



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 3

# **BUDGET ESTIMATES 2010-2011**

## **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

### **General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3**

Gaming and Racing, Sport and Recreation and Major Events

Friday 17 September 2010

Answers to be lodged by: Wednesday 13 October 2010

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<b>Hearing date</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Answer to be lodged by</b>
14 September 2010	Local Government	8 October 2010 [21 days]
14 September 2010	Juvenile Justice	8 October 2010 [21 days]
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## Questions relating to the portfolio of Gaming and Racing

17 September 2010, 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

### Questions from Mr Ajaka

#### Gaming machine Smartcard Technology

Minister McKay acting on your behalf stated a discussion on pre commitment technology for gaming machines was exactly the sort of conversation that we've been looking forward to having with the federal government" in response to Julia Gillard's commitment to Andrew Wilkie on "pre-commitment technology" for gaming machines was ":

1. Have you or anyone else from the Government had dialogue with the Federal Government in regard to the proposed changes?
2. What effect do you think this will have on clubs and hotels in NSW?
3. In your opinion do you think the introduction of 'pre-commitment technology' will reduce problem gambling?
  - a) Why/why not?

#### Gambling Help Website

4. How many people have visited the Gambling Help ([www.gamblinghelp.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gamblinghelp.nsw.gov.au)) website since it's launch online?
5. How many people have used the online counselling service on the website?
6. How many people have used the Gambling Help phone service as a result of the website?
7. How many people subscribed to the free SMS reminder service?
8. How many times has the online gambling workbook been downloaded?
9. How many copies were distributed via mail?
10. Of the 11 available free print materials listed how many copies of each of these publications were ordered?
11. How much did it cost for each of these publications cost to produce?
12. How much did the website cost to produce?
13. Has this website been advertised?
14. If so, through what means?
15. How much did it cost to advertise and raise awareness of the Gambling Help website?

#### Proceeds of sale of New South Wales Lotteries

Given that in your second reading speech for the NSW Lotteries Authorised Transaction Bill 2009 you on June 3, 2009; you stated that:

The bill will allow taxpayer resources currently locked up in NSW Lotteries to be redirected to community priorities such as health, education and roads. The bill will ensure that net proceeds from this transaction will be transferred directly to the Consolidated Fund, to support the Government's ongoing commitment to important social infrastructure.

and that in the Upper House Treasurer Roozendaal said:

The Bill will ensure net proceeds from this transaction will be transferred directly to the Consolidated Fund to support the Government's ongoing commitment to important social infrastructure.

16. Will you admit that both of you misled the public given that \$510 million was put into the public service superannuation fund?

#### OLGR Liquor Compliance Audits

17. How many compliance audits' were done on-site for each year since 2000?
18. How many compliance audits were conducted over the phone since 2000?
19. How many breaches were recorded after on-site inspections for year since 2000?
20. How many breaches were recorded after audits were conducted over the phone for each year since 2000?
21. Which venues have recorded licensing breaches thus far in 2010?
22. On April 21, 2010 Scott Weber asked in the Sydney Morning Herald in an article titled 'Liquor prosecutions on the wane', Who ordered the OLGR to wind back its compliance activities and why?', are you able to answer this question?
23. If you did not issue a directive to wind back compliance activities who did?

#### Racing

24. Minister, do you have any plans to arrest the erosion of wagering revenues to the Racing Industry caused by the proliferation of Interstate corporate on-line bookmakers and betting exchanges?
25. Do you endorse the direction of the Racing NSW Strategic Plan, which seems to rely, on the revenue side, entirely on the success of Racefields legislation in Court?
26. Would you have liked to see a more diversified strategy to regain these lost revenues?
27. Do you endorse the selection of certain country racecourses as training centres of excellence?
28. How will you explain to clubs not so selected that they are slated to be allowed to decline and even disappear because of a policy of "picking winners and losers" that the Plan entails?

#### Liquor + Gaming Magazine

29. What is the total cost of producing the Liquor + Gaming magazine inclusive of staff hours?
30. How many subscribers does the magazine have?
31. How much does the magazine make from its paid subscribers?

#### Social Profile Report Series

32. How many times have these reports been downloaded in 2010?
33. How often is it intended that these reports will be updated?

## Questions relating to the portfolio Major Events

17 September 2010, 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

### Questions from Mr Ajaka

#### Vivid Festival

1. What was the total cost of the Vivid Festival?
2. How much was Lou Reed paid to curate the festival?
3. How much was Laurie Anderson paid to curate the festival?
4. What was the total attendance figure for Lou Reed's digital photographic exhibition 'New York Genius' that was held at the Opera House from May 27 to June 20?
5. In total how many tickets were sold for paid events that formed part of the Vivid Festival?
6. How much money was made from paid ticket sales?
7. What was the total forecasted attendance for the Vivid Festival?
8. What were the forecasted benefits in terms of money spent in Sydney and in New South Wales as a result of the Vivid Festival?
9. What was the forecasted extra hotel night stays that the event was forecasted to bring?
10. How many domestic tourists attended the Vivid Festival?
11. How many international visitors attended the Vivid Festival?
12. Was the Vivid Festival marketed internationally?
13. If so, though what means?
14. How much was spent on promoting the Vivid Festival overseas?

#### Major Events KPI's

15. Given your refusal to publicly release Event NSW's annual report, is Events NSW subject to KPI's?
16. If so, what are the KPI's?

#### Business Events

In June of last year, Ashley Spencer, vice-president of Hilton Hotel's Australasian operations stated that "We (Sydney) should be hosting much more international conventions...that Melbourne is taking".

17. Given that Sydney does not have a comparable facility to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre in terms of size, what impact do you think this has on the State's tourism spending figures?
18. John O'Neill's 2007 review of Exhibition and Convention space found that NSW has lost \$218m per year because of inadequate space, what bearing do you think this has on tourism in NSW?
19. Do you think NSW potentially loses out on high-yield visitors as a result of this?
20. How many international conferences has the State missed on hosting as a result of a lack of convention and exhibition space?
21. What is the NSW Government doing to help secure international conferences for the State?
22. Has Events NSW ever been asked to provide funding support in order to secure an international conference?
  - a) If so, for which event?
  - b) How much funding was requesting?

#### Premier Events NSW briefings

23. Since you became Minister, how many times has the Premier sought a briefing from Events NSW or yourself regarding major events?

24. Appointment of John Lee to Events NSW Board
25. Was John Lee given a position on the board of Events NSW as a 'peace-offering' following Kristina Keneally's decision to sack him as Director General of the Department of Premier?
26. Did former Major Events Minister Ian Macdonald appoint John Lee?
  - a) If not, who appointed Mr Lee to the board?
27. Were any other people considered for Mr Lee's board position?
  - a) If so, who were the candidates for that board's position?
28. What contributions has Mr Lee made to Events NSW thus far?
29. Can you confirm that Mr Lee is paid \$30,000 p.a. for his position in Events NSW?

#### NYE Sting 'Sydney Resolution Concert

30. Is events promoter Andrew McManus still conducting legal action against the NSW Government?
31. Has anybody from the NSW Government issued Mr McManus with an apology?
32. Why did you cancel this event?

#### Breakfast on the Bridge 2010

33. How much money is Events NSW contributing to the event?
34. How much is spent promoting the event domestically?
35. Is the domestic funding spent in partnership with private operators?
36. How much is spent promoting the event internationally?
37. Are international promotion funds spent in partnership with private operators?
38. How many domestic tourists are expected to visit the State as a result of this event?
39. How many international tourists are expected to visit the State as a result of this event?

#### Events NSW Board Member Remuneration

40. How much does each board member of Events NSW get paid?

#### Wollongong Convention Centre

In relation to the proposed Wollongong Convention Centre:

41. How much money did the NSW Government commit to do a feasibility study into a convention centre in Wollongong?
42. If the plan is feasible will the NSW Government contribute funds to the construction of a Wollongong Convention Centre?
43. If the plan is feasible will the NSW Government assist in the purchase of land for a Wollongong Convention Centre?
44. How many additional tourists is it expected a Wollongong Convention Centre would attract to the region?
45. What impact would the additional tourists have on the region's economy?

#### Illawarra Region Major Events Spending

46. How much money did the NSW Government spend promoting major events in the Illawarra region each financial year from 2003-04 to 2010-11?

#### Danny Green v Manny Siaca fight

47. Did Events NSW or any other department spend money on this fight that was earmarked for Sydney but eventually lost to Perth?
  - a) If so, how much money was spent?

Sculpture By the Sea

In relation to Sculpture By the Sea:

48. How much money did Events NSW contribute to Sculpture By the Sea in 2008 and 2009?
49. How much money will Events NSW contribute to Sculpture By the Sea in 2010?
50. Why has Events NSW not yet committed to contributing funding 2010 Sculpture By the Sea when the event commences in October?
51. How much money did Events NSW spend promoting Sculpture by the Sea each financial year from 2007-08 to 2010-11?

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**There were no additional questions on notice lodged by members relating to the portfolio of Sport and Recreation.**