



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 1

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2010-2011

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 1

Premier and Redfern Waterloo

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Answers to be lodged by: Friday 8 October 2010

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Questions relating to the portfolio of Premier

14 September 2010, 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Questions from Mr Khan

In relation to Honorary Ambassadors for NSW:

1. Under Premier Morris Iemma, who was appointed as an Honorary Ambassador and to what country?
2. When was each Honorary Ambassador appointed?
3. When did each Honorary Ambassador complete their appointment?
4. Under Premier Nathan Rees, who was appointed as an Honorary Ambassador and to what country?
5. When was each Honorary Ambassador appointed?
6. When did each Honorary Ambassador complete their appointment?
7. Under Premier Kristina Keneally, who was appointed as an Honorary Ambassador and to what country?
8. When was each Honorary Ambassador appointed?
9. When did each Honorary Ambassador complete their appointment?

In relation to Bob Ellis:

10. Since 4 December 2009, has Bob Ellis been paid by the NSW Government?
11. If yes, how much as Bob Ellis been paid?
12. Since 4 December 2009, has Boban Services been paid by the NSW Government?
13. If yes, how much as Boban Services been paid?
14. If yes, what services were provided?
15. As Premier have you used Bob Ellis for speech writing and/or editorial work?

In relation to Cabinet meetings:

16. Has anyone other than members of Cabinet or NSW Public Servants attended?
17. Has anyone employed by the Australian Labor Party attended Cabinet?
18. If so, what dates has that person(s) attended?

In relation to Charif Kazal:

19. Has he accompanied any NSW Minister overseas?
20. If so, which Minister(s), dates and destination?
21. On these trips, has he benefited from anything provided at taxpayer expense, including airfares, cost of hire cars, limousines and taxis, accommodation, meals and beverages, and entertainment expenses?
22. If so, which dates and destination?

In relation to excess employees:

23. How many public servants were excess / unattached / displaced employees list, broken down by category, including registered and unregistered as at:
 - a) 1 January 2006?
 - b) 1 July 2006?
 - c) 1 January 2007?
 - d) 1 July 2007?
 - e) 1 January 2008?
 - f) 1 July 2008?
 - g) 1 January 2009?

- h) 1 July 2009?
- i) 1 January 2010?
- j) 1 July 2010?

- 24. What was the date on which mandatory registration of displaced/excess employees was implemented?
- 25. How many people in total were excess / unattached / displaced employees for the financial year 2009/2010?
- 26. As at 1 July 2010, what is the average time in days that people have been excess / unattached / displaced employees?
- 27. How many people have been excess / unattached / displaced employees for:
 - a) Between 1 and 40 days?
 - b) Between 41 and 90 days?
 - c) Between 91 and 180 days?
 - d) Between 181 and 365 days?
 - e) Between 1 year and 2 years?
 - f) Between 2 years and 5 years?
 - g) Between 5 years and 10 years?
 - h) Between 10 years and 15 years?
 - i) Over 15 years?
- 28. What is the total wages cost in a full financial year, for excess / unattached / displaced employees for each of the following financial years:
 - a) 2006/2007?
 - b) 2007/2008?
 - c) 2008/2009?
 - d) 2009/2010?
- 29. What is the budget for the 2010/2011 financial year excess / unattached / displaced employees?

In relation to Graeme Wedderburn:

- 30. How much did he receive as a termination payment when he left the NSW Government in 2005?
- 31. How much did he receive as a termination payment when he left the NSW Government in 2009?

In relation to the appointment of Mr. John Lee to the board of Events NSW:

- 32. When was he appointed to Events NSW?
- 33. What in remuneration does he receive?
- 34. Did he receive remuneration in addition to his salary as Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet?
- 35. Does he have any other appointment to other NSW Government boards or organisations?
- 36. Did his appointment have the involvement of former Minister Ian Macdonald?
- 37. Did you have any involvement in his appointment?

In relation to the termination of Mr John Lee

- 38. What was the reason Mr John Lee was terminated as Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet?
- 39. How was Mr John Lee told that he was terminated as Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet?
- 40. On what exact date was Mr John Lee terminated as Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet?

41. In relation to the Ministerial Handbook and Minister Code of Conduct:
42. Has Minister Virginia Judge disclosed a conflict of interest in relation to her relationship with Kosta Nikas?

In relation to Karl Kazal:

43. Has he accompanied any NSW Minister overseas?
44. If so, which Minister(s), dates and destination?
45. On these trips, has he benefited from anything provided at taxpayer expense, including airfares, cost of hire cars, limousines and taxis, accommodation, meals and beverages, and entertainment expenses?
46. If so, which dates and destination?

In relation to former Minister Ian Macdonald:

47. On what date did he approach your office in relation to appointing Karl Kazal as an envoy for the NSW Government?
48. When were you briefed on his approach to your office in relation to appointing Karl Kazal as an envoy for the NSW Government?

In relation to Minister Changes Cost:

49. In December 2009 when there was the change of Premier from Nathan Rees to Kristina Keneally, what were the following costs associated with this change:
- a) Appointment and redundancy costs of Ministerial employees?
 - b) Appointment and redundancy costs of Department Liaison Officers?
 - c) Costs to letterhead, envelopes and business cards?
 - d) Costs to stationary?
 - e) Costs for removalists?
 - f) Costs to renovate the Premier's Office?
 - g) All other costs (please identify categories)?
50. In May 2010 when there was the change of Minister for Transport from David Campbell to John Robertson, what were the following costs associated with this change:
- a) Appointment and redundancy costs of Ministerial employees?
 - b) Appointment and redundancy costs of Department Liaison Officers?
 - c) Costs to letterhead, envelopes and business cards?
 - d) Costs to stationary?
 - e) Costs for removalists?
 - f) Costs to renovate the Premier's Office?
 - g) All other costs (please identify categories)?
51. In December 2009 when there was the change of Minister for State Development from Tony Kelly to Ian Macdonald, what were the following costs associated with this change:
- a) Appointment and redundancy costs of Ministerial employees?
 - b) Appointment and redundancy costs of Department Liaison Officers?
 - c) Costs to letterhead, envelopes and business cards?
 - d) Costs to stationary?
 - e) Costs for removalists?
 - f) Costs to renovate the Premier's Office?
 - g) All other costs (please identify categories)?
52. In June 2010 when there was the change of Minister for State Development from Ian Macdonald to Eric Roozendaal, what were the following costs associated with this change:

- a) Appointment and redundancy costs of Ministerial employees?
- b) Appointment and redundancy costs of Department Liaison Officers?
- c) Costs to letterhead, envelopes and business cards?
- d) Costs to stationary?
- e) Costs for removalists?
- f) Costs to renovate the Premier's Office?
- g) All other costs (please identity categories)?

53. In September 2010 when there was the change of Minister for Ports and Waterways and Minister for Illawarra from Paul McLeay to Eric Roozendaal, what were the following costs associated with this change:

- a) Appointment and redundancy costs of Ministerial employees?
- b) Appointment and redundancy costs of Department Liaison Officers?
- c) Costs to letterhead, envelopes and business cards?
- d) Costs to stationary?
- e) Costs for removalists?
- f) Costs to renovate the Premier's Office?
- g) All other costs (please identity categories)?

54. In September 2010 when there was the change of Minister for Mineral and Forest Resources from Paul McLeay to Steve Whan, what were the following costs associated with this change:

- a) Appointment and redundancy costs of Ministerial employees?
- b) Appointment and redundancy costs of Department Liaison Officers?
- c) Costs to letterhead, envelopes and business cards?
- d) Costs to stationary?
- e) Costs for removalists?
- f) Costs to renovate the Premier's Office?
- g) All other costs (please identity categories)?

In relation to the Ministerial Handbook and Code of Conduct:

- 55. If a Minister fails to declare a conflict of interest in accordance with section 3.3 of the Ministerial Handbook and Code of Conduct, what action should be taken?
- 56. How many times has a Minister declared a conflict of interest since 4 December 2009?
- 57. Which current Ministers have declared a conflict of interest, when and in relation to what issues?

In relation to the Premier's Office expenses:

- 58. What was the total expenditure of the Premier's Office in the following financial years:
 - a) 2006/2007?
 - b) 2007/2008?
 - c) 2008/2009?
 - d) 2009/2010?
- 59. How much was spent in the Premier's Office in the following months:
 - a) July 2009?
 - b) August 2009?
 - c) September 2009?
 - d) October 2009?
 - e) November 2009?
 - f) December 2009?
 - g) January 2010?
 - h) February 2010?
 - i) March 2010?

- j) April 2010?
- k) May 2010?
- l) June 2010?
- m) July 2010?
- n) August 2010?
- o) September 2010?

In relation to Ministerial staff expenditure

60. In Estimates you stated in relation to Ministerial staff employed, "I am also advised that we came in under budget during the period in which I was Premier last financial year".
In light of this answer:
61. What was the expenditure on staff salaries for all Ministers in the following financial years:
- a) 2006/2007?
 - b) 2007/2008?
 - c) 2008/2009?
 - d) 2009/2010?
62. What was the budget on staff salaries for all Ministers in the following financial years:
- a) 2006/2007?
 - b) 2007/2008?
 - c) 2008/2009?
 - d) 2009/2010?
 - e) 2010/2011?
63. What was the expenditure on staff salaries for the Premier in the following financial years:
- a) 2006/2007?
 - b) 2007/2008?
 - c) 2008/2009?
 - d) 2009/2010?
64. What was the budget on staff salaries for the Premier in the following financial years:
- a) 2006/2007?
 - b) 2007/2008?
 - c) 2008/2009?
 - d) 2009/2010?
 - e) 2010/2011?

In relation to memorandum 2009-10:

65. As at 13 September 2010, have all Ministers put on their appropriate agency website details about their overseas travel?
66. If not, what action will you take to enforce this memorandum with your Ministers?
67. Can you please provide the URL (website page address) of each agency in relation to Ministerial overseas travel?

In relation to the Parramatta to Epping Rail Link:

68. What was the exact date you first discussed this with Julia Gillard?
69. What was the exact date you first discussed this with Anthony Albanese?
70. Who approached you first on this project – Anthony Albanese or Julia Gillard?
71. Did a submission from the NSW Government go to Infrastructure Australia?
72. If yes to question 4, what was the exact date?
73. If yes to question 4, did that submission propose that the project should be funded, or that a feasibility study should be done?

In relation to infrastructure funding and the Metropolitan Transport Plan:

74. From what funds will the Parramatta to Epping Rail Link be provided?
75. How much money in the Metropolitan Transport Plan is uncommitted?
76. What is funding for the Parramatta to Epping Rail Link in the Metropolitan Transport Plan for the following financial years:
 - a) 2010/2011?
 - b) 2011/2012?
 - c) 2012/2013?

77. How many people have received compensation for contract termination from SOORT since 1995?
78. How many of these people have been paid at the maximum 38 weeks?
79. What is the total cost since 1995?
80. Broken down by each person who received compensation, what was the compensation, what department were they previously from, and for how many weeks of their pay?

In relation to former Premier Rees staff:

81. How many received severance payouts?
82. Broken down by each Ministerial employee, what was each paid in severance payouts and how much was that worth in relation to weeks of their wage?
83. How many staff from former Premier Rees staff currently work for you?
84. Do any of former Premier Rees staff who received redundancy payments currently work for you or another Minister?
85. If yes to Question 85, which Ministers

In relation to rent at Governor Macquarie Tower

86. When does the current rent schedule expire at Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrar Place, Sydney?
87. What is the current rent change per square metre at Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrar Place, Sydney?
88. How many parking spaces are there rented at Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrar Place, Sydney?
89. What is the current rent change for parking spaces per square metre at Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrar Place, Sydney?
90. Has the NSW Government entered into negotiations for extension rent at Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrar Place, Sydney?
91. If so, what is the status of the negotiation?

In relation to Ministerial Staff that worked for a Minister as at 4 December 2009:

92. How many were terminated and received severance payouts?
93. Broken down by each Ministerial employee, what was each paid in severance payouts and how much was that worth in relation to weeks of their wage?
94. Do any of these staff that received redundancy payments currently work for you or another Minister?
95. If yes to Question 95, which Ministers?

In relation to Temporary Employees

96. How many employees were employed under Temporary Staff Contract (C100 – Contingent Workforce), by the NSW Government as at:

- a) 1 July 2009?
- b) 1 January 2010?
- c) 1 July 2010?

In relation to Walt Secord:

- 97. What is his current Salary Band?
- 98. What is his current exact salary?
- 99. How much did he receive as a termination payment when he left the NSW Government in 2005?

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There were no additional questions on notice lodged by members relating to the portfolio of Redfern Waterloo