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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

Questions from the Hon Mark Latham MLC

- (1) Given that Peter Vlandys and Graeme Hinton act as referees for the Evergreen turf company and Racing NSW runs a number of racecourses in NSW (therefore regulating itself), have competitive tender and EOI processes been abandoned at those tracks with the turf supply contracts automatically going to Evergreen?
- (a) What is the arrangement in place at:
- i. Hawkesbury
 - ii. Goulburn
 - iii. Cessnock
 - iv. Sapphire Coast
 - v. Bathurst (effectively under the control of Dr Cooke)
 - vi. Coffs Harbour (Crown Land Lease)
 - vii. Inverell (CLL)
 - viii. Armidale (CLL)
 - ix. Port Macquarie (CLL)?

Questions from the Hon Robert Borsak MLC

Noise complaints:

Background

The Vibrancy Reforms designate Liquor & Gaming NSW (L&GNSW) as the lead regulator for noise complaints under the [Liquor Act 2007](#) (the Liquor Act) associated with licensed venues. The reforms commenced on 1 July 2024 and see a streamlined regulatory approach to sound management. Under the Vibrancy Reforms, the disturbance complaint framework and thresholds have been strengthened to ensure all complaints are valid and reasonable.

<https://www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au/community-and-stakeholders/reforms-to-the-regulation-of-venuesound-management>

Questions

- (2) How many noise complaints have been received against live music venues since changes to the statutory disturbance complaint framework were introduced in July 2024.
- (3) How have they been resolved? Can you provide any data here.
- (4) Have any noise complaints been made against venues in special entertainment precincts since July 2024.

Live Music Venues

Background

Liquor & Gaming NSW (L&GNSW) maintains a list of approved dedicated live music and performance venues to benefit from reduced licensing fees and extra trading hours.

To be eligible, live music performance must form a significant part of the venue's normal operations. To meet this test, venues must be able to show:

1. they hold an average of 2 live music performances per week
2. they have a room or space dedicated to live music performances that is a significant part of the venue and contains the infrastructure to support the regular performances.
3. A **'live music performance'** is an event where one or more persons are engaged to play or perform live or pre-recorded music in person.

Questions

- (5) How many venues are on the list?
- (6) How many venues on the list have closed?
- (7) How many venues have less than 2 live performances a week?
- (8) How many venues no stages or production infrastructure?
- (9) When did L&GNSW last complete a full audit of compliance with eligibility requirements for live music?
- (10) Will the Minister consider requiring venues to have public-facing marketing or gig guides on their websites and social media through legislation to demonstrate compliance to the community, and also help promote the great live music being presented through this program across NSW?

Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

Greyhound mortalities

- (11) Can you please provide a breakdown of the data held by GWIC in relation to the 1,126 greyhound mortalities reported in the Life Cycle Report Apr-June 2025, including the name of the greyhound, or unnamed if unknown, the date and the cause of each death that occurred?
- (12) In the FY 2023-24 total mortality figures, 193 greyhounds have “accident or injury” recorded. How many of these were injured on track?
- (13) In the FY 2023-24 total mortality figures, 214 greyhounds were unnamed. How many unnamed greyhound mortalities were there in each financial year prior?
- (14) In GWIC’s quarterly injury reporting, there has been a marked increase in the category "Reported euthanased by private veterinarian or died off-track as a result of injury at race meeting", from 16 total deaths in FY 2023-24 to 44 total deaths in FY 2024-25. Given these are mortalities, why does GWIC not report this category in the lifecycle report data?
 - (a) Why does GWIC only report the number of mortalities under the category "Reported euthanased by private veterinarian or died off-track as a result of injury at race meeting" for each quarter, and not the total number of mortalities for each financial year?
- (15) Who determines GWIC’s commentary in the lifecycle and injury reports?
- (16) Why is there no commentary on the trend of higher off-track racing deaths, which are mostly dogs with broken legs that are euthanased away from the track instead of on it?
- (17) In the FY 2024-25 lifecycle report, when combining the total numbers of Euthanasia (577) and Deceased (549), the total number of dead greyhounds is 1,126. Why is this number not mentioned in the report?
- (18) According to the lifecycle and injury reports across FY 2024-25, the total number of greyhounds reported deceased due to accident and/or injury is 232, and the total number of greyhounds reported medical euthanasia not at racetrack certified by a registered veterinarian due to injury is 208. Why are neither of these totals detailed in the reports?
- (19) In the hearing on 26 August 2025, Mr Tutt indicated that GWIC investigates all instances where greyhounds are euthanised for behavioural reasons. How does GWIC verify that all

euthanasias for this category were certified by a veterinary practitioner or a qualified behavioural assessor?

- (a) What is GWIC doing to reduce the number and rate of greyhounds euthanised for these reasons?

Greyhound retirements

- (20) According to GWIC's rehoming policy, under clause 9 participants must not, without the prior approval of the Commission, transfer a greyhound to an unregistered person who resides at the same address as a registered participant, or an unregistered person who resides at a registered kennel address. How many greyhounds has GWIC approved to be transferred to an unregistered person who resides at the same address as a registered participant?

- (a) Can you provide the total number for each financial year since this policy was first put in place?

- (21) How many greyhounds has GWIC approved to be transferred to an unregistered person who resides at a registered kennel address?

- (a) Can you provide the total number for each financial year since this policy was first put in place?

- (22) How many times has GWIC become aware of a breach in Clause 9 of the rehoming policy?

- (a) How many times has this been acted on and/or action was taken?

GWIC changes to quarterly reporting

- (23) I understand that GWIC is developing 'a more transparent approach to reporting greyhound mortalities resulting from a track injury, the development of which previously led to some delay'. GWIC advised that the development of this 'enhanced reporting' will 'consolidate NSW's reputation as a leader in public accounting for the greyhound industry'. What exactly are these changes, and when can we expect to see them?

Greyhound Racing NSW's (GRNSW) 10 dog track proposal

- (24) In relation to GRNSW's publicly announced plans to build a 10 dog straight track similar to Queensland's The Q, will the NSW government be allocating any public money for this proposal?

- (a) Has the Minister or GWIC met or corresponded with GRNSW regarding this proposal?

GWIC penalties applied

- (25) What is the total number of times GWIC has applied a penalty in the form of a fine, suspension or disqualification, for each of the financial years since its commencement?

GWIC disclosures

- (26) On its Disclosure webpage, GWIC has only published 4 releases of information under the GIPA Act including 7 GIPA applications which were refused by GWIC. Since the GWIC was established in 2018, how many total informal and formal applications has GWIC received?
- (a) How many has GWIC refused?

Racing participant named Wayne Banfield

- (27) A greyhound racing participant named Wayne Banfield was recently charged with having three greyhounds killed and failing to provide the required paperwork including from a vet ([link](#)). How were these greyhounds killed?
- (28) Was there any vet involvement that GWIC is aware of?
- (29) These three greyhounds were named 'Lanmor Pick', 'Lanmor Circus' and an unnamed dog (ear tag VLXYC). 'Lanmor Pick' is still listed on the industry's e-track system as 'racing'. Why is this still not updated?
- (a) How many other instances are there where GWIC has failed to keep etrac updated?
- (30) Why did the greyhound 'Lanmor Pick' constitute one charge, but the two greyhounds 'Lanmor Circus' and an unnamed dog (ear tag VLXYC) were bundled together as a single charge?

Racing participants making threats of animal cruelty on social media

- (31) Are you aware of a racing participant in the Argenton area who has posted on Facebook making threats to shoot their dog on alleged advice from a solicitor?
- (a) What action has been taken by GWIC in response to this?
- (32) Can GWIC confirm the rules regarding participants making violent threats of this nature, and what action is taken by the Commission in response?

Greyhound whelping

- (33) How does GWIC track 'whelping' report data against 'breeding' report data?
- (34) Does GWIC record any of the following information:
 - (a) the date of birth for the breeding greyhound?
 - (b) any deceased pups?
 - (c) how many litters the breeding greyhound has had?
- (35) How is GWIC monitoring the breeding of female greyhounds to ensure no back to back breeding?
- (36) How is GWIC checking this self-reporting by GRNSW participants is accurate and honest?

Greyhounds as Pets (GAP) program

- (37) GRNSW has commercial arrangements in place with participants who are paid to feed, house and care for GAP NSW dogs. Does GWIC know how many GAP NSW dogs are under these arrangements and how many GRNSW participants are involved?
 - (a) Can GWIC or the Minister please proactively request this information from GRNSW?
 - (b) Who is responsible for the welfare and wellbeing of these GAP NSW dogs under these commercial arrangements?
 - (c) Given GWIC is the greyhound 'welfare' regulator, why are they not provided with the details of these GAP NSW dogs and given some oversight with inspections?

Horse racing whipping

- (38) On Tuesday 27 May 2025 the Magistrates Court in Devonport found a racehorse trainer (85033/2023 GRAY, Liandra Erin) guilty of committing an act of cruelty against a horse when she whipped the horse with a padded racing whip. Until now, the racing industry has justified its continued use of the whip by arguing it has not been proven that whipping hurts horses. Given the ruling of a court determining that whipping of a horse with a padded racing whip is an act of cruelty which inflicts pain and suffering upon the horse, will the Minister now take action to amend the Local Rules of Racing accordingly and ban the use of whips in racing?

Greyhounds unaccounted for

- (39) On how many occasions has GWIC become aware of GRNSW participants failing to account for the whereabouts of greyhounds?
- (a) What is GWIC doing to locate missing dogs in these instances?
- (40) Why does the industry's e-trac system still list inaccurate information for NSW greyhounds?
- (a) What is GWIC doing to assess the accuracy of data held in the e-trac system?

Racing participants selling greyhounds

- (41) GRNSW participants continue to list greyhounds online to sell or give away for free, with many failing to comply with NSW legislation that has been in place since 2019 which requires all sellers to include a breeder ID or microchip ID. How is GWIC monitoring and enforcing these laws?
- (a) What specific education has GWIC undertaken with GRNSW participants about selling or giving away greyhounds in lieu of the 2019 legislation?

Greyhounds handled roughly at races

- (42) During the March 2025 Budget Estimates, I asked GWIC about greyhounds being physically forced into starting boxes at Gosford, in February 2025. The answer provided on notice stated “the handler had difficulty in placing the greyhound in its starting box, the race starter provided assistance and the greyhound was successfully boxed”. What is GWIC’s definition of “successfully boxed”?
- (a) Since then, GWIC appears to have brought this issue to the 9 May 2025 GIPAC monthly meeting. In the minutes, GWIC is recorded as stating “GWIC: There have been some uninformed comments from those opposed to the industry in response to televised footage of Participant’s handling of an excitable greyhound. Participants need to be aware they are televised when handling their greyhounds at race meetings.” GIPAC goes on to state “GIPAC: Greyhounds known to be hard to box will be boxed before others. Possibly consider using a harness rather than collar, however this may be difficult to unclip. May still need to hold a dog that is excited, keen to race and jumping.” Do you think this is the appropriate response to these concerns being raised, to be telling participants that they need to be careful because they’re being televised and that it might lead to some “uninformed comments”?

- (b) Do you think GWIC needs to look at its definition of an “excitable greyhound”?

Questions to the Minister – Wentworth Park

- (43) Have you met or corresponded with GBOTA or GRNSW about the lease at Wentworth Park this year?
- (a) Have you discussed with either GBOTA or GRNSW potential options for the industry if the lease isn’t extended, such as which sites the industry is considering as an alternative to what is currently Sydney’s central track?
- (b) According to your diary disclosures, you last met with GRNSW on 28 May 2025 to discuss “industry matters”. What was this meeting about?
- (44) Minister Kamper told the Budget Estimates hearing on Wednesday 20 August 2025 that “there's always better uses that could be applied to that land. We're working through that now. The Government's looking at a variety of options”. What are the options being explored by the government?
- (a) Has the government conducted any kind of cost/benefit analysis of potential future uses for the land?
- (b) Minister Kamper also told the hearing that he has had conversations with Minister Harris in the last 6 months, and that Minister Harris could provide more information about this. What was the nature of those conversations, and what was discussed?
- (c) Did the Drake inquiry have any weight or influence on these conversations?

Greyhounds exported overseas

- (45) Recent export data published by the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) confirms two Australian greyhounds were exported to China in April and June this year. Can you advise if either of these greyhounds were NSW dogs or if their departure from Australia was via NSW?
- (a) Of these, how many were sent to:
- i. the US?
 - ii. Canada?
 - iii. Ireland?
 - iv. elsewhere?

- (46) How many greyhounds have died in the GRNSW ‘Aussie Mates in the States’ program since March 2025?
- (a) GWIC has previously said that GRNSW isn’t required to provide this information. Can GWIC request this information proactively?
 - i. If not, why not?
 - (b) What is the latest figure for the total greyhounds exported through this program?
 - (c) When GWIC audited the program in 2023, it noted that it didn’t consider the entire program. Will GWIC be conducting another audit that is more comprehensive, independent and transparent?

Racing in Macau

- (47) In 2016, GRNSW charged 179 trainers and owners with breaching the industry regulator's rules, for the alleged unauthorised exports of dogs to Macau. Can you provide the names of the 179 trainers and owners charged with breaching the industry regulator's rules, for the alleged unauthorised exports of dogs to Macau?
- (a) Have any of these 179 individuals continued or recommenced as GRNSW participants in NSW or have they transferred to other Australian states or territories?

New Zealand greyhounds imported to NSW

- (48) I’ve previously asked GWIC about New Zealand racing participants coming to Australia in the wake of the New Zealand greyhound racing ban being announced. Is this something GWIC has looked at since this was raised?
- (49) It was previously reported that around 80 greyhounds were exported from New Zealand to QLD, Australia by a NZ participant. I understand at least 2 of those greyhounds have since been sent to NSW. Is this accurate?
- (a) Has the number increased?
 - i. If so, what is the current number?
 - ii. What are the names and registered numbers of those dogs?
- (50) In April 2025 in response to questions on notice, the Minister advised that Greyhound Racing New Zealand and the New Zealand Government were developing strategies to rehome greyhounds following the closure of the industry in July 2026. Can you advise the status of this?

Sexual violence in the hospitality industry

- (51) I understand a roundtable was recently convened with the Women's Safety Commissioner, Safework, Liquor and Gaming, the Night-time Commissioner and victim-survivors. Can Liquor and Gaming please give an update on how this went?
- (52) FullStop Australia have been advocating for funding to roll out the Good Night Out pilot across the hospitality industry; however they weren't successful in this year's budget in getting the requested \$250,000 for specialist sexual violence prevention and response training and accreditation for licensed venues in Sydney's CBD. Has the Minister had any conversations with FullStop Australia or victim-survivors about this?
- (a) Is the Minister supportive of such a program being trialled?
- (53) In relation to the rollout of sexual harassment and sexual violence prevention training through RSA, is the Minister concerned that only new staff entering the industry or completing their RSA for the first time are going to be receiving this training?
- (a) Given the seriousness of allegations of sexual violence in the hospitality industry coming to light in recent years which influenced the government's decision to introduce this training, will the government be expanding this training to include workers who have already completed their RSA certification, beyond just "encouraging" workers to take initiative and review the training materials?

Aboriginal Affairs

- (54) Are Aboriginal Affairs actively engaged in the development of the NSW Aboriginal Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Plan?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (55) What are Aboriginal Affairs doing to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children who are experiencing domestic and family violence can access specialist and culturally responsive services and support?
- (56) What is the NSW Government doing to ensure a pathway to secure tenancy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victim-survivors of domestic and family violence wanting to leave a homelessness accommodation service?
- (57) Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) are not resourced to effectively engage in contracting, grant, and tender processes. What is the NSW Government doing to support and prioritise Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations in the procurement

of culturally responsive services such as specialist domestic and family violence services and homelessness services?

- (58) What is being done to ensure that Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) are included in the implementation of the NSW Common Approach to Risk Assessment and Safety Framework (CARAS) to ensure ACCO staff have the capability to identify domestic and family violence and assess or manage risk in NSW?

Questions from Ms Sue Higginson MLC
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ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People

- (59) Will the NSW government consider appointing an Independent NSW Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People?
- (60) Why did you cut funding to Reconciliation NSW during Reconciliation week?
- (a) How much funding was this?
- (61) Does it concern you that NSW will now be the only state without a Reconciliation Council?
- (62) How many Closing the Gap Targets are we on track to meet in New South Wales?

Productivity Commission's Closing the Gap Review

- (63) Did you read the Productivity Commission's full report into closing the Gap targets?
- (a) What were some of the lessons you drew from that?
- (64) The Productivity Commission found that avoidable mortality rates are on the rise in New South Wales. Yes or no, have you taken any specific steps to reduce avoidable mortality rates among First Nations people in this state?
- (a) What are those steps?
- (65) The Productivity Commission found that New South Wales had the largest decline in the country this year in the number of First Nations people seeing the GP. Yes or no, have you taken any specific steps to address this issue as Minister?
- (a) What are those steps?
- (66) Compared with other states, the rates of healthy birthweights among First Nations children has stayed stagnant in NSW, where it has surged ahead in other states. Yes or no, have you taken any specific steps to address this issue as Minister?

- (a) What are those steps?
- (67) The Productivity Commission found that New South Wales had no improvement on the amount of sea area subject to legal rights or interests. Every other jurisdiction except Tasmania is making progress on this. Yes or no, have you taken any specific steps to address this issue as Minister?
- (a) What are those steps?
- (68) The Productivity Commission found that since 2018-2019, the rate of ATSI people over 18 charged with an offence increased by 2,531.1 to 7,864.6 per 100,000 adults. That's a staggering increase. Yes or no, have you taken any specific steps to address this issue as Minister?
- (a) What are those steps?
- (69) The Productivity Commission found that the proportion of young defendants whose cases were finalised in the criminal courts increased in New South Wales. Yes or no, have you taken any specific steps to address this issue as Minister?
- (a) What are those steps?
- (70) The Productivity Commission found that between 2018-19 and 2023-24, the rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people aged 10–17 years proceeded against by police increased in New South Wales. Yes or no, have you taken any specific steps to address this issue as Minister?
- (a) What are those steps?

Cultural Fishing

- (71) Which Aboriginal stakeholders have consulted with during the development of the Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training and Education with explicit training on cultural fishing practices?
- (a) How regularly is this training module reviewed?
- (b) Who is it reviewed by?
- (72) Does the government support an independent review of the culture and regulatory practices of the DPI Fisheries compliance division?
- (a) If so, will the government commit to establishing this independent review by the end of its term?

- (b) If so, will the government commit to ensuring a report from said independent review is both released and responded to by the end of its term?
- (73) Was Schedule 1 of the Fisheries Management Amendment Act 2009 commenced by the 30 June 2023 deadline as recommended by the 2022 inquiry into the Fisheries Management Amendment Act 2009?
- (a) If not, will the government commit to commencing this process? When will the process commence?
 - (b) If so, have supporting regulations been developed in consultation with First Nations communities?
 - i. Which specific First Nations peak bodies were consulted with, and when?
 - (c) If so, how many consultation sessions were held with the Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council specifically regarding the supporting regulation development?
- (74) Given that in 2022, Labor members voted in committee to support a recommendation from the Inquiry into the Fisheries Management Amendment Act 2009 that “It was also necessary to explore the reasons why the NSW Government failed to commence section 21AA since the provision was passed 13 years ago,” what steps has the Minister taken to ensure section 21AA has commenced with supporting regulation?
- (75) Given that in 2022, Labor members voted in committee to support a recommendation from the Inquiry into the Fisheries Management Amendment Act 2009 that the Department of Primary Industries “cease all surveillance, compliance actions and prosecution actions against Aboriginal cultural fishers”, what steps has the Minister taken to ensure this occurs?
- (76) How many South Coast Aboriginal communities have successfully applied to the Aboriginal Fisheries Business Development Program since 2022?
- (a) How many applications were successful?
- (77) What specific dollar amount has been allocated to support Aboriginal communities' access to the commercial fishing industry in the financial years:
- (a) 2021-22?
 - (b) 2022-23?
 - (c) 2023-24?
 - (d) 2024-25?

(e) 2025-26?

(78) Yes or no, has the strategic communications plan to educate the broader fishing community about Aboriginal cultural fishing practices been fully implemented?

(a) What measurable outcomes have been achieved?

Jumbunna Closing the Gap Review

(79) The Jumbunna Report recommends that the NSW government “Embed systemic change into leadership contracts and KPIs”. Yes or no, do you support this recommendation?

(a) What specific steps have you taken any specific steps to address this issue as Minister?

(80) The Jumbunna Report recommends that the NSW government address “The load carried by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled sector in relation to governments must be examined and areas of imbalance addressed”. Yes or no, do you support this recommendation?

(a) What specific steps have you taken any specific steps to address this issue as Minister?

(81) The Jumbunna Report recommends that the NSW government should be “Recognising First Nations' worldviews as separate from Western worldviews”. Yes or no, do you support this recommendation?

(a) What specific steps have you taken any specific steps to address this issue as Minister?

(82) The Jumbunna Report recommends that the NSW government “Resource Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations equitably to deliver on shared outcomes”. Yes or no, do you support this recommendation?

(a) What specific steps have you taken any specific steps to address this issue as Minister?

(83) The Jumbunna Report recommends that the NSW government “Prioritise the overdue work required under Clause 67 of the National Agreement that Government Parties each identify, develop or strengthen an independent mechanism to support, monitor and report on the transformation of mainstream agencies and institutions.”. Yes or no, do you support this recommendation?

(a) What specific steps have you taken any specific steps to address this issue as Minister?

(84) The Jumbunna Report recommends that the NSW government “Shift from transactional to relational accountability...where possible, shared monitoring and evaluation should be

guided by Indigenous Data Sovereignty principles and informed by community-led definitions of success.”. Yes or no, do you support this recommendation?

- (a) What specific steps have you taken any specific steps to address this issue as Minister?
- (b) What is the nature of the Indigenous Data Sovereignty principles that the NSW government adhered to?
- (c) Which community-led definitions of success does the NSW government use?

(85) The Jumbunna Report recommends that the NSW government “Improving communication is critical to restoring trust, supporting accountability, and ensuring communities can meaningfully engage with the National Agreement. Clauses 97, 134, 135 and 136 of the Agreement all reference a communication strategy that has yet to be fulfilled in a meaningful way.”. Yes or no, do you support this recommendation?

- (a) What specific steps have you taken any specific steps to address this issue as Minister?
- (b) By when do you anticipate that a NSW government communication strategy is developed in accordance with the clauses of the National Agreement?

(86) The Jumbunna Report recommends that the NSW government “Examine areas for future inclusion in the National Agreement”. Yes or no, do you support this recommendation?

- (a) Do you support an elders and older people target?
 - i. What specific steps have you taken any specific steps to address this issue as Minister?
- (b) Do you support measures to include climate impacts in the National Closing the Gap Agreement?
 - i. What specific steps have you taken any specific steps to address this issue as Minister?
- (c) Do you support measures to strengthen the visibility and recognition of Stolen Generation survivors?
 - i. What specific steps have you taken any specific steps to address this issue as Minister?
 - ii. Do you support strengthening clause 21 of the National Agreement by explicitly recognising the cultural repair and intergenerational healing needs of Stolen Generations survivors?

- iii. Do you support prioritising the disaggregation of data about stolen generation survivors under clause 93 and ensuring that relevant data collection and analysis includes information on survivor experiences and outcomes, as part of a broader rights-based and trauma-informed approach?

Truth-Telling and Treaty Process

- (87) Did you read the Victorian Yoorrook Justice Commission's report in full?
 - (a) What were some of the lessons or insights you gained from reading that report?
- (88) Labor committed to a truth-telling process for First Nations people before the 2023 election, will that commitment be fulfilled by the end of the term?
- (89) The Yoorrook Commission found that genocide occurred against First Peoples in Victoria. Do you believe, as a result of your engagement with First Nations communities in New South Wales, that genocide occurred against First Nations people in NSW as well?
 - (a) If not, on what basis do you disagree with the Yoorrook Commission's findings?
 - (b) Is it the Government's position that the Truth-Telling process would be an important way to achieve clarity on these issues?
- (90) Given that in Victoria, the Labor government have ignored 85% of the recommendations of the interim Yoorrook report, can you commit that the Minns Labor Government will abide by all of the recommendations from a Truth-Telling Process in New South Wales?
- (91) Will you legislate a Truth and Justice Commission?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If yes, when?
 - (c) If yes, will you legislate to ensure that the Government is required to abide by the recommendations of a Truth and Justice Commission?
- (92) Will you legislate to ensure that the NSW government is bound to implement the recommendations of the Treaty Process?
 - (a) If not, how does a Treaty process that the government ignores fit within the government's commitment to self-determination?
- (93) In a document published in 2022, the NSW Labor Party said "A NSW Labor government will commit to progressing the views of NSW First Nations peoples. NSW Labor Conference has committed to the principles of the Uluru Statement from the Heart. A NSW

Labor government will action this commitment by pursuing a First Nations voice, treaty-making and truth-telling within the State.” Has this policy changed?

- (a) If so, what exact changes have been made?
- (b) Has the Labor Conference signed off on any changes to this policy?
- (c) Is the NSW Government still committed to pursuing a First Nations voice, treaty-making and truth-telling within the State?
- (d) If the NSW government has no plans for a truth-telling or Voice, does this not contradict that policy?

Aboriginal Alternative Learning Faculty

- (94) Were you consulted before federal funding was cut for the Aboriginal Alternative Learning Faculty at Southern Cross School of Distance Education in East Ballina in June 2024?
- (95) Are you aware of any reports or accounts that the closure of the Aboriginal Alternative Learning Faculty has resulted in an increase in criminal behaviour from students previously enrolled in outreach programs administered by the Faculty?
- (96) Will the Government commit to recurrent funding for the Aboriginal Alternative Learning Faculty, so it can be restored after the cessation of federal funding?

Jack Kibbeen Aboriginal Breastplate

- (97) What steps has the Minister taken to ensure the repatriation of the Aboriginal Breastplate belonging to Jack Kibbeen, the man who named the Northern Rivers town of Wollongbar?

Questions from the Opposition

ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS, GAMING AND RACING, CENTRAL COAST, VETERANS AND MEDICAL RESEARCH

Reconciliation NSW

- (98) Reconciliation NSW says they are under the threat of closure because of withdrawal of funding by Aboriginal Affairs NSW. This would leave NSW as the only state without a Reconciliation Council. What is the Minister doing to prevent the closure of Reconciliation NSW?

Opportunity Hubs

- (99) The 2024 report into OCHRE from the NSW Ombudsman stated “that the ability to consistently deliver these outcomes is tied to the stability of staffing and the strength of long-term relationships with students – areas currently threatened by funding insecurity”. Opportunity Hubs – a key pillar of OCHRE – now have ongoing funding uncertainty and were left without funding until after the 2025-26 Budget was released – with days to spare before they’d need to close their doors. Is the Minister committed to the OCHRE initiatives and ensuring they are funded and delivered, regardless of which area of Government is responsible for funding?
- (a) What is the Minister doing to advocate for funding certainty for Opportunity Hubs?
 - (b) What meetings has the Minister had with the operators of each of the Opportunity Hubs and what was discussed?

Closing the Gap

- (100) The 2025 data shows that NSW has seen a decline in two socio-economic outcomes: Outcome 4 - the proportion of children assessed as developmentally on track and Outcome 10 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults are being incarcerated at an increased rate. What are the underlying causes for this decline?
- (a) What steps are you taking to address this across Government?
 - (b) What role are you playing in addressing the overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within the criminal justice system?
 - (c) What role are you playing in addressing the overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within deaths in custody?
- (101) What steps are you taking to address the high rates of suicide among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?
- (102) How many active gaming machine entitlements were there in NSW as of June 30, 2025?
- (a) How many active gaming machine entitlements were there in NSW as of June 30, 2024?
 - (b) How many active gaming machine entitlements were there in NSW as of June 30, 2023?

Facial recognition

- (103) How many submissions were received as part of the consultation process?
- (104) How many NSW venues currently have facial recognition technology installed and operational?
- (105) What procedures are currently in place at those venues when FRT alerts?
- (106) What is the estimated average cost of installing FRT in venues?
- (107) Is Cyber Security NSW playing an active role in the consultation process for FRT technology?
 - (a) What does that role encompass?

Gambleaware

- (108) How many calls were made to gambleaware in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2021-22
 - (b) 2022-23
 - (c) 2023-24
 - (d) 2024-25
 - (e) 2025-26 (so far)

TG Millner Oval Rezoning - Liquor and Gaming Investigation

- (109) Do you believe it is appropriate to proceed with the rezoning of the TG Millner Oval site while there is an active Liquor & Gaming NSW investigation into the North Ryde RSL Community Club?
- (110) Has the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure been formally notified of the ongoing investigation into the North Ryde RSL?
- (111) Was any consideration given to delaying the rezoning of the TG Millner site pending the outcome of the Liquor & Gaming NSW investigation?
- (112) When were you first informed of the Liquor & Gaming NSW investigation into the North Ryde RSL?
- (113) Have you or your office been in contact with Liquor & Gaming NSW regarding the status of this investigation?

- (114) Has the Department of Planning sought advice from Liquor & Gaming NSW on whether any findings to date should impact the rezoning process?
- (115) Was Liquor & Gaming NSW invited to provide any submission or advice as part of the planning assessment process?
- (116) Will you recommend to DPHI to pause the assessment of any development approvals on the TG Millner site until the investigation is concluded and the findings are publicly available?
- (117) Has any interim advice been provided to your Department from Liquor & Gaming NSW that could inform the rezoning or development assessment?
- (118) What safeguards are in place to ensure that an entity under investigation is not improperly benefiting from Government planning decisions?

Funding for Veterans' and Families Hubs'

- (119) The rollout of Veterans' and Families' Hubs has been well-received by New South Wales communities. Funding is principally provided by the Federal Government to establish these hubs, with State Government collaboration to identify when a suitable site is available, including Crown Land properties. Is the State Government planning to contribute operational funding once these hubs are opened?
- (a) If not, who would this responsibility be allotted to?
- (b) Are you confident that the required operational funding will continue to ensure sustainability of these hubs?
- (120) In the 2025-2026 budget, a collaboration between Commonwealth and NSW Government is identified with \$12.9 million within the financial year to deliver the NSW Veterans Strategy. Aside from the \$2 million allocated to building the new memorial in the Domain, can you share or comment on other projects that this funding is likely to go towards?
- (121) National servicemen, who served between 60 days and 181 days are not considered eligible for the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (RVCM). As Minister for Veterans, what is your stance on this Federal ruling?
- (a) Will you commit to advocating to the Federal Government for the Vietnam Veterans to receive this recognition?

Wamberal Beach

- (122) \$21.5 million was allocated for sand nourishment, concrete seawalls and placement of rock bags at Stock Beach. Why is your government doing nothing at Wamberal Beach?

CFMEU meetings

- (123) 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

- (124) 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

- (125) 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

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

Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports

- (127) 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

- (128) 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

(129) 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

(130) 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?

(131) 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

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

- (a) If yes, what was the breach?

Senior Executive Drivers

(133) 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

(134) 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

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

TikTok

(136) Are you on TikTok?

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

Signal

(137) 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

(138) 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

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

- (a) If yes, why?

Media releases and statements

(140) 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

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

Data Breaches

(142) 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

(143) 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

- (144) Are you a member of the Qantas Chairmans Lounge?
- (145) Are you a member of the Virgin Beyond Lounge?

Ministerial Overseas Travel

- (146) Since 28 March 2023, have you formally applied to the Premier to travel overseas?
 - (a) If yes, was this application accepted?

Private Jet Charter

- (147) 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

- (148) 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

- (149) Since 28 March 2023, have you formally written to the Premier with a conflict of interest?
 - (a) If yes, why?