



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 5

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-2010

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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State Development

Friday 18 September 2009

Answers to be lodged by: Wednesday 14 October 2009

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Questions relating to the portfolio of State Development

18 September 2009, 11.45 am – 1.00 pm

Questions from Ms Pavey

1. In relation to Departmental Liaison Officers of the Department of State and Regional Development:
 - a. How many Departmental Liaison Officers have been employed by the Department of State and Regional Development (FTE) for each financial year from 1995-1996 to date?
 - b. What were the total annual salaries paid for those staff in (1) for each financial year from 1995-1996 to date?
 - c. How many media staff have been employed by the Department of State and Regional Development (FTE) for each financial year from 1995-1996 to date?
 - d. What were the total annual salaries paid to those staff in (3) for each financial year from 1995-1996 to date?
2. Has the Department every launched an internal investigation into the use of Departmental Credit cards used to pay for lunches of Departmental staff?
 - a. If so - when did this investigation occur, and what was the outcome?
3. Has the Department ever queried or questioned the amounts spent on lunches by the Departmental Liaison Officer(s)?
 - a. If so, when did this occur and what was the outcome?
4. What are the rules/protocols for credit card use by the Department?
5. Please provide the minutes of each DSRD committee and Advisory Panel for financial years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10.
6. Would the Minister please provide the food/beverage spend for each DSRD committee and Advisory Panel for financial years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10?
7. Why was Eastern Creek Raceway, deemed 'unsuitable' for Sydney's V8 Supercars event?
8. Were the businesses that have established themselves in Sydney Olympic Park post the 2000 Olympics consulted prior to the decision to host the V8 Supercars at Homebush?
9. Do you have any plans for Eastern Creek Raceway?
10. Why did your Government push ahead with the Sydney 500 event, despite the opposition from the Chairman of Events NSW John O'Neill and head of the Sydney Olympic Park Authority, Michael Knight?
11. What was your role in bringing the Sydney 500 to New South Wales?
12. What influence did the Chairman of News Limited John Hartigan and Commercial Director of Channel 7 Bruce McWilliam have in the lobbying of this event to your Government?

13. Were you present at any stage of discussions in any meeting with Mr Hartigan and or Mr McWilliam?
14. What consultations were there with the local communities prior to the announcement of this event?
15. World Rally Champion Sebastian Loeb stated that "...if it is a lot of people that are not happy to see us then I think we have to move somewhere else because we can understand that they don't like the rally." In light of this would you consider moving the event to another location in the state?
16. Keeping in mind that two stages of the event were cancelled due to protest action, do you consider the event a success?
17. How many times have private jets/helicopters have the Department utilised/hired since January 2007?
 - a. How many of these were used by the Minister?
 - b. What was the destination, purpose of visit and total cost of each individual flight?