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1. Please list all accounting changes as a result of the transfer of the Transport Asset Holding Entity.
 - (a) As per the 2014-15 Budget Forward Estimates detailed report, or from your own accounting records, please provide a breakdown of line items and provide the amounts for each line item.
 - (b) Will the detailed budget forward estimates be made publically available?
 - (c) How has this change affected Transport for NSW?

CBD and South East Light Rail Modelling

2. The cost of the CBD and South East Light Rail project has increased from \$1.6 billion to \$2.1 billion. According to the 2015 Budget Estimates hearing the Minister indicated this is because of scope changes. What is the total increase in cost from the original \$1.6 billion that is attributable solely to scope changes?
 - (a) What are the scope changes that account for this increase?
 - (b) Is any of the increase attributable to anything that is not a scope change?
3. The NSW Public Private Partnerships Guidelines were published in 2012. The Guidelines provide that contract summaries for Public Private Partnerships are prepared, audited by the Auditor-General and published. According to testimony from the 2015 Budget Estimates hearings, this contract summary for the CBD and South East Light Rail, is being worked through with the Auditor-General. What date will this be made public?
 - (a) Has the Minister received any warning or reprimand because of the lateness of the contract summary?
 - (b) Was the contract summary written under former Transport Minister, Gladys Berejiklian?
 - (c) Is the Minister concerned about the lateness of the Contract Summary.
4. In regards to the CBD and South East Light Rail Project:
 - (a) How many people do you forecast will you use the service each day at opening? After one year? After five years?
 - (b) What will be required to reach the ultimate potential of 13,500 passengers? When will this capacity be reached?
 - (c) When it opens, at the launch of the service, how many trams per hour will go into the city? Out of the city?
 - (d) When at ultimate operations, how many services per hour each way will be operating through the city at peak hour? When will this capacity be reached?
 - (e) How many bus passengers will be required to interchange or walk a longer distance because of the changes being made?
 - (f) How will traffic on King, Market, Park and Druitt streets be impacted by the light rail project?
 - (g) Currently, how many minutes an hour can traffic cross George Street at each of King, Market, Park and Druitt Streets?
 - (h) Upon completion of the CBD light rail project, how many minutes an hour will traffic be able to cross each of George Street at King, Market, Park and Druitt Streets?
 - (i)
 - (j) Currently, how many vehicles travel along each of King, Market, Park and Druitt Streets each day?
 - (k) Currently, how many vehicles use each of King, Market, Park and Druitt Streets in peak hour? Please define peak hour.

5. On the completion of the CBD and South East Light Rail project, how many vehicles, including property owners and delivery trucks, will be driving through the pedestrian zone each day?
 - (a) How will these vehicles be controlled and managed?
 - (b) Will there be a size limit on these delivery trucks?

6. Did Transport for NSW conduct or receive modelling that indicated there would be serious traffic issues at junctions like Cleveland Street, Anzac Parade and Lang Road as a result of giving light rail carriages priority?
 - (a) What does this modelling show?
 - (b) If so, how will you manage the fact that key intersections such as Bridge/Grosvenor, Elizabeth/Devonshire and Anzac /Cleveland will need to be interrupted many times a day to allow both inbound and outbound trams to cross?

7. The Government has claimed that Light Rail will replace around 220 bus services an hour. Is this still accurate and can you provide the Committee with a breakdown of exactly what services are going to be ended?

8. In the Estimates Hearing, the Coordinator General stated that: “There will be an additional about 30 services an hour on Elizabeth, the Pitt and Hay intersection was shown up as a hotspot, and we are currently doing some capacity improvements to increase throughput.”
 - (a) Is the figure of 30 additional bus services an hour correct?
 - (b) If not, what is the correct figure for the number of additional buses that will use Elizabeth Street each hour?

9. Has the Minister satisfied himself that the additional busses that are being diverted down the corner of Pitt and Hay Streets, Hay and Elizabeth Streets and Elizabeth and Hunter Streets will be able to safely manoeuvre the turns?
 - (a) Has any modelling been done about the effect that the new routes will have on existing traffic?
 - (b) Please supply that modelling.

10. According to the CBD AND SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL business summary, the CBD and South East Light Rail will provide 10,000 jobs and \$4 billion in overall benefits. Does the Minister agree with this claim?
 - (a) Please provide any modelling or report to support the claim for:
 - i. 10,000 jobs
 - ii. \$4 billion in overall benefits

11. What are you doing to manage the concerns of locals in Randwick about the impact the current route has on High Cross Park and the major war memorial that is located in this public space?

12. How many claims have been put in to the Government by contracted companies based on variations, changes to the contract?

13. Have you had discussions with the operator of the Cross City Tunnel about traffic management issues arising from the construction of the light rail?
 - (a) Did those discussions involve a lower toll on the tunnel?
 - (b) How much would this cost tax payers?

14. During the 2015 Budget Estimates hearing the Minister took on notice that he was happy to release modelling of any alternatives to the CBD and South East Light Rail. Please provide the modelling of those alternatives.
15. During the 2015 Budget Estimates hearing the Minister stated that opening day capacity was to be 124,000 passengers in each direction based on 266 trips between 5.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. and frequency is between 15 per hour at peak and 10 per hour at off-peak.
 - (a) Which hours will operate as peak and which will operate as off-peak?
 - (b) Does the term “each way” mean that 124,000 passengers could be carried into the city each day?
 - (c) Does the term ‘each way’ mean that 62,000 passengers could be carried into, and 62,000 carried out of, the city each day?

Parramatta Light Rail

16. When will you make a decision about the preferred Light Rail Route for Western Sydney?
17. Have any of the consultancy expenses been used to consider options for the Parramatta Light Rail?
18. What is the selection criteria for the route that will be chosen for the Parramatta Light Rail?
19. Has the Minister been provided with the 4 route options produced by Parramatta City Council?
 - (a) If yes, how much does each route cost?
 - (b) If yes, What are the projected passenger numbers on each route?

Roleplay Australia

20. I refer the minister to contract award notice 420436, provision of actor service for assessment centre. When was this contract signed?
 - (a) Who signed the contract?
 - (b) Which Minister approved the contract?

Salary/Consulting

21. Who is the current project director for the CBD Light Rail project? What is their salary band?
22. What is the salary band of the Coordinator General, Marg Prendergast?
23. Transport for NSW spent \$22.622 million on consultants in the past year, which 3 companies received the bulk of these funds?
 - (a) And how much did each receive?
24. In 2014, the 2014-15 budget for contractors was \$114,565,000. This budget rose to \$159,243,000.
 - (a) What works did contractors undertake for Transport for NSW?
 - (b) What 3 contractors received the largest portion of these funds?
25. What is the selection criteria for decisions to proceed with new upgrades of Train Stations under the Station Access Fund.

Bus diversion

26. Has the Minister satisfied himself that the 163 busses every two hours that are being diverted down the corner of Pitt and Hay Streets, Hay and Elizabeth Streets and Elizabeth and Hunter Streets will be able to safely manoeuvre the turn?
- (a) Has any modelling been done about the effect that the new routes will have on existing traffic?
 - (b) Please supply that modelling.

Opal Card

27. When will all stations will have a fully functioning top up machine for the Opal Card?
28. Why was the decision made to not allow staff to sell the Opal card?
29. How many complaints are you receiving each and every month about Opal Cards not been read on buses throughout Sydney?
- (a) What are you doing to address this issue?
 - (b) Are you confident this is now fixed?
30. Can you explain why commuters are not able to use the Opal Card on private ferry services?

Transport NSW Employees

31. Do you believe that Transport NSW is adequately staffed?
32. I refer to the 2014-15 Budgets Forward Estimates Detailed report in which more than \$100 million was spent on “overtime” and more than \$51 million was spent on “Temporary Employees – Short Term Staff.” Is \$151 million dollars in overtime and temporary staff acceptable to you?
33. What plan do you have to reduce this cost? (The budget says you will reduce this by one third, how will you do it?)

Newcastle Busses

34. Why has patronage numbers on Newcastle Buses declined?
35. I refer to the 2014 Budget Forward Estimates Detailed Report for Transport NSW which shows that the expense of Newcastle Bus Service Contracts continues to increase. Why are we paying more as passenger numbers decrease?

Transport - Signage

36. The Design Institute of Australia has said that its members are “vehemently opposed to the design” of the new signs for Sydney’s transport network. When did the sign program commence?
- (a) How much is being spent on the new sign program?
 - (b) Was a cost benefit study undertaken?
 - i. When?
 - ii. Will you release the study?
 - (c) Did Maynard Design provide a pictogram option for signage?
 - iii. Why was this not selected?

Illawarra Transport

37. Did the former Minister for Transport, Gladys Berejiklian suggest an upgrade of Unanderra Train Station during any changeover or meeting with the current Minister for Transport?
38. Has the Minister been presented with any plans by any agency to upgrade Unanderra Train Station?
39. Given the significant access issues experienced by so many people each and every day who use Unanderra Train Station can you today confirm that this station will be upgraded during this term of Parliament to fix this issue once and for all?
40. Why do you find it an effective use of taxpayers money to build a new car park at Thirroul when the congestion and delays to commuters can be resolved through minor tweaks to the South Coast timetable?

Logo

41. How much was spent on designing and rolling out the Transport for NSW logo?
42. Has Transport for NSW entered into any agreements with Tennis Australia relating to the new logo?
43. Has Transport for NSW paid Tennis Australia any money to Tennis Australia in relation to the new logo

Intercity Train Tender

44. Given the recent reports of disqualification of China North Railway for the Israel Railways locomotive tender, does this have any impact on the current tender process that they are involved in regarding the InterCity Fleet?
 - (a) Does the tender provide any incentives for the trains to be built in NSW?

Security

45. In 2011 the former Minister for Transport, Gladys Berejiklian committed \$40 million to be spent on a program to improve safety at train stations across the network. Given in May 2014 only \$1 million had been spent and the program was meant to be fully rolled out by mid-2015 can you outline to the committee how much of the \$40 million has been committed?
 - (a) Can you give a commitment today that the remaining \$39 million will be spent in the next 3 months?
 - (b) Can you give a commitment today that the remaining \$39 million will be spent in the next 6 months?
 - (c) Can you give a commitment today that the remaining \$39 million will be spent in the next 12 months?
 - (d) Can you give a commitment today that the remaining \$39 million will be spent in the next 5 years?

Privatisation of “non-core” rail assets

46. Is the Minister aware of the “Sydney Trains maintenance strategic business plan” a document which claims will provide direction for Sydney Trains maintenance over the next five years?

- (a) Minister in this document dated 12 September 2014 it says that “strategic partners will be found for all non-core activities.” What is a ‘non-core’ activity?
 - (b) Can the minister please provide some examples of core activities and non-core activities?
47. The Sydney Trains Maintenance Strategic Business plan identifies the following areas, among others, as “non-core” they include:
- (a) Mains Group HV transmission and corridor
 - (b) Mains Group HV transmission off corridor
 - (c) Distribution substations group
 - (d) Distribution low voltage
 - (e) Can you please explain why these public assets have been identified as “non core” assets when in fact these assets are integral to the day to day operation of the Sydney Trains rail network?
48. Minister would it be fair to say that the previously mention “non-core” assets all belong to the “Electrical Distribution Authority”?
49. Minister will you and your government rule out privatising both these assets and the Electrical Distribution Authority during this term of government?

Macarthur region

50. Will the Minister provide a clear timeline and completion date for the 450 new car parking spaces at Campbelltown Railway Station as promised during the 2015 State Election Campaign by the Government?
51. Will the Minister meet with a delegation of residents including residents from the Wildfire estate, to allow them to voice their concerns and frustrations regarding the proposed Southwest Rail Link extension?
- (a) If yes, please provide a time and place that this meeting can take place.
52. Will the Minister outline how the Government plans to assist and compensate Wildfire and other effected residents for the stress and potential financial loss they are facing as a result of the lack of consultation by the Minister and his department?
53. Will the Minister outline and clarify the date and type of notification and communication that was provided to residents, Local Members of Parliament and to other stake holders effected by the Southwest Rail Link extension?
54. Will the Minister provide a clear outline of the promised \$1million commitment to Campbelltown and the Macarthur region for the integrated transport action plan as announced during the 2015 State Election Campaign by the Government?

Stanwell Park

55. How regularly is the Stanwell Park viaduct inspected?
- (a) Please provide the date of the last inspection.
 - (b) Are the reports of these inspections made public?
 - i. If yes, where can these public inspections be found?
56. Are there any plans for the Stanwell Park viaduct to be replaced?

57. When was maintenance on the Stanwell Park viaduct last undertaken?
- (a) What was involved in these works?
 - (b) What was the value of these works?

Greenway

58. Is the Government committed to finishing the Greenway that is adjacent to the Light Rail line from Sydney Harbour to Dulwich Hill station?
- (a) If so, when does the Minister envisage that funding will be provided in the budget for the completion of the Greenway?

Merrylands

59. When will Sydney Trains renew the overhead pedestrian bridge across the South Line adjacent to York Street, Merrylands which is used by many residents and the students of Merrylands East Public School to walk to school and to school sport at Granville Park?
60. The upgrade of Merrylands commuter car park was promised at the election and is included in the Easy Access Program - Given that commuters are currently forced to park in Stockland Mall hundreds of metres away, when will it be constructed, where will it be located and how many car spaces will be included?

Clyde

61. Given that Clyde Station is the only interchange for the Carlingford line with the South and Western railway lines, why isn't Clyde included on the list of future access upgrades?

Opal Card pensioners

62. How many seniors and pensioners currently purchase their daily Pensioner Excursion ticket on buses and how many additional retail outlets will be made available so that they can recharge their Gold Opal cards easily, given that many seniors and pensioners do not own credit cards.
63. How many ticket sellers have lost their jobs due to the Government's refusal to sell Opal cards or allow top ups at train station ticket windows and how many more will be sacked when paper tickets like the daily pensioner excursion ticket are withdrawn?

Granville Station

64. How many fewer passengers are using Granville station since the massive reduction in services commenced under the new time table - measured through the ticket gates?
65. How many passengers entered the Sydney Trains network from Granville station in:
- (a) 2011
 - (b) 2012
 - (c) 2013
 - (d) 2014
 - (e) And up until 1 September 2015?

Newcastle Rail

66. Given that the proposed light rail for Newcastle will not be delivered in the short term, and in order to allow rail users the opportunity to trial the route, will the Minister for Transport direct that buses replacing the previous heavy rail line to follow the proposed light rail route ?
67. Will the government put in train stations to the west of Maitland in order to increase patronage on the line in areas of high population growth?
68. What is the cost of restoring the heavy rail line between Newcastle and Wickham to operational condition?
69. Will the Minister acknowledge the concerns of Paul Broad, who recently resigned a government appointed position, about the proposed new transport interchange at Wickham and revise the plans?

Department Staff and Department Expenditure

70. How many overseas trips were taken by Departmental Staff in the year 2104/15? What were the locations, duration, reasons and costs of these trips? With regards to cost, how much was spent on
 - (a) airfares
 - (b) accommodation
 - (c) food
 - (d) alcohol/drinks?
71. How much money was spent on Lee Street refurbishment during 2014/15?
 - (a) What were the nature of these refurbishments?
72. How many Department mobile phones and laptops were lost during the 2014/2015 year?
73. What was the total cost of redundancies during the year 2014/2015?
 - (a) How many staff left the Department as a result of redundancies?
74. How much was spent on corporate hospitality by the Department during the year ending 2014/2015?
75. How much was spent on indoor plant hire and maintenance during the 2014/2015 year?
76. How much did the Department spend on restaurant bills during the year 2014/2015? How much of this bill can be attributes to alcohol/drinks?
77. How many instances of internal fraud did the Department detect during the year 2014/2015? What was the sum total of any such fraud and what was the result of any investigations?
78. How large is the Department's vehicle fleet?
 - (a) What is the composition of this fleet in terms of engine size?
 - (b) How many of the fleet were involved in an accident during the year 2014/2015?
79. How much did the Department spend on newspaper and journal subscriptions during the year 2014/2015?

80. Did any Departmental officer charter or use a helicopter or plane during the year 2014/2015?
 (a) If so what was the purpose and cost?
81. For the 2014/15 financial year, how much did the Department spend on
 (a) taxis?
 (b) hire cars?
82. How many ipads or other such tablets has the Department issued to staff? a) How many have been lost during the 2014/2015 year?
83. How much has the Minister's office spent on coffee and coffee supplies during 2014/2014?
84. During 2014/15 how much has the Minister's office, spent on
 (a) taxis?
 (b) hire cars?
 (c) public transport?
85. How many SES employees are employed in TfNSW?
 (a) What is their remuneration band?
 (b) What is their current total remuneration compared to 2013/14 and 2012/13?
 (c) For each SES employee, how many have; 0 staff reporting to them, less than 2 staff and less than 5 staff?
86. How much was spent by TfNSW on contractors in the 2014/15 financial year?
87. How much was spent on consultant reports required by TfNSW for the financial year 2014/15?
88. How many sick days were lost for workplace bullying and/or stress leave during the 2014/15 financial year?

Glenfield / Leppington Line – Edmondson Park Overhead Bridge

89. On 24 June 2015, or there about, speed on the new overhead bridge at Edmondson Park was reduced in the down direction to 10km/h and on the up direction to 40km/h. Speed restriction has now been increased to 60km/h down direction and 80km/h on the up direction.

Reasoning provided was as a result of a geotechnical issue affecting 250 meters of the Edmondson Park Overhead Bridge (location: 48.250 to 48.500).

There have been a number of further explanations given including: broken rail line; siding problems; and now being a geotechnical issue.

What does geotechnical issue mean? Does it mean;

- (a) Is there an issue with the bridge abutments are they moving, sinking?
 (b) Is there an issue with bridge moving, sinking, cracking?
 (c) Are the concrete supports adequate and/or stable?
 (d) Has the concrete abutment moved or cracked?
 (e) Are there structural issues?
 (f) Has any remedial work been planned and/or undertaken since 24 June 2015?
 (g) What work, if any, has been planned or undertaken to the original work since 24 June 2015?
 (h) What are the issue(s) identified which caused the speed limits to be reduced?

- (i) What was the remedial work undertaken to allow the speeds to be increased in the up and down directions from those set on 24 June 2015?

Infrastructure Facilities Maintenance Area

90. A decision was made 12 months ago to outsource the entire Electrical Section of buildings maintenance which included 21 electricians in total. These members performed the electrical work on all City Rail stations, buildings, facilities throughout the State.

No consultation was undertaken or supporting evidence was provided and 12 months later, no formal contract negotiations have been released.

Internal costing reveal for total staff wages / Overtime / On-Call / vehicles and equipment used in usual replacement through breakdowns / vandalism / deterioration was \$5 million per annum.

There is also a concern that the contractor staff do not have the required rail qualifications, including safety, except for at best trade certifications.

- (a) Why have no staffing numbers been released?
- (b) Can you guarantee that they will be required to have Track Protection Qualifications that current staff are required to have?
- (c) Can you guarantee that they will be required to have Electrical Network Standards that current staff are required to have?
- (d) Will they be able to do self-certification?

Staff Uniforms

91. In what countries were new staff uniforms produced?
92. Where there any medical issues arising from staff wearing the new uniforms?
93. How much was spent on the new uniforms?

Opal Cards at Station Windows

94. Has the Government considered selling Opal cards at train stations through the station windows?
- (a) If yes, how much would this cost?
 - (b) Why was the idea rejected?
95. Are there any plans to allow the sale of Opal cards at train stations in the future?

XPT Trains

96. How long does the Minister anticipate the XPT trains continue in service?
- (a) How many breakdowns have occurred in:
 - i. 2011
 - ii. 2012
 - iii. 2013
 - iv. 2014
 - v. 2015
 - (b) Please provide the date of each breakdown from 2011-2015.

(c) What is the cost of hiring a coach when XPT?

97. Please provide details of cost in hiring coaches when XPT's and Xplorers have failed in service during the last six months.

Ministerial Office Administration

98. How many staff are in your ministerial office?

(a) What was the average salary for staff members in your office during 2014-15?

(b) What is the average salary for a ministerial staffer in your office based on current appointments?

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

(a) For each phone, how much was each bill in the past financial year?

(b) How many phones have been lost or replaced due to damage in your office?

i. What is the cost of replacing those phones?

100. How many iPads or tablets does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?

(a) What is the cost of providing iPads or tablets to your Ministerial Office?

(b) How many iPads or tablets have been replaced due to lost or damage?

i. What was the cost of replacing these devices?

101. Did any you or your ministerial staff incur data charges on a mobile phone or tablet device greater than \$1000 for a single billing period?

(a) If so, how many times did this occur?

i. What was the individual cost of each data charge over \$1000 for a single billing period?

102. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your office?

(a) What is the cost of this?

103. Have any floral displays or indoor plants been hired or leased for display in your ministerial office?

(a) If so, what was the cost of these items?

104. What is the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals?

(a) What are these services/newspapers/magazines/journals/periodicals?

i. Who is the subscriber for each of these?

105. What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office?

(a) What were the gifts purchased?

i. Who were they gifted to?

106. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?

(a) What is the cost of this?

107. Can you advise the names of all contractors/consultants employed and/or paid for by your office, under any agreement, contract or fee-for-service arrangement in 2014-15?

(a) Do they have ABN's?

i. If so, please provide details?

(b) Details of paid or unpaid invoices and amounts?

(c) Details of services and fees provided by each contractor and or consultant?

108. Details of the agreement between your office and any contractors/consultants engaged by your office?

Ministerial And Office Travel

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

(a) If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?

110. Have you undertaken any official overseas travel that was privately funded?

(a) What were the nature of these trips?

(b) Who paid for these trips?

111. What was the total bill for your office in 2014-15 for:

(a) Taxi hire

(b) Limousine hire

(c) Private hire care

(d) Hire car rental

112. Have you ever used Uber?

(a) If yes, were any of these occasions in an UberX vehicle?

113. Have you or anyone in your office used Uber services travelling to or from work-related events, meetings or functions?

(a) Were any of those services in an UberX vehicle?

114. Have you or anyone in your office sought reimbursement for using Uber services to travel to or from work-related events, meetings or functions?

(a) What is the value of those reimbursements?

115. Have you used Airbnb?

116. Have you or anyone in your office used Airbnb as an accommodation solution whilst travelling on official business?

117. Have any planes or helicopters been chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money?

(a) If yes, will you please detail each trip, the method of transport and the cost?

118. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?

(a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?

Labour Hire Firms

119. 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
- (g) The highest hourly or daily rate paid to an employee provided by a labour hire company

Media And Public Relations

120. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?
121. What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?
122. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?
123. Have you had media training or speech training?
- (a) If yes, who paid for it?
 - (b) If paid by taxpayers, what was the amount?

Consultants, Lobbyists And Former Parliamentarians

124. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Chris Hartcher in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- (a) Who attended those meetings?
 - (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
 - (c) What was discussed?
 - (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
125. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Andrew Stoner in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- (a) Who attended those meetings?
 - (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
 - (c) What was discussed?
 - (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
126. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Tim Owen in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- (a) Who attended those meetings?
 - (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
 - (c) What was discussed?
 - (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
127. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Craig Baumann in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- (a) Who attended those meetings?
 - (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
 - (c) What was discussed?
 - (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
128. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Andrew Cornwell in the time since he has left the Parliament?

- (a) Who attended those meetings?
- (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
- (c) What was discussed?
- (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?

129. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Chris Spence in the time since he has left the Parliament?

- (a) Who attended those meetings?
- (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
- (c) What was discussed?
- (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?

130. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Darren Webber in the time since he has left the Parliament?

- (a) Who attended those meetings?
- (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
- (c) What was discussed?
- (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?

131. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Garry Edwards in the time since he has left the Parliament?

- (a) Who attended those meetings?
- (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
- (c) What was discussed?
- (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?

132. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Bart Bassett in the time since he has left the Parliament?

- (a) Who attended those meetings?
- (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
- (c) What was discussed?
- (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?

133. Has the consultancy company Premier State done any consultancy work for the Department? 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?

134. Does Premier State currently have any contract work with the Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?

- (a) If yes, what is their role in the project?

Consulting

135. How much have the Department/agencies under your portfolio responsibility spent in legal costs?

- (a) For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?

136. Have Department/agencies under your portfolio engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice:

- (a) Social media
 - i. And the cost of these services

- (b) Photography
 - i. And the cost of these services
- (c) Acting training
 - i. And the cost of these services
- (d) Ergonomics
 - i. And the cost of these services

Department/Agency Administration

137. How many redundancies were processed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-15?
- (a) Of these redundancies, how many were:
 - i. Voluntary
 - ii. Forced
 - (b) What was the total cost of all redundancies?
138. Have any staff who received a redundancy in the last two years undertaken any paid work or provided any paid services for the agency with which they were formerly employed?
- (a) What was the nature of these works/services?
 - (b) What was the total cost of these works or services?
139. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?
140. How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2014-15?
- (a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?
141. How much was spent on corporate hospitality by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015?
142. How much was spent on indoor plant hire and maintenance by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015 year?
143. How much did Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities spend on restaurant bills during the year 2014/2015?
- (a) How much of these bills were alcohol?
144. Were instances of internal fraud detected by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015?
- (a) What was the sum total of any such fraud and what was the result of any investigations?
145. How large is the Department's vehicle fleet?
- (a) What is the composition of this fleet in terms of engine size?
 - (b) How many of the fleet were involved in an accident during the year 2014-2015?
 - (c) What was the total cost of insurance claims and repairs?
146. How much did departments/agencies spend on newspaper and journal subscriptions during 2014-2015?

147. How many SES employees are employed within departments/agencies under your ministerial portfolio?
- (a) What is their remuneration band?
 - (b) For each SES employee, how many have:
 - i. 0 staff reporting to them;
 - ii. less than 2 staff reporting to them; and
 - iii. less than 5 staff?
148. How many sick days, leave days or days attributable to workers compensation were lost for each department/agency within your portfolio responsibility during 2014-15 for:
- (a) workplace bullying;
 - (b) stress leave; and
 - (c) sick leave?
149. Do any of the departments/agencies under your portfolio area employ actors for staff training?
- (a) If so, what is:
 - i. the size of the contract for the provision of actors for staff training in your departments?
 - ii. the term of the contracts for the provision of actors for staff training in your departments?
 - iii. the tender numbers for each of the contracts?

Department/Agency Travel

150. What was the total expenditure in 2014-15 by Departments/agencies within your portfolio on:
- (a) Taxi hire
 - (b) Limousine/private car hire
 - (c) Hire car rental
151. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have a policy on utilising Uber services for travel on official business?
152. Have staff in your Department/agencies either paid for with departmental funds or been recompensed for official travel using Uber services?
- (a) Were any of these payments for UberX services?
153. Have staff in your Department/agencies either paid for with departmental funds or been recompensed for official travel using Airbnb services?
154. Did any officers within departments/agencies under your ministerial portfolio use charter aircraft during the year 2014-2015?
- (a) If so what was the purpose and cost?

Departmental/Agency IT

155. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have an iTunes account?
- (a) What was the total expenditure in 2014-15 on iTunes?
 - i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?
156. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have an Android account?
- (a) What was the total expenditure in 2014-15 on Android?
 - i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android?

157. How many Department/agency mobile phones, tablets and laptops were replaced due to loss or damage during 2014-2015?
- (a) What was the total cost of replacing these items?
158. Did any staff within departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities incur data charges on a mobile phone or tablet device greater than \$1000 for a single billing period?
- (a) If so, how many times did this occur?
- i. What was the individual cost of each data charge over \$1000 for a single billing period?

Efficiency Dividend

159. What was the efficiency dividend required of the department in the 2014/15 financial year?
160. What is the efficiency dividend required of the department in the 2015/16 financial year?
161. What savings measures were implemented by the Department for:
- (a) 2014/15 financial year
- (b) 2013/14 financial year
- (c) 2012/13 financial year?
162. What actual savings were achieved by each strategy in:
- (a) 2014/15 financial year
- (b) 2013/14 financial year
- (c) 2012/13 financial year?
163. What reduction of staff occurred and at what cost as a result of each strategy in:
- (a) 2014/15 financial year
- (b) 2013/14 financial year
- (c) 2012/13 financial year?
164. For the 2015/16 financial year:
- (a) What savings measures will the Department save?
- (b) What is the expected saving to be achieved for each measure?
- (c) Will they require a reduction in staffing?
- (d) How many positions within the Department remain unfilled due to the imposition of savings measures?

Questions from Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

School Student Transport Scheme

165. What is the budget forecast for 2015/16 for the School Student Transport Scheme?
166. What was the actual budget for the scheme in
- (a) 2014/15?
 - (b) 2013/14?
 - (c) 2012/13?
167. For questions 1 and 2, please provide a breakdown of the number of students and the total expenditure by school sector-*ie.* government, Catholic, independent

Private Vehicle Conveyance Scheme

168. What is the budget forecast for 2015/16 for the Private Vehicle Conveyance Scheme?
169. What was the actual budget for the scheme in
- (a) 2014/15?
 - (b) 2013/14?
 - (c) 2012/13?
170. For questions 1 and 2, please provide a breakdown of the number of students and the total expenditure by school sector-*ie.* government, Catholic, independent

Point to Point

171. What are the plans of Transport for NSW to ensure continued compliance with the availability of taxis, hire cars and ridesharing services that are wheelchair accessible, in the event that ride-sharing is legalised and regulated in NSW?

Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme

172. The costs of taxi transport have increased by over 60% since the last Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme (TTSS) increase in 1999. The NSW disability sector is deeply concerned that the current \$30 maximum TTSS subsidy is insufficient for many recipients. Some recipients have to travel from regional/rural areas, or across the heavily congested Sydney CBD, and most of these people are classed as low-income and in receipt of Centrelink payments. Given that the 2010 Taxi Industry Inquiry recommended the TTSS subsidy be increased to a 50% maximum of a \$100 taxi fare, will Transport for NSW increase the TTSS subsidy?
173. What is the plan to increase transport access for those living with a disability in our community?

174. When will the government implement the announced new electronic payment system for customers using the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme, replacing the out-dated paper docketts still being used by customers today?
- (a) What is the timeframe for implementation and roll-out?

Sydney Metro

175. Can the government confirm that the same amount or more train services will be available for people at Erskineville and St Peters stations after Sydney Metro is operating?
- (a) What consultation has been done with people in these communities about the impact of Sydney Metro on their public transport services?
176. Will the tunnels built for the Second Harbour Crossing be too small to allow for the passage of the current double-deck Sydney Trains rolling stock?
177. Can the government guarantee the replacement buses along the Chatswood to Epping line will be able to carry all the current passengers?

Western Sydney Rail Upgrade Program

178. What is the allocation for the program over the forward estimates?
179. The government has previously announced this is a \$1 billion program. What is the approximate allocation for:
- (a) Signalling upgrades between Westmead and Granville
- (b) Track improvements near Homebush Junction
- (c) Extra turn-back capability at St Marys
- (d) Improvements to upgrade interchanges at Central Station for the intercity and express services through Sydney Metro
- (e) Advanced train control technology to facilitate more trains on the Western Line
- (f) Traction supply upgrades for Western and Blue Mountains Lines
- (g) Increased stabling in Western Sydney and the Inner City
- (h) Any other project (please list along with estimated costs.)

Wickham Transport Interchange

180. The current completion year for Wickham Interchange has now been pushed back to 2017. That means that commuters are facing, at the very least, two full years of replacement buses between Hamilton and Newcastle. What will be the long-term impact on public transport patronage?
181. Has the government carried out any surveys of people using the replacement buses and their problems with the services?
- (a) If yes, could you please provide the results of these surveys publicly?
- (b) If no, does the government plan on doing surveys?

Newcastle Light Rail

182. Has the final business case been completed for the Newcastle light rail?

CBD and South East Light Rail

183. Have Royal Randwick Racecourse, the Sydney Cricket Ground, Sydney Football Stadium, or the University of New South Wales contributed to the funding of the CBD and South East Light Rail project?

Ferries

184. The government promised a \$100 million upgrade for Parramatta ferries during the election, including more vessels and more services.
- (a) What is the government doing to repair damage caused by RiverCat ferries to this point, and mitigate risks in the future?
 - (b) Has the government considered modifying the ferries or the speed limits to ensure that potential damage to the seawalls and the local environment (including mangroves) is minimised?
185. Please provide passenger patronage figures for the Stockton to Newcastle Ferry Service for the following years, by fare type:
- (a) 2015
 - (b) 2014
 - (c) 2013
 - (d) 2012
 - (e) 2011
 - (f) 2010
 - (g) 2009
 - (h) 2008
 - (i) 2007.
186. Please provide a full list of private ferry services where the government has chosen not to roll out Opal Card readers.

State Transit

187. The promotional video for Wickham Transport Interchange appears to show a bus travelling along Stewart Avenue. Please provide details about the bus arrangements once the proposed Interchange is built.
188. Please provide annual and quarterly passenger patronage figures for Newcastle Buses for the following years, by fare type:
- (a) 2015
 - (b) 2014
 - (c) 2013
 - (d) 2012
 - (e) 2011
 - (f) 2010

- (g) 2009
- (h) 2008
- (i) 2007.

Sydney Metro Northwest

189. How many media, stakeholder and community relations staff are there in each of the following, for the Sydney Metro Northwest project:
- (a) Transport for NSW
 - (b) Thiess John Holland Dragados Team (Tunnelling Contractor)
 - (c) MTR Corporation (Australia), John Holland, Leighton Contractors, UGL Rail Services and Plenary Group Team (OTS Contractor)
 - (d) Salini-Impreglio Joint Venture (SVC Contractor)

XPT

190. What is the timeline for the procurement, delivery, and rollout of the new XPT fleet?
191. Will new XPT trains be running before the 2019 state election?
192. Please provide information about the rollout of the XPT trains, including which routes and lines will benefit from the new trains first.

Tilt Trains

193. Is the government currently investigating the use of tilt train technology in NSW?
- (a) If yes, what lines or routes is the government considering for the introduction of this technology?
 - (b) What is the timeline for the introduction of tilt trains in NSW?

Opal Card

194. Will seniors and pensioners be able to apply for an unregistered Gold Opal Card once the Pensioner Excursion Ticket is phased out on 1 January 2016?
195. How many Law Enforcement Requests have been made to Transport for NSW in the period 1 January 2015 to 31 August 2015, from the following agencies:
- (a) NSW Police
 - (b) Department of Immigration and Border Protection
 - (c) Australian Customs
 - (d) Australian Border Force.
 - (e) Any other agency (please list.)
196. How many requests from each listed agency resulted in the disclosure of personal information for Opal Card customers?

North Coast Line

197. Please provide any information on the current plans for upgrading the North Coast Line, including timeline for upgrades and information on maintenance.
- (a) When will new XPT trains run on this line?

Advertising on trains

198. Please provide total revenue figures for Transport for NSW from private advertising on trains, buses, trains stations, etc., in the following financial years:
- (a) 2014/2015
 - (b) 2013/2014
 - (c) 2012/2013
 - (d) 2011/2012
 - (e) 2010/2011.
199. Is all revenue from advertising directed towards financing transport projects and initiatives?
- (a) If no, what is the revenue being used for?