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# BUDGET ESTIMATES 2023-2024 Supplementary questions

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Small Business, Lands and Property, Multiculturalism, Sport

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## **BUDGET ESTIMATES 2023-2024**

## SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

## Questions from Hon. Dr Amanda Cohn MLC

## SPORT

## Level the Playing Field program

1. Given that the Level the Playing Field program was oversubscribed, and the ongoing significant need for inclusive sport and recreation facilities across NSW, will there be future additional rounds or funding for this program?

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

## SMALL BUSINESS

### **Engineered Stone**

- 2. How many small businesses produce engineered stone in NSW?
- 3. What industry support will be made available for the small businesses who work in exclusively engineered stone?
- 4. Has the cost and method of disposal of unused prohibited stock and machinery been considered?

## **Energy Support for Small Businesses**

- Before the election yourself and the Premier stated that a Labor Government will "prioritise small businesses with financial support"
  - (a) Are you aware that the majority of NSW's small businesses are not eligible for this program?
    - i. Why not?
    - ii. As a percentage, how many of NSW's small businesses are eligible?
  - (b) How do you explain Labor's broken promise?
  - (c) What will you do as Minister to ensure the Minns Government delivers on the headline?

## **Small Business Charter**

- 6. Will the Small Business charter be legislated, introduced by regulation or is it a government statement of intent?
  - (a) Does the government plan to have an annual review of the charter to monitor its success?
  - (b) Will the charter have key performance indicators?

## Small Business Strategy

- 7. How will your strategy support small businesses in rural and regional New South Wales?
  - (a) How many businesses have you met with in rural/regional NSW? Note, diary disclosures do not specify the location of a meeting.
- 8. What specific strategies do you have to reduce the 'red tape' for small businesses?
- 9. Can you confirm if there is a timeline to have the Small Business Bureau up and running?
  - (a) Why is it taking so long?

## LANDS AND PROPERTY

## Crown Lands Staffing and Aboriginal Land Claims

- 10. When it comes to triaging Aboriginal Land Claims, how has work progressed regarding the contemporary prioritisation framework?
- 11. How many Crown Land Claims remain unresolved as of today?
  - (a) How many Crown Land Claims have been resolved in FY 2023-24?
  - (b) How many Crown Land Claims have been granted in FY 2023-24?
- 12. How many Aboriginal Land Claims remain unresolved as of today?
  - (a) How many Aboriginal Land Claims have been resolved in FY 2023-24?
  - (b) How many Aboriginal Land Claims have been granted in FY 2023-24?
- 13. What consideration has been given to this backlog of outstanding cases, and what measures are being taken to ensure this number is continually being reduced?
- 14. Are there any changes to the average length of time taken to resolve a Crown Land Claims?
- 15. What is the average length of time taken to resolve an Aboriginal Land Claim?

- 16. When it comes to triaging Aboriginal Land Claims, how has work progressed regarding the contemporary prioritisation framework?
- 17. Can you please provide a list of every ongoing social housing development that has not yet been finished on Crown Land, including the following:
  - (a) Address
  - (b) Number of dwellings proposed
  - (c) Types of dwelling (eg. Free standing house, apartment etc)
  - (d) Date announced
  - (e) Date started
  - (f) Status of progress
  - (g) Estimated completion date
- 18. How many of FTE staff are assigned to work on Crown Land Claims?
- 19. How many of FTE staff are assigned to work on Aboriginal Land Claims?
- 20. How many Crown Lands Claims remained unresolved on the following dates:
  - (a) 31 December 2023
  - (b) 30 June 2023
  - (c) 31 December 2022
  - (d) 30 June 2022
  - (e) 31 December 2021
  - (f) 30 June 2021
  - (g) 31 December 2020
  - (h) 30 June 2020
- 21. What are the 20 longest land claims still on the books?
- 22. On 24 October 2023, there was an estimated 38,518 unresolved Aboriginal Land Claims. On 20 February, we were advised there are now 38,532. Between 1 July 2023 and 22 January 2024, 236 claims had been resolved, compared to 776 in total for the 2022-2023 financial year. Progress has slowed substantially. In the land claims team, how many full-time equivalent staff are working on this issue? In October we were told there were 20, but on

February 20th the Minister is now saying there are 15 assessors. Has there been a reduction in the number of staff since October?

23. How many staff overall are currently employed by Crown Lands?

### **Rent Redeterminations**

- 24. On 31 October 2023, we were advised 4,613 of the 7,044 planned rent redeterminations had been completed in the 2023-24 Financial Year. Of the remaining 2,431 redeterminations, how many have been completed since 31 October and how many remain outstanding this financial year?
- 25. How many of these assessed tenures applied for the concession policy? How many saw this granted?
- 26. How many of these assessed tenures applied for the hardship policy? How many saw this granted?
- 27. The estimated total gross increase of rents on 31 October 2023 for these 4,613 tenures was
  \$8 million, with \$2.9 million in concessions, resulting in a gross gain of \$5.1 million. What is the value of the rent redeterminations and concessions undertaken since 31 October 2023?
- 28. Adding the \$5.1 million gross revenue to the above gross figure, how has this money been reinvested into the Crown Land portfolio?
- 29. As of 31 October 2023, the average gross rent increase across all tenures was \$1,733, with concessions factored in, this figure dropped to \$1,114. What are the new figures before and after concessions, considering the number of tenures redetermined since October 2023?
- 30. Can you please confirm the number of outstanding rent redeterminations this financial year?

#### Government audit of public land

- 31. In what regional centres have sites been identified as available for housing development through the Government's land audit?
- 32. What is the process from here to transition from the land audit into planning?
- 33. Has the Government got a timeframe until we begin seeing land released?
- 34. You left the door open to for the privatisation of land to developers. Under what circumstances would this be the preferred option?

#### **Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust**

- 35. On 20th February, Ms Hawyes said that advice had been sought from Parliamentary Counsel regarding extending the CMCT's transitional arrangements. Can you elaborate on those discussions? For example, how long do you envisage transitional arrangements being required?
- 36. Was this advice only sought since the Judicial Review's findings were handed down last Friday?
- 37. So, the transitional arrangements we're referring to are until the CMCT is moved under the provisions of the current Crown Lands Management Act, is that correct?
- 38. If not, what alternative arrangement? Are there any precedents?
- 39. Ms Hawyes mentioned advice had been received that put some doubt on the status of the CMCT as a state-owned entity. Can you elaborate on what basis it might be in question?
- 40. The CMCT are responsible for the management of around \$370 million dollars of Stateowned land. In principle, would this normally require a level of oversight that involves the Auditor General's Office?
- 41. Can you provide any examples of other similar exceptional arrangements of this type?

#### Metropolitan Memorial Parks Board

- 42. Can you provide an update on the board composition for Metropolitan Memorial Parks, including the chair and other members?
- 43. Are there any vacancies, if so, when will they be filled?
- 44. Have they been appointed to the board for three years initially?
- 45. What is the cost of the board over the next three years?
- 46. Can you provide an update on the expected costs to NSW taxpayers to deliver the new 136,000 plot Crown Land cemetery at Varroville? Is it on track to open in February 2025?
- 47. Can you provide an update on how many more plots the NSW government is expected to make available in metropolitan areas?

## MULTICULTURALISM

## Grants recipients

- 48. In 2023 the Committee was advised that 364 organisations were successful in *the Stronger Together Festivals and Events* program. However, the 2022-23 Multicultural NSW Annual Report refers to a total of 352 community organisations being supported across the entire financial year. Why do these figures differ?
- 49. Does MNSW categorise organisations and community organisations differently?
  - (a) If so, how does MNSW distinguish these groups and why is this not made clear in the annual report?

## COMPLAN

- 50. The Committee was previously advised "The COMPLAN members are reviewing measures available to them to counter divisive influences, limit harmful consequences and provide support and relief to affected persons and communities." What were these measures that were available?
  - (a) Which of these were implemented?
- 51. Following the implementation of any measures, how were they reviewed to determine their success in countering divisive influences, limiting harmful consequences and providing support and relief to affected persons and communities?
- 52. MNSW provides further detail on COMPLAN in their annual community relations reports. When will the Community Relations Report 2023 be released?

## **Chaplaincy Services**

- 53. Is the Minister aware that there are currently major gaps in service provision for chaplaincy services across our prisons and hospitals?
  - (a) If so, when was the Minister made aware?
  - (b) Has this been a matter raised in community forums held by MNSW?
  - (c) Has this matter been raised through the Faith Affairs Council?
- 54. Is the Minister aware of the current funding arrangements for chaplaincy services?
- 55. Has the Minister relayed these concerns to the Minister for Health or the Minister for Corrections, noting the importance of these services to faith communities across NSW?

#### **GROW** Pilot Program

- 56. How many staff in MNSW are dedicated to working on the GROW pilot program?
- 57. How frequently do MNSW provided updates to the Minister and the Minister's office on the program?
- 58. What is the status of the independent evaluation of the GROW pilot program?
- 59. Will the evaluation and any subsequent report be provided to the Minister prior to 30 June 2024?
- 60. Has the Minister written to relevant Federal Government Minister's and Departments to partner on the program?
- 61. Noting that GROW launched during the pandemic, will this be taken into consideration when deciding if the program should be continued?
- 62. What work is being done to ensure those who are part of the GROW pilot program will not be negatively impacted should funding cease on 30 June 2024?

#### Interpreter and Translation Services

- 63. The Committee was advised that there are 1,100 interpreters and translators, noting there can be crossover with these, that support over 100 languages. What is the breakdown of these 1,100 interpreters and translators by language?
- 64. In 2022, MNSW Language Services and NSW Police signed a three-year MOU to make MNSW the preferred provider of all language services. Is MNSW actively working to sign more MOUs with other NSW agencies and departments to be their preferred provider?
- 65. What other agencies/departments have MNSW as their preferred provider, noting that agencies like NSW Health have their own multicultural team?
- 66. NSW Health interpreting services offer interpreting in over 120 languages. Which languages do MNSW not have an interpreter for that NSW Health offer?
- 67. Aside from the scholarship program, is there any other programs or initiatives in place to secure translators and interpreters in languages you do not currently offer these services for?

#### Remove Hate from the Debate

68. At the end of 2023 the Committee was advised that the review of the Remove Hate from the Debate program and ambassadors associated with the program would be finalised in early 2024. Is that review still on track?

- 69. Is there a more specific date of when that review will be completed?
- 70. When will the revised program go live?
- 71. How many ambassadors will be a part of the revised program?
- 72. What was the selection process for these ambassadors?
- 73. If there was an expression of interest process, how many people submitted applications to be a Remove Hate from the Debate Ambassador?
- 74. Has the Minister and his office had any involvement or oversight on the delivery of the relaunch of Remove Hate from the Debate to ensure it re-launches on time in early 2024?

#### **Multicultural Media**

- 75. Is the Minister aware that the Independent Multicultural Media Association's (IMMA) references to the Victorian Government's model for advertising with multicultural media was for NSW to adopt more than just an increase in advertising spend from 7.5% to 15%?
  - (a) If so, why was this characterised by the Minister on 20 February 2024 as the main issue multicultural media was facing?
- 76. Does the Minister acknowledge that intermediary agencies handling creatives, translated media releases etc. are currently receiving majority of the Government's dedicated spend for multicultural media, whilst the outlets who publish this information are missing out?
- 77. The multicultural media sector has predominately raised their concerns directly with the Minister and Multicultural NSW. When and how were these concerns relayed to the Minister for Customer Service and the Department of Customer Service to ensure they would accurately be addressed in the review?
- 78. Did the Minister or his office facilitate any meetings between multicultural media outlets and the Minister for Customer Service to ensure he was informed of the concerns the Department of Customer Service would be reviewing?
- 79. Will the Minister for Multiculturalism consult with the Minister for Customer Service and multicultural media outlets prior to any announcements about the review of multicultural media advertising?
- 80. Has the Minister or Multicultural NSW engaged in discussions with IMMA or any multicultural media outlets concerning digital transformation and sustainability support?
  - (a) If so, when did these discussions occur?

- (b) What was the outcome?
- 81. Did the Minister or Multicultural NSW advise IMMA or any multicultural media outlets that they would be provided with funding or access to grants programs post-COVID to support the sustainability of multicultural media in NSW?
- 82. Was the Minister made aware of concerns from multicultural media outlets with the pilot fund proposed by the Department of Customer Service that would see multicultural media organisations have access to advertising spend on NSW Government campaigns?
  - (a) If so, when was this communicated to the Minister?
  - (b) Was this communicated by Multicultural NSW, the Minister for Customer Service, or the Department of Customer Service?
- 83. Does the Minister know the pilot fund only offered a select number of multicultural media outlets funding for government campaigns?
  - (a) Does the Minister believe limiting government campaigns to only three or four outlets is an appropriate method of giving multicultural media outlets greater funding?
- 84. Given there remain ongoing concerns about multicultural media advertising funding, will the Minister call on his colleagues to conduct further reviews into the NSW model for multicultural media advertising to ensure the concerns being raised are addressed?

#### SPORT

#### Unite Round

- 85. In your media release dated 18 October 2023, it was said that the Unite Round would bring "42,000 people to Sydney and generate more than \$10.2 million". Was the NSW Government expecting 14,000 visitors a year or 42,000 each year?
- 86. In that same release it stated that Unite Round would generate "\$10.2 million" was this each year or was it \$3.4 million per year? If \$3.4 million a year, do you believe this to be an adequate return for a \$15 million investment?
- 87. Are there updated figures on how much economic stimulus the Unite Round created?
  - (a) What are they?
  - (b) Why haven't these projections been calculated?
  - (c) Wouldn't these projections be helpful for the future?

- 88. Was it the A-League or the NSW Government that made the first approach regarding the possibility of New South Wales hosting the Unite Round?
- 89. As a part of the agreement were any requirements placed on the Australian Professional Leagues to promote the Unite Round and if so, what were these requirements?
- 90. Have you met with the Australian Professional Leagues since the Unite Round to discuss the Unite Round?

## Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program

- 91. Please provide the number of applications received by the Office of Sport for each round of the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program.
  - (a) Please provide by state electorate.
- 92. Please provide the number of successful applications received by the Office of Sport for each round of the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program.
  - (a) Please provide by state electorate.
- 93. Please provide the number of unsuccessful applications received by the Office of Sport for each round of the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program.
- 94. What steps did the Office of Sport take to notify sporting and active recreation organisations of the changes to eligibility for the Local Sport Defibrillator Program?
- 95. Did the Office of Sport send out any materials notifying sporting and active recreation organisations of the opening of applications under the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program?
  - (a) If so, was this information also sent to sporting and active recreation organisations in ineligible postcodes?
- 96. Please provide the list of questions asked as a part of the application process and required documentation for the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program.
- 97. In response to questioning at Budget Estimates, it was stated that "we had to close the program early because of oversubscription", on what date did the Office of Sport close the program?
- 98. On what date were applications for the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program originally scheduled to close?

- 99. What steps did the Office of Sport take to notify sporting and active recreation organisations change of the earlier closing date under the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program?
- 100. Provided the oversubscription to the Local Sport Defibrillator Program, will the NSW Government restore funding for this program to \$1 million a year?
- 101. During Budget Estimates the Minister committed to review the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program, when will this review commence?
- 102. What are the terms of reference of this review and what will be considered as a part of this review into the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program?
- 103. When can we expect the Minister's review of the program to be completed?
- 104. Will this review be completed before the next round of the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program?

## Moore Park Golf Course

- 105. Has the Minister met with Minister Scully to discuss the Moore Park Golf Course and the provision of green space in the area?
- 106. Have representatives of the Office of Sport met with the Planning Department to discuss Moore Park Golf Course and the provision of green space in the area?
- 107. Given the demand for playing surfaces in the area, how many football fields will be located on former Moore Park Golf Course Land?
- 108. Given the demand for playing surfaces in the area, how many cricket/AFL ovals will be located on former Moore Park Golf Course Land?
- 109. Given the demand for playing surfaces in the area, how many hockey fields will be located on former Moore Park Golf Course Land?
- 110. Given the demand for playing surfaces in the area, how many tennis courts will be located on former Moore Park Golf Course Land?

## Transition from Venues Live to Venues NSW

- 111. What were the findings of the feasibility study undertaken before the transition of the VenuesLive contract to VenuesNSW?
- 112. How many jobs were lost as a part of the change?
- 113. How much in redundancy was paid out to employees as a part of this change?

- 114. Was the cost of redundancies considered as a part of the financial feasibility before the decision was made?
- 115. Was there a discrepancy between what was factored into the financial feasibility and what was paid to laid off employees?
  - (a) If so, what was the discrepancy and what was the reason for the discrepancy?

## South Sydney and Canterbury Bulldogs

- 116. Has any work been undertaken by VenuesNSW to look into the potential impact of the South Sydney Rabbitohs relocating to Allianz Stadium?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If so, what impact would this have on VenuesNSW revenue?
- 117. Has any work been undertaken by VenuesNSW to look into the potential impact of the Canterbury Bulldogs leaving Accor Stadium?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If so, what impact would this have on VenuesNSW revenue and was a move to Commbank Stadium considered?
- 118. Has either club or the NRL raised the possibility of relocating to another Venue with Venues NSW or the Minister?
- 119. Given VenuesNSW operate Allianz, Commbank and Accor Stadiums, would the NSW Government consider a proposal from the South Sydney Rabbitohs to play their home matches at Allianz Stadium?
- 120. Given VenuesNSW operate Allianz, Commbank and Accor Stadiums, would the NSW Government consider a proposal from the Canterbury Bulldogs to play their home matches at Allianz Stadium or Commbank Stadium?

## Roof at Accor and Allianz Stadium

- 121. At Budget Estimates it was advised that a business case was being developed for the provision of a roof at Accor Stadium, will this business case be made public?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- 122. Will this business case be made available before going through the Infrastructure Gateway process?

- 123. Please provide a timeframe for when this report will be completed.
- 124. Please provide a timeframe for when this report will be made publicly available.
- 125. What was the cost of developing this business case?
- 126. When did work on this business case begin?

## Active Kids

- 127. As at the date for which the most recent data is available (and specifying what that date is) how many Active and Creative Kids vouchers have been issued since the program relaunched on 1 February 2024?
- 128. As at the date for which the most recent data is available (and specifying what that date is) how many Active and Creative Kids vouchers have been redeemed since the program relaunched on 1 February 2024?
- 129. What support if any is available to families that no longer qualify for support under the Active and Creative Kids voucher program?
- 130. How many organisations previously accepted Active Kids vouchers under the former Government's Active Kids Voucher Program?
- 131. As at the date for which the most recent data is available (and specifying what that date is) how many sporting and active recreation organisations accept Active Kids vouchers?
- 132. What steps did the Office of Sport take to notify sporting and active recreation organisations that accepted Active Kids vouchers under the old program that they needed to re-apply?
- 133. Please provide the list of questions required to register for the Active and Creative Kids Program?
- 134. On average, how long does an application for Active and Creative Kids vouchers take for sporting and active recreation organisations applying to participate in the program?
- 135. On average, how long is the wait time for sporting and active recreation organisations between applying to accept Active and Creative Kids vouchers and approval?

#### First Lap

136. Since 1 July 2023 to the date for which the most recent data is available (and specifying what date that is) how many First Lap vouchers have been issued to families across NSW?

- 137. From 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, how many First Lap Vouchers were issued to families across NSW?
- 138. Since 1 July 2023 to the date for which the most recent data is available (and specifying what date that is) how many First Lap vouchers have been redeemed?
- 139. From 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, how many First Lap Vouchers were redeemed?
- 140. How many approved providers of the NSW Government's First Lap Program are there in NSW?
- 141. Has this number changed since 30 June 2023?

## Office of Sport Grant Programs

- 142. With respect to the Budget Estimates Supplementary Question Response Q.59 regarding the Community Sport Recovery Package 2021/22, which election commitments were the unexpended funds allocated to?
- 143. With respect to the Budget Estimates Supplementary Question Response Q.77 regarding the NSW Football Legacy Fund, has a decision been made on the allocation of the unexpended funds? And if so, where have these been allocated?

## Office of Sport

144. How many of FTE staff are employed by the Office of Sport?

- (a) Please also provide by entity:
  - iii. Sport and Recreation
  - iv. Venues NSW
  - v. Sydney Olympic Park Authority
  - vi. Office of Penrith Lakes
  - vii. NSW Institute of Sport
  - viii. Sydney Cricket Ground and Sports Ground Trust

## Questions from Hon. Sue Higginson MLC

## LANDS AND PROPERTY

## Land Audit

145. How many sites have Property and Development NSW nominated for exemption from the asset sales pause?

- (a) What is the area of sites nominated for an exemption?
- 146. What percentage of lands that will be subject to the land audit have been assessed to date?
  - (a) What is the total number of sites that will be subject to preliminary audit?
    - i. How many lots in total?
    - ii. What is the average number of lots per site?
    - iii. What is the average number of lots per site in metro areas?
    - iv. What is the average number of lots per site in regional areas?
- 147. What percentage of lands that have been subject to the land audit have been assessed at a preliminary review level?
  - (a) What is the total number of sites that have been assessed at a preliminary review level?
    - i. How many lots have been assessed at a preliminary review level?
    - ii. What is the average number of lots per site that have been assessed at a preliminary review level?
    - iii. What is the average number of lots per site in metro areas that have been assessed at a preliminary review level?
    - iv. What is the average number of lots per site in regional areas that have been assessed at a preliminary review level?
- 148. What percentage of lands that have been subject to the land audit have been assessed at a desktop review level?
  - (a) What is the total number of sites that have been assessed at a desktop review level?
    - i. How many lots have been assessed at a desktop review level?
    - ii. What is the average number of lots per site that have been assessed at a desktop review level?

- iii. What is the average number of lots per site in metro areas that have been assessed at a desktop review level?
- iv. What is the average number of lots per site in regional areas that have been assessed at a desktop review level?
- 149. How many sites have been recommended to the Property Strategy Collaboration Committee for consideration?
  - (a) How many sites has the Property Strategy Collaboration Committee provided feedback on?
    - i. How many sites were the subject of feedback that recommended uses other than housing?
    - ii. How many sites were the subject of feedback that recommended housing uses?
  - (b) How many lots are included in the sites that have been recommended to the Property Strategy Collaboration Committee for consideration?
    - i. What is the total area of land?
    - ii. What is the total area of land in metro areas?
    - iii. What is the total area of land in regional areas?
- 150. How many sites have been identified to the Homes Committee as appropriate for housing?
  - (a) How many sites have been the subject of advice from the Home Committee for transfer to other Government entities?
    - i. What is the total area of land?
    - ii. What is the total area of land in metro areas?
    - iii. What is the total area of land in regional areas?
  - (b) How many lots have been identified to the Homes Committee as being appropriate for housing?
- 151. How many assessed sites have not progressed from audit to preliminary assessment, either in part or in full, due to environmental factors?
  - (a) How many total sites in the audit had greater than 50% threatened ecological communities by area?

- (b) How many total sites in the audit had less than 50%, but greater than 0, threatened ecological communities by area?
- (c) How many total sites in the audit had no threatened ecological communities?
- (d) Other than threatened ecological communities, what were other environmental factors that caused sites to be considered inappropriate for housing?
  - i. For each type of environmental factor, how many sites were ruled out by the audit on those grounds?
- 152. How many assessed sites have not progressed from audit to preliminary assessment, either in part or in full, due to Heritage concerns?
  - (a) How many total sites in the audit had post colonisation heritage features?
    - i. How many sites failed the audit, in part of in full, due to these features
  - (b) How many total sites in the audit had First Nations heritage features?
    - i. How many sites failed the audit, in part of in full, due to these features
  - (c) Has any consultation occurred with First Nations entities in relation to any site subject to the audit?
    - i. How many sites have been subject to consultation with First Nations entities as a result of the audit?
    - ii. At what stage of the audit does the consultation with First Nations entities occur?
    - iii. List the types of entities that will be subject to consultation before final decisions about land uses are identified.
- 153. Will on-ground assessments and truthing activities be carried out in relation to lands identified as appropriate for housing through the audit before a final decision is taken?
  - (a) Will environment factors be reviewed and considered as part of any on-ground activities?
    - i. What Government or non-Government entities will be engaged for these activities?
  - (b) Will First Nations heritage factors be reviewed and considered as part of any onground activities?

- i. What Government or non-Government entities will be engaged for these activities?
- (c) Will pollution and contamination factors be reviewed and considered as part of any on-ground activities?
  - i. What will these activities include?
  - ii. What Government or non-Government entities will be engaged for these activities?
- 154. Has public land on the Coffs Harbour Foreshore been subject to the audit?

## Land IQ

155. What is Land IQ?

- 156. What was the date that an instrument like Land IQ was first proposed by the NSW Government?
- 157. What was the date that Land IQ was first tested?
- 158. What was the date that Land IQ was first used?
- 159. What was the name of the entity that produced the Land IQ system?
- 160. What Government entities have access to the Land IQ system?
  - (a) How many Government employees have access to the Land IQ system?
    - i. How many employees for each of the entities with access?
- 161. What non-Government entities have access to the Land IQ system?
  - (a) How many non-Government individuals have access to the Land IQ system?
- 162. How is the data used in Land IQ stored?
  - (a) Are the servers publicly owned and operated?
- 163. Which Councils have indicated interest in running their land through the Land IQ system?
- 164. What specific protocols exist to ensure that Land IQ data cannot be shared beyond registered users?
  - (a) What specific protocols exist to ensure that registered users are compliant with their obligations to not share information?

#### **Coffs Harbour Jetty Foreshore**

- 165. Has there been any previous commitments made by the Government in relation to the development of public land on the Coffs Harbour Foreshore?
  - (a) What were those commitments and when were they made?
- 166. Why did the NSW Government refuse the offer from Coffs Harbour City Council to purchase the Foreshore land for \$6.7 million that included an offer for land that is serviced and zoned to accommodate residential buildings up to 14 storeys high?
  - (a) Is there any current arrangements between Property and Development NSW (PDNSW) and any other entity in relation to the public Foreshore land?
- 167. Has a business case been prepared in relation developing the public Foreshore?
  - (a) Has there been any cost-benefit analysis undertaken?
    - i. What is the cost benefit ratio?
  - (b) Has any assessment been undertaken about the final value of the land if the development proceeds?
    - i. What is the estimated total value of the land if the development proceeds?
- 168. What weighting will be given to the community consultation process that has been undertaken by PDNSW in relation to this land?
  - (a) Will community feedback be given priority consideration in relation to rezoning of public land?
- 169. How does the Masterplan or Refined Masterplan address the Murawin Report on Indigenous consultation?
- 170. How advanced is the rezoning plan?
  - (a) Have the contamination, flooding, environmental and other studies been completed?
  - (b) When will these be publicly available?
- 171. Ethos Urban, who conducted the consultation, were also awarded the contract to prepare the Planning Proposal. Was this an open tender process?
- 172. Was any consideration given to the pecuniary interests of the members of the Project Steering Advisory Committee?

- (a) Is it appropriate that more than half of the PSAC stood to benefit from the development proceeding?
- (b) Do PSACs often contain a majority of representatives from local Chambers of Commerce?
- 173. How does this plan align with the North Coast Regional Plan's objectives of encouraging housing in well-located areas free of environmental and climate risk?
- 174. How does this plan align with the government's commitment to coastal protection under the Coastal SEPP, in particular the commitment to protect littoral rainforest?

## **Aboriginal Land Claims**

- 175. How many Aboriginal land claims does the Department expect to both resolve and grant for the remainder of the 2023-24 Financial Year?
  - (a) Of these, how many are government priorities, and how many are Aboriginal land Council priorities?
- 176. The NSW Budget allocates \$366.5 million to fund "housing solutions, restoring land rights, and essential community infrastructure" (Budget Paper No.1, Chapter 5, page 8). Please provide a detailed breakdown of what the \$366.5 funding is being spent on, and how much has been spent to date.
- 177. How is the Department tracking its progress for returning land to Aboriginal Land Councils?
  - (a) Has the Department set targets?
  - (b) Have the targets been developed in partnership with Aboriginal Land Council, in line with Closing the Gap commitments?
  - (c) Is the Department on track to meet its targets? Do the targets address the approximately 38,500 backlog?
- 178. Following the 2020 Ronalds Report into the Land Negotiation Program, the then government made commitments to resource and process Aboriginal Land Agreements (ALAs) in a timely manner. Are all Aboriginal Land Agreements negotiated at the time of the Ronalds review resolved?
  - (a) If not, can the Minister please advise when these ALAs will be approved?
  - (b) How many Aboriginal Land Agreements are being negotiated, and what is their timeframe for completion?

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## Questions from Hon. Abigail Boyd MLC

#### MULTICULTURALISM

#### Hindu Council of Australia

- 180. Is the Minister aware that on 22 September 2021, evidence was presented to Dr. Malcolm Haddon, Associate Director, Community Resilience, Multicultural NSW (MNSW) relating to the HCA's alleged involvement in religious vilification through their participation in a Darpan WhatsApp group, operated by a Sydney-based community radio station?
- 181. Will MNSW continue to support organisations like the HCA through its NSW Faith Affairs Council despite claims that they seek to vilify the Sikh community and portray Muslims as rapists, looters, terrorists – on the basis that these merely constitute 'selective information'?
- 182. Will MNSW continue to back organisations like the HCA through the NSW Faith Affairs Council, even though they are alleged to promote deeply discriminatory texts such as ManuSmriti, which dehumanise caste-oppressed communities, on the grounds that promotion of such texts merely constitutes 'selective information '?
- 183. Will MNSW consider including representatives from caste-oppressed communities in its Faith Affairs Council, to enhance their sense of belonging and inclusion, in line with our Multicultural Principles and in light of the Australian Human Rights Commission's National Anti-Racism Framework report (AHRC-NARF), which highlights the extensive discrimination and social exclusion faced by these communities?
- 184. Will MNSW consider the Multicultural Principles mandated under the Multicultural Act 2000 the essential criteria for nomination to the NSW Faith Council and, in light of recent community concerns, reconsider its decision to promote and platform Mr. Surinder Jain and the HCA through the NSW Faith Affairs Council?

#### Domestic and family violence

185. What additional steps is the NSW Government taking to address domestic and family violence in multicultural communities, particularly in relation to:

- (a) funding?
- (b) building a workforce of multicultural specialist workers, codesigned and communityled primary prevention and early intervention?
- (c) access to income support, health care and housing for people on temporary visas?
- 186. Will the NSW Government commit to establishing a Domestic and Family Violence Multicultural Committee as part of the NSW Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Council to inform whole-of-government strategies at the intersections of multiculturalism and domestic and family violence?