

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2010

QUESTION ON NOTICE

MINISTER FOR STATE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

QUESTION 1

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: Dr Sheldrake, can you confirm that you were asked to undertake a review of the honorary Ambassadors Program? If so, by whom?

DR SHELDRAKE: That is correct. The Treasurer asked. The Minister for State Development sought that we undertake a review of the New South Wales Ambassadors Program.

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: Not being rude, but when you say "we", that is the royal pronoun?

DR SHELDRAKE: I am sorry, the Department of Industry and Investment to undertake that review.

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: You, in a sense, headed that review process, did you?

DR SHELDRAKE: I, as the Director General, sought the work that was undertaken in the department.

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: When was that request made?

CHAIR: What month?

DR SHELDRAKE: I think late July, but I will take it on notice. I cannot recall the day.

ANSWER (Q1)

I am advised it was on or about 10 June 2010.

QUESTION 2

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: Were there terms of reference set down for the review? If so, what were they?

Dr SHELDRAKE: I will take the terms of reference on notice. We have done the work. The piece of work has been conducted and we are at a stage of potentially making recommendations to the Minister.

ANSWER (Q2)

I am advised that the Department put forward a submission of Preliminary Recommendations with Suggestions and Criteria. Discussions were then held with Partner agencies.

QUESTION 3

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: Was some interim action taken that resulted in the determination of the relationship with the number of honorary ambassadors?

Dr SHELDRAKE: That is correct.

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: Was that at your or your department's recommendation?

Dr SHELDRAKE: Certainly from the department's point of view, as part of the review we thought it was appropriate that we effectively cease, if you like, some of those arrangements with a view to being able to make clear recommendations on, for example, the guidelines that you would look to appoint people, the management that you would engage in once an ambassador has been appointed, the outcomes that you would strive to achieve, the appointment processes that an ambassador would be made through. They are the sorts of things we have tried to address in the review.

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: I take it from your answer that not all the honorary ambassadors' relationships were terminated, only some?

Dr SHELDRAKE: That is correct. A small number due to engagements that were ongoing remain in place.

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: I am not quite sure what that meant. I will come back to that and you can explain. Some five ambassador relationships were terminated, is that right?

Dr SHELDRAKE: I will take the number that have been terminated on notice.

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: For example, Alan Fang was terminated, Mr Ian Tang, Mr Karl Kazal was terminated?

Dr SHELDRAKE: That is correct.

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: Dr Zhengrong Shi?

Dr SHELDRAKE: Dr Shi has remained as one of our ambassadors.

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: I believe Henry Tsang may have been terminated as well?

Dr SHELDRAKE: I will take the details of those on notice.

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: Dr Shi's relationship was not terminated?

Mr BUFFIER: Could I cover that matter? We had some relationship retained with Dr Shi for Expo. We had involvement with the Solar Sailor. In a sense, we have a continuing relationship with him but purely for Expo. The whole program, as the director general said, is being reviewed and recommendations will be coming forward.

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: My understanding was—and you can correct me if I am wrong—that his honorary ambassadorship was terminated, yet he was kept on in some other role. Is that what you understand to be the case?

Mr BUFFIER: He was kept on in order to help with our engagement at Expo, where we were a gold sponsor and where we had some involvement with the Solar Sailor.

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: His honorary ambassadorship was terminated but he was retained essentially in another role?

Mr BUFFIER: We retained the relationship with Neville Roach to go to India. We retained the relationship with Dr Shi in relation to Expo.

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: But his ambassadorship was terminated?

Mr BUFFIER: I would have to take that on notice as to what the strict legal position was.

ANSWER (Q3)

I am advised that eleven (11) Ambassadors received letters thanking them for their contributions and finalising their roles. Two (2) had lapsed due to changed circumstances. Three (3) were asked to continue supporting current initiatives pending review of the program. One (1) was contractual so no change was made.

Letters sent to Dr Shi and Mr Roach and signed by the Director General in late June 2010, requested both "continue in your current capacity as Sydney Ambassador".

QUESTION 4

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: I am not being derogatory when I say this. Apart from title, what benefits flowed to these individuals from the appointment?

Mr BUFFIER: In fact, there was payment of their expenses, travel and accommodation, if they were undertaken. That was not always paid because sometimes they would be in a location overseas as a result of their other activities. So basically it was payment of out-of-pocket expenses. There may have been one—I would have to take that on notice—where some payment was made.

ANSWER (Q4)

I am advised the appointments were made over a period of many years and during this time, the former program operated on an honorary basis. Some reimbursement of expenses has occurred over the life of the program. In the last 12 months, the only reimbursements that occurred through State & Regional Development and Tourism to honorary ambassadors under this program were the sum of just over \$8000 related to the India market.

QUESTION 5

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: With regard to Mr Kazal, are you able to tell me whether any payments, reimbursements or the like were provided by the department to him?

Mr BUFFIER: I am not aware of any.

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: Do I take it you can go and check and get back to us?

Mr BUFFIER: I will take it on notice, but that is my understanding at this point, yes.

ANSWER (Q5)

I am advised that no payments or reimbursements were provided to Mr Kazal by the Department.

QUESTION 6

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: Are you aware of any meetings that anyone else in the department held that involved Mr Kazal?

Mr BUFFIER: The only possibility—and I take it on notice—might be in relation to the trip that was being planned earlier in the year and there may have been some contact with our person who runs the UAE office, but I am not certain as to whether that was face-to-face or by email.

ANSWER (Q6)

No.

QUESTION 7

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: Is there any financial relationship between the department and Smart Services CRC?

Mr BUFFIER: I would have to take that on notice. We may have provided some assistance, as we do for other CRCs in New South Wales.

ANSWER (Q7)

Yes.

I am advised that in 2007/08, the Department awarded a grant of \$800,000 to the Smart Services CRC under the Science Leveraging Fund.

I am further advised that in 2009/10, the Department provided an additional sum of \$108,000 to the Smart Services CRC. This represented the value of the dividend returned following the wind down of the predecessor centre, the CRC for Smart Internet Technology. Both of these funds are supporting operations of the Centre as well as collaborative research projects that involve NSW Government agencies.

QUESTION 8

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: Over \$68,000 was spent on sending New South Wales business representatives to the Medica 2009 conference in Germany, and I take it that was under the BioBusiness program. Has that program now been cancelled?

Mr BUFFIER: No, but the BioBusiness program has been modified.

That was the equivalent of one of our export promotions that we do overseas with a number of industries. I think that particular trade mission was very successful in terms of the outcomes that it achieved. I cannot recall exactly how many companies were involved but it is fairly standard procedure that we would support something like that.

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: How has the program been modified, changed?

Mr BUFFIER: I would have to take that on notice to give you the details of the dollars and where it is now.

ANSWER (Q8)

I am advised that the Innovation Pathways Program (including Life Sciences Component) was implemented following a review of the BioBusiness program in 2009. The Innovation Pathways Program (IPP) focuses on researchers and companies with innovative technology, including biotechnology and medical devices. The IPP provides workshops and mentoring to build capability and matching grants to accelerate market uptake of innovative technologies.

Under the modified program, the Department is providing funding support for NSW companies and public research institutes to participate in the following Bio-related trade missions and conferences:

- The AusBiotech 2010 National Conference
- BIO-Europe 2010
- Medica 2010

QUESTION 9

CHAIR: Just following up the honorary ambassador issue, how many were appointed altogether?

Mr BUFFIER: I will take that on notice. I think there were probably close to 14.

ANSWER (Q9)

I am advised that there were 17 honorary ambassadors and envoys.

QUESTION 10

CHAIR: I note in the budget papers that obviously one of your priorities is helping small business, and the Treasurer referred to that. The budget papers state that you helped 784 New South Wales companies to export. I assume that is over a period. Is that over 12 months?

Mr BUFFIER: That would be over 12 months. However, I can take that question on notice. That would be part of the export facilitation program and the investment missions that we run overseas.

ANSWER (Q10)

I am advised that the 784 refers to our cumulative count of the number of NSW companies under management by Industry & Investment NSW's 10 dedicated Export Advisers in the period from 1 July 2009 to end of February 2010.

QUESTION 11

CHAIR: How many New South Wales companies are there? I am trying to get an idea of the percentage you are working with.

Mr BUFFIER: There are about 600,000 small businesses in New South Wales. Export facilitation is one small part of it. At the moment we are in the middle of Small Business September, which runs a series of events across New South Wales. On current count, we are running 527 events. I am not sure what the final number of participants is likely to be, but it is substantial. In addition, we have the small business website, which is very interactive. Many small businesses access that site to get assistance. We also run business advisory services. The total number of small businesses we interact with is very substantial.

CHAIR: So it would be more than 784?

Mr BUFFIER: Many more. That is the number involved in the export facilitation program.

CHAIR: How many out of the 600,000?

Mr BUFFIER: I will take that question on notice. Our service measures in the budget project that we will assist up to 200,000 small businesses.

ANSWER (Q11)

I am advised Industry & Investment NSW, through its small businesses services, provides access to workshops, mentoring and confidential advice to start-up or micro businesses in NSW. In 2010-11, the Department expects to provide around 200,000 services to small businesses through 14 Business Advisory Services (BAS) across NSW.

Additionally, the Department interacts face-to-face with small businesses to provide advice on a range of business management issues. To complement its small business programs, the Department has upgraded its small business website with a learning portal with self help tools for small business owners. I

am advised that around 520,000 visitors have visited the SmallBiz site since its redesign and relaunch in September 2009.

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – STATE & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINISTER FOR STATE & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Questions from Dr Kaye

QUESTION

Expenses

1. What were the lunch expenses for the former and current Ministers for State and Regional Development for the years
 - a) 2008-2009
 - b) 2009-2010,and the projected expenses for:
 - c) 2010-2011?

ANSWER

1. Questions relating to Ministerial expenditure should be directed to the Premier.
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QUESTION

2. What were the airfare expenses for former and current Ministers for State and Regional Development for the years
 - a) 2008-2009
 - b) 2009-2010,and the projected expenses for:
 - c) 2010-2011?

ANSWER

2. Information on all international travel expenditure undertaken by the Minister for State and Regional Development is available on the I&I NSW website (www.industry.nsw.gov.au). Questions relating to domestic expenditure should be directed to the Premier.
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QUESTION

3. What were the Ministerial car expenses for former and current Ministers for State and Regional Development for the years
 - a) 2008-2009
 - b) 2009-2010,and the projected expenses for:

- c) 2010-2011?

ANSWER

- 3. refer to question 1
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QUESTION

- 4. What are the functions and events expenses for former and current Ministers for State and Regional Development for the years
 - a) 2008-2009
 - b) 2009-2010,and the projected expenses for:
 - c) 2010-2011?

ANSWER

- 4. refer to question 1
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QUESTION

- 5. Since your appointment as Minister for State Development, how many overseas trips have you taken so far?
 - a) Where did you go on those trips?
 - b) What were the costs for staff and costs that were incurred on those trips?

ANSWER

- 5. Refer to question 2
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QUESTION

Repco Rally

- 6. Is the Minister aware that many in the community on the North Coast of New South Wales will again oppose the Repco Rally imposed upon them by your government?. Will the government now repeal the section of the Act that prevents citizens making legal challenges to this rally?

ANSWER

- 6. The 2009 event benefited the local tourism industry and created jobs, and future rallies will continue to deliver significant economic benefits to NSW.

The President of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport ("CAMS") Mr Andrew Papadopoulos recently announced that the 2011 Australian round of the FIA World Rally Championships will be held in Coffs Harbour.

The Homebush Motor Racing Authority will be meeting all the relevant stakeholders within the Coffs Coast in co-operation with CAMS and Rally Australia to ensure that the 2011 Rally is as successful as the 2009 Rally.

QUESTION

7. Regional development (*no question was recorded*)
8. While your government has various schemes of assistance to businesses that will create employment in the regions of NSW, does your government have any overall strategic plan for regional development for NSW?
- a) Is the Minister aware that regional development programs in the other states of Australia were introduced in the 1990s?
 - b) Has NSW had a regional development agenda since the 1970s when Albury-Wodonga and Bathurst were the subject of a policy intervention?
 - c) Will the NSW government follow the Victorian Government approach of actively pursuing a decentralisation policy?
 - i. What is NSW doing in this regard, if anything?

ANSWER

8. Yes.

The NSW Government's regional development agenda forms part of the NSW State Plan of delivering locally to the regions. To support business and jobs growth in regional areas, the Government through Industry & Investment NSW has developed Regional Business Growth Plans which outline actions designed to address barriers to business investment and stimulate economic growth. The Plans focus on strategies for sustainable growth in each region, identifying infrastructure, land use and planning needs as well as skills, industry and business development issues.

The NSW Government also works with the Commonwealth Government to actively support the economic development of regional areas in NSW. In July 2009, the NSW and Commonwealth Governments established a network of 14 Regional Development Australia Committees. This model represents a whole-of-Government approach to developing regional areas and gives local communities the opportunity to present regional challenges, opportunities and priorities simultaneously to both levels of government.

With regard to decentralisation, the NSW Government has a proven track record of moving functions of government agencies to regional NSW. For example, I am advised the Firearms Licensing Branch (NSW Police) was relocated to Murwillumbah in 2000; Pillar Administration (formerly Superannuation Administration Corporation) was moved to Wollongong in 2001-2003; WorkCover Authority NSW was relocated to Gosford in 2002; the Department of Local Government was relocated to Nowra in 2003; the Department of Mineral Resources was relocated to Maitland in 2004 and the State Debt Recovery Office (NSW Treasury) was moved to Lithgow in 2005.

QUESTION

9. Is the Minister aware that the Victorian government has upgraded regional rail in order to encourage decentralisation?

ANSWER

9. The upgrading of regional rail is a matter for the Minister for Transport.
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QUESTION

10. Would NSW consider adopting the Victorian approach of targeting first home owner grants to homes in regional areas?

ANSWER

10. The NSW Government's regional development policies are focussed on economic development in regional communities, focussed on creating jobs and driving investment. The Keneally Government continues to provide first home buyers with some of the most generous benefits in Australia. Even with the recently announced regional bonus, the net benefit available for a new \$500,000 home in regional Victoria is \$4,530, around \$22,000 less than what you would receive for purchasing the same home in regional NSW.

QUESTION

11. Will your department be involved in any future Very Fast Rail feasibility study?

ANSWER

11. Should the NSW Government be approached on any future Very Fast Rail feasibility study, Industry & Investment NSW, and relevant government agencies will provide input where appropriate.
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QUESTION

Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie

12. Given the growing populations of towns such as Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie, has the Minister looked into what are the future infrastructure needs that require planning now for these growing communities?

ANSWER

12. This matter would primarily fall within the Planning portfolio. However, to support future business and jobs growth in the region, Industry & Investment NSW has developed the Mid North Coast Regional Business Growth Plan. A copy of the Plan is available on the Department's website.
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QUESTION

13. Why did your government reject a submission from Coffs Harbour Council about exploring a local light rail or train network for the Coffs Coast?

ANSWER

13. This matter would fall within the Planning and/or Transport portfolios.
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QUESTION

Pacific Highway

14. Given the number of fatalities, what is your understanding of the urgency of the time line on the upgrading of the Pacific Highway from Coffs Harbour to Maclean to full dual carriageway for the whole stretch?

ANSWER

14. This is a matter for the Minister for Roads. However, It should be noted however that the NSW Government has invested more than 2 Billion dollars during the last term and is committed to completing the upgrade with the Commonwealth Government as quickly as possible.
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QUESTION

Regions and renewable energy

15. Does your government have a regional strategy for renewable energy industries?
a) If not, why not?

ANSWER

15. Yes.

QUESTION

16. Which if any local government areas have approached you about hosting possible new solar thermal power plants?

ANSWER

16. I am advised no local government areas have approached Industry and Investment NSW on the matter.

QUESTION

17. What happened to the proposed solar tower project slated for Buronga?

ANSWER

17. I am advised that this was a private sector initiative which required substantial capital investment and any inquiries should be directed to the project's proponent.

QUESTION

Unemployment

18. Is the Minister aware that there are some regional areas with unemployment rates higher than the state average (which is 6.1%), for example, Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast regions recorded a combined rate of 7%, whereas Murrumbidgee-Murray's unemployment rate of 5% is actually less than the statewide average?

b) What is your department doing in terms of state strategy to address this disparity of employment opportunities throughout NSW?

ANSWER

18. It is not surprising that there are different unemployment rates across NSW regions given the different industry structures, natural resources and demographics within these regions.

b) Refer to answer 8 (b).

It should also be noted that in June 2009 the Government announced a Regional Business Employment Fund worth \$7 million over four years

and a Western Sydney Business Employment Fund worth \$12 million over four years. These funds are now helping small and medium sized businesses in Western Sydney and other regional areas to create much-needed jobs by offsetting business growth costs. It is expected that projects assisted through these new funds will create up to 2,000 jobs in Western Sydney and up to 1,200 jobs in regional NSW.

Questions from Mr Gay

QUESTION

19. In the 2008-09 Mini-Budget, the Government identified that savings of \$777,000 could be made during 2009-10 in the Department of State and Regional Development budget by reducing over-lapping programs and achieving efficiencies in program delivery.
- Was the saving of \$777,000 made?
 - If not, how much was saved?
 - Which programs were determined to be overlapping, and which programs were cancelled or limited as a result?
 - The Government also identified that savings of \$420,000 could be made over 2010-11. What programs and/or systems do you have in place to achieve this?

ANSWER

19. Yes.

A number of financial assistance programs administered by the former Department of State and Regional Development were consolidated to improve client accessibility and simplify customer understanding of these programs. Future savings have been factored into ongoing program budget management

QUESTION

20. In June 2010, a Freedom of Information request was made for documents held relating to international trips taken during the period 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010. 10 international trips were taken during the period by Forests NSW at a cost of over \$40,000. Three of these trips involved Forests NSW attending Radiata Pine Breeding Company board meetings at a cost of over \$5,000.
- Could these meetings not have been conducted via teleconference and video link?
 - What was the outcome of these meetings?
 - Are the minutes of these meetings available?

ANSWER

20. I am advised that the Board of the Radiata Pine Breeding Company meets six times per year. Forests NSW representatives attend two of the meetings in person and the other four by teleconference. This relationship has provide FNSW with access to over 500 kg/year of genetically improved radiata pine seed without having to pay royalties.
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QUESTION

21. Three Forests NSW employees were sent together on a study trip to Chile and Uruguay, at a total cost of \$25,000 to the taxpayer.
- What was the precise nature of this trip?
 - Why was it necessary to send three employees on the same trip?
 - On what basis could this be regarded as providing benefits for the NSW taxpayer?
 - Did these three staff complete a report on the trip, and is it available?
 - Have any of the lessons of this trip resulted in any changes in procedure or implementation of new techniques by Forests NSW?

ANSWER

21. Forests NSW is a Government Trading Enterprise and not taxpayer funded, the trip was entirely funded by Forests NSW.

I am advised that the trip contributed to improvement in the operational practices that increase productivity and reduce costs and improve profitability and hence the dividend paid by Forests NSW to Treasury.

I am also advised that significant benefits were realised as a result of the trip which could save Forest NSW up to \$3 Million per year.

A presentation on the learnings and recommendations from the trip can be made available to the Committee if required.

QUESTION

22. Two Forests NSW staff went on a study trip to New Zealand to study "roading engineering techniques" and to make recommendations on future directions, at a total cost of \$7,900.
- Why was it necessary to send two employees on the same trip?
 - Have the employees made the recommendations yet, and are they available?

ANSWER

22. I am advised that road construction and maintenance is a major cost for Forests NSW. A significant effort is being made to focus on finding savings through a road cost reduction project which was undertaken in 2009. Part of this project included benchmarking with other major plantation growers.

The recommendations of the project have been made, and are now being implemented. A presentation on the trip can be made available to the Committee if required.

QUESTION

23. \$15,800 was spent sending Director-General Richard Sheldrake to Japan and China, funded wholly by Industry & Investment NSW for 10 days, to promote trade and investment opportunities in NSW.
- What industries and investment opportunities was the Director-General seeking to promote?
 - Which organisations and individuals did the Director-General meet with during the course of his trip?
 - Have any of those meetings resulted in any commitment by the organisations or individuals to establish trade or investment links with NSW businesses?

ANSWER

23. I am advised:

The Director-General travelled to Japan and China to explore new trade and investment opportunities for NSW in the coal and energy, agricultural and financial services sectors.

A series of high-level meetings were held with business representatives in these sectors to discuss opportunities to increase trade and investment between NSW and Japan and China.

Discussions were held on the outlook for the NSW coal industry, including production, infrastructure and Government initiatives, and the potential for further investment in NSW.

In China a meeting was held with the China Development Bank (CDB) to discuss opportunities for major infrastructure investment in NSW through PPP and also major projects such as the National Broadband Network.

The meeting with Shenhua Energy focused on NSW electricity assets and transport infrastructure to support its coal resource investment.

The visit assisted in securing a major new investment into NSW from Sekisui House which plan to develop an assembly/manufacturing plant in Sydney. I&I NSW has continued to liaise with the company to ensure

that any potential issues around industrial relations, building standards, etc, are addressed as quickly as possible.

QUESTION

24. \$12,000 was spent to send Director of Primex Christine Wang to China, funded wholly by Industry & Investment NSW for 20 days, to attend the China Mining Conference 2009 to promote investment opportunities in the NSW resources sector.
- a) What investment opportunities in the NSW resources sector was Ms. Wang seeking to promote?
 - b) Which organisations and individuals did Ms. Wang meet with during the course of her trip?
 - c) Have any of those meetings resulted in any commitment by the organisations or individuals to establish trade or investment links with NSW businesses?

ANSWER

24. I am advised:

Ms Christine Wang promoted opportunities for Chinese businesses working to invest in NSW coal resources and attracted significant investment into NSW from the visit.

During the official visit, Ms Wang held discussions with a number of leading state-owned resources companies in China including the Datong Coal Group, Shaanxi Coal and Chemical Industry Group, Inner Mongolia Geological and Mineral Products (Group) Co Ltd, China National Coal Group Corporation, Huadian Hong Kong Company Limited, China Huaneng Group HK Ltd, China Coal Technology & Engineering Group Corp and Guangdong Yudean Group Co Ltd.

Discussions were also held with a number of government agencies and peak industry bodies authorities including; Guangdong Provincial Foreign Affairs, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, China Mining Association, State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of Henan Province, Shandong Provincial Department of Land and Resources, Forestry Bureau of Jiangsu Province, Wuxi National High-tech Industrial Development Zone Administrative Committee, Jiangsu Provincial Department of Land and Resources and Australian Consulate.

Meetings were also held with a number of other companies including Delon Mining, Zhengzhou Jinniu Investment Co Ltd, China Mining Association Beijing Intercontinental Development Co Ltd Qingdao Co.,

QUESTION

25. \$14,100 was spent to send Deputy Director-General George Davey to the UAE and India, funded wholly by Industry & Investment NSW for 8 days, to attend meetings with NSW trade and investment clients and potential investors.
- What was the nature of the meetings with the existing NSW trade and investment clients?
 - Did the meetings result in any increased or renewed investment from these existing clients?
 - Which organisations did the Deputy Director-General meet with to establish new investment links, and what was the outcome of these meetings?

ANSWER

25. The department advises the following:

The delegation did not visit the UAE. The visit was reduced to 5 days – 1-5 March 2010.

The delegation undertook the following program:

Opening of NSW Government Business Office in Mumbai

- Key note speech on trade and investment opportunities between NSW and India.
- Introduction of Rohit Manchanda as Director, Trade & Investment of NSW Government Business Office in Mumbai.
- Promotion of the Forbes 2010 Conference in Sydney.

Meeting with Dr Indu Shahani, Principal of HR College and Sheriff of Mumbai

Discussions on areas of future collaboration between NSW and Indian universities.

- Dr Shahani emphasized the need for effective PR for Australia in India.
- Discussions on a short term internships exchange program in the public sector which was welcomed by Dr Shahani.
- There were also discussions regarding the potential for Agricultural Colleges to provide specialist short courses in a range of agricultural fields. It was agreed the Director of the Tocal college, would liaise with HR College to explore this opportunity

Meeting with Mr M V Nair, Chairman & Managing Director, Union Bank of India

Purpose: Discuss Union Bank of India's recent establishment of a Representative Office in Sydney and its future plans.

Outcomes:

- The Minister requested Mr Nair to be a part of the Barangaroo development, (to which Mr Nair agreed), and asked that a meeting be arranged for Mr Nair with the team managing the Barangaroo development on his next visit to Sydney.
- Mr Nair mentioned that Union Bank may need assistance in obtaining its branch licence in Australia. The Minister assured Mr Nair of all possible assistance.

Mining & resources roundtable organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

Purpose: Meet with potential mining and resources investors.

Outcomes:

- Minister requested CII to bring a delegation to NSW of Indian Mining, Resources & Energy companies.
- Following from this I&I NSW partnered with Austrade and Gujarat NRE to sponsor of the Winning Business and Investment with Australia seminar series across 8 cities in India.

Meeting with Mr Rewant Ruia, Director, Essar Group

Purpose: Support Essar's interest in investing in coal resources in NSW

Outcomes:

- The Minister informed Mr Ruia that he would assist the Essar Group with live opportunities and would also ask I&I NSW to assist the Group to explore these and other opportunities further.

Meeting with Professor Shetty, CEO, Board of Cricket Control in India (BCCI)

Purpose: Discuss possibility of friendly cricket matches to create goodwill and improve links between NSW and Maharashtra

Dinner hosted by Rajiv Poddar, Managing Director, Podar Enterprise

Purpose: Engage potential investors from mining and resources sector and promote Forbes 2010 Conference to guests.

Meeting with Mr Nitish Jain, President, SP Jain Centre of

Management - Support the establishment of SP Jain's education campus in NSW.

SP Jain has now publicly announced the establishment of its campus in Sydney, which is an investment of \$45 million.

Roundtable with Indian College Principals

Purpose:

- Promote NSW as an education and tourism destination.
Attendees: 7-10 Principals from leading institutions of Mumbai.

Outcomes:

- A number of principals expressed interest in collaborating with NSW educational institutions.

- Rohit Manchanda committed to meeting with Indian institutions individually and take discussions forward.

Roundtable with Education Agents and their Students

Purpose:

- Promote NSW as an education and tourism destination.
Attendees: 5-7 leading Association of Australian Education Representatives in India (AAERI) certified education agents from Mumbai accompanied by students.

Outcomes:

- Education agents and students gave feedback:
 - Only negative stories appear in the Indian media
 - Perception that nothing is being done by the Australian Government regarding student safety
 - Students & parents affected with these negative stories
- Suggestions received were:
 - Spread awareness through the media regarding the actions taken by the Australian Government
 - Utilise the education agents network to spread positive stories
 - Have an education newsletter sent to agents and students
 - Use Facebook and Twitter to reach out to students

Rohit Manchanda committed to working with the team in NSW to implement these suggestions. Meet AAERI agents one on one

Meeting with Mr Krishnan Ramanujam, Vice-President, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)

Purpose: support the growth of TCS's activities and encourage investment in NSW.

Outcomes:

- Mr Krishnan informed the Minister that TCS is exploring opportunities of expanding its Australian operations.
- The Minister informed Mr Krishnan about the Major Industry Assistance Scheme and requested him to share Tata's expansion plans and outline how jobs can be increased in NSW with TCS's expansion.

QUESTION

26. Why were NSW Food Authority employees sent to New Zealand, at a cost of \$4,500 to the NSW taxpayer to have a Memorandum of Understanding with New Zealand Food Safety Authority?
- a. Could this not have been done by post, which would have saved the taxpayer thousands of dollars?
 - b. If not, why not?

ANSWER

26. I am advised that the principal purpose of this travel was to represent NSW at a meeting of the Food Regulation Standing Committee in line with the NSW's bipartisan commitments under the inter-governmental

Food Regulation Agreement. The Authority's CEO and Deputy CEO also met with the Executive of the New Zealand Food Safety Authority, at which time the revised Memorandum of Understanding was signed.

QUESTION

Please advise on the outcomes achieved of the following international trips taken by State & Regional Development staff, and state the nature of the investment and trade relations forged:

27. John Angeles travelling to the UK at a cost of \$12,333 for the purpose of attending the UK Skills Expo & G'Day UK?

ANSWER

27. I am advised:

The Manchester Skill Migration Open Day on 21 June was organised by six Australian States and Territories and attended by the Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Citizenship. Approximately 300 skilled workers attended this event. Industry & Investment NSW (I&INSW) spoke to around 70 professionals and some trades people with engineering, IT, nursing, accounting and legal backgrounds.

The Australia Needs Skills Expo on 27 - 28 June was organised by the Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Citizenship. I&INSW spoke to approximately 800 skilled workers over the two days with various skills in the engineering, nursing, IT, accounting and trades backgrounds. NSW Health also exhibited. Potential skilled migrants were given information on opportunities available in regional NSW where their skills are in demand.

Mr Angeles also supported the Innovation Showcase delegates as part of G'Day UK. The Showcase featured eight NSW technology companies who presented their products/services to prospective UK investors in London and Manchester'.

QUESTION

28. Susan Saretzki travelling to China at a cost of \$7,536 for the purpose of investment attraction?

ANSWER

28. I am advised that the mission included participation in the launch of the NSW Government representative offices, attending a NSW investment seminar in Beijing and one-on-one business meetings with potential

investors. I&NSW gained two strong investment leads in the finance sector and a lead in solar-power industry.

QUESTION

29. Michael O'Sullivan travelling to Japan and China at a cost of \$16,926 for the purpose of investment attraction and export development?

ANSWER

29. I am advised:

Delegates on the trip to Japan and China attended a total of 17 business meetings and networking events. The delegation met with numerous companies including Sekisui, Marubeni, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and China Construction Bank.

In September 2009 the NSW Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the China Development Bank. During the trip the delegation met with representatives from the Bank who expressed their commitment to working with the NSW Government as well as the company's interest in investing in future projects in Australia. This is an important lead as evidenced by two agreements between the NSW Government and the Bank:

- A Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate Bright Food Group's investment in Sydney - signed in June 2010, and
- A Memorandum of Understanding on co-operation in major developments in resources, infrastructure, clean energy, minerals processing and agriculture – signed in September 2009.

The Premier met China Development Bank representatives on 24 September 2010 and new investment opportunities have been identified in a number of industry sectors, including infrastructure, agribusiness and mining.

Numerous other investment leads were also established as a result of the visit.

QUESTION

30. Kylie Hargreaves travelling to Japan at a cost of \$11,741 for purpose of promoting the Women Going Global program?

ANSWER

30. I am advised that Executive Director – International Markets and Trade, Ms Kylie Hargreaves, led a NSW mission consisting of nine female-owned or managed companies during the NSW Women Going Global Mission to Japan. The mission ran for a full week and involved a mix of market and industry briefings, networking events, buyer speed-dating events and one-on-one meetings.

Following the mission participants advised Industry & Investment NSW that sales of \$20,000 had been made during the trade mission, with anticipated sales of \$2.480 million in the next 12 months.

Several of the clients expected to appoint new staff and most appointed an agent or distributor, joint venture partner or entered into an MUL agreement during their visit. The majority of participants also noted an intention to re-visit the market within 12 – 18 months.

QUESTION

31. Michael O'Sullivan travelling to China at a cost of \$9,504 for the purpose of investment attraction and export development?

ANSWER

31. I am advised that the mission included participation in the launch of the NSW Government representative offices, attending a NSW investment seminar in Beijing and one-on-one business meetings with potential investors. I&INSW gained two strong investment leads in the finance sector and a lead in the solar-power industry.

QUESTION

32. Craig Pearce travelling to Hong Kong and China at a cost of \$5,231 for the purpose of promoting the NSW Wine Mission & Exhibition?

ANSWER

32. I am advised:

Seventeen NSW wine companies representing 24 wineries throughout the state participated in the NSW Wine Promotion to China and Hong Kong from 2-10 November, 2009.

This initiative was the first activity in the NSW Government's newly announced strategy to help NSW wineries increase their share of the lucrative and growing wine market in China and Hong Kong.

With two companies left to report their individual outcomes, mission participants have reported immediate sales totalling of \$156,000 and anticipated sales within the ensuing twelve months of \$1.34 million as a direct result of participating.

Collectively, the companies reported that they expected to hire a total 3 new staff, secured 80 new clients during the mission and anticipated a further 124 new clients within twelve months.

In addition, 11 exhibitors reported they expected to sign an agreement with an agent or distributor in the region within twelve months, with one of the companies expecting to sign two.

QUESTION

33. Eric Winton travelling to the UK at a cost of \$6,279 for the purpose of promoting the AISES business mission?

ANSWER

33. I am advised that during the mission the delegation met with the Olympic Development Authority (ODA) to indentify potential investment opportunities for the London 2012 Games.

Mr Malcolm Gallagher, Director of BizVision presented to the delegation investment opportunities in the UK, in particular on London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) procurement.

Mr Gallagher took delegates through a detailed tutorial for developing effective tender proposals for LOCOG contracts. Fifteen local companies with connections to BizVision also attended in order to meet the AISES delegation.

The delegation also met with Mr John Barrow, Senior Principal, Populous, who were the principal architects for the Olympic Stadium, working with the Alpine Group. Mr Barrow provided insights into opportunities associated with the Games and several of the delegates have subsequently established contact with a view to identifying access to LOCOG and to Populous in the work they deliver.

QUESTION

34. Linda Taylor travelling to India at a cost of \$4,726 for the purpose of investment attraction?

ANSWER

34. I am advised that the investment attraction mission to India in December 2009 included 17 one-to-one meetings in Chennai and Mumbai. The mission resulted in three new projects and a new lead and developed relationships that will support trade and investment activities with India.
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QUESTION

35. Michael O'Sullivan travelling to the USA at a cost of \$13,380 for the purpose of promoting G'Day USA?

ANSWER

35. I am advised:

Mr O'Sullivan met with a total of 14 companies and government agencies during his trip to Los Angeles and San Francisco for G'day USA.

Mr O'Sullivan managed the NSW technology mission which participated in pitching to US investors at the Business Technology Centre. One of the mission participants, Solar Gem, won the "Innovation Shoot Out" and received significant international publicity and business from its participation.

Mr O'Sullivan met with venture capital companies, who offered support for NSW companies and acted as mentors and coached companies participating in the NSW Innovation Showcase event.

Mr O'Sullivan also facilitated meetings between NSW-based delegate companies and U.S-based companies that could act as potential venture capital funding partners.

A number of investment and export leads were also established during the trip.

QUESTION

36. Kylie Hargreaves travelling to the USA at a cost of \$12,117 for the purpose of various trade programs and investment appointments?

ANSWER

36. I am advised that Ms Kylie Hargreaves met with over 30 companies and government agencies. She represented NSW at the first Forbes CEO luncheon held in NY. The event was one of four scheduled around the world to profile Sydney and NSW ahead of the September 2010 CEO Conference in Sydney.

I am also advised that her attendance at the Forbes Luncheon resulted in follow-ups with approximately 12 participants. Two promising investment leads were established and several contacts also attended the Sydney conference.

An initial Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Industry & Investment NSW's (I&INSW) State & Regional Development and Tourism Division and the Business Technology Center (BTC) of Los Angeles to support NSW technology companies who aim to enter the US and could benefit from some of the support services provided by the BTC.

I am advised that a number of other key meetings occurred with several potential investors, key allies such as the American Australian Association, Anzatech, Austrade and DFAT to discuss NSW's target industries and activities in the Americas.

One clean technology investor has subsequently been introduced to 4 NSW clean tech companies seeking equity investment.

QUESTION

37. Michael O'Sullivan travelling to Canada at a cost of \$13,563 for the purpose of promoting the Global 2010+ trade mission?

ANSWER

37. I am advised eleven companies participated in the trade mission. Several of these companies achieved short term results

Actual sales were \$10,000 and anticipated sales in the next 12 months identified as more than \$6 million.

The seminar in Montreal featured four of the mission participants, attracted 30 business representatives and assisted the development of the Australia/Canada Chamber of Commerce chapter in Montreal. It provided good regional linkages for the companies who will be pursuing water treatment projects for one of the regional councils (GRANBY).

QUESTION

38. Kathryn Matthews travelling to Germany at a cost of \$14,340 for the purpose of attending the CeBIT Conference Hanover?

ANSWER

38. I am advised that two separate delegations specifically requested attendance by the NSW government at CeBIT 2010 in Germany.

NICTA requested NSW Government presence at a key announcement regarding Fraunhofer Gesellschaft (FhG) in partnership with NICTA locating their first Australian operations in Sydney thanks to assistance from the NSW government. NICTA was keen to reinforce the government's commitment to supporting the partnership.

The two organisations, with support from the New South Wales State Government, are committing over \$AUD11 million to the project group, which will bring together complementary skills and front-line expertise in these areas. This partnership will create some exciting opportunities for NICTA and Australia. The Fraunhofer Gesellschaft is the largest organisation for applied research in Europe and has a central role in the global ICT innovation system.

I am also advised that as a result of the delegation the NSW government also secured CeBIT Australia in Sydney for the next three years and has committed to a Partner Country Program, as has worked successfully in Hannover for a number of years. Industry & Investment NSW and HFA are currently working on inviting Germany to be the partner country in CeBIT Australia in 2011.

This will involve a significant German delegation, led by the Chancellor Angela Merkel coming visit Sydney for the event. This would bring the world press, enhance the international visitor numbers and secure Sydney as the ICT capital of Australia and Asia Pacific.

QUESTION

39. Bryan Hardman travelling to Bahrain at a cost of \$11,521 for the purpose of attending V8 Supercar Events?

ANSWER

39. I am advised the purpose of the visit was to review the operations of the Yas V8 400 event held in Abu Dhabi, UAE, and the Gulf Desert 400 held in Bahrain, and to consider any proposals that could potentially be applied to the annual V8 Supercar event at Sydney Olympic Park.

The department advises that meetings were held with Government representatives, event organisers, Abu Dhabi Motorsports Management, V8 Supercars executives as well as many others involved in the operational aspects of the events.

The visit recognised that there are potential opportunities for increased marketing and promotion of the events between Abu Dhabi, Bahrain and Sydney.

QUESTION

40. Tania Chambers travelling to the US at a cost of \$10,469 for the purpose of securing international film production in Sydney?

ANSWER

40. I am advised that following the decision by Warner Bros to relocate Green Lantern to Louisiana, the Chief Executive Officer of Fox Studios Australia requested that Tania Chambers join her in an urgent mission to secure a large-budget US production for NSW.

Meetings were held with key production executives at all major US studios. Negotiations and creative pitching are currently underway with three major studios as a result of meetings initiated and relationships developed during this trip.

QUESTION

41. Ashley Luke and Megan Simpson Huberman travelling to the US and Canada at a cost of \$7,682 and \$7,377 respectively for the purpose of promoting the NSW Film Industry at the Toronto Film Festival and International Film Festival?

ANSWER

41. I am advised that between them, Megan Simpson Huberman and Ashley Luke undertook 64 meetings with international buyers, investors, producers and film funding bodies regarding potential partnerships with and coproduction opportunities for NSW-based screen producers and businesses.

A number of significant feature film production partnerships between North American and Australian producers are currently under discussion as a result of introductions made which arose from meetings undertaken and intelligence gathered during the trip.

I am advised that the value of one of these projects is estimated at AUD60 million and potentially over 600 jobs for NSW-based screen practitioners, if the project is secured to film in NSW.

I am advised that as a result Ashley Luke assisted in securing a sales agent for a significant upcoming feature film from a NSW-based producer. Securing the sales agent provided the basis for leveraging additional investment and developing the film to production. The project will begin

filming in early 2011 and is expected to generate \$1.8 million expenditure in NSW.

QUESTION

42. Paul de Carvalho travelling to the US and the UK at a cost of \$6,168 for the purpose of participating in AUSFILM missions and to promote NSW as a filming destination?

ANSWER

42. I am advised that Paul de Carvalho had 37 meetings with major US film studios and independent production companies in the US and the UK to attract major productions to NSW and to promote awareness of post-production capabilities and facilities in NSW.

Since the mission, the NSW Government helped secure the UK/Australian television series *Me And My Monsters* for NSW. The series is being produced by the world famous Jim Henson Company which produced *The Muppets*, as well as Tiger Aspect Productions, the company behind *Mr Bean* and the *Vicar of Dibley* and NSW producers Donna Andrews and Justine Flynn (Sticky Pictures). The production will complete filming in Sydney in October 2010 when it will then enter the post production stage. The project created over 100 jobs for NSW-based screen practitioners.

I am advised that since the mission, which provided the opportunity for LA-based studio executives and VFX supervisors to meet representatives from Australian screen agencies and Australia's leading VFX and post-production companies - the NSW Government helped secure post-production work on US action fantasy feature film, *Sucker Punch*, creating 75 jobs for NSW-based VFX specialists.

QUESTION

In relation to the Green Jobs Illawarra Project:

43. How many FTE jobs have been initiated by this project since April 2009?
44. How much money has been spent on this project since 2009?
45. How much money will be spent on this project in 2010-11, 2012-13 and 2013-14?
46. How many FTE jobs are expected to be initiated by this project in 2010-11, 2012-13 and 2013-14?

ANSWER (43 – 46)

As part of a strategy under the State Plan, the NSW Government is driving the transition to a green economy by stimulating demand for green jobs and increasing green skills training.

The Green Jobs Illawarra Project is about promoting and enhancing green skills training in the region. The Government has allocated \$100,000 for a study to identify opportunities for green industries and green jobs in the region. An additional \$150,000 is targeted for education and training to support implementation of a Green Jobs Illawarra Action Plan as recommended by the study. The project is managed by Regional Development Australia (RDA) – Illawarra.

The NSW Government has also provided \$390,000 over three years for the employment of a Project Manager who was appointed in July 2010. The position will manage the implementation of key recommendations of the Green Jobs Illawarra Action Plan.

QUESTION

In relation to jobs cuts within Forests NSW:

47. Given earlier this year the NSW Labor Government called for up to 70 voluntary redundancies from within Forests NSW to address a budget hole of \$14.4 million as identified by the Auditor General in his April 2009 Report, can you detail what roles and which locations will be/are affected?

ANSWER

47. I am advised that Forests NSW is still in discussions with the relevant Unions concerning the exact location and the number of positions which may be subject to Voluntary Redundancies.
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QUESTION

48. Will employees at the Forest NSW offices in Dubbo, Parkes and Forbes be affected?
a) If so, how many?

ANSWER

48.
a) See the answer to question 47.
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QUESTION

49. If yes, will any frontline positions be effected?

ANSWER

49. See the answer to question 47.

QUESTION

50. Is this latest round of redundancies a case of financial mismanagement on the Government's behalf?
b) If not, can you give reasons to justify this?

ANSWER

50. No. The Forests NSW Native Forest Operations Branch is part of a broader reorganisation program designed to achieve cash neutrality by 2012.
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QUESTION

51. What is the total number of credit cards issued by the Department of State and Regional Development for:
a) 2008/2009
b) 2009/2010
c) Current financial year (to date)

ANSWER

51. a) 135
b) 141
c) 140
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QUESTION

In relation to job cuts within Industry & Investment NSW:

52. Given earlier this year the Government called for up to 185 voluntary redundancies from within the department, can you detail how many jobs will go?

ANSWER

52. I am advised that the Department is still in the process of identifying excess positions within the organisation. Any voluntary redundancies offered will be in-line with Government Guidelines.
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QUESTION

53. Can you also detail from which sections of the department?

ANSWER

53.	Corporate Services	29
	Primary Industries	17
	Minerals and Energy	1
	Food Authority	2
	Policy Governance and Communications	3
	Executive	3
	State and Regional Development and Tourism	18
	Forests	10

QUESTION

54. Will any of the DII redundancies take place in the Dubbo region?
a) If so, how many?

ANSWER

54. No

QUESTION

55. Is this latest round of redundancies a case of financial mismanagement on the Government's behalf?
a) If not, can you give reasons to justify this?

ANSWER

55. I am advised that I&I NSW has applied the program in accordance with Government policy.

QUESTION

56. What is the total amount of money spent on catering by the Department of State and Regional Development for:
a) 2008/2009
b) 2009/2010
c) Current financial year (to date)

ANSWER

56. I am advised that all expenditure undertaken by departmental staff is in accordance with Premier's Memorandum (M2008-24) and the NSW Government Guidelines for Expenses. Any further questions on this matter should be directed to the Premier.
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QUESTION

57. What is the total amount of money spent on catering by each International Office (listed separately) for:
- a) 2008/2009
 - b) 2009/2010
 - c) Current financial year (to date)

ANSWER

57. Refer to 56
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QUESTION

58. What is the total amount of expenditure on food and beverages incurred on Departmental credit cards for:
- a) 2008/2009
 - b) 2009/2010
 - c) Current financial year (to date)

ANSWER

58. Refer to question 56
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QUESTION

59. Please provide a breakdown of the total food and beverage spent for individual Departmental credit cards on issue for the following financial years:
- a) 2008-2009
 - b) 2009/2010
 - c) Current financial year (to date)

ANSWER

59. I am advised that a breakdown of total food and beverage expenditure for

individual credit cards is:

- a) 2008-2009: \$79,052.87
- b) 2009/2010 \$109,787.83
- c) Current financial year (to date): \$11,185.57.

QUESTION

60. Please provide the total number of requests received from the Department of Premier and Cabinet in respect of committee reviews since June 2009 to date

For each review, please provide the following details:

- a) Name of the Committee for which a review was sought
- b) Timeframe for each review (including a response)
- c) Decision
- d) Any other related information

ANSWER

60. The department advises the following:

In July 2009 the Department of Premier and Cabinet initiated a wide-ranging review of boards and committees across the whole of government. I&I NSW co-operated with that review and provided advice to the then Ministers for State Development and Regional Development in November 2009 that the following Boards/Committees provided valuable advice and that they be retained:

State Development

- Homebush Motor Racing Authority Advisory Board
- NSW Innovation Council
- NSW Asia-Business Council
- NSW Manufacturing Council
- Industry Capability Network
- NSW Defence Industry Advisory Council

Regional development

- Regional Development Advisory Council
- Regional Development Australia Committees

QUESTION

61. In relation to the Department of State and Regional Development (DSRD) and media monitoring, what is the expenditure incurred on media monitoring services for each financial year for:

- a) 2009/2010
- b) Current financial year to date

ANSWER

61. I am advised
- a) \$17,841.28
 - b) \$8,411.85

QUESTION

62. In relation to the lease agreements of DSRD international offices in China, what is the total cost (per month) for leasing office space in China in:
- a) Guangzhou;
 - b) Shanghai

ANSWER

62. I am advised:
- a) 14,087 RMB per month (approximately \$A2,198.69)
 - b) 30,710 RMB per month (approximately \$A4,792.57)

QUESTION

For each NSW Regional Office (listed separately), please provide the following information:

63. The number of people currently employed, broken down by the number of
- a) FTE positions
 - b) Contractors
64. The total expenditure/budget allocation for
- a) 2009/2010
 - b) Current financial year
65. The number of people that resigned in
- a) 2009/2010
 - b) Current financial year to date
66. The number of people that were made redundant in
- a) 2009/2010
 - b) Current financial year to date
67. The total estimated cost for the Department for redundancy pay-outs in
- a) 2009/2010
 - b) Current financial year to date
68. The total actual cost incurred by the Department on redundancy pay-outs:
- a) 2009/2010
 - b) Current financial year to date
69. The number of contracts and/or positions terminated in
- a) 2009/2010
 - b) Current financial year to date

70. The number of people that went on long-service leave in
a) 2009/2010
b) Current financial year to date
71. The number of people that were on stress leave in
a) 2009/2010
b) Current financial year to date

ANSWER

The attached table provides the information requested in questions 63 to 71. The information provided relates to contracts and FTE position managed through the Department's payroll system.

QUESTION

For each International Office (listed separately), please provide the following information:

72. The number of people currently employed, broken down by the number of:
a) FTE positions
b) Contractors
73. The total expenditure/budget allocation for
a) 2009/2010
b) Current financial year
74. The number of people that resigned in
a) 2009/2010
b) Current financial year to date
75. The number of people that were made redundant in
a) 2009/2010
b) Current financial year to date
76. The total estimated cost for the Department for redundancy pay-outs for
a) 2009/2010
b) Current financial year to date
77. The total actual cost incurred by the Department for redundancy pay-outs in
a) 2009/2010
b) Current financial year to date
78. The number of contracts and/or positions terminated in
a) 2009/2010
b) Current financial year to date
79. The number of people that went on long-service leave in
a) 2009/2010
b) Current financial year to date
80. The number of people that were on stress leave in
a) 2009/2010
b) Current financial year to date

ANSWER

The attached table provides the information requested in questions 72 to 80. The information provided relates to contracts and FTE position

managed through the Department's payroll system.

QUESTION

For the Sydney Office, please provide the following information:

81. The number of people currently employed in the office, broken down by the number of:
 - a) FTE positions
 - b) Contractors
82. The total expenditure/budget allocation for
 - a) 2009/2010
 - b) Current financial year
83. The number of people that resigned in
 - a) 2009/2010
 - b) Current financial year to date
84. The number of people that were made redundant in
 - a) 2009/2010
 - b) Current financial year to date
85. The total estimated cost for the Department for redundancy pay-outs for
 - a) 2009/2010
 - b) Current financial year to date
86. The total actual cost incurred by the Department on redundancy pay-outs in
 - a) 2009/2010
 - b) Current financial year to date
87. The number of contracts and/or positions terminated in
 - a) 2009/2010
 - b) Current financial year to date
88. The number of people that went on long-service leave in
 - a) 2009/2010
 - b) Current financial year to date
89. The number of people that were on stress leave in
 - a) 2009/2010
 - b) Current financial year to date

ANSWER

The attached table provides the information requested in questions 81 to 89. The information provided relates to contracts and FTE position managed through the Department's payroll system.

QUESTION

For the Tourism NSW Office, please provide the following information:

90. The number of people currently employed, broken down by the number of:
 - a) FTE positions
 - b) Contractors

91. The total expenditure/budget allocation for
 - a) 2009/2010
 - b) Current financial year
92. The number of people that resigned in
 - a) 2009/2010
 - b) Current financial year to date
93. The number of people that were made redundant in
 - a) 2009/2010
 - b) Current financial year to date
94. The total estimated cost for the Department for redundancy pay-outs for
 - a) 2009/2010
 - b) Current financial year to date
95. The total actual cost incurred by the Department on redundancy pay-outs in
 - a) 2009/2010
 - b) Current financial year to date
96. The number of contracts and/or positions terminated in
 - a) 2009/2010
 - b) Current financial year to date
97. The number of people that went on long-service leave in
 - a) 2009/2010
 - b) Current financial year to date
98. The number of people that were on stress leave in
 - a) 2009/2010
 - b) Current financial year to date

ANSWER

The attached table provides the information requested in questions 90 to 98. The information provided relates to contracts and FTE positions managed through the Department's payroll system.

LOCATION	No. of people currently employed		Total expenditure/budget allocation** 2009/2010 (Actual) 2010/2011 Estimate (Budget Papers)	No. of people resigned		No. of people made redundant		Total estimated cost for redundancy payments		Total actual cost incurred for redundancy payments		No. of contracts and / or positions terminated		No. of people that went on long service leave		No. of people that went on stress leave		
	FTE positions	Contractors**		2009/2010	2010/2011	Current financial year	Current financial year	Current financial year	Current financial year	Current financial year	Current financial year	Current financial year	Current financial year	Current financial year	Current financial year	Current financial year	Current financial year	Current financial year
Regional Offices																		
Bury	4		750	794	1													
Midvale	3		383	320														
Waken Hill	6		233	245														
Wife Harbour	4		478	416														
Wibo	7		593	645														
Winton	0		560		1													
Wulburin	6		485	484														
Wymore	4		351	500														
Wyecastle	10		1,419	1,382														
Wyra	2,6		234	204														
Yange	6		765	671	2													
Yarrabah	3,5		344	355														
Yarramatta	17,74		1,832	2,104	1													
Yarr Macquarie	2,8		211	488														
Yarrworth	4		228	242														
Yead Heads	3		206	321														
Yegga Wagga	6,86		554	543														
Yolongong	5		807	782														
YOTAL	95,5		10,534	10,495														
NSW Offices																		
Burrim NSW Offices	79,5		50,855	48,359	7													
Adney Office	245,75		182,837	272,008	17	4	2	14	*	*	\$112,566	*	5	1	22	3		
Barrghai	5,25	6	799	653														
Barrghzhou	2	2	304	319														
Barrmbai	2	2	537	355		1												
BarrDhabi	2	2	602	588														
BarrNgapore	2,25	3	308	287														
Barrndon	2,25	3	244	247														
BarrLos Angeles	2,25	3	328	306		1												
BarrNyo	2,25	3	448	356														
BarrTckland	2	2	228	194														
BarrTOTAL	22,25	26	3,768	3,305														

not available

All positions in the international offices are contract positions. The FTE figures represent actual positions/hours. Contractor figures relate to head counts.

* Budget figures represent base salaries plus operating costs.