

**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-2015**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**PLANNING, WOMEN**

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**Questions from Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC - WOMEN**

**Domestic and Family Violence Skills Strategy**

- 37. How much of the 2013-2014 budget allocation of \$1.5 million to the Domestic and Family Violence Skills Strategy has been spent to date?**  
**(a) Have the unspent funds been carried over to the 2014-2015 budget for the Domestic and Family Violence Skills Strategy?**

As Minister for Women, I maintain a keen interest in this area, however I am advised this matter falls within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Education.

- 38. In the 2013-2014 Budget Year, how many frontline workers working with victims of domestic and family violence received education, training and professional development through the Domestic and Family Violence Skills Strategy?**  
**(a) What percentage of the total frontline workers participated in the Skills Strategy?**  
**(b) What percentage of those who received training work in regional areas?**  
**(c) What percentage of those who received training identify as aboriginal or torres strait islander people?**  
**(d) What percentage of those who received training work with aboriginal or torres strait islander women and communities?**

I am advised:

Refer to Supplementary Question on Notice 37 from Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC.

- 39. Will Women NSW fund the Skills Strategy past the 2014-2015 budget year?**

I am advised:

Yes.

**40. Will Women NSW extend its partnership with TAFE NSW as its preferred education provider, past the 2014-2015 Budget Year?**

I am advised:

Yes.

#### **Apprehended Domestic Violence Order Pilot Program**

**41. The Apprehended Domestic Violence Order Pilot Program finished on 8 November 2013 after a 12 week trial.**

- (a) Has the evaluation for this project been completed?**
- (b) What indicators did the Department use to measure the success of this program?**
- (c) What was the outcome of this evaluation?**
- (d) When will it be released to the public?**
- (e) How many ADVO defendants were engaged in the pilot program?**
  - i. Of this number, what percentage of ADVO defendants were successful in meeting the key proposition of the program - 'that defendants who receive individual legal advice will be less likely to breach their ADVO rules'?**

As Minister for Women, I maintain a keen interest in this area, however I am advised this matter falls within the portfolio responsibility of the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice.

**42. Will the program be rolled out more widely across NSW?**

Refer to Supplementary Question on Notice 41 from Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC.

#### **Men's Telephone Counselling and Referral Service**

**43. How long has the Men's Telephone Counselling and Referral Service been operational?**

- (a) Will there be independent monitoring and evaluation to assess the effectiveness of this service?**
- (b) Has any evaluation been done to date?**
  - i. Who is undertaking this evaluation?**
- (c) What measures and indicators are in place to be able to assess effectiveness?**
- (d) Will the number of successful referrals from the service be one of these measures?**
- (e) What analysis has been undertaken to determine how many people are using this service and what percentage of calls taken are from perpetrators, victims and concerned family members?**

I am advised:

The Men's Telephone Counselling and Referral Service (MTCRS) has been operational since 25 November 2013.

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c - e) The MTCRS reports to the Department of Family and Community Services on caller type, source of referral, age, caller location and referrals made.

### **Men's Behaviour Change Network**

**44. The Women NSW website lists funding for a Men's Behaviour Change Network, an advisory body, which has met four times from July 2013 to July 2014.**

**(a) Was the Men's Referral Service Inc (governed by No To Violence), the provider of the Government's \$2 million Men's Telephone Counselling and Referral Service invited to be part of the advisory body?**

I am advised:

Membership of the network is made up by representatives from services that provide men's behaviour change programs.

**45. Has there been an evaluation of the Men's Behaviour Change Network?**

I am advised:

The network has been in operation for a little over a year.

**46. How was the Network's effectiveness measured?**

I am advised:

Refer to Supplementary Question on Notice 45 from Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC.

**47. Will there be a funding commitment to continue the Network into the future?**

I am advised:

Funding has been provided to the Network in 2014/15.

## **Domestic and Family Violence Funding Program**

- 48. The Women NSW website states that in October 2012 the NSW government announced \$9.8 million over 3 years for domestic and family violence initiatives through grants. According to the Women NSW website, current funding initiatives only add up to \$4.2 million.**
- (a) Will the remaining \$5.6 million be spent by the end of the 3 year funding period which is due to finish in October 2015?**
  - (b) Please provide the list of initiatives chosen and their budget allocations for the \$5.6 million?**
  - (c) Please specify how these initiatives fulfil the priorities of the Program.**

I am advised:

(a – c) The remaining \$4.68 million from the \$9.8 million will be spent in 2014/15.

## **Behavioural Insights Team (also known as the Nudge Unit)**

- 49. In the period October 2012 to date, please list all the projects, programs and funding models the Nudge Unit/Behavioural Insights Team was engaged to work and/or advise on within Women NSW?**
- (a) Is the Nudge Unit/Behavioural Insights Team advising Women NSW on funding models?**
    - i. What were the Nudge Unit/Behavioural Insights Team's recommendations to Women NSW concerning their funding models and programs?**
    - ii. Have the recommendations been implemented?**
  - (b) Did the Nudge Unit/Behavioural Insights Team advise Women NSW on staff development including both departmental staffing and staffing for services and programs that Women NSW held responsibility for?**
    - i. If yes, what were the Nudge Unit/Behavioural Insights Team's recommendations to Women NSW concerning staffing, in particular staffing levels and development?**
    - ii. Have the recommendations been implemented?**

I am advised:

The Department of Premier and Cabinet's Behavioural Insights Unit organised a meeting between Women NSW and Professors Bohnet and Bazerman from Harvard University, which occurred on 4 June 2014.

On 4 June 2014, a Women NSW officer attended a FACS Roundtable

with Professors Bohnet and Bazerman, regarding Behavioural Insights and related projects.

**Questions from Hon Sophie Cotsis MLC - WOMEN**

- 1. On how many occasions has the Minister for Women met with lobbyists, and what were the dates of these meetings?**
  - (a) Which lobbyists has the Minister for Women met with, and what was discussed?**

I am advised:

Meetings with lobbyists are in accordance with the NSW Lobbyist Code of Conduct.

Information regarding scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals will be published in accordance with Memorandum 2014-07 - Publication of Ministerial Diaries.

- 2. How many staff work in the Minister for Women's office?**
  - (a) How many of these staff are employed on a full-time basis?**
  - (b) How many of these staff are employed on a part-time basis?**
  - (c) How many of these staff are employed permanent positions?**
  - (d) How many of these staff are employed on a casual basis?**

I am advised:

Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website at:  
[http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers\\_and\\_ministers\\_staff\\_numbers](http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers).

- 3. How many staff in the Minister for Women's office work full-time on women's issues?**

I am advised:

Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website at:  
[http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers\\_and\\_ministers\\_staff\\_numbers](http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers).

- 4. How many staff work for Women NSW?**
  - (a) How many of these staff are employed on a full-time basis?**
  - (b) How many of these staff are employed on a part-time basis?**
  - (c) How many of these staff are employed permanent positions?**

**(d) How many of these staff are employed on a casual basis?**

I am advised:

The number of Department of Family and Community Services employees by employment category is reported in the Department's Annual Report.

**5. How many contractors have been employed by Women NSW?**

I am advised:

Refer to Supplementary Question on Notice 4 from the Hon Sophie Cotsis MLC.

**6. How many reports by consultants were commissioned by Women NSW during 2014-15?**

**(a) What was the cost of these reports?**

I am advised:

Nil.

**7. What is the budget for Women NSW in each of the following years:**

- (a) 2014-15?**
- (b) 2013-14?**
- (c) 2012-13?**
- (d) 2011-12?**
- (e) 2010-11?**

I am advised:

The annual Budget for Women NSW is \$7.3 million in the 2014/15 Financial Year, up from \$6.4 million in the 2011/12 Financial Year.

**8. On what dates were the following reports received by the Government:**

- (a) The Australian Institute of Family Studies report into Groups and communities at risk of domestic and family violence;**
- (b) The Australian Institute of Family Studies report into Children affected by domestic and family violence; and**
- (c) The University of Western Sydney study into Men and boys violence prevention?**

I am advised:

The Department of Family and Community Services received the final reports for the domestic and family violence prevention studies in July 2014.

- 9. Did the findings of the following reports contribute to the design of the Government's Going Home Staying Policy, and if so, how?**
- (a) The Australian Institute of Family Studies report into Groups and communities at risk of domestic and family violence;**
  - (b) The Australian Institute of Family Studies report into Children affected by domestic and family violence; and**
  - (c) The University of Western Sydney study into Men and boys violence prevention.**

As Minister for Women, I maintain a keen interest in this area, however I am advised this matter falls within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Family and Community Services.

- 10. How many times has the NSW Council for Women's Economic Opportunity met since it was formed?**
- (a) When did the NSW Council for Women's Economic Opportunity last meet?**
  - (b) How many meetings of the NSW Council for Women's Economic Opportunity have been attended by the Minister for Women?**
  - (c) How many meetings of the NSW Council for Women's Economic Opportunity have been attended by former Premier Barry O'Farrell?**
  - (d) How many meetings of the NSW Council for Women's Economic Opportunity have been attended by Premier Mike Baird?**

I am advised:

(a – d) The CWEO has met eight times since it was formed.

- 11. How many times has the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Council met since it was formed?**
- (a) When did the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Council last meet?**
  - (b) How many meetings of the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Council have been attended by the Minister for Women?**
  - (c) How many meetings of the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Council have been attended by former Premier Barry O'Farrell?**
  - (d) How many meetings of the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Council have been attended by Premier Mike Baird?**

I am advised:

(a – d) The NSW Domestic and Family Violence Council has met four times since it was formed.

- 12. What advice has the NSW Domestic and Family Violence provided to the Government regarding the Going Home Staying Home policy?**  
**(a) Has this advice been made public, and if not, why not?**

As Minister for Women, I maintain a keen interest in this area, however I am advised this matter falls within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Family and Community Services.

- 13. How will the Government's Going Home Staying Home Policy affect the Government's It Stops Here Domestic and Family Violence Framework?**

I am advised:

*Going Home Staying Home* and *It Stops Here* are complementary reforms that improve services to women and children escaping domestic violence.

- 14. What is the Government's policy to stop discrimination against pregnant women and new mothers working in the public sector?**  
**(a) Do any training programs exist to encourage managers of public sector agencies to implement anti-discrimination policies and practices with respect to pregnant women and new mothers?**

As Minister for Women, I maintain a keen interest in this area, however I am advised this matter falls within the portfolio responsibility of the Premier.

- 15. How much funding was provided in 2014-15 for the Government's 'Women in Trades' policy?**  
**(a) How much funding has been spent on the Government's Women in Trades policy since 2011?**  
**(b) What outcomes has this policy achieved to date?**  
**(c) Where are the outcomes of this policy reported?**

I am advised:

Details on funding and policies are published in the Department of Family and Community Services' Annual Report and on the Women NSW website.

- 16. What portion of positions on NSW Government boards and committees are currently held by women?**  
**(a) Is this information publicly available on the Women NSW website?**

I am advised:

Details on NSW Government boards and committees held by women are published in the *Women in NSW 2014* report, available on the Women NSW website.

- 17. What portion of positions on NSW Government boards and committees are currently held by women in each NSW public sector agency?**  
**(a) Is this information publicly available on the Women NSW website?**

I am advised:

Details on women's representation on NSW Government boards by portfolio are published in the *Women in NSW 2014* report, available on the Women NSW website.

- 18. When will the position of Executive Director of Women NSW be filled?**

I am advised:

The position of Executive Director of Women NSW was filled in May 2014.

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

#### **PLANNING**

- 19. In relation to the current planning for the redevelopment of the Central to Eveleigh Corridor:**  
**(a) Will all current public housing stock be retained?**  
**(b) Are there going to be targets for key worker, affordable and social housing units in this development?**  
**i. If so, what are these targets?**

I am advised:

Ensuring housing diversity in NSW is a critical issue and the NSW Government is committed to increasing housing choice in Sydney.

Questions regarding public housing should be referred to the Minister for Family and Community Services.

- 20. Can the Minister give an undertaking that in respect of the Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays Maritime Precincts that the heritage items identified in the current Master Plan including the former Jones Brothers Coal Bins and associated structures will be conserved and/or adapted for re-use as a maritime related and/or commercial facility in a manner consistent with the 'Heritage Guidelines Blackwattle and Rozelle Bay Masterplan'**

**prepared by Brian McDonald and Associates dated September 1998. If not, why not?**

I am advised:

The Department of Planning and Environment has issued Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements in respect of a pending development proposal known as "Blackwattle Bay Marina". Should an application be lodged, it will be subject to community consultation and a full merit assessment, including the careful consideration of heritage related matters.

## **Donations**

- 21. Given evidence at ICAC that Hunter Liberal Members of Parliament received cash from prohibited donors, can you guarantee that you did not receive an illegal donation at the last election?**

I can guarantee that I have never accepted an illegal donation.

- 22. Last week the Premier put out a statement that said:**

***"I have always absolutely complied with the electoral funding laws and the records are there for all to see. Yes, I can guarantee that I have never accepted an illegal donation."***

**Will you make that same statement?**

Yes.

- 23. Do you think the people of NSW have a right to know who is making donations to candidates during election campaigns?**

I am advised:

The Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981 requires the disclosure of political donations received and/or made, and electoral expenditure incurred, by or on behalf of parties, elected members, groups, candidates and third party campaigners. It also requires the disclosure of political donations of \$1000 or more made by major political donors.

- 24. Given that the Liberals channel all donations through a centralised accounting system which means most individual MPs do not disclose the people and organisations that personally donate to their campaigns, will**

**you fully disclose the source of all donations you received at the 2011 election campaign?**

I am advised:

The Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981 requires the disclosure of political donations received and/or made, and electoral expenditure incurred, by or on behalf of parties, elected members, groups, candidates and third party campaigners. It also requires the disclosure of political donations of \$1000 or more made by major political donors.

**25. Will you release the full list of donors who donated to your 2011 election campaign?**

I am advised:

The Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981 requires the disclosure of political donations received and/or made, and electoral expenditure incurred, by or on behalf of parties, elected members, groups, candidates and third party campaigners. It also requires the disclosure of political donations of \$1000 or more made by major political donors.

**26. In the interest of transparency and accountability, will you commit to publicly release the source of donations for the 2015 election?**

I am advised:

The Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981 requires the disclosure of political donations received and/or made, and electoral expenditure incurred, by or on behalf of parties, elected members, groups, candidates and third party campaigners. It also requires the disclosure of political donations of \$1000 or more made by major political donors.

## **Lobbyists**

**27. On how many occasions have you met with a lobbyist, and what were the dates of these meetings?**

I am advised:

Meetings with lobbyists are in accordance with the NSW Lobbyist Code of Conduct.

Information regarding scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals will be published in accordance with Memorandum 2014-07 - Publication of Ministerial Diaries.

**28. Which lobbyists have you met with, and what was discussed?**

I am advised:

Meetings with lobbyists are in accordance with the NSW Lobbyist Code of Conduct.

Information regarding scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals will be published in accordance with Memorandum 2014-07 - Publication of Ministerial Diaries.

**29. The Minister for Finance has banned lobbyists from meeting him and his office; will you make the same commitment? If not, why not?**

I am advised:

Meetings with lobbyists are in accordance with the NSW Lobbyist Code of Conduct.

Information regarding scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals will be published in accordance with Memorandum 2014-07 - Publication of Ministerial Diaries.

**Cross Border Commissioner**

**30. How many times have you met with the Cross Border Commissioner:**  
**(a) In the last twelve months**  
**(b) Since the creation of the position.**

I am advised:

Information regarding scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals will be published in accordance with Memorandum 2014-07 - Publication of Ministerial Diaries.

**31. What issues or topics have you referred to the Cross Border Commissioner:**  
**(a) In the last twelve months**  
**(b) Since the creation of the position.**

I am advised:

Information regarding scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals will be published in accordance with Memorandum 2014-07 - Publication of Ministerial Diaries.

### **Labour Hire Firms**

**32. Do any Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities utilise the services of Labour Hire Firms?**

**If yes, please advise in table form:**

- (a) The names of the firms utilised**
- (b) The total amount paid to each firm engaged**
- (c) The average tenure period for an employee provided by a labour hire company**
- (d) The longest tenure for an employee provided by a labour hire company**
- (e) The duties conducted by employees engaged through a labour hire company**
- (f) The office locations of employees engaged through a labour hire company**

I am advised:

This question will be responded to by the lead Minister for the Family and Community Services Cluster.

### **Consultancy Work**

**33. Has the consultancy company Crosby Textor done any consultancy work for the Dept of Primary Industries? If so what projects was Crosby Textor consulted on?**

- (a) What was the cost of the consultancy work for each project?**
- (b) Was there a tender process for these projects?**

I am advised:

This question should be referred to the Minister for Primary Industries.

**34. Does Crosby Textor currently have any contract work with the Department, if so, what is their role in the project?**

I am advised:

This question should be referred to the Minister for Primary Industries.

**35. Has the consultancy company Premier State done any consultancy work for the Dept of Primary Industries? If so what projects was Premier State consulted on?**

**(a) What was the cost of the consultancy work for each project?**

**(b) Was there a tender process for these projects?**

I am advised:

This question should be referred to the Minister for Primary Industries.

**36. Does Premier State currently have any contract work with the Department, if so, what is their role in the project?**

I am advised:

This question should be referred to the Minister for Primary Industries.

**37. Has the Government Contracting company Serco or its affiliates done any consultancy work for the Dept of Primary Industries? If so what projects was Serco or its affiliates assisted with?**

**(a) What was the cost of the consultancy work for each project?**

**(b) Was there a tender process for these projects?**

I am advised:

This question should be referred to the Minister for Primary Industries.

**38. Does Serco or any of its affiliates currently have any contract work with the Department, if so, what is their role in the project?**

I am advised:

This question should be referred to the Minister for Primary Industries.

### **Phones/iPads**

**39. How many blackberries/smart phones are assigned to your staff?**

I am advised:

204 phones have been issued to NSW Government Ministerial staff.

**40. For each phone, how much was each bill in the 2013/14 financial year?**

I am advised:

The 2013-14 total phone bill expenditure for NSW Government Ministerial offices is \$363,877 (63%) less than under the NSW Labor Government in 2008-09 of \$578,691 total expenditure.

**41. How many have phones have been lost in your office?**

I am advised:

9 phones were lost from the NSW Government Ministerial staff.

**42. What is the cost of replacing those phones?**

I am advised:

The cost is the normal contract price and this cost is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund.

**43. How many iPads does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?**

I am advised:

96 iPads have been issued for the NSW Government Ministerial staff.

**44. How many iPads have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?**

I am advised:

iPads are supplied by DPC and have not been purchased by NSW Government Ministerial staff.

**45. How many iPhones does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?**

I am advised:

204 phones have been issued to the NSW Government Ministerial staff.

**46. How many iPhones have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?**

I am advised:

iPhones or Smart Phones are supplied by DPC and have not been purchased by NSW Government Ministerial staff.

**47. How many iPhones have been lost in your office?**

I am advised:

9 phones were lost from the NSW Government Ministerial staff.

**48. How many iPads have been lost in your office?**

I am advised:

0 iPads were lost from the NSW Government Ministerial staff.

**49. What is the cost of replacing those phones or iPads?**

I am advised:

The cost is the normal contract price and this cost is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund.

**Media/public relations**

**50. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?**

I am advised:

This question will be responded to by the lead Minister for the Family and Community Services Cluster.

**51. What is the forecast for 2014/15 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?**

I am advised:

This question will be responded to by the lead Minister for the Family and Community Services Cluster.

## **Overseas trips**

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

I am advised:

Information regarding travel Information regarding Ministerial travel is available on the Minister's appropriate agency website, in accordance with Ministerial Memorandum M2009-10 "Release of Overseas Travel Information".

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

I am advised:

Information regarding travel Information regarding Ministerial travel is available on the Minister's appropriate agency website, in accordance with Ministerial Memorandum M2009-10 "Release of Overseas Travel Information".

## **Office costs**

### **54. What is the annual remuneration package for your chief of staff?**

I am advised:

Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website at:  
[http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers\\_and\\_ministers\\_staff\\_numbers](http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers).

### **55. What is the annual remuneration package for your head media advisor?**

I am advised:

Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website at:  
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### **56. What is the annual remuneration package for each of your staff?**

I am advised:

Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website at:

[http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers\\_and\\_ministers\\_staff\\_numbers](http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers).

**57. What is the estimated expenditure for your office budget in 2014/15?**

I am advised:

The 2014-15 budget for NSW Government Ministerial offices is \$4,886,770 (10%) less than under the NSW Labor Government in 2009-10 of \$48,834,000.

**58. Have any office renovations or fit outs been undertaken in your ministerial office since April, 2011?**

I am advised:

Information in relation to repairs, maintenance and relocation for 2011-12 and 2012-13 is available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet Disclosure Log at:  
[http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0007/165616/Disclosure\\_Log\\_Information\\_-\\_Ministerial\\_Renovations.docx.pdf](http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/165616/Disclosure_Log_Information_-_Ministerial_Renovations.docx.pdf).

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

I am advised:

Information in relation to repairs, maintenance and relocation for 2011-12 and 2012-13 is available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet Disclosure Log at:  
[http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0007/165616/Disclosure\\_Log\\_Information\\_-\\_Ministerial\\_Renovations.docx.pdf](http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/165616/Disclosure_Log_Information_-_Ministerial_Renovations.docx.pdf).

**60. What is your Ministerial office budget for 2014/15?**

I am advised:

The 2014-15 budget for NSW Government Ministerial offices is \$4,886,770 (10%) less than under the NSW Labor Government in 2009-10 of \$48,834,000.

**61. How many political advisors are in your office?**

I am advised:

Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website at:  
[http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers\\_and\\_ministers\\_staff\\_numbers](http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers).

**62. How many administration staff?**

I am advised:

Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website at:  
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**63. How many Department Liaison Officers are assigned to your office?**

I am advised:

Number of Department Liaison Officers for NSW Government Ministerial offices at 30 June 2014 was 56.

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

I am advised:

NSW Government Ministers and the Leader of the Opposition are provided with road transport services, with Ministerial Drivers assigned for this purpose.

**66. Are any contractors or consultants working in your ministerial office?**

I am advised:

Financial statements, including expenditure on consultants, are available in agency annual reports.

**67. If so, in what capacities?**

I am advised:

Financial statements, including expenditure on consultants, are available in agency annual reports.

**68. How much did your Ministerial office spend on contractors or consultants?**

I am advised:

Financial statements, including expenditure on consultants, are available in agency annual reports.

### **Cabcharge**

**69. How much did your Ministerial office spend on taxi fares, including Cabcharge in the 2013/14 financial year?**

I am advised:

The 2013-14 taxi expenditure for NSW Government Ministerial offices was \$117,783 (67%) less than under the NSW Labor Government in 2009-10 of \$175,776.

### **Restructure**

**70. Are any of your portfolio agencies undergoing a restructure?**

I am advised:

Agencies and departments undertake internal reviews of its structure to ensure that its functions and priorities align with the changing needs of Government. This work has involved reviewing structures in various parts of the agency to achieve greater alignment with the Government's reform agenda and recommendations of the Commission of Audit.

**71. How many jobs are expected to be cut as a result of that restructure?**

I am advised:

Agencies and departments undertake internal reviews of its structure to ensure that its functions and priorities align with the changing needs of Government. This work has involved reviewing structures in various parts of the agency to achieve greater alignment with the Government's reform agenda and recommendations of the Commission of Audit.

**72. How many people are expected to have their wages cut as a result of that restructure?**

I am advised:

Agencies and departments undertake internal reviews of its structure to ensure that its functions and priorities align with the changing needs of Government. This work has involved reviewing structures in various parts of the agency to

achieve greater alignment with the Government's reform agenda and recommendations of the Commission of Audit.

**73. How many voluntary redundancies were offered in your Departments since April 2011?**

I am advised:

The Government's program of voluntary redundancies remains on track. The target of 5,000 positions by June 2015 (announced in the 2011/12 Budget) was already exceeded by a further 1,789 positions by December 2013. The Labour Expense Cap introduced in the 2012/13 Budget is also well on track with Secretaries given as much flexibility as possible to achieve these savings in the most appropriate way to meet the service requirements of their agencies. Nurses, police officers and teachers in schools have been quarantined from this measure.

**74. What has been the total cost of redundancies since April 2011?**

I am advised:

The Government's program of voluntary redundancies remains on track. The target of 5,000 positions by June 2015 (announced in the 2011/12 Budget) was already exceeded by a further 1,789 positions by December 2013. The Labour Expense Cap introduced in the 2012/13 Budget is also well on track with Secretaries given as much flexibility as possible to achieve these savings in the most appropriate way to meet the service requirements of their agencies. Nurses, police officers and teachers in schools have been quarantined from this measure.

**75. How many voluntary redundancies were accepted from employees in your Departments since April 2011?**

I am advised:

The Government's program of voluntary redundancies remains on track. The target of 5,000 positions by June 2015 (announced in the 2011/12 Budget) was already exceeded by a further 1,789 positions by December 2013. The Labour Expense Cap introduced in the 2012/13 Budget is also well on track with Secretaries given as much flexibility as possible to achieve these savings in the most appropriate way to meet the service requirements of their agencies. Nurses, police officers and teachers in schools have been quarantined from this measure.

**76. How many voluntary redundancies are expected to be offered in 2014/15?**

I am advised:

The Government's program of voluntary redundancies remains on track. The target of 5,000 positions by June 2015 (announced in the 2011/12 Budget) was already exceeded by a further 1,789 positions by December 2013. The Labour Expense Cap introduced in the 2012/13 Budget is also well on track with Secretaries given as much flexibility as possible to achieve these savings in the most appropriate way to meet the service requirements of their agencies. Nurses, police officers and teachers in schools have been quarantined from this measure.

**Agency costs**

**77. How much did your Department(s) spend on catering in 2013/14?**

I am advised:

This question will be responded to by the lead Minister for the Family and Community Services Cluster.

**78. How much did your Department(s) spend on stationary in 2013/14?**

I am advised:

This question will be responded to by the lead Minister for the Family and Community Services Cluster.

**79. What is your Department's catering budget?**

I am advised:

This question will be responded to by the lead Minister for the Family and Community Services Cluster.

**80. What is your Department's stationary budget?**

I am advised:

This question will be responded to by the lead Minister for the Family and Community Services Cluster.

**81. Since April 2011 have any of the agencies in your Department(s) changed their branding?**

I am advised:

This question will be responded to by the lead Minister for the Family and Community Services Cluster.

**82. If so, how much was spent on rebranding the agency?**

I am advised:

This question will be responded to by the lead Minister for the Family and Community Services Cluster.

**Correspondence**

**83. How long is the average turnaround for responding to correspondence in your Department(s)?**

I am advised:

The department's recommended time frame for completing responses to correspondence from Ministers, Members of Parliament and members of the public is 20 working days from the department's receipt of the correspondence.

However, it is not always possible to comply with this time frame for any number of reasons including: the nature and complexity of the matter; stakeholder consultation; or further information required from other departments and sources.

**84. How many pieces of correspondence have been outstanding for more than 60 days?**

I am advised:

The department's recommended time frame for completing responses to correspondence from Ministers, Members of Parliament and members of the public is 20 working days from the department's receipt of the correspondence.

However, it is not always possible to comply with this time frame for any number of reasons including: the nature and complexity of the matter;

stakeholder consultation; or further information required from other departments and sources.

### **Paying bills on time**

**85. In 2013/14 how many invoices has your Department(s) failed to pay a supplier or contractor for more than 30 days?**

I am advised:

Information regarding "30 days to pay" policy is available at  
<http://www.finance.nsw.gov.au/30days/how-government-will-report-policy>.

**86. As a result of late payment, how much penalty interest has been paid to contractors since 1 January 2011?**

I am advised:

Information regarding "30 days to pay" policy is available at  
<http://www.finance.nsw.gov.au/30days/how-government-will-report-policy>.

**87. How many invoices have been outstanding for longer than 60 days?**

I am advised:

Information regarding "30 days to pay" policy is available at  
<http://www.finance.nsw.gov.au/30days/how-government-will-report-policy>.

**88. Does your department provide recurrent grant funds to non-government organisations?**

**If yes,**

- (a) What are the names of all organisations in receipt of funding?**
- (b) What is the total amount of funding received by each organisation including goods and services tax?**
- (c) On what date was the funding advanced?**
- (d) What was the purpose for each grant or funding advance?**
- (e) Was any funding withheld or returned?**
  
- (f) If so, what were the reasons for withholding or requiring the funding to be returned?**
- (g) What is the indexation rate applied to non-recurrent grant funds in 2013/14?**
- (h) What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?**

I am advised:

This question will be responded to by the lead Minister for the Family and Community Services Cluster.

**89. How many contractors has your Department(s) retained since 1 July 2014 and at what cost?**

I am advised:

This question will be responded to by the lead Minister for the Family and Community Services Cluster.

**Aboriginal employment**

**90. What is the current level of Aboriginal employment within your Department(s)?**

I am advised:

The Public Service Commission collects workforce data from the NSW public sector, including information regarding levels of Aboriginal employment. The level of Aboriginal employment as at 30 June 2014 is estimated at 2.9%. This is still subject to final quality checks, prior to the November release of the Workforce Profile 2014.

**91. How has that changed since 1 July 2013?**

I am advised:

The 30 June 2014 estimate of Aboriginal employment in the sector is 2.9%. This compares to the Workforce Profile 2013 report which estimated the level of Aboriginal employment in the sector at 2.7%.

**92. Since 1 July 2011, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your Department(s)?**

I am advised:

This question will be responded to by the lead Minister for the Family and Community Services Cluster.

**Reviews and studies**

- 93. In relation to feasibility studies, audits, taskforces and reviews:**  
**Is your department currently undertaking any feasibility studies, audits, taskforces or reviews? If so; then;**
- (a) What are the terms of reference or details of each study, audit, taskforce or review?**
  - (b) Who is conducting the study, audit, taskforce or review?**
  - (c) Was each study, audit, taskforce or review was publically advertised seeking expression of interest or competitive tenders?**
  - (d) Is there a contract in place detailing terms of engagement for the study, audit, taskforce or review?**
  - (e) What is the timeline of each study, audit, taskforce or review?**
  - (f) What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?**

I am advised:

This question will be responded to by the lead Minister for the Family and Community Services Cluster.

#### **Parliamentary Secretary**

- 94. Can you please list all travel related costs for your Parliamentary Secretary incurred in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2013**
- (a) kilometres travelled**
  - (b) accommodation,**
  - (c) air fares**
  - (d) meals/entertaining?**

I am advised:

Information on the total costs for NSW Government Parliamentary Secretaries in 2013/14 are:

- (a) Information not available.**
- (b) \$1,338**
- (c) \$8,773**
- (d) Information not available. Expenses are included under (b).**

- 95. Can you please provide details of the following activities undertaken by your Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2013;**
- (a) meetings attended in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary?**
  - (b) functions attended in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary?**

I am advised:

Parliamentary Secretaries provide assistance to the Premier/Minister, including signing correspondence; receiving deputations; undertaking special tasks; officiating at functions; and relieving the Premier/Minister of some of their duties. The duties to be performed are those allocated by the Premier/Minister, or which have the Premier/Minister endorsement.

**96. How often do you meet with your Parliamentary Secretary?**

**(a) Are these meetings documented?**

**(b) Who attends these meetings?**

I am advised:

Parliamentary Secretaries provide assistance to the Premier/Minister, including signing correspondence; receiving deputations; undertaking special tasks; officiating at functions; and relieving the Premier/Minister of some of their duties. The duties to be performed are those allocated by the Premier/Minister, or which have the Premier/Minister endorsement.

**97. Who provides instructions and direction to your Parliamentary Secretary, you or your Chief of Staff?**

I am advised:

Parliamentary Secretaries provide assistance to the Premier/Minister, including signing correspondence; receiving deputations; undertaking special tasks; officiating at functions; and relieving the Premier/Minister of some of their duties. The duties to be performed are those allocated by the Premier/Minister, or which have the Premier/Minister endorsement.

**Media training**

**98. 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?**

**(c) Where was it conducted what were the costs of the training?**

**(d) Who paid for the training?**

I am advised:

No.

- 99. Has the Parliamentary Secretary been provided with Speech, Voice or Media Training since becoming Parliamentary Secretary? If so, then;**
- (a) Who conducted the training?**
  - (b) When was it conducted?**
  - (c) Where was it conducted what were the costs of the training?**
  - (d) Who paid for the training?**

I am advised:

No.