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Tourism, Hunter, Science and Medical Research, Women

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Questions relating to the portfolio of Tourism

13 September 2010, 9:15 am – 1:00 pm

Questions from Mr Cohen

1. Will the Minister provide the Committee with details about its program to support tourism operators and industry representatives participate in tourism trade missions? Specifically will the Minister indicate the names of the 80 operators and industry representatives?
2. How does Tourism NSW evaluate the effectiveness of programs and campaigns? Specifically, what methodologies does it apply to calculate the income generation potential of its programs and campaigns?
3. How many internal and independent evaluations, audits or reviews of Tourism NSW programs have been undertaken in the last financial year?
4. Minister, how do we know the \$52.9 million allocated to Tourism NSW is been effectively used to develop our tourism sector in NSW? What independent empirical evidence does the Minister have to demonstrate the Tourism budget is been used to increase tourism in NSW?
5. What evidence does Tourism NSW provide to Treasury to justify increases in the Tourism budget allocation?
6. Was the Premier's trip to the World Expo paid for by the Tourism NSW Budget?
7. What programs are the Tourism NSW currently participating in to support tourism opportunities for people with disabilities?
8. Has Tourism NSW completed the new Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan? Will the Minister explain the consultation process involved in the Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan?
9. Has Tourism NSW played any role in assisting communities in the Riverina region develop tourism opportunities associated with the new River Red Gum National Parks?

Questions from Ms Pavey

Visit Sydney Funding

10. How much of Tourism NSW funding goes into Visit Sydney?
11. Of the money put in Visit Sydney, how much money is spent on marketing Sydney domestically within Australia?
12. Of this Sydney domestic tourism funding how much is spent on destination promotion?
13. In regards to Sydney domestic tourism funding how much is spent on tactical/co-operative marketing in partnership with private sector operators?
14. How much of Visit Sydney, money spent on marketing Sydney internationally?
15. Of this Sydney international tourism funding how much is spent on destination promotion?
16. How much of the Sydney international tourism funding spent on tactical/co-operative marketing in partnership with private sector operators?

Regional Tourism Funding

Without taking into account funding that provided for Regional Tourism Organisations,

17. How much is spent on marketing Regional NSW domestically?

18. How much was spent per region?
19. In regards to Regional NSW domestic tourism funding how much is spent on tactical/co-operative marketing in partnership with private sector operators?
20. How much is spent marketing Regional NSW internationally?
21. In regards to Regional NSW international tourism funding how much is spent on tactical/co-operative marketing in partnership with private sector operators?

Regional Tourism Partnership Program

22. Is it possible for Tier 2 Regional Tourism Organisations to become Tier 1 Regional Tourism Organisations?
23. If so, how can this be achieved?
24. What are the requirements Tier 2 RTO's have to achieve to become Tier 1 RTO's?
25. Are these requirements standard or do they vary from RTO's?
26. How are KPI's formulated for the 13 RTO's?
27. Do RTO's have an opportunity to voice concerns over given KPI's if they feel that they are unrealistic or overambitious?
28. Since the Regional Tourism Partnership Program started have any RTO's failed to reach their KPI's?
29. How much funding does each of the 13 RTO's receive from Tourism NSW? Please list.
30. Which RTO's are in the Tier 1 category?
31. Which RTO's are in the Tier 2 category?

Breakfast on the Bridge 2010

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

Major Events Cabinet Committee

Given that at the same time Ian Macdonald was appointed Minister for Major Events, yourself along with Minister's Borger, Greene and Judge were apart of a 'high level cabinet committee' responsible to report to Ms Keneally can you inform us;

39. What was the purpose of the committee other than reporting the Premier?
40. Did Minister Borger provide the committee with a reason as to why he did not attend the meeting?
41. If so, for what reason did he miss the meeting?
42. Did Ian Macdonald provide the committee with a reason as to why he did not attend the meeting?
43. If so, for what reason did he miss the meeting?
44. How many times did the Premier seek briefings from this committee?
45. Did the Premier provide the committee with a reason as to why he did not attend the meeting?
46. If so, for what reason did she miss the meeting?

Business Events

47. In June of last year, Ashley Spencer, vice-president of Hilton Hotel's Australasian operations stated that "*We (Sydney) should be hosting much more international conventions...that Melbourne is taking*". Given that Sydney does not have a comparable facility to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre in terms of size, what impact do you think this has on the State's tourism spending figures?
48. John O'Neill's 2007 review of Exhibition and Convention space found that NSW has lost \$218m per year because of inadequate space, what bearing do you think this has on tourism in NSW?
49. Do you think NSW potentially loses out on high-yield visitors as a result of this?

Major Events

50. Do you think Major Events are important in attracting tourists to NSW?

Vivid Festival

51. How much money did Tourism NSW contribute to this event?
52. How much money was spent promoting Vivid domestically?
53. Was this done in partnership with a private operator(s)?
54. How much money was spent promoting Vivid internationally?
55. Was this done in partnership with a private operator(s)?

Wollongong Convention Centre

In relation to the proposed Wollongong Convention Centre:

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

Illawarra Region Major Events Spending

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

Illawarra Region Tourism Spending

61. How much money did Tourism NSW spend promoting tourism in the Illawarra region each financial year from 2003-04 to 2010-11?
62. In relation to the proposed Wollongong Convention Centre:
 - a) How much money did the NSW Government commit to do a feasibility study into a convention centre in Wollongong?
 - b) If the plan is feasible will the NSW Government contribute funds to the construction of a Wollongong Convention Centre?
 - c) If the plan is feasible will the NSW Government assist in the purchase of land for a Wollongong Convention Centre?
 - d) How many additional tourists is it expected a Wollongong Convention Centre would attract to the region? What impact would the additional tourists have on the region's economy?

Questions relating to the portfolio of Science and Medical Research

13 September 2010, 9:15 am – 1:00 pm

Questions from Ms Pavey

Institutes

1. How many research institutes applied for funding from the Medical Research Support Program in:
 - a) 2006/2007?
 - b) 2007/2008?
 - c) 2008/2009?
 - d) 2009/2010?
 - e) 2010/2011?
2. How many research institutes received funding from the Medical Research Support Program in:
 - a) 2006/2007?
 - b) 2007/2008?
 - c) 2008/2009?
 - d) 2009/2010?
 - e) 2010/2011?

Knowledge

3. In the Estimates hearing you stated in relation to funding of research institutes: *"The majority of them have been informed that funding has been made available."*
4. Can you confirm that as at 12 September 2010, you had contacted the majority of research institutes about funding has been made available?
5. As at 12 September 2010, how were the majority of research institutes contacted about funding?
6. Can you please provide date(s) when you contacted each research institute that funding has been made available?

Funding

7. What has been the budget for the Medical Research Support Program as at:
 - a) 1 July 2006?
 - b) 1 July 2007?
 - c) 1 July 2008?
 - d) 1 July 2009?
 - e) 1 July 2010?

Revisions

8. In the Estimates hearing you stated that in the Science and Medical Research budget *"there are always revisions to the budget"*:
9. Why are there revisions to the budget less than 3 months into the 2010/2011 Financial Year?
10. When preparing the 2010/2011 budget, did you expect there to be revisions to the Science and Medical Research Budget within the first three months of the 2010/2011 Financial Year?
11. In light that research institutes require certainty in funding, how many more budget revisions are likely to take place in the 2010/2011 Financial Year for the Science and Medical Research budget?

Top ups

12. In the Estimates hearing you stated in relation to funding: *"What we as a Government have done over the past three years is top up that funding [to Medical Research Support Program]."*
13. What has been the budget "top up" for the Medical Research Support Program for:
 - a) 2006/2007?
 - b) 2007/2008?
 - c) 2008/2009?
 - d) 2009/2010?
 - e) 2010/2011?
14. Why is the "top up" of funding is not included in the 2010/2011 budget?
15. Does the funding for the "top up" come from consolidated revenue?

Questions relating to the portfolio of Women

13 September 2010, 9:15 am – 1:00 pm

Questions from Ms Pavey

1. Please provide the names and CVs for the people who are in the process of being appointed to the Expert Advisory Council as referred to by the Minister at the Budget Committee meeting of 13th September, 2010.
2. Please provide the names and the relevant background/titles of the people who will be included on the domestic violence senior officers group.
3. Does the Office have membership of eleven committees (one of which it is chair) or thirteen committees, one of which it is chair? (the oral answer was unclear)?
4. What interdepartmental or other committees external to the Office does the Office sit on which addresses pay equity policy? What committee does the Office sit on which addresses gender diversity in skills training policy?
5. What is the nature of the Office's work in pay equity? Could any report or research paper written by the Office be made available? What is the present status of the Office's work? (is it for the consideration of Cabinet, a working party or simply for the Minister's interest?)
6. The website for the Office of Women lists a number of Women and Work initiatives but only one of these has occurred in the past twelve months. Does that list of initiatives comprise the full amount of work done by the Office in the Women and Work section?
7. What were the amounts paid to Marian Baird, Sara Charlesworth and Leonie Wilson for the papers presented at the Part Time Work Round Table on February 9, 2009?
8. Have those papers been distributed to line agencies in the NSW Public Service and have the papers been reflected in any policy development work in this area in the NSW Public Service?
9. What was the cost of the Equal Pay Day 2010 initiative in use of Office staff and resources?
10. What work has been done by the six policy officers working in non domestic violence related policy over the past twelve months?
11. The former Premier's Council for Women has been the responsibility of the Office for Women. Did the Council perform tasks over the year 2009-10 and if so what was the estimated cost to the Office of supporting the Council and its work in both staff and other resources? This should include the Women and Work survey.
12. What use is being made of the Women and Work survey results?

White Ribbon Day

13. The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics head Don Weatherburn says that while a survey has revealed at least six girls report being raped or sexually assaulted in NSW every day police and experts say the real figure was at least three times higher. With that in mind,

While programmes such as White Ribbon Day are valuable as a short term reminder to the community and to raise the awareness of men about their importance in stopping violence, including sexual assault, against women, what other public reminders exist on the other 364 days of the year especially in areas such as Walgett ranked 4th in NSW for sexual offences?

(ref:

[http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/bocsar/ll_bocsar.nsf/vwFiles/WebsiteALLLGAs_for_major_offences_incidents_rate_rank.xls/\\$file/WebsiteALLLGAs_for_major_offences_incidents_rate_rank.xls](http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/bocsar/ll_bocsar.nsf/vwFiles/WebsiteALLLGAs_for_major_offences_incidents_rate_rank.xls/$file/WebsiteALLLGAs_for_major_offences_incidents_rate_rank.xls)

- a) Does the Department of Women participate in any awareness raising programmes, such as leaflet distribution to school children, on a regular basis?
- b) Given that Walgett ranks second in the state for incidents of domestic violence, how many refugees are there in the town?

Domestic Homicide Review

14. Did you receive any feedback from stakeholders, including those who may have subsequently been appointed to the Review Team, concerning the content of the Domestic Violence Death Review Team Bill and the representation of NGO members on the team?

Grants

- 15. How many grants to women's organisations were awarded in the financial year 2009/10?
- 16. What was the average amount?
- 17. What evaluation of the grants has been carried out and can a full list be provided?
- 18. If the Office no longer manages grants, who does?
- 19. What role does the Office play in the awarding of these grants?

Pregnant Teenagers

20. What research has the Office commissioned on the rise in the teenage pregnancy rate in NSW?

Questions from Mr Khan

- 21. What funds have been expended in the Monaro electorate on the Government's domestic and family violence strategy in each year since 2007? What funds are planned to be expended in the Monaro electorate on this strategy in each of the next three years?
- 22. What funds have been expended in the Monaro electorate on developing further options for the management of court procedures with particular concern for victims of crime in each year since 2007? What funds are planned to be expended on developing these options in the Monaro electorate in each of the next three years?
- 23. What funds have been expended in the Monaro electorate in further developing appropriate court facilities for the victims of crime in each year since 2007? What funds are planned to be expended on developing these facilities in the Monaro electorate in each of the next three years?

24. What funds have been expended in the Monaro electorate in providing services to assist vulnerable and at risk families, including those at risk of domestic and family violence, in the Monaro electorate in each year since 2007? What funds are planned to be expended providing these services in the Monaro electorate in each of the next three years?
25. What funds have been expended in the Monaro electorate in continuing the roll out of early intervention services for families at risk in each year since 2007? What funds are planned to be expended on rolling out these services in the Monaro electorate in each of the next three years?
26. What funds have been expended in each year since 2007 on the new breast screening centres Monaro? What funds are planned to be expended on upgrading equipment in Monaro in each of the next three years?
27. Of the promised five year \$1.2 billion program of services and strategies aimed at preventing and responding to child abuse and neglect, supporting families, and preventing family breakdown, what funds were expended in the Monaro electorate in each year since 2007? What funds are planned to be expended on this program in the Monaro electorate in each of the next three years?
28. Of the promised \$263.6 million to build strong families and communities, deliver supported accommodation for people in crisis and provide disaster response services, what funds were expended in the Monaro electorate in each year since 2007? What funds are planned to be expended on this program in the Monaro electorate in each of the next three years?
29. Of the promised \$203.2 million for early intervention programs and childcare services, what funds were expended in the Monaro electorate in each year since 2007? What funds are planned to be expended in the Monaro electorate on this program in each of the next three years?
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