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Women, Seniors, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
(Harrison)

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

Questions from the Hon Robert Borsak MLC
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WOMEN

Trans women participating in women's sports

- (1) What meetings or discussions have you had with the Minister for Sport, the Hon. Steve Kamper MP about the issue of trans women participating in women's sports?
 - (a) If so, when were those meetings or discussions held?
 - (b) Who attended those meetings or discussions?
 - (c) What issues were considered at those meetings or discussions?
 - (d) Have meeting dates been set down to further discuss the issue of trans women participating in women's sports?
- (2) What meetings or discussions have you had with the officials from Women NSW about the issue of trans women participating in women's sports?
 - (a) If so, when were those meetings or discussions held?
 - (b) Who attended those meetings or discussions?
 - (c) What issues were considered at those meetings or discussions?
 - (d) Have meeting dates been set down to further discuss the issue of trans women participating in women's sports?
- (3) Have you or your office received complaints about trans women participating in women's sports?
 - (a) If so, how many?
 - (b) If so, what issues were raised in the complaints?
 - (c) If so, what was the response provided to the complaints?
- (4) Has Women NSW received complaints about trans women participating in women's sports?
 - (a) If so, how many?
 - (b) If so, what issues were raised in the complaints?

- (c) If so, what was the response provided to the complaints?

Questions from the Opposition

Women, Seniors, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

- (5) During your Estimates hearing you were asked about the issues facing rural and regional pregnant women and the closure of birthing services and stated that you had met with the advocacy group Bush Babies. When did you meet with Bush Babies and what was discussed?
- (a) What steps are you taking to advance a whole-of-government response for the needs of regional mothers?
- (6) What is the total budget for Women NSW?
- (7) How many FTE positions are funded in Women NSW?
- (a) Are all positions filled?
- (8) How much has been allocated for the Companion Card program?
- (9) How many people currently access the Companion Card?
- (10) How many organisations applied for Core and Cluster EOI Tranches 1, 2, and 3?
- (a) Of these, how many were Aboriginal Controlled Organisations?
- (b) Of these, how many were represented multi-cultural communities?
- (c) Did any organisations seek to lease, purchase or refurbish government sites as part of the Core and Cluster?
- (d) If so, which ones?
- (11) Are any Core and Cluster properties government owned?
- (12) What is the progress of each core and cluster project, including:
- (a) Where is it located by LGA?
- (b) When was the contract signed?
- (c) When did construction commence?
- (d) When was construction completed or due to be completed?
- (e) When were the first clients accepted to be accepted into the property?
- (f) How many women/children will it accommodate?

- (g) How many women are currently being supported?
- (h) How many will be built using modular construction?
- (13) Are new Core and Cluster refuges that have not previously operated specialist domestic and family violence services required to meet the Domestic Violence NSW Good Practice Guidelines?
 - (a) If so, how is this being monitored or implemented?
- (14) Have Core and Cluster refuges undergone a process to show compliance with the Domestic Violence NSW Good Practice Guidelines?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (15) What training has been provided to Core and Cluster refuges to ensure they operate in compliance with Domestic Violence NSW Good Practice Guidelines?
- (16) What is the budget for the Specialist Workers for Children and Young People program budget for:
 - (a) 2023-24?
 - (b) 2024-25?
 - (c) 25-26?
- (17) In which LGAs does the Specialist Workers for Children and Young People program operate?
- (18) How many Specialist Workers for Children and Young People are employed during 2023-24?
 - (a) Provide breakdown by LGA?
- (19) How many Specialist Workers for Children and Young People are employed during 2024-25?
 - (a) Provide breakdown by LGA?
- (20) What is the Domestic Violence Response Enhancement budget for:
 - (a) 2023-24?
 - (b) 2024-25?
 - (c) 2025-26?

- (21) What is the Staying Home Leaving Violence budget for:
- (a) 2023-24?
 - (b) 2024-25?
 - (c) 2025-26?
- (22) What is the Integrated Domestic & Family Violence Services budget for:
- (a) 2023-24?
 - (b) 2024-25?
 - (c) 2025-26?
- (23) What is the Domestic Violence Pro-Active Services budget for:
- (a) 2023-24?
 - (b) 2024-25?
 - (c) 2025-26?
- (24) When did the Bourke Staying in Community Leaving Violence program commence?
- (a) How many clients have been assisted?
- (25) What support is provided to children and young people who witness or are affected by DFSV abuse?
- (26) What legal advice and trauma informed advocacy services are provided to children and young people who witness or are affected by DFSV?
- (27) What support is provided to children and young people who witness or are affected by DFSV homicide?
- (28) What legal advice and trauma informed advocacy services are provided children and young people who witness or are affected by DFSV homicide?
- (29) Which frontline workers including but not limited to police, judiciary, educators, disability, child protection caseworkers receive youth-focused training on recognising and responding to DFSV and coercive control?
- (a) Who provided that training?
 - (b) When was the training provided?
 - (c) How was the training delivered?

- (30) What coercive control training is being provided to DFSV practitioners?
- (a) When was this provided?
 - (b) What is the budget?
 - (c) Is more training planned?
- (31) How many underaged forced marriages were reported during:
- (a) 2023-24?
 - (b) 2024-25?
- (32) How many forced marriages were reported during:
- (a) 2023-24?
 - (b) 2024-25?
- (33) What work is underway to better understand the abuse of older people by age group, including but not limited to DFSV and coercive and/or controlling behaviour?
- (34) What are the barriers faced by people living in rural and regional communities in reporting domestic, family and sexual violence to police?
- (a) What actions have been taken to address these barriers?
- (35) What are the barriers faced by Aboriginal people in reporting domestic, family and sexual violence to police?
- (a) What actions have been taken to address these barriers?
- (36) How many misidentifications of women as domestic violence abusers were recorded in:
- (a) 2023-24?
 - (b) 2024-25?
 - (c) For these, provide a breakdown of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal?
- (37) When will the NSW Domestic Violence Death Review 2023-25 be released?
- (38) What is the total budget for Domestic and Family Violence?
- (39) How much has been allocated to Rural Women's Network for 2025-26?
- (40) How much has been allocated for the Investing in Women Funding Program for 2025-26?

- (41) Has the review of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education mandatory syllabus been conducted?
- (a) If so, what gaps were identified?
 - (b) What specific initiatives or programs have been implemented to strengthen holistic, trauma-informed survivor support?
- (42) What programs have been implemented to address respectful relationships, coercive control, consent education and pornography for children and young people across settings, both within and outside educational environments?
- (43) What resources have been developed to assist parents and caregivers to discuss in-person and online sexual violence, respectful relationships, coercive control, consent, and pornography with children and young people?
- (44) What strategies have been developed to address the role of pornography in contributing to harmful sexual behaviours and reinforcing stereotyped attitudes among children and young people?
- (45) Has the review of the service system for victim-survivors of sexual violence been undertaken?
- (a) If so, what gaps were identified?
 - (b) What specific initiatives or programs have been implemented to strengthen holistic, trauma-informed survivor support?
- (46) What proportion of domestic and family violence funding is allocated to early intervention and prevention versus crisis response?
- (47) With regional DV coordinator positions within NSW Police deleted, how will the government ensure effective interagency DV sector coordination?
- (48) Does the NSW Government intend to continue to allocate the same amount of National Partnership Agreement funding to domestic and family violence initiatives in the coming years, or will there be an increase or a decrease?
- (49) How will the NSW Common Approach to Risk Assessment and Safety Framework (CARAS) be implemented in schools, in child protection responses, in Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, and in housing and homelessness services to ensure allied staff have the capability to identify domestic and family violence and assess or manage risk in NSW?

- (a) Which sectors will be prioritised in the roll out?
- (50) Will there be an interim evaluation report on the NSW Sexual Violence Plan 2022-2027?
 - (a) If so, when?
- (51) Pillar 3 of the 2023-24 DFV Plan Annual Report Card notes there has been an increase in the availability of Specialist Homelessness Services for young people who use violence in the home. Where have these additional services been provided?
- (52) What is the training and resources that have been provided to SHS to build the capability of specialist homelessness services workers to support young people?
- (53) As part of the Data Strategy funding, how does the NSW Government plan to work with other states and territories to improve the alignment, compatibility, and comparability of domestic and family violence data collection across jurisdictions in Australia?
- (54) As part of the Data Strategy, how is the NSW Government working to improve understanding of, and data collection on, client outcomes in specialist domestic and family violence services?
 - (a) Will the NSW Government prioritise the development of a framework to better monitor client outcomes, service impact and efficacy?
- (55) How much has been allocated to NSW Domestic Violence Line for 2025-26?
- (56) How many calls did the NSW Domestic Violence Line receive during 2024-2025?
- (57) What was the average waiting time for the NSW Domestic Violence Line during 2024-25?
- (58) When will the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Outcomes, Monitoring and Reporting Framework be released?
- (59) The Men's Behaviour Change program has been expanded to 35 locations, how many are regional, and metro based?
 - (a) Can you provide a list of these locations?
 - (b) What is the cost of the program?
- (60) Will the "All in" early childhood pilot be evaluated?
 - (a) If so, when will the evaluation be undertaken?
 - (b) How will it be measured?
- (61) When did the Integrated Domestic and Family Violence Services initiative commenced?

- (a) How many operators provide these services?
- (b) Where are they located?
- (62) Will the NSW Government extend eligibility for women on temporary visas to the broader NSW housing and homelessness system, including access to social and affordable housing and temporary accommodation?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (63) What is the budget for the Office of the Women's Safety Commissioner for 2025-26?
- (64) How many staff are employed in the Office of the Women's Safety Commissioner for 2025-26?
- (65) In response to Supplementary questions, we have been advised the Women's Safety Commissioner is working on several projects. Is there a budget attached to individual projects or additional staff required?
- (66) What research projects are planned for the Office of the Women's Safety Commissioner for 2025-26?
- (67) In response to supplementary question 81 from 27 February 2025, what research has been undertaken on volunteering in NSW?
 - (a) What gaps were identified?
 - (b) What specific initiatives or programs have been implemented to strengthen holistic, trauma-informed survivor support?
- (68) In response to supplementary question 81 from 27 February 2025, what tools and resources have been developed to support volunteering in NSW?
- (69) What are the NSW Government's key strategic initiatives for volunteering?
- (70) What initiatives were implemented in 2024-25 to build and expand volunteer networks?

Portfolio Budget Split

- (71) What is the total allocation of funding that you will oversee as the Minister for Women?
 - (a) How much of this total amount will be spent in each of the following regions:
 - i. North Coast
 - ii. New England and North West

- iii. Hunter
- iv. Central West and Orana
- v. Far West
- vi. Riverina Murray
- vii. Southeast and Tablelands
- viii. Illawarra-Shoalhaven
- ix. Greater Sydney
- x. Central Coast

(72) What is the total allocation of funding that you will oversee as the Minister for Seniors?

(a) How much of this total amount will be spent in each of the following regions:

- i. North Coast
- ii. New England and North West
- iii. Hunter
- iv. Central West and Orana
- v. Far West
- vi. Riverina Murray
- vii. Southeast and Tablelands
- viii. Illawarra-Shoalhaven
- ix. Greater Sydney
- x. Central Coast

(73) What is the total allocation of funding that you will oversee as the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault?

(a) How much of this total amount will be spent in each of the following regions:

- i. North Coast
- ii. New England and North West
- iii. Hunter
- iv. Central West and Orana

- v. Far West
- vi. Riverina Murray
- vii. Southeast and Tablelands
- viii. Illawarra-Shoalhaven
- ix. Greater Sydney
- x. Central Coast

General Communities and Justice Expenditure

(74) The budget papers reflect a \$2 billion allocation across the Communities and Justice section. This amount is allocated for capital expenditure for this financial year alone. How much of this capital expenditure budget is allocated for projects within the following portfolios:

- (a) Seniors
- (b) Women
- (c) Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

(75) Mentioned several times across Budget Papers 1 and 2 is the figure \$272.7 million allocated over four years to provide additional funding for domestic, family and sexual violence services. In budget paper 2, there is somewhat of a breakdown of that expenditure over four years; \$9.3 million to implement Serious Domestic Abuse Prevention Orders, \$3.6 million for a new Common Approach to Risk Assessment and Safety, \$2.5 million to begin delivery of a Domestic and Family Violence Workforce Strategy, \$2.5 million to begin delivery of a Domestic and Family Violence Workforce Strategy, \$3.1 million to begin delivery of a Date Strategy to build the domestic, family and sexual violence evidence base, and \$2.0 million to start rolling out an Aboriginal Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence plan. All up, that is \$20.5 million for the 2025-26 financial year. Over the forward estimates that is \$82 million. What projects is the remaining \$190.7 million being spent on?

- (a) Where are these projects?

NSW WOMEN'S STRATEGY 2023-2026

Annual Report Cards

(76) The 2025 Report Card states that women in the NSW public sector are earning 7.2% less than men. This increased from 4.5% in the previous report card. Why did this gap increase?

- (a) Has any research been conducted that reflects why there has been changes?
 - i. Can you provide that research?
 - (b) Can you provide information on which roles, departments, where there are discrepancies between wages?
 - (c) Are there any measures that have been considered, or will be considered, and /or included in this year's budget papers that will attempt to rectify this?
- (77) Under the Personal Financial Wellbeing section, the 2024 Report Card stated that the self-reported media total personal income was \$16,704 lower than men. The 2025 Report Card showed that this gap had widened to \$19,053. Why did this gap increase?
- (a) Has any research been conducted that reflects why there has been changes?
 - i. Can you provide that research?
 - (b) Are there any measures that have been considered, or will be considered, and /or included in this year's budget papers that will attempt to rectify this?
- (78) In the Perceived Safety section of the 2024 report card, the NSW Police Force recorded the rate of female victims of violent offences as 1227.7 per 100,000. In the 2025 that rate increased to 1374.7 per 100,00. Why did this increase?
- (a) Has any research been conducted that reflects why there has been changes?
 - i. Can you provide that research?
 - (b) Are there any measures that have been considered, or will be considered, and/or included in this year's budget papers that will attempt to rectify this?
- (79) In the Housing Stability section, in 2024 the percentage of women who were homeless at the beginning of 2021-22 who were no longer homeless after receiving specialist assistance was 19%. In 2025 that percentage was 18%. A decrease in this figure shows that conditions are getting worse. Can you account for why the specialist assistance for women has not worked as well as it did the year before?
- (a) Has any research been conducted that reflects why there has been changes?
 - i. Can you provide that research?
 - (b) Are there any measures that have been considered, or will be considered, and/or included in this year's budget papers that will attempt to rectify this?

- (80) Under the Completion of Education and Training section, the 2024 Year 12 completion rate for girls was 75.8%, in 2025 it was 74%. Can you account for this decrease?
- (a) Has any research been conducted that reflects why there has been changes?
 - i. Can you provide that research?
 - (b) Are there any measures that have been considered, or will be considered, and/or included in this year's budget papers that will attempt to rectify this?
- (81) In the geographical breakdown of the Completion of Education and Training section, in 2024 78.8% of these girls were from major cities, 68.7% from outer regional areas, and 71.1% were in very remote areas. In the 2025 report card 77% were in major cities, 64% were in inner regional areas, and 58% were in outer regional and remote areas. Can you account for reasons as to why there were changes in each geographical area?
- (a) Why did the report card change the geographical categories from Major Cities, Regional Area, and Remote Areas; to Major Cities, Inner Regional Areas, and Outer Regional Areas?
 - (b) Has any research been conducted that reflects why there has been changes?
 - i. Can you provide that research?
 - (c) Are there any measures that have been considered, or will be considered, and/or included in this year's budget papers that will attempt to rectify this?
- (82) When it comes to Gender Segregation in Education, the 2024 report card said 68% of year 11 girls were enrolled in 2 or more STEM subjects, in 2025 it had dropped to 57%. Can you account for this change?
- (a) Has any research been conducted that reflects why there has been changes?
 - (b) Are there any measures that have been considered, will be considered, and/or included in this year's budget papers that will attempt to rectify this?

DIARY DISCLOSURE

Diary

- (83) Your ministerial diary disclosure reflects a 15 day gap when you had no disclosed meetings between the 15th of April and the 30th of April. Could you tell us what you were up to during this time?

SENIORS

Ageing and Disability Commission

- (84) The Budget Papers allocate \$8 million to the Ageing and Disability Commission. In previous years the budget submissions from the Commission was not agreed to by the Government. What funding did the Commission ask for in this years Budget?

Ageing and Disability Abuse Helpline

- (85) How many calls did the Ageing and Disability Abuse Helpline receive:
- (a) 2024-25
 - (b) 2023-24
- (86) Between 2019-20 and 2024-25 by what percentage did calls to the Helpline increase?

Electricity Rebates

- (87) What are you doing as the Minister for Seniors to address the ongoing cost-of-living crisis affecting seniors and pensioners in NSW?
- (a) Why has the Low-Income Household Rebate been reduced from \$350 to \$285 per year?
 - (b) Why has the Seniors Energy Rebate been reduced from \$250 to \$200 per year?
 - (c) Why has the Life Support Rebate, for those households with life support equipment, been reduced from \$1638 to \$1343?

Social Housing Accelerator

- (88) How many senior social homes are to be delivered under the Social Housing Accelerator Fund in NSW in the next 12 months?
- (a) Where are these social houses located?
 - (b) Do you and the NSW Government have plans to build more social homes outside of Sydney for older people?
 - i. When will these be built?
 - ii. Where will they be built?

Seniors Card

(89) How many businesses have joined the NSW Seniors Card discount scheme since the last Budget Estimates hearings in February?

(a) Can you provide example of the new offerings now included in the scheme?

CFMEU meetings

(90) Since 28 March 2023, have you met with the Construction, Forestry and Maritime Employees Union (CFMEU) that was not disclosed in accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information?

ETU meetings

(91) Since 28 March 2023, have you met with the Electrical Trades Union (ETU) that was not disclosed in accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information?

Ministerial disclosures to The Cabinet Office

(92) On what date did you last update/make a ministerial disclosure to the Premier and the Secretary of The Cabinet Office?

Department(s)/Agency(s) Employees

(93) In relation to redundancies, will this be made available in your respective Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports?

Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports

(94) Do you have plans to print the 2024-25 annual report(s) for each department / agency in your portfolio?

(a) If yes, what is the budgeted expenditure for printing for each department / agency?

State Records Act

(95) Have you and your ministerial office had training and/or a briefing about the State Records Act from State Records NSW and/or The Cabinet Office and/or Premier's Department?

(a) If yes, when?

Department(s)/Agency(s) Gifts and Hospitality Register

(96) Does your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) have a gifts and/or hospitality register?

(a) If yes, is it available online?

(b) If yes, what is the website URL?

Ministerial staff disclosure of gifts and/or hospitality

(97) Does your ministerial office keep a register of gifts and/or hospitality for staff to make disclosures?

(a) If yes, what is the website URL?

(98) 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?

Ministerial Code of Conduct

(99) Since 28 March 2023, have you breached the Ministerial Code of Conduct?

(a) If yes, what was the breach?

Senior Executive Drivers

(100) As at 1 August 2025, how many senior executives in your portfolio department(s) / agency(s) have a driver?

GIPA Act - Disclosure Log & Ministerial Offices

(101) Does your Ministerial Office have a disclosure log in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access Act) 2009?

(a) If yes, what is the URL?

GIPA Act - Disclosure Log & Departments/Agencies

(102) What is the website URL for the Government Information (Public Access Act) 2009 disclosure log each of your portfolio department(s) / agency(s)?

TikTok

(103) Are you on TikTok?

(a) If yes, do you access TikTok from a NSW Government device?

Signal

(104) Are you on Signal?

- (a) If yes, do you access Signal from a NSW Government device?
- (b) If yes, does Signal comply with the State Records Act?

Training

(105) Since 28 March 2023, have you had training from an external stakeholder that included an invoice and payment paid for using your ministerial budget?

- (a) If yes, what is the description of training?
- (b) If yes, how much?

Parliamentary Secretary & Ministerial Vehicle

(106) Has your Parliamentary Secretary ever used a Ministerial driver from the pool?

- (a) If yes, why?

Media releases and statements

(107) Are all the ministerial media releases and statements issued by you publicly available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/ministerial-releases?>

- (a) If no, why?

Overseas Travel

(108) As Minister, do you approve overseas travel for public servants from your portfolio department(s)/agency(s)?

Data Breaches

(109) Does your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) keep a register of data breaches in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection (PPIP) Act?

- (a) If yes, what is the website?

Discretionary Fund

(110) As Minister, do you have a discretionary fund?

- (a) If yes, what department(s) / agency(s) administer it?

- (b) If yes, what is the website URL detailing expenditure?

Airline Lounges

(111) Are you a member of the Qantas Chairmans Lounge?

(112) Are you a member of the Virgin Beyond Lounge?

Ministerial Overseas Travel

(113) Since 28 March 2023, have you formally applied to the Premier to travel overseas?

- (a) If yes, was this application accepted?

Private Jet Charter

(114) Have you travelled on a private jet charter in your Ministerial capacity?

- (a) If yes, was this value for money for taxpayers?

Ministerial Office renovations

(115) Since 28 March 2023, has your Ministerial Office at 52 Martin Place been renovated?

- (a) If yes, how much was the expenditure?

Conflict of Interest

(116) Since 28 March 2023, have you formally written to the Premier with a conflict of interest?

- (a) If yes, why?

Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

(117) How does the government currently factor the significant cost differences between metro and regional services into funding arrangements?

- (a) How much consideration is given to the higher rates of DFV, travel costs, brokerage costs, etc?

(118) Why hasn't the NSW Government funded statewide, ongoing training for the specialist domestic and family violence sector to ensure that services are equipped to support children and young people as victim-survivors in their own right, and to partner with the protective parent?

- (119) Has the National Partnership Agreement allocation to domestic and family violence initiatives changed from one year to the next?
- (a) Does the NSW Government intend to continue to allocate the same amount of National Partnership Agreement funding to domestic and family violence initiatives in the coming years, or will there be an increase or a decrease?
- (120) The Commonwealth has committed \$19.6 million over three years to extend the current three specialist trauma-informed sexual assault legal services in Victoria, Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory, and nationally expand the pilots to include one in each jurisdiction. Can you confirm how much NSW will be receiving?
- (a) Has the NSW government discussed how this funding will be used?
- (b) Can you advise an anticipated timeline for this?
- (121) In the 2024-25 Budget, \$13.6 million was allocated for “research into perpetrators and effective interventions, workforce training on the implementation of a newly developed risk assessment framework, and expanding Domestic Violence NSW, which is the peak body for specialist services in New South Wales.” How many years is this allocated across?
- (122) Of the \$2.5 million allocated for the workforce strategy, how much is allocated for the implementation of the quality standards, for FY 2025-26?

Specialist Workers for Children and Young People

- (123) Is there any new investment in the 2025-26 budget, for expanding the Specialist Workers for Children and Young People program?
- (124) [The evaluation report published in October 2024](#) made 10 recommendations to enhance the effectiveness of the program. Have any of these been implemented or progressed?
- (a) In relation to recommendation 4, has DCJ begun any work to assess the risks and opportunities of incorporating SWCYP into core funding for all SHS-funded women’s refuges that support CYP?
- (b) Have any changes been made to the flexibility around how funding is used by services?
- (c) I understand the SWCYP service specifications were updated in June 2024 to allow for funding to also be used for flexible brokerage to support achievement of client case plan goals. Has this been revisited off the back of the evaluation?

- (d) In relation to recommendation 6, has any consideration been given to allowing funds to be used for brokerage for school-associated costs (e.g. school uniforms, excursions), health and mental health specialist services, or for services based in regional locations?
- (e) In relation to recommendation 7, has consideration been given to allocate funding for supervision and professional development for specialist workers?
- (f) In relation to recommendation 9, has any work been done to establish what type of outcomes SWCYP funding is expected to achieve and develop a program/role logic as the basis for future evaluation?
- (g) Recommendation 10 called for outcome measures to be collected at regular intervals (e.g. at entry/exit or every 3 months) for measures like Personal Wellbeing Index, The Child Wellbeing Index, The Self-Efficacy Questionnaire for Children, Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire and needs being met. Does DCJ currently collect outcome measures for the program?

Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Lived Experience Advisory Group

- (125) What role will the advisory group have, and how will they function?
- (126) How much influence will this advisory group have in determining the priorities, policy positions, and resources allocated to respond to domestic and family violence in NSW?

Funding for NSW Sexual Violence Helpline operated by FullStop

- (127) Will the NSW government commit to extending funding for the NSW Sexual Violence Helpline to allow the helpline to continue operating beyond 2026 when its funding contract expires?
- (128) How much funding did the Helpline receive from the NSW government in each of the last five years?
 - (a) Can you please break this down into how much was provided under the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) as well as from the relevant government departments?

Port Stephens Family and Neighbourhood Services (PSFaNS)

- (129) Given there is currently no dedicated refuge accommodation for children and young people in crisis in the Port Stephens region, will the NSW government commit to engaging in direct consultation with Port Stephens Family and Neighbourhood Services (PSFaNS), who are

currently developing their Core and Cluster refuge, to identify and address gaps in accommodation for young people in crisis in the region?

- (a) Is the government considering allocating funding for extra units and staffing, to ensure the Core and Cluster is adequately resourced to meet the specific and immediate needs of these vulnerable young people?

Place Based service delivery

(130) At the recent Domestic Violence NSW Regional Forum in Armidale, regional and rural DFV service providers expressed shared frustration regarding funding models and tender processes that are not place-based. Is the NSW Government committed to implementing a genuinely place-based funding model for the DFV sector?

- (a) If so, when can we expect to see this?

Data Strategy

(131) As part of the Data Strategy funding, how does the NSW Government plan to work with other states and territories to improve the alignment, compatibility and comparability of domestic and family violence data collection across jurisdictions in Australia?

(132) In 2016 in Victoria, the Royal Commission into Family Violence identified a lack of a shared understanding of client outcomes; whether services are meeting the needs of clients; and whether there are sufficient resources for services to meet demand. Similar challenges exist in NSW. As part of the Data Strategy, how is the NSW Government working to improve understanding of, and data collection on, client outcomes in specialist domestic and family violence services?

- (a) Will the NSW Government prioritise the development of a framework to better monitor client outcomes, service impact and efficacy?

Older women and homelessness

(133) What is the status of the NSW government implementing the recommendations from the Standing Committee on Social Issues Inquiry into 'Homelessness amongst older people aged over 55 in New South Wales'?

(134) The NSW government supported in principle recommendation 6 of the inquiry, which was "That the NSW Government consider implementing an explicit policy within the Ageing Well in NSW: Seniors Strategy 2021-2031 on 'ageing in place' and establishing benchmarks

against which wider government policies can be measured.” What action has been taken to establish benchmarks against which wider government policies can be measured?

(135) The NSW government supported in principle recommendation 11 of the inquiry, which was “That the NSW Government ensure that, for older people at risk of homelessness who are not able to access the National Disability Insurance Scheme or aged care services service gaps are identified and investigated, and solutions to address these service gaps are identified and implemented in partnership with the Australian Government.” What action has been taken to identify such service gaps?

(136) The NSW government supported in principle recommendation 13 the inquiry, which was “That the NSW Government urge the Australian Government to examine opportunities to increase social security payments, including an increase to Commonwealth Rent Assistance.” What action has the NSW government taken in relation to this?

(a) Minister, have you met with your Commonwealth colleagues to advocate for this?

(137) The NSW government supported in principle recommendation 22 of the inquiry, which was “That the NSW Department of Communities and Justice make publicly available more data, specifically surrounding: social and priority housing waiting list data by age, gender, disability status and geographic area; number of social and affordable housing dwellings available in New South Wales, including a breakdown of allocations by age and gender; and number of dwellings built under housing commitments in the NSW Homelessness Strategy 2018-2023, Social and Affordable Housing Fund, and Community Housing Innovation Fund.” What actions has the NSW government taken in relation to this?

(138) The NSW government supported recommendation 24 of the inquiry, which was “That the NSW Government develop a campaign to educate health professionals, social workers, police, and other relevant service providers about the nature of domestic and family violence as it manifests for older women and their families.” The government response referenced the Workforce Development Strategy which has since been released in August 2025; Action area 6.2 outlines the government’s intention to undertake an audit of existing training and consider training needed to strengthen workforce capability to understand the unique types and drivers of violence experienced by older women. Given that the government supported this recommendation over two years ago, can you please indicate a specific timeline for when this training will be developed?

(a) Will it extend to the sectors specified in the recommendation, including health, social worker sector and police?

- (139) The NSW government supported recommendation 25 of the inquiry, which was “That the NSW Government review baseline funding for the specialist domestic and family violence sector to support older women at risk of homelessness due to domestic and family violence.” Since the government response was tabled on 30 January 2023, can you confirm whether the baseline funding for existing specialist domestic and family violence services has increased at all?
- (a) Has the NSW government conducted any sort of review of baseline funding for the specialist domestic and family violence sector to support older women at risk of homelessness due to domestic and family violence, as described in recommendation 25?
 - (b) Has any action at all been taken by the government in relation to this recommendation?
- (140) The NSW government supported in principle recommendation 26 of the inquiry, which was “That the NSW Government consider dedicating one of the already funded Core and Cluster refuges to pilot a crisis accommodation support service for older women who have experienced domestic and family violence.” What actions has the NSW government taken in relation to this?
- (a) In the government’s response, it noted that “there are no specific refuges targeting women over 55, however all new Core and Cluster women’s refuges have the potential to support outcomes for older women experiencing DFV and homelessness.” Has this changed since the response was tabled on 30 January 2023?
- (141) The NSW government supported in principle recommendation 32 of the inquiry, which was “That the NSW Government review and consider additional funding to Specialist Homelessness Services to provide more emergency and temporary accommodation, and transitional housing targeted to older people.” What actions has the NSW government taken in relation to this?
- (a) Since the response was tabled on 30 January 2023, has the government provided any additional funding to Specialist Homelessness Services to provide more emergency and temporary accommodation, and transitional housing targeted to older people?
- (142) The NSW government supported in principle recommendation 38 of the inquiry, which was “That the NSW Government consider implementing a community awareness campaign

targeted to older people about the risks of homelessness.” What actions has the NSW government taken in relation to this?

(143) The NSW government supported recommendation 39 of the inquiry, which was “That the NSW Government consider training and education that ensures frontline service providers have an understanding of the diverse experiences of older people and homelessness, and of how to appropriately interact with people seeking assistance.” What actions has the NSW government taken in relation to this?

(144) The NSW government supported in principle recommendation 40 of the inquiry, which was “That the NSW Government examine opportunities to streamline application processes for housing and support services, including reviewing documentation requirements and providing easy-to-read supporting materials, and ensuring the need for applicants to repeatedly retell their story is minimised.” What actions has the NSW government taken in relation to this?

(145) What is the NSW Labor Government doing to ensure economic abuse experienced by older women is properly researched, and adequate data is readily available?

(146) The Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing has suggested immediate actions to provide housing for Older women aged over 80 years and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women aged 55 years and over who are experiencing domestic violence and at risk of homelessness, and older people aged 55 to 65 years who are on Job Search Allowance, living under the poverty line, who are at risk of homelessness. What actions has the NSW Labor Government taken to address the needs of these two groups?

(a) What budget allocation has been made to address these two groups?

i. How does this compare to the previous 5 years?

ii. Is this projected to decrease/increase in the coming 5 years?

iii. How does this decrease/increase compare to the decrease/increase in population for these two groups?

(147) Minister, are you aware of whether Treasury applied a gender and age lens in preparing this Budget, particularly in relation to housing and safety for older women?

(148) What is the government’s plan to address the unique housing insecurity faced by older women in regional and rural NSW, where services are sparse and housing stock is limited?

(149) Why does NSW still not routinely disaggregate domestic and sexual violence data by age and gender, leaving older women's experiences largely invisible in reporting and resource allocation (they tend to be classed as 55+ or 65+)?