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Citizenship and Communities

1. Regarding the Multicultural Consultative Committees
 - a. Please provide a full list of the Multicultural Consultative Committees, including the following information:
 - i. Name of Committee
 - ii. Number of members
 - iii. Name of members
 - iv. Budget
 - b. Please provide the process for appointing members to the Multicultural Consultative Committees
 - c. Please provide the terms of reference for the Multicultural Consultative Committees
2. Regarding the Grants program of the Community Relations Commission
 - a. Please provide a list of all grant applications received in 2012-2013 by the Community Relations Commission, categorised by name of applying organisation, application budget and whether or not the grant was approved and reason for approval/not approval.
 - b. Please provide a list of organisations that were approached to enter into a Multicultural Partnership Grant in 2012/2013.
 - c. Please provide the criteria for approaching organisations to enter into the Multicultural Partnership Grant.
 - d. Please provide the total budget for the Multicultural Partnership Grant Program in 2013/2014.
3. How much of the \$10 million in the 2013-2014 budget papers provided for, among other things, to “ensure all Government Agencies follow the principles of multiculturalism” has been directed towards the NSW police force, especially programs addressing racial profiling?
 - a. Does the Citizens and Communities portfolio have any programs specifically targeted around addressing racial profiling?
4. Regarding the NSW Government support to people that have been resettled in NSW as part of Australia’s humanitarian intake:
 - a. What services are provided to people who have been resettled in NSW as part of Australia’s humanitarian intake
 - b. What was the financial value of such support in:
 - i. 2010/2011
 - ii. 2011/2012
 - iii. 2012/2013
 - iv. Estimated for 2014/2014
 - c. Please provide the number, destination and background of humanitarian entrants who came to reside in NSW during the 2012/2013 financial year.

- d. Please provide the number of humanitarian entrants in 2012-2013 who received a NSW government service as a result of being a humanitarian entrant.
5. Does the Government fund the Ethnic Communities Council?
 - a. Please provide a list of current project grants and the value of those projects.
 - b. Please provide a list of total government support to the Ethnic Communities Council for the last five years.
6. Please list all grants that have been given to migrant resource centres for the past five years, by migrant resource centre, location, type and purpose of grant.
7. What is the approximate ongoing forecast budget expenditure for the Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility, Empowerment (OCHRE) project?
8. Which agency will be assigned the administrative functions related to OCHRE and overall project oversight?
9. What mechanisms has the Government put in place to ensure that the overall development of initiatives and programs under OCHRE are coordinated rather than ad-hoc (as was outlined in the Allen Consulting Group report)?
10. OCHRE proposes that legislation be established to confirm the legal status of Local Decision Making. What funds have been allocated in the 2013/14 budget in relation to researching or establishing legislation to support OCHRE related strategies, including Local Decision Making?
11. Has the Government received clarification from the Community Relations Commission following its review of the operation of different models of community hubs?
12. What were the specific points of clarification sought by the Government regarding the operation of different models of community hubs?
13. What is the exact funding amount allocated to the Ministerial Consultative Committee program?
14. In respect of the 15 Multicultural Consultative Committees (i.e. Chinese, Egyptian, Filipino, Greek, Indian, Italian, Jewish, Korean, Lebanese, Macedonian, Maori/Pacific Island, Russian, Sri Lankan, Vietnamese and Croatian) established by the Minister, please advise the following information:
 - a. The names of the Chairs of each committee;
 - b. The names of Members of each committee;
 - c. Criteria for selection and whether or not the positions were publically advertised;
 - d. Budget allocation for each committee and payments, if any, made to each committee member;
 - e. A list of each committee's aims and objectives; and
 - f. Time, location and frequency of committee meetings.

Aboriginal Affairs

1. The 2013/14 Aboriginal Affairs budget includes approximately \$12.2 million in employee related expenses and approximately \$7.2 million in operating expenses. The Department has undertaken significant consultation initiatives over the last 2 years, which I strongly support and community

consultation is a critical function of this Department. What percentage of these expenses are allocated to consultation (in terms of direct expenses and employee hours) compared to policy development by the Department?

2. In the 2013-14 Budget Estimates hearings for Aboriginal Affairs the Minister indicated that Family and Community Services will be leading on the Government's response to the NSW Ombudsman's "Responding to Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal Communities". Will the Minister provide a list of current projects, programs and policy development initiatives whereby the Office of Aboriginal Affairs engages with other Government Departments?
3. On page 16 of the uncorrected Budget Estimates transcript for Aboriginal Affairs the General Manager of the Office of Aboriginal Affairs stated in relation to Local Decision Making Model programs that "we will be mapping the services that are already there". Will the Minister indicate whether the Office of Aboriginal Affairs uses any Geospatial Information System programs to map service provision in Aboriginal communities? Does the Office of Aboriginal Affairs have an inventory of current infrastructure and services within identified Aboriginal communities?
4. Does the Office of Aboriginal Affairs log and record service delivery and infrastructure deficits currently existing in Aboriginal communities across NSW?
 - a. What tools, indicators and methodologies are available to the Office of Aboriginal Affairs to assess infrastructure and service delivery deficits?
 - b. How many Aboriginal communities currently require ongoing assistance with the management of their water supplies and/or sewerage systems? Has much funding is allocated in 2013-14 for the Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewerage Program?
5. Will the Minister indicate the project rollout timing of the eight NSW Centre for Aboriginal Languages Coordination and Development [CALCD] projects that have been approved and the expected timeframe for finalizing assessment of the six projects current being considered by the board.
6. Will the Minister advise of initiatives and efforts made by the Government in the last financial year (2012-13) to reduce the backlog of Aboriginal Land Claims made under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983?
7. Is there a Government working group or committee considering initiatives to address the backlog of land claims lodged under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983? If so, what agencies are involved?
 - c. Will the Minister provide a list of meeting dates on which the Working Group has been convened and whether minutes of Working Group meetings are maintained?
 - d. Who is responsible for maintaining meeting minutes?

Miscellaneous

1. What is your relationship to Michael Photios?
2. How often do you speak with him?
3. Have you met with clients of PremierState?

4. On how many occasions and what dates did you meet with Michael Photios or representatives of PremierState?
5. What was discussed at these meetings?
6. On how many occasions have you declined to meet with Michael Photios or a client of PremierState?
7. Did you attend his wedding?
8. Did Michael Photios vote in your preselection?
9. Have you met with lobbyists other than PremierState?
10. On how many occasions have you met with a lobbyist, and what were the dates of these meetings?
11. Which lobbyists have you met with, and what was discussed?
12. On how many occasions have you declined to meet with a lobbyist?
13. To deliver greater transparency and accountability, will you publish a monthly online diary of all meetings with lobbyists?
14. In order to deliver greater transparency and accountability, as promised by the Premier, will you commit to keeping a record of all lobbying activities and documentation and allow them to be subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act?
15. Since becoming a Minister, have you taken any interstate or intrastate trips involving overnight accommodation or flights?
16. Will you provide a list to the committee of the details of all travel?
17. Have you taken any trips intrastate or interstate to attend Liberal/National Party functions?
18. What are the details of the trips including dates and costs?
19. Have you taken any trips intrastate or interstate to attend lobbyists' functions? What are the details of the trips including dates and costs?
20. Were these trips paid for by the taxpayer?
21. Were these trips booked through the government travel management system?
22. Since becoming a Minister, have you paid back money to the state because you booked unauthorised travel with the government travel management system? How much? When did you travel? When did you pay back the money? How many occasions has this happened?
23. Have you had meetings scheduled interstate or intrastate on Fridays or weekends which involved you staying overnight?

24. Did you take your spouse/partner on these trips?
25. Have any members of your staff made complaints to or raised concerns with you, your Chief of Staff or the Department of Premier and Cabinet about bullying in your office?
26. If so, have any members of your staff resigned or been removed from their position after making such a complaint or raising such concerns?
27. How many blackberries or smart phones are assigned to your staff?
28. For each phone, how much was each bill in the 2012/13 financial year?
29. How many have phones have been lost in your office?
30. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
31. How many iPads or tablet computers does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
32. How many iPads or tablet computers have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
33. How many iPhones or other smart phones does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
34. How many iPhones or other smart phones have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
35. How many iPhones or other smart phones have been lost in your office?
36. How many iPads or tablet computers have been lost in your office?
37. What is the cost of replacing those phones or iPads or tablet computers?
38. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?
39. What is the forecast for 2013/14 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?
40. Have any of your overseas trips in the past year been paid for in part or in full by using public money?
41. If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?
42. What is the annual remuneration package for your chief of staff?
43. What is the annual remuneration package for your head media advisor?
44. What is the annual remuneration package for each of your staff?

45. What is the estimated expenditure for your office budget in 2012-13?
46. Have any office renovations or fit outs been undertaken in your ministerial office since April, 2011? If so, could you give details of contracted costs?
47. What is your Ministerial office budget for 2013/14?
48. How many political advisors are in your office?
49. How many administration staff?
50. How many Department Liaison Officers are assigned to your office?
51. How many staff in the Department are assigned to Ministerial support duties?
52. Are any contractors or consultants working in your ministerial office? If so, in what capacities?
53. How much did your Ministerial office spend on contractors or consultants?
54. How much did your Ministerial office spend on taxi fares, including Cabcharge in the 2012/13 financial year?
55. Are any of your portfolio agencies undergoing a restructure?
56. How many jobs are expected to be cut as a result of that restructure?
57. How many people are expected to have their wages cut as a result of that restructure?
58. How many voluntary redundancies were offered in your Departments since April 2011?
59. How many voluntary redundancies were accepted from employees in your Departments since April 2011?
60. How many voluntary redundancies are expected to be offered in 2013/14?
61. How much did your Department(s) spend on catering in 2012/13?
62. How much did your Department(s) spend on stationary in 2012/13?
63. What is your Department's catering budget?
64. What is your Department's stationary budget?
65. Since April 2011 have any of the agencies in your Department(s) changed their branding?
66. If so, how much was spent on rebranding the agency?
67. How long is the average turnaround for responding to correspondence in your Department(s)?

68. How many pieces of correspondence have been outstanding for more than 60 days?
69. In 2012/13 how many invoices has your Department(s) failed to pay a supplier or contractor for more than 30 days?
70. As a result of late payment, how much penalty interest has been paid to contractors since 1 January 2011?
71. How many invoices have been outstanding for longer than 60 days?
72. Does your department provide recurrent grant funds to non-government organisations? If yes,
- What are the names of all organisations in receipt of funding?
 - What is the total amount of funding received by each organisation including goods and services tax?
 - On what date was the funding advanced?
 - What was the purpose for each grant or funding advance?
 - Was any funding withheld or returned?
 - If so, what were the reasons for withholding or requiring the funding to be returned?
 - What is the indexation rate applied to non-recurrent grant funds in 2013/2013?
 - What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?
 - Have any provisions been included in grant agreements to prohibit these organisations from criticising the Government or any of its policies?
73. How many contractors has your Department(s) retained since 1 July 2013 and at what cost?
74. What is the current level of Aboriginal employment within your Department(s)? How has that changed since 1 July 2012?
75. Since 1 July 2011, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your Department(s)?
76. Is your department currently undertaking any feasibility studies, audits, taskforces or reviews? If so; then;
- What are the terms of reference or details of each study, audit, taskforce or review?
 - Who is conducting the study, audit, taskforce or review?
 - Was each study, audit, taskforce or review was publically advertised seeking expression of interest or competitive tenders?
 - Is there a contract in place detailing terms of engagement for the study, audit, taskforce or review?
 - What is the timeline of each study, audit, taskforce or review?
 - What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?
77. Can you please list all travel related costs for your Parliamentary Secretary incurred in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2012
- kilometres travelled
 - accommodation,
 - air fares
 - meals/entertaining?
78. Can you please provide details of the following activities undertaken by your Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2012;

- a. meetings attended in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary?
 - b. functions attended in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary?
79. How often do you meet with your Parliamentary Secretary?
- a. Are these meetings documented?
 - b. Who attends these meetings?
80. Who provides instructions and direction to your Parliamentary Secretary, you or your Chief of Staff?
81. 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?
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