



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 1

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Premier, Western Sydney

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Answers to be lodged by: 18 November 2011

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25 October 2011	Premier, Western Sydney	18 November 2011 [21 days]

Questions relating to the portfolio of Premier

25 OCTOBER 2011, 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Questions from Dr John Kaye MLC

1. Will the Premier rule out any dam on the site of the proposed Tillegra impoundment?
2. Will the Premier rule out any dam at Native Dog Creek in the Tillegra Valley near the Williams River?
 - a. If so, will the Premier ensure that Hunter Water is aware of this decision?

Questions from the Hon Amanda Fazio MLC

3. Parliamentary Secretary
 - a. Can you please list all travel related costs for your Parliamentary Secretaries (Ray Williams MP and the Hon Marie Ficarra MLC) incurred in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2011:
 - i. kilometres travelled
 - ii. accommodation,
 - iii. air fares
 - iv. meals/entertaining?
 - b. Can you please provide details of the following activities undertaken by your Parliamentary Secretaries (Ray Williams MP and the Hon Marie Ficarra MLC) since 1 July 2011
 - i. meetings attended in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary?
 - ii. functions attended in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary?
 - c. How often do you meet with your Parliamentary Secretaries?
 - i. Are these meetings documented?
 - ii. Who attends these meetings?
 - d. Who provides instructions and direction to your Parliamentary Secretary, you or your Chief of Staff?
 - e. Have any of the Parliamentary Secretaries appointed by you (Hon John Ajaka MLC, Craig Baumann MP, Goeff Provest MP, Steve Candsell, Hon David Clarke MLC, Hon Maire Ficarra MLC, Try Grant MP, Hon Charlie Lynn MLC, Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC, Hon Melinda Pavey MLC, Rob Stokes MP, Paul Toole MP, Gabrielle Upton MP and Ray Williams MP) been provided with Speech, Voice or Media Training since becoming Parliamentary Secretary?
 - f. If so, in respect of each Parliamentary Secretary please advise:
 - i. Who conducted the training?
 - ii. When was it conducted
 - iii. Where was it conducted?
 - iv. What were the costs of the training?
 - v. Who paid for the training?
4. How many adverse findings has the Police Integrity Commission (PIC) Inspector now delivered in relation to the PIC?
5. What action are you going to take in respect of the PIC Inspector's reports in order to restore confidence in the PIC?
6. Do you have concerns about the operations of the PIC?
7. Do you support the continued existence of the PIC?
8. Are you going to disband the PIC?

9. If not, are you going to undertake an overhaul of the PIC i.e. appoint a new Commissioner and staff?
10. Phones
 - a. How many blackberries does DPC assign to your Ministerial staff and to whom have they been issued?
 - b. How many iPads does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
 - c. How many iPads have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
 - d. How many iPhones does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
 - e. How many iPhones have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
 - f. For each phone or device, how much was each bill from April to October?
 - g. How many phones or devices have been lost in your office?
 - h. What is the cost of replacing those phones or devices?
11. Media and Public Relations
 - a. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?
 - b. What is the forecast for 2011-12 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?
 - c. How many media or public relations advisers are employed in your ministerial office?
12. Overseas Trips
 - a. Have any of your overseas trips in the past year been paid for in part or in full by using public money?
 - b. If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?
13. Office Costs
 - a. What is the annual remuneration package for your chief of staff?
 - b. What is the annual remuneration package for your head media advisor?
 - c. What is the annual remuneration package for each of your staff?
 - d. What is the estimated expenditure for your office budget in 2011-12?
 - e. Have any office renovations or fit outs been undertaken in your ministerial office since April?
 - f. If so, could you give details of contracted costs?
 - g. What is your office budget?
 - h. How many political advisors are in your office?
 - i. How many administration staff?
 - j. How many Department Liaison officers are assigned to your office?
 - k. How many staff in the Department are assigned to Ministerial support duties?
14. Cabcharge
 - a. In terms of your ministerial office, how much did your office spend on taxi fares, including Cabcharge since April?
15. Restructure
 - a. Are any of your portfolio agencies undergoing a restructure?
 - b. How many jobs are expected to be cut as a result of that restructure?
 - c. How many people are expected to have their wages cut as a result of that restructure?
 - d. How many voluntary redundancies are expected to be offered as a result of that restructure?
16. Agency Costs
 - a. What is your agency's catering budget?
 - b. Since April, has the agency changed its branding?
 - c. How much was spent on rebranding the agency?
 - d. How much has been spent on stationary?

17. Correspondence
 - a. How long is the average turnaround for responding to correspondence in your agency?
 - b. How many pieces of correspondence have been outstanding for more than 60 days?

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

19. Grants to non-government organisations
 - a. Does your department provide recurrent grant funds to non-government organisations?
 - b. If yes,
 - i. What are the names of all organisations in receipt of funding?
 - ii. What is the total amount of funding received by each organisation, including goods and services tax?
 - iii. On what date was the funding advanced?
 - iv. What was the purpose for each grant or funding advance?
 - v. Was any funding withheld or returned?
 - vii. If so, what were the reasons for withholding or requiring the funding to be returned?
 - viii. What is the indexation rate applied to non recurrent grant funds in 2011/2012?

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

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There were no additional questions on notice lodged by members relating to the portfolio of Premier.

Questions relating to the portfolio of Western Sydney

25 OCTOBER 2011, 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Questions from the Hon Amanda Fazio MLC

1. Premier, How many submissions and representations have you made to Cabinet as the Minister for Western Sydney?
2. How many staff are employed in your office to support you in your role as Minister for Western Sydney?

3. How many licensed venues in NSW have been fined since April 2011 for breaches of the Smokefree Environment Act?
 - a. How many of those are in Western Sydney?

4. How many other organisations or institutions have been fined for breaches of the Smokefree Environment Act since April 2011?
 - a. How many in western Sydney?

5. How much is expected to be raised from fines issued under the Smokefree Environment Act in the coming year?

6. Is money raised from fines issued under the Smokefree Environment Act used for providing further protection to NSW citizens from second hand tobacco smoke?
 - a. Or is it simply put into consolidated revenue?

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