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PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 5 – JUSTICE AND COMMUNITIES

## **BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-2026**

### **Supplementary questions**

Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Justice and Communities

**Attorney-General**

**(Daley)**

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### SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

Questions from Ms Sue Higginson MLC
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#### ATTORNEY GENERAL

##### Kathleen Folbigg

- (1) On exactly what date did you begin consideration of the statutory act of grace payment offered to Kathleen Folbigg?
- (2) On exactly what date did you make the final determination of the amount of the statutory act of grace payment offered to Kathleen Folbigg?
- (3) On exactly what date did you make the final determination that there should be a statutory act of grace payment offered to Kathleen Folbigg?
- (4) Can the Minister please provide a full list of the objective material and established and proven facts that were considered in the determination to offer Ms Folbigg just \$2 million in compensation?
- (5) Can you please provide a full list of “assertions and allegations” that were presented to you, and in that in your evidence you say you did not consider?
- (6) By what legal method did you determine what constituted a fact and what constituted an assertion or allegation?
- (7) Did you receive a victim impact statement from Ms Folbigg?
  - (a) If so, did you contest anything in that statement?
    - i. If so, what did you contest?
    - ii. If so, what representations did you make for clarification from Ms Folbigg personally?
    - iii. If so, what representations did you make for clarification from Ms Folbigg’s legal representatives?
- (8) Exactly which special circumstances did you believe applies to Ms Folbigg’s case?
- (9) On exactly what date did you receive advice from the Treasury circular?
  - (a) What was the advice?

- (b) Did the advice include any recommendations on the amount?
  - (c) Given the Treasurer said he was not consulted, from where within the Treasury Department was this advice obtained?
    - i. Which exact public servants provided the advice?
- (10) What legal advice did you obtain?
- (a) Who provided that advice
  - (b) When did you provide that advice?
  - (c) What did that advice say?
- (11) Exactly what made the statutory act of grace payment “morally justifiable” in your words?
- (a) By what criteria do you evaluate the moral justifiability of statutory act of grace payment?
- (12) Did you receive advice about whether Ms Folbigg made payments toward Craig Folbigg’s \$250,000 victims of crime compensation payment?
- (a) If yes, from who?
- (13) Can the Attorney General please describe how Ms Folbigg’s case fulfilled the common-law principle that you cited in your evidence that “There must be a clear and verifiable loss which can be evidenced through the deprivation of liberty”?
- (14) Can the Attorney General please describe how Ms Folbigg’s case fulfilled the common-law principle that you cited in your evidence that “the detriment cannot be remedied alone by legal proceedings”?
- (15) Can the Attorney General please describe how Ms Folbigg’s case fulfilled the common-law principle that you cited in your evidence that “consideration should be had on the wider ramifications for the whole of government”?
- (16) Can the Attorney General please describe how Ms Folbigg’s case fulfilled the common-law principle that you cited in your evidence that “there were to be no interests created beyond the right of the individual receiving or being offered the ex gratia payment.”?
- (17) Can you please cite exactly which legal precedent sets out the common-law principle that restitution for wrongful imprisonment needs to consider “the wider ramifications for the whole of government”?
- (a) Can you please name all the sources who gave you advice to this effect?

- (b) Can you please provide a list of previous determinations on statutory act of grace payments where this principle was cited?
- (c) Can you please provide a list of previous court cases where this principle was cited?
- (18) Can you please cite exactly which legal precedent sets out the common-law principle that “acquittal is not innocence”?
- (a) Can you please name all the sources who gave you advice to this effect?
- (b) Can you please provide a list of previous determinations on statutory act of grace payments where this principle was cited?
- (c) Can you please provide a list of previous court cases where this principle was cited?
- (19) Given you cited one of the common-law principles used as “that the amount of time in custody is considerable”, what empirical processes exist to determine what constitutes “considerable”?
- (a) If this is the only principle used, what separates a month in prison, that could subjectively labelled “considerable”, from 20 years in prison?
- (b) How is this an effective principle in providing justice to victims of wrongful imprisonment for sustained periods of time?
- (20) Exactly what legal precedent can you cite that affirms your statement that “acquittal is not innocence”?
- (a) Do you understand the concept of “innocent until proven guilty”?
- (b) In exactly what ways does acquittal not constitute innocence?
- (21) What are you doing to apologise for the fact that you are publicly undermining Ms Folbigg’s presumption of innocence?
- (22) Is it not irresponsible for you as the highest law officer in this State to contradict findings of the Court that Ms Folbigg, in fact, cannot be proven guilty beyond reasonable doubt and therefore is presumed innocent until proven guilty?
- (23) Given you have identified there are “no specific legal principles in relation to calculating an appropriate figure of payment”, do you support legislation or memorandum that would set out these legal principles?
- (24) Is it not predeterminative to say that you are unwilling to offer Ms Folbigg an amount commensurate with the harm your State has caused her by stating that “where the payment

proposes to be large, it may create benchmarks and potential expectations for ex gratia applications that relate to wrongful conviction or imprisonment where currently none exist.”

- (a) If the Attorney is concerned that no benchmarks exist for ex-gratia payments, will he commit to developing legislation or memorandum that would set out these benchmarks?
- (25) Given that compensation sought through the courts would likely result in a much larger sum being paid to Ms Folbigg, is it not disingenuous to suggest that “the use of public funds and any budgetary impact when granting a significant amount” is a legitimate consideration in determining the amount of statutory act of grace payments?
- (26) Can you please describe how the ex-gratia payment made on the 6 February 2024 for the “Error in the issuing of a writ and the adjournment of a notice of motion by the Sheriff’s Office resulting in legal fees” met the following criteria that you have set out:
- (a) moral justifiability?
  - (b) clear and verifiable loss which can be evidenced through the deprivation of liberty?
  - (c) detriment cannot be remedied alone by legal proceedings?
  - (d) consideration on the wider ramifications for the whole of government?
  - (e) no interests created beyond the right of the individual receiving or being offered the ex gratia payment?
- (27) Can you please describe how the ex-gratia payment made on 22 February 2024 for the “Notation made by the Magistrate with the incorrect next court listing date resulting in a search warrant being issued and was detained as a result.” met the following criteria that you have set out:
- (a) moral justifiability?
  - (b) clear and verifiable loss which can be evidenced through the deprivation of liberty?
  - (c) detriment cannot be remedied alone by legal proceedings?
  - (d) consideration on the wider ramifications for the whole of government?
  - (e) no interests created beyond the right of the individual receiving or being offered the ex gratia payment?
- (28) Can you please describe how the ex-gratia payment made on 28 May 2024 for the “costs incurred due to court proceedings being adjourned as a result of the Court misplacing the

Magistrate's notes from the previous part-heard hearing. Matter did not meet the general principle for payment under section 6C of the Suitor Fund Act 1951." met the following criteria that you have set out:

- (a) moral justifiability?
- (b) clear and verifiable loss which can be evidenced through the deprivation of liberty?
- (c) detriment cannot be remedied alone by legal proceedings?
- (d) consideration on the wider ramifications for the whole of government?
- (e) no interests created beyond the right of the individual receiving or being offered the ex gratia payment?

(29) Can you please describe how the ex-gratia payment made on 17 June 2024 for the "Conflicting orders and erroneous notations made by the Magistrate saw the Court Registry staff issue a Remand Warrant and was detained as a result." met the following criteria that you have set out:

- (a) moral justifiability?
- (b) clear and verifiable loss which can be evidenced through the deprivation of liberty?
- (c) detriment cannot be remedied alone by legal proceedings?
- (d) consideration on the wider ramifications for the whole of government?
- (e) no interests created beyond the right of the individual receiving or being offered the ex gratia payment?

(30) Can you please describe how the ex-gratia payment made on 28 August 2024 for the "The retrospective effect of the enactment of the Civil Liability Amendment (Child Abuse) Act 2021 prevented an individual from recovering from the victim trust fund due to the lack of transitional provisions. One individual was affected by these legislative changes and incurred legal disbursements." met the following criteria that you have set out:

- (a) moral justifiability?
- (b) clear and verifiable loss which can be evidenced through the deprivation of liberty?
- (c) detriment cannot be remedied alone by legal proceedings?
- (d) consideration on the wider ramifications for the whole of government?

- (e) no interests created beyond the right of the individual receiving or being offered the ex gratia payment?
- (31) Justice Bathurst's inquiry found that the original verdict on Ms Folbigg's guilt was incorrect, saying "the relationship Ms Folbigg had with her children does not support the inference that she killed them". Do you dispute this finding?
- (a) If so, on what basis?
  - (b) If not, therefore on what basis do you dispute the claim that there was culpability of the State in Ms Folbigg's wrongful conviction?
- (32) Justice Bathurst's inquiry found that the original verdict on Ms Folbigg's guilt was incorrect, saying "[I] do not regard the diaries as containing reliable admissions of guilt". Do you dispute this finding?
- (a) If so, on what basis?
  - (b) If not, therefore on what basis do you dispute the claim that there was culpability of the State in Ms Folbigg's wrongful conviction?
- (33) Is it your evidence that there is no culpability of the state in the treatment and wrongful imprisonment of Kathleen Folbigg?
- (34) Do you concede that Justice Bathurst found that Ms Folbigg should never have been found guilty, given that "the relationship Ms Folbigg had with her children does not support the inference that she killed them" and "[I] do not regard the diaries as containing reliable admissions of guilt."?
- (35) Can you please provide a list of the comparable matters you considered where:
- (a) The defendant was convicted by a jury?
  - (b) The defendant exercised their rights through the appropriate appeals channels?
  - (c) The defendant was imprisoned on a prima facie valid warrant?
  - (d) The legal proceedings that led to imprisonment were not impugned by any subsequent proceedings in any way?
  - (e) The medical evidence relied upon to quash the convictions did not exist?
- (36) Is it the Government's position that "there was no proven malfeasance on behalf of the State" in relation to Ms Folbigg's case?
- (a) If so, on what basis do you contest the findings of Justice Bathurst?

- (b) If it is your evidence that Ms Folbigg's diary entries and the inferences made by prosecutors do prove her guilt, why has this never been communicated?
- (37) At any point, did anyone in your Department suggest to you that a forensic accountant be involved in the determination of the amount offered to Ms Folbigg?
- (38) Did you consider what kind of financial stress Ms Folbigg will suffer going forward as a result of her wrongful conviction and or having spent 20 years in prison?
  - (a) If so, what was that calculation?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (39) In exactly what ways would a meeting with Ms Folbigg "distill the objective facts" by not meeting with her?
- (40) Do you acknowledge that by determining that Ms Folbigg has said "everything she needed to say", and by depriving her the chance to say more in a meeting with you if she chose, you are continuing the cycle of injustice perpetrated by the state to Ms Folbigg?
- (41) Exactly what "should have been" in Ms Folbigg's submissions that you believe was not included in them?
- (42) In exactly what ways is Lindy Chamberlain's case not comparable to Ms Folbigg?
  - (a) What criteria was used to disqualify Lindy Chamberlain's case in consideration of Ms Folbigg's statutory act of grace payment?
- (43) Do you contest that misogyny was involved in Ms Folbigg's treatment by the State of New South Wales?

### **Youth Bail Laws**

- (44) Can you name a single expert or peer-reviewed study who is of the opinion that there is no correlation between tighter bail laws for children and increased rates of reoffending?
- (45) Can you name a single expert or peer-reviewed study who is of the opinion that the Minns Labor Government's Bail and Crimes Amendment Act 2024 has had the effect of reducing youth crime?
- (46) With regard to the latest BOCSAR statistics, how do you respond to the fact that:
  - (a) Robbery offences are up?
  - (b) Property damage is up?



- (c) Weapons offences are up?
- (47) In what year do you expect the Bails and Crimes Amendment Act 2024 to have the intended effect of reducing youth crime?
  - (a) If these laws have still failed to bring down youth crime rates by the date of their sunset, will you commit to repealing them?
  - (b) Would you categorize the intended effect of the Bail and Crimes Amendment Act 2024 as reducing youth crime, or is it simply to lock up more First Nations kids?
- (48) What empirical evidence do you have that these Youth Bail laws are having a deterrent effect for children?
  - (a) Can you please provide a list of empirical evidence that suggests awareness of the youth bail reforms implemented?
- (49) Do you accept that even if you may not be leading the work, that your Department has responsibilities to work in partnership with Aboriginal peoples and communities in Closing the Gap, as per NSW Government's commitments as signatories to the National Agreement?
- (50) Do you agree that Courts and Tribunals are also key stakeholders in the prevention and diversion space, directly relevant to Socio Economic Outcomes 10 (reducing adult incarceration for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples) and 11 (reducing youth incarceration for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples)?
- (51) How are Courts and Tribunals meeting the Priority Reforms and transforming in the way that both the Productivity Commission report and the recent Jumbunna Independent Aboriginal-led review of Closing the Gap says is essential in reaching the targets under Closing the Gap?
- (52) What have you done to address the rising number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons on remand in NSW correctional and youth detention centres?
- (53) During your meetings with the Law Society and Bar Association on 14 and 15 February 2024 respectively, was there discussion of your proposed changes to bail laws?
  - (a) Did the Law Society express the same concerns to you then, that they included in their Open letter to you?
  - (b) Why did you ignore those concerns?

- (c) Did the Law Society write to you again before you extended the laws?
  - (d) Did you consider any of their concerns when you extended the laws?
  - (e) Did you speak to young people in relation to the introduction of the bail laws?
- (54) Your second reading speech suggested you were taking a cautious approach, because of the “potentially serious consequences for young people, and especially Aboriginal young people”. Do you accept that a rise in the incarceration of young people is a serious consequence?
- (55) Can you please outline exactly how you evaluated the laws before deciding to extend them?
- (a) Was any period of public consultation had?
  - (b) Exactly what was the criteria used as a metric of success of these laws?
  - (c) Exactly which experts were consulted with?
- (56) On exactly what basis do you contest the expertise of the following organisations who warned you that your youth bail reforms “will cause crime to get worse” and represent “a betrayal of your Closing the Gap commitments”:
- (a) Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited?
  - (b) NSW Aboriginal Land Council?
  - (c) First Peoples Disability Network (FPDN)?
  - (d) BlaQ Aboriginal Corporation?
  - (e) AbSec - NSW Child, Family and Community Peak Aboriginal Corporation?
  - (f) Link-Up NSW?
  - (g) Aboriginal Culture, Heritage & Arts Association Inc (ACHAA)?
  - (h) NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG)?
  - (i) Justice Reform Initiative?
  - (j) Redfern Legal Centre?
  - (k) Australian Lawyers for Human Rights?
  - (l) Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service?
  - (m) Community Legal Centres NSW?
  - (n) Centre for Criminology Law and Justice UNSW?

- (o) NSW Council for Civil Liberties?
- (p) Weave Youth & Community Services?
- (q) Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation?
- (r) The Shopfront Youth Legal Centre?
- (s) KWOOP (Keeping Women Out Of Prison)?
- (t) Inner City Legal Centre?
- (u) Sisters Inside Inc?
- (v) Public Interest Advocacy Centre?
- (w) National Justice Project?
- (x) Nelly's Healing Centre Aboriginal Corporation?
- (y) Amnesty International Australia?
- (z) Deadly Connections?
- (aa) Dharriwaa Elders Group?
- (bb) University of Technology Sydney Faculty of Law (Criminal Justice Cluster)?
- (cc) Ngalaya Indigenous Corporation: First Nations Lawyers and Law Students NSW?
- (dd) Central Coast Community Legal Centre?
- (ee) SNAICC?
- (ff) Network of Alcohol and other Drugs Agencies?
- (gg) Matana Foundation for Young People?
- (hh) Accountable Futures Collective?
- (ii) Western Sydney University Justice Clinic?
- (jj) Human Rights Law Centre?
- (kk) The Refugee Advice and Casework Service?
- (ll) Australian Lawyers Alliance?
- (mm) Kingsford Legal Centre (UNSW)?
- (nn) knowmore?
- (oo) AN TAR?

- (pp) Central Tablelands and Blue Mountains Community Legal Centre?
  - (qq) Community Restorative Centre?
  - (rr) Women's Legal Centre NSW?
  - (ss) Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre?
  - (tt) North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA)?
  - (uu) Sydney Institute of Criminology?
  - (vv) Human Rights Act for NSW Alliance?
  - (ww) Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia Limited?
  - (xx) The Rainbow Lodge Program?
  - (yy) The Far West Community Legal Centre?
  - (zz) BackTrack Youthworks?
  - (aaa) Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council of NSW (AH&MRC)?
  - (bbb) Humanity Matters?
  - (ccc) Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service?
  - (ddd) Reconciliation NSW?
  - (eee) Change the Record?
  - (fff) ARACY - Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth?
  - (ggg) Save the Children and 54 reasons?
  - (hhh) Australian Centre for Disability Law?
  - (iii) Allawaw Aboriginal Corporation?
- (57) On exactly what basis do you dispute the expertise of the following legal practitioners, community workers and academics who said “such laws do not make communities safer and in fact exacerbate the social drivers of young people’s contact with the justice system”:
- (a) Peta Ivy MacGillivray, Senior Research Fellow, Yuwaya Ngarra-li Partnership, UNSW?
  - (b) Carly Stanley, CEO & Co-Founder - Deadly Connections Community & Justice Services Limited?

- (c) Keenan Mundine, Consultant - Deadly Connections Community & Justice Services Limited?
- (d) Elizabeth Evatt AC, former member UN Human Rights Committee?
- (e) Thalia Anthony, Professor of Law, University of Technology Sydney; Advisory Board Member Deadly Connections?
- (f) Vicki Sentas, Associate Professor, Centre for Criminology, Law and Justice, Faculty of Law and Justice, UNSW?
- (g) Dr Ruth McCausland, Associate Professor, Yuwaya Ngarra-li Partnership, UNSW?
- (h) Emma Buxton-Namisnyk, Lecturer, School of Law, Society and Criminology, UNSW?
- (i) Camilla Pandolfini, CEO, Redfern Legal Centre?
- (j) Lisa Ewenson, Research Associate, Faculty of Arts, Design and Architecture, UNSW?
- (k) Andy Kaladelfos, Senior Lecturer, School of Law, Society and Criminology, UNSW?
- (l) Mehera San Roque, Associate Professor, Centre for Criminology, Law and Justice, Faculty of Law and Justice, UNSW?
- (m) Dr Mindy Sotiri, Executive Director, Justice Reform Initiative?
- (n) Ingrid Matthews, Lecturer, UNSW School of Law, Society and Criminology?
- (o) Ross Homel, AO, Emeritus Professor, Criminology & Criminal Justice, Griffith University?
- (p) Francis Markham, Fellow, Centre for Indigenous Policy Research, Australian National University?
- (q) Natalia Hanley, Associate Professor, Criminology, Justice & Social Policy, University of Wollongong?
- (r) Eddie Cubillo, Larrakia, Wadjigan, Central Arrernte man?
- (s) Rachel Loney-Howes, Senior Lecturer, Criminology, Justice and Social Policy. University of Wollongong?
- (t) Sarah Woodland, Senior Lecturer, Fine Arts and Music, University of Melbourne?
- (u) Peta Malins, Senior Lecturer, Criminology and Justice Studies, RMIT University?
- (v) Nicole Mekler, Head of Youth Engagement, Accountable Futures Collective?

- (w) Cameron Langfield, Associate Lecturer, Criminology, Justice and Social Policy, University of Wollongong?
- (x) Fiona Haines, Professorial Fellow,, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne?
- (y) Lianne Adam, Lecturer in Law, Graduate School of Business and Law, RMIT University?
- (z) Sarouche Razi, Course Convener, Australian National University College of Law?
- (aa) Alasdair Henry, Associate Lecturer, Criminology and Justice Studies, RMIT University?
- (bb) Julie Kimber, Senior Lecturer, Swinburne University of Technology?
- (cc) Amanda Porter, Associate Professor of Criminology and Criminal Law, University of Melbourne?
- (dd) Karen Daniels UNSW PhD Candidate?
- (ee) Tanja Dreher, Associate Professor, UNSW?
- (ff) Maria Giannacopoulos Director Centre for Criminology Law and Justice Faculty of Law and Justice UNSW?
- (gg) Alexandra Palk, Supervising Solicitor, Dhurrawang Aboriginal Human Rights Program and Litigation, Canberra Community Law?
- (hh) Russell Solomon, Criminology and Justice Studies, RMIT University?
- (ii) Emma Russell, Senior Research Fellow, Crime, Justice & Legal Studies, La Trobe University?
- (jj) Helen Gibbon, Associate Professor, UNSW Law & Justice?
- (kk) Katie Green, Managing Principal Solicitor, Inner City Legal Centre?
- (ll) Julian Trollor, Professor and NHMRC Leadership Fellow, Acting Director, Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health, UNSW Medicine & Health?
- (mm) Loene Howes, Senior Lecturer in Criminology, University of Tasmania?
- (nn) Simone Rowe, Research Associate & Teaching Fellow, Centre for Criminology, Law and Justice, Faculty of Law and Justice, UNSW?
- (oo) Chris Martin, Senior Research Fellow, City Futures Research Centre, UNSW?

- (pp) Robin Cameron, Senior Lecturer, Criminology & Justice Studies, RMIT University?
- (qq) Samantha Lee, Senior Solicitor, Redfern Legal Centre?
- (rr) Professor Jill Hunter, Faculty Of Law & Justice, UNSW?
- (ss) Jasmine Opdam, Team Leader & Solicitor, Redfern Legal Centre?
- (tt) Associate Professor David J. Carter, School of Law, Society and Criminology, Faculty of Law & Justice, UNSW?
- (uu) Dr Alana Piper, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, UTS?
- (vv) Dr Kristopher Wilson, Director of Indigenous Leadership and Engagement, Faculty of Engineering and IT and Faculty of Law, UTS?
- (ww) Dr Justin Ellis, Newcastle School of Law and Justice?
- (xx) Greg Barns SC National Criminal Justice Spokesman Australian Lawyers Alliance?
- (yy) John Braithwaite, Emeritus Professor, ANU?
- (zz) Associate Professor Zora Simic, UNSW?
- (aaa) Justine Nolan, Director Australian?
- (bbb) Jordan Daly, Senior Lawyer, knowmore?
- (ccc) Mohra Fazel, Lawyer, knowmore?
- (ddd) Elena Campbell, Associate Director, Centre for Innovative Justice, RMIT?
- (eee) Malin Ekberg, Lawyer, knowmore?
- (fff) Emily Carruthers, Lawyer, knowmore?
- (ggg) Stephanie Panovski, Lawyer, knowmore Legal Service?
- (hhh) Amy Barrett, Managing Lawyer, knowmore Legal Service?
- (iii) Claudia Stahl, Paralegal, knowmore Legal Service?
- (jjj) Lachlan Haar, Solicitor, Wilding & Co Lawyers?
- (kkk) Aidan Brown, Lawyer, knowmore Legal Service?
- (lll) Shaun Tamplin, ICT Manager, knowmore?
- (mmm) Cailaen Coe, Paralegal, knowmore Legal Service?
- (nnn) Brook Armstrong, PhD Candidate, Macquarie University?

- (ooo) Professor Gabrielle Drake, Professor of Social Work and Associate Dean, Western Sydney University?
- (ppp) Mary Ellen Harrod, CEO, NSW Users and AIDS Association?
- (qqq) Michelle Toy, Advocacy and Policy Lead, NSW Users and AIDS Association?
- (rrr) Dr Dylan Lino, University of Queensland Law School?
- (sss) Katie Wrigley, Acting Principal Solicitor, Refugee Advice & Casework Service?
- (ttt) Gretel Emerson, Solicitor, Refugee Advice & Casework Service?
- (uuu) Allan McCay, Academic Fellow, Sydney Law School?
- (vvv) Sharlenee Peacock, Law Graduate with WSU and Consultant at KPMG?
- (www) Eloise Schnierer, Lawyer and Head of Corporate Social Responsibility at Gilbert + Tobin?
- (xxx) Mursal Rahimi, Policy & Casework Solicitor, Refugee Advice & Casework Service?
- (yyy) Professor John Anderson, School of Law & Justice, University of Newcastle?
- (zzz) Alice Schulz, Senior Intake Officer, knowmore Legal Service?
- (aaaa) Daniel Daylight, Manager - Just Reinvest Mt Druitt?
- (bbbb) Emily Hirst-Johnson, lawyer, knowmore Legal Service?
- (cccc) Associate Professor Faith Gordon, Deputy Associate Dean of Research, Australian National University and International Youth Justice Network?
- (dddd) Leanne Sanders, CEO of Visual Dreaming?
- (eeee) Savannah Michie, Paralegal, knowmore Legal Service?
- (ffff) Dr Alysoun Boyle, Chair, National Mediation Conferences Ltd, Australian Dispute Resolution Advisory Council?
- (gggg) Dr Anne Noonan Psychiatrist IAP, SONT?
- (hhhh) Michelle Falstein Human Rights Institute, UNSW Sydney?
- (iiii) Lauren Parnaby, Lawyer, Clayton Utz?
- (jjjj) Dr Rebecca Reeve, Senior Research Fellow, Yuwaya Ngarra-li Partnership, UNSW?
- (kkkk) Dr Karen Gelb, Director, Karen Gelb Consulting?



- (llll) Eva Lloyd, Senior Lecturer, School of Built Environment, UNSW?
- (mmmm) Lydia Shelly, President, NSW Council for Civil Liberties?
- (nnnn) Nareen Young, Associate Dean Indigenous Leadership and Engagement, UTS Business School?
- (oooo) Jarryd Bartle, Associate Lecturer, Criminology & Justice Studies, RMIT University?
- (pppp) Susanne Karstedt, Professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Griffith University?
- (qqqq) Larissa Behrendt, Distinguished Professor, Jumbunna Institute, University of Technology Sydney?
- (rrrr) Eileen Baldry AO, Professor Emerita Criminology, UNSW?
- (ssss) Sally Andersen, Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Monash University?
- (tttt) KWOOP (Keeping Women Out Of Prison)?
- (uuuu) Daryle Rigney, Professor, Jumbunna Institute, University of Technology Sydney?
- (vvvv) Hayley Passmore, Lecturer in Criminology, University of Western Australia Law School?
- (www) Wayne Sanderson, Uniting Church minister and Clinical Psychologist?
- (xxxx) Elyse Methven, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Technology Sydney?
- (yyyy) Jane Sanders AM, Principal Solicitor, The Shopfront Youth Legal Centre?
- (zzzz) Diane Elston, Solicitor and Teaching Fellow, UNSW?
- (aaaaa) Tom Kelly, former NSW Public Solicitor?
- (bbbbb) Astrid Lorange, Senior Lecturer, School of Art and Design, UNSW?
- (ccccc) Andrew Brooks, Lecturer, School of Arts and Media, UNSW?
- (ddddd) Rob White, Emeritus Distinguished Professor of Criminology, University of Tasmania?
- (eeee) Louise Boon-Kuo, Senior Lecturer, University of Sydney Law School?

- (fffff) Chris Cunneen, Professor of Criminology, Jumbunna Institute, University of Technology Sydney?
- (ggggg) Prue Vines, Professor, Faculty of Law & Justice, UNSW?
- (hhhhh) Tasha Ritchie, CEO, Accountable Futures Collective?
- (iiii) Kate Thomas, Doctoral Researcher, University of Technology Sydney?
- (jjjj) April Klineberg, Casual Academic, University of Sydney Law School?
- (kkkkk) Joseph Pugliese, Professor, Macquarie University?
- (llll) Dr Janet Hunt, Honorary Associate Professor, Centre for Indigenous Policy Research, ANU?
- (mmmmm) Claire Parfitt, Lecturer, Political Economy, The University of Sydney?
- (nnnnn) Tamara Walsh, Professor of Law and Director of the UQ Pro Bono Centre, The University of Queensland?
- (ooooo) Sophie Russell, Senior Research Officer, Community Restorative Centre NSW?
- (ppppp) Dev Bhutani, Barrister, Maurice Byers Chambers?
- (qqqqq) Isha Caulfield, Principal Solicitor, Caulfield Solicitors?
- (rrrrr) Dr Louis Schetzer, National Research and Policy Coordinator, Justice Reform Initiative, Teaching Fellow, UNSW Law?
- (sssss) Marie Segrave, Professor and ARC Future Fellow, University of Melbourne?
- (ttttt) Rick Sarre, Emeritus Professor of Law and Criminal Justice, University of South Australia?
- (uuuuu) Samara Hand, PhD Candidate, UNSW Law & Justice?
- (vvvvv) Dr Lucas Lixinski, Professor of Law, UNSW Law & Justice?
- (wwwww) Fran Gale, Senior Lecturer, School of Social Sciences, Western Sydney University?
- (xxxxx) George Dertadian, Senior Lecturer, Centre for Criminology, Law and Justice, UNSW?
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(58) In the first quarter of this year, your Ministerial Diary does not disclose any meetings with regard to the extension of youth bail laws:

(a) Did you meet with anyone of significance in relation to the extension of these laws?

- i. If yes, can you please provide a list of stakeholders you met with?
- ii. If yes, when did you meet with each of these stakeholders?
- iii. If yes, why were these meetings not disclosed as part of your Ministerial diary?
- iv. If not, why not?

(b) Did you speak or consult with any Magistrates with regard to the application of these laws?

- i. If yes, what did they say?

- ii. If not, why not?
- (c) Did you speak or consult with the Police Association with regard to the application of these laws?
  - i. If yes, what did they say?
  - ii. If not, why not?
- (59) By what date does DCJ anticipate completing the review of the youth bail laws, informed by longer-term BOCSAR data and stakeholder feedback?
  - (a) Exactly what longer-term BOCSAR data is being used as a metric of success?
  - (b) What period of time constitutes “longer-term”, is it three years?
  - (c) What stakeholder feedback will be considered?
  - (d) When will a consultation period be declared open for stakeholders?
- (60) Was it not misleading in 2024 to suggest during the introduction of these laws was a temporary solution, when it was always the Government's intention to rely on “longer-term BOCSAR” data that was never going to be available in that period?

### **Knife Crime**

- (61) Can you name a single expert or peer-reviewed study who believes that the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) and Other Legislation Amendment (Knife Crime) Bill 2024 and Criminal Legislation Amendment (Knife Crimes) Bill 2023 has had the effect of reducing knife crime in NSW?
- (62) How do you respond to the fact that knife crime is stagnant in NSW?

### **Keli Lane**

- (63) Are you concerned that the Liberals and Nationals No Body, No Parole Laws are having the effect of holding Keli Lane as a political prisoner, given she has served her sentence, has been a model inmate, has been exposed to abuse whilst in prison, has assisted the state in their prosecution of Wayne Astil and maintains her innocence?

### **Doli Incapax**

- (64) What is the latest update on the doli incapax review?
- (65) Is it still the Government's plan to introduce legislation with regard to doli incapax?

- (66) Is it still the Government's intention to report in the second half of 2025?
- (67) The United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child in 2019 and UN Human Rights Council in 2021 specifically urged Australia to raise the age of criminal responsibility - why has New South Wales not done so?

### **Family is Culture**

- (68) The Family is Culture Review Report recommends that the Children's Court of NSW should be appropriately resourced to enable it to publish all its final judgments online in a de-identified and searchable form.
  - (a) Does the Attorney General support this recommendation?
  - (b) What steps has the Attorney taken to meet this recommendation?
  - (c) Will this recommendation be adopted by the end of the government's term?
- (69) The Family is Culture Review Report recommends that the NSW Government should amend s 105 of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 to include a public interest defence to an offence under s 105(1AA).
  - (a) Does the Attorney support this recommendation?
  - (b) What steps has the Attorney taken to meet this recommendation?
  - (c) Will this recommendation be adopted by the end of the government's term?
- (70) The Family is Culture Review Report recommends that the NSW Government amend the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 to require judicial officers to consider the known risks of harm to an Aboriginal child of being removed from the child's parents or carer in child protection matters involving Aboriginal children.
  - (a) Does the Attorney support this recommendation?
  - (b) What steps has the Attorney taken to meet this recommendation?
  - (c) Will this recommendation be adopted by the end of the government's term?
- (71) The Family is Culture Review Report recommends that the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal should include training about the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle in its induction and ongoing training program for Tribunal Members. This program should be delivered in partnership with the NSW Child, Family and Community Peak Aboriginal Corporation (AbSec).



- (a) Does the Attorney support this recommendation?
  - (b) What steps has the Attorney taken to meet this recommendation?
  - (c) Will this recommendation be adopted by the end of the government's term?
- (72) The Family is Culture Review Report recommends that the NSW Government should establish an independent statutory agency to make decisions about the commencement of child protection proceedings (including decisions about what orders are to be sought in the proceedings), and to conduct litigation on behalf of the Secretary of DCJ in the Children's Court of NSW care and protection jurisdiction.
- (a) Does the Attorney support this recommendation?
  - (b) What steps has the Attorney taken to meet this recommendation?
  - (c) Will this recommendation be adopted by the end of the government's term?
- (73) In relation to Recommendation 122, are you aware of any proposals to consider and implement the recommendation to establish an independent statutory agency to make decisions about the commencement of child protection proceedings (including decisions about what orders are to be sought in the proceedings), and to conduct litigation on behalf of the Secretary of the DCJ in the Children's Court of NSW in the care and protection jurisdiction?
- (74) Have you met with Minister Washington to discuss any of the reforms that are the responsibility of Courts and Tribunals?
- (a) If so, how many times?
  - (b) If so, what were the outcomes of those discussions?
  - (c) If not, why not?
- (75) How much funding has been allocated toward the Winha-nga-nha list in:
- (a) 2023?
  - (b) 2024?
  - (c) 2025 to date?
- (76) Has an evaluation been undertaken of the Winha-nga-nha list?
- (a) If so, when?
  - (b) If so, by whom?

- (c) If not, why not?
- (d) If not, will you commit to undertaking an evaluation before the end of your term?

**Alternative Dispute Resolution system introduced by the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Amendment Act 2018 (NSW)**

(77) Does the DCJ track the number of instances where ADRs are offered to families involved in care and protection matters?

- (a) If so, in how many instances were ADRs offered to families by the Children's Court in:
  - i. 2018?
  - ii. 2019?
  - iii. 2020?
  - iv. 2021?
  - v. 2022?
  - vi. 2023?
  - vii. 2024?
  - viii. 2025?
- (b) If so, in how many instances were ADRs not offered to families by the Children's Court in:
  - i. 2018?
  - ii. 2019?
  - iii. 2020?
  - iv. 2021?
  - v. 2022?
  - vi. 2023?
  - vii. 2024?
  - viii. 2025?

- (c) If so, in how many instances were ADRs offered to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families by the Children's Court in:
- i. 2018?
  - ii. 2019?
  - iii. 2020?
  - iv. 2021?
  - v. 2022?
  - vi. 2023?
  - vii. 2024?
  - viii. 2025?
- (d) If so, in how many instances were ADRs not offered to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families by the Children's Court in:
- i. 2018?
  - ii. 2019?
  - iii. 2020?
  - iv. 2021?
  - v. 2022?
  - vi. 2023?
  - vii. 2024?
  - viii. 2025?
- (e) If not, will the Minister commit to commencing a process that would track this process within the courts and publicly report on these statistics periodically?
- i. Will the Minister ensure this process keeps track of the outcomes specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families?

### **Community Justice Centres**

(78) On what basis was the decision to close CJC from 30 June 2025

- (a) Can you please provide a list of the stakeholders who were engaged with?

- (b) On what exact dates did the consultation begin and conclude?
- (79) Will you repeal the Community Justice Centres Act 1983?
  - (a) If yes, when?
- (80) What steps have been taken to manage any increased pressure on police and the court system, now CJs are no longer funded?
- (81) How many incorporated community associations, who have a constitution based on the Model Rules provided by Fair Trading, and which directs associations to CJs for mediation in the event of disputes, will be affected by the decision?
  - (a) What will be done to manage the impact on these associations?
- (82) The decision to close CJs will have a number of impacts including: increased costs and more legal action; longer timeframes before resolution with the likelihood of some disputes being unresolved; and increasing personal tension and mental health impacts. How will the new arrangements manage these impacts?
- (83) Prior to the decision to close CJs, what communication has taken place between the Department of Communities and Justice and private entities providing mediation or training in mediation?
- (84) Will all websites in NSW that refer to CJs be directed to legal access assistance services?

### **Disaster Payments**

- (85) What processes are in place to ensure impacted residents have equal access to potential compensation for disaster incidents?
  - (a) How are these compensation payments managed by the government?
- (86) What process is in place to ensure there is public awareness around compensation payments for disaster incidents?
- (87) If compensation is paid for damages from one fire incident it is likely many other residents may have been similarly affected by the same incident yet for whatever reason residents may not be aware of the possibility of compensation. Have the compensation payments been announced publicly?
  - (a) If so where, how and when?
  - (b) Was this adequate to inform impacted residents of their potential options with regard to compensation?

- (88) In cases where compensation has already been paid to other third parties for a disaster incident, does the government have a responsibility to notify residents that compensation may be available?
- (89) Have you or DCJ provided any advice or legal representation to government agencies or departments dealing with these compensation claims?
- (a) How many claims did this involve?
  - (b) What were the legal costs associated with each claim?
  - (c) How many compensation claims for 2019/2020 bushfires have been made?
  - (d) How many compensation claims were rejected?
  - (e) Were these payments settled out of court?

### **Bail Refusals**

- (90) Can you please provide the costs from the Bail Court?
- (a) If so, what was the budget allocation in the 2025-26 budget?
  - (b) If so, what was the budget allocation over the forward estimates?
  - (c) If not, will you act to ensure this is available data?
- (91) Can you please provide a breakdown of the number of bail refusals among 10-14 year olds, including the nature of the offence, in
- (a) 2020?
  - (b) 2021?
  - (c) 2022?
  - (d) 2023?
  - (e) 2024?
  - (f) 2025 to date?
- (92) Can you please provide a breakdown of the number of bail refusals among First Nations 10-14 year olds, including the nature of the offence, in
- (a) 2020?
  - (b) 2021?

- (c) 2022?
- (d) 2023?
- (e) 2024?
- (f) 2025 to date?

(93) Can you please provide a breakdown of the number of bail refusals among 15-17 year olds, including the nature of the offence, in

- (a) 2020?
- (b) 2021?
- (c) 2022?
- (d) 2023?
- (e) 2024?
- (f) 2025 to date?

(94) Can you please provide a breakdown of the number of bail refusals among First Nations 15-17 year olds, including the nature of the offence, in

- (a) 2020?
- (b) 2021?
- (c) 2022?
- (d) 2023?
- (e) 2024?
- (f) 2025 to date?

(95) Can you please provide a breakdown of the number of bail refusals among adults, including the nature of the offence, in

- (a) 2020?
- (b) 2021?
- (c) 2022?
- (d) 2023?
- (e) 2024?

- (f) 2025 to date?
- (96) Can you please provide a breakdown of the number of bail refusals among First Nations adults, including the nature of the offence, in
- (a) 2020?
  - (b) 2021?
  - (c) 2022?
  - (d) 2023?
  - (e) 2024?
  - (f) 2025 to date?
- (97) Given you gave evidence at the last Budget Estimates hearing that the Chief Magistrate would be talking to the Police Commissioner on the rate of police bail refusals:
- (a) On what precise date did this discussion occur?
  - (b) Was this discussion had in a formal meeting, with minutes and outcomes?
  - (c) What was the Police Commissioner's response with regard to the rate of police bail refusals?
  - (d) Was any commitment made that NSW Police would attempt to reduce the number of police bail refusals?
  - (e) Was any change in bail refusal practices response?
- (98) Are you committed to reform to address the spike in police bail refusals?

### **Crime Prevention**

- (99) Can you please detail which of the 5 Closing the Gap priority locations have been determined as eligible for the expansion of the Safe Aboriginal Youth Patrol Programs?
- (a) Exactly what community consultation occurred, and when?
  - (b) Did consultation include conversations with Aboriginal Young People?
    - i. If so, what were the conclusions drawn from that consultation process?
    - ii. If not, why not?
- (100) How many Aboriginal people in each NSW LGA have been assisted through the Safe Aboriginal Youth Patrol Program in:

- (a) 2010?
- (b) 2011?
- (c) 2012?
- (d) 2013?
- (e) 2014?
- (f) 2015?
- (g) 2016?
- (h) 2017?
- (i) 2018?
- (j) 2019?
- (k) 2020?
- (l) 2021?
- (m) 2022?
- (n) 2023?
- (o) 2024?
- (p) 2025 to date?

(101) How much of the \$6 million allocated to “support community safety across Bourke, Moree and Kempsey” was spent in:

- (a) Bourke?
- (b) Kempsey?
- (c) Moree?

(102) How many other LGAS were considered for this \$6 million community safety fund?

(103) Can you please provide a breakdown of which initiatives are being supported by this \$6 million community safety fund?

- (a) How much of this allocation is being spent on Aboriginal children and young people in:
  - i. Bourke?



- ii. Kempsey?
- iii. Moree?

(104) Besides the refurbishment of Court buildings in Sydney's CBD, how do you say your recent budget announcement is improving access to justice, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living outside of metropolitan Sydney?

### **Equality Bill**

(105) Since the Notice of Motion for the Equality Bill was given on 22 June 2023:

- (a) How many cases of anti-discrimination have been lodged and subsequently failed in their claim?
- (b) How many charges have been made with offences under 3.19 of the Summary Offences Act (soliciting clients by prostitutes)?

<b>Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC</b>
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### **Trustee and guardianship reforms**

(106) In answers to supplementary questions for the October 2024 Budget Estimates, you advised that the Department of Communities and Justice has provided advice on operational and resourcing considerations of the reforms for the NSW Trustee and Guardian and NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal, which the government is considering. Is the government still considering this advice?

- (a) Can you please provide any further details on the status of this?

(107) Since October 2024, has the Guardianship Working Group held any further meetings?

(108) The Disability Royal Commission heard evidence about guardianship being increasingly applied for and used by service providers, often as a means to avoid engaging with families who are advocating for a disabled individual's rights. Is this something you are actively looking at in the context of the ongoing reforms?

(109) In the context of the NSW government considering the recommendations from both the Disability Royal Commission and the NSW Law Reform Commission's Report 145 - Review of the Guardianship 1987 (2018) relating to guardianship and supported decision making, is the NSW government considering legislating the right to supported decision making?

(110) The NSW government's response to recommendation 6.12 Public disclosure and confidentiality restrictions of the Disability Royal Commission was "subject to

consideration” and stated the following: “the NSW Government supports the overarching principle that a person to whom a guardianship or financial management order relates should be able to tell their story. However, any amendment would need to appropriately balance privacy concerns with this objective. The NSW Government will consider this issue in light of the recommendations about these provisions made by the NSW Law Reform Commission in its Open Justice review.” In relation to this, has there been any progress made to consider amending NSW’s blanket confidentiality provision, in alignment with the Disability Royal Commission’s recommendation?

- (111) Western Australia's Public Trustee Brian Roche recently made a public appearance to call for government funding to help subsidise fees for vulnerable clients unable to pay. Is this something being considered in NSW?

#### **Audio-visual link technology in courts**

- (112) How many courts have well-functioning and reliable audio-visual link technology allowing victim-survivors to provide feedback safely without being intimidated by the alleged perpetrator?
- (a) How many courts currently require an upgrade?
- (113) \$6 million was allocated in the 2024 domestic and family violence emergency funding package to upgrade audio-visual link technology and provide up to six more magistrates. How many sites have been upgraded under this allocation?
- (a) How much of this allocated funding has been spent to date?
- (b) Is the funding that was allocated through the emergency package sufficient for the number of upgrades to audio-visual link technology required across NSW?

#### **Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2017**

- (114) Will the NSW Government commit to a thorough review of the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act, 2017 to account for legislative reform such as coercive control?
- (a) If not, why not?

#### **NSW Magistrates Court Practice Note: Family Violence Specialist Lists**

- (115) Will the Practice Note for the Family Violence Specialist List be required practice across all NSW Local Courts in NSW to better accommodate and address the trauma responses of victim-survivors in domestic and family violence matters?

- (a) If not, why not?

### **Family Advocacy Support Service (FASS)**

- (116) In 2023, \$85 million was allocated to the expansion of the Family Advocacy and Support Service (FASS), which assists domestic and family violence victim-survivors at the Federal Circuit Court of Australia in 18 areas. Given that each service employs only one support worker, which poses risks to both victim-survivors safety and the wellbeing of workers in the program, when will the NSW government ensure FASS is adequately funded?

### **Misidentification**

- (117) Misidentification of the primary aggressor in domestic and family violence matters is increasing. Is the NSW government committed to investigating this issue?

- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) What has the NSW government done to reduce instances of misidentification?

### **Magistrates and bail/sentencing decisions**

- (118) What is the NSW government doing to ensure accountability for magistrates who are making court, bail or sentencing decisions that lead to the harm or death of victims of domestic and family violence?

### **Legal support for women on temporary visas experiencing DFV**

- (119) Women on temporary visas experiencing domestic and family violence are in urgent need of migration legal support, particularly as they are often not covered by the Domestic Violence Provisions within the Migration Act. Will the NSW government consider expanding funding through Community Legal Centres to provide free migration legal support?

### **Questions directed to the NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner**

- (120) The UN Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, Professor Tomoya Obokata, published a report on the visit to Australia in 2024. In the report, the Special Rapporteur raised concerns about people with disability experiencing contemporary forms of slavery in Australia, including subminimum wages and segregated employment which the Special Rapporteur described as “discriminatory” and something that “should be abolished”. Is this something you are investigating in NSW?

- (a) The Special Rapporteur also stated that federal and state governments should actively promote the employment of persons with disabilities in the open market, and that there is much scope to increase employment of people with disability in the public sector. Is this something you are investigating in NSW?
- (121) Are there specific legislative and/or policy changes that you are advocating for at a local, state and/or federal government level, in relation to people with disability experiencing contemporary forms of slavery?
- (122) Have you considered conducting routine inspections into Australian Disability Enterprises, to hold private discussions with employees and disseminate information to employees about their human rights?
- (123) In your work supporting the development and delivery of information, education and training for frontline sectors to identify modern slavery, does this include workers in the disability sector?
  - (a) Does this include a focus on the specific nuances and intersections relevant to people with disability?
- (124) Are you conducting any work to support the development and delivery of targeted modern slavery education and awareness raising for people with disability, including education about what modern slavery is and how to access help?
- (125) What accessibility considerations informed the development of the 1800 FREEDOM hotline?
  - (a) Is there any work being done to ensure information about the hotline is available in Easy Read documents, accessible videos, and written in Plain English?
  - (b) If a person with disability is unable to use a telephone, are there alternative options available which are accessible?
  - (c) Since it was established, has the hotline received any calls from or about people with disability experiencing contemporary forms of slavery?
- (126) Can you please provide an update on progressing the actions and objectives in the NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner's Strategic Plan 2023–2026?

## **Coroners Court**

- (127) What is the current backlog of mandatory s23 and s24 inquests?

- (a) What is being done to address this backlog?
  - (b) What additional resources are being provided?
- (128) How many preventative recommendations have been made in regional inquests by regional magistrates since 2020?
- (129) The Attorney General gave evidence during the hearing that “it’s not our intention to reduce the number of coroners at all.” In relation to this:
- (a) What is the number of deputy state coroners as at 28 August 2025?
  - (b) What is the number of deputy state coroners as at 12 September 2025?
  - (c) What is the expected number of deputy state coroners as at 1 March 2026?
- (130) Does the Coroners Court have a dedicated document management system or software?

<b>Questions on behalf of the Opposition</b>
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## **ATTORNEY-GENERAL**

### **BA v The King**

- (131) Did the NSW Government’s consultation in relation to legislation responding to the decision in *BA v The King* disclose that there have been problems in any of the other Australian jurisdictions which have amended their law so that the problem in *BA v The King* does not arise?
- (a) When will legislation related to this issue be introduced into Parliament?

### **Community Justice Centres**

- (132) When will legislation related to the closure of Community Justice Centres be introduced?
- (133) What impact has the closure of the Community Justice Centres had on the workload of LawAccess?
- (134) With the government’s new mediation service, does the Department of Communities and Justice have any intention to advertise this service to incorporated associations?
- (a) Where does the mediation take place for those in the regions?
  - (b) What would be considered a reasonable travel distance for somebody in a regional area to access the mediation?

- (135) Was the Department able to repurpose the existing investment in the Resolve computer system?
- (136) Has Lotus Notes been decommissioned relating to CJs?
- (137) What happened to the physical assets held by the CJC at Parramatta Justice Precinct and the Campbelltown court?
- (138) Are CJs mentioned on government websites at all or that has all been cleansed?
- (a) Who is responsible for this?

## Youth Crime

- (139) How much of the total \$13.4 million government investment is directed to deliver out-of-hours activities in partnership with Aboriginal community-controlled organisations and the Moree Plains Shire Council?
- (a) How were the programs selected?
- (b) How do they relate to crime prevention?
- (140) Has the NSW Government conducted an evaluation of Section 22C of the *Bail Act*?
- (a) When will this evaluation be finalised?
- (141) Has the NSW Government shared this data with BOCSAR?
- (a) Will this evaluation be made public?
- (142) When the decision was made to extend 22C of the *Bail Act*, what evaluation of these programs on the ground in Moree contributed to the decision to extend the reach of 22C of the *Bail Act*?
- (143) When was the additional temporary magistrate to the New England circuit appointed?
- (a) When did the appointment conclude?
- (b) What impact did that have on delivery of justice in the New England area?
- (c) What performance measures are being used to assess all of these component parts of the package?
- (144) What is the composition of the cross-agency group looking at the Bail Division?
- (a) Could you also give us the terms of reference of that group?
- (b) To whom do they report?

- (c) How often do they meet?
  - (d) Who convenes the group?
  - (e) How long is the group intended to run for?
- (145) How many people have been arrested for ‘post and boast’ offences in regional NSW?
- (a) How many were under the age of 18?
  - (b) Which towns were these people arrested in?
- (146) Does one of the roles of the Moree response governance group include evaluating that which is being governed by them?
- (147) What are the deliverables for this group?
- (a) When will a report from this group be completed?
  - (b) Will it be made public?

### **Court Procedures**

- (148) Do we have any figures on the total number of people held overnight because of the move towards virtual bail hearings?
- (a) Is that something the cross-agency working group could look at?
  - (b) How many regional courts do not have access to AVL facilities?

### **Sexual assault audit**

- (149) Has a statement of facts been provided to each of the victims of sexual assault whose matters were discontinued by the DPP?
- (150) How many matters were discontinued in the two months prior to the commencement of the sexual assault cases audit?

### **Children’s Court matter and investigation.**

- (151) What is the status of any and all investigations into the release of information to a journalist in October 2024 of information in respect of proceedings governed by the *Children (Criminal Proceedings) Act 1987*? (“the Children’s Court matter”)
- (152) What date was the police inquiry completed?
- (153) Who were all the liaison personnel between the ODPP and the police?

- (154) What did each of them do in that role?
- (155) Did police have full access to all records and internal ODPP systems?
- (156) Who identified those persons to be interviewed by police in relation to the disclosure?
- (157) What were their roles?
- (158) How were those persons identified as being potentially relevant witnesses?
- (159) Which persons did police interview in relation to the disclosure?
- (160) Please provide copies of any witness statements in the possession of the ODPP and any other material relating to the disclosure provided to police.
- (161) Who at the ODPP was provided with a copy of the police brief of evidence in this matter?
- (162) Who was provided with a copy of this brief of evidence by any person in the ODPP?
- (163) Who made the decision to engage an external law firm to conduct an investigation on behalf of the ODPP?
- (164) What is the name of the law firm which was engaged?
- (165) What is the name of the responsible partner at that law firm?
- (166) How many hours were billed to the ODPP for this investigation?
- (167) Please provide a copy of the invoice for services.
- (168) Who was responsible for providing instructions to the external law firm?
- (169) Please provide a copy of any instructions given.
- (170) How many people working at the ODPP were interviewed for this investigation?
- (171) Please provide a list of all staff (by position and name) who were interviewed by the external law firm in connection with this matter.
- (172) How were those staff interviewed selected for interview?
- (173) Were any persons working at the ODPP not employed under the *Government Sector Employment Act* interviewed as part of this investigation?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If yes, who was interviewed and what was their role?
- (174) Were any consultants working at the ODPP interviewed as part of this investigation?



- (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If yes, who was interviewed and what was their role?
- (175) Was the Director and all members of the leadership team, including all members of the Director's Chambers, interviewed as part of this investigation?
- (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If yes, who was interviewed and what was their role?
- (176) What were the recommendations made in the report by the external firm?
- (177) Please provide a copy of the findings and any recommendations.
- (178) What decision was made by the delegate Justice Helen Wilson on this matter?
- (179) Please provide a copy of the decision.
- (180) What was the outcome of any disciplinary proceedings?
- (181) How many members of the ODPP were found to have been involved with the release of information about the Children's Court matter to anyone in the media?
- (182) For each person involved, what was their purpose in releasing this information?
- (183) Which members of the ODPP were found to have released information about the Children's Court matter to anyone in the media?
- (184) What was their level of employment?
- (185) Are they still employed by the ODPP?
- (186) If they are still employed, what disciplinary consequences did they face?
- (187) What training have they received if they are still employed by the ODPP?
- (188) Who was found to have authorised the release of that information?
- (189) At what level of staff does responsibility lie for this?
- (190) Who facilitated access to the record of Court proceedings which allowed for information about the Children's Court proceedings to be released?
- (191) At what level of staff does responsibility lie for this?
- (192) What action is being taken to make sure the damage that was done is repaired and that it doesn't happen again?

- (193) What internal action has been taken in terms of reminding all staff members of their obligations under the Prosecution Guidelines?
- (194) At page 69 of the transcript, Mr Hyland comments that the release of information to the media is ‘an outlier’. Please provide evidence of investigations which support this statement.
- (a) If this is an outlier, please identify any cultural or other changes in the ODPP which led to this incident occurring in 2024.
- (195) At page 55 of the transcript, Mr Hyland comments that “whatever [material] was provided [to 2GB] was not published”. What was the basis for Mr Hyland’s statement that the ‘material’ was not published?
- (196) What was provided to 2GB but not published by them?
- (197) Please provide a copy
- (198) Was any material provided on the basis that it not be published?
- (199) Please provide a copy
- (200) What material was provided to 2GB?
- (201) Please provide a copy
- (202) What form was this material in?
- (203) As well as the material in d above, how else did a person or persons from the ODPP communicate with a journalist in relation to the Children’s Court matter?
- (204) What information was provided via these other forms of communication?
- (205) Please provide a copy
- (206) What was the source of this information?
- (207) Are all staff members of the ODPP able to access all information about all court proceedings?
- (a) If yes, does this include all matters conducted in the Children’s Court or pursuant to the *Children (Criminal Proceedings) Act 1987*?
- (b) If no, how did the person or persons responsible for the release of information access the relevant information?
- (208) Was this access identified and reported internally?
- (209) Did the release of information form part of the investigation into the release of information?

- (210) What changes to access have occurred following the finalisation of the investigation?
- (211) Does any person in the ODPP have responsibility for reviewing all court matters?
- (a) If yes, who?
- (212) What is the purpose of this review?
- (213) Are staff members assisted in their professional development through this review process?
- (214) How often are the actions of judges reviewed as part of this review process?
- (215) What is the purpose of a review of judicial actions?
- (216) Given that the release of information in the Children's Court matter concerns a matter which was heard in a closed court in Taree, please explain the chain of communication from the hearing to the disclosure to the journalist.
- (217) After the investigation was closed:
- (a) Was the young person whose appearance in court was the subject of the release of information informed of the outcome and the results of the investigation?
- (b) Was an apology offered to that young person?
- (c) If no to either (a) or (b) above, why not?
- (d) What steps have been taken to ensure the continuing wellbeing of the young person?
- (e) Was the judge whose name was released as part of the release of information informed of the outcome and the results of the investigation?
- (f) Was an apology offered to the judge?
- (g) If no to either (e) or (f) above, why not?
- (h) What steps have been taken to ensure the continuing wellbeing of the judge?
- (218) Was the Attorney-General informed of the outcome of the inquiry?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If so, what was communicated. Please provide documents.
- (219) Was Mr D'Aeth, Deputy Secretary, Courts, Tribunals and Service Delivery, Department of Communities and Justice informed of the outcome of the inquiry?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If so, what was communicated. Please provide documents.

(220) Was the Honourable Justice S Huggett, Chief Judge of the District Court of NSW, informed of the outcome of the inquiry?

(c) If not, why not?

(d) If so, what was communicated. Please provide documents.

### **Costs orders**

(221) How many times in the past year has a costs order been made requiring the ODPP to pay the other party's costs?

(a) Where would we find the principles governing the ODPP's decision to challenge costs rulings?

(222) On how many occasions does the ODPP challenge those costs ruling?

(223) Why are costs rulings challenged rather than the entire matter being appealed?

(a) Where can the principles governing the ODPP's decision to challenge costs rulings be found?

### **Surrogacy**

(224) When was the last time the prohibition against overseas commercial surrogacy was used?

(225) There are proposed changes to clause 7 of the Surrogacy Regulations with respect to requirements for a qualified counsellor under the *Surrogacy Act 2010*. Will this include work to establish the equivalency of Australian and overseas qualifications?

(226) Has anybody in the department had discussions about this issue with:

(a) The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists?

(b) The Australian Association of Social Workers?

(c) AHPRA?

(227) Under the review of the *Surrogacy Act 2010*, when will further consultation be opened to the public?

(228) To Dr James Cockayne: please confirm if trafficked slaves were used as surrogate mothers in Thailand as referenced in a submission made to the review of the *Surrogacy Act 2010*?

### **Coercive Control**

(229) Has any youth-focused training been undertaken with caseworkers and frontline staff regarding coercive control?

(a) What youth-focused training been undertaken with police regarding coercive control?

(b) What youth-focused training been undertaken with early childhood educators regarding coercive control?

(c) What youth-focused training been undertaken with other agencies regarding coercive control?

(d) What other targeted campaigns were created for education on coercive control?

(230) What's the average length of time for a coercive control investigation?

(231) How many reports have been made in the last 12 months regarding forced marriages?

(a) How many were related to people under the age of 18?

(232) When is the statutory review for the *Crimes Legislation Amendment (Coercive Control) Act 2022* scheduled to commence?

(a) Is there a time frame for how long it will take?

(233) When is it likely to conclude?

### **Payment of Witnesses' Legal Fees**

(234) Confirming on Page 53 of the transcript, Mr Michael Tidball confirmed he would provide on notice a copy of advice in relation to the meaning of "legal proceedings". Please provide this.

### **CFMEU meetings**

(235) 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**

(236) 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**

(237) 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**

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

### **Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports**

(239) 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**

(240) 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**

(241) 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**

(242) 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?

(243) 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**

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

(a) If yes, what was the breach?

### **Senior Executive Drivers**

(245) 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**

(246) 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**

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

### **TikTok**

(248) Are you on TikTok?

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

### **Signal**

(249) 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**

(250) 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**

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

- (a) If yes, why?

### **Media releases and statements**

(252) 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**

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

### **Data Breaches**

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

### **Discretionary Fund**

(255) 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**

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

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

### **Ministerial Overseas Travel**

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

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

### **Private Jet Charter**

(259) 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**

(260) 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**

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

(a) If yes, why?