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PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 1 – PREMIER AND FINANCE

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-2026

Supplementary questions

Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier and Finance

Treasurer

(Mookhey)

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

Questions from the Hon Jeremy Buckingham MLC

The Kamay Ferry Wharves

- (1) What is the final cost of the Kamay Ferry Wharves project, or if that is not yet known, the cost as of 30 June 2025?
- (2) Why is it not listed separately in the Budgetary Papers of June 2025 when in all previous years it has been listed as a separate project?

Questions from Ms Sue Higginson MLC
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Resilient Homes Program

- (3) On 19 September 2023, after the 2023-24 Budget, the member for Lismore said that there was “\$100m MORE FOR BUYBACKS, HOUSE RAISING, RETROFIT” as part of “tranche 2 funding” for the Resilient Homes Program. Is it correct that there was a \$100m budget allocation from the NSW Government for the Northern Rivers Resilient Homes Program, in addition to the already-announced \$700m, bringing the total to \$800m as of 19 September 2023?
- (4) In a media release on the 2nd December 2024, the Government said it had allocated an extra \$90m, along with a Commonwealth allocation of \$90m, as a second installment to the Resilient Homes Program in the Northern Rivers in the June 2024-25 budget.
 - (a) When was this budget allocation first announced?
 - (b) On exactly what date was that funding announced?
 - (c) Which budget was that extra funding allocated in?
- (5) A media release about the 2023-24 budget said that the \$150m Community Flood Restoration Fund would be used “As a second instalment to the ongoing Resilient Homes Program in the Northern Rivers.”
 - (a) Was a specific funding breakdown agreed before this funding was allocated? If so, what was that funding breakdown?
 - (b) Exactly how much of that funding was spent as a second instalment of the Resilient Homes Program?

- (6) Can you provide me with a timeline of when funding allocations for the Resilient Homes Program were made?
- (7) Can you rule out having any knowledge of a decision to reduce the total amount of funding for the Resilient Homes Program from its anticipated \$1.5 billion total cost?

Great Koala National Park

- (8) Can the Treasurer provide an estimate of the savings in GHG emissions likely to result from creating The Great Koala National Park?
- (9) What volume of carbon credits do you anticipate will be generated by the GKNP?
- (10) What price do you anticipate GKNP carbon credits will receive?
- (11) Can you please explain how the treasury understands carbon credits generated by the creation of the Park will be marketed?
- (12) What new regulatory arrangements will be established to satisfy 100 year permanence requirements?
- (13) Which state agency will take on the responsibilities, legal obligations and liabilities of the project proponent?

Performance and Wellbeing Framework

- (14) This Budget launched the Performance and Wellbeing Framework. How will the Framework be used in future Budgets to inform policy and investment decisions?
- (15) How will you ensure that it is not simply a piece of reporting that doesn't actually affect change?

Environment Allocation

- (16) How does a Government elected on a mandate of environmental protection justify the fact that the revised spending on environment protection in the 2024-2025 financial year by the Minns Labor Government represents the smallest proportion of general government sector expenses since the new model budget papers were adopted in 2016?
- (17) Will you restore the \$446 million you cut from environmental protection?

Private Members Bills

- (18) Your department set aside \$7.9 million for the Shooters' Hunting Bill. Is your government in the practice of costing and allocating funding towards private members bills that haven't been passed?
- (19) Did you or anyone from your office have any conversations with the Shooters Party about a funding allocation for their bill in the Budget?
- (20) How many budget allocations have been made by this government for private members' bills supported by the government?
- (21) Which private members' bills have had budget allocations in the years:
- (a) 2023?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2025?
- (22) Was a budget allocation made by the Treasurer prior to the passage of the Bill for the:
- (a) Human Tissue Amendment (Ante-mortem Interventions) Bill 2023?
 - i. If so, what was the allocation prior to the passage of the Bill?
 - (b) Abortion Law Reform Amendment (Health Care Access) Bill 2025?
 - i. If so, what was the allocation prior to the passage of the Bill?
 - (c) Health Services Amendment (Northern Beaches Hospital Deed Termination) Bill 2025?
 - i. If so, what was the allocation prior to the passage of the Bill?
 - (d) Water Management Amendment (Water Access Licence Register Reform) Bill 2024?
 - i. If so, what was the allocation prior to the passage of the Bill?
 - (e) Regional Communities (Consultation Standards) Bill 2024?
 - i. If so, what was the allocation prior to the passage of the Bill?
 - (f) Equality Legislation Amendment (LGBTIQ+) Bill 2023?
 - i. If so, what was the allocation prior to the passage of the Bill?
 - (g) Animal Research Amendment (Prohibition of Forced Swim Tests and Forced Smoke Inhalation Experiments) Bill 2024?
 - i. If so, what was the allocation prior to the passage of the Bill?

Forestry

- (23) Will you advise the Forestry Corporation to shut down their hardwood logging operations because they continue to lose large amounts of money every year, with no prospects of not losing large amounts of money every year and the harm that is caused by logging our precious public native forests?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If yes, when?

Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

Domestic and family violence investment

- (24) To ensure transparency and accountability, will the NSW Treasury commit to clearly stated line items in future Budget Papers to ensure investment in domestic and family violence prevention and response in NSW can be tracked over time?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (25) Specialist domestic and family violence services are at the frontline in the response to domestic and family violence in NSW with demand for support increasing and yet, these services have not received a substantial increase to their core operational and service delivery funding in years. Some services report operating at over 400% funded capacity, with staff working unpaid overtime to keep people safe. During the term of this government, will there be a 50% core funding increase for all existing specialist sexual, domestic and family violence services in NSW?
- (a) If not, why not?

NSW government property audit for housing

- (26) In relation to the NSW government property audit for housing, can you confirm that the proceeds of the sale of properties identified through this audit revert initially to the land-owning agency and then to the Consolidated Revenue Fund if that agency has no approvals in their capital program?
- (a) To date, how much money has the Consolidated Revenue Fund received from proceeds of the sales of properties identified through this audit?
- i. Of this, is any portion earmarked for Homes NSW to use for building new public and social housing?

1. If so, what is this portion, who determines it, and on what basis?
- (b) To date, how much money has each agency and department received from proceeds of the sales of properties identified through this audit?
- (c) Which agencies and departments currently have approvals in their capital programs?
 - i. What is the value of each of these approvals by agency and department?

Royalty revenue

- (27) What are the terms of recovery by the State of \$10M owed by Whitehaven Coal pursuant to the May 2025 decision of the Chief Judge in Equity in the NSW Supreme Court *Whitehaven Coal Mining Limited v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue*?
- (28) Has the negative royalty issue applied elsewhere?
- (29) Has the Commissioner also reissued notices of determination for other mines to update their royalty payments?
- (30) Regarding the Guidelines For The Economic Assessment of Mining and Coal Seam Gas Proposals currently in use by Treasury in Cost Benefit Analysis of coal projects dated December 2015:
 - (a) are these Guidelines under review?
 - (b) are any drafts available for consideration?
 - (c) when is it proposed to review the Guidelines?
- (31) What is the current process within Treasury for assessment of economic claims in coal mining EIS's and authoring of content for Department of Planning's Assessment reports that are relied upon by the Independent Planning Commission in its determinations of consent?

Questions from the Opposition

Renewable Fuel Mandate

- (32) Is the NSW Treasury aware of the EPA's proposal to introduce a renewable fuel mandate for coal mining?
- (33) What input has the NSW Treasury had into the development of the Renewable Fuels Policy?
- (34) Does NSW Treasury have a view on the general economic approach of imposing expensive demand-signal mandates on existing markets?

- (35) Can Treasury provide any examples where such an approach has successfully delivered long-term economically sustainable market outcomes without unintended consequences?
- (36) Has a benefit/cost analysis or other economic analysis been conducted?
- (37) The EPA is proposing to start with coal mining, but has stated an intention to extend similar requirements to other sectors in the future.
- (38) What modelling has been done on the economic cost to NSW of forcing the use of more expensive fuels across mining and other sectors?
- (39) Has there been any form of regulatory impact statement on all of this?

CFMEU meetings

- (40) 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

- (41) 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

- (42) 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

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

Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports

- (44) 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

(45) 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

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

(a) If yes, is it available online?

i. If yes, what is the website URL?

Ministerial staff disclosure of gifts and/or hospitality

(47) 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?

(48) 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

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

(a) If yes, what was the breach?

Senior Executive Drivers

(50) 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

(51) 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

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

TikTok

- (53) Are you on TikTok?
- (a) If yes, do you access TikTok from a NSW Government device?

Signal

- (54) 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

- (55) 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

- (56) Has your Parliamentary Secretary ever used a Ministerial driver from the pool?
- (a) If yes, why?

Media releases and statements

- (57) Are all the ministerial media releases and statements issued by you publicly available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases>?
- (a) If no, why?

Overseas Travel

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

Data Breaches

(59) 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

(60) 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

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

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

Ministerial Overseas Travel

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

(a) If yes, was this application accepted?

Private Jet Charter

(64) 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

(65) 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

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

(a) If yes, why?