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**Questions from the Hon. Adam Searle, MLC
Attorney General**

1. What new funding has been made available in this Budget for children and young people in custody with mental illnesses?
2. Has the Government set a target for the reduction in children and young people held on remand, given its commitment to reducing the number of children and young people being held on remand?
3. Do you and your Department still support the NSW Aboriginal Justice Plan beyond Justice 2004-2014?
4. According to Budget Papers, \$5.6 million has been cut from the Crime Prevention and Community Services division's budget:
 - a. Which specific programs and services are you cutting?
5. Have you made cuts to any local court diversion programs, including Drug and Alcohol MERIT, Circle Sentencing, CREDIT, or Forum Sentencing?
6. How much funding has been allocated this financial year to the NSW Crime Prevention Grants program?
7. How much funding was allocated last financial year to the NSW Crime Prevention Grants program?
8. Which councils were awarded crime prevention grants last financial year?
9. What is the current status of the Court Referral of Eligible Defendants into Treatment (CREDIT) program?
 - a. Will it be expanded following its recent positive evaluation by BOCSAR?
 - b. Or have you cut it?
10. Does the Anti-Graffiti Action Team still exist?
 - a. If so, when did it last meet?
11. Have you cut funding to or reduced FTE staff numbers at the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board?
12. Have you cut funding to or reduced FTE staff numbers at Victims Services?
13. When did the Victims Advisory Board last meet?
 - a. How many times has it met since March 27 2011?
14. How many pending claims are currently before the Victims Compensation Tribunal?

15. What is the total value of pending claims currently before the Victims Compensation Tribunal?
16. What was the average time between lodgement and determination of a victims compensation claim as at 30 June 2012?
17. Exactly how much funding is allocated to victims' services in 2012/13?
18. In how many victims claims do you expect to be finalised this financial year .
 - a. on page 2-9 of Budget Paper No. 3 the number of applications received by the Victims Compensation Tribunal is predicted to fall from 8,000 in 2011/12 to 7,000 in 2012/13 – a reduction of 12.5%?
 - b. Are you expecting this drop to occur as a result of any legislative changes you have planned?
 - c. If so, what are those plans?
19. What is the progress of your review into the Victims Compensation Scheme?
20. When will the results of the review be released?
21. When will there be a Government response to the review?
22. Isn't the Government's intention to abolish lump sum payments?
23. Will you rule out putting forward legislation that reduces, removes or limits the current availability of compensation to any categories of victims of crime?
24. Will you give a guarantee that you will not put forward legislation that takes away or limits the rights that sexual assault and domestic violence victims currently have to obtain compensation under the Victims' Compensation Scheme?
25. Has the former NSW Sheriff, Chris Allen, been appointed to conduct of review of the Sheriff's Office and related services?
26. If no. Can you explain why earlier this year Mr Allen and an Assistant were based in the Industrial Relations Court complex on Phillip Street and were inviting representatives of non-government organisations to meet and discuss possible reforms to the operation of the Sheriff's office?
27. What is the current status of this review?
28. If the Review has been abandoned – how much did it cost to engage Mr Allen and his Assistant, and provide rooms and support at the NSW Industrial Relations court complex?
29. If the Review is ongoing – does Mr Allen's review recommend privatizing or outsourcing any of the Sheriff's office current functions, including security and the seizure of goods?

30. Will you rule out privatizing or outsourcing any of the Sheriff's office's current functions?
31. Why is your Chief of Staff, Mr Damien Tudehope, listed as a Principal Solicitor at the firm Tudehope & Partners?
32. Is Mr Tudehope still practising law at his old firm?
 - a. Has Mr Tudehope performed any work for or received any income from the firm Tudehope and Partners since becoming you Chief of Staff?
 - b. If so, who have been his clients?
33. What steps have you taken to ensure Mr Tudehope avoids any perceived or actual conflicts of interest between his roles as your Chief of Staff and as a Principal Solicitor at a private law firm?
34. Did Mr Tudehope disclose to you his conflict of interest in performing work for a private law firm, as required under the DPC Code of Conduct?
35. Can you give a guarantee that Mr Tudehope has not undertaken any private legal work either from your office or during periods of time that he was not on approved leave from your office?
36. Did Mr Tudehope seek the permission of the Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet prior to undertaking work for Tudehope and Partners, as required under the DPC Code of Conduct?
37. Why did you allow your Chief of Staff, Damien Tudehope, to consider and then determine the Hon Adam Searle's GIPA application – which sought documents relating to alleged paedophile Father Finian Egan – when Mr Tudehope carried a glaring conflict of interest given his past provision of legal assistance to Father Egan?
38. Did Mr Tudehope declare his conflict of interest, as required under the DPC Code of Conduct?
 - a. If no, why not?
 - b. If so, why did you still allow him to consider the application?
39. Has your office requested or obtained any briefing notes or reports from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions or the NSW Police Force relating to Father Finian Egan and can you guarantee that your Chief of Staff did not have access to such documents?
40. Have you or your office discussed Finian Egan's case with either DPP or any other member of the DPP's office?
41. Have you or your office asked any officer within your Department to obtain Information from either the DPP or his office concerning Father Finian Egan?
42. How much compensation are you seeking from Ray Hadley in your defamation action against him?

43. Approximately how much time have you spent preparing your defamation case against Ray Hadley?
44. Have you attended any mediation sessions with Ray Hadley?
 - a. If so, when were they and how long did they last?
45. Should any constitutional issues arise in the case – for example, issues relating to the implied constitutional right to free speech – will you exercise your power as Attorney General under section 78B of the Judiciary Act to intervene in your own case?
46. Have any human or physical resources from either your department or your office – including the preparation of any briefs or legal advice – been used to further or support your claim against Ray Hadley?
47. What is your response to consorting laws being used against those with intellectual disabilities who are clearly not gang members?
48. Why did it take you four months to publicly respond to the NSW Sentencing Council's report on High Risk Violent Offenders?
49. In your media release dated 24 September 2012, you stated that, "an audit by Corrective Services identified 14 high-risk offenders due for release in three years?"
 - a. Were any of these offenders released between 1 May and 24 September 2012?
 - b. If yes – why then did you sit on the Sentencing Council's report for four months?
50. When are each of the remaining eleven high risk offenders identified in the Corrective Services Audit eligible for release?
51. When will you introduce your promised laws to allow high-risk offenders to be kept in jail beyond the end of their sentence?
52. Will any of the remaining eleven high risk offenders identified in the Corrective Services Audit become eligible for release before the legislation is introduced?
53. Did you recommend that Cabinet appoint Mr Peter Feather as a magistrate of the NSW Local Court?
54. Were you aware that Mr Feather had appeared with Federal Opposition Leader, Tony Abbott, at a press conference in August 2010 to join with Mr Abbott in criticising the Federal Labor Government's BER program?
55. If so, did you consider that this might create a perception of political bias behind Mr Feather's appointment?
56. Was there a merit selection process which led you to select Mr Feather?

57. Did Tony Abbott provide a reference for Mr Feather or was he put forward as a referee?
58. Did you have any discussions with Tony Abbott about Mr Feather before his appointment?
59. What was the funding for the Industrial Court/Industrial Relations Commission Library in 2011-2012?
60. What is the funding for the Industrial Court/Industrial Relations Commission Library in 2012-2013?
61. Is there any plan or any consideration being given to either abolishing this library or merging it with any other facility?
If yes, what are those plans or considerations?
62. The Government response to the Law and Justice Committee report on possible Consolidation of Tribunals was due on 24 September 2012 and you, as Attorney General, were one of the Ministers who referred the matter to the Law and Justice Committee.
- Has the Government developed a response to the Law and Justice Committee report on possible Consolidation of Tribunals ?
 - When will a Government response be made public?
63. I note the answer of the Minister for Industrial Relations in his Estimates hearing on Tuesday 9 October, p57, to a question about the low level of resourcing of the Industrial Relations Commission and the need for additional appointments to that body. I further note the answer of the Minister and Ms Telfer of the Office of Industrial Relations that an appointment, or possibly appointments, are being considered. I assume those to be Commissioner appointment(s), given the Minister's area of responsibility.
- Are any appointments to the Industrial Court of NSW being considered? If yes, when?
 - Having regard to the changes to the jurisdiction of the Industrial Court over time, the judicial work for judges of the Industrial Court will be at an all time low by next year. Is your government considering expanding the jurisdiction of the Industrial Court?
 - Is your Government considering appointing the remaining 5 judges of the court to the Supreme Court, as suggested in one of the options referred by you to the Law and Justice Committee?
 - If no to the above questions, what steps will you take to ensure the justices of that court have an appropriate level of work to perform as judges?

End of questions about the portfolio of Attorney General

Justice

1. How many juveniles are held in the prison system?
2. By how much do you expect the prison population to be reduced as a result of your review of the Bail Act?
3. Do you propose a separate Bail Act for children and young people?
4.
 - a. Do you concede that there must be un-occupied capacity within the prison system to run it efficiently?
 - b. How many Intensive Corrections Orders have been made by Courts in these periods;
 - i. 1/10/10-30/6/11;
 - ii. 1/7/11-30/6/12; and
 - iii. 1/7/12-date?
 - c. How does this compare to the historical level of Periodic Detention Orders made by courts?
5. How many contractors has Corrective Services retained since 1/7/11 and at what cost?
6. What has been the level of recruitment for Correctional Services since 1/7/11?
7. How many prospective employees have graduated from the Bush Farm facility since 1/7/11?
8. Have any of those graduated since the announcement in 2011 of the closure of several prisons?
9. As at 30/6/12 how many staff had accrued recreation leave greater than 40 days?
10. How many deaths in custody occurred in Correctional Services for the year ending 30/6/12 and at what times?
 - a. How many of the deceased were Aboriginal?
11. Do you propose to pursue the phone jamming trial at Lithgow?
 - a. If not, why not?
 - b. If you do, have you since 1/7/11 made any representations at all to ACMA for the appropriate exemption?
12. In light of the Hamburger Report will the number of staff in the Ministerial Liaison Unit be increased or decreased?
13. Why are there more staff in the Ministerial Liaison Unit than are proposed for the staff or Inspector of Custodial Services?

14. On how many known occasions have electronic ankle bracelets used by Corrective Services to monitor community based offenders malfunctioned?
 - a. When and where did these malfunctions occur?
 - b. How did these malfunctions come to Corrective Services attention?
 - c. Where any of the bracelets being worn by serious sex offenders when they malfunctioned?
15. Have any breaches of orders or conditions occurred while a supervised offender was wearing an electronic ankle bracelet?
 - a. If so, what breaches occurred?
16. Can the Attorney or the Commissioner give a guarantee that there will be no further malfunctions associated with electronic ankle bracelets?
17. How many full-time equivalent staff are currently employed in Corrective Services NSW?
18. How many staff positions have been cut from Corrective Services since 1 July 2011?
19. How many of these positions were located at Berrima, Parramatta, Kirkconnell and Grafton jails?
20. Does your position remain that you would like to reduce the prison population by having more offenders serving community-based sentences, like Intensive Correction orders ?
21. If it is your intention to have more offenders serving sentences out of prison, why have you slashed the budget for the supervision of offenders into the community by \$4.9 million?
22. In 2011 -12, what was the daily average number of persons supervised by Corrective Services under community based orders?
23. Since July 2012, what has been the daily average number of persons supervised by Corrective Services under community based orders?
24. If this has increased – does this mean you have slashed the budget for supervising community-based offenders at a time when their numbers are actually increasing?
25. What changes to offender supervision are occurring as a result of the \$4.9m cut in this year's budget to Offender Supervision?
26. Will community-based offenders be subject to the same levels of supervision and monitoring – including random home visits and urinalysis – as they were before 30 June 2012?
27. How many FTE staff were employed to undertake offender supervision in 2011/12 and how many will there be by the end of this financial year?
28. In which locations are these cuts occurring?

29. As part of your nearly \$30 million in budget cuts to offender programs and custody management, has funding been reduced for:
- Addiction programs?
 - Aggression and violence programs?
 - Employment programs?
 - Education programs?
 - Drug treatment?
 - Mental health services?
 - Therapeutic treatment for violence and sexual offending?
30. If yes to any of the above, how much funding has been cut?
31. As part of your nearly \$30 million in budget cuts to offender programs and custody management, have or will there be reduction in relation to any of the following staff positions:
- Psychologists
 - Counsellors
 - Social workers
 - Mental health workers
 - Other medical staff
 - Teachers and trainers
32. If yes to any of the above, how many staff position will go?
33. Has funding for or the number of staff allocated to the CUBIT program been cut?
34. How many inmates are currently participating in the CUBIT program?
35. How many inmates were participating in the CUBIT program on the following dates –
- 1 May 2011;
 - 1 September 2011;
 - 1 December 2011;
 - 1 May 2012;
 - 1 September 2012?
36. Which recommendations of the Hamburger Review have not been implemented by either the Government or Corrective Services?
37. How many jobs have or will be lost as a result of the Hamburger Review's implementation?
38. How many positions are currently in the Commissioner's media unit?
39. How many other media, communications or public relations staff are employed in Corrective Services?

40. Have any staff in the Commissioner's media unit or any other Corrective Services media, communications or staff been transferred to other divisions in the Department of Attorney and Justice?
41. Have any staff in the Commissioner's media unit or any other Corrective Services media, communications or staff been transferred to the Minister's office?
42. Are any staff employed by Corrective Services NSW performing media-related duties in the Minister's office?
43. How many people were wrongfully detained by Corrective Service in 2011/12?
44. Did any of these incidents lead to claims for compensation?
 - a. If so, how many?
45. What was the total amount of compensation paid out to persons wrongfully detained by Corrective Services?
46. What were Corrective Services' total legal expenses associated with settling or contesting claims relating to wrongful detention?
47. How many inmates are currently participating in the Intensive Drug and Alcohol Treatment Program at the John Moroney Correctional Complex?
48. How many inmates have successfully completed the program?
49. How many have failed?
50. Have any overdoses or other drug-related health incidents or emergencies occurred at the Intensive Drug and Alcohol Treatment jail since 1 January 2012?
 - a. If so, how many?
51. Have random searches of inmates and their cells occurred at the Drug jail since its inception earlier this year?
 - a. If so, how many?
52. Are all visitors to the Drug Jail searched for illicit drugs and other contraband material?
 - a. If so, how are such searches conducted?
53. Have any illicit drugs or other contraband material been found in the possession of either inmates at or visitors to the Intensive Drug and Alcohol Treatment Centre at the John Moroney Correctional Complex?
 - a. If so, on how many occasions and what action was taken?
54. Prior to Commissioner Severin's appointment as NSW Commissioner, were you aware of incidents that occurred under his watch in South Australia involving the shackling of an inmate giving birth and another terminally ill with Motor Neurone disease?

55. Did the Commissioner declare that these incidents had occurred when you were considering him for the position of NSW Commissioner for Corrective Services?
56. If not, do you consider it a breach of trust that he didn't raise these matters with you prior to his appointment?
57. Have you discussed these incidents with Commissioner Severin?
- If not, why not?
 - If so, what was his explanation and did you find it satisfactory?
58. How many Aboriginal prisoners were formally detained at Kirkconnell jail?
59. Where have these prisoners been transferred to?
60. Was care taken by Corrective Services NSW to ensure that these prisoners were transferred to locations as close as possible to the place of residence of their families, as recommended by the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Death in Custody?
61. What steps have been taken to facilitate contact between Aboriginal prisoners formally detained at Kirkconnell prison and their families?
62. Does Corrective Services NSW separate prisoners according to their ethnic and/or religious background?
- If so, which groups are separated?
63. How are prisoners' ethnic and religious backgrounds identified?
64. Where are the following prisoners currently detained:
- Ivan Milat;
 - Matthew Milat;
 - Bilal Skaf; and
 - Bassam Hamzy.
65. Have there been any security or other incidents involving any of the following prisoners:
- Ivan Milat;
 - Matthew Milat;
 - Bilal Skaf; and
 - Bassam Hamzy.
- If so what occurred?
66. Has any member of the public sought to have contact with Ivan Milat since 1 July 2011? If so:
- Who sought the contact?
 - Was it granted: and
 - If so, why?

67. Has Matthew Milat had any contact with his Uncle Ivan Milat since his conviction for murder?
68. Since 1/7/11 how many of the following have there been from which Correctional Services Centres?
- Erroneous releases
 - Escapes and absconding.
69. On how many occasions have escaped or erroneously released prisoners' committed offences while at large?
70. The latest BOCSAR quarterly crime statistics show a dramatic 24% increase in escapes.
- Can you explain how this has been allowed to occur?
 - What steps are you taking to address this recent explosion in the escape rate?
71. Has responsibility for perimeter security been transferred to private operators at any NSW Correctional Centres?
- If so, which centres?
 - How many escapes have occurred at each of those centres?
72. For the year ending 30/6/12 how many:
- Inmate assaults on staff;
 - Inmate assaults on inmates were there in Correctional Centres?
73. How many inmate assaults on staff and inmate assaults on inmates occurred in the previous financial year?
74. On how many occasions did Corrective Services staff require medial attention following an inmate assault?
75. How many inmate assaults involved the use of a weapon?
76. What weapons were used?
77. Has compensation been paid to any inmates or staff following as assault within a prison?
- If so, how much in total has been paid out?
78. How many of the following were carried out in financial year 2011/12 across the NSW Correction Centre system:
- Inmate searches;
 - Searches of inmate's cells; and
 - Visitor searches.
79. How many were carried out the previous financial year?
80. What was the total amount of contraband seized in the financial year 2011/12?

81. Are searches sufficiently randomised?
82. Are inmates given advance warning of searches?
83. Are all visitors to Correctional Centres searched and observed?
84. What is your response to the recent statement made by Counsel Assisting the Independent Commission Against Corruption that screening procedures and interventions at NSW prisons are, and I quote:

"not sufficiently randomised, unanticipated, or conducted rigorously enough to give rise to a real concern by officers that they may be detected".

Are you taking steps to address this?

85. What is the highest number of full-time custody offenders during any one day in the periods:
- 25/10/11 – 31/12/11;
 - 1/1/12 to date?
86. How many Intensive Corrections Orders have been made by Courts in these periods:
- 1/10/10 – 30/6/11;
 - 1/7/11 – 60/6/12; and
 - 1/7/12 – to date?
87. What are the current figures for full-time custody prisoners in NSW Jails?
88. How many contractors has Corrective Services retained since 1/7/11 and at what cost?
89. What has been the level of recruitment for Correctional Services since 1/7/11?
90. How many prospective employees have graduated from the Bush Farm facility since 1/7/11?
91. As at 30/6/12 how many staff had accrued recreation leave greater than 40 days?
92. How many deaths in custody occurred in Correctional Services for the year ending 30/6/12 and at what times? How many of the deceased were aboriginal?
93. How many offenders as at 30/6/12 were subject to Home Detention?
94. What has been the average time out of cells in each correctional centre :
- 1/7/11 – 31/12/11;
 - 1/1/12 – 30/6/12; and
 - 1/7/12 – to date?

95. What is the current level of Aboriginal employment within Juvenile Justice, both in detention and community sectors?
 - a. How has that changed since 1/11/11?
 - b. What program's have you introduced to alter the level of Aboriginal employment within Juvenile Justice since 1/7/11?
96. How many sexual assaults have occurred within Justice Centres since 1/7/11?
 - a. At which Centres did these incidents occur?
97. How many assaults on staff by detainees and at which Juvenile Justice Centres have occurred since 1/7/11?
 - a. Since 1/7/11, how many;
 - b. escapes and;
 - c. incorrect releases
 - d. have occurred, and from which Juvenile Justice centres,?
98. How many wrongful detentions, at which Juvenile Justice centres and for how long have occurred since 1/7/11?
99. What is the current maximum capacity of Juvenile Justice Centres?
100. What is the average number of detainees in the period of 1/7/11 to date?
 - a. What is the number of detainees as at today's date?
101. How many young offenders have been detained in Juvenile Justice Centres since 1/7/11?
102. How many new staff have been employed by Juvenile Justice since 1/7/11?
 - a. Since 1/7/11, how much has been spent on charter air flights to transport detainees of Juvenile Justice?
103. How many times, for how long and at what Juvenile Justice Centres have detainees been segregated or separated since 1/7/11?
104. How many and at what locations does Juvenile Justice have current psychological and drug and alcohol counsellors?
105. How many instances have there been of discovery of contraband at Juvenile Justice Centres
 - a. since 1/7/11?
106. Since 1/7/11, how many detainees have been:-
 - a. Enrolled in Education and Training units; or
 - b. Placed in a TAFE course
107. How many unfilled vacancies are there for staff at Juvenile Justice, and how long have these vacancies been unfilled?

108. How many detainees over the age of 18 years were there in Juvenile Justice Centres as at:
- a. 1/1/12
 - b. 1/7/12
109. How many drug detections have there been in Juvenile Justice Centres since 1/7/11?
110. How many K9 searches have been conducted with Juvenile Justice Centres since 1/7/11?
111. How many visitors to Juvenile Justice Centres have been screened by K9 units since 1/7/11?
112. How many visitors have been refused access to Juvenile Justice Centres since 1/7/11 due to an indication of illicit substances following a K9 unit screen?
113. How many drug and alcohol tests have been carried out since 1/7/11? How many of those returned a positive result?
114. Have there been any deaths of detainees in Juvenile Justice Centres since 1/7/11?
- a. If so, how many and in which Centres?
115. What has been the rate of detainee self-harm since 1/7/11?
116. What is the average age of staff in Juvenile Justice Centres?

Miscellaneous Questions

117. How many blackberries are assigned to your staff?
118. For each phone, how much was each bill in the 2011/12 financial year?
119. How many have phones have been lost in your office?
120. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
121. How many iPads does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
122. How many iPads have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
123. How many iPhones does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
124. How many iPhones have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
125. How many iPhones have been lost in your office?

126. How many iPads have been lost in your office?
127. What is the cost of replacing those phones or iPads?
128. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?
129. What is the forecast for 2012-13 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?
130. Have any of your overseas trips in the past year been paid for in part or in full by using public money?
131. If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?
132. What is the annual remuneration package for your chief of staff?
133. What is the annual remuneration package for your head media advisor?
134. What is the annual remuneration package for each of your staff?
135. What is the estimated expenditure for your office budget in 2012-13?
136. Have any office renovations or fit outs been undertaken in your ministerial office since April, 2011?
137. If so, could you give details of contracted costs?
138. What is your Ministerial office budget for 2012/13?
139. How many political advisors are in your office?
140. How many administration staff?
141. How many Department Liaison Officers are assigned to your office?
142. How many staff in the Department are assigned to Ministerial support duties?
143. Are any contractors or consultants working in your ministerial office?
144. If so, in what capacities?
145. How much did your Ministerial office spend on contractors or consultants?
146. How much did your Ministerial office spend on taxi fares, including Cabcharge in the 2011/12 financial year?

147. Are any of your portfolio agencies undergoing a restructure?
148. How many jobs are expected to be cut as a result of that restructure?
149. How many people are expected to have their wages cut as a result of that restructure?
150. How many voluntary redundancies were offered in your Departments since April 2011?
151. How many voluntary redundancies were accepted from employees in your Departments since April 2011?
152. How many voluntary redundancies are expected to be offered in 2012/13?
153. How much did your Departments spend on catering in 2011/12?
154. How much did your Departments spend on stationary in 2011/12?
155. What is your Department's catering budget?
156. What is your Department's stationary budget?
157. Since April 2011 have any of the agencies in your Department(s) changed their branding?
158. If so, how much was spent on rebranding the agency?
159. How long is the average turnaround for responding to correspondence in your Departments?
160. How many pieces of correspondence have been outstanding for more than 60 days?
161. In 2011/12 how many invoices has your Department(s) failed to pay a supplier or contractor for more than 30 days?
162. As a result of late payment, how much penalty interest has been paid to contractors since 1 January 2011?
163. How many invoices have been outstanding for longer than 60 days?
164. 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 2011/2012?
 - h. What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?
165. How many contractors has your Department(s) retained since 1 July 2012 and at what cost?
166. What is the current level of Aboriginal employment within your Departments?
167. How has that changed since 1 July 2011?
168. Since 1 July 2011, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your Departments?
169. 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. f. What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?
170. Have any agencies within your Departments engaged consultants in the 2011/12 financial year?
171. If yes, which companies were engaged for consultancy services in the 2011/12 financial year?
172. For what purpose has your Department engaged consultants?
173. How much have your agencies spent on consultants in the 2011/12 financial year?

174. What is your Department budget for consultants in the 2012/13 financial year?
175. Have any agencies within your Departments sponsored any organisations or events in the 2011/12 financial year?
176. If yes, which organisations and events were sponsored in the 2011/12 financial year?
177. How much did your agencies within your Departments spend on sponsoring organisations and events in the 2011/12 financial year?
178. What is your Department(s) budget for sponsorship in the 2012/13 financial year?
179. Has the Minister been provided with Speech, Voice or Media Training since becoming Minister? If so, then;
- Who conducted the training?
 - When was it conducted?
 - Where was it conducted what were the costs of the training?
 - Who paid for the training?
180. Can you please list all travel related costs for your Parliamentary Secretary incurred in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2011
- kilometres travelled
 - accommodation,
 - air fares
 - meals/entertaining?
181. Can you please provide details of the following activities undertaken by your Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2011;
- meetings attended in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary?
 - functions attended in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary?
182. How often do you meet with your Parliamentary Secretary?
- Are these meetings documented?
 - Who attends these meetings?
183. Who provides instructions and direction to your Parliamentary Secretary, you or your Chief of Staff?
184. Has the Parliamentary Secretary been provided with Speech, Voice or Media Training since becoming Parliamentary Secretary? If so, then;
- Who conducted the training?
 - When was it conducted?
 - Where was it conducted what were the costs of the training?
 - Who paid for the training?

Questions from Mr David Shoebridge, MLC

Victims Compensation Tribunal

1. Is there a current stop on listing victims compensation claims in the Victims Compensation Tribunal?
 - a. If so, who authorised this stop?
 - b. If so, what is the justification for not listing further claims?
 - c. If so, when is it anticipated that claims will be listed again?

Illicit Firearms Research

2. National Illicit Firearms Assessment and Establishment of Firearms Intelligence and Targeting Team national intelligence assessment into the illegal firearms market?

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4. Noting evidence given by Deputy Commissioner Nick Kaldas in the Senate Estimates hearing on 11 October 2012 that "matters of false swearing of affidavits or similar matters are not matters in which the police have the sole decision-making role; they are matters that normally the Attorney General, whether it is Federal or State, has the final say" what involvement have you had in the determination of whether to prosecute Mr Cansdell? Have you or your department reviewed the determination not to prosecute Mr Cansdell? If so when? If so, what was the result of this review?
 - a. If not, why not
5. Has your office reviewed the material in relation to Mr Cansdell to determine if prosecution is appropriate or should be considered pursuant to s319 of the Crimes Act?

Corrective Services

Norma Parker Centre

6. What steps have been taken in the last 5 years to undertake maintenance and other works on the iconic NSW heritage listed Norma Parker Centre?
7. What funding has been expended over the last 5 years for maintenance and works on the iconic NSW heritage listed Norma Parker Centre?
8. What plans are there for ongoing maintenance and other works on the iconic NSW heritage listed Norma Parker Centre?

Smoking in prisons

9. Is access to tobacco used as a compliance tool in prisons?
10. What power do Correctional Officers have to confiscate tobacco products in non-smoking areas of correctional facilities?
11. What data is collected regarding inmates smoking in their cells?
12. What data is collected regarding inmates smoking in non-smoking areas of correctional facilities?

Juvenile Justice

Kariong Correctional Centre

13. What plans are there for returning the operation and administration of Kariong Juvenile Correctional Centre to Juvenile Justice, in order to avoid having two agencies manage children and young people in custody?

Bail Assistance Line

14. Is the Bail Assistance Line still operational in Dubbo?
 - a. If no, what steps have been taken to ensure those needing these services are available?
 - b. If no, what steps were taken prior to the line being closed?
15. Was there a period where the Bail Assistance Line was not operational in Dubbo?

Bail Reform Savings

16. Has the Government forecast a reduction in the number of children being placed on remand as a result future reforms to the Bail Act?
17. What savings to the Juvenile Justice budget do you anticipate making as a result of this saving?
18. Can you guarantee this saving will be reinvested within the Juvenile Justice system?

End of questions from Mr David Shoebridge, MLC.