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Questions from Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

Staff survey

1. Members and staff recently received an email from Simon Chalmers requesting that they complete a survey. There is some concern that the last such survey in 2012 formed the basis for cuts to services provided by IT, the library and Hansard.
 - a) When do you expect that we will receive details of the results of the current survey?

Savings measures

2. How has the Parliament consulted with Members and their staff about the savings measures for this year (2015/16)?

Parliament renovations

3. Given that there was water damage to levels 8 and 9 and to the lifts as a result of heavy rain in August 2015:
 - a) Can you confirm if the drainage installed during the recently completed renovations to the level 9 rooftop garden was adequate, and if not why not?
 - b) What certification was issued for the renovations to the level 9 rooftop garden and new level 9 building?
4. Considering the installation of new lighting in the corridors of the 'Tower Building':
 - c) What was the cost of installation?
 - d) Why was the brightness of the light chosen considering the lights impede on Members' offices?
 - e) Has the Parliament received any complaints to date regarding the brightness of the new lighting?

Legislative Council Speaker/Sound System

5. Considering the speakers that are installed in the Members' seats in the Legislative Council:
 - a) Have Members' been consulted for their feedback regarding the volume level of the speakers?
 - b) If not, will you consider consulting Members?
 - c) Have the sound levels and positioning of the speakers been inspected and tested by a sound expert?

Questions from Dr John Kaye MLC

Catering practices

6. In answers to questions on notice as part of the 2014/15 budget estimates hearings, parliament advised *“Parliamentary Catering regularly reviews supplier sources and efforts are being made to source free range chicken products.”* Please provide an update in regards to these efforts, with particular reference to:
 - (a) whether the eggs used by NSW parliament are now free-range and if so where are they sourced from.
 - (b) whether the chicken meat used by NSW parliament is now free-range and if so where it is sourced from.
7. In answers to questions on notice as part of the 2014/15 budget estimates hearings, parliament advised *“ham and bacon products are sourced from B E Campbells, who obtain Stock from Northern NSW. We are unaware of the production system for these products. Parliamentary Catering is currently reviewing its sourcing of ham and bacon in an effort to source free range products.”* Please provide an update in regards to these efforts, with particular reference to:
 - (a) Any current information in regards to B E Campbells production systems.
 - (b) The status of the review into the sourcing of ham and bacon in respect of free-range products.
8. Has the parliament progressed plans to consider developing a higher animal welfare procurement policy?
 - (a) If so, please provide details.
 - (b) If not, why not?

Paper procurement

9. The Reflex paper brand has been linked to unsustainable native forestry practices, particularly in Victoria.
 - a. Has the parliament given consideration to the sustainability practice of their current paper suppliers and best practice in this field?
 - b. Will the Parliament consider removing Reflex products from their inventory?
 - c. If not, why not?

Palm oil:

10. Has the parliament taken any steps to avoid the purchasing of products containing unsustainable palm oil?
 - a. If so, please outline these measures.
 - b. If not, why not?