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SPORT AND RECREATION

The Hon. Marie Ficarra (Chair),

I was sworn in as the NSW Minister for Sport and Recreation on 30 August 2013 and to the best of my knowledge the answers tendered here with are true and accurate statements.

Please find attached the following documents relating to the Budget Estimates hearing for Sport and Recreation;

- Amended transcript
- Answers to questions taken on notice during the hearing (1 – 5)
- Answers to further QON lodged by members (1 – 23, 1- 75)

Due date – Thursday 5th September 2013

Yours sincerely,

Gabrielle Upton MP
Minister for Sport and Recreation

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Supplementary Questions for the Minister for Sport and Recreation

SCG funding versus community sport

1. In the Sydney Morning Herald ‘New Era for Hallowed Ground’ (7/8/13) it says that ‘The state government will contribute \$86 million to upgrading the SCG, in Sydney’s east, prompting criticism that ageing sports fields in western Sydney did not get the same treatment.’

What percentage of the Sport and Recreation budget is allocated to western Sydney as opposed to ‘Sydney’s east’?

I am advised by the Department the Sport and Recreation budget is not allocated on a geographical basis.

2. In the Budget Statement the Minister states that that “...the Government remains committed to supporting grassroots sport and recreational organisations...” With this in mind, how much money goes directly to ‘grassroots’ sport as opposed to projects like the SCG upgrade?

I am advised by the Department the Sport and Recreation budget is not allocated on such a basis.

Gaming machines funding

3. One of the main government-endorsed community grants available to community sporting groups – ClubsGrants NSW – is directly sourced from poker machines within those sporting groups’ communities. In light of this:

- a. What percentage of community-based sports clubs relied on funding from the Gaming Machines Act 2001 in 2012/13?**
- b. What are the projections for 2013/14?**
- c. Are these trends going up or down?**
- d. Does the government consider it acceptable that community sports groups, who are often financially vulnerable and in poor communities, are reliant on gaming revenue to keep themselves afloat?**

This is a matter for the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing.

4. In the Budget press release, Minister Annesley states that the ‘impact sport and recreational activity can have on people’s lives goes well beyond the obvious health

benefits'. What impacts do poker machine addiction have on people's lives, considering pokies and community sport funding are so inextricably linked in NSW?

This is a matter for the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing.

AFL buying sports grounds

In recent years there have been several instances whereby the AFL, in partnership with local councils, has bought up local sporting ovals, thereby restricting access to other sports groups and general users. The most obvious example of this was Parramatta's Holroyd Oval in 2011.

5. Has this practice abated? If not, why not?

The provision of sports grounds and facilities is predominantly the responsibility of individual councils. Not-for-profit community groups and individual councils can apply for funds to improve their facilities through the Sport and Recreation Participation and Facility program.

6. What is the government doing to ensure community sports groups have access to ovals and sportsgrounds?

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Uniform grants program

The Victorian Government has recently renewed its highly popular Uniforms Grants Program – which provides grants of up to \$1000 to assist in the purchase of sports uniforms – for another three years. A direct grant of this nature does *not* exist in NSW.

7. Will the Government adopt a similar program in NSW?

Funding for uniforms is currently available as a component of the Sport and Recreation Participation and Facility Program.

Community sport

8. What proportion of the Sport and Recreation budget goes to elite sportspeople and their administrative bodies as opposed to small, community-based sports groups in NSW?

I am advised by the Department the Sport and Recreation budget is not allocated on such a basis.

9. In reference to the 2013/14 budget allocating \$1.5 million to developing a network of ten regional academies of sport, what consultation was undertaken to determine this funding allocation?

a. How long will this funding continue?

I am advised by the Department the Regional Academies of Sport Incorporated, which is the representative of the regional academies, was consulted. RASi submitted a Business Case requesting funding of \$1.5 million to the regional academies of sport until and including 2016/17. This was approved and announced in September 2012.

10. NSW's main community sports grant - the Participation and Facility Program - requires no more than 50% of project expenditure may be used on each of the following items: clothing/uniforms and equipment. In light of the restrictive nature of this funding to community sports groups, will the Government commit to modifying this grant to better reflect the day-to-day needs of struggling sporting clubs?

A comprehensive review of all Sport and Recreation grant programs has already been undertaken. The overall objectives of the Participation and Facility Program are to:

- Increase regular and on-going participation opportunities in sport, recreation or structured physical activity in a sustainable manner.
- Address barriers to participation in sport, recreation and structured physical activity.

11. Live Odds Betting during Sports Telecasts – Minister you made a number of public statements joining community concern about broadcasting live odds for betting during sports telecasts, particularly Rugby League telecasts. What have you actually done about stopping it?

Regulatory responsibility for broadcasting is a matter for the Commonwealth Government. The NSW Government is currently supporting national research into the impact of gambling products, including live odds, on children and young people.

12. The Community Sports Facilities Program has long been a very valuable way of small communities getting the facilities they need to promote grass roots participation, is it the case that this year sports grants have been cut from \$144,646 2012/2013 - \$48,000 – 2013/2014 (per electorate?) why have you cut this funding?

Sport and Recreation does not administer a grant program called the 'Community Sports Facilities Program'.

13. Stadia Plan - The Olympic Park concept is expected to cost \$240 million. Does the Government have the funding available for this in the forward estimates? Where will the funding come from?

The Office of the Minister for Sport and Recreation has not received a proposal for the redevelopment of ANZ Stadium from Stadium Australia Group.

14. Does the stadia plan also consider the upgrade of transport and rail facilities to Olympic Park?

Details of the Stadia Precinct Vision can be found at

http://www.sopa.nsw.gov.au/planning_and_development/master_plan_2030/stadia_precinct

15. Is it expected that sports such as 20/20 Cricket and AFL will continue to be held at ANZ stadium with the proposed plan to bring the seating closer to the field at both ends of the stadium?

ANZ Stadium is currently operated by Stadium Australia Group. The Office of the Minister for Sport and Recreation has not received a proposal for the redevelopment of ANZ Stadium from Stadium Australia Group.

16. If the concept design goes ahead, has the Government determined when the redevelopment is expected to be completed?

The Office of the Minister for Sport and Recreation has not received a proposal for the redevelopment of ANZ Stadium from Stadium Australia Group.

17. Does the Government have any plans to upgrade Campbelltown Stadium in the forward estimates?

Campbelltown Stadium is owned by Campbelltown City Council. The Office of the Minister for Sport and Recreation has not received a proposal for the upgrade of Campbelltown Stadium by Campbelltown City Council.

18. Combat Sports - How many applications for a permit to promote a professional combat sport contest complied with the requirements of the Combat Sports Bill 2008 in that they were in or to the effect of the approved form in 2011/12?

Information regarding Combat Sports Industry regulation is available at

http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/industry_combat.asp. The NSW Government is reviewing the Combat Sports Act 2008.

19. How many applications for a permit to promote a professional combat sport contest complied with the requirements of the Combat Sports Bill 2008 in that they were in or to the effect of the approved form in 2012/13?

Information regarding Combat Sports Industry regulation is available at http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/industry_combat.asp. The NSW Government is reviewing the Combat Sports Act 2008.

20. How many applications for a permit to promote an amateur combat sport contest complied with the requirements of the Combat Sports Bill 2008 in that they were in or to the effect of the approved form in 2011/12?

Information regarding Combat Sports Industry regulation is available at http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/industry_combat.asp. The NSW Government is reviewing the Combat Sports Act 2008.

21. How many applications for a permit to promote a amateur combat sport contest complied with the requirements of the Combat Sports Bill 2008 in that they were in or to the effect of the approved form in 2012/13?

Information regarding Combat Sports Industry regulation is available at http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/industry_combat.asp. The NSW Government is reviewing the Combat Sports Act 2008.

22. On what date did the Department of Sport and Recreation make available on their website the forms for an application for a permit to promote a professional combat sport contest?

I have been advised by my Department the date was 14 June 2013.

23. On what date did the Department of Sport and Recreation make available on their website the forms for an application for a permit to promote an amateur combat sport contest?

I have been advised by my Department the date was 14 June 2013.

Miscellaneous

1. What is your relationship to Michael Photios?

Michael Photios is a former Member of Parliament, former Minister, a current member of the NSW Liberal Party and on the NSW Lobbyist Register.

2. How often do you speak with him?

I speak with him infrequently.

3. Have you met with clients of *PremierState*?

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

4. On how many occasions and what dates did you meet with Michael Photios or representatives of *PremierState*?

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

5. What was discussed at these meetings?

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

6. On how many occasions have you declined to meet with Michael Photios or a client of *PremierState*?

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

7. Did you attend his wedding?

No.

8. Did Michael Photios vote in your preselection?

Members of the NSW Liberal Party are entitled to vote in the pre-selection of candidates.

9. Have you met with lobbyists other than *PremierState*?

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

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

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

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

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

12. On how many occasions have you declined to meet with a lobbyist?

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

13. To deliver greater transparency and accountability, will you publish a monthly online diary of all meetings with lobbyists?

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

14. In order to deliver greater transparency and accountability, as promised by the Premier, will you commit to keeping a record of all lobbying activities and documentation and allow them to be subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act?

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

15. Since becoming a Minister, have you taken any interstate or intrastate trips involving overnight accommodation or flights?

Yes.

16. Will you provide a list to the committee of the details of all travel?

Information regarding travel is available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet Disclosure Log at

http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/accessing_dpc_information/dpc_disclosure_log.

Travel is in accordance with the 'Policy on Official Travel within Australia and Overseas' available at

http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/156026/Official_Travel_Policy_within_Australia_and_Overseas_-_August_2013.pdf.

17. Have you taken any trips intrastate or interstate to attend Liberal/National Party functions? What are the details of the trips including dates and costs?

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18. Have you taken any trips intrastate or interstate to attend lobbyists' functions? What are the details of the trips including dates and costs?

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19. Were these trips paid for by the taxpayer?

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20. Were these trips booked through the government travel management system?

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21. Since becoming a Minister, have you paid back money to the state because you booked unauthorised travel with the government travel management system? How much? When did you travel? When did you pay back the money? How many occasions has this happened?

Information regarding reimbursement payments is available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet Disclosure Log at

http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/accessing_dpc_information/dpc_disclosure_log.

22. Have you had meetings scheduled interstate or intrastate on Fridays or weekends which involved you staying overnight?

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23. Did you take your spouse/partner on these trips?

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24. Have any members of your staff made complaints to or raised concerns with you, your Chief of Staff or the Department of Premier and Cabinet about bullying in your office?

Information on Department of Premier and Cabinet Memorandum 'Dignity and Respect: Policy and Guidelines on Preventing and Managing Workplace Bullying' can be found at

http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/announcements/ministerial_memoranda/2007/m2007-02.

25. If so, have any members of your staff resigned or been removed from their position after making such a complaint or raising such concerns?

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26. How many blackberries or smart phones are assigned to your staff?

169 phones have been issued to the Premier's Office and Ministers Offices.

27. For each phone, how much was each bill in the 2012/13 financial year?

The total expenditure on all phone types by the Premier's office and Ministers' offices as represented in the department's financial system is set out in the table below. Please note that this expenditure may include mobile phone purchase costs as the financial system does not separate the purchase costs and mobile usage charges.

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
TOTAL	\$483,310	\$578,691	\$434,854	\$188,761	\$197,226	\$232,286

Note. 2010-11 figures are a combination of 9 months of Keneally Government and 3 months of O'Farrell Government.

28. How many have phones have been lost in your office?

For Premier's Office and Ministers' offices, the number of phones lost was 5.

29. What is the cost of replacing those phones?

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

30. How many iPads or tablet computers does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?

The number of iPads issued for the Premier's office and Ministers' offices for 2012/13 is 75.

31. How many iPads or tablet computers have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?

I have been advised by the Department of Premier and Cabinet that in 2012/13 the office of the Hon Graham Annesley purchased two iPads for specific business needs.

32. How many iPhones or smart phones does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?

169 phones have been issued to NSW Ministerial Offices.

33. How many iPhones or smart phones have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?

iPhones or Smart Phones are supplied by DPC.

34. How many iPhones or smart phones have been lost in your office?

For Premier's Office and Ministers' offices, the number of phones lost was 5.

35. How many iPads or tablet computers have been lost in your office?

For Premier's office and Ministers' offices the number of iPads lost was 2.

36. What is the cost of replacing those phones or tablets?

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

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

I have been advised by my Department four people are employed across the sport and recreation portfolio.

38. What is the forecast for 2013/14 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?

I have been advised by my Department there is no anticipated change in the number staff employed in these roles in the sport and recreation services group during 2013/14. The budget for these positions is unchanged.

39. Have any of your overseas trips in the past year been paid for in part or in full by using public money? If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?

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".

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

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

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

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

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

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

43. What is the estimated expenditure for your office budget in 2012-13?

Information regarding Premier's Office and Ministerial Offices budget and expenditure is available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet Disclosure Log at http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/accessing_dpc_information/dpc_disclosure_log.

44. Have any office renovations or fit outs been undertaken in your ministerial office since April, 2011? If so, could you give details of contracted costs?

Information on the assets balances for leasehold improvements are available in the Department of Premier and Cabinet Annual Report.

45. What is your Ministerial office budget for 2013/14?

Information regarding Premier's Office and Ministerial Offices budget and expenditure is available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet Disclosure Log at http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/accessing_dpc_information/dpc_disclosure_log.

46. How many political advisors are in your office?

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47. How many administration staff?

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48. How many Department Liaison Officers are assigned to your office?

Number of Department Liaison Officers (DLOs) are:

	Number of DLOs as at 5/09/2012	Number of DLOs as at 30/06/2013
Premier	1	1
Ministers	57	54
TOTAL	58	55

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

I have been advised by my Department the number of staff is nil.

50. Are any contractors or consultants working in your ministerial office? If so, in what capacities?

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

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

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

52. How much did your Ministerial office spend on taxi fares, including Cabcharge in the 2012/13 financial year?

Taxi expenditure by the Premier's office and Ministers' offices as represented in the Department's financial system is represented in the table below.

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
TOTAL	\$160,155	\$175,776	\$60,277	\$96,094	\$92,829

Note. 2010-11 figures are a combination of 9 months of Keneally Government and 3 months of O'Farrell Government.

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

I have been advised by my Department agencies and departments undertake internal reviews of their structure to ensure that functions and priorities align with the changing needs of Government.

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

I have been advised by my Department agencies and departments undertake internal reviews of their structure to ensure that functions and priorities align with the changing needs of Government.

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

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

The Government's program of voluntary redundancies remains on track.

This includes the target of 5,000 positions announced in the 2011/12 Budget and the labour expense cap introduced in the 2012/13 Budget. Directors General will be given as much flexibility as possible to achieve the Labour Expense Cap 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.

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

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59. How much did your Department spend on catering in 2012/13?

I have been advised by my Department catering costs are part of the Sport and Recreation operating expenses budget. All costs within Sport and Recreation are monitored and controlled by the Department.

60. How much did your Department spend on stationary in 2012/13?

I have been advised by my Department stationery costs are part of the Sport and Recreation operating expenses budget. All costs within Sport and Recreation are monitored and controlled by the Department.

61. What is your Department's catering budget?

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62. What is your Department's stationary budget?

I have been advised by my Department stationery costs are part of the Sport and Recreation operating expenses budget. All costs within Sport and Recreation are monitored and controlled by the Department.

63. Since April 2011 have any of the agencies in your Department changed their branding? If so, how much was spent on rebranding the agency?

I have been advised by the Department the establishment of Venues NSW in March 2012, as an independent statutory body and public trading enterprise, necessitated the need to develop a new brand. A budget of \$15,000 (GST exc) has been set to undertake this work.

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

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.

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

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66. In 2012/13 how many invoices has your Department(s) failed to pay a supplier or contractor for more than 30 days?

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

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

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

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

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

69. 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 2013/2013?**
- h. What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?**
- i. Have any provisions been included in grant agreements to prohibit these organisations from criticising the Government or any of its policies?**

I am advised by my Department information on funding to non-government organisations is reported publicly in the Department of Education and Communities Annual Report.

70. How many contractors has your Department(s) retained since 1 July 2013 and at what cost?

This information is not held centrally for the Department. The number of contractors fluctuates.

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

The Public Service Commission collects workforce data from the NSW public sector, including regarding levels of Aboriginal employment. An estimate of the level of Aboriginal employment in the sector at June 2013 will be included in the Workforce Profile 2013 Report, due to be released with the 2013 State of the Public Sector Report in November 2013. NSW Treasury Circular 11/03 outlines Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Disclosure Requirements, requiring that NSW public sector agencies include EEO data in their annual reports.

72. How has that changed since 1 July 2012?

An estimate of the level of Aboriginal employment in the NSW public sector at June 2012 can be found in the Workforce Profile 2012 Report. This report is available on the PSC website on the Workforce Profile page: <http://www.psc.nsw.gov.au/About-the-Public-Sector/workforce-profile>.

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

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74. 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?**

As with previous NSW Governments, the Government undertakes feasibility studies, audits, taskforces and reviews to inform government decision making. A number of feasibility studies, audits, taskforces and reviews are currently being undertaken across the NSW Government.

75. 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?**

No.