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Questions relating to the portfolio of Ageing, Disability Services

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Questions from the Hon Jan Barham MLC

Younger People in Aged Care

1.

- (a)** Can you please advise the committee on what achievements were made in moving Younger People out of Residential Aged Care facilities in the 2010-11 financial year?
 - (b)** Can you please advise how many younger people were placed into aged care facilities in that time and whether there was therefore a net gain or net loss in the numbers?
- 2.** What work is being undertaken by the department to ensure that people with a disability living independently in the community under 65 are not being moved into inappropriate shared accommodation because of a lack of care-hour availability to support them in the community?

Rural and Regional

- 3.** I note in the Budget that \$1 million from NSW Health has been set aside for 2 pilot sites in south western Sydney and northern Sydney to provide specialised multidisciplinary care (nursing, medical and allied health professionals) to people with an intellectual disability and complex needs. Is funding available for a pilot program in a rural or regional areas?

Unauthorised Restricted Practices

4.

- (a)** In the Year 2010 – 2011, how many allegations of unauthorised restricted practices were reported to the department in each of the following categories:
 - (i) Exclusionary Time Out,
 - (ii) Physical restraint,
 - (iii) Use of Psychotropic Medication,
 - (iv) Withholding items or activities of value,
 - (v) Restricted access and
 - (vi) Seclusion
- (b)** Of these allegations, how many were substantiated?
- (c)** What action, if any, was taken against any staff found to have carried out an unauthorised restricted practice?

Family Impacts

5. How many families in NSW have multiple family members in need of disability support services and are there any particular specialised programs or services available to these families?
 - (a) During the 2010-11 period, how many families made the decision to relinquish responsibility of their family member to the State Government and can a breakdown of relevant information be provided as per last year in relation to how many of those carers were children and how many were adults, as well as the reasons for the relinquishment?
(a similar table was provided last year)

6. How many carers is ADHC aware of who are currently in each of the following age brackets:
 - (a) 70-75,
 - (b) 75-80,
 - (c) 80- 85,
 - (d) 85-90 and
 - (e) over 90 years of age and still primary carers for family members?

(Is it possible to get a breakdown of ages and relationship status as per the table provided during last year's budget estimates hearings?)

7. Ageing parents whose children with intellectual disabilities will outlive them, are becoming increasingly desperate for reassurance that their children will be cared for appropriately in the long term. Does the government have a timetable for coordinated, funded programs to provide long-term local and suitable accommodation to meet the needs of the many thousands of families in this situation?

New Initiatives in this Year's Budget

8. \$20.4 million has been allocated to the large residential centres at Riverside (\$14.7 million), Rydalmere and Westmead (\$4.1 million) and Stockton (\$1.6 million). There is also \$2.8 million allocated to improve accommodation for people with a disability who currently live in large residential centres operated by non-government organisations. Can you please provide specific details of how that money will be spent and whether it will increase the number of beds available at these particular centres?

Guardianship Tribunal

9. In 2010/2011, how many applications did ADHC make to the Guardianship Tribunal and what was the success rate for:
 - (a) guardianship orders?
 - (b) financial management orders?
10. In 2010/2011, how many applications to the Guardianship Tribunal were made by others (individuals or organisations) and what was the success rate for:
 - (a) guardianship orders?
 - (b) financial management orders?
11. During the 2010-11 financial year, how many decisions of the Guardianship Tribunal were appealed and what was the success rate in
 - (a) the Administrative Decision Tribunal or
 - (b) the Supreme Court

Clarification Of Figures

12. On page 8 of section 4 of Budget Paper 3, the 2010-11 forecast figure for people in out of home arrangements was 8,990 – which was a decrease on the actual figure the year before. Can you please explain to us how that forecast figure was arrived at when it would seem to go against the trend of the number of people increasing – in fact the actual for that period was 9,600 – which would fit the trend of a gradual increase.
13. Similarly, on page 12 of section 4 of the Budget Paper 3, the forecast figure for 2010-11 for the number of people in intensive supported accommodation was estimated at 8,820 – a slight drop from the actual figure the previous year.... and then the actual figure from 2010-11 ended up being 9,400
 - (a) can you explain how that forecast figure was arrived at?
 - (b) How was this year's forecast figure of 9,700 is accurate?
14. I refer to page 23 of section 4 of Budget Paper 3 under the heading "*Recent Achievements*" - in regards to the 3.9 million hours of service that was delivered to 52,000 clients across NSW, are travel hours included in that figure? (*obviously this would be significant in visiting clients in rural and remote communities*)
15. On page 10 of section 4 of budget paper 3, details are given of the number of employees in the community support sector. It appears that the number of staff is forecast to drop from 713 to 707 – can you please advise how the department plans to address the level of unmet need when the level of staffing is decreasing?

Aboriginal Services

16. In regards to the 2,200 Aboriginal clients who receive Home Care Services (mentioned on page 23 of section 4 of Budget paper 3) – is there a breakdown of how many of these were receiving care as an older person and how many were receiving care as someone with a disability?
17. How many Aboriginal people received respite care services in NSW? How does that figure compare to previous years?
18. How many Aboriginal people received accommodation services in NSW? How does this figure compare to previous years?
19.
 - (a) How many Indigenous support workers has ADHC trained and how many are now working with the care sector?
 - (b) What percentage of the overall workforce of ADHC does that figure represent?

Person-Centred Support

20. What percentage of Ageing, Disability and Home Care service recipients are provided with self-directed funding packages? How does that compare to previous years?
21. What is ADHC's timeline for introducing the new person-centred "*Lifestyle Planning Policy*" which replaces the previous "*Individual Planning Policy & Procedures 2005*"?
22. When the move is made towards a more self-directed funding model, what arrangements will the Government put in place for service providers to operate under new arrangements? (*to either support service providers that may lose "business" or to support service providers that may suddenly experience an increase in demand*)

Respite Care

- (a) How does New South Wales investment in respite care compare with other State jurisdictions? Could you provide the Committee with a per capita investment figure for each State?

Client Abuse

23.

- (a) In 2010/2011, how many allegations of client abuse were received by the Department and what was the nature of those complaints?
- (b) Of these, how many were referred to the Ethics and Professional Standards Unit?
- (c) Of those complaints referred to the EPSU, what was their nature and how many were substantiated?

As per last year, could a printout of all referrals to the EPSU for investigation be provided to the committee with the outcomes – if any - of the investigations?

24.

- (a) How many allegations of client abuse by an ADHC carer in supported accommodation were reported to NSW Police?
- (b) How many allegations of abuse by one client on another client in supported accommodation were reported to NSW Police?

25.

- (a) In 2010/2011, how many reported overdoses or misuses of prescribed medications were made?
- (b) Of those cases, how many were caused by the client (either deliberately or accidentally) and how many involved a mistake by a support worker?

Record Keeping

26. What is the percentage of Individual Plans that are

- (a) Incomplete?
- (b) out of date?
- (c) have no review date?

27. How many Restrictive Practice Authorisations are currently

- (a) incomplete or
- (b) out of date?

28. How many Client Risk Profiles are currently

- (a) incomplete or
- (b) out of date?

29. How many clients with swallowing and nutrition difficulties have eating and drinking plans that are currently

- (a) incomplete or
- (b) out of date?

30. Accepting that some clients are listed on a Client Request Information System for more than one particular service, can you advise how many clients accessed the following services in 2010/11:
- (a) physiotherapy?
 - (b) occupational therapy?
 - (c) behavioural support?
 - (d) case manager?

Waiting Lists

31. Last year the committee was given a table for the current number of people on the service request registers for every specialist support team in NSW. This list was broken down into regions. Can an updated table on these requests be provided?
32. Last year the committee was provided with raw figures and a table that demonstrated how many people were on the register of request for supported accommodation (RoRSa) in each of the ADHC regions. The committee was provided with a second table that showed a breakdown of priority level in each area.
- (a) Can an updated version of these two tables be provided?
 - (b) Can the average waiting time for individuals included on the register of request for supported accommodation be provided?
 - (c) What is the longest time that someone has been waiting on RoRSa (and pre RoRSa on whatever the register was called at the time) in each region?
33. What is the average number of respite beds, as a percentage of the total, that are currently being used by people waiting for permanent access to supported accommodation?
34. How many people currently have their name on the Future Needs Register in each ADHC area? How does this compare to previous years?
35. How many people moved directly from the family home into permanent supported accommodation models in 2010/11?

HACC Funding

36. Under the new COAG agreements to take affect next year, delivery of aged care services will be separated from disability services.
- (a) Will the NSW Government agree to fully fund disability services, currently funded under HACC?
 - (b) If so, when will these new funding arrangements be finalised to give community groups certainty?

"Hear Us" – Commonwealth Government Inquiry

37. In May 2010, the Senate Community Affairs References Committee tabled their report entitled "*HEAR US: Inquiry into Hearing Health in Australia*". A number of the recommendations contained in that report required the input and cooperation of the States and Territories for implementation. Can you please advise the Committee on how the State Government of NSW has responded to the report, namely the following recommendations:

- Recommendation 1 (noise regulations)
- Recommendation 2 (Work force retention)
- Recommendation 3 (qualification standards for teachers)
- Recommendation 6 (patient assisted travel schemes)
- Recommendation 7 (e-technology based programs for children)
- Recommendation 8 (universal newborn screening)
- Recommendation 10 (interpreters)
- Recommendation 13 (shopfronts and government service providers)
- Recommendation 14 (Database for national neonatal screening)
- Recommendation 22 (provision in classrooms)
- Recommendation 23 (provision in classrooms)
- Recommendation 24 (teacher induction programs)
- Recommendation 25 (professional development programs)
- Recommendation 27 (hearing assessments for those serving custodial sentences)
- Recommendation 28 (Ombudsman investigate potential miscarriage of justice)
- Recommendation 30 (Ear Health infonet)
- Recommendation 31 (police interrogation)
- Recommendation 32 (professional development programs for justice system)
- Recommendation 33 (hearing loops in interview rooms)
- Recommendation 34 (improvements to correctional facilities)

Transport Issues

38. When will the Government introduce a communication system on public transport, including boarding and departure provisions, that provides equal access to all commuters - including the hearing impaired?

39.

(a) Has provision been made in the Budget for conducting an audit of all wheelchair accessible taxis in NSW to check compliance with the *Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 (Cth)*?

(b) Has provision been made in the Budget for financial compensation for taxi operators to assist in modifying their vehicles to make them compliant with the *Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 (Cth)*?

40. Is it true that many individuals are given insufficient community transport trips to meet their needs for medical appointments, social activities and seeking employment and / or training?

Can the Minister advise whether there is a formula or criteria for community transport trip allocations and whether the number of trips allotted to an individual takes into account their individual needs?

Ageing

41. Can you advise if there is a budget allocation of outcomes of the "Ageing Roundtable".
42. Repeated suggestions have been made by various stakeholders that the eligible age for the Seniors Card be lowered to 45 years for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, in recognition of the fact that they have tragically shorter life expectancies than non-Indigenous Australians. It's estimated that lowering the eligibility age would cost less than \$1.7m per annum. Was that proposal considered in compiling this year's budget? And if it was considered, why was it ruled out?
43. Minister, can you or your department disclose to the Committee the percentage of all Ageing, Disability and Home Care contracts awarded to or renewed with non-government agencies or private service providers that are known to be subcontracting all or part of their contracts?

Policies and Practices

44. I refer to the *Medication Handling in Community-Based Health Services/Residential Facilities in NSW* – which is a set of Guidelines published by NSW health used when providing support to individuals with a disability in the community. The document expresses a strong preference for the use of blister packs for medication rather than boxes of bottle.
 - (a) Can the Minister or his department advise on how that preference was arrived at?
 - (b) I understand that the use of blister packs creates a significant cost burden on people with a disability - a cost of around \$208 per year or \$8 per fortnight. These packs hold the same medications that many have been using and taking responsibly for years without the needs for blister packs. Many people have reported that they feel disempowered by this policy.
 - (c) Can the Minister advise on what measures if any could be taken to subsidise that increased cost?
 - (d) That policy was due for review in January 2010. Can you please advise the committee on why that review has not taken place and when that review is scheduled?
45.
 - (a) How many complaints or representations has the Department received in regards to carers receiving parking fines while carrying out their duties?
 - (b) What has been the Government's response to suggestions that a special Parking Authority card be provided to carers to use while carrying out their duties?
46. I understand the Elton Consulting Group is currently examining the Home modifications and Maintenance scheme. Given the impact on the state Health budget of slow hospital discharges and the great costs involved in seeking temporary accessible accommodation (often far from loved ones) this study is eagerly awaited. Can you please advise the committee on the progress of this examination?

Staffing Issues

47. What cultural awareness training is provided to ADHC staff, particularly frontline staff?
48. I refer to last year's inquiry by the Standing Committee on Social Issues into Services provided or funded by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care. While there is widespread gratitude and appreciation for the work done by most ADHC staff, concerns were raised about the attitude of some staff.

At section 11.66 of their report, the committee noted an example where one ADHC staff member in a senior position still referred to people with intellectual disability as "morons", arguing this is "an acceptable medical diagnosis".

What improvements have been made to improve accountability mechanisms so that clients can report inappropriate staff behaviours and have confidence their concerns will be dealt with?

- 49.
- (a) How many staff members with a disability are employed within ADHC?
 - (b) What positive actions have been undertaken by the department to recruit more people with a disability?
 - (c) What measures are in place to ascertain whether ADHC staff members with disabilities are known to be happy and feel supported in their work environment?

Standing Committee on Social Issues

50. Initially this report was one of many from the 54th Parliament that the Government indicated they would NOT be supplying a response to. I'm glad to see they are now intending to supply a response. Can the Minister advise when that response can be expected?
51. Recommendation 4 of the Report requires an annual report to Parliament on the implementation and expenditure on Stronger Together 2. Can the Minister please advise when that report will be tabled?

Questions from the Hon Amanda Fazio MLC

Supported accommodation

52. How many people applied for supported accommodation in the last financial year?
53. In relation to the above, please provide a breakdown of supported accommodation places funded by ADHC, including for direct ADHC services and non Government services.
54. How many people missed out on supported accommodation over the last financial year who were eligible for ADHC services but not included on the Register of Request for Supported Accommodation because they were not in immediate need of service?
55. How many people were successfully placed in supported accommodation in the last 12 months?
56. How many people are on the Register of Request for Supported Accommodation who have anticipated needs for each head of service provided and or directly funded by ADHC for each of the ADHC regions?
57. How many people are on the Register of Request for Supported Accommodation who had immediate needs for each head of service provided in each of the ADHC regions?
58. How many people by disability type are on the Register of Request for Supported Accommodation in each ADHC region?
59. How many of those identified as having anticipated and immediate needs in each region are willing to take up a place on offer immediately?
60. What is the level of unmet need for supported accommodation in NSW?
61. How many clients/consumers were placed in supported accommodation services in the last financial year were moved directly from the family home?
62. Please provide a breakdown in regions to the question above.
63. Of the number of people identified in 4 and 10 above, how many are deemed as high priority in each region?
64. What is the breakdown by age group of people on the register for each region?
65. In each of the age groups provided to question 13. above, what is the longest time that a person has been on the Register of Request for Supported Accommodation in each region, also advise what is the date of registration.

66. How many have been on the *Register of Request for Supported Accommodation* for longer than six months in each region?
67. For the last financial year how many people who have met the urgent need criteria for supported accommodation are on the waiting list?
68. What tool will ADHC use to identify and measure projected need in all services provided and funded by ADHC from 2015?
69. Of the 588 new places in supported accommodation for 2011-12 (referred to during estimates), please provide details of where it is anticipated that these new places will be made available.
70. Of the above, which are ADHC services and which are NGO's?

Respite

71. How much money has been provided in the 2011-12 budget to provide for the respite for Ageing Parent Carers program?
72. How many new flexible respite places will be provided for under this program?
73. How many new Centre based respite places will be provided
74. How many new families will be provided case management through the support coordination program?
75. How many new day program places will be provided in the *Life Choices and Active Ageing* programs?
76. How many children with a disability were relinquished by their families to the Department in the past 12 months?
77. How many adults with a disability were relinquished by their families to the Department in the past 12 months?
78. What monies for preventative measures to reduce the rate of families relinquishing care are in the 2011-12 budget?
79. Referring to the above question, please describe these measures or programs.
80. How many children with disabilities does ADHC provide out-of-home-care for?
81. How many individuals are temporarily occupying a respite bed who would be better suited to permanent accommodation.
82. How many of these individuals have been transitioned into permanent accommodation?

83. In each region, for each age group, please provide details for longest time spent in respite.

Emergency Response Program

84. What was the the emergency response program in 2010-11?

85. What is the budget for the emergency response program in 2011-12?

86. How much new money has been allocated to the above program in 2011-12?

87. How many new places were supported through the ERP in 2010-11?

88. How many clients were supported through the ERP in 2010-11?

89. How many new places will be supported through the ERP in 2011-12 financial year?

90. How many estimated no of clients will be supported through the ERP for 2011-12 financial year?

91. How many people have been in any way reliant on this funding through either accommodation/support (which includes residing in a facility) for over six months in the 2010-11 financial year?

92. How many people have used the ERP program funding to be living in alternative family placements and accommodation in the 2010-11 financial year?

93. What is the longest time for someone to utilise the ERP for alternative family placement and accommodation, for example where accommodation supports have broken down and a person requires support until suitable permanent accommodation can be identified in the 2010-11 financial year?

94. What is the waiting list for ADHC funded residential care places in NSW by disability type?

95. For the above, please provide a breakdown by each region.

Young People in Residential Care Program

96. Can you provide figures for the financial year ended 30 June 2011 on how many people aged less than 50 year are permanently living in an aged care facility in NSW, noting this was a joint state commonwealth program?

97. For 2010-11 how many people under 50 had been assisted to move out of residential aged care and into accommodation which is more appropriate and suitable to their needs?

98. How many individuals under the age of 50 were transitioned/moved out of residential aged care facilities in NSW into more appropriate accommodation?

99. As of the 30 June 2011, the NSW Younger People in Residential Aged Care Program has ended. What actions will be taken to ensure that social workers are not forced to have to refer people under 50 to aged care residences because of the lack of other options available?
100. Given that the NSW Younger People in Residential Aged Care Program has ended, there are still people under 50 in aged care residences and there are reports of people in aged care residences who want to be moved out, what funding has the NSW government provided this year to transition these individuals to more appropriate accommodation?
101. Over this 2011-12 budget and forward estimates what is the Government's commitment to increase both the range and number of supported housing options so there is appropriate accommodation provided for young people with moderate to high clinical needs?
102. How many Aboriginal people with a disability have been taken out of aged care residences and placed into more appropriate care under the NSW Younger People in Residential Aged Care Program from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011.

Ageing in Place

103. Ageing disability and Home Care are undertaking a major project: Ageing in Place: Impacts of Ageing on the Accommodation Service System. Mercury Advisory have been engaged to undertake this project. When will the project be finalised?
104. What is the cost of retaining Mercury Advisory?
105. What has been budgeted for this project in the 2011-12 budget?
106. When is it anticipated the report and findings will be made public?

Ageing Roundtable

107. When is it expected that the Ageing Roundtable discussion paper be available?
108. Have consultants been engaged to undertake consultations with older people, their carer's and their families throughout NSW through 2012?
109. If yes, who are the consultants?
110. What has been the budgeted for this project in 2011-2012?

Community Living in Home and Drop in Support Services in NSW

111. Mercury Advisory are also undertaking a review of Community living in-home and drop in-accommodation support services in NSW. When will the project be finalised?
112. What is the cost of retaining Mercury Advisory?
113. What has been budgeted for this project in the 2011-12 budget?
114. When is it anticipated the report and findings will be made public?

Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing

115. What support secretarial or otherwise is being provided for the Advisory Council?
116. How much has been allocated in this years budget for it?

HACC

117. Acknowledging that the work done around person centred approaches will increase options for people with a disability, for HACC how will you ensure that industry does not favour a larger proportion of services going to aged services over disability services?
118. Under the Home and Community Care Capital Strategy how many dementia day centres will be completed in this financial year?
119. In the forward estimates how many more are proposed?

Workforce

120. What analysis/modelling have you or ADHC undertaken looking towards the future on workforce retention and demand.
121. What advice have you received from your Department on these workforce challenges?

PADP (Program Aids for Disabled People)

122. Whilst PADP comes under the Health Portfolio, its funding targets disabled people. As such can you explain why Enable NSW has not put out an Annual Report for the last financial year?
123. Do you know if there will be an annual report provided for the last financial year?
124. When will that annual report be released and be made publically available?

125. Currently that program has been running at \$30 million a year and there is significantly increased need.
126. Did Enable NSW to make a budget bid for this financial year to increase their funding to meet growing demand?
127. What representations did you make as the Minister for Ageing and Disability NSW to encourage Enable NSW to submit a proposal for budget enhancement/growth?

RASAID - Ryde Area Supported Accommodation for Intellectually Disabled

128. Did you make a commitment prior to the election to support the RASAID project?
129. Whilst it's important we acknowledge the families from RASAID and their desire to provide the best for their children, however, on what basis did you commit taxpayer money to this project, given that you did not know, prior to becoming Minister, other funding priorities?
130. Was there an open selection or competitive tender process to determine whether these funds should be spent on this project?
131. If there was no competitive tender funding process and the funding was based on individualised packages, how did you determine they should be provided to the RASAID families over other families?

Grand Western Lodge

132. Is ADHC monitoring the wellbeing of those residents who remain at Grand Western Lodge?
133. How is this being done?

Nardy House Respite Care Facility

134. Since you have become Minister, what monies have you allocated to directly improve facilities, services and programs offered at Nardy House?
135. What amount of money or other support has been allocated in the 2011-12 budget for programs/service provision/capital at Nardy House?
136. Please provide a breakdown of the above.

Person Centre Approaches Statewide Consultations

137. For the consultation for culturally and linguistically diverse communities regarding Person Centre Approaches why was the Australian-Turkish community not consulted on?
138. Will they be consulted in the second round of consultations?
139. When will those consultations take place?
140. Where will those consultations take place?
141. In the first round of consultations the Arabic community consultations took place in Marrickville. Will there be consultations in Western Sydney for the Australian Arabic community in the next round of consultations?
142. How many consultations will take place in Western Sydney for the Australian Arabic community?
143. If so, where will they take place?

Grandparents Day

144. How will the funding of \$1 million to establish Grandparents Day be allocated?
145. To which organisations will the monies be allocated?
146. What will these monies be spent on?

General

147. On what date will the Government provide an annual report to Parliament on reconciling actual expenditure and increase in places with the published plans for Stronger Together?
148. On what date will the Minister publically release the modelling that underpins Stronger Together with annual updates which take account of new population and administrative data?
149. Has \$4m been allocated for decision support resources-services in 2011-12 under *Stronger Together 2*?
150. As per the question above, what will this allocation be spent on?
151. Does this include a capital allocation?
152. If so, what capital items will be purchased and why?
153. Will any of this allocation be directed towards the Non-Government sector?

154. During 2010-11 what expenditure allocations were made on the operational costs of running Summer Hill Group Homes, Wadalba Group Homes, Norton Road Specialist Living Centre and Casuarina Grove in terms of staffing costs for general support staff and specialist nursing staff, administration overheads and overheads?
155. For those suffering MS, what is the waiting list for ADHC funded shared supported residential accommodation in NSW?
156. What programs that were funded in 2010-11 have ceased in this financial year and why?
157. Which programs and services were funded in 2010-11 are continuing?
158. How much money has been allocated to these services and programs?
159. Of the above programs and services above, how much new money has been allocated on top of the 2010-11 budget in the 2011-12 budget.
160. What is the breakdown of the \$342 million increase (new money) from the previous financial year for the Ageing and Disability budget?
161. Are there any closures or amalgamations proposed for any ADHC offices in each of the regions, if so where and when?
162. Are there any staff cuts proposed in Sydney Metropolitan or regional areas?
163. How does the Minister plan to achieve productivity savings or efficiencies in this next financial year?
164. What efficiency savings are required by ADHC by 2011-12.
165. In relation to Grants to Non-Government Organisations:
 - a. Does your department provide recurrent grant funds to non-government organisations?
If yes,
 - i. What are the names of all organisations in receipt of funding?
 - ii. What is the total amount of funding received by each organisation, including goods and services tax?
 - iii. On what date was the funding advanced?
 - iv. What was the purpose for each grant or funding advance?
 - v. Was any funding withheld or returned?
 - vi. If so, what were the reasons for withholding or requiring the funding to be returned?
 - b. What is the indexation rate applied to non recurrent grant funds in 2011/2012?

166. In relation to feasibility studies, audits, taskforces and reviews:

- a. Is your department currently undertaking any feasibility studies, audits, taskforces or reviews, If so;
 - i. What are the terms of reference or details of each study, audit, taskforce or review?
 - ii. Who is conducting the study, audit, taskforce or review?
 - iii. Was each study, audit, taskforce or review was publically advertised seeking expression of interest or competitive tenders?
 - iv. Is there a contract in place detailing terms of engagement for the study, audit, taskforce or review?
 - v. What is the timeline of each study, audit, taskforce or review?
 - vi. What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?

Other – phones and other communication devices

167. How many blackberries does DPC assign to your Ministerial staff and to whom have they been issued?
168. How many iPads does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
169. How many iPads have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
170. How many iPhones does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
171. How many iPads have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
172. For each phone or device, how much was each bill from April to October?
173. How many have phones or devices have been lost in your office?
174. What is the cost of replacing those phones or devices?

Media/public relations

175. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?
176. What is the forecast for 2011-12 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?

177. How many media or public relations advisers are employed in your ministerial office?

Overseas trips

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

179. If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?

Office costs

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

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

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

183. What is the estimated expenditure for your office budget in 2011-12?

184. What is your annual office budget?

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

186. If so, could you give details of contracted costs?

187. How many political advisors are in your office?

188. How many administration staff?

189. How many Department Liaison officers are assigned to your office?

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

Cabcharge

191. In terms of your ministerial office, how much did your office spend on taxi fares, including Cabcharge since April?

Restructure

192. Are any of your portfolio agencies undergoing a restructure?

193. How many jobs are expected to be cut as a result of that restructure?
194. How many people are expected to have their wages cut as a result of that restructure?
195. How many voluntary redundancies are expected to be offered as a result of that restructure?

Agency costs

196. What is your agency's catering budget?
197. Since April, has the agency changed its branding?
198. How much was spent on rebranding the agency?
199. How much has been spent on stationary?

Correspondence

200. How long is the average turnaround for responding to correspondence in your agency?
201. How many pieces of correspondence have been outstanding for more than 60 days?

Paying bills on time

202. Since April, on how many occasions has the agency not paid a supplier or contractor for more than 30 days?
203. How many bills have been outstanding for longer than that period?

Questions from the Hon Mick Veitch MLC

204. In relation to the NSW Public Service and NSW Public Sector:
 - a. What is the current percentage of people with a disability employed in the NSW Public Service?
 - b. What is the current percentage of people with a disability employed in the NSW Public Sector?
 - c. What initiatives will you implement to increase the participation rate of people with a disability in the NSW Public Service?
 - d. Do you have a preferred target (as a percentage) for the participation rate of people with a disability in the NSW Public Service?
 - e. What do you, as the Minister, consider to be the minimum acceptable participation rate?

205. In relation to NSW Local Government:

- a. What is the current percentage of people with a disability employed in NSW Local Government?
- b. What initiatives will you implement to increase the participation rate of people with a disability in NSW Local Government?
- c. Do you have a preferred target (as a percentage) for the participation rate of people with a disability in NSW Local Government?
- d. What do you, as the Minister, consider to be the minimum acceptable participation rate?

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There were no additional questions on notice lodged by members relating to the portfolio of Ageing, Disability Services.