

## **Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

### **Questions on Notice**

#### **Questions relating to the portfolio of Major Events**

##### **Questions from the Hon Amanda Fazio MLC**

###### **Question:**

23. In relation to Project Size of the Convention & Exhibition Centre:
- a. As stated in a answer to a question on notice I asked the Minister for Planning, the newly expanded project will comprise a 12 hectare site. In such a compressed area in the Darling Harbour South Precinct, where are you going to find 12 hectares for the project and do you expect the project to encroach on existing open space?
  - b. Will the new project require the acquisition of any properties not already owned by the NSW Government or Government agencies?

###### **Answer:**

This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, the Hon Brad Hazzard MP.

###### **Question:**

24. In relation to the Sydney Olympic Park alternative to the Exhibition Centre
- a. What investigations were undertaken to determine whether current Sydney Olympic Park facilities would be suitable for either the maintenance or expansion of its convention centre facilities?
  - b. Do the current Sydney Olympic Park facilities meet the required future industry demand?
  - c. Minister I am sure you have seen plans for improvements to facilities at Sydney Olympic park, is the Government supporting those plans?
  - d. What would be the costs of upgrading currently facilities at the Sydney Olympic Park?

###### **Answer:**

This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, the Hon Brad Hazzard MP.

**Question:**

25. In relation to job creation and costs of the Exhibition Centre
- a. Through the establishment of the Exhibition Centre, what is the expected total revenue for the financial year 2015/16 or even 2016/17?
  - b. Have you determined this information before announcing the project?
  - c. Through demolishing the current facility what is the expected amount of jobs created during construction and after delivery?
  - d. If the current facility is refurbished what would be the expected amount of jobs created during construction and after delivery.
  - e. Why is the government commissioning a \$900 million development when the previous Victorian government an upgrade to the Melbourne exhibition space by 12,000 sqm facility at a cost of \$242 million. What challenges do the Government face that require a blow out the cost of this Sydney facility to \$900 million project?
  - f. What are the costs of the public side of the public/private partnership of this project?
  - g. What have been the administrative costs so far for the establishment of the tendering process and the Expression of Interest process?

**Answer:**

This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, the Hon Brad Hazzard MP.

**Question:**

26. In relation to Project Impact of the Exhibition Centre:
- a. Considering the impact of the expected 4 year construction of the project what process will the government undertake to mitigate impacts on traffic and pedestrian use of Darling Harbour. What impact do you expect the project's construction to have on the 26 million tourists who visit this area annually, have there been an assessment of the impact during construction on existing small business operators and have they been informed of the plans.
  - b. Given the \$6 billion Barangaroo Project is to be developed over nearly the same period, what alternative measures have or will be established to allow for commuters and visitors to the Darling Harbour area whilst the construction is taking place in the same 5 year period.

**Answer:**

This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, the Hon Brad Hazzard MP.

## Questions from Dr John Kaye MLC

### Question:

27. Is the Minister aware of the financial losses suffered by many businesses along the jetty strip in Coffs Harbour from the staging of the World Rally Championships (WRC) in September?

### Answer:

Coffs Coast WRC Economic Assessment Report has not yet been finalised. Preliminary reports indicate that the Rally had a major economic boost to the region.

### Question:

28. Is the Minister aware of the impact of the WRC on the local shearwater population?

### Answer:

Yes. I am advised that the WRC had a transient impact on the Shearwater population on the nights of 9, 10 and 11 September. Observations over the subsequent days and weeks indicate that the population has returned to normal.

### Question:

29. How much did the state of NSW contribute to the staging of the Coffs WRC?

### Answer:

This matter is commercial-in-confidence.

### Question:

30. Does the Minister support the WRC's return to Coffs Harbour?

### Answer:

Yes.

### Question:

31. What was the cost to the NSW taxpayer of setting up and dismantling for the V8 Supercars race at Homebush in:
- a. 2009?
  - b. 2010?

**Answer:**

The former NSW Government allocated capped funding of \$35 million to support an annual V8 Supercar event at Sydney Olympic Park from 2009 to 2013. Specific costs are commercial-in-confidence.

**Question:**

32. What will be the cost to the NSW taxpayer of setting up and dismantling for the V8 Supercars race at Homebush in 2011?

**Answer:**

The former NSW Government allocated capped funding of \$35 million to support an annual V8 Supercar event at Sydney Olympic Park from 2009 to 2013. Specific costs are commercial-in-confidence.

**Question:**

33. What other costs to the NSW tax payer were incurred from the staging of the V8 Supercars race at Homebush in:
- a. 2009?
  - b. 2010?

**Answer:**

The former NSW Government allocated capped funding of \$35 million to support an annual V8 Supercar event at Sydney Olympic Park from 2009 to 2013. Specific costs are commercial-in-confidence.

**Question:**

34. What other costs to the NSW tax payer will be incurred from the staging of the V8 Supercars race at Homebush in 2011?

**Answer:**

The former NSW Government allocated capped funding of \$35 million to support an annual V8 Supercar event at Sydney Olympic Park from 2009 to 2013. Specific costs are commercial-in-confidence.

**Question:**

35. What compensation would have to be paid to the proponents if the V8 Supercars contract was to be cancelled before the end of its expiry?

**Answer:**

Under the *Sydney 500 Deed*, the NSW Government may terminate the document if V8 Supercars Australia (V8SA) breached the Deed or becomes insolvent. At this point in time neither of these outcomes has occurred, and the NSW Government has committed to honour the Deed up until 2013.

**Question:**

36. In answers to questions on notice you stated that the review of the legislation that enabled the event to be staged at Homebush was conducted by a former director general of the Department of Tourism Sport and Recreation who has previous responsibility for the Sydney Olympic Park Authority. Is the Minister concerned that there was a conflict of interest in that review?

**Answer:**

I am not aware of any conflict of interest.

**Question:**

37. Given that the Coalition when it was in Opposition was highly critical of the Homebush event, its handling or mishandling by the then Minister, why is the government accepting the review commissioned by the previous administration?

**Answer:**

The review was commissioned by the former NSW Government and tabled in both Houses of Parliament on 30 May 2011.

**Question:**

38. Will the government commission its own review of the V8 Supercars legislation?
- a. If not, why not?

**Answer:**

No.

- a. The review concluded that the policy objectives of the Act remain valid, and that the terms of the Act are effective in securing those objectives.

**Question:**

39. Does the Minister think it is appropriate for the sexist, passé Chillettes promotion to be permitted at an event sponsored by the state of NSW?

**Answer:**

The NSW Government is not responsible for any V8 promotional activities involving the "Chillettes".