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QUESTION (*Page 7 of Transcript*)

Chair: Professor Bishop, can you advise the Committee on how many radiotherapy students have not been offered clinical placements, which has therefore prevented them completing their degrees at the University of New South Wales, for example, given the shortage of radiotherapists in the work force?

ANSWER

Approximately 70 students graduate in radiotherapy each year in NSW.

The Cancer Institute NSW and NSW Health have increased the number of Professional Development Year (PDY) placements in public radiotherapy centres from 35 in 2004, to 55 in 2006.

Additional PDY placements are generally available in private radiotherapy centres, but the number of private placements varies according to decisions of these private operators.

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Chair: Is it not true that the problem of not providing sufficient clinical placements has been a chronic and recurring problem, that a significant number of students have not been offered clinical placements this year, that that happened last year and it also happened the year before? Is this not an ongoing problem? What are you doing to fix it?

ANSWER

The Cancer Institute NSW provided an additional \$3.1M in 2005-06 to fund an additional 20 PDY placements and lift the number of placements in public radiotherapy centres from 35 a year to 55. Additional funding was provided by NSW Health.

Over the last two years, 118 PDY placements have been provided for NSW radiotherapy graduates, via funding provided by the Cancer Institute NSW, NSW Department of Health, Commonwealth Department of Health and Aging, Area Health Services and private trust funds.

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QUESTION (*Page 25 of Transcript*)

Ms Sylvia Hale: Can you explain why, despite undertakings that you would consult with them, you did not consult with the Aboriginal Medical Services over the decision to use Redfern courthouse for the new health centre?

Would you mind providing details of when and where that consultation took place because that is contrary to the information that I have received?

I have asked you to provide the details. Can you tell me whether that consultation consisted of informing them of the decision or, prior to the decision being made, asking them their views on the use of the courthouse? Can you do that, Mr Domm?

ANSWER

I am informed that the South West Area Health Service advised the Aboriginal Medical Service about the establishment of a new \$10 million community health facility in the former Redfern Courthouse and Police Station, before any public announcement.

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Ms Sylvia Hale: When the Redfern Legal Service wished to use the courthouse for activities such a circle sentencing it was told that the building was not appropriate for that use. Can you explain why activities such as circle sentencing may be inappropriate but the provision of health services at the courthouse is considered to be appropriate?

ANSWER

The Redfern Legal Service (RLS) met with the CEO of the RWA on 2 November 2005 to discuss their proposal that the former Courthouse be used for circle sentencing.

The RWA requested the RLS to provide a submission detailing their proposed user requirements should circle sentencing be introduced into Redfern in the future. The CEO of the RWA received no further communications from the RLS on this issue.

The adaptive reuse of the heritage former Courthouse and Police Station as a major new \$10 million health facility servicing the needs of the whole Redfern-Waterloo community is considered a very appropriate and socially-relevant use of what is a large building.

Circle sentencing, were it to be introduced in Redfern, could be held in a number of much smaller locations, including the Redfern Town Hall where the RLS is currently located.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS, SALARIES AND STAFFING OUTPUTS

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New Executive Appointments

QUESTION (*Page 31 of Transcript*)

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: Would you let us know on notice the name of that executive search firm and the total amount of fees paid to the firm?

ANSWER

- (a) Profile Ray & Berndtson
- (b) \$89,973.40

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Executive Numbers

QUESTION (*Page 32 of Transcript*)

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: How many executives were there before, and how many are there now?

ANSWER

Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources – Fifteen (15)
Senior Executives for Planning functions

Department of Planning 2006 – Eight (8) Senior Executives

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Executive DoP Salaries**QUESTION (Page 32 of Transcript)**

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: Would you be able to let us know the salaries of each of those people?

ANSWER

Position Title	Remuneration	Officer
Director General	SES 7 - Range \$267,301-\$335,200	Mr Sam Haddad
Executive Director, Heritage Office	SES 4 - Range \$189,101-\$206,100	Mr Reece McDougall
Executive Director, Corporate Governance & Support Services	SES 5 – Range \$206,101-\$237,800	Ms Kim Cull
Executive Director, Major Projects Assessment	SES 5 – Range \$206,101-\$237,800	Mr Chris Wilson
Executive Director, Strategic Sites and Urban Renewal	SES 5 – Range \$206,101-\$237,800	Mr Jason Perica
Executive Director, Cities and Centres	SES 4 - Range \$189,101-\$206,100	Mr Chris Johnson
Executive Director, Metropolitan Planning	SES 5 – Range \$206,101-\$237,800	Ms Gail Connolly
Executive Director, Rural and Regional Planning	SES 4 - Range \$189,101-\$206,100	Mr Richard Pearson

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Staffing and Other Outputs

Question (*Page 32 of Transcript*)

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: I am struggling a bit because the budget papers, which were out only one month earlier, still have the old structure. We cannot establish from that the staffing and other outputs for each of these units. Would you be able to give us on notice the staffing of each of those units and their new outputs, whatever the measurement is?

ANSWER

The Corporate Governance and Support Services staffing and other outputs are included in the Strategy and Policy Development program in the 2006/07

DIVISIONAL BUDGETS

On 8 September 2006, Mr Greg Pearce MLC asked a number of questions of the Minister during Budget Estimates Hearing which were taken on notice—

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: I assume you have a new corporate governance plan, or a new corporate plan?

Mr HADDAD: We do have a new corporate plan, yes indeed, and we do also have the service agreements which are available and which we report under statutory obligations in our annual reports.

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: Have you done a new cut of the budget to reflect the various different divisions?

Mr HADDAD: We have indeed, and we have allocated budgets to each of those divisions, yes.

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: Would you be able to provide the Committee with those details?

Mr HADDAD: Yes. It is reported in our annual report and I more than happy to provide them.

ANSWER

The Department of Planning's Annual Report will be published shortly and will contain the relevant details.

COPY OF CORPORATE PLAN

On 8 September 2006, Mr Greg Pearce MLC asked a number of questions of the Minister during the Budget Estimates Hearing which were taken on notice—

QUESTION (*Page 32 of Transcript*)

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: Would you be able to provide the Committee with a copy of your corporate plan?

ANSWER

The Corporate Plan is available from the Department's website.

KIM CULL'S CONTINUING ROLE ON THE LAW SOCIETY COUNCIL

On 8 September 2006, Mr Greg Pearce MLC asked a number of questions of the Minister during Budget Estimates Hearing which were taken on notice—

QUESTION (*Page 33 of Transcript*)

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: Just in relation to corporate governance and support services, I know Miss Cull, having served with her on the Law Society Council. She is a very capable person. I am interested as to her continuing role on the Law Society Council. How do you handle conflicts and other issues that might arise there?

Mr HADDAD: I am not aware. I will have to take the question on notice. Certainly Miss Cull was selected, as I have said, after a competitive process.

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: Yes.

Mr HADDAD: She had to compete for her position. She is working with full accountability to deliver what she has got to do. She will have to deliver accordingly. I will make sure this is delivered in terms of her bound duties.

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: I think it is a marvellous contribution, if the department is prepared to provide a councillor to a professional association like that.

Mr HADDAD: Yes.

ANSWER

The Executive Director, Corporate Governance and Support Services is responsible for the Department's Legal Branch. Ms Cull's continued association with the Law Society is beneficial to the Department of Planning as it enables her to keep abreast of developments within the legal profession.

I am advised that Ms Cull's involvement with the Law Society is consistent with the Department's Conflicts of Interest Policy.

RECRUITMENT ASSESSMENT COMMITTEES

On 8 September 2006, Mr Greg Pearce MLC asked a number of questions of the Minister during the Budget Estimates Hearing which were taken on notice—

QUESTION (*Page 33 of Transcript*)

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: Just in relation to the recruiting processes, can you also give us the names of the various assessment committees that went through each of the appointments?

ANSWER

The recruitment assessment committee was comprised of Dr Sam Haddad (Chair), Dr Elizabeth Coombs, Assistant Director General, Premier's Department and Mr Peter Perry from Profile Ray and Berndtson.

INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS

On 8 September 2006, Mr Greg Pearce MLC asked a number of questions during Budget Estimates Hearing which were taken on notice—

QUESTION (*Page 36 of Transcript*)

The Hon. Greg Pearce: I want the detail behind what has been published before. In other words, what are the components of the \$1.34 billion allocated for roads?

ANSWER

Details of proposed road works are outlined in the Preliminary Infrastructure Report for the North West and South West Growth Centres.

GROWTH CENTRE REZONINGS

On 8 September 2006, Mr Greg Pearce MLC asked a number of questions during Budget Estimates Hearing which were taken on notice—

QUESTION (*Page 36 of Transcript*)

The Hon. Greg Pearce: To this stage, how many growth centres have been rezoned?

ANSWER

Edmondson Park and Colebee have been rezoned. Edmondson Park has 7,500 lots and Colebee has 1,000 lots. Precinct planning will shortly commence for additional areas within the Growth Centres, leading to further rezonings

QUESTION (*Page 37 of Transcript*)

The Hon. Greg Pearce: To clarify that, I was asking for the current number of zoned lots and zoned and serviced lots in each growth area.

ANSWER

Edmondson Park -- 7,500 lots. Colebee -- 1,000 lots.

METRO EDGLEY OR MULTIPLEX MEETING

On 8 September 2006, Ms Sylvia Hale MLC asked a number of questions of the Minister during Budget Estimates Hearing which were taken on notice—

QUESTION (*Page 40 of Transcript*)

Ms SYLVIA HALE: Reverting to my previous question, would you supply the details of with whom you met and when—people associated either with Metro Edgley or Multiplex? I would be grateful.

ANSWER

I have had various meetings with individuals, community organisations and businesses relevant to my portfolio responsibilities.

COUNCILS UNDERTAKING ASSESSMENT PROCESS

On 8 September 2006, Ms Sylvia Hale MLC asked a number of questions of the Minister during Budget Estimates Hearing which were taken on notice—

QUESTION (*Page 40 of Transcript*)

Ms SYLVIA HALE: Thank you. I have a few questions about the Becton approval. The Department of Planning circular on State-significant developments of May 2005 states, in part, that a memorandum of understanding is being developed, with input from councils, to facilitate good working partnerships between councils and the New South Wales Government in implementing this policy. The memorandum of understanding aims to give councils the opportunity to participate in the assessment process on a fee-for-service basis. It will ensure through consultation that local issues are fully taken into account during the assessment and decision-making processes. What progress has the memorandum of understanding with the LGA made in providing a fee for service for councils assessing development applications that are subject to ministerial call-in under legislation?

Mr FRANK SARTOR: It is an issue that I have encouraged during my tenure. For example, the Department of Housing and Landcom had a proposal to rebuild a lot of the housing in Minto. I agreed and negotiated with Campbelltown council that it does all the assessment—and the other parties were comfortable with that—but that I remain the consent authority. I have done that several times since—my staff can get you the details.

ANSWER

While a formal Memorandum of Understanding has not been implemented at this time, the principles underpinning that approach are still applied and local government is encouraged to become involved in the assessment process, where appropriate.

The nature of local government involvement is currently considered on a case by case basis, depending on the nature of the particular project, the skills and interest of the particular council, and magnitude of the State and regional environmental impacts associated with the project. Where local government is directly involved in the assessment process, a fee for service approach is adopted.

COSTS OF DEVELOPING THE METROPOLITAN STRATEGY

On 8 September 2006, Mr Greg Pearce MLC asked a number of questions of the Minister during Budget Estimates Hearing which were taken on notice—

Question (Page 34 Transcript)

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: I turn to the Metropolitan Strategy. What has been the total cost of developing the Metropolitan Strategy to date?

Mr HADDAD: It depends.

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: I know that other departments were involved, but you must have—

Mr HADDAD: I am sorry?

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: I am sorry. Go ahead.

Mr HADDAD: I suppose the entire cost of the Metropolitan Strategy was prepared, I suppose, in total over a year by contributions from different government agencies. It is a whole-of-government exercise. That was the whole purpose of it—to make sure that it is a whole-of-government exercise. Within the department's—I will take it on notice to give you a credible answer as to exactly the amount of money that is located, that I can extract. A number of staff within the department contributed to it.

I want to make sure that it is not delivered in isolation. We had planning groups from different regions contributing to it, so really in terms of extracting the exact amount of money, we will have to go through an exercise to be able to give you this.

Mr FRANK SARTOR: I suspect it is impossible to properly define because the Metropolitan Strategy covers two-thirds of the State's population, being the Sydney Basin and beyond. It just involves a lot of aspects of the department, as it should, and it involves other departments. If there has been some specific vote, that is fine, but I just do not know the rest of it. It is sort of more time in kind, I think.

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: I think that you would be able to identify things like consultants fees.

Mr FRANK SARTOR: Can I also say that it commenced in DIPNR and it was finalised in the Department of Planning, so it is just difficult.

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: I am not disputing that it is difficult, but I think that the public is entitled to know the sort of resources that have been put into it. Certainly I think you would be able to find out temporary staff costs and planning costs and legal fees and that sort of thing without too much trouble.

Mr HADDAD: Yes.

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: I would have thought that you would have had some sort of measure of the actual staff time involved.

Mr FRANK SARTOR: Madam Chair, if I can just add this: I think it is generally accepted there was an independent panel involved in it—the HIA, the Property Council and the Total Environment Centre and so on. There was a process that went on for several years. It is enormously strengthening the linkage between long-term planning approaches and the capacity to commit infrastructure because it is about co-ordination of planning. It has already demonstrated a terrific alignment between commitments of government—

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: Yes, yes. I am not asking you to justify the plan. I simply want to know the cost, to the extent that it can be quantified.

Mr FRANK SARTOR: Yes, but it influences all aspects of the planning work in the metropolitan region. From that of course flowed the State Infrastructure Plan which is updated every two years.

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: I think Minister Costa has claimed that he organised the State Infrastructure Plan, but anyway.

Mr FRANK SARTOR: Well, this plan informs the State Infrastructure Plan.

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: So you will take that on notice, Mr Haddad, and do your best?

Answer:

The Metropolitan Strategy is a dynamic, long-term urban management tool to guide investment and Government priorities and provide context for Local Government.

Developing the Plan

The Metropolitan Strategy is a very important and valuable mechanism for the Government to make future planning decisions, outlining how the NSW Government intends to sustainably manage growth and change in Sydney and the Greater Metropolitan Region.

The Strategy provides a broad framework to facilitate and manage growth and development over the next 25 years. It sets the scene for more detailed planning in the subregions of Metropolitan Sydney and in the regional areas of the State.

It sets the parameters for future residential development in new release and existing urban areas. It identifies strategic transport corridors and major centres best placed to focus commercial and residential growth. It ensures that sufficient land is available for industrial and employment development.

The Strategy identifies how all these aspects of the future metropolitan region will be linked and supported with transport and other infrastructure. By identifying these needs, and ensuring adequate land is zoned and available, the Strategy provides a sound basis for future investment.

It allows the Government and the market to confidently respond to economic growth and housing and infrastructure needs, at the right time, and in the right location.

The Metropolitan Strategy provides the basis to coordinate State Government infrastructure and investment and service delivery decisions, and industry investment.

The Metropolitan Strategy also informs infrastructure investment decision making via the State Infrastructure Strategy, which orders infrastructure priorities in the budget period and beyond prior to consideration by the Budget Committee.

Importantly, the Strategy guides priorities for investment by the State Government in transport infrastructure, capital works and service delivery as they relate to Sydney. The priorities set for the Metropolitan Strategy inform the State Budget. The Strategy forms an integral component of the State Infrastructure Strategic Plan, which sets out the Government's priorities for major infrastructure expenditure.

By guiding the directions for the State Infrastructure Strategy, it enables the Government to facilitate a link between the four year Budget cycle and the 25 year regional plans.

Implementing the Plan

The Metropolitan Strategy also provides for an adaptive management approach, so that the implementation of key directions, strategies and policies respond to new issues and information over time.

The plan was launched by the Government in December 2005 and implementation of the Strategy commenced immediately with the first series of subregional planning workshops with local councils.

Identification of centre types throughout the regions and the development of a matrix based planning tool to aid councils and the Department in testing and locating the housing targets has been a strong basis of the development of the strategies. Also, a metropolitan wide employment lands study has been undertaken to help quantify the employment capacity in each subregion which should then be included in the strategy.

A number of workshops have been held with the councils, industry groups and stakeholders and agencies. The first three strategies are expected to be placed on public exhibition, by November 2006.

The costs to the extent that they can be quantified (since the Department was established in August 2005) which can be directly attributed to the final development and on going implementation of the Metropolitan Strategy are estimated at \$4.7m.

WEST RYDE PROPOSAL

On 8 September 2006, Mr Greg Pearce MLC asked a number of questions to the Minister during Budget Estimates Hearing which were taken on notice—

QUESTION (Page 47 of Transcript)

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: There has been some controversy about the slither of road at West Ryde that is on the list. Can you explain why that is on the list?

Mr FRANK SARTOR: Which one is that? There are about three major sites in Ryde that want rezonings. It is the CRI site?

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: Yes.

Mr FRANK SARTOR: It is the one where they want 30 storeys and they are getting 10 or 12.

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: Yes, the CRI site.

Mr HADDAD: That is not a development application that is with us now.

The Hon. GREG PEARCE: It is on the web site. Unfortunately, they are not numbered. It is application—

Mr FRANK SARTOR: Can we get back to you on that rather than guess, because there were a number at Top Ryde and West Ryde and I cannot remember which is which.

ANSWER

The Department will be assessing a Major Project for mixed use commercial, residential, retail development with commuter car parking and public domain works under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (the Act) on the site located between Ryedale Road and the railway line, at West Ryde, adjacent to the railway station.

On 17 November 2005, I formed an opinion pursuant to the Major Projects SEPP that the proposal was a Major Project under the Act.

As required under Part 3A of the Act, the Director General's Environmental Assessment Requirements have been placed on the Department's web

NORTH WEST GROWTH CENTRES TIMELINE

On 8 September 2006, Sylvia Hale MLC asked a number of questions of the Minister during Budget Estimates Hearing which were taken on notice—

QUESTION (*Page 49 to 53 of Transcript*)

Ms SYLVIA HALE: Minister, I would like to ask a question about planning and land releases that have gone on in relation to the north-west growth centre. Some of it will traverse the time when DUAP was running the show and then it will go through DIPNR and then it will go through the Department of Planning, so you may need to take your answer on notice. In August 2003, I understand there was a one week long urban planning workshop convened by DUAP and held at the Rooty Hill RSL. It was attended by DUAP staff, the Water Board, and other government agencies to develop a master plan for the north-west sector. There were council and other officers who were invited to attend.

Over the next four months until about January 2004, the change from DUAP to DIPNR occurred in around about January, and DIPNR's urban planning team advised members of the community that their technical work had been totally completed and had been passed on for finalisation, presumably to Cabinet. As far as I know, it then went up to the State Cabinet's Committee on Infrastructure in January 2004. On 13 December 2004, the final version was published, but as the plans were not put out in hard copy, a first draft was put onto the Internet.

In broad form, the published first plan was essentially no different from that that had been developed at the Rooty Hill planning workshop, and it showed a railway line from Rouse Hill to Vineyard. That was still shown on the diagrams. However, in the six months that passed from December 2004 to June 2005, when the final second plan was published on the Internet with hard copy plans released, some very significant changes had been introduced, presumably at the Cabinet level—one assumes as a result of lobbying by particular vested interests. A number of the cornerstone assumptions— at the Rooty Hill meeting had now disappeared, and those assumptions were that there would be new rail stations at Box Hill and Nirimba, and there would be a Rouse Hill to Vineyard railway station. A further major introduction to the plan at that stage was the introduction of the landscape and rural lifestyle zone. But, despite having the landscape and rural lifestyle zone introduced and the railway stations and the railway line deleted, this second plan at no stage returned to the group of expert planners who had been convened for the Rooty Hill meeting. The plan that the technical planners had developed had been substantially and fundamentally changed.

Minister, as a result of this, it would seem—and this is where I stand to be corrected—that the major beneficiaries of this change were Landcom, the and Stocklands in the Box Hill. I gather also that so far as the Riverstone

scheduled lands were concerned, a designated high conservation national park area was changed to an urban development area with full tree removal. The introduction of the landscape and rural lifestyle zoning had a major impact on land prices out there and there was something like a 50 per cent drop in the value of acreage properties. Just weeks before this announcement of the second plan, a heavily wooded five-acre block of land in Tallawong Road, Rouse Hill, was sold in a hurry, just before the bottom dropped out of the market. Is it correct, Minister, that Integral Energy, for example, was never informed of the impact of its proposals?

DIPNR failed to confront Integral Energy about any of the endangered species or wildlife corridor problems associated with its transmission line easements. The suggestion is, Minister, and this is what I would like you to comment on, that the releases that were undertaken in the north-west growth zones were designed to benefit significant landholders in the area to the detriment of smaller landholders, and there was a major political interference by Cabinet in the plan that was finally released for the north-west growth sector.

Ms SYLVIA HALE: Minister, the timeline that I outlined, will you take that question on notice and confirm that the details are correct?

ANSWER

The question is unclear. The Hon Member is invited to clarify the question asked.