agencies form part of the overall budget papers for The Cabinet Office, the Cabinet Office does not engage in any budget related or operational matters of Integrity Agencies.

Agency Invoices

285. How many invoices to suppliers or contactors from your portfolio agency were not paid on time since 28 March 2023, broken down by agency?

ANSWER:

Invoices are processed and paid by departments / agencies in line with relevant service arrangements and Accounts Payable policies.

286. 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?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Details are contained in the Departments / Agency's Annual Report under the heading account payment performance.

Details for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2022-23.

Details for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 will form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2023-24.

While Integrity Agencies form part of the overall budget papers for The Cabinet Office, The Cabinet Office does not engage in any budget related or operational matters of Integrity Agencies.

287. 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?

(a) What was the penalty for paying suppliers or contactors late, broken down by agency?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Details are contained in the Departments / Agency's Annual Report under the heading account payment performance.

Details for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2022-23.

Details for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 will form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2023-24.

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Car/Driver

288. Has your Ministerial car been subject to any traffic or parking fines?

- (a) If so, please provide details of each fine?
- (b) Who was driving the car at the time of each incident?
- (c) Who paid any of the fines?

ANSWER:

I am advised;

This matter is the subject of a Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA) (Cross-14) release, reference number PD_A5881802 that can be found on the Premier's Department disclosure log.

Where a fine is incurred the payment of the fine is the responsibility of the driver of the vehicle.

289. Has your Ministerial Car been pulled over by the police?

- (a) If so, who was driving the car?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The department does not record these types of events.

Complaints

290. Has the Minister been the subject of any workplace complaints, including bullying, harassment, and sexual harassment?

ANSWER:

I am advised;

Any complaint or disclosure made under the Respectful Workplace Policy is confidential. The Respectful Workplace Policy applies to all Ministerial Offices and staff and is published on the Cabinet Office's Website. As noted in the Goward review, a key aspect of effective workplace complaint policies is

confidentiality in the complaint and investigation process. Confidentiality ensures that staff feel safe about raising concerns and confident that action will be taken in response.

Consultants

291. How much did the Department/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities spend in legal costs since 28 March 2023?

(a) For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?

ANSWER:

I am advised;

Legal costs are contained within the fees for services rendered category disclosed in the Other Operating Expenses note of the audited financial statements within the Department / Agency's Annual Report.

Details for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2022-23.

Details for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 will form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2023-24.

While Integrity Agencies form part of the overall budget papers for The Cabinet Office, The Cabinet Office does not engage in any budget related or operational matters of Integrity Agencies.

292. Have any Department/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice since 28 March 2023:

(a) Social media?

i. What were the cost of these services?

(b) Photography?

i. What were the cost of these services?

(c) Videography?

i. What were the cost of these services?

(d) Acting training?

i. What were the cost of these services?

(e) Ergonomics?

i. What were the cost of these services?

ANSWER:

I am advised;

Consultancy expenditure, including details of consulting engagements over \$50,000, are included in the annual reports of agencies and departments in accordance with the NSW Treasury Policy and Guidelines TPG23-10 - Annual Reporting Requirements.

Details for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2022-23.

Details for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 will form part of the Department / Agency Annual

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Report 2023-24.

293. Since 28 March 2023, how many consultancy contracts have been signed in your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?

- (a) What was the individual amount of each contract?
- (b) What is the purpose of each contract?
- (c) Who was the contract with?
- (d) Did the contract go to a competitive tender?

ANSWER:

I am advised;

Consultancy expenditure, including details of consulting engagements over \$50,000, are included in the annual reports of agencies and departments in accordance with the NSW Treasury Policy and Guidelines TPG23-10 - Annual Reporting Requirements.

Details for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2022-23.

Details for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 will form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2023-24.

While Integrity Agencies form part of the overall budget papers for The Cabinet Office, The Cabinet Office does not engage in any budget related or operational matters of Integrity Agencies.

Department/Agency Staffing

294. How many senior executive service employees were employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities on:

- (a) 28 March 2023?
- (b) 23 October 2023?

ANSWER:

Public Service Senior Executive numbers and remuneration details are published in agency annual reports.

295. What is the expenditure on senior executive service employees employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?

ANSWER:

Public Service Senior Executive numbers and remuneration details are published in agency annual reports.

296. How many individuals were employed as internal legal counsel by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities on:

- (a) 28 March 2023?
- (b) 23 October 2023?

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ANSWER:

Staff numbers are included in agency annual reports.

297. What is the expenditure on internal legal counsel employees employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities 28 March 2023?

ANSWER:

All employees under the Government Sector Employment Act 2013 within each agency are paid in accordance with the relevant Acts and Awards.

298. How many redundancies were processed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?

(a) Of these redundancies, how many were:

- i. Voluntary
- ii. Forced

(b) What was the total cost of all redundancies in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?

ANSWER:

All redundancies are managed in accordance with M2011-11 Changes to the Management of Excess Employees. Redundancy information is included in agency annual reports.

299. Is any former employee from your ministerial office now employed by any Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The employment of former Ministerial office staff is not tracked.

Ministerial office staff must comply with their ethical obligations under the NSW Office Holder's Staff Code of Conduct, including after the cessation of the employment.

300. How many staff were dismissed from each Department/agency under your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?

(a) Without identifying individuals, what were the reason(s) for each dismissal?

ANSWER:

The termination of an employee is treated confidentially and is managed in accordance with the Government Sector Employment Act 2013 and relevant accompanying policies.

301. What was the total amount each of the Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities spent on stationery since 28 March 2023?

ANSWER:

Stationery costs are contained within the other expenses category in the Other Operating Expenses note of the audited financial statements within the Department / Agency's Annual Report.

The costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2022-23.

Costs for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 will form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2023-24.

302. How many employees in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities are working in an 'acting' capacity?

ANSWER:

The number of staff working in an acting capacity is commensurate with need and can go down or up as required. Staff numbers are published in agency annual reports.

303. What is the average number of days worked from home by employees in each Department/Agency within your portfolio responsibilities?

ANSWER:

Flexible working arrangements are tailored on an individual basis and are discussed as part of ongoing conversations which are embedded in the departments' Performance Development Framework.

304. What was the total expenditure since 28 March 2023 by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities on:

- (a) Taxi hire?
- (b) Ridesharing services?
- (c) Limousine/private car hire?
- (d) Hire car rental?

ANSWER:

The items are contained within the travel costs category in the Other Operating Expenses note of the audited financial statements within the Department / Agency's Annual Report. This is in accordance with the Treasury Direction TD23-11 Annual reporting requirements.

The travel costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2022-23.

Travel costs for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 will form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2023-24.

305. 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?

- (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?
- (b) How much was spent on these drivers since 28 March 2023?

ANSWER:

No.

306. Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your portfolio agencies, *Special Minister of State, Roads, Arts, Music and the Night-time Economy, Jobs and Tourism*

broken down by agency?

ANSWER:

Agency travel is conducted in accordance with relevant NSW Government policies and guidelines including Premier and Cabinet Circular C2022-08 and ATO determinations. Details on overseas travel is reported in the annual report.

307. Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on domestic flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?

- (a) Of these, how many flights were taken in business class?
- (b) Of these, how many flights were taken in first class?

ANSWER:

Official travel is taken in accordance with the NSW government travel policy. Agency travel is conducted in accordance with relevant NSW Government policies and guidelines including Premier and Cabinet Circular C2022-08 and ATO determinations. Details on overseas travel is reported in the annual report.

308. Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on overseas flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?

- (a) Of these, how many flights were taken in business class?
- (b) Of these, how many flights were taken in first class?

ANSWER:

Agency travel is conducted in accordance with relevant NSW Government policies and guidelines including Premier and Cabinet Circular C2022-08 and ATO determinations. Details on overseas travel is reported in the annual report.

Efficiency Dividends

309. Was an efficiency dividend applied to any Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities in the 2023-24 NSW Budget?

- (a) If so, what was the efficiency dividend applied to each Department/agency?
- (b) What measures are being considered to achieve this efficiency dividend?

Answer

ANSWER:

The budget papers include detailed information on budgeted expenses, revenue and capital expenditure. This includes detailed financial statements for individual agencies as well as for government as a whole. The budget papers also outline the financial impact of measures in the budget on individual portfolios as well as for government as a whole.

GIPA Applications

310. How many GIPA Applications have been received by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?

- (a) How many of these Applications have been accepted?
- (b) How many of these Applications have been rejected?
- (c) If so, what were the reasons provided?
- (d) How many of these Applications were re-assigned?

- (e) How many of these Applications had fees waived/reduced?
- (f) Please provide in table form the following details of each Application received by your office:
- i. Date received.
 - ii. Date acknowledged.
 - iii. Date responded.
 - iv. The description provided for the information sought.

ANSWER:

I am advised;

Information concerning an agency's obligations under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (the Act) is included in the relevant agency annual report in accordance with section 125(1) of the Act.

Further information about applications received by The Cabinet Office and the Premier's Department is available on the disclosure log for each Department on their respective websites.

311. How many GIPA Applications have been received by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?
- (a) How many of these Applications have been accepted?
 - (b) How many of these Applications have been rejected?
 - (c) If so, what were the reasons provided?
 - (d) How many of these Applications were re-assigned?
 - (e) How many of these Applications had fees waived/reduced?
 - (f) Please provide in table form the following details of each Application received by your office:
 - i. Date received.
 - ii. Date acknowledged.
 - iii. Date responded.
 - iv. The description provided for the information sought.

ANSWER:

Information concerning an agency's obligations under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (the Act) is included in the relevant agency annual report in accordance with section 125(1) of the Act.

Further information about applications received by relevant Departments is available on the disclosure log for each Department on their respective websites.

Media and Public Relations

312. How much has your ministerial office spent on advertising or sponsored posts since 28 March 2023 on the following social media platforms:
- (a) Facebook

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- (b) Instagram
- (c) LinkedIn
- (d) TikTok
- (e) YouTube
- (f) WhatsApp
- (g) X (formerly known as Twitter)

ANSWER:

I am advised:

No money has been spent from the Ministerial office on advertising or sponsored posts on the social media platforms.

313. 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:

- (a) Facebook
- (b) Instagram
- (c) LinkedIn
- (d) TikTok
- (e) YouTube
- (f) WhatsApp
- (g) X (formerly known as Twitter)

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Department and agency expenditure is published in Annual Reports and on OpenGov NSW.

314. Have you had media training or public speaking training?

- (a) If yes, who paid for it?
- (b) If paid by taxpayers, what was the amount paid since 28 March 2023?

ANSWER:

No.

315. 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?

ANSWER:

Staff numbers are included in the Annual Reports for those Departments or Agencies. Staff salaries are set by the Crown Employees (Public Sector- Salaries) Award.

316. 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?

ANSWER:

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See answer to supplementary question 315.

317. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?

ANSWER:

- Media monitoring services are procured under a whole-of-government contract.
- A whole-of-Government contract reduces administration costs on individual Departments and Agencies, takes advantage of economies of scale, and avoids duplication in services (and costs) across NSW Government.
- Isentia have recently secured the whole-of-government contract for the next three years, at a savings for more than \$2 million compared to the previous contract.

Details of the three-year contract are available at

<https://www.tenders.nsw.gov.au/?event=public.cn.view&CNUUID=E99BBB53-FC12-DC94-57E7E126B8321F73>

Office Administration

318. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS6 grade for the following months:

- (a) April
- (b) May
- (c) June
- (d) July
- (e) August
- (f) September
- (g) October

ANSWER:

I am advised that Ministerial staff numbers and grades are published on the NSW Government Website: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinet-office/access-to-information/premier-and-ministers-staff-numbers>

319. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS5 grade for the following months:

- (a) April
- (b) May
- (c) June
- (d) July
- (e) August
- (f) September
- (g) October

ANSWER:

Please see the answer to Question 318.

320. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS4 grade for the following months:

- (a) April
- (b) May
- (c) June
- (d) July
- (e) August
- (f) September
- (g) October

ANSWER:

Please see the answer to Question 318.

321. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS3 grade for the following months:

- (a) April
- (b) May
- (c) June
- (d) July
- (e) August
- (f) September
- (g) October

ANSWER:

Please see the answer to Question 318.

322. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS2 grade for the following months:

- (a) April
- (b) May
- (c) June
- (d) July
- (e) August
- (f) September
- (g) October

ANSWER:

Please see the answer to Question 318.

323. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS1 grade for the *Special Minister of State, Roads, Arts, Music and the Night-time Economy, Jobs and Tourism*

following months:

- (a) April
- (b) May
- (c) June
- (d) July
- (e) August
- (f) September
- (g) October

ANSWER:

Please see the answer to Question 318.

324. What is the average salary for staff members in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?

ANSWER:

Please see the answer to Question 318.

325. How many DLOs were seconded to your ministerial office for the following months:

- (a) April
- (b) May
- (c) June
- (d) July
- (e) August
- (f) September
- (g) October

ANSWER:

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 <https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-09/PD%20A5833715%20-%20Disclosure%20log%20-%2020230913.pdf>

326. How many people are employed in your ministerial office as at 1 October 2023?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The Ministerial staff numbers and grades are published on the NSW Government Website:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinet-office/access-to-information/premier-and-ministers-staff-numbers>

327. How many women are employed in your Ministerial office as at 1 October 2023?

ANSWER:

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We aim for an inclusive and diverse workforce across Ministerial offices that reflects the communities that we serve.

328. How many staff employed in your ministerial office identify as culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) as at 1 October 2023?

ANSWER:

We aim for an inclusive and diverse workforce across Ministerial offices that reflects the communities that we serve.

329. How many staff employed in your ministerial office identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander as at 1 October 2023?

ANSWER:

We aim for an inclusive and diverse workforce across Ministerial offices that reflects the communities that we serve.

330. How many staff in your office are employed as media advisers or have responsibility for media/social media/communications?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

All staff are employed to assist the Minister in accordance with the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013.

I am advised that Ministerial staff numbers and grades are published on the NSW Government Website: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinet-office/access-to-information/premier-and-ministers-staff-numbers>

331. How many staff in your office are employed as policy advisers or have responsibility for policy work?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

All staff are employed to assist the Minister in accordance with the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013.

I am advised that Ministerial staff numbers and grades are published on the NSW Government Website: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinet-office/access-to-information/premier-and-ministers-staff-numbers>

332. How many staff in your office are employed as 'caucus liaison officers'?

(a) What are the responsibilities allocated to 'caucus liaison officers'?

(b) Have 'caucus liaison officers' been directed to only work with Government MPs?

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- (c) Do 'caucus liaison officers' contact members of the Australian Labor Party as part of their regular work duties?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

All staff are employed to assist the Minister in accordance with the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 and staff are expected to comply with the NSW Office Holder's Staff Code of Conduct.

333. 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?

- (a) Please list each Department/agency staff members have been seconded from.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

NSW Government sector employees may be seconded from agencies to Ministers' offices in accordance with clause 35 of the Government Sector Employment Regulation 2014 (GSE Regulation).

Ministerial staff numbers and grades are published on the NSW Government Website:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinet-office/access-to-information/premier-and-ministers-staff-numbers>

334. What is your ministerial office budget for 2023-24?

- (a) How much of this budget is allocated to staff?

ANSWER:

I am advised that Minister's office budgets are drawn from the Premier's Department annual financial allocation to cover employee related expenses, accommodation, and other operating expenses. Further information relating to Ministers' Office Budgets is available in the Ministers Office Handbook.

335. How many iPhones/Smart Phones are assigned to staff in your ministerial office?

- (a) For each phone, how much was each bill in 2022-23?

- (b) How many phones have been lost or replaced due to damage in your office?

- i. What is the cost of replacing those phones?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Ministers' Staff Acceptable Use of Communication Devices Policy provides guidance on the use, loss, theft, and return of communication devices provided for business purposes.

Minister's staff may use mobile telephones for business and (reasonable use) private purposes.

Under the current mobile plans all local and Australia-wide calls to land lines/mobiles and texts are included in the plan. Premium service calls, international calls and global roaming services are outside of the plan and may be still chargeable based on the principles below.

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Ministers' staff mobile phone charges are paid from the Ministers' office budget except for the items listed below, which need to be paid as a private expense:

- Personal international calls from within Australia
- Personal travel related global roaming charges
- Personal premium number service calls

Any personal calls which are outside the plan need to be declared and paid for monthly.

Declarations are not required otherwise.

The purchasing of technology items is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.

The costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet Annual Report 2022-23.

336. How many iPads or tablets are assigned to your ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?

- (a) What was the cost of providing iPads or tablets to your ministerial office in 2022-23?
- (b) How many iPads or tablets have been replaced due to lost or damage in 2022-23?
- (c) What was the cost of replacing these devices?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Ministers' Staff Acceptable Use of Communication Devices Policy provides guidance on the use, loss, theft, and return of communication devices provided for business purposes.

The purchasing of technology items is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.

The costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet Annual Report 2022-23.

337. How many laptops has the Premier's Department or The Cabinet Office assigned to your ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?

- (a) What was the cost of providing laptops to your ministerial office in 2022-23?
- (b) How many laptops have been replaced due to lost or damage in 2022-23?
- (c) What was the cost of replacing these devices?

ANSWER:

I am advised the following:

Ministers' Staff Acceptable Use of Communication Devices Policy provides guidance on the use, loss, theft, and return of communication devices provided for business purposes.

The purchasing of technology items is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.

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338. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?

(a) What is the cost of this?

ANSWER:

I am advised;

Purchase or lease of artwork for official purposes is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.

The costs of purchasing or leasing artwork for official purposes are contained within the other expenses category in the Other Operating Expenses note of the audited financial statements within the Premier's Department Annual Report. The costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet 2022-23.

339. Have any floral displays or indoor plants been hired or leased for display in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?

(a) If so, what was the cost of these items?

ANSWER:

Hire or lease of floral displays or indoor plants is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.

The costs of hiring or leasing floral displays or indoor plants are contained within the other expenses category in the Other Operating Expenses note of the audited financial statements within the Premier's Department Annual Report. The costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet Annual Report 2022-23.

340. What was the total amount your office spent on stationery since 28 March 2023?

ANSWER:

I am advised;

Spending on office stationery is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.

The costs of stationery are contained within the other expenses category in the Other Operating Expenses note of the audited financial statements within the Premier's Department Annual Report. The costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet Annual Report 2022-23.

341. What brand of paper is used in your office?

(a) Is it recycled paper?

(b) Is it Australian made paper?

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ANSWER:

I am advised office supplies are purchased in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.

342. 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?

(a) What are these services/newspapers/magazines/journals/periodicals?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The total cost of all subscriptions is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements.

The costs of subscriptions are contained within the other expenses category in the Other Operating Expenses note of the audited financial statements within the Premier's Department Annual Report. The costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department of Premier and Cabinet Annual Report 2022-23.

343. What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office since 28 March 2023?

(a) What were the gifts purchased?

(b) Who were they gifted to?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The Ministers' Office Handbook outlines that the decision to present a gift is at the discretion of the Minister, having regard to both appropriateness and economy. Gifts may be appropriate, for example, where given as a memento of an official visit or as a small token of appreciation. However, gifts should not be given with the purpose, or in circumstances where they could be perceived as having the purpose, of inducing favourable treatment.

In accordance with the Premier's Department and The Cabinet Office's Gifts and Hospitality Policy, a register of official gifts presented by the Premier will be reported by the Premier's Department at the end of each financial year as required under the provisions of Treasurer's Direction TD21-04 and TD22-27.

344. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?

(a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Non-standard accessories fitted to Ministerial vehicles are for business, security, and safety related reasons, in accordance with the NSW Government Motor Vehicle Operational guidelines.

345. What is the total spend for your office since 28 March 2023 for:

(a) Taxi hire?

(b) Ridesharing services?

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- (c) Hire car rental?
 (d) Limousine/private car hire?

ANSWER:

I am advised;

The items are contained within the travel costs category in the Other Operating Expenses note of the audited financial statements within the Department / Agency's Annual Report. This is in accordance with the Treasury Direction TD23-11 Annual reporting requirements.

The travel costs for the period 28 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2022-23. These reports are due to be released shortly.

Travel costs for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 will form part of the Department / Agency Annual Report 2023-24.

While Integrity Agencies form part of the overall budget papers for The Cabinet Office, The Cabinet Office does not engage in any budget related or operational matters of Integrity Agencies.

346. Were any planes or helicopters chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money since 28 March 2023?

- (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?

ANSWER:

I am advised the following:

All domestic and international travel bookings for official business must be made through the NSW Government's approved travel management supplier, this is currently FCM Travel Solutions.

Travel covered by the NSW Government contract includes:

- commercial and charter air travel,
- accommodation,
- ground transport (car hire, rail, coach, and ferry).

Financial commitments for travel expenditure from the Ministers' office budget need to be made within office arrangements approved by the Chief of Staff as an authorised financial delegate.

Where a Minister, or employee of the Minister's office undertakes travel, travel is taken in accordance with the NSW government travel policy and the Ministers' Office Handbook. The Premier's Department website also details PD_A5842315, "Domestic and international travel of NSW Ministers and their offices" that has been released under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*.

Overseas Trips

347. Have you had any overseas trips paid for using public funds since 28 March 2023?

(a) If yes, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?

ANSWER:

No.

348. Have you undertaken any official overseas travel that was privately funded since 28 March 2023?

(a) If yes, what was the nature of these trips?

(b) Who paid for these trips?

ANSWER:

No.

Parliamentary Secretary

349. Does your Parliamentary Secretary have pass access to your ministerial office?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Security passes for 52 Martin Place are required to be issued in accordance with the 52 Martin Place security procedures and the associated Privacy and Surveillance Statement.

350. Does your Parliamentary Secretary have a desk in your ministerial office?

ANSWER:

No.

351. Has your Parliamentary Secretary spoken on any pieces of legislation on your behalf? If so which legislation?

ANSWER:

Please refer to NSW Parliament Hansard.

352. What event/meetings has your Parliamentary Secretary attended on your behalf?

(a) Please provide in table form the date and the purpose of the event/meeting.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

A Parliamentary Secretary shall have and may perform such functions as the Premier may, from time to time, determine in respect of him or her, pursuant to section 38C of the Constitution Act 1902.

The general duties of a Parliamentary Secretary are outlined in the Ministers' Office Handbook available on the Premier's Department website.

353. How often do you meet with your Parliamentary Secretary?

ANSWER:

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I regularly meet or speak with my Parliamentary Secretary.

354. Has your Parliamentary Secretary travelled overseas since 28 March 2023?

- (a) If so, when, and where?
- (b) If so, what was the cost of:
 - i. Airfares?
 - ii. Accommodation?
 - iii. Food and beverage?
 - iv. Transportation?
 - v. Entertainment?

ANSWER:

I am advised that all Parliamentary Secretaries are subject to the same travel rules as Ministers when travelling on behalf of the Premier or the Minister. Further information is available in the NSW Minister's Office Handbook.

355. Has your Parliamentary Secretary travelled domestically since 28 March 2023?

- (a) If so, when, and where?
- (b) If so, what was the cost of:
 - i. Airfares?
 - ii. Accommodation?
 - iii. Food and beverage?
 - iv. Transportation?
 - v. Entertainment?

ANSWER:

I am advised that all Parliamentary Secretaries are subject to the same travel rules as Ministers when travelling on official business as a Parliamentary secretary. Further information is available in the NSW Minister's Office Handbook.

356. Has your Parliamentary Secretary received training?

- (a) If so, was it speech, voice, or media training?
- (b) If yes, who provided this training, on what date and at what cost?

ANSWER:

No.

Probity Auditor

357. Has your office or department used a Probity Auditor or Probity Advisors, or similar, since 28 March 2023?

- (a) If so please list the company and/or individual, the project, the engagement dates, and their total remuneration in tabular format.

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ANSWER:

I am advised:

Under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act), agencies are required to register government contracts valued at \$150,000 (including GST) or more on the NSW Government eTendering website.

The Cabinet Office and the Premier's Department also maintain a register of information relating to contracts with a value of \$30,000 (excluding GST) and above.

Departments are also required to include in their annual report information in relation to consultants engaged by or on behalf of the agency, pursuant to Div. 7.3 of the Government Sector Financial Act 2018 and NSW Treasury Policy and Guidelines – Annual Reporting Requirements TPG23-10.

357. Are you a Member of the Qantas Chairmans Club?

- (a) Have you ever previously been a member? When did you cease to be a member?
- (b) When did you initially become a member?
- (c) When was this declared on the Ministerial gifts register?

ANSWER:

I am advised;

A copy of my most recent Ordinary return dated 27 September 2023 for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 disclosing receipt of Qantas Chairman's Lounge membership is publicly available on the NSW Parliament's website.

A copy of my disclosure under Part 4 of the Schedule to the Ministerial Code dated 28 April 2023 disclosing receipt of Qantas Chairman's Lounge membership is publicly available on TCO's disclosure log on TCO's website.

Training

358. Have you received any training since becoming a Minister?

- (a) If yes, please provide the details of what the training was.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

All Cabinet Ministers have undertaken a program of Ministerial induction training.

Ministers will undertake Respectful Workplace Policy Training that will commence in December.

Members of Parliament have a Skills Development Allowance that may be used in a manner consistent with the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal.

359. Have you received any speech, vocal or performance training?

- (a) If so, what was the cost?

- (b) Was this cost covered by the taxpayer?

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ANSWER:

No.