

The Hon. Michael John DALEY, MP- Attorney General

Budget Estimates Hearing
28 August 2025

Supplementary Questions

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1	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(1) On exactly what date did you begin consideration of the statutory act of grace payment offered to Kathleen Folbigg?	I am advised: By letter dated 24 July 2024 to the Department of Communities and Justice an application for an ex gratia payment was received. Further materials were then provided and assessed.
2	Sue Higginson MLC	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?	I am advised: 5 August 2025.
3	Sue Higginson MLC	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?	I am advised: 5 August 2025.
4	Sue Higginson MLC	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?	I am advised: The matters presented to me as part of the ex gratia application are confidential. See transcript.
5	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: The matters presented to me as part of the ex gratia application are confidential. See transcript.

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6	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(6) By what legal method did you determine what constituted a fact and what constituted an assertion or allegation?	I am advised: Ministers have the power under section 5.7 of the Government Sector Finance Act 2018 (GSF Act) to make an act of grace payment (Statutory Act of Grace Payment). The exercise of this power is at the discretion of the Minister or the Minister's delegate. Statutory Act of Grace Payments may be made under section 5.7 of the GSF Act where the Minister, or Minister's delegate, is satisfied that there are "special circumstances", or other circumstances of a kind prescribed by regulation. Treasury Circular TC22-01 provides further guidance concerning ex gratia payments. The advice I received is subject to legal professional privilege and I do not intend to waive that privilege. See transcript.
7	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: The matters presented to me as part of the ex gratia application are confidential.

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8	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(8) Exactly which special circumstances did you believe applies to Ms Folbigg's case?	I am advised: See transcript.
9	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: See TC22-01 January 2022.
10	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: The advice I received is subject to legal professional privilege and I do not intend to waive that privilege.
11	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: The matters presented to me as part of the ex gratia application are confidential. The advice I received is subject to legal professional privilege and I do not intend to waive that privilege.

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12	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: The advice I received is subject to legal professional privilege and I do not intend to waive that privilege.
13	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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"?	I am advised: The matters presented to me as part of the ex gratia application are confidential.
14	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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"?	I am advised: The matters presented to me as part of the ex gratia application are confidential.
15	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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"?	I am advised: The matters presented to me as part of the ex gratia application are confidential.
16	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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."?	I am advised: The matters presented to me as part of the ex gratia application are confidential.

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17	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: Ministers have the power under section 5.7 of the Government Sector Finance Act 2018 (GSF Act) to make an act of grace payment (Statutory Act of Grace Payment). The exercise of this power is at the discretion of the Minister or the Minister’s delegate. Statutory Act of Grace Payments may be made under section 5.7 of the GSF Act where the Minister, or Minister’s delegate, is satisfied that there are “special circumstances”, or other circumstances of a kind prescribed by regulation. Treasury Circular TC22-01 provides further guidance concerning ex gratia payments. The advice I received is subject to legal professional privilege and I do not intend to waive that privilege.
18	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: The advice I received is subject to legal professional privilege and I do not intend to waive that privilege.

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19	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: Ministers have the power under section 5.7 of the Government Sector Finance Act 2018 (GSF Act) to make an act of grace payment (Statutory Act of Grace Payment). The exercise of this power is at the discretion of the Minister or the Minister’s delegate. Statutory Act of Grace Payments may be made under section 5.7 of the GSF Act where the Minister, or Minister’s delegate, is satisfied that there are “special circumstances”, or other circumstances of a kind prescribed by regulation. Treasury Circular TC22-01 provides further guidance concerning ex gratia payments.
20	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: See transcript.
21	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(21) What are you doing to apologise for the fact that you are publicly undermining Ms Folbigg’s presumption of innocence?	I reject the premise of this question.
22	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(22) Is it not irresponsible for you as the highest law officer in this State to contradict findings of the Court that Ms Folbigg,	I reject the premise of this question.

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			in fact, cannot be proven guilty beyond reasonable doubt and therefore is presumed innocent until proven guilty?	
23	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: Ministers have the power under section 5.7 of the Government Sector Finance Act 2018 (GSF Act) to make an act of grace payment (Statutory Act of Grace Payment). The exercise of this power is at the discretion of the Minister or the Minister’s delegate. Statutory Act of Grace Payments may be made under section 5.7 of the GSF Act where the Minister, or Minister’s delegate, is satisfied that there are “special circumstances”, or other circumstances of a kind prescribed by regulation. Treasury Circular TC22-01 provides further guidance concerning ex gratia payments. Any future legislation is a matter for Cabinet.
24	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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	I am advised: No. Any future legislation is a matter for Cabinet.

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			ex-gratia payments, will he commit to developing legislation or memorandum that would set out these benchmarks?	
25	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: No.
26	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: Ministers have the power under section 5.7 of the Government Sector Finance Act 2018 (GSF Act) to make an act of grace payment (Statutory Act of Grace Payment). The exercise of this power is at the discretion of the Minister or the Minister’s delegate. Statutory Act of Grace Payments may be made under section 5.7 of the GSF Act where the Minister, or Minister’s delegate, is satisfied that there are “special circumstances”, or other circumstances of a kind prescribed by regulation. Treasury Circular TC22-01 provides further guidance concerning ex gratia payments.

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27	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: Ministers have the power under section 5.7 of the Government Sector Finance Act 2018 (GSF Act) to make an act of grace payment (Statutory Act of Grace Payment). The exercise of this power is at the discretion of the Minister or the Minister’s delegate. Statutory Act of Grace Payments may be made under section 5.7 of the GSF Act where the Minister, or Minister’s delegate, is satisfied that there are “special circumstances”, or other circumstances of a kind prescribed by regulation. Treasury Circular TC22-01 provides further guidance concerning ex gratia payments.
28	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: Ministers have the power under section 5.7 of the Government Sector Finance Act 2018 (GSF Act) to make an act of grace payment (Statutory Act of Grace Payment). The exercise of this power is at the discretion of the Minister or the Minister’s delegate. Statutory Act of Grace Payments may be made under section 5.7 of the GSF Act where the Minister, or Minister’s delegate, is satisfied that there are “special circumstances”, or other circumstances of a kind prescribed by regulation. Treasury Circular TC22-01 provides further guidance concerning ex gratia payments.

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			(e) no interests created beyond the right of the individual receiving or being offered the ex gratia payment?	
29	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: Ministers have the power under section 5.7 of the Government Sector Finance Act 2018 (GSF Act) to make an act of grace payment (Statutory Act of Grace Payment). The exercise of this power is at the discretion of the Minister or the Minister’s delegate. Statutory Act of Grace Payments may be made under section 5.7 of the GSF Act where the Minister, or Minister’s delegate, is satisfied that there are “special circumstances”, or other circumstances of a kind prescribed by regulation. Treasury Circular TC22-01 provides further guidance concerning ex gratia payments.

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30	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: Ministers have the power under section 5.7 of the Government Sector Finance Act 2018 (GSF Act) to make an act of grace payment (Statutory Act of Grace Payment). The exercise of this power is at the discretion of the Minister or the Minister’s delegate. Statutory Act of Grace Payments may be made under section 5.7 of the GSF Act where the Minister, or Minister’s delegate, is satisfied that there are “special circumstances”, or other circumstances of a kind prescribed by regulation. Treasury Circular TC22-01 provides further guidance concerning ex gratia payments.
31	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: See transcript.

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32	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: See transcript.
33	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(33) Is it your evidence that there is no culpability of the state in the treatment and wrongful imprisonment of Kathleen Folbigg?	I am advised: See transcript.
34	Sue Higginson MLC	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."?	I am advised: See transcript.
35	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: See transcript.

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			(e) The medical evidence relied upon to quash the convictions did not exist?	
36	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: See transcript.
37	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: The advice I received is subject to legal professional privilege and I do not intend to waive that privilege.
38	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen 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?	I am advised: See transcript.

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39	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(39) In exactly what ways would a meeting with Ms Folbigg “distill the objective facts” by not meeting with her?	I am advised: See transcript.
40	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I reject the premise of this question.
41	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(41) Exactly what “should have been” in Ms Folbigg’s submissions that you believe was not included in them?	I am advised: The matters presented to me as part of the ex gratia application are confidential.
42	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(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?	I am advised: The advice I received is subject to legal professional privilege and I do not intend to waive that privilege.
43	Sue Higginson MLC	Kathleen Folbigg	(43) Do you contest that misogyny was involved in Ms Folbigg’s treatment by the State of New South Wales?	I am advised: See transcript.
44	Sue Higginson MLC	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	I am advised: The NSW Government is not aware of any studies of this nature.

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			tighter bail laws for children and increased rates of reoffending?	
45	Sue Higginson MLC	Youth Bail Laws	(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?	I am advised: See response to question on notice # 11.
46	Sue Higginson MLC	Youth Bail Laws	(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?	I am advised: The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research's recorded crime statistics show that in NSW up to March 2025: - Robbery: Two year trend - Stable; Ten year trend - Down 3.1% per year on average. - Property damage: Two year trend - Stable; Ten year trend - Down 3.1% per year on average. - Weapons offences: Two year trend - Stable; Ten year trend - Up 2.2% per year on average.
47	Sue Higginson MLC	Youth Bail Laws	(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?	I am advised: The purpose and the intended effect of Bail and Crimes Amendment Act 2024 are outlined in Second Reading speech. See response to question on notice #4 in relation to evaluation.

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48	Sue Higginson MLC	Youth Bail Laws	(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?	I am advised: The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research has not undertaken an evaluation of the Bail and Crimes Amendment Act 2024.
49	Sue Higginson MLC	Youth Bail Laws	(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 peaks and communities in Closing the Gap, as per NSW Government's commitments as signatories to the National Agreement?	I am advised: The NSW Government and the NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations are co-signatories to the National Agreement on Closing the Gap and the NSW CTG Partnership Agreement. The established governance arrangements aim to ensure decision-making is shared. The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) is the Justice Sector lead on behalf of the NSW Government for socio-economic outcomes 10-13. Partnership with Aboriginal communities is central to meaningful and lasting reform. Over the next 12 months, DCJ will continue working alongside Aboriginal partners, including AbSec and the ALS (NSW/ACT) Limited, to strengthen these partnerships and embed sustainable, community-led change. In partnership with ALS NSW/ACT and AbSec, the Families and Justice Sector Committee (FJSC) was established within the refreshed NSW Closing the Gap Governance structure. The FJSC leads reforms embedding Aboriginal-led decision-making and self-determination throughout the NSW justice and child protection systems. It also oversees and drives the implementation of Closing the Gap Priority Reforms and socio-economic outcomes 10–13.

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50	Sue Higginson MLC	Youth Bail Laws	(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)?	I am advised: Yes. There are several Court based initiatives that contribute to the prevention and diversion space and are directly relevant to socio-economic outcomes 10 and 11.

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51	Sue Higginson MLC	Youth Bail Laws	(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?	I am advised: The Courts, Tribunals and Service Delivery division of the Department of Communities and Justice is a member of the Aboriginal Justice Partnership Committee (AJPC). The AJPC reports to the Families and Justice Sector Committee (FJSC) and is responsible for designing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating policies and programs to support the commitments made by parties to the NSW Closing the Gap Partnership Agreement and the objectives of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap , including to: • Embed the Priority Reforms across the NSW justice system. • Reduce the rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults held in incarceration by at least 15% (Target 10). • Reduce the rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people in detention by at least 30% (Target 11). • Reduce the rate of all forms of family violence and abuse against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children by at least 50% as progress towards zero (Target 13). • Support and contribute to the National Justice Policy Partnership. The Indigenous-led Review is a response to the Productivity Commission's Review of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, released in February 2024. Responsibility for the NSW Government's input into National Joint Council processes rests with the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty. Aboriginal Affairs NSW works on behalf of NSW Government agencies on these matters with the NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations.

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52	Sue Higginson MLC	Youth Bail Laws	(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?	I am advised: The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) continues to partner with CAPO under the Closing the Gap program to address the rising number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on remand in NSW correctional and youth detention centres. Further details on the NSW Government's investment in Closing the Gap are available here: https://www.nsw.gov.au/ministerial-releases/nsw-government-invests-2468-million-to-close-gap-unprecedented-partnership-aboriginal-organisations Key initiatives underway in partnership with DCJ, Corrective Services NSW and the ALS include: • Aboriginal Throughcare Strategy – \$19.98 million over three years (2025/26 NSW budget) to co-design Aboriginal-led programs supporting adults and young people during and after custody. Focus: socioeconomic outcomes 10 and 11. • Therapeutic Pathways for Aboriginal Children – \$13.4 million over three years (2025/26 NSW budget) to deliver Aboriginal-led, community-driven initiatives diverting at-risk Aboriginal children from the justice system. Focus: Socio-economic outcome 11.

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53	Sue Higginson MLC	Youth Bail Laws	(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?	I am advised: In accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, all Ministers publish extracts from their diaries, summarising details of scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals. Ministers are not required to disclose details of the following meetings: • meetings involving Ministers, ministerial staff, parliamentarians or government officials (whether from NSW or other jurisdictions) • meetings that are strictly personal, electorate or party political • social or public functions or events • meetings held overseas (which must be disclosed in accordance with regulation 6(1)(b) of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 and Attachment B to the Premier's Memorandum), and • matters for which there is an overriding public interest against disclosure. Ministers' diary disclosures are published quarterly on The Cabinet Office's website (https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/cabinetoffice/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures)

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54	Sue Higginson MLC	Youth 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?	I am advised: Refer to the text of the Attorney General Second Reading speech.
55	Sue Higginson MLC	Youth Bail Laws	(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?	I am advised: The Attorney General's Second reading speech and Speech in reply detail the consideration undertaking in bringing the Bail Amendment (Extension of Limitation on Bail in Certain Circumstances) Bill 2025 to Parliament.
56	Sue Higginson MLC	Youth Bail Laws	(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 - iii)	I am advised: Legislative amendments related to bail for certain young people were introduced as part of a multifaceted, long-term response to youth crime and were intended to work in tandem with community-based solutions. The Government considered a range of views in developing this response. Work continues across Government to fully implement and expand on these measures. The NSW Government remains committed to Closing the Gap targets, balanced with the need to ensure community safety and address offending.

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57	Sue Higginson MLC	Youth Bail Laws	(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”	I am advised: See response to supplementary question #56.
58	Sue Higginson MLC	Youth Bail Laws	(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?	I am advised: In accordance with the Premier’s Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, all Ministers publish extracts from their diaries, summarising details of scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals. Ministers are not required to disclose details of the following meetings: • meetings involving Ministers, ministerial staff, parliamentarians or government officials (whether from NSW or other jurisdictions) • meetings that are strictly personal, electorate or party political • social or public functions or events • meetings held overseas (which must be disclosed in accordance with regulation 6(1)(b) of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 and Attachment B to the Premier’s Memorandum), and • matters for which there is an overriding public interest against disclosure. Ministers’ diary disclosures are published quarterly on The Cabinet Office’s website (https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-

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59	Sue Higginson MLC	Youth Bail Laws	(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?	I am advised: The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research is planning to undertake a study on youth bail and remand. The study aims to consider the impact of youth bail refusal on offending. The study will not consider the specific impact of section 22C. The study is expected to be finalised at the end of 2026. Section 22D of the Bail Act 2013 establishes a requirement for the Minister to review the operation of the amendments made by the Bail Amendment (Extension of Limitation on Bail in Certain Circumstances) Act 2025, which extended section 22C of that Act to 1 October 2026. See answer to question on notice #4 in relation to this review.

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60	Sue Higginson MLC	Youth Bail Laws	(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?	I am advised: No. The Bail and Crimes Amendment Act 2024 provided that section 22C of the Bail Act 2013 would expire 12 months after it commenced. The Bail Amendment (Extension of Limitation on Bail in Certain Circumstances) Act 2025 extended the provision until 1 October 2026. For details of what was considered in extending s 22C see Attorney General Second Reading Speech and Speech in reply for the Bail Amendment (Extension of Limitation on Bail in Certain Circumstances) Bill 2025.
61	Sue Higginson MLC	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?	I am advised: The NSW Government is not aware of any studies of that nature. In the time since commencement of the reforms implemented by the Criminal Legislation Amendment (Knife Crimes) Act 2023 and the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities and Other Legislation Amendment (Knife Crime) Act 2024 it is difficult to attribute impacts. The number of charges for knife possession offences have been steady over the last five years. Since the reforms began, early indications show that a person convicted of a knife possession offence is more likely to receive a custodial sentence. Assault and robberies that use knives have decreased over the last 20 years.

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62	Sue Higginson MLC	Knife Crime	(62) How do you respond to the fact that knife crime is stagnant in NSW?	I am advised: The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research statistics showing violent criminal incidents involving a knife as a weapon recorded by NSW Police indicate knife offences were stable in the last two years, but declined over the longer term. Trends up to March 2025 show: - Non-domestic violence assault with a knife as a weapon: Two year trend - Stable; 10 year trend - Down 3.3% per year on average. - Domestic assault with a knife as a weapon: Two year trend - Stable, 10 year trend - Down 7.1% per year on average. - Robbery with a knife as a weapon: Two year trends - Stable, 10 year trend - Down 1.9% per year on average.
63	Sue Higginson MLC	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?	I am advised: This is a question best directed to the Minister for Corrections.
64	Sue Higginson MLC	Doli Incapax	(64) What is the latest update on the doli incapax review?	I am advised: On 8 May 2025, the Attorney General appointed the Honourable Geoffrey Bellew SC and Mr Jeffrey Loy APM to conduct a review into the operation of doli incapax in NSW.

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65	Sue Higginson MLC	Doli Incapax	(65) Is it still the Government's plan to introduce legislation with regard to doli incapax?	I am advised: The Terms of Reference for the review of doli incapax request that the reviewers recommend a framework to enable the common law presumption to be enacted in NSW legislation. The findings of the review will inform the Government's consideration of any appropriate legislative reform.
66	Sue Higginson MLC	Doli Incapax	(66) Is it still the Government's intention to report in the second half of 2025?	I am advised: The reviewers were asked to report to the Attorney General in the second half of 2025.
67	Sue Higginson MLC	Doli Incapax	(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?	I am advised: The NSW Government is considering ways to identify alternative and additional responses needed to maintain community safety while supporting the diversion of children aged 14 years and under who are demonstrating problematic and harmful behaviours from the criminal justice system. It is noted that the adequacy of appropriate intervention and support services for young people demonstrating harmful behaviours will be a key consideration for NSW.

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68	Sue Higginson MLC	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?	I am advised: Recommendation 12 - As outlined in the Family is Culture Consultation Findings Report 2022, this recommendation was identified for further consultation. Given the significant reforms being undertaken by the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ), further consideration of this recommendation will occur under a partnership agreement between DCJ, AbSec and ALS which supports the alignment of the Family is Culture Recommendations with other reforms activities. The partnership agreement is currently funded for 12 months and to be extended for up to two years.
69	Sue Higginson MLC	Family is Culture	(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?	I am advised: Recommendation 15 - As outlined in the Family is Culture Consultation Findings Report 2022, no change was proposed at the time, pending consideration by the NSW Government of the recommendations of the NSW Law Reform Commission's Report 149 – Open Justice: Court and tribunal information: access, disclosure and publication, which was tabled in Parliament on 12 July 2022. The report canvasses proposed amendments to the Care Act relating to consent to publication of identity for children and young people in care and justice systems. Further consideration of this recommendation will occur under a partnership agreement between the Department of Communities and Justice, AbSec and ALS which supports the alignment of the Family is Culture Recommendations with other reforms activities. The partnership agreement is currently funded for 12 months and to be extended for up to two years.

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70	Sue Higginson MLC	Family is Culture	(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?	I am advised: Recommendation 64 - As outlined in the Family is Culture Consultation Findings Report 2022, this recommendation was identified for further consultation. Given the significant reforms being undertaken by the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ), further consideration of this recommendation will occur under a partnership agreement between DCJ, AbSec and ALS which supports the alignment of the Family is Culture Recommendations with other reforms activities. The partnership agreement is currently funded for 12 months and to be extended for up to two years.
71	Sue Higginson MLC	Family is Culture	(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?	I am advised: (a), (b) & (c) The NSW Government recognises the importance of the principles underpinning this recommendation and supports efforts to promote cultural competence and awareness across the justice system. However, training programs for Tribunal Members fall under the responsibility of the Tribunal itself, which maintains independence in identifying and addressing its professional development priorities. As such, neither the NSW Government nor I, in my capacity as Attorney General, have the authority to implement this recommendation.

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72	Sue Higginson MLC	Family is Culture	(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?	I am advised: Recommendation 122- As outlined in the Family is Culture Consultation Findings Report 2022, organisational changes within the NSW Government have resulted in increased separation of legal, child protection policy and child protection operations functions – with each function reporting to a different Deputy Secretary within the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ). This has enabled legal and operational decisions to be made by different senior executives. Further consideration of this recommendation will occur under a partnership agreement between DCJ, AbSec and ALS which supports the alignment of the Family is Culture Recommendations with other reforms activities. The partnership agreement is currently funded for 12 months and to be extended for up to two years.
73	Sue Higginson MLC	Family is Culture	(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?	I am advised: See response to question on notice # 72.

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74	Sue Higginson MLC	Family is Culture	(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?	I am advised: I meet with fellow ministers concerning a range of matters including Minister Washington.
75	Sue Higginson MLC	Family is Culture	(75) How much funding has been allocated toward the Winha-nga-nha list in: (a) 2023? (b) 2024? (c) 2025 to date?	I am advised: The Children's Court, the Department of Communities and Justice and Legal Aid NSW have committed to supporting the specialist list and have allocated resources within existing funding.
76	Sue Higginson MLC	Family is Culture	(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?	I am advised: While no formal evaluation has yet been undertaken, the Government recognises the importance of assessing the effectiveness of such initiatives. Consideration will be given to an evaluation process as part of broader efforts to monitor and improve culturally safe practices. This will be informed by ongoing engagement with Aboriginal communities and service providers.

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77	Sue Higginson MLC	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?	I am advised: The amendment introduced by the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Amendment Act 2018 concerns alternative dispute resolution processes offered by the Secretary of the Department of Communities and Justice under section 37 of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998, typically prior to the commencement of court proceedings. As this matter falls within the responsibilities of the Minister for Families and Communities, this question should be directed to the Hon. Kate Washington MP.

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			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?	

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78	Sue Higginson MLC	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?	I am advised: The decision to close Community Justice Centres was made by Cabinet. Decisions of Cabinet are Cabinet-in-confidence. (a) & (b) Stakeholders notified of the decision on 17 October 2024 were staff, mediators, Legal Aid NSW, Office of Local Government, NSW Police, the Public Service Association, the NSW Law Society, the Aboriginal Legal Service, the NSW Bar Association and the Local Court and Environment Court.
79	Sue Higginson MLC	Community Justice Centres	(79) Will you repeal the Community Justice Centres Act 1983? (a) If yes, when?	I am advised: See transcript.
80	Sue Higginson MLC	Community Justice Centres	(80) What steps have been taken to manage any increased pressure on police and the court system, now CJs are no longer funded?	I am advised: The Department of Communities and Justice continues to monitor any impact on NSW Courts. The question about managing pressure on NSW Police should be directed to the Hon. Yasmin Catley MP in her capacity as Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism.
81	Sue Higginson MLC	Community Justice Centres	(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	I am advised: None. The Department of Communities and Justice continues to accept referrals for disputes under the Associations Incorporation Regulation

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			decision? (a) What will be done to manage the impact on these associations?	2022 which are required to be referred to Community Justice Centres for mediation.
82	Sue Higginson MLC	Community Justice Centres	(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?	I am advised: The NSW Government continues to connect people with alternate services and resources to help them resolve matters outside the court system where appropriate.
83	Sue Higginson MLC	Community Justice Centres	(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?	I am advised: See response to supplementary question #78.
84	Sue Higginson MLC	Community Justice Centres	(84) Will all websites in NSW that refer to CJS's be directed to legal access assistance services?	I am advised: The NSW Government does not have oversight or control over the content of all websites on the internet. See response to question on notice #73 for advice on NSW Government websites.

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85	Sue Higginson MLC	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?	I am advised: The Department of Communities and Justice is not responsible for administering compensation payments in relation to disaster incidents. This question should be directed to: • the Hon. Janelle Saffin MP in her capacity as the Minister for Recovery as the NSW Reconstruction Authority is the responsible agency for administering Disaster Relief Grants in NSW. • the Hon. Tara Moriarty MLC in her capacity as the Minister for Regional NSW as the NSW Rural Assistance Authority is the responsible agency for administering National Disaster Recovery Grants in NSW. • the Hon. Sophie Cotsis MP in her capacity as the Minister for Work Health and Safety as the NSW Self Insurance Corporation is the responsible statutory body that manages disaster incident workers compensation under the Workers Compensation (Bush Fire, Emergency and Rescue Services) Act 1987 No 83.
86	Sue Higginson MLC	Disaster Payments	(86) What process is in place to ensure there is public awareness around compensation payments for disaster incidents?	I am advised: Refer to response for supplementary question # 85.
87	Sue Higginson MLC	Disaster Payments	(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?	I am advised: Refer to response for supplementary question # 85.

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			(a) If so where, how and when? (b) Was this adequate to inform impacted residents of their potential options with regard to compensation?	
88	Sue Higginson MLC	Disaster Payments	(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?	Refer to response for supplementary question # 85.
89	Sue Higginson MLC	Disaster Payments	(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?	Refer to response for supplementary question # 85.
90	Sue Higginson MLC	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?	I am advised: Costs associated with the centralisation of Bail (Bail Division of the Local Court) are not yet finalised.

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				(a) (b) & (c) The Bail Division of the Local Court receives funding out of the Local Court's total budget, and the operational model is still being finalised, therefore does not have a specific funding allocation.

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91	Sue Higginson MLC	Bail Refusals	(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?	I am advised: (a) Number of persons aged 10-14 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2019-March 2020: Violent offences:119 Theft offences:101 Other offences:77 Total offences:297 (b) Number of persons aged 10-14 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2020-March 2021: Violent offences:93 Theft offences:103 Other offences:46 Total offences: 242 (c) Number of persons aged 10-14 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2021-March 2022: Violent offences:81 Theft offences:104 Other offences:32 Total offences:217 (d) Number of persons aged 10-14 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2022-March 2023: Violent offences:94 Theft offences:176 Other offences:62

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				Total offences:332 (e) Number of persons aged 10-14 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2023-March 2024: Violent offences:99 Theft offences:200 Other offences:70 Total offences:369 (f) Number of persons aged 10-14 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2024-March 2025: Violent offences:104 Theft offences:198 Other offences:64 Total offences:366

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92	Sue Higginson MLC	Bail Refusals	(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?	(a) Number of Aboriginal persons aged 10-14 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2019-March 2020: Violent offences:67 Theft offences:66 Other offences:55 Total offences:188 (b) Number of Aboriginal persons aged 10-14 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2020-March 2021: Violent offences:47 Theft offences:71 Other offences:23 Total offences: 141 (c) Number of Aboriginal persons aged 10-14 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2021-March 2022: Violent offences:47 Theft offences:75 Other offences:19 Total offences:141 (d) Number of Aboriginal persons aged 10-14 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2022-March 2023: Violent offences:61 Theft offences:157 Other offences:43 Total offences:287

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				(e) Number of Aboriginal persons aged 10-14 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2023-March 2024: Violent offences:68 Theft offences:166 Other offences:53 Total offences:287 (f) Number of Aboriginal persons aged 10-14 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2024-March 2025: Violent offences:63 Theft offences:166 Other offences:38 Total offences:267

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93	Sue Higginson MLC	Bail Refusals	(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?	(a) Number of persons aged 15-17 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2019-March 2020: Violent offences:348 Theft offences:353 Other offences:204 Total offences:905 (b) Number of persons aged 15-17 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2020-March 2021: Violent offences:352 Theft offences:340 Other offences:181 Total offences: 873 (c) Number of persons aged 15-17 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2021-March 2022: Violent offences:295 Theft offences:398 Other offences:189 Total offences:882 (d) Number of persons aged 15-17 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2022-March 2023: Violent offences:268 Theft offences:459 Other offences:192 Total offences:919

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				(e) Number of persons aged 15-17 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2023-March 2024: Violent offences:270 Theft offences:478 Other offences:185 Total offences:933 (f) Number of persons aged 15-17 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2024-March 2025: Violent offences:343 Theft offences:485 Other offences:205 Total offences:1033

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94	Sue Higginson MLC	Bail Refusals	(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?	I am advised: (a) Number of Aboriginal persons aged 15-17 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2019-March 2020: Violent offences:142 Theft offences:210 Other offences:92 Total offences:444 (b) Number of Aboriginal persons aged 15-17 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2020-March 2021: Violent offences:140 Theft offences:190 Other offences:86 Total offences: 416 (c) Number of Aboriginal persons aged 15-17 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2021-March 2022: Violent offences:128 Theft offences:253 Other offences:113 Total offences:494 (d) Number of Aboriginal persons aged 15-17 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2022-March 2023: Violent offences:146 Theft offences:337 Other offences:125 Total offences:608 (e) Number of Aboriginal persons aged 15-17 years bail refused at first

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				court appearance by most serious offence, April 2023-March 2024: Violent offences:163 Theft offences:389 Other offences:128 Total offences:680 f) Number of Aboriginal persons aged 15-17 years bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2024-March 2025: Violent offences:201 Theft offences:399 Other offences:129 Total offences:729

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95	Sue Higginson MLC	Bail Refusals	(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?	I am advised: (a) Number of persons aged 18 years and over bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2019-March 2020: Violent offences:6,035 Theft offences:4,660 Other offences:6,475 Total offences:17,170 (b) Number of persons aged 18 years and over bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2020-March 2021: Violent offences:6,254 Theft offences:3,664 Other offences:6,460 Total offences: 16,378 (c) Number of persons aged 18 years and over bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2021-March 2022: Violent offences:6,290 Theft offences:3,607 Other offences:6,302 Total offences:16,199 (d) Number of persons aged 18 years and over bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2022-March 2023: Violent offences:6,735 Theft offences:4,453 Other offences:6,489

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				Total offences:17,677 (e) Number of persons aged 18 years and over bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2023-March 2024: Violent offences:6,917 Theft offences:4,668 Other offences:6,871 Total offences:18,456 (f) Number of persons aged 18 years and over bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2024-March 2025: Violent offences:8,048 Theft offences:4,776 Other offences:8,056 Total offences:20,880

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96	Sue Higginson MLC	Bail Refusals	(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?	I am advised: (a) Number of Aboriginal persons 18 years and over bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2019-March 2020: Violent offences:1,803 Theft offences:1,503 Other offences:1,621 Total offences:4,927 (b) Number of Aboriginal persons 18 years and over bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2020-March 2021: Violent offences:1,832 Theft offences:1,233 Other offences:1,743 Total offences: 4,808 (c) Number of Aboriginal persons 18 years and over bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2021-March 2022: Violent offences:1,995 Theft offences:1,371 Other offences:1,630 Total offences:4,996 (d) Number of Aboriginal persons 18 years and over bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2022-March 2023: Violent offences:2,230 Theft offences:1,737 Other offences:1,799 Total offences:5,766 (e) Number of Aboriginal persons 18 years and over bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2023-March 2024:

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				Violent offences:2,392 Theft offences:1,902 Other offences:2,062 Total offences:6,356 (f) Number of Aboriginal persons 18 years and over bail refused at first court appearance by most serious offence, April 2024-March 2025: Violent offences:2,730 Theft offences:1,914 Other offences:2,508 Total offences:7,152

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97	Sue Higginson MLC	Bail Refusals	(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?	I am advised: This question should be directed to the Hon. Yasmin Catley MP in her capacity as the Minister for Police and Counter-Terrorism
98	Sue Higginson MLC	Bail Refusals	(98) Are you committed to reform to address the spike in police bail refusals?	I am advised: This question should be directed to the Hon. Yasmin Catley MP in her capacity as the Minister for Police and Counter-Terrorism
99	Sue Higginson MLC	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	I am advised: This question should be directed to the Hon. Jihad Dib MP in his capacity as the Minister for Youth Justice.

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			consultation process? ii. If not, why not?	
100	Sue Higginson	Crime Prevention	(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?	I am advised: This question should be directed to the Hon. Jihad Dib MP in his capacity as the Minister for Youth Justice.

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101	Sue Higginson	Crime Prevention	(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?	I am advised: This question should be directed to the Hon. Chris Minns MP in his capacity as the Premier.
102	Sue Higginson	Crime Prevention	(102) How many other LGAS were considered for this \$6 million community safety fund?	I am advised: This question should be directed to the Hon. Chris Minns MP in his capacity as the Premier.
103	Sue Higginson	Crime Prevention	(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?	I am advised: This question should be directed to the Hon. Chris Minns MP in his capacity as the Premier.
104	Sue Higginson	Crime Prevention	(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?	I am advised: The recent announcement focused on enhancing court infrastructure in the Sydney CBD. While this initiative is currently concentrated in metropolitan areas, the Department of Communities and Justice will continue to explore the potential for adapting a similar model beyond Sydney CBD in the future years.

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105	Sue Higginson	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)?	I am advised: (a)The Department of Communities and Justice does not hold this information. (b) Between 22 June 2023 and March 2025 there have been 0 finalised charges under section 19 of the Summary Offences Act 1998.
106	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	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?	I am advised: See response to question on notice # 23.
107	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	Trustee and guardianship reforms	(107) Since October 2024, has the Guardianship Working Group held any further meetings?	I am advised: The Guardianship Working Group last met in October 2024.
108	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	Trustee and guardianship reforms	(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.	I am advised: See response to question on notice # 23.

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			Is this something you are actively looking at in the context of the ongoing reforms?	
109	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	Trustee and guardianship 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?	I am advised: See response to question on notice # 23.
110	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	Trustee and guardianship reforms	(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?	I am advised: See response to question on notice # 23.

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111	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	Trustee and guardianship reforms	(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?	I am advised: The NSW Trustee and Guardian Act 2009, section 111(3) allows the NSW Trustee the discretion to waive, remit or reduce fees charged by the NSW Trustee. Fee reductions for financial management apply for customers with assets \$75,000 and under.
112	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	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?	I am advised: As of 8 September 2025, there are 426 courtrooms across NSW, including NCAT, equipped with Audio Visual Link (AVL) technology. All AVL enabled courtrooms are operational.
113	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	Audio-visual link technology in courts	(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?	I am advised: (a) All funding has been allocated and AVL upgrades have been made at Parramatta Children's Court, Downing Centre Local Court, Wagga Wagga and Dubbo Correctional Centres. Updates were also made to the JusticeLink case management system. Additional Magistrates were funded from a combination of Demand Funding and Domestic Violence Package. (b) The Department of Communities and Justice, NSW Police and Corrective Services NSW continue to review their AVL infrastructure and any requirements for further upgrades.

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114	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	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?	I am advised: The NSW Government will continue to consider the interaction between the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007 (CDPVA) and the coercive control reforms. The statutory review of the coercive control reforms require the NSW Government to consider the operation of section 6A of the CDPVA (section 54J(j) of the Crimes Act 1900). The statutory review will commence in July 2026 and must report by July 2027.
115	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	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?	I am advised: Practice notes and decisions about the expansion of the Specialist Family Violence List are a matter for the Chief Magistrate.
116	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	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?	I am advised: The Family Advocacy and Support Service (FASS) is a Commonwealth Government program that operates in the Federal jurisdiction. FASS provides lawyers and support workers to assist people who are affected by family violence and have a family law issue. The supplementary question appears to refer to the total national funding and locations of the FASS. In NSW the FASS operates at four Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (FCFCOA) locations. In 2024/25 the dedicated annual funding for FASS in NSW was \$8 million. It was provided under the National Legal Assistance Partnership (which ended on 30 June 2025). This funding is now included as part of the general funding allocation

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				under the National Access to Justice Partnership 2025-30 and continues to be used to run the FASS.
117	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	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?	I am advised: The NSW Government is committed to investigating and addressing misidentification of the primary aggressor in domestic and family violence. The NSW Government Domestic Family and Sexual Violence Board is overseeing a review of policy and practices across government agencies, as a basis to consider any reforms that may help to prevent instances of misidentification.
118	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	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?	I am advised: Offenders are responsible for the crimes that they commit and the harm those crimes cause. It is not reasonable or appropriate to assert that judicial officers are responsible for the crimes committed by people who have come before the courts. A core principle of the NSW criminal justice system is that judges and magistrates, who are appointed because of their experience, knowledge and qualifications, make decisions according to the law independently of the executive branch of

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				government. The judiciary serves NSW every day by performing this important function of our justice system.
119	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	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?	I am advised: State and Commonwealth funding for the community legal sector has increased in recent years and is more than \$52 million in 2025/26. This includes funding provided to specialist Community Legal Centres (including the Immigration Advice and Rights Centre and the Refugee Advice and Casework Service) to provide assistance to people on temporary visas, including women who are experiencing domestic and family violence who are in urgent need of migration legal support. Legal Aid NSW also provides services to women in these situations.

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120	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	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?	I am advised: My Office acknowledges the risks of modern slavery to which persons with disabilities are exposed. I highlighted these risks in my input to the Special Rapporteur ahead of his country visit to Australia, and helped to facilitate his meetings with disability sector representatives while he was in Australia. These risks also overlap with risks associated with carceral and institutional settings: people with disability have been historically subjected to systemic forms of deprivation of liberty in Australia, and aspects of institutionalisation and segregation persist today predominantly in health, social care, forensic and educational contexts. My Office has conducted research into these issues, and this informs our engagement with frontline agencies on training workers to identify and respond in a trauma-informed manner to modern slavery. I note that I do not have formal investigative powers under the Modern Slavery Act 2018 (NSW). I commend the work that People with Disability Australia (PWDA) in particular has done in bringing attention to the heightened vulnerability of people with disability to exploitation and abuse due to societal barriers and discrimination. Ms Lisa Ira, Senior Policy Officer at PWDA served on my Advisory Panel from July 2024 until June 2025. I support the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability, including

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				relevantly those promoting inclusive employment practices, reforming guardianship laws to uphold people's autonomy, addressing challenges specific to First Nations people, and tackling the issue of subminimum wages for workers with disability. The questions highlight the important work that needs to be done to address risks of modern slavery impacting people with disabilities. I welcome further engagement from people with disabilities and representative organisations with my Office. However, my Office's work on this issue is, and has been, confined by limited resources: it would not be possible to expand our work further without drawing resources away from the statutory responsibilities prioritised by the Modern Slavery Act 2018 (NSW), including my obligation to support and monitor more than 450 agencies' procurement and operational activities, and the requirement to maintain a hotline providing support and advice to victims of modern slavery.

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121	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	Questions directed to the NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner	(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?	I am advised: Please refer to response to Supplementary Question # 120.
122	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	Questions directed to the NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner	(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?	I am advised: I have no inspection or visitation rights under law. My Office is not a regulatory body. I do have functions relating to the promotion of good practice in identifying and addressing modern slavery. These could provide a basis for the types of discussions contemplated by the Question, at least in relation to the right to be free from slavery (but not broader human rights). However, as explained in my response to Supplementary Question 120, the restricted resourcing currently available to my Office does not permit me to prioritise such engagement with private sector actors, given the challenges I already face in meeting statutory obligations relating to monitoring of public procurement and public agency operations, and maintenance of a support and assistance hotline.
123	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	Questions directed to the NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner	(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?	I am advised: Please refer to response to Supplementary Question # 120.

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124	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	Questions directed to the NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner	(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?	I am advised: No. Please refer further to the response to Supplementary Question # 120.

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125	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	Questions directed to the NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner	(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?	I am advised: The 1800 FREEDOM number is toll-free. In 2024, the hotline was available 24/7; however, in 2025 my Office was forced to reduce this to business hours (9am – 5pm Mon-Fri) due to risks of staff burnout and inadequate financing. The help line is staffed by a very small team of 2 clerk grade personnel working part-time, and myself. There is no specific funding made available to my Office for this work, and any funding of overtime reduces the resources available to meet other statutory obligations and functions. My Office's Support and Assistance team have worked closely with the Lived Experience Practice Lead (within my team) to develop new digital forms which will shortly be available. These forms have a read-back function, and are written in Plain English. All enquirers are entitled to nominate a support person. We can also integrate with the National Relay Service (NRS) where needed for survivors who, depending on the type of call, can change voice to text or text to voice and translate AUSLAN to English or English to AUSLAN. When an enquirer indicates this is their preference, we meet people in-person to conduct our intake process. This gives us a sense of their context and enables them to have a support person with them, ideally in a comfortable environment for them.

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				Since the hotline was established, we are aware of over 30 approaches from or on behalf of people with disability (including physical, psychosocial and neurological disabilities). This represents around 18% of all approaches. We often do not have access to information regarding formal diagnoses. We frequently refer people with disability who have suffered or have been at risk of modern slavery to disability service providers and other disability sector actors, such as the Ageing and Disability Commission.

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126	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	Questions directed to the NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner	(126) Can you please provide an update on progressing the actions and objectives in the NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner's Strategic Plan 2023–2026?	I am advised: The Commissioner's 2024-25 Annual Report, which records progress against the actions and objectives identified in the Strategic Plan 2023-26, will be tabled in Parliament in October or November and published shortly afterwards on my website at https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/legal-and-justice/our-commissioners/anti-slavery-commissioner/strategic-plan-and-discussion-papers.html
127	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	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?	I am advised: See answer to question on notice # 44. (a) Coronial Practice Note 3 applies to all coronial investigations and inquests into reported deaths which fall within its scope to make provision for these to be conducted in a timely and proper manner. (b) In November 2024, funding was made available for two non-Magistrate Coroners to be appointed for up to 18 months to assist with the increasing caseload of the coronial jurisdiction.
128	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	Coroners Court	(128) How many preventative recommendations have been made in regional inquests by regional magistrates since 2020?	I am advised: While the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) maintains and publishes coronial recommendations and subsequent responses, DCJ does not hold aggregate data about preventative recommendation in regional inquests by regional magistrates.

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				Recommendations can be viewed here: https://coroners.nsw.gov.au/coronial-findings-search.html
129	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	Coroners Court	(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?	(a) As at 28 August 2025, there were five Deputy State Coroners performing full-time Senior Coroner work. In addition, two temporary full-time Deputy State Coroners were undertaking Senior Coroner work at Lidcombe - one temporary appointment concluded in September 2025 (Magistrate on loan from the Local Court) and the other temporary appointment will conclude in January 2026 (Bondi Junction Inquest funding). There was also one part-time Deputy State Coroner based in Newcastle undertaking Deputy State Coroner functions one day a week. (b) As at 12 September 2025, five Deputy State Coroners continued to perform full-time Senior Coroner duties. In addition, one temporary full-time Deputy State Coroner remained in place, which will conclude in January 2026 (Bondi Junction Inquest funding). The part-time Deputy State Coroner based in Newcastle also remained in place, continuing to perform duties one day per week. (c) From 1 March 2026, it is expected that five Deputy State Coroners will be performing full-time Senior Coroner duties. The part-time Deputy State Coroner based in Newcastle is also expected to continue in their role, working one day per week.

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130	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	Coroners Court	(130) Does the Coroners Court have a dedicated document management system or software?	I am advised: See response to question on notice # 49.
131	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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?	I am advised: See response to question on notice # 6.
132	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Community Justice Centres	(132) When will legislation related to the closure of Community Justice Centres be introduced?	I am advised: See transcript.
133	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Community Justice Centres	(133) What impact has the closure of the Community Justice Centres had on the workload of LawAccess?	I am advised: See response to question taken on notice # 51.
134	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Community Justice Centres	(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?	I am advised: See response to questions on notice # 70 and # 74.

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			(b) What would be considered a reasonable travel distance for somebody in a regional area to access the mediation?	
135	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Community Justice Centres	(135) Was the Department able to repurpose the existing investment in the Resolve computer system?	I am advised: See response to question taken on notice # 76.
136	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Community Justice Centres	(136) Has Lotus Notes been decommissioned relating to CJs?	I am advised: See response to question taken on notice # 71.
137	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Community Justice Centres	(137) What happened to the physical assets held by the CJC at Parramatta Justice Precinct and the Campbelltown court?	I am advised: See response to question taken on # 72.
138	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Community Justice Centres	(138) Are CJs mentioned on government websites at all or that has all been cleansed? (a) Who is responsible for this?	I am advised: See response to question taken on notice # 73.

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139	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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?	I am advised: This question should be directed to the Hon. Chris Minns MP in his capacity as the Premier.
140	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Youth Crime	(140) Has the NSW Government conducted an evaluation of Section 22C of the Bail Act? (a) When will this evaluation be finalised?	I am advised: See response to question on notice # 4.
141	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Youth Crime	(141) Has the NSW Government shared this data with BOCSAR? (a) Will this evaluation be made public?	I am advised: The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research is undertaking a study about youth bail generally. The study will not specifically consider the impact of 22C.
142	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Youth Crime	(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?	I am advised: For details of what was considered in extending s 22C, including information about Moree programs, see Attorney General Second Reading Speech and Speech in reply for the Bail Amendment (Extension of Limitation on Bail in Certain Circumstances) Bill 2025.
143	Questions on behalf	Youth Crime	(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	I am advised: See response to question taken on notice # 13.

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	of the Opposition		New England area? (c) What performance measures are being used to assess all of these component parts of the package?	

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144	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Youth Crime	(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?	I am advised: The Bail Division Monitoring Group comprises representatives from the following agencies: - Chief Magistrates Office - Judiciary – Coordinating Bail Magistrate, His Honour Magistrate Daniel Covington - Children’s Court - Court Services - DCJ - Transforming Aboriginal Outcomes – DCJ - NSW Police - Corrective Services NSW - Aboriginal Legal Services - Legal Aid - Justice Health - Youth Justice - Policy, Legal Reform Services – DCJ - Law Society - Information Digital Services – DCJ - Multicultural NSW - Bar Association. (a) DCJ is yet to finalise the updated Terms of Reference (ToR) following the merger of the former Advisory Board and Monitoring Group. (b) Each agency escalates issues to their executive. There is also a Criminal Justice Transformation Board for systemic escalations from each agency represented at that Board (c) The Bail Division Monitoring Group currently meets fortnightly.

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				(d) The Chair is Regional Director Metro who has responsibility for the Bail Division operations. (e) The timeframe that this group will run has not been confirmed.

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145	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Youth Crime	(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?	I am advised: Of the 96 incident legal actions police have initiated under Section 154K between April 2024 and June 2025, 71 incidents were in regional NSW. (a) Of the 71 incidents in regional NSW, 66 were legal actions taken against persons aged under 18 years. (b) Of the 71 incidents in regional NSW, the local government areas where the incident occurred were: - Lake Macquarie (9 incidents) - Moree Plains (9 incidents) - Albury (6 incidents) - Coffs Harbour (6 incidents) - Glen Innes Severn (6 incidents) - Armidale Regional (4 incidents) - Dubbo regional (3 incidents) - Singleton (3 incidents) - Tamworth Regional (3 incidents) - Wollongong (3 incidents) - Cowra (2 incidents) - Port Stephens (2 incidents) - Blayney (1 incident) - Bourke (1 incident) - Bourke (1 incident) - Cessnock 1 incident) - Cobar(1 incident) - Maitlin (1 incident) - Narrabri (1 incident)

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146	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Youth Crime	(146) Does one of the roles of the Moree response governance group include evaluating that which is being governed by them?	I am advised: This question should be directed to the Hon. Chris Minns MP in his capacity as the Premier.
147	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Youth Crime	(147) What are the deliverables for this group? (a) When will a report from this group be completed? (b) Will it be made public?	I am advised: This question should be directed to the Hon. Chris Minns MP in his capacity as the Premier.
148	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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?	I am advised: See response provided to question on notice #20. (a) The working group currently works through issues as raised by the various agencies. (b) Appearances in the Bail Division occur from Corrective Services NSW and NSW Police facilities, not regional courts.
149	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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?	I am advised: See the answer to Question on Notice # 27.
150	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Sexual assault audit	(150) How many matters were discontinued in the two months prior to the commencement of the sexual assault cases audit?	I am advised: See the answer to Question on Notice # 68.

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151	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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")	I am advised: As far as the ODPP is aware, all internal and external investigations into this matter have been finalised. The ODPP notes that this matter was dealt with in the District Court, not in the Children's Court.
152	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(152) What date was the police inquiry completed?	See the answer to Question on Notice # 41.
153	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(153) Who were all the liaison personnel between the ODPP and the police?	I am advised: Solicitor for Public Prosecutions, Craig Hyland.
154	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(154) What did each of them do in that role?	I am advised: Mr Hyland responded to enquiries from the NSW Police investigators.
155	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(155) Did police have full access to all records and internal ODPP systems?	I am advised: The NSW Police were provided with all requested material held by the ODPP.

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156	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(156) Who identified those persons to be interviewed by police in relation to the disclosure?	I am advised: The NSW Police identified persons they wished to interview.
157	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(157) What were their roles?	I am advised: See the answer to Supplementary Question # 156.
158	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(158) How were those persons identified as being potentially relevant witnesses?	I advised: See the answer to Supplementary Question # 156.
159	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(159) Which persons did police interview in relation to the disclosure?	I am advised: Prosecution Officer (Administrative), Level 5.
160	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(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.	I am advised: As the witness statements form part of a police investigation, we consider it appropriate for this request to be directed to NSW Police.
161	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(161) Who at the ODPP was provided with a copy of the police brief of evidence in this matter?	I am advised: Solicitor for Public Prosecutions, Craig Hyland.

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162	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(162) Who was provided with a copy of this brief of evidence by any person in the ODPP?	I am advised: The Honourable Justice Helen Wilson.
163	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(163) Who made the decision to engage an external law firm to conduct an investigation on behalf of the ODPP?	I am advised: The Director.
164	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(164) What is the name of the law firm which was engaged?	I am advised: Norton Rose Fulbright.
165	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(165) What is the name of the responsible partner at that law firm?	I am advised: Alexandra Shields, Partner.
166	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(166) How many hours were billed to the ODPP for this investigation?	I am advised: 33 hours.

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167	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(167) Please provide a copy of the invoice for services.	I am advised: See invoices attached.
168	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(168) Who was responsible for providing instructions to the external law firm?	I am advised: Director, Human Resources.
169	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(169) Please provide a copy of any instructions given.	I am advised: See the answer to Question on Notice # 42. Instructions given to a lawyer for the purpose of obtaining legal advice are also protected by legal professional privilege.
170	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(170) How many people working at the ODPP were interviewed for this investigation?	I am advised: One.
171	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and 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.	I am advised: One staff member was interviewed. Their position was Prosecution Officer (Administrative), Level 7. The staff member's name is confidential.

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172	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(172) How were those staff interviewed selected for interview?	I am advised: The external law firm determined the staff to be interviewed.
173	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(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?	I am advised: No. See the answer to Supplementary Question # 172.
174	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(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?	I am advised: No. See the answer to Supplementary Question # 172.
175	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(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?	I am advised: No. See the answer to Supplementary Question # 172.
176	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(176) What were the recommendations made in the report by the external firm?	I am advised: See the answer to Question on Notice # 42.

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177	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(177) Please provide a copy of the findings and any recommendations.	I am advised: See the answer to Question on Notice # 42.
178	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(178) What decision was made by the delegate Justice Helen Wilson on this matter?	I am advised: Justice Wilson made findings of facts on the basis of the investigative report and recommendations and determined that the staff member should receive a formal caution.
179	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(179) Please provide a copy of the decision.	I am advised: The decision is subject to legal professional privilege and the ODPP does not waive that privilege.
180	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(180) What was the outcome of any disciplinary proceedings?	I am advised: See the answer to Question on Notice # 63.
181	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(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?	I am advised: One.

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182	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(182) For each person involved, what was their purpose in releasing this information?	I am advised: Members of the ODPP Media Team are employed to talk to the media about the matters that we are running.
183	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(183) Which members of the ODPP were found to have released information about the Children's Court matter to anyone in the media?	I am advised: See the answer to Question on Notice # 64.
184	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(184) What was their level of employment?	I am advised: See the answer to Question on Notice # 64.
185	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(185) Are they still employed by the ODPP?	I am advised: See the answer to Question on Notice # 66.
186	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(186) If they are still employed, what disciplinary consequences did they face?	I am advised: See the answer to Question on Notice # 63.
187	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(187) What training have they received if they are still employed by the ODPP?	I am advised: See the answer to Question on Notice # 66.

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188	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(188) Who was found to have authorised the release of that information?	I am advised: The information was released without authorisation.
189	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(189) At what level of staff does responsibility lie for this?	I am advised: See the answer to Question on Notice # 64.
190	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(190) Who facilitated access to the record of Court proceedings which allowed for information about the Children's Court proceedings to be released?	I am advised: Results of court proceedings are recorded on the ODPP's internal case management system (MATTERS), which is available to all staff, except where access to a matter is specifically restricted, and subject to the ODPP's Code of Conduct.
191	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(191) At what level of staff does responsibility lie for this?	I am advised: See the answer to Question on Notice # 64.
192	Questions on behalf	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(192) What action is being taken to make sure the damage that was done is repaired and that it doesn't happen again?	I am advised:

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	of the Opposition			See answer to Question on Notice # 63 and # 66. The court proceedings were not held in camera and were amenable to reporting by the media.
193	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(193) What internal action has been taken in terms of reminding all staff members of their obligations under the Prosecution Guidelines?	I am advised: All new staff receive training on the Prosecution Guidelines and the ODPP Code of Conduct, which are revisited as part of ongoing training and through the Professional Development Plan process. The Prosecution Guidelines and the Code of Conduct are available to all staff on the intranet.
194	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(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.	I am advised: There have been no reported instances of similar conduct, therefore no investigations have been conducted. The ODPP would not conduct an investigation into the absence of conduct. The ODPP is not aware of any cultural or other changes which may have led to this single instance of isolated conduct.

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195 - 202	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(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?	I am advised: (195) The ODPP understands that the media reported on what occurred in the course of the proceedings. Those proceedings were conducted in open court. There were no suppression or non-publication orders in place and no statutory non-publication orders. The media was entitled to report on the proceedings, consistent with principles of open justice. Section 15A of the <i>Children (Criminal Proceedings) Act 1987</i> relevantly provides that the prohibition on the publication of the name of a person who was a child when the offence to which the proceedings related was committed, or other material that identifies the person or is likely to lead to the identification of the person, applies only to the publication of the person's name to the public, or a section of the public by publication in a newspaper periodical publication, by radio or television broadcast or other electronic broadcast, by the Internet, or by any other means of dissemination. No material was published that could not lawfully be published. (196) 2GB was provided information that identified the young person. No information capable of identifying the young person was published. (197) The ODPP does not consider it appropriate to further disseminate this material. (198) It is a matter for media outlets to determine what they publish. (199) There is nothing to provide.

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				(200) 2GB was provided with information identifying the case recorded on the ODPP internal case management system. (201) The ODPP does not consider it appropriate to further disseminate this material. (202) See the answer to Supplementary Question # 200.
203- 206	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(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?	I am advised: (203) The ODPP is not aware of any other communications between the journalist and the ODPP staff member. (204) See response to # 203. (205) There is nothing to provide. (206) See response to # 203.
207	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(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?	I am advised: (207) Yes, except where access to a matter has been restricted, and subject to the Code of Conduct, which provides that information should only be accessed where it is needed to fulfill a staff member's duties. (a) Yes.

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				(b) N/A.
208	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(208) Was this access identified and reported internally?	I am advised: No.
209	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(209) Did the release of information form part of the investigation into the release of information?	I am advised: This question is unclear. The release of the information was the subject of the investigation.
210	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(210) What changes to access have occurred following the finalisation of the investigation?	I am advised: There have been no changes to access. The staff member involved has received a caution, as well as training and counselling.
211	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(211) Does any person in the ODPP have responsibility for reviewing all court matters? (a) If yes, who?	I am advised: No.

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212	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(212) What is the purpose of this review?	I am advised: See the answer to Supplementary Question # 211.
213	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(213) Are staff members assisted in their professional development through this review process?	I am advised: See the answer to Supplementary Question # 211.
214	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(214) How often are the actions of judges reviewed as part of this review process?	I am advised: See the answer to Supplementary Question # 211.
215	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(215) What is the purpose of a review of judicial actions?	I am advised: Pursuant to Chapter 10 of the Prosecution Guidelines, individual prosecutors are responsible for assessing judicial rulings or orders made in the cases they prosecute and, where appropriate, making recommendations to the Director on possible appeals. The purpose of an appeal is to correct error and establish or affirm legal principles for the guidance of other courts.
216	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(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.	I am advised: The proceedings were not held in a closed court.

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				Members of the public, including the media, were entitled to be present in the court and the media were entitled to report on the proceedings, providing they did not identify the young person. Various legal practitioners and court staff were also present in court. Following the hearing of a matter in court, the court results are recorded on the ODPP's case management database, MATTERS. Those records are available to staff across the Office, except where access to a matter is restricted. The ODPP is not in a position to "explain the chain of communication from the hearing to the disclosure to the journalist".
217	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(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?	I am advised: (a) No. (b) No. (c) The investigation concerned the conduct of a staff member and their compliance with the ODPP Code of Conduct. The conduct did not result in publication of the young person's name or any other information that could not lawfully be published. (d) This is not within the functions of the ODPP. (e) Yes. (f) No.

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				(g) See the answer to (c) above. (h) The ODPP has no role to play in the continuing wellbeing of the judge. The ODPP observes that the only information published in respect to this matter was information concerning proceedings held in open court upon which the media was entitled to report, consistent with principles of open justice.
218	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(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.	I am advised: No. (a) The investigation concerned the conduct of a staff member and their compliance with the ODPP Code of Conduct. N/A.
219	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(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.	I am advised: No. (a) See the answer to Supplementary Question (218). It was not a matter that concerned the administration of the courts. N/A.

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220	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Children's Court matter and investigation.	(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.	I am advised: No. (a) See answer to Supplementary Question (218). It was not a matter that concerned the administration of the District Court. NA.
221	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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?	I am advised: Depending on the nature of the proceedings, a "costs order" may be sought by an accused person under either the <i>Criminal Procedure Act 1986</i>, the <i>Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1967</i>, the <i>Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act 2001</i>, or the <i>Suitors' Fund Act 1951</i>. Each of these statutes has different legal standards that apply. None of these avenues require the ODPP to directly pay the other party's costs. Accordingly, there have not been any instances in the past year in which a costs order has been made requiring the ODPP to pay the other party's costs. If the question intends to ask "how many times have costs been awarded in an accused's person's favour in the last 12 months", the ODPP does not have that data in an accessible form. (a) See the answer to Question on Notice # 67.
222	Questions on behalf	Costs orders	(222) On how many occasions does the ODPP challenge those costs ruling?	I am advised:

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	of the Opposition			At the Budget Estimates hearing on 28 August 2025, Mr Hyland gave the following evidence (at p 71), concerning the grant of costs certificates under the <i>Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1967</i>: <i>To my knowledge, there have been two challenges. The most recent is in relation to a judgement of a district court judge. That was a mechanism that only became available after a decision of the Court of Criminal Appeal in 2023 in the matter of Rodden, so it's a relatively new concept and it's a relatively new avenue for the prosecution.</i>
223	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Costs orders	(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?	I am advised: This question is unclear. As provided by statute, the Director has a right of appeal in relation to specific types of judgments or orders made by a court. If the reference to appealing "the entire matter" is a reference to a jury's verdict of not guilty, consistent with the principles of finality and double jeopardy there is no statutory avenue of appeal in relation to such an outcome. (a) See the answer to Question on Notice # 67.
224	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Surrogacy	(224) When was the last time the prohibition against overseas commercial surrogacy was used?	I am advised: See response to question on notice # 29.
225	Questions on behalf	Surrogacy	(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	I am advised: See response to question on notice # 30.

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	of the Opposition		include work to establish the equivalency of Australian and overseas qualifications?	
226	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Surrogacy	(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?	I am advised: See response to question on notice # 30.
227	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Surrogacy	(227) Under the review of the Surrogacy Act 2010, when will further consultation be opened to the public?	I am advised: See response to question on notice # 31.
228	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Surrogacy	(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?	I am advised: See response to Question on Notice # 50.

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229	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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?	I am advised: All training delivered by justice agencies in relation to coercive control is detailed in the five Coercive Control Implementation and Evaluation Taskforce reports tabled in Parliament and published on the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) website: https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/children-and-families/family-domestic-and-sexual-violence/police--legal-help-and-the-law/criminalising-coercive-control-in-nsw/coercive-control-implementation-and-evaluation-taskforce.html (a) This question should be directed to the Hon. Yasmin Catley MP, in her capacity as the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism. (b)(c) The NSW Government is delivering statewide coercive control training to domestic and family violence specialists in the non-government sector. To date, seventy-five one-day face-to-face workshops have been held with 1,589 total attendees. Three of six online webinars have also been delivered to the community based on specific areas of interest. It is anticipated that a future webinar will explore children and young people's experience of coercive control. Further tailored training is also being developed over late 2025 and 2026 that will target early childhood, disability, multicultural and settlement, youth and family support workers. (d)

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				DCJ ran a suite of coercive control campaigns across NSW this year. As part of a phased approach, DCJ developed tailored campaigns to engage Mandarin, Cantonese, Arabic, Vietnamese, Korean, Filipino/Tagalog, Assyrian, Punjabi and Farsi communities. These groups were selected based on census data showing low English proficiency and high population representation in NSW. A further tailored campaign was developed to raise awareness among older people and people with disability. DCJ worked closely with older people and people with disability to develop the campaign to ensure it was appropriate for the target audience. For children and young people, it was considered ineffective to reach this group through an advertising campaign, instead DCJ developed resources for young people focused on healthy relationships, including a quiz. These resources were shared with a number of government, community and corporate organisations who work directly with children and young people. For Aboriginal children and young people aged 16-24, DCJ co-designed a campaign with First Nations people, that was delivered through trusted community voices. The campaign used materials that were culturally safe, authentic and accessible.

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230	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Coercive Control	(230) What's the average length of time for a coercive control investigation?	I am advised: This question should be directed to the Hon. Yasmin Catley MP in her capacity as the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism.
231	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Coercive Control	(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?	I am advised: The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research reports that in the 12 months to March 2025 there were two incidents of forced marriage recorded by NSW Police. Both of these incidents involved victims aged under 18 years.
232	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Coercive Control	(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?	I am advised: Section 54J of the Crimes Act requires statutory reviews of the coercive control offence. Three reviews are required, with the first to begin two years after the offence commenced (that is, in July 2026). A report on the outcome of the first review must be tabled by July 2027.
233	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Coercive Control	(233) When is it likely to conclude?	I am advised: See response to supplementary questions # 232.
234	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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.	I am advised: This advice was provided by the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) Legal to the Secretary of DCJ, and is subject to legal professional privilege.

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235	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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?	I am advised: In accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, all Ministers publish extracts from their diaries, summarising details of scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals. Ministers are not required to disclose details of the following meetings: • meetings involving Ministers, ministerial staff, parliamentarians or government officials (whether from NSW or other jurisdictions) • meetings that are strictly personal, electorate or party political • social or public functions or events • meetings held overseas (which must be disclosed in accordance with regulation 6(1)(b) of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 and Attachment B to the Premier's Memorandum), and • matters for which there is an overriding public interest against disclosure. Ministers' diary disclosures are published quarterly on The Cabinet Office's website (https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/cabinetoffice/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures)
236	Questions on behalf	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	I am advised:

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	of the Opposition		Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information?	In accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, all Ministers publish extracts from their diaries, summarising details of scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals. Ministers are not required to disclose details of the following meetings: • meetings involving Ministers, ministerial staff, parliamentarians or government officials (whether from NSW or other jurisdictions) • meetings that are strictly personal, electorate or party political • social or public functions or events • meetings held overseas (which must be disclosed in accordance with regulation 6(1)(b) of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 and Attachment B to the Premier's Memorandum), and • matters for which there is an overriding public interest against disclosure. Ministers' diary disclosures are published quarterly on The Cabinet Office's website (https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/cabinetoffice/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures)
237	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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?	I am advised:

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				The Ministerial Code of Conduct (Ministerial Code) requires Ministers to make certain disclosures to the Premier and the Secretary of The Cabinet Office. I comply with my obligations under the Ministerial Code.
238	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Department(s)/Agency(s) Employees	(238) In relation to redundancies, will this be made available in your respective Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports?	I am advised: Information about any redundancies within agencies is published in the agency annual reports. Published annual reports can be accessed on agency websites.
239	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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?	I am advised: Annual reports should be prepared in accordance with the Treasury Policy and Guidelines – Framework for Financial and Annual Reporting (TPG25-10).
240	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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?	I am advised: The Ministers' Office Handbook provides guidance in relation to recordkeeping obligations under the State Records Act 1998. The Cabinet Office also provide guidance, advice, training and support on these obligations for Ministers' offices. Further information is available on State Records NSW's website (www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/dciths/state-records-nsw). All Ministers' offices are expected to comply with their obligations under the State Records Act 1998.

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241	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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?	I am advised: The Department of Communities and Justice has a Gifts, Benefits and Bequests register available online: https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/resources/policies/gifts-benefits-and-bequests.html
242	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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?	I am advised: All Ministerial staff are required to comply with the Gifts, Hospitality and Benefits Policy for Office Holder Staff attached to the Ministers' Office Handbook and available on the NSW Government website
243	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Ministerial staff disclosure of gifts and/or hospitality	(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?	I am advised: All Ministerial staff are required to comply with their disclosure obligations under the Gifts, Hospitality and Benefits Policy for Office Holder Staff and I expect them to do so. A breach of the Policy may be a breach of the Office Holder's Staff Code of Conduct. The Policy includes disclosure obligations for Ministerial staff in respect of gifts, hospitality and benefits over \$150. If a Ministerial staff member is required by their role to accompany their Office Holder at an event that the Office Holder is attending as the State's representative, or where the Office Holder has asked the staff member to attend, then attendance at that event would not constitute a gift or benefit for the purposes of the Policy.

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244	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Ministerial Code of Conduct	(244) Since 28 March 2023, have you breached the Ministerial Code of Conduct? (a) If yes, what was the breach?	I am advised: All Ministers are expected to comply with their obligations under the NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct (Ministerial Code) at all times. The Ministerial Code sets the ethical standards of behaviour required of Ministers and establishes practices and procedures to assist with compliance. Among other matters, the Ministerial Code requires Ministers to: • disclose their pecuniary interests and those of their immediate family members to the Premier • seek rulings from the Premier if they wish to hold shares, directorships, other business interests or engage in secondary employment (known as 'prohibited interests') • identify, avoid, disclose and manage conflicts of interest • disclose gifts and hospitality with a market value over \$500. A substantial breach of the Ministerial Code (including a knowing breach of any provision of the Schedule) may constitute corrupt conduct for the purposes of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988
245	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Senior Executive Drivers	(245) As at 1 August 2025, how many senior executives in your portfolio department(s) / agency(s) have a driver?	I am advised: No senior executives in my portfolio department(s)/agency(s) have a driver.

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246	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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?	I am advised: An agency must keep a record called its disclosure log that records information about access applications made to the agency that the agency decides by deciding to provide access to some or all of the information applied for if the information is information that the agency considers may be of interest to other members of the public.
247	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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)?	I am advised: Department of Communities and Justice including • Anti-slavery Commissioner • Legal Profession Admission Board • Anti-discrimination Board • Public Defenders • Law Reform Commission • Solicitor General and Crown Advocate • NSW Sentencing Council • Legal Service Commissioner https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/about-us/gipa/disclosure-log.html Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

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248	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	TikTok	(248) Are you on TikTok? (a) If yes, do you access TikTok from a NSW Government device?	I am advised: The Circular DCS-2025-01 Cyber Security NSW Directive - Restricted Applications List advises how NSW Government agencies are required to appropriately manage risks to NSW Government information on government-issued devices, or personal devices that are used for government business.
249	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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?	I am advised: Like the former Coalition Government, the NSW Government uses a range of digital systems and communications that have been approved for use and may be utilised where there is a valid business requirement. This has been established practice under successive governments. State records are a vital public asset, and access to Government information is essential to maintaining public trust in government. I comply with my obligations under the State Records Act 1998.
250	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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?	I am advised: Ministers have undertaken a program of Ministerial induction training. Ministers have undertaken training on the Respectful Workplace Policy. Members of Parliament are provided with a Skills Development Allowance that may be used in a manner consistent with the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal Annual Determination. Ministerial Office Budgets are managed in accordance with the Ministers' Office Handbook

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251	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Parliamentary Secretary & Ministerial Vehicle	(251) Has your Parliamentary Secretary ever used a Ministerial driver from the pool? (a) If yes, why?	I am advised: The Ministers' Office Handbook provides that the Premier's Department transport services may be used by Parliamentary Secretaries for official business trips in connection with their duties as Parliamentary Secretaries, with costs paid from the Ministers' office budget.
252	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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?	I am advised: The Department of Customer Service is responsible for managing www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases and the publication of media releases.
253	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Overseas Travel	(253) As Minister, do you approve overseas travel for public servants from your portfolio department(s)/agency(s)?	I am advised: The NSW Government Travel and Transport Policy provides a framework for NSW Government travelling employees and covers official air and land travel by public officials using public money. Section 2.1 of that Policy sets out approvals required in relation to overseas travel. Further information in relation to the Policy can be found here: https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/travel-andtransport-policy Treasury Policy and Guidelines – Framework for Financial and Annual Reporting (TPG25-10) requires agencies to include information on overseas visits by officers and employees in agency annual reports.

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254	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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) If yes, what is the website?	The Department of Communities and Justice maintains a public notification register in accordance with section 59P(2) of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 that is located at https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/about-us/gipa/mandatory-notification-of-data-breach-scheme/public-notification-register.html
255	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Discretionary Fund	(255) As Minister, so 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?	I am advised: Information about NSW Government grants can be found online. https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding
256	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Airline Lounges	(256) Are you a member of the Qantas Chairmans Lounge?	I am advised: The Constitution (Disclosures by Members) Regulation 1983 (Regulation) sets out Members' obligations to disclose relevant pecuniary and other interests in periodic returns to Parliament. The Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics Report on Review of the Code of Conduct, Aspects of Disclosure of Interests, and Related Issues (December 2010) notes that: "Advice has been received from the Crown Solicitor that use of the Chairman's Lounge by invitation is not a "gift" for the purposes of clause 10 of the Regulation, as it does not involve disposition of property. However, when the membership leads to an upgrade valued at more than \$250, it becomes disclosable as a contribution to travel, and should be reported under clause 11 of the Regulation."

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				Clause 16 of the Regulation allows a Member to, at their discretion, disclose any direct or indirect benefit, advantage or liability, whether pecuniary or not. Relevant disclosures have been made to The Cabinet Office and to the NSW Parliament.
257	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Airline Lounges	(257) Are you a member of the Virgin Beyond Lounge?	I am advised: The Constitution (Disclosures by Members) Regulation 1983 (Regulation) sets out Members' obligations to disclose relevant pecuniary and other interests in periodic returns to Parliament. The Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics Report on Review of the Code of Conduct, Aspects of Disclosure of Interests, and Related Issues (December 2010) notes that: "Advice has been received from the Crown Solicitor that use of the Chairman's Lounge by invitation is not a "gift" for the purposes of clause 10 of the Regulation, as it does not involve disposition of property. However, when the membership leads to an upgrade valued at more than \$250, it becomes disclosable as a contribution to travel, and should be reported under clause 11 of the Regulation." Clause 16 of the Regulation allows a Member to, at their discretion, disclose any direct or indirect benefit, advantage or liability, whether pecuniary or not. Relevant disclosures have been made to The Cabinet Office and to the NSW Parliament.

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258	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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?	I am advised: Ministerial overseas travel information is published online. https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/premiersdepartment/access-to-information/ministerial-overseas-travel-information
259	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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?	I am advised: Premier and Ministers' domestic travel information is published on the Premier's Department's website at: https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/premiers-department/access-to-information/premier-and-ministersdomestic-travel
260	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	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?	I am advised: Leasehold improvements for Ministerial Offices are reported within the Premier's Department annual reports.
261	Questions on behalf of the Opposition	Conflict of Interest	(261) Since 28 March 2023, have you formally written to the Premier with a conflict of interest? (a) If yes, why?	I am advised: All Ministers are expected to comply with their obligations under the NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct (Ministerial Code) at all times. The Ministerial Code sets the ethical standards of behaviour required of Ministers and establishes practices and procedures to assist with compliance. Among other matters, the Ministerial Code requires Ministers to:

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