



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 1

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-2010

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Treasury

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Answers to be lodged by: Friday 23 October 2009

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Questions relating to the portfolio of Treasury

15 September 2009, 9.15 am – 1.00 pm

Questions from Mr Mason-Cox

1. Employment of temporary staff across Government
 - a. How many temporary staff are employed by the NSW Government as at 15 September 2009 and what is the breakdown across NSW Government departments, ministerial offices and agencies?
 - b. What was the cost of employing temporary staff in NSW Government departments, ministerial offices and agencies in 2008-09?
 - c. How many temporary staff are employed under the C100 contract as at 15 September 2009 and what is the breakdown across NSW Government departments, ministerial offices and agencies?
 - d. What is the average length of employment for temporary staff under the C100 contract?
 - e. How many temporary staff were employed by the NSW Government external to the C100 contract in 2008-09?
 - f. What was the amount paid to recruitment agencies for hiring temporary staff under the C100 contract in 2008-09?
 - g. What is the average hourly rate paid to temporary staff under the C100 contract in 2008-09?
 - h. What agency or government department employs the most temporary staff under the C100 contract?
2. Forecast expense savings
 - a. Could the Treasurer please provide copies of the correspondence between his office and Treasury regarding the forecast expense savings detailed in the 2009-10 Budget Papers?
 - b. What expense savings outlined in the Mini Budget were not achieved by 30 June 2009? Why?
3. Energy retailers
 - a. Has the retail book of any State-owned energy retailer decreased in size over the past 12 months?
 - b. If so, which retailer and by how much?
 - c. If so, what impact is this likely to have on the sale price of the assets?
4. Landholder Duty
 - a. How much revenue is estimated to be received in 2009/10 from landholder duty?
 - b. Since the beginning of the 2009/10 financial year, how many transactions has the landholder duty been levied on?
 - c. Since the beginning of the 2009/10 financial year, how much revenue has been collected from the landholder duty?
5. Electricity
 - a. What is the total budget for the transactional costs for the electricity sale process?
 - b. Please break down this budget into categories of costs?

- c. On what basis are Credit Suisse and Lazard remunerated in relation to their advisory work on the electricity transactions?
 - d. What is the monthly retainer paid to Credit Suisse?
 - e. What is the monthly retainer paid to Lazard?
 - f. What percentage of the sale proceeds will Credit Suisse be entitled to?
 - g. What percentage of the sale proceeds will Lazard be entitled to?
 - h. When were Credit Suisse and Lazard engaged by the Government?
 - i. How much has been paid to Credit Suisse and Lazard since their engagement?
 - j. Who has the Government engaged as legal advisers on the electricity sale transaction?
 - k. How much has been paid to each of these legal advisers since their engagement?
 - l. Has the Government engaged communications or public relations advisers? If so who?
 - m. On what basis are these advisers remunerated? Do they charge on an hourly rate? If so what is the rate?
 - n. How much has been paid to each of these communications or PR advisers since their engagement?
6. Better Services and Value taskforce
- a. How much is Mr Steven Sedgwick being paid to chair the Better Services and Value Taskforce?
 - b. How long has Mr Sedgwick been engaged for?
 - c. How many hours a month is Mr Sedgwick expected to work?
7. General questions
- a. How much has the Government budgeted for voluntary redundancy payments?
 - b. How much did the Government spend last year on voluntary redundancy payments?
 - c. What are the total number of Media and or Communications staff/Advisers for Treasury Department and any other associated agencies?
 - d. What is the total entertainment budget and actual expenditure in entertainment for Treasury Department and other associated agencies?
 - e. How many top-up transactions for e-toll accounts did the RTA process in 2008/09?
 - f. What was the average dollar amount of these top-up transactions?
 - g. How many of these transactions were made by credit cards?
 - h. How many of these transactions were made through direct debit?
 - i. What was total cost of processing the credit card transactions, broken down into the main categories of fees, such as credit card merchant fees, data processing fees etc?
 - j. What was total cost of processing the direct debit transactions, broken down into the main categories of fees, such as bank charges, data processing fees etc?
 - k. Are the credit card merchant fees charged on the basis of the number of transactions or the total value of the transactions?
 - l. Are the bank charges charged on the basis of the number of transactions or the total value of the transactions?
 - m. What are the total numbers of Media and or Communications staff/Advisers for the Roads and Traffic Authority and any other associated agencies?
 - n. What is the total entertainment budget and actual expenditure in entertainment for the Roads and Traffic Authority and other associated agencies?