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**Asked by:** The Hon Walt Secord MLC  
**Due Parliament:** 15 September 2014

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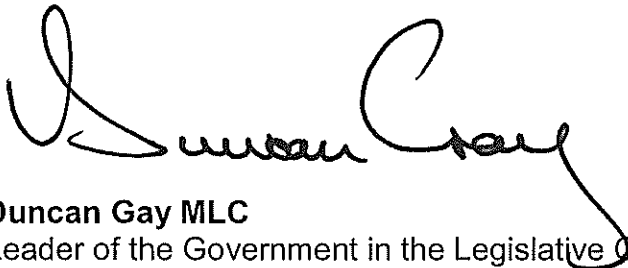
1. How many accidents have occurred at the Francis Street and Willis Street roundabout since April 1, 2011 until August 21, 2014?
2. How many people have been injured?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

- (1) The number of reported accidents was 9
- (2) The number of reported people injured was 4

Note: Road crash safety data for 2013 and 2014 is subject to change as data is incomplete or not yet finalised.



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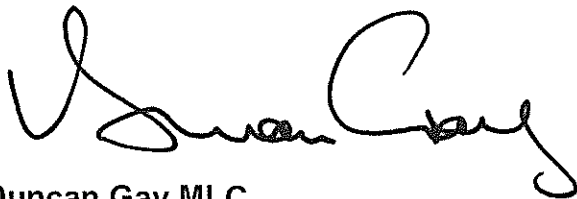
**Question:**

3. At the budget estimates hearing, the Minister confirmed that he received hospitality to attend the Bledisloe Cup, please provide details of the hospitality?
- (a) How many people attended with the Minister?
  - (b) What was the value of the tickets and hospitality?
  - (c) What organisation or person provided the hospitality?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Darryl Kerry, Managing Director of ANZ Stadium invited me to his private suite for the Bledisloe Cup. All other relevant details are available on the Pecuniary Interest register.



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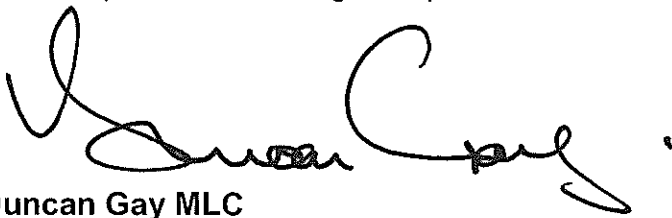
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4. Did you or your staff attend or hold any meetings with Mr Idwall Richards on the Chat with a Nat tour?
- (a) If so, what are the details of those meetings?
- (b) If so, what was the subject of those discussions?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Mr Idwall Richards was at a dinner I attended in Tweed during the Chat with a Nat tour. No personal meeting took place on the Chat with a Nat tour.



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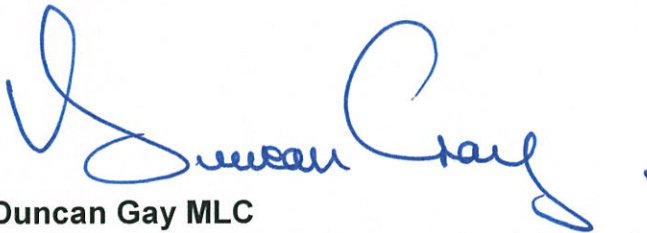
5. Does the Government intend to use the advice of Dr Steve Phillips, who conducted the Ballina Council Koala habitat study but resigned or was removed from the original Pacific Highway project in February 2014?

- (a) If yes, in what capacity?
- (b) If not, why not?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services seeks the best specialist advice from time to time in the development of solutions for projects or in relation to particular complex design requirements.



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6. What were the total funds allocated to roads in the Monaro electorate for the 2014/15 budget?
7. How much was allocated road maintenance to the Kings Hwy?
  - (a) For projects between Queanbeyan and Bungendore
  - (b) For projects between Bungendore and Braidwood
  - (c) For projects between Braidwood and Nelligen?
8. How much was allocated to the Monaro Hwy?
  - (a) For projects between Michelago and Cooma
  - (b) For projects between Cooma and Bombala
  - (c) For projects between Bombala and the Victorian Border
9. How much was allocated to the Snowy River Way?
10. How much was allocated to the Alpine Way?
11. How much was allocated to the Snowy Mountains Hwy?
12. How much was allocated to noise wall construction in Queanbeyan along the Kings Hwy/Canberra Avenue?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

6. \$43,211,000.

7. \$5.5 million for resealing, patching, bridge maintenance and other routine maintenance along the length of the route, including \$750,000 for pavement rebuilding west of Bungendore.

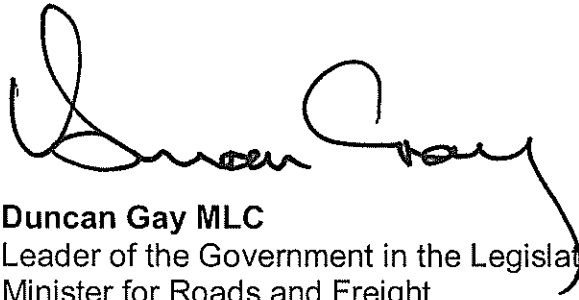
8. \$6.3 million for resealing, patching, bridge maintenance and other routine maintenance along the length of the route, including \$850,000 at Holts Flat and \$600,000 for bridge upgrade work over Cooma Creek.

9. This a Regional Road under the control of Snowy River Shire Council.

10. \$1.8 million.

11. \$11 million.

12. This project was completed in 2013-14.

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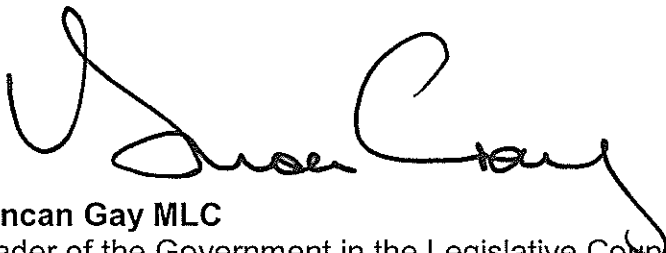
**Question:**

13. When will the construction of the Captains Flat bridge be completed?  
(a) What was the total cost of the rebuild?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

13. Palerang Shire Council is responsible for the development and delivery of this project.  
(a) \$1.1 million. The NSW Government is contributing \$600,000 and Palerang Shire Council is contributing \$500,000.



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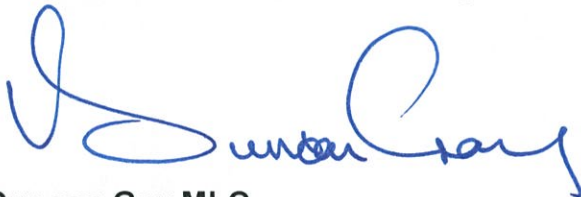
14. What were the total funds allocated to minor maintenance and improvement works on State Roads in the Monaro electorate?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Funds allocated for road projects and programs of work for the Monaro Electorate for 2014-15 is approximately \$43.2 million.

As announced in the 2014-15 NSW Budget, this allocation will increase in the immediate future as funding flows from the state's dedicated infrastructure fund, Restart NSW, for additional improvement works on the Kings Highway (as part of the announced \$200 million NSW Regional Freight Pinch Point and Safety Program).



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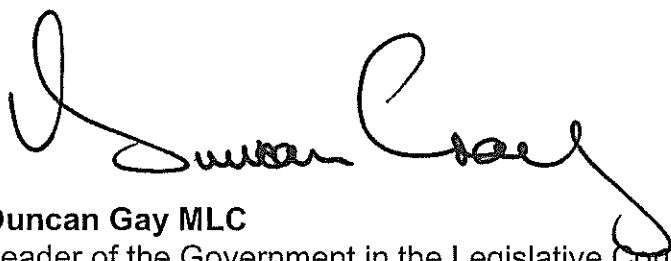
**Question:**

15. What was the budget allocation for restoration of natural disaster damage to roads and bridges in Monaro?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

15. All natural disaster restoration works have been completed.

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16. What was the budget allocation for Grants to Councils for Regional Roads in Monaro and what was allocation for each of the following Shire Councils?

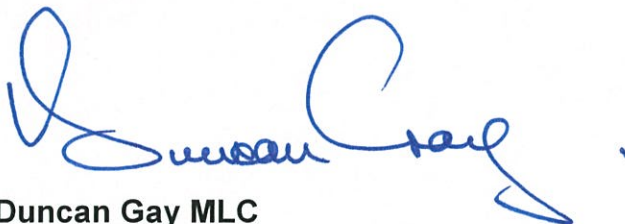
- (a) Queanbeyan City
- (b) Palerang
- (c) Bombala Shire
- (d) Cooma Monaro
- (e) Snowy River Shire

**Answer:**

I am advised:

The budget allocation for Grants to Councils for Regional Roads in Monaro for 2014-15 is \$5,176,000 - this is a variance of \$300,000 from the figure published in the Electorate Statement, due to updated figures from Council and project cost estimations.

- (a) Queanbeyan City: \$595,000
- (b) Palerang: \$2,236,000
- (c) Bombala Shire: \$898,000
- (d) Cooma Monaro: \$575,000
- (e) Snowy River Shire: \$872,000



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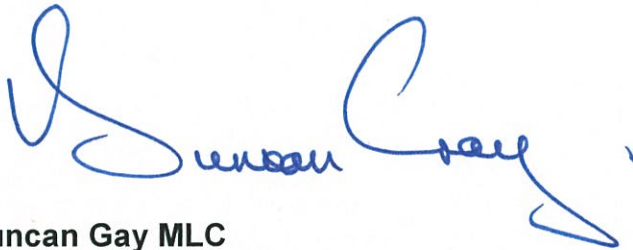
**Question:**

17. What is the budget allocation for Traffic Management in the Monaro Electorate?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

\$2 million has been allocated to traffic management in the Monaro Electorate in 2014-15.



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18. What is the budget allocation for Traffic Management, planning and designs for the safety and traffic improvements in Queanbeyan?

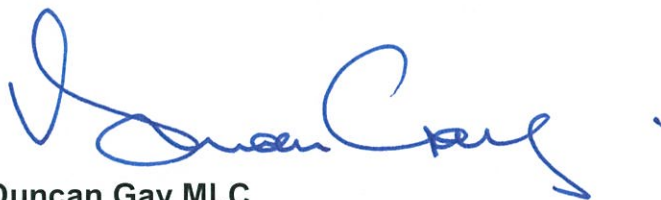
**Answer:**

I am advised:

\$2.2 million.

In addition to this figure, \$62,000 has been allocated to the Monaro Electorate for school crossing supervisors who facilitate safe and efficient movement of unaccompanied primary school-aged children at recognised pedestrian crossings as they travel to and from school. School crossing supervisors are allocated in Queanbeyan as follows:

- 2 School crossing supervisor sites at Queanbeyan South Public School (crossings located on Alanbar Street and Cameron Street).
- 1 School crossing supervisor site at Queanbeyan Public School (crossing located on Thorpe Avenue).



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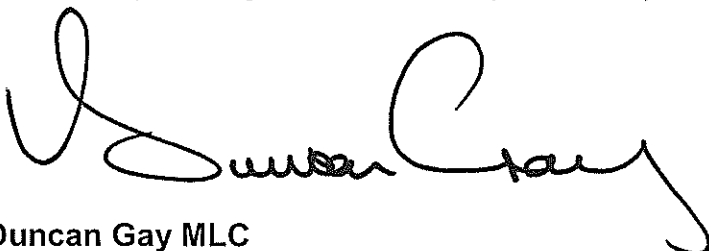
**Question:**

19. What is the budget allocation for Road Safety for the Monaro Electorate?
20. Does this include funding for projects on Old Cooma Road, and if so what is the allocation?
21. Does this include funding for School crossing supervisors and if so, at what cost and what school?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

19. \$7.063 million - this is a variance of \$227,000 from the figure published in the Electorate Statement, due to updated figures from Council and project cost estimations.
20. Funding has not been allocated to Old Cooma Road.
21. Yes, \$62,000. School crossing supervisors are allocated as follows:
  - 1 School crossing supervisor site at Bredbo Public School (crossing located on Monaro Highway).
  - 2 School crossing supervisors sites at Queanbeyan South Public School (crossings located on Alanbar Street and Cameron Street).
  - 1 School crossing supervisor site at Queanbeyan Public School (crossing located on Thorpe Avenue).



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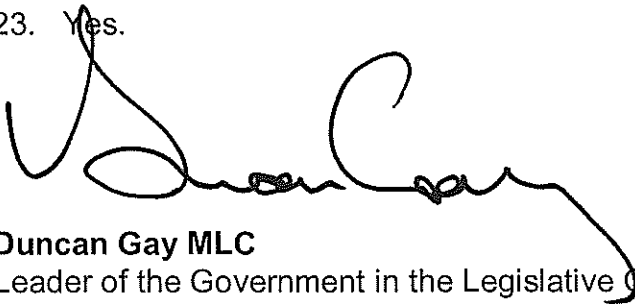
**Question:**

22. What is the budget allocation for Road Safety for the Kings Hwy?  
23. Does this include road side safety improvements on the approaches to Braidwood?

**Answer:**

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22. Refer to my media release on 17 June 2014.  
23. Yes.



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24. What safety assessment has the RMS undertaken of the intersection of Old Cooma Road, Thornton Road and Barracks Flat Drive in Queanbeyan?

- (a) What is the crash history of this intersection?
- (b) What planning has the RMS undertaken (in conjunction with Queanbeyan City Council) to upgrade the intersection to make it safer?
- (c) If work on this intersection is planned what type of treatment is planned, what is the expected cost and what is the timetable for implementation?
- (d) If work is not planned why not and will the RMS commit to looking at the need for such work?

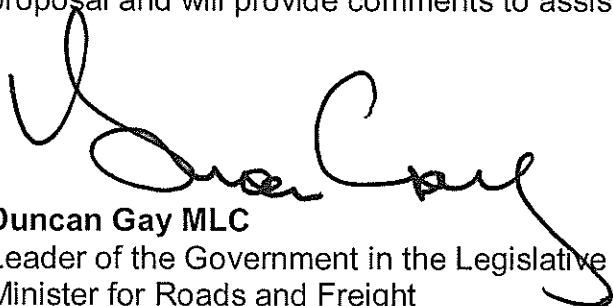
**Answer:**

I am advised:

24. These are local roads under the care and control of Queanbeyan City Council.

(a) There was one recorded crash between 2009-13. There were no casualties.

(b), (c) and (d) Council submitted a minor upgrade proposal to the Local Traffic Committee for review and advice. Roads and Maritime Services is reviewing the proposal and will provide comments to assist Council develop a solution.



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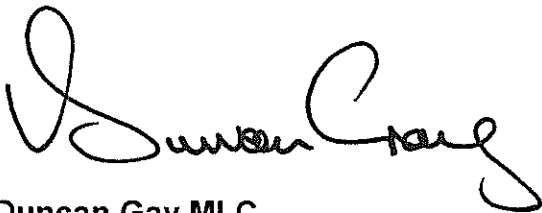
**Question:**

25. How many people were employed in the RTA (or RMS) as of April 1, 2011?
26. How many people were employed in the RTA (or RMS) on July 1, 2011?
27. How many people were employed in the RTA (or RMS) on July 1, 2012?
28. How many people were employed in the RTA (or RMS) on July 1, 2013?
29. How many people were employed in the RMS on July 1, 2014?
30. How many people were employed in the RMS on August 23, 2014?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Refer to my previous answer LC 5900. This information is available in the agency annual reports.



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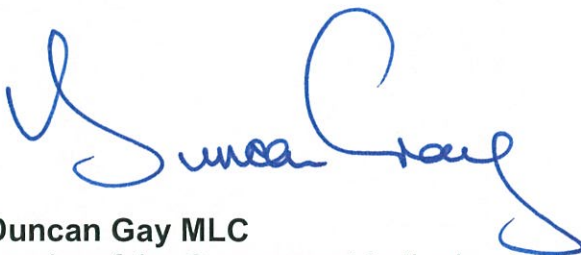
**Question:**

31. How many people received voluntary redundancies in the period April 1, 2011 and July 1, 2011?
32. How many people received voluntary redundancies in the financial year 2012-13?
33. How many people received voluntary redundancies in the financial year 2013-14?
34. How many people received forced redundancies in the period April 1, 2011 and July 1, 2011?
35. How many people received forced redundancies in the financial year 2012-13?
36. How many people received forced redundancies in the financial year 2013-14?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

31. 0.
32. 113.
33. 694.
34. 0.
35. 0.
36. 3.



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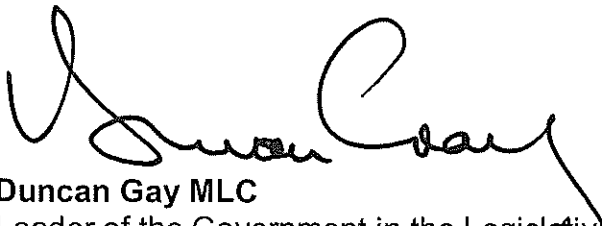
**Question:**

37. What date did the Roads Minister met with representatives of Canterbury Council on issues relating to the clearway on King Georges Road, Wiley Park?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

The last meeting I attended with Canterbury Council was on 7 August 2013.



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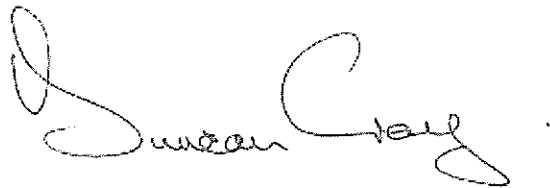
**Question:**

38. What days did the Roads and Maritime Services met with Canterbury Council about issues relating to the clearway on King Georges Road, Wiley Park?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services met with Canterbury Council on 7 August 2013, 23 January 2014, and again on 16 April 2014 to discuss the proposed clearway on King Georges Road, Wiley Park.

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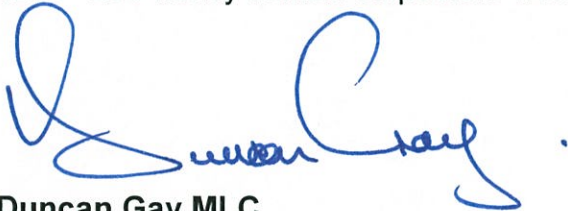
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39. How many heavy vehicle inspectors were employed in RTA (or RMS) on April 1, 2011?
40. How many heavy vehicle inspectors were employed on July 1, 2012?
41. How many heavy vehicle inspectors were employed on July 1, 2013?
42. How many heavy vehicle inspectors were employed on July 1, 2014?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

39. 246 heavy vehicle inspectors were employed in the RTA on 1 April 2011.
40. 219 heavy vehicle inspectors were employed in RMS on 1 July 2012.
41. 232 heavy vehicle inspectors were employed in RMS on 1 July 2013.
42. 285 heavy vehicle inspectors were employed in RMS on 1 July 2014.



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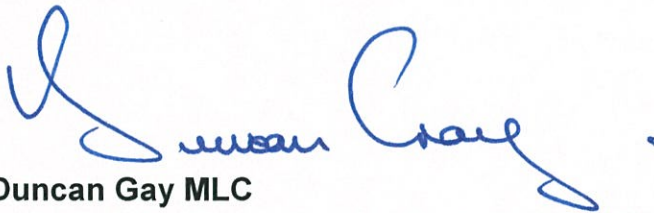
**Question:**

43. As of August 21, 2014, how many schools are still waiting for flashing lights?
44. Please provide the full list of schools awaiting flashing lights – as of August 21, 2014.
45. Please provide the anticipated construction dates for those schools.

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Information is available on the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.

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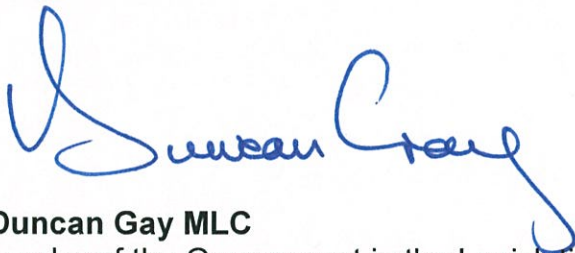
46. Could the Minister provide the date by which flashing lights will be installed at Darlington Public School and Newtown North Public School?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

The NSW Government is delivering school zone flashing lights to all eligible schools in the state by the end of 2015. The rollout schedule is available on the Centre for Road Safety website.

Schools located within the City of Sydney council area, including Newtown North Public School and Darlington Public School, are scheduled to have flashing lights installed between August 2014 and November 2014.



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47. Will the introduction of new tolling arrangements for the M4 only apply to the section that has been widened from Church Street to Homebush Bay Drive?
48. Will a toll ever be applied to the section from Homebush Bay Drive through to Concord Road – the section that has not been widened?
49. Is the toll expected to cover the cost of the M4 widening?
  - (a) If yes, how long will it take to recoup that cost?
  - (b) If no, how long is the toll anticipated to remain in place on the M4?

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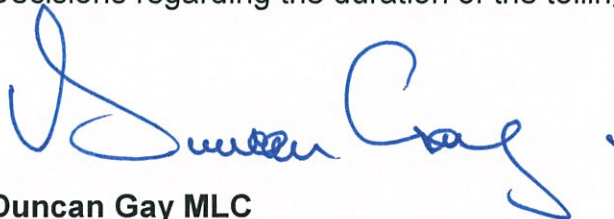
I am advised:

47. The M4 will be tolled between Church St and Homebush Bay Drive once the motorway is widened in 2017.

48. A toll will apply to the section between Homebush Bay Drive and Concord Road after WestConnex M4 East is opened.

49. Toll revenues generated from the M4 Widening once completed in 2017 will be used for financing the full WestConnex project. Debt will be raised against the M4 Widening toll revenues to contribute to the funding of the M4 East. The proceeds of the subsequent sale of the M4 Widening and M4 East projects will be utilised to fund the next stage of development, connecting the M4 and M5.

Decisions regarding the duration of the tolling arrangement have not yet been made.



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**Question:**

50. How many complaints has the State Government received about the advertising campaign for the 'Le Chic' registration plates campaign targeting women, also known as the 'Man Proof their cars' - since July 1, 2013?
- (a) What was the nature of those complaints?
  - (b) What has been the Government's response to those complaints?
  - (c) Has the Government expressed concerns with the Plate Marketing Pty Ltd about the advertising campaign?

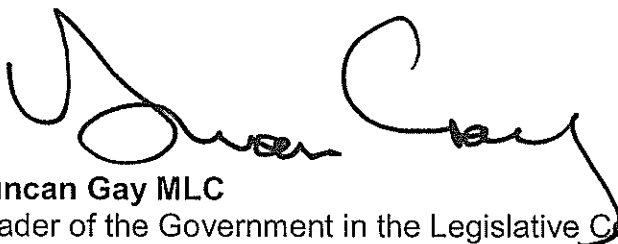
**Answer:**

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services, myPlates and the Advertising Standards Board received 533 complaints. Most of the complainants felt that the advertisements were sexist in nature. Some complaints deemed the advertisements to be in poor taste.

In response, the Advertising Standards Board reviewed the content of these advertisements and found that they did not breach advertising standards.

In response to complaints, myPlates pixilated part of the advertisement within two days of the original advertisement going to air.



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51. In the 17 June 2014 edition of the Sydney Morning Herald, the Minister for Roads and Freight referred to 19 transport corridors as part of the 2012 Long Term Transport Master Plan.

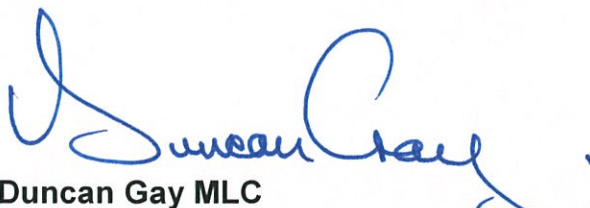
- (a) What are the 19 corridors? Please list.
- (b) Where is the beginning of the route?
- (c) Where is the end of the route?
- (d) What is the date of completion of the identified route?
- (e) What is the timetable for public display?
- (f) What is the finalised and preferred corridor?
- (g) What is the estimated date for the beginning of construction?
- (h) What is the budgeted cost for the actual construction in today's dollars?
- (i) What is the estimated cost in the actual construction in dollars at the time of construction?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

The Long Term Transport Master Plan identifies 19 major transport corridors that are either protected or require investigation in Greater Sydney. A detailed breakdown of capital investments is contained in the Budget Papers.

All works have been or will be subject to public consultation.



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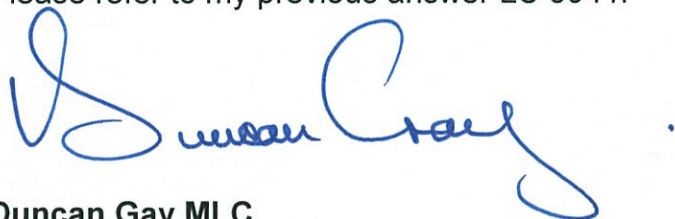
52. How much money has been spent on planning the Newcastle Inner City Bypass stage 5, as at August 18?

- (a) When will it be completed?
- (b) How much will it cost?
- (c) Will it be funded from the state budget, or from the sale of assets?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Please refer to my previous answer LC 5941.



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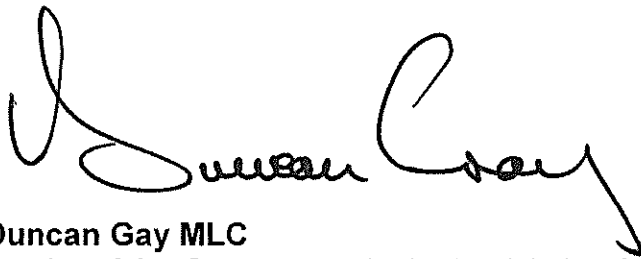
**Question:**

53. Given the large number of dwellings being built in the Blue Gum Hills Region, will the State Government have plans to building a connecting walkway/cycleway between Fletcher and Wallsend?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.

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54. With the completion of the Hunter Expressway, and the resulting gridlock on Wallsend through to Newcastle traffic, what plans does the Minister have to respond to community concerns about the need to expand roadways in this vicinity?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Traffic modeling undertaken as part of the Lower Hunter Transport Needs Study indicated that the road network in that area would cater for traffic following the opening of the Hunter Expressway. The road network is performing as predicted.

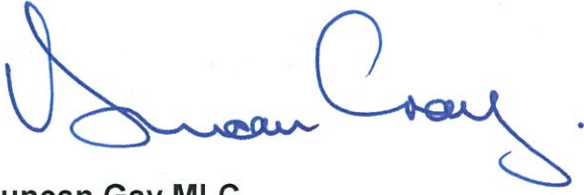
In addition, planning is continuing for stage 5 of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass between Rankin Park and Jesmond which is expected to further improve traffic flow along Newcastle Road.

Prior to the opening of the Hunter Expressway, the NSW Government invested \$50 million to upgrade six key intersections on the main route between the M1 Pacific Motorway and Newcastle to improve traffic flow and road safety.

The intersections upgraded are:

- The intersection of Cameron Park Drive and the Newcastle Link Road
- The Lake Road, Newcastle Link Road, Thomas Street intersection
- Newcastle Road entry of the Thomas Street / Longworth Avenue roundabout
- The Douglas Street / Newcastle Road intersection
- The Croudace Street / Newcastle Road intersection and
- The Jesmond roundabout.

Roads and Maritime Services will continue to monitor traffic in the area.

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The Hon. WALT SECORD asked:

55. How many people have been killed on the Pacific Highway in accidents between April 1, 2011 and July 1, 2014?
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62. How many people have been injured on the Pacific Highway in accidents between July 1, 2013 and July 1, 2014?
63. How many accidents have been reported on the Pacific Highway between April 1, 2011 and July 1, 2014?
64. How many accidents have been reported on the Pacific Highway between July 1, 2011 and July 1, 2012?
65. How many accidents have been reported on the Pacific Highway between July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2013?
66. How many accidents have been reported on the Pacific Highway between July 1, 2013 and July 1, 2014?
67. Please list the top 10 worst stretches of highway for accidents and deaths on the Pacific Highway?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

55. 81

56. 2893

57. 28

58. 1041

59. 30

60. 826

61. 18

62. 743

63. 5266

64. 1795

65. 1618

66. 1347

67. The NSW Government does not support the compilation of statistics that highlight or rank apparent blackspots based simply on the location and total number of crashes. The total number of crashes is not used as key criteria in determining our blackspot program priorities because the approach would mean that every major intersection with high traffic volumes and large numbers of low severity crashes would become the target for blackspot program.

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68. How many people have been killed on the Princes Highway in accidents between April 1, 2011 and July 1, 2014?
69. How many people have been injured on the Princes Highway in accidents between April 1, 2011 and July 1, 2014?
70. How many people have been killed on the Princes Highway in accidents between July 1, 2011 and July 1, 2012?
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78. How many accidents have been reported on the Princes Highway between July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2013?
79. How many accidents have been reported on the Princes Highway between July 1, 2013 and July 1, 2014?
80. Please list the top 10 worst stretches of highway for accidents and deaths on the Princes Highway?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

68. 28

69. 1915

70. 7



71. 651

72. 10

73. 614

74. 10

75. 471

76. 3461

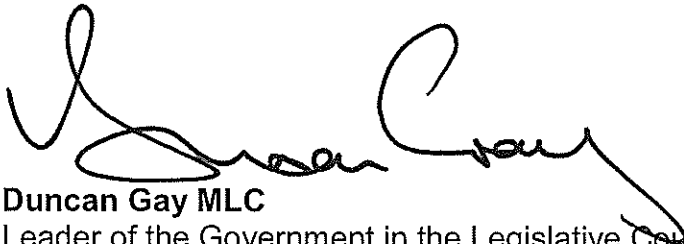
77. 1161

78. 1106

79. 919

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81. How many people have been killed on the Barton Highway in accidents between April 1, 2011 and July 1, 2014?
82. How many people have been injured on the Barton Highway in accidents between April 1, 2011 and July 1, 2014?
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89. How many accidents have been reported on the Barton Highway between April 1, 2011 and July 1, 2014?
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91. How many accidents have been reported on the Barton Highway between July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2013?
92. How many accidents have been reported on the Barton Highway between July 1, 2013 and July 1, 2014?
93. Please list the top 10 worst stretches of highway for accidents and deaths on the Barton Highway?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

81. 3

82. 82

83. 0

84. 20

85. 1

86. 21

87. 2

88. 33

89. 82

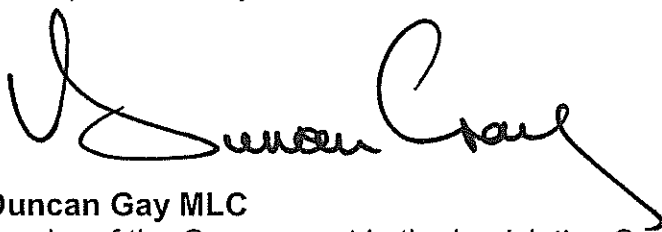
90. 22

91. 27

92. 29

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94. How many people have been killed on the New England Highway in accidents between April 1, 2011 and July 1, 2014?

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101. How many people have been injured on the New England Highway in accidents between July 1, 2013 and July 1, 2014?

102. How many accidents have been reported on the New England Highway between April 1, 2011 and July 1, 2014?

103. How many accidents have been reported on the New England Highway between July 1, 2011 and July 1, 2012?

104. How many accidents have been reported on the New England Highway between July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2013?

105. How many accidents have been reported on the New England Highway between July 1, 2013 and July 1, 2014?

106. Please list the top 10 worst stretches of highway for accidents and deaths on the New England Highway?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

94. 29

95. 788

96. 19

97. 313

98. 5

99. 235

100. 4

101. 165

102. 1351

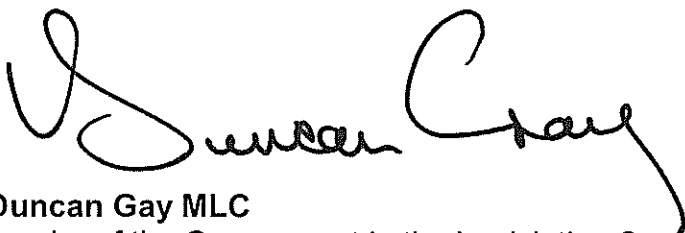
103. 483

104. 430

105. 324

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107. How many people have been killed on the Great Western Highway in accidents between April 1, 2011 and July 1, 2014?

108. How many people have been injured on the Great Western Highway in accidents between April 1, 2011 and July 1, 2014?

109. How many people have been killed on the Great Western Highway in accidents between July 1, 2011 and July 1, 2012?

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112. How many people have been injured on the Great Western Highway in accidents between July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2013?

113. How many people have been killed on the Great Western Highway in accidents between July 1, 2013 and July 1, 2014?

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115. How many accidents have been reported on the Great Western Highway between April 1, 2011 and July 1, 2014?

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117. How many accidents have been reported on the Great Western Highway between July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2013?

118. How many accidents have been reported on the Great Western Highway between July 1, 2013 and July 1, 2014?

119. Please list the top 10 worst stretches of highway for accidents and deaths on the Great Western Highway?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

107. 20

108. 2006

109. 5

110. 719

111. 10

112. 580

113. 4

114. 520

115. 3309

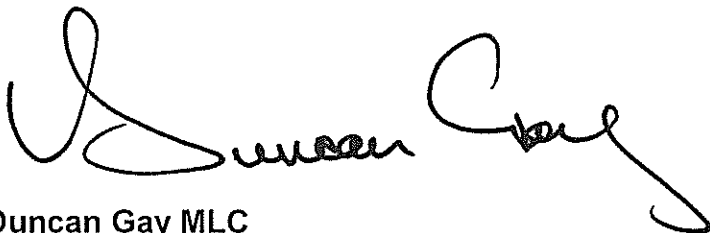
116. 1069

117. 1009

118. 931

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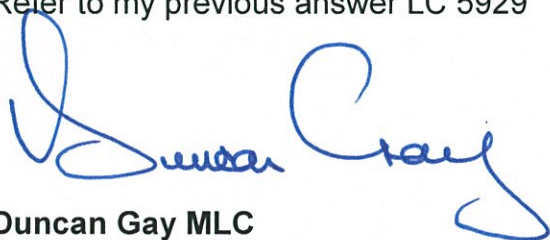
**Question:**

120. How much has been allocated in the 2014-15 budget for Smart Motorways project?
121. How much of that is for planning?
122. How much of that is for feasibility?
123. When will actual physical construction begin on the project?
124. What is the estimated cost of the actual project?
125. What is the estimated completion date?
126. How much of the funding is from the Commonwealth?
127. How much of the funding is from the Government?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Refer to my previous answer LC 5929



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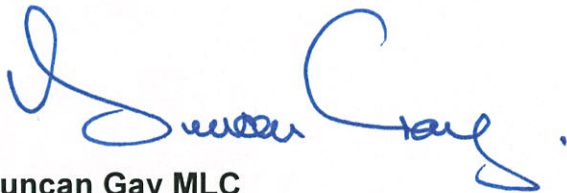
128. Has the RMS conducted any research on self-driving cars in NSW?
- (a) If yes, how much?
  - (b) If yes, when does the RMS expect self-driving cars to be on NSW roads?
  - (c) If yes, where would this occur?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services is engaging with national forums such as Austroads and the Australian Road Research Board to consider the safety, operational, policy and regulatory implications associated with the potential future introduction of driverless vehicles in Australia.

The Centre for Road Safety is continuing to monitor developments in driverless vehicle technology overseas.



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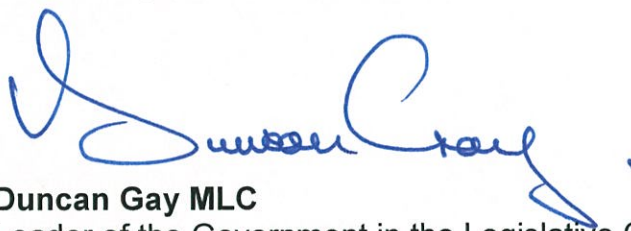
129. Is there a protocol to respond to faulty red light, speed or mobile speed cameras?

- (a) If so,
- i. What is the protocol?
  - ii. Where does one access the protocol?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Refer to my previous answers LA 4300 and LC 5918.



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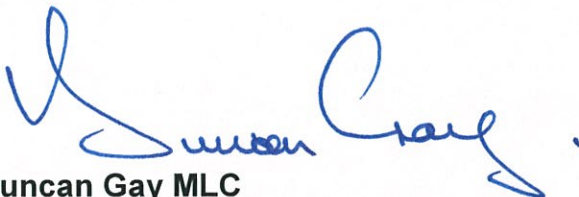
130. Between 1 April 2011 and 1 July 2014, how many speed cameras, red light cameras, point-to-point cameras and mobile speed cameras have been found to be faulty or had issues related to accuracy or calibration?

- (a) What were the sites of those cameras?
- (b) How many notices were issued by those cameras?
- (c) How many notices have been revoked?
- (d) How many motorists have had points and fines restored?
- (e) How many notices have not been revoked and left to stand without notifying motorists?
- (f) (f) How many points have not been restored and left to remain on a motorists driving record?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

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131. In 2011-12, how many speed cameras, red light cameras, point-to-point cameras and mobile speed cameras have been found to be faulty or had issues related to accuracy or calibration?

- (a) What were the sites of those cameras?
- (b) How many notices were issued by those cameras?
- (c) How many notices have been revoked?
- (d) How many motorists have had points and fines restored?
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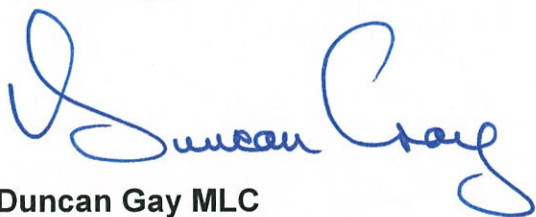
132. In 2012-13, how many speed cameras, red light cameras, point-to-point cameras and mobile speed cameras have been found to be faulty or had issues related to accuracy or calibration?

- (a) What were the sites of those cameras?
- (b) How many notices were issued by those cameras?
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**Answer:**

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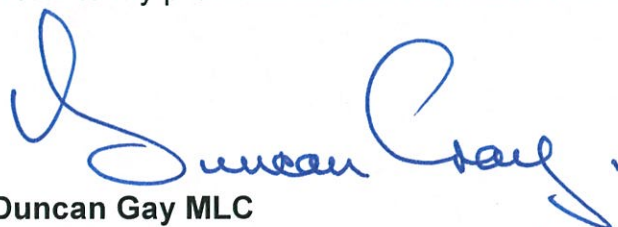
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**Answer:**

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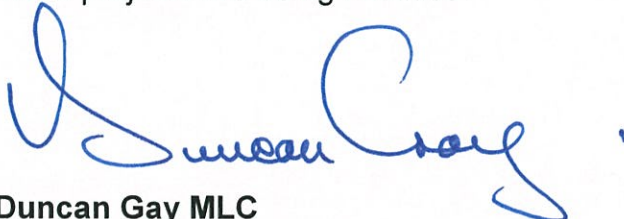
134. In the 2014-15 Budget, the Government said there would be \$200 million for a Regional Freight Pinch Point and Safety Program.

- (a) What is the full list of projects?
- (b) For each project:
  - i. What is the financial commitment to that project?
  - ii. What is the expected final completion date?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

- (a)  
Kings Highway, Bells Line of Road Package 2, Golden Highway and Gocup Road.
- (b)
  - (i) \$200 million combined for Kings Highway, Bells Line of Road Package 2, Golden Highway and Gocup Road. The allocation for each project is not yet confirmed as the strategic business cases for these projects are being finalised.
  - (ii) This cannot be confirmed yet, as advised above, the strategic business cases for these projects are being finalised.



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135. In the 2014-15 Budget media release entitled: "Biggest Roads, Maritime and Freight Budget in NSW History: A record \$5.5 billion" released by Roads Minister Duncan Gay on 17 June it said \$39 million for maintenance funding for Central Coast roads

- (a) What is the breakdown of the \$39 million?
- (b) What is the state component?
- (c) What is the federal component?
- (d) What is the breakdown of the planned maintenance works?
- (e) What is the expected expenditure in 2014-15?
- (f) What is the list of works?
- (g) What is the timetable for completion?

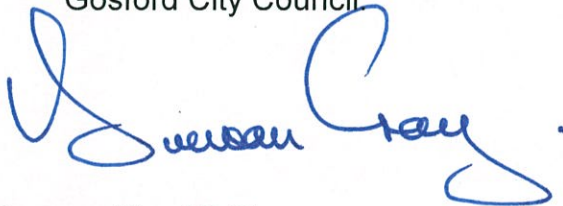
**Answer:**

I am advised:

- (a) and (d)
- Routine maintenance
  - Resurfacing of roads
  - Rebuilding roads
  - Slope Repairs
  - Drainage Upgrades
  - Bridge maintenance and upgrades
  - Council General Grants
  - Council Specific Purpose Grants
- (b) All.
- (c) Nil.
- (e) Expenditure is expected within the 2014-15 allocation.



- (f) The list of key works include:
- Routine maintenance, including heavy patching works on a number of Central Coast roads.
  - Resurfacing of a number of Central Coast roads, including the M1 Pacific Motorway.
  - Pavement rebuilding on the M1 Pacific Motorway north of Somersby.
  - Concrete pavement rebuilding at various locations on the M1 Pacific Motorway.
  - Pavement rebuilding on the Central Coast Highway north of The Entrance Bridge.
  - Pavement rebuilding on the Pacific Highway near Lake Munmorah.
  - Pavement rebuilding on the Central Coast Highway at Foresters Beach.
  - Woy Woy upgrade works, including replacement of railway level crossing at Horsfield Bay by Gosford City Council.
  - Repair of The Entrance Bridge over Tuggerah Lake on Central Coast Highway.
  - Drainage upgrade works on the M1 Pacific Motorway at various sites.
  - Slope repairs on the M1 Pacific Motorway at various sites.
  - Upgrade of Ocean Beach Road by Gosford City Council under the REPAIR program.
- (g) All maintenance works are expected to be completed by the end of June 2015 with the exception of Woy Woy upgrade works being managed by Gosford City Council.



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136. Pacific Highway workers and 457 visas

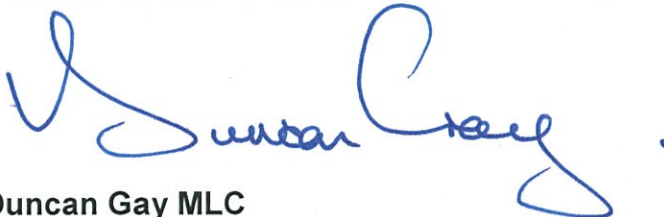
(a) As of July 1, 2-14, how many people working on Pacific Highway upgrade are employed on 457 visas?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

As of 1 July 2014, Roads and Maritime Services is not aware of any Roads and Maritime employees working on the Pacific Highway upgrade through 457 visas.

Other workers, such as labour hire, are a matter for relevant contractors.

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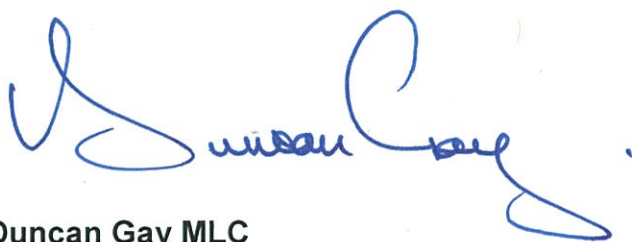
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**Question:**

137. Given evidence at ICAC that Hunter Liberal Members of Parliament received cash from prohibited donors, can you guarantee that you did not receive an illegal donation at the last election?

**Answer:**

I did not receive any donations from prohibited donors at the last election.



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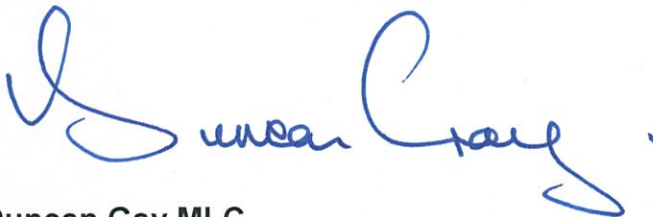
138. Last week the Premier put out a statement that said:

*"I have always absolutely complied with the electoral funding laws and the records are there for all to see. Yes, I can guarantee that I have never accepted an illegal donation."*

Will you make that same statement?

**Answer:**

I did not receive any donations from prohibited donors at the last election.



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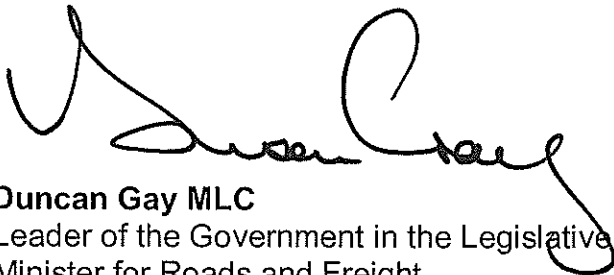
**Question:**

139. Do you think the people of NSW have a right to know who is making donations to candidates during election campaigns?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

The Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981 requires the disclosure of political donations received and/or made, and electoral expenditure incurred, by or on behalf of parties, elected members, groups, candidates and third party campaigners. It also requires the disclosure of political donations of \$1000 or more made by major political donors.



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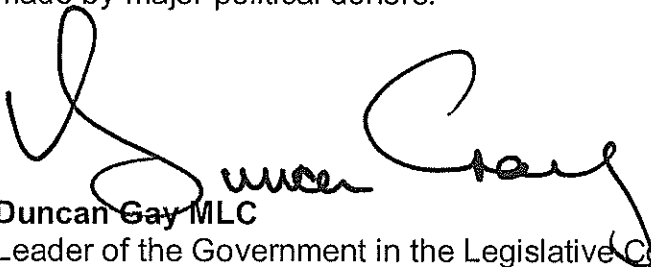
**Question:**

140. Given that the Liberals channel all donations through a centralised accounting system which means most individual MPs do not disclose the people and organisations that personally donate to their campaigns, will you fully disclose the source of all donations you received at the 2011 election campaign?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

The Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981 requires the disclosure of political donations received and/or made, and electoral expenditure incurred, by or on behalf of parties, elected members, groups, candidates and third party campaigners. It also requires the disclosure of political donations of \$1000 or more made by major political donors.



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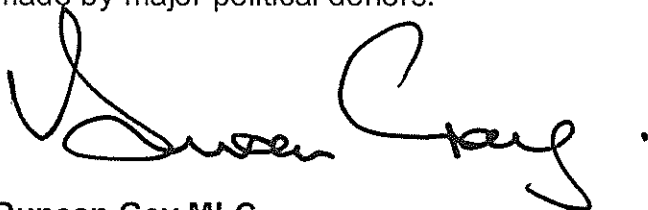
**Question:**

141. Will you release the full list of donors who donated to your 2011 election campaign?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

The Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981 requires the disclosure of political donations received and/or made, and electoral expenditure incurred, by or on behalf of parties, elected members, groups, candidates and third party campaigners. It also requires the disclosure of political donations of \$1000 or more made by major political donors.

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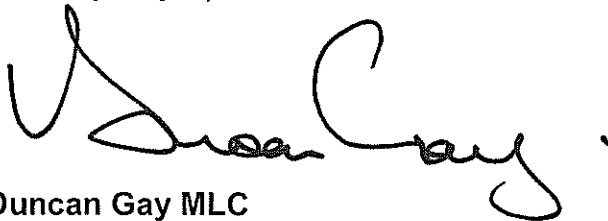
**Question:**

142. In the interest of transparency and accountability, will you commit to publicly release the source of donations for the 2015 election?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

The Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981 requires the disclosure of political donations received and/or made, and electoral expenditure incurred, by or on behalf of parties, elected members, groups, candidates and third party campaigners. It also requires the disclosure of political donations of \$1000 or more made by major political donors.



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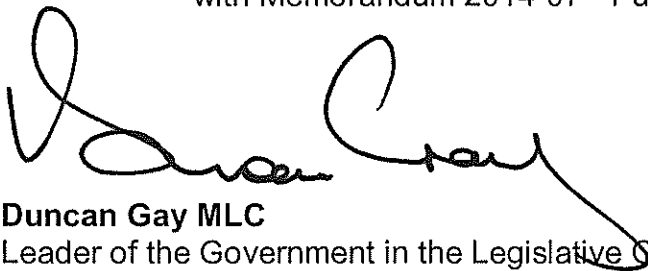
143. On how many occasions have you met with a lobbyist, and what were the dates of these meetings?  
144. Which lobbyists have you met with, and what was discussed?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

- 143-144. Meetings with lobbyists are in accordance with the NSW Lobbyist Code of Conduct.

Information regarding scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals will be published in accordance with Memorandum 2014-07 - Publication of Ministerial Diaries.



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**Question:**

145. The Minister for Finance has banned lobbyists from meeting him and his office; will you make the same commitment?  
(a) If not, why not?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

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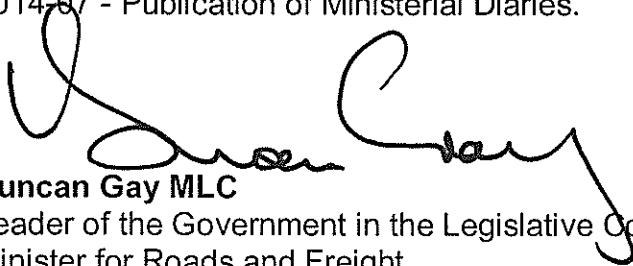
146. How many times have you met with the Cross Border Commissioner:

- (a) In the last twelve months
- (b) Since the creation of the position.

**Answer:**

I am advised:

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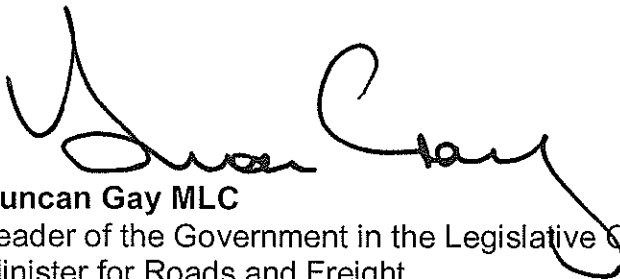
**Question:**

147. What issues or topics have you referred to the Cross Border Commissioner:
- (a) In the last twelve months
  - (b) Since the creation of the position.

**Answer:**

I am advised:

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148. Do any Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities utilise the services of Labour Hire Firms?

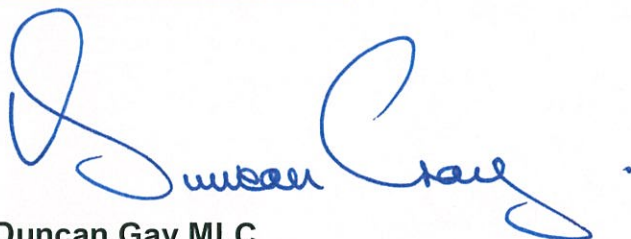
If yes, please advise in table form:

- (a) The names of the firms utilised
- (b) The total amount paid to each firm engaged
- (c) The average tenure period for an employee provided by a labour hire company
- (d) The longest tenure for an employee provided by a labour hire company
- (e) The duties conducted by employees engaged through a labour hire company
- (f) The office locations of employees engaged through a labour hire company

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Transport cluster expenditure relating to labour hire firms is available at [www.finance.nsw.gov.au](http://www.finance.nsw.gov.au)



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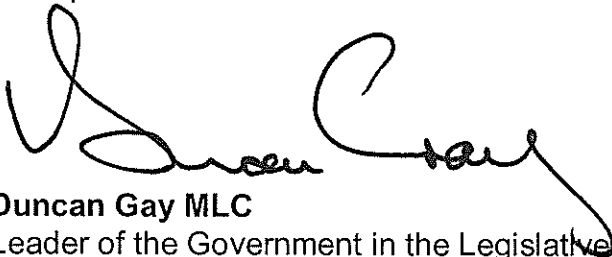
149. Has the consultancy company Crosby Textor done any consultancy work for the Dept of Primary Industries?

- (a) If so what projects was Crosby Textor consulted on?
- (b) What was the cost of the consultancy work for each project?
- (c) Was there a tender process for these projects?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

This question should be referred to the Minister for Primary Industries.



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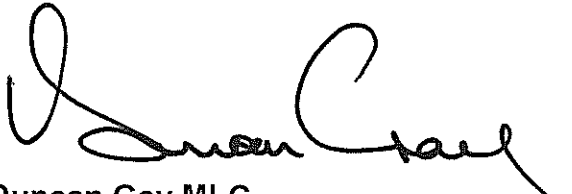
**Question:**

150. Does Crosby Textor currently have any contract work with the Department, if so, what is their role in the project?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

This question should be referred to the Minister for Primary Industries.



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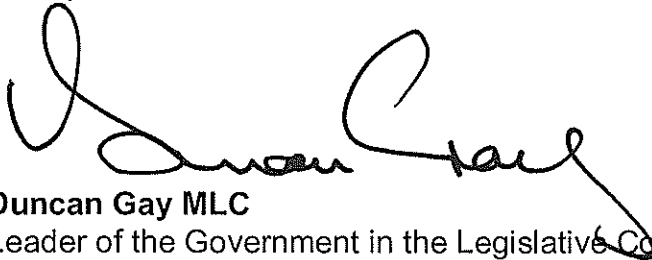
151. Has the consultancy company Premier State done any consultancy work for the Dept of Primary Industries?

- (a) If so what projects was Premier State consulted on?
- (b) What was the cost of the consultancy work for each project?
- (c) Was there a tender process for these projects?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

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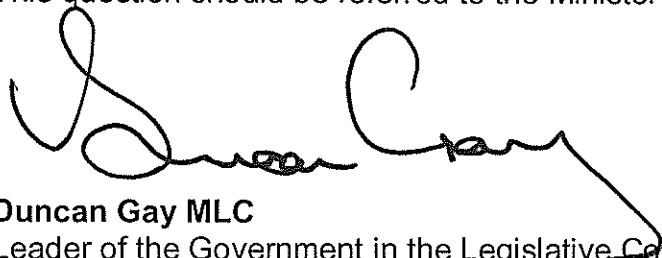
**Question:**

152. Does Premier State currently have any contract work with the Department, if so, what is their role in the project?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

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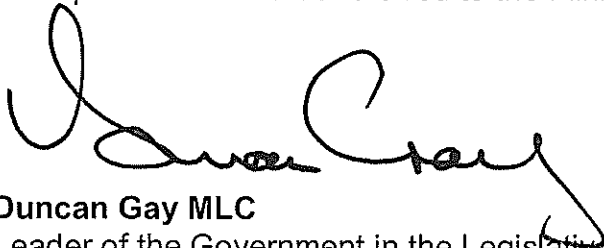
**Question:**

153. Has the Government Contracting company Serco or its affiliates done any consultancy work for the Dept of Primary Industries?
- (a) If so what projects was Serco or its affiliates assisted with?
  - (b) What was the cost of the consultancy work for each project?
  - (c) Was there a tender process for these projects?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

This question should be referred to the Minister for Primary Industries.



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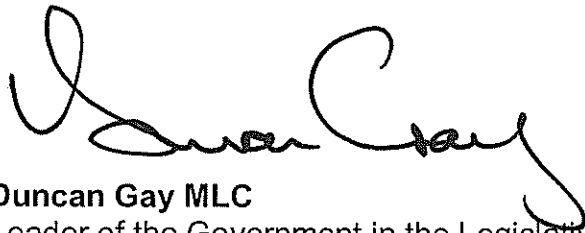
**Question:**

154. Does Serco or any of its affiliates currently have any contract work with the Department, if so, what is their role in the project?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

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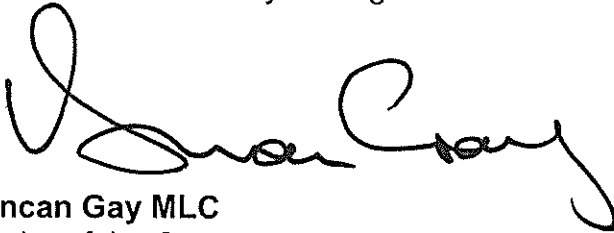
155. How many blackberries/smart phones are assigned to your staff?
156. For each phone, how much was each bill in the 2013/14 financial year?
157. How many phones have been lost in your office?
158. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
159. How many iPads does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
160. How many iPads have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
161. How many iPhones does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
162. How many iPhones have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
163. How many iPhones have been lost in your office?
164. How many iPads have been lost in your office?
165. What is the cost of replacing those phones or iPads?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

155. 204 phones have been issued to NSW Government Ministerial staff.
156. The 2013-14 total phone bill expenditure for NSW Government Ministerial offices is \$363,877 (63%) less than under the NSW Labor Government in 2008-09 of \$578,691 total expenditure.
157. 9 phones were lost from the NSW Government Ministerial staff.
158. The cost is the normal contract price and this cost is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund.
159. 96 iPads have been issued for the NSW Government Ministerial staff.
160. iPads are supplied by DPC and have not been purchased by NSW Government Ministerial staff.

161. 204 phones have been issued to the NSW Government Ministerial staff.
162. iPhones or Smart Phones are supplied by DPC and have not been purchased by NSW Government Ministerial staff.
163. 9 phones were lost from the NSW Government Ministerial staff.
164. 0 iPads were lost from the NSW Government Ministerial staff.
165. The cost is the normal contract price and this cost is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund.

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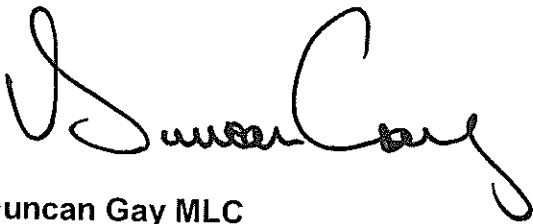
**Question:**

166. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

The number of media staff is commensurate with agency requirements.

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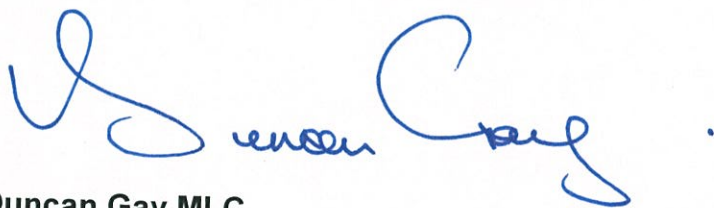
**Question:**

167. What is the forecast for 2014/15 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

The number of media staff is commensurate with agency requirements. There are no plans to change the current arrangement.

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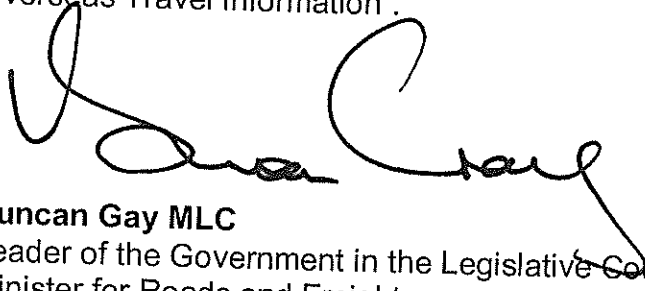
169. Have any of your overseas trips in the past year been paid for in part or in full by using public money?

(a) If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Information regarding Ministerial travel is available on the Minister's appropriate agency website, in accordance with Ministerial Memorandum M2009-10 "Release of Overseas Travel Information".



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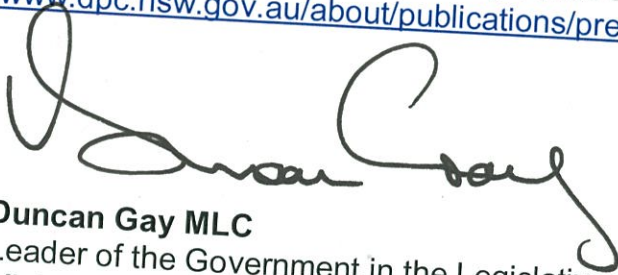
**Question:**

170. What is the annual remuneration package for your chief of staff?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website at:  
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**Question:**

171. What is the annual remuneration package for your head media advisor?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website at:  
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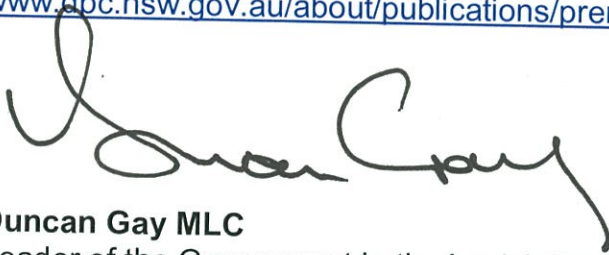
**Question:**

172. What is the annual remuneration package for each of your staff?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

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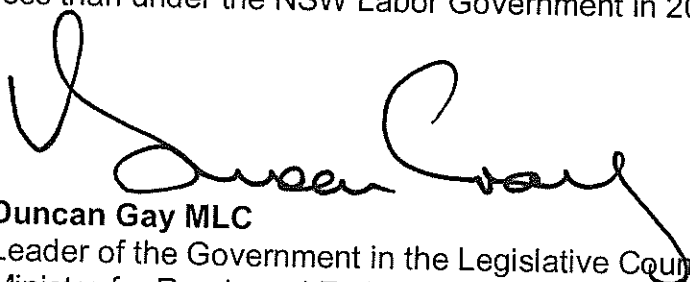
**Question:**

173. What is the estimated expenditure for your office budget in 2014/15?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

The 2014-15 budget for NSW Government Ministerial offices is \$4,886,770 (10%) less than under the NSW Labor Government in 2009-10 of \$48,834,000.



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**Question:**

174. Have any office renovations or fit outs been undertaken in your ministerial office since April, 2011?

(a) If so, could you give details of contracted costs?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Information in relation to repairs, maintenance and relocation for 2011-12 and 2012-13 is available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet Disclosure Log at [www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0007/165616/Disclosure\\_Log\\_Information\\_-\\_Ministerial\\_Renovations.docx.pdf](http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/165616/Disclosure_Log_Information_-_Ministerial_Renovations.docx.pdf)



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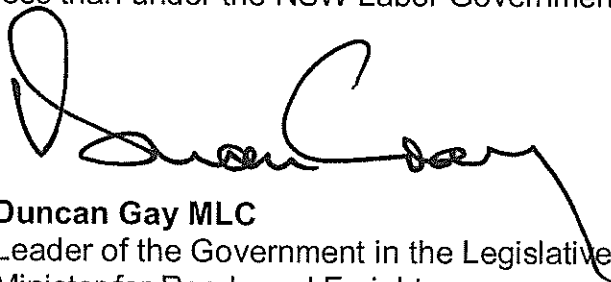
**Question:**

175. What is your Ministerial office budget for 2014/15?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

The 2014-15 budget for NSW Government Ministerial offices is \$4,886,770 (10%) less than under the NSW Labor Government in 2009-10 of \$48,834,000.



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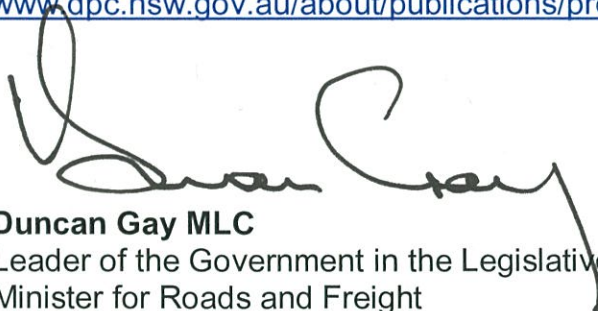
**Question:**

176. How many political advisors are in your office?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website at:  
[www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers\\_and\\_ministers\\_staff\\_numbers](http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers).



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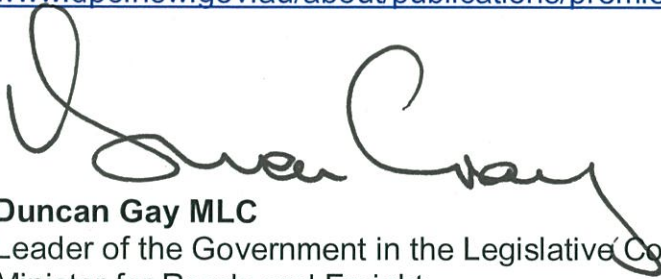
**Question:**

177. How many administration staff?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

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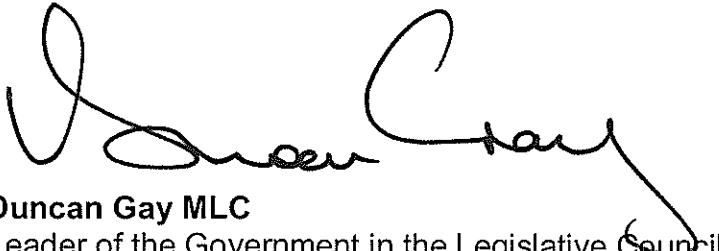
**Question:**

178. How many Department Liaison Officers are assigned to your office?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

The number of Department Liaison Officers for NSW Government Ministerial offices at 30 June 2014 was 56.



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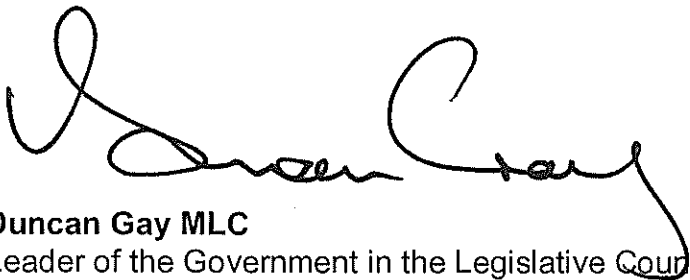
**Question:**

179. How many staff in the Department are assigned to Ministerial support duties?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

NSW Government Ministers and the Leader of the Opposition are provided with road transport services, with Ministerial Drivers assigned for this purpose.



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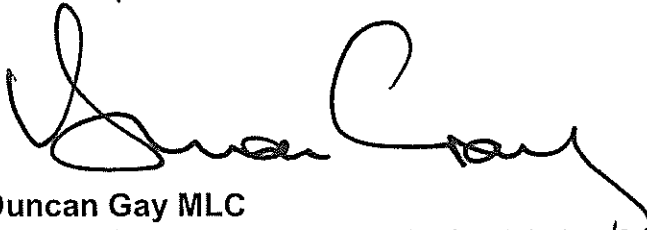
**Question:**

180. Are any contractors or consultants working in your ministerial office?  
(a) If so, in what capacities?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Financial statements, including expenditure on consultants, are available in agency annual reports.



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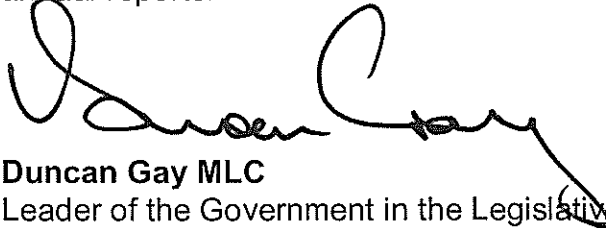
**Question:**

181. How much did your Ministerial office spend on contractors or consultants?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

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**Question:**

182. How much did your Ministerial office spend on taxi fares, including Cabcharge in the 2013/14 financial year?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

The 2013-14 taxi expenditure for NSW Government Ministerial offices was \$117,783 (67%) less than under the NSW Labor Government in 2009-10 of \$175,776.



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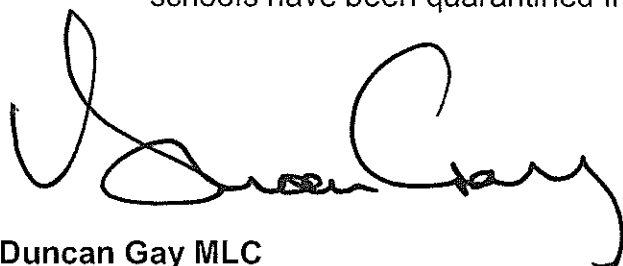
183. Are any of your portfolio agencies undergoing a restructure?
184. How many jobs are expected to be cut as a result of that restructure?
185. How many people are expected to have their wages cut as a result of that restructure?
186. How many voluntary redundancies were offered in your Departments since April 2011?
187. What has been the total cost of redundancies since April 2011?
188. How many voluntary redundancies were accepted from employees in your Departments since April 2011?
189. How many voluntary redundancies are expected to be offered in 2014/15?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

183-185. Agencies and departments undertake internal reviews of its structure to ensure that its functions and priorities align with the changing needs of Government. This work has involved reviewing structures in various parts of the agency to achieve greater alignment with the Government's reform agenda and recommendations of the Commission of Audit.

186-189. The Government's program of voluntary redundancies remains on track. The target of 5,000 positions by June 2015 (announced in the 2011/12 Budget) was already exceeded by a further 1,789 positions by December 2013. The Labour Expense Cap introduced in the 2012/13 Budget is also well on track with Secretaries given as much flexibility as possible to achieve these savings in the most appropriate way to meet the service requirements of their agencies. Nurses, police officers and teachers in schools have been quarantined from this measure.



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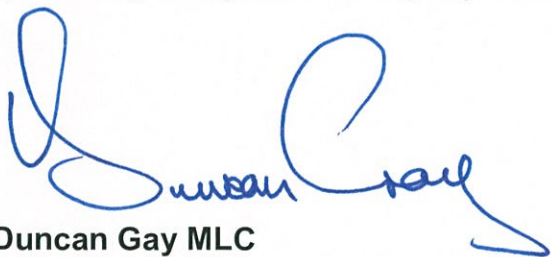
**Question:**

190. How much did your Department(s) spend on catering in 2013/14?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Transport cluster agencies do not uniformly have a general ledger account used specifically to capture catering expenditure.



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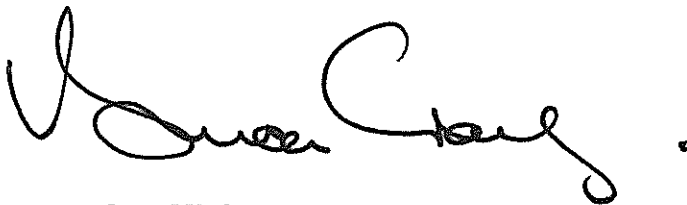
**Question:**

191. How much did your Department(s) spend on stationary in 2013/14?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Stop signs are included in general maintenance funding in Budget Paper 3.

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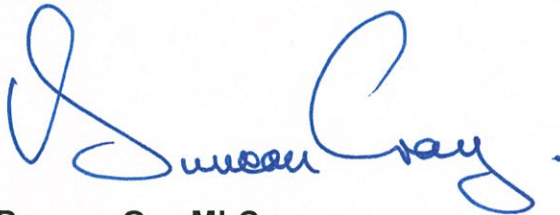
**Question:**

192. What is your Department's catering budget?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Transport cluster agencies do not uniformly have a general ledger account used specifically to capture catering expenditure.

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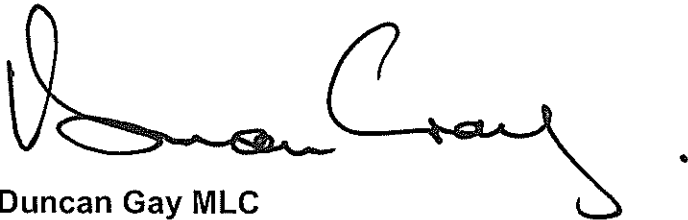
**Question:**

193. What is your Department's stationary [sic] budget?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Treasury advises budgets should always be stationary. They are included in Budget Paper 3.

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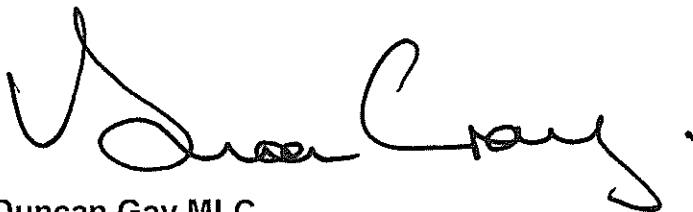
194. Since April 2011 have any of the agencies in your Department(s) changed their branding?
- (a) If so, how much was spent on rebranding the agency?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

194. Yes
- (a) Implementation of the Roads and Maritime Services brand is ongoing and is guided by the principles of reducing branded items and progressively applying new material when existing stocks of materials are exhausted, and as part of other planned programs, so change over costs are minimised or avoided.

Agency expenditure is published in the respective annual reports.



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**Question:**

195. How long is the average turnaround for responding to correspondence in your Department(s)?

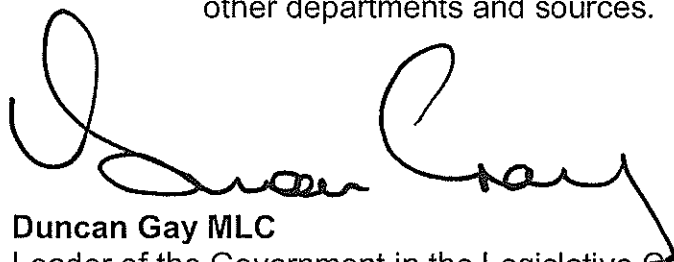
196. How many pieces of correspondence have been outstanding for more than 60 days?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

195-196. The department's recommended time frame for completing responses to correspondence from Ministers, Members of Parliament and members of the public is 20 working days from the department's receipt of the correspondence.

However, it is not always possible to comply with this time frame for any number of reasons including: the nature and complexity of the matter; stakeholder consultation; or further information required from other departments and sources.



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**Question:**

197. In 2013/14 how many invoices has your Department(s) failed to pay a supplier or contractor for more than 30 days?

198. As a result of late payment, how much penalty interest has been paid to contractors since 1 January 2011?

199. How many invoices have been outstanding for longer than 60 days?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

197-199. Information regarding "30 days to pay" policy is available at [www.finance.nsw.gov.au/30days/how-government-will-report-policy](http://www.finance.nsw.gov.au/30days/how-government-will-report-policy).



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200. Does your department provide recurrent grant funds to non-government organisations? If yes,

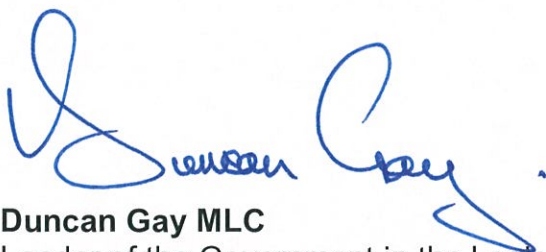
- a) What are the names of all organisations in receipt of funding?
- b) What is the total amount of funding received by each organisation including goods and services tax?
- c) On what date was the funding advanced?
- d) What was the purpose for each grant or funding advance?
- e) Was any funding withheld or returned?
- f) If so, what were the reasons for withholding or requiring the funding to be returned?
- g) What is the indexation rate applied to non-recurrent grant funds in 2013/14?
- h) What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Information about grants to non-government organisations will be available in the Annual Report.

Funds granted to non-government organisations are considered on a case by case basis and do not automatically perpetuate and, as such, indexation is not applicable.



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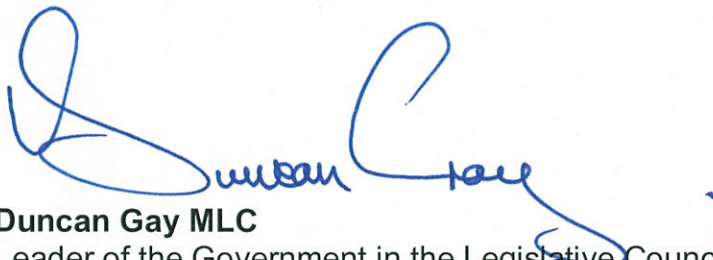
**Question:**

201. How many contractors has your Department(s) retained since 1 July 2014 and at what cost?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

This information is not held centrally for the Department. The number of contractors fluctuates.



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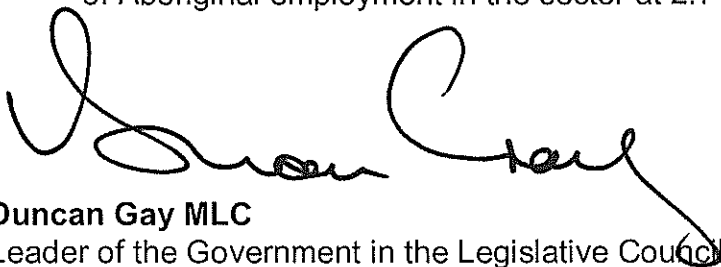
**Question:**

202. What is the current level of Aboriginal employment within your Department(s)?
203. How has that changed since 1 July 2013?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

202. The Public Service Commission collects workforce data from the NSW public sector, including information regarding levels of Aboriginal employment. The level of Aboriginal employment as at 30 June 2014 is estimated at 2.9%. This is still subject to final quality checks, prior to the Newcastle release of the Workforce Profile 2014.
203. The 30 June 2014 estimate of Aboriginal employment in the sector is 2.9%. This compares to the Workforce Profile 2013 report which estimated the level of Aboriginal employment in the sector at 2.7%.



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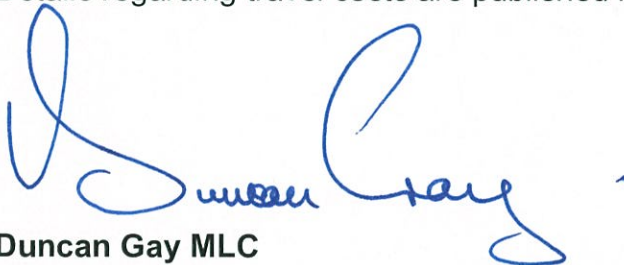
204. Since 1 July 2011, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your Department(s)?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Travel is in accordance with the 'policy on Official Travel within Australia and Overseas' available at [http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0020/156026/Official\\_Travel\\_Policy\\_within\\_Australia\\_and\\_Overseas\\_-\\_August\\_2013.pdf](http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/156026/Official_Travel_Policy_within_Australia_and_Overseas_-_August_2013.pdf)

Details regarding travel costs are published in the Department's Annual Report.



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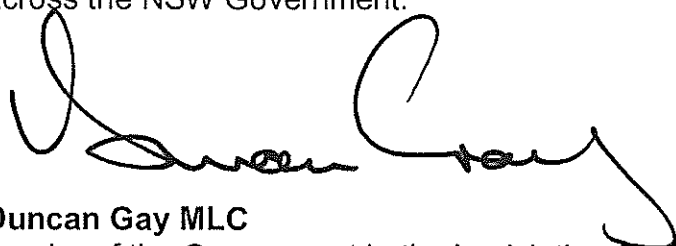
205. In relation to feasibility studies, audits, taskforces and reviews:  
Is your department currently undertaking any feasibility studies, audits, taskforces or reviews? If so; then;

- (a) What are the terms of reference or details of each study, audit, taskforce or review?
- (b) Who is conducting the study, audit, taskforce or review?
- (c) Was each study, audit, taskforce or review was publically advertised seeking expression of interest or competitive tenders?
- (d) Is there a contract in place detailing terms of engagement for the study, audit, taskforce or review?
- (e) What is the timeline of each study, audit, taskforce or review?
- (f) What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

As with previous NSW Governments, the Government undertakes feasibility studies, audits, taskforces and reviews to inform government decision making. A number of feasibility studies, audits, taskforces and reviews are currently being undertaken across the NSW Government.



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206. Can you please list all travel related costs for your Parliamentary Secretary incurred in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2013

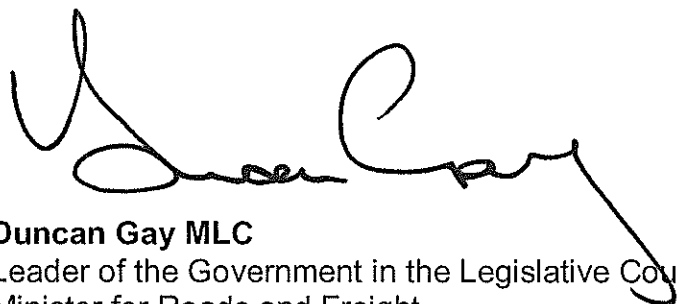
- (a) kilometres travelled
- (b) accommodation,
- (c) air fares
- (d) meals/entertaining?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Information on the total costs for NSW Government Parliamentary Secretaries in 2013/14 are:

- (a) Information not available.
- (b) \$1,338
- (c) \$8,773
- (d) Information not available. Expenses are included under (b).



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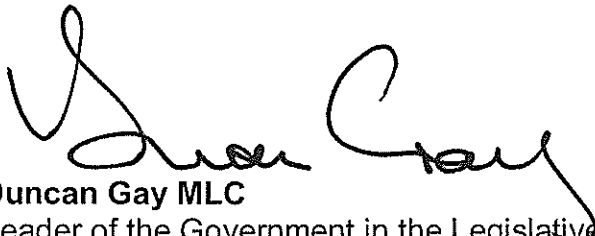
207. Can you please provide details of the following activities undertaken by your Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2013;

- (a) meetings attended in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary?
- (b) functions attended in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Parliamentary Secretaries provide assistance to the Premier and other Ministers, including signing correspondence; receiving deputations; undertaking special tasks; officiating at functions; and relieving the Premier and Ministers of some of their duties. The duties to be performed are those allocated by the Premier and/or Minister, or which have the Premier's and/or Minister's endorsement.



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208. How often do you meet with your Parliamentary Secretary?

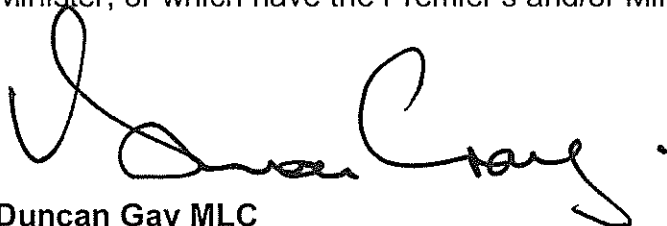
(a) Are these meetings documented?

(b) Who attends these meetings?

**Answer:**

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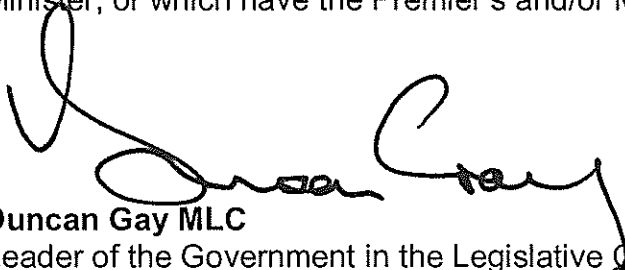
**Question:**

209. Who provides instructions and direction to your Parliamentary Secretary, you or your Chief of Staff?

**Answer:**

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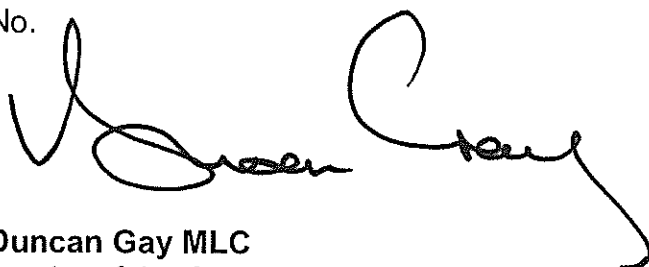
210. Has the Minister been provided with Speech, Voice or Media Training since becoming Minister? If so, then;

- (a) Who conducted the training?
- (b) When was it conducted?
- (c) Where was it conducted what were the costs of the training?
- (d) Who paid for the training?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

No.

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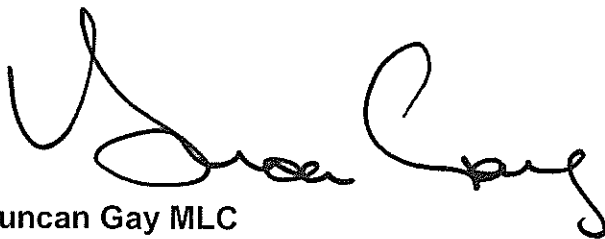
211. Has the Parliamentary Secretary been provided with Speech, Voice or Media Training since becoming Parliamentary Secretary? If so, then;

- (a) Who conducted the training?
- (b) When was it conducted?
- (c) Where was it conducted what were the costs of the training?
- (d) Who paid for the training?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

The Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads is flattered by this question, which has been repeatedly asked of him over the past three years and the previous two years while acting as Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Western Sydney. While Mr Williams always maintains a very high standard of professionalism when dealing with the media, we confirm that he has not received any formal training or coaching and can confirm that his ability dealing with the media comes quite naturally to him.



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212. Figure 6.6 in the Traffic and Transport Report for the M4 Widening EIS shows that the project will lead to fewer heavy commercial vehicles (HCVs) using the M4 once it is widened and tolled. What roads will the HCVs use instead?

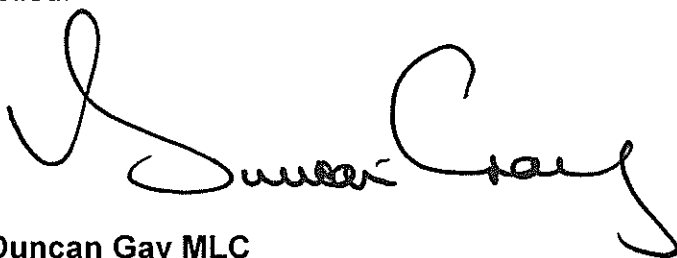
213. How many of these HCVs will be diverted onto local roads (i.e., not Parramatta Road, the M2, nor Victoria Road)?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

212. and 213.

Figure 6.6 related to future situations without the implementation of WestConnex and does not show that fewer heavy commercial vehicles will use the M4 when it is tolled.

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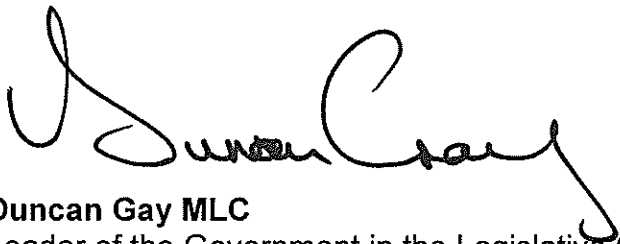
**Question:**

214. On page 105 of the Traffic and Transport Report it is stated that various investigations have been carried out by BTS and WestConnex on induced car demand. What assumptions have been used for growth in car demand for the WestConnex study?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Car demand is derived from metropolitan-wide forecasts produced by Transport for NSW's Sydney Strategic Travel Model. Assumptions used in the WestConnex study are described in the Traffic and Transport Report.



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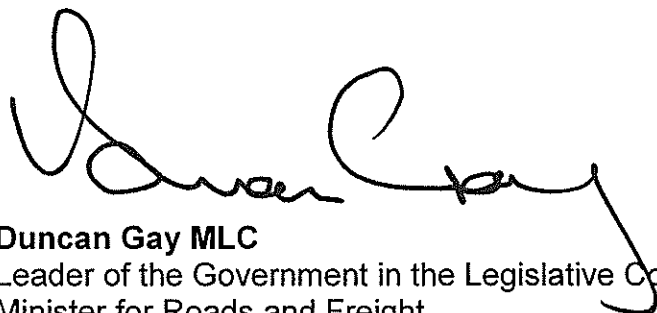
**Question:**

215. What were the reasons for using the Duck River crossing of Parramatta Road as a point of comparison for modelling traffic impacts in the EIS?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

In the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) traffic is modelled on both the M4 and Parramatta Road at Duck River, because it is the site of the former M4 toll plaza and historical data is available for this location.



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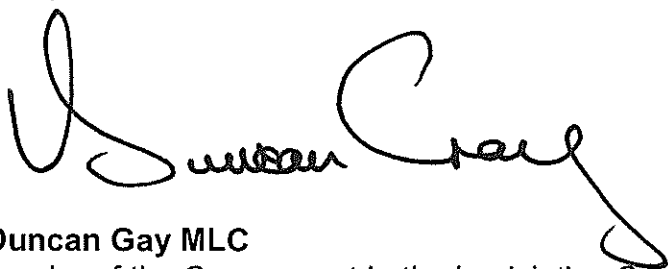
216. In January 2013, four infrastructure development partners were engaged to develop design and construction solutions for WestConnex.

- a) How much were they paid?
- b) Now that the route of the tunnel from M4 to Taverners Hill via Ashfield has been changed, how much more will it cost the government?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Three consortia have been invited to tender to design and construct the M4 East. The preferred contractor and contract value will be identified in 2015.

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217. The M4 East update of 26 June 2014 advises the government has received four expressions of interest to construct the M4 East tunnel, and that a shortlist of tenderers will be chosen from them. In light of subsequent government statements about possible alternative routes for and staging of WestConnex, what is the government requiring the shortlisted consortia to tender upon in terms of:

- (a) Route
- (b) Locations of entry and exit portals
- (c) How this stage is to link to the existing road system?

**Answer:**

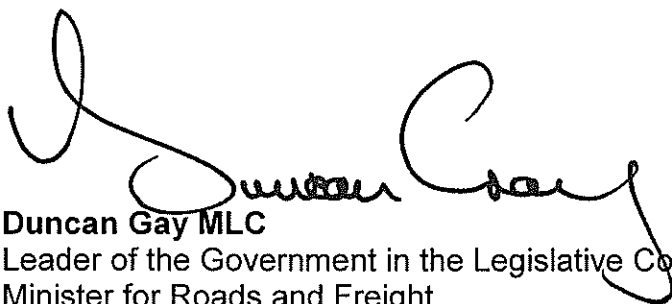
I am advised:

The M4 East will connect the existing M4 Motorway between Concord Road and Homebush Bay Drive with Parramatta Road at Haberfield.

Three consortia have been invited to tender to design and construct the M4 East.

These consortia have been given a preliminary concept design and the opportunity to propose the design and construction of the M4 East tunnel and surface connections.

Details of connections will be determined when the preferred tenderer's design is selected mid 2015.



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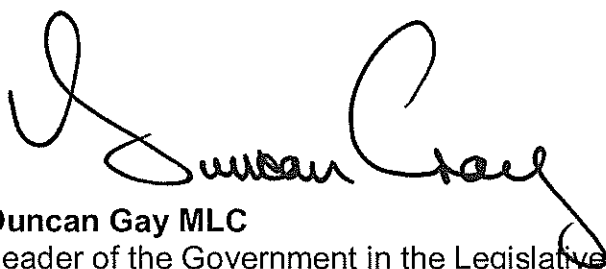
218. The WestConnex "Building for the future" community feedback report states: "Air quality specialists...have commenced discussions with property owners to identify suitable locations for (air quality) monitoring stations. It is expected that these will be established and will be monitoring existing conditions by the middle of 2014".

- (a) What locations have been identified?
- (b) What is the current state of negotiations with property owners?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Locations for air quality monitoring stations have been identified in Haberfield, Concord and Homebush. Agreements have been reached with the property owners at most of the selected locations.



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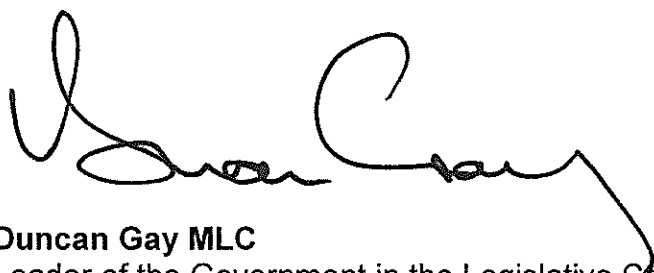
**Question:**

219. What public transport opportunities are planned for Pennant Hills Road, should NorthConnex go ahead?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Refer to the NorthConnex Environmental Impact Statement and Sydney's Bus Future.

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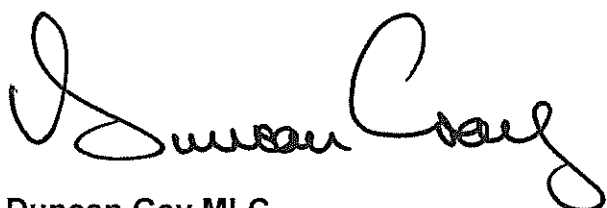
220. What role is the NSW Chief Scientist playing in advising on the air quality impacts of road projects in NSW?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Refer to my previous answer LC 5903.

The NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer chairs the Advisory Committee on Tunnel Air Quality established by the NSW Government.

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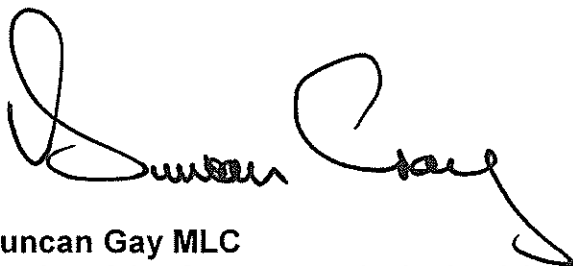
221. Will air pollution be reduced in northwest Sydney by building NorthConnex?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

A comprehensive assessment of the air quality impacts from NorthConnex was included in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The assessment concluded that across the project corridor there would be an overall net improvement in air quality as a result of NorthConnex.

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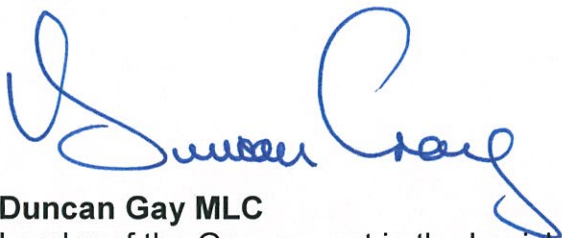
**Question:**

222. What is the current estimated date of the commencement of construction for the Windsor Bridge replacement?
223. What is the current budget for this project?
224. Has money been allocated in this year's budget for the project?
225. Will the project provide for the traffic flow when the bridge is planned to be built?
226. Will it meet the traffic flow needs into the future until another crossing is built?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

222. and 223. The program and budget for the Windsor Bridge Replacement project will be reviewed following the outcome of the Land and Environment Court hearing scheduled for 22-23 October 2014.
224. Yes, refer to 2014-15 Budget Paper 4.
225. Yes.
226. Yes.



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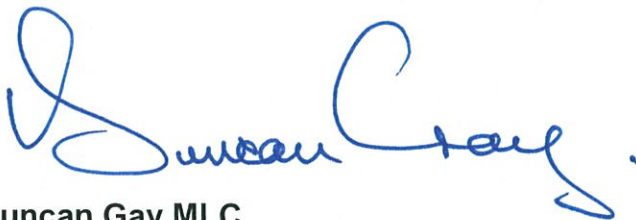
227. Have the flood mitigation works on the Wakehurst Parkway been scheduled for completion by the time the Northern Beaches Hospital opens in 2018?
- (a) If yes, what is the expected cost and how long will this take?
228. What alternatives to the current works were considered by the government?

**Answer:**

I am advised:  
227 and 228.

Works to reduce the frequency of flooding on Wakehurst Parkway are currently being investigated. These investigations will be completed in the coming year.

Proposed works will be determined based upon the outcome of these investigations.



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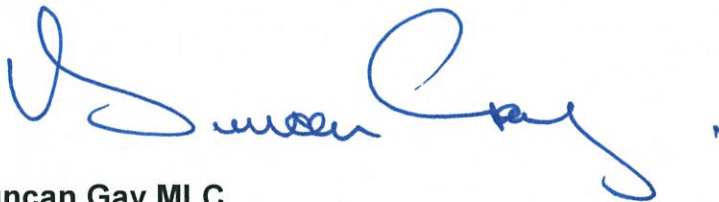
229. When will the Ballina Koala Plan be prepared and finalised?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Experts will be engaged to develop a detailed Ballina Koala Plan for the 155 kilometre Woolgoolga to Ballina upgrade. They will include environmental specialists recognised for their expertise in koala ecology, conservation and environmental management.

The koala plan is expected to be finalised in early 2015.



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230. When will work commence on the ground to upgrade the Barton Highway and make sure it is the safest it can be for motorists?

**Answer:**

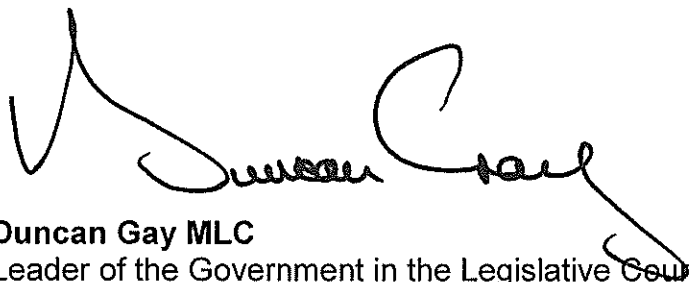
I am advised:

A \$4.5 million curve realignment project on the Barton Highway, just south of Murrumbateman Road started in 2013 and opened to traffic in 2014.

Safety works for the intersection of McIntosh Circuit and the Barton Highway started in early September 2014.

Other safety works, including culvert extensions, tree removal and installation of safety barriers, are being planned.

Roads and Maritime Services is currently developing a Barton Highway Improvement Strategy. The Australian and NSW governments have each committed \$150,000 towards this strategy.



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231. Why has RMS not released the traffic analysis that justifies the need to remove the College St cycleway?
232. When will the traffic analysis be released?

**Answer:**

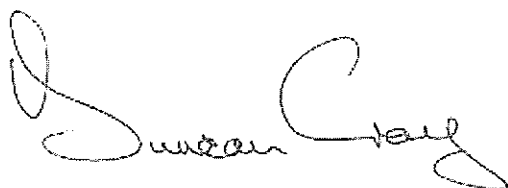
I am advised:

The proposed CBD cycleway network, including replacement of the College Street cycleway, was displayed for public comment in September 2013 with the release of the Sydney City Centre Access Strategy.

Bicycle NSW has provided written support of the draft Access Strategy and the proposed cycleway network on the basis that a replacement cycleway network is in place prior to removal of the College Street cycleway.

Construction of the replacement cycleway network will begin shortly and be in place prior to the removal of the College Street cycleway.

Roads and Maritime Services will consult further with the community for the proposed reconfiguration of College Street to be implemented following removal of the cycleway in November this year. Further traffic analysis justifying the proposal will be available at this time.



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233. Will project vehicles be permitted to use Waterfall Way on weekends while EMS Quarries supplies gravel for the Nambucca-Uranga section of the Pacific Highway upgrade?
- (a) Will they be permitted to use the road concurrently with school buses?

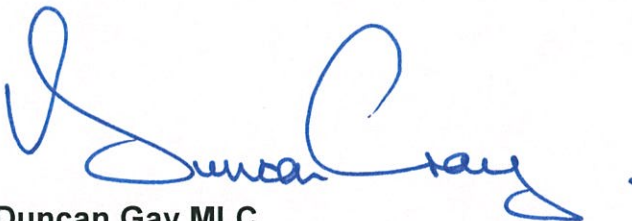
**Answer:**

I am advised:

Waterfall Way is a State Road and heavy vehicles are entitled to use this road to service local communities, economy and industry. Heavy vehicles which routinely use this route include quarry trucks, cattle trucks, refrigerated transport, log trucks and school buses.

As part of the Development Application for the EMS quarry, hours of operation are limited to between 7am and 5pm on weekdays and 7am to 5pm on Saturday for the purpose of non-noise generating equipment maintenance.

The EMS quarry is non-operational on Sundays and Public Holidays.



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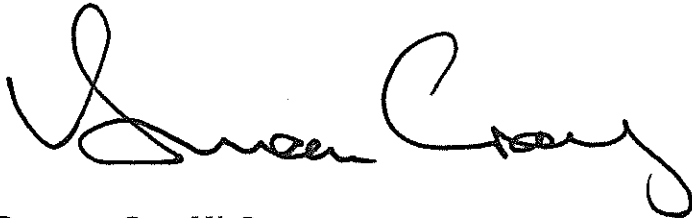
**Question:**

234. How many school buses pass through Bellingden per day on school days?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

23 school buses pass through Bellingden on school days.

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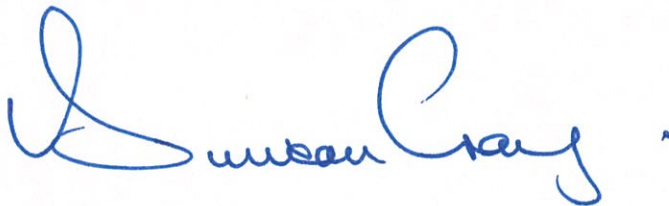
235. What is the maximum container carrying capacity of the rail freight network serving Port Botany?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

The rail freight line between Marrickville and Port Botany is part of the Metropolitan Freight Network managed by the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) under a long term lease from the NSW Government.

No detailed analysis of the ARTC network between Port Botany and Moorebank is available to determine the theoretical capacity of the network.



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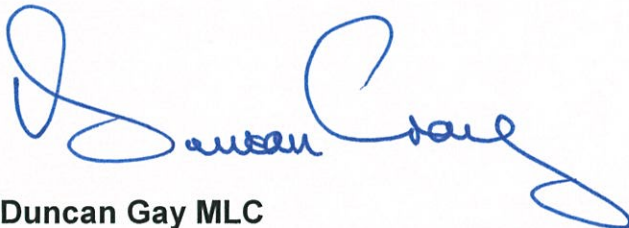
**Question:**

236. What is the government's target for carrying Port Botany containers by rail?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Refer to the NSW 2021 Plan.



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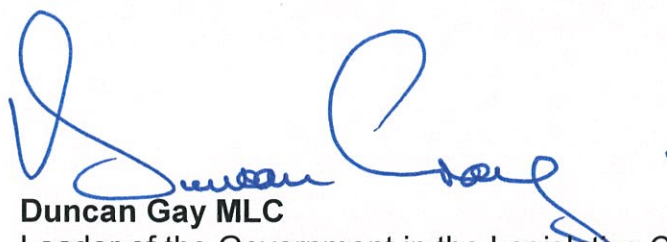
237. How much funding is allocated in the 2014-15 budget for:

- (a) Road freight projects
- (b) Rail freight projects

**Answer:**

I am advised:

- (a) Key road freight projects in the 2014-15 Budget include:
  - o \$77 million to support productivity and safety for road freight in regional New South Wales.
  - o \$5 million to start upgrading Gocup Road to cater for increased use by heavy vehicles.
- (b) Key rail freight projects in the 2014-15 Budget include:
  - o \$181 million for maintenance of Country Rail assets.
  - o \$8 million for the Strategic Noise Action Plan to address and manage freight rail noise.
  - o \$6 million to commence a program of rail infrastructure upgrades at key sites on the Country Regional Network to improve train loading rates for grain.
  - o \$3 million for Port Botany Landside Improvement Strategy.

  
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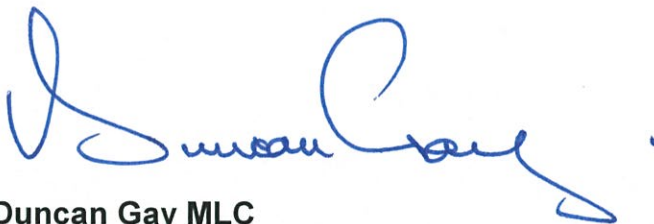
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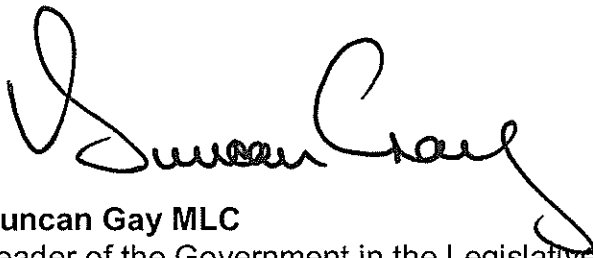
239. If the container-carrying capacity of the rail line between Port Botany and Moorebank is increased, will the proposed Moorebank intermodal terminal be expanded?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

The proposed Moorebank intermodal terminal has not received planning consent.

Any changes to any planning consent would be subject to the applicable planning processes.



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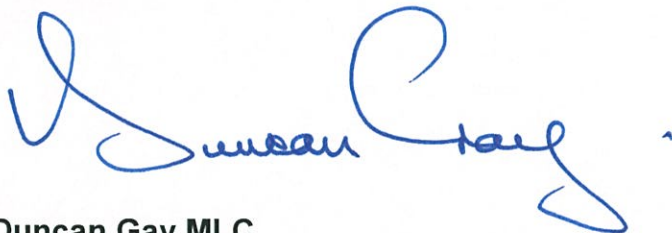
240. Will the proposed Moorebank intermodal terminal remove 1.2 million truck movements per year from Port Botany?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

No.

The proponents of the Moorebank intermodal terminal have estimated throughput of 1 to 1.2 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEU) per annum. Most trucks carry more than 1 TEU.



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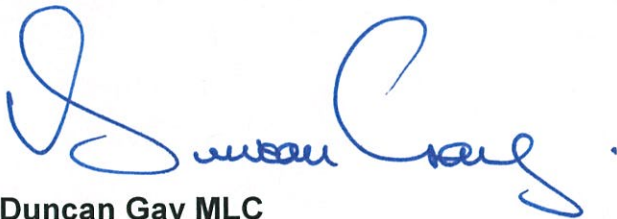
241. Will the proposed Moorebank intermodal terminal increase truck movements at Moorebank by at least 1.2 million per year?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

The increase in truck movements at Moorebank will be subject to the warehousing and storage capacity on site.

The assessment of this increase will be a key consideration in determining the statutory planning applications by the Department of Planning and Environment for the proposed intermodal terminal at Moorebank.



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242. Does the government support an intermodal terminal at Eastern Creek?

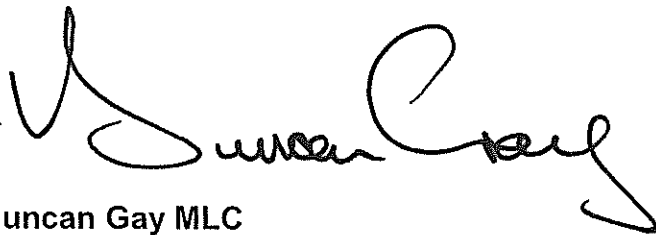
(a) If yes, when does the government believe it will be required?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Yes.

(a) It is anticipated that a Western Sydney intermodal terminal will be required in the mid 2020s.



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**Question:**

243. Is it necessary to build the Western Sydney Freight Line to connect Port Botany with Eastern Creek by rail?

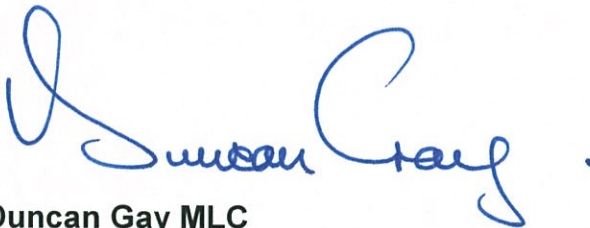
(a) If yes, what is the estimated cost of this line?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Yes.

Transport for NSW cannot determine a detailed cost estimate until a corridor is identified and detailed design work undertaken.



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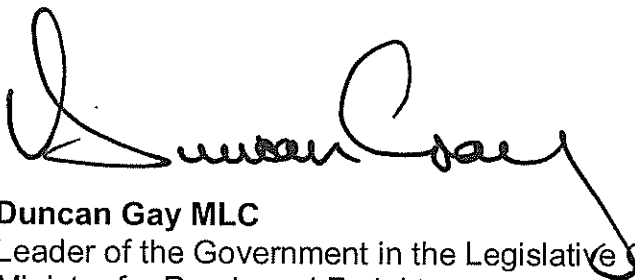
**Question:**

244. Is Eastern Creek closer to the main demand areas for freight than Moorebank?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

It is anticipated that the proposed Eastern Creek and Moorebank intermodal terminals will have different catchment areas and serve different markets.

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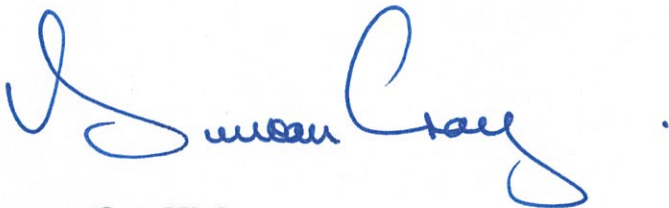
**Question:**

245. Does Eastern Creek have ample land available for warehousing, transport connections and industrial development?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning and Environment, who is responsible for development of the Broader Western Sydney Employment Area structure plan.



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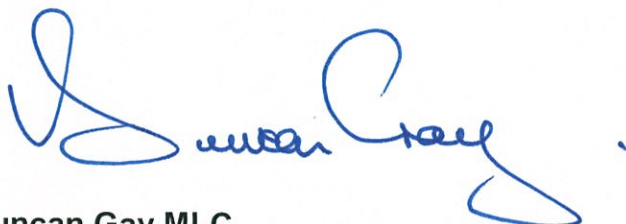
**Question:**

246. Does the government support a rail freight bypass of Sydney?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Yes, subject to the identification of a viable corridor.



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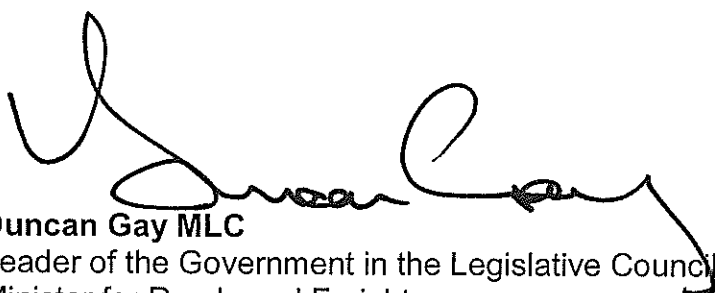
247. Is Transport for NSW able to accommodate rail freight in the government's proposed Sydney Rapid Transit network?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Rail freight will not operate on the Sydney Rapid Transit network as this network will be operated exclusively by single deck, rapid transit trains.

Rail freight will continue to be accommodated on both the Metropolitan Freight Network, which provides dedicated tracks for freight services, and parts of the shared Sydney Trains network.



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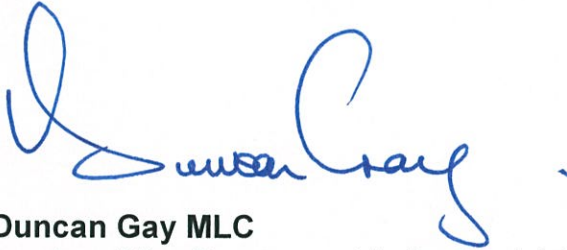
**Question:**

248. Does the Port of Newcastle lease agreement prevent a container terminal being developed at the Port of Newcastle?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

No.

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249. Would a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle compete with Port Botany container terminal?

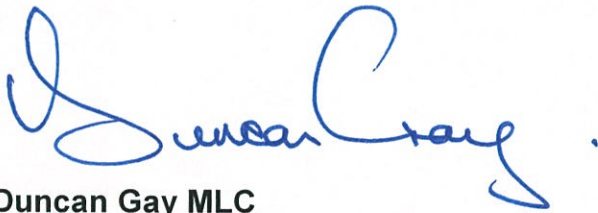
**Answer:**

I am advised:

No.

The NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan, the Freight and Ports Strategy and the State Infrastructure Strategy support the continuing organic growth of containers at Newcastle, and the Port of Newcastle's development for container terminals after Port Botany and Port Kembla reach capacity.

Port Kembla is identified as the logical location for the new container facilities upon Port Botany reaching capacity, due to the proximity to transport links, including intermodal facilities planned for south-western Sydney.



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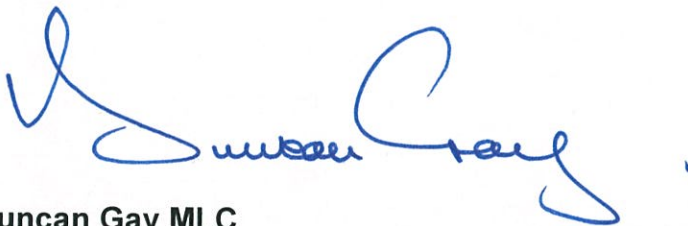
**Question:**

250. Is it this government's policy to prevent competition with the Port Botany terminal?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Refer to my answer provided to Supplementary Question 249.



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**Question:**

251. Will the NSW government seek to prevent a container terminal being developed at the Port of Newcastle in direct competition with Port Botany container terminal?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Please refer to my answer provided to Supplementary Question 249.



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