

Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 31. What is the forecast for 2012-13 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?

Answer:

There are no plans to change the current arrangements.

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 32. Have any of your overseas trips in the past year been paid for in part or in full by using public money?

Answer:

Information regarding Ministerial travel is available on the relevant Minister's appropriate agency website, in accordance with Ministerial Memorandum M2009-10 "Release of Overseas Travel Information".

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 33. If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?

Answer:

Information regarding Ministerial travel is available on the relevant Minister's appropriate agency website, in accordance with Ministerial Memorandum M2009-10 "Release of Overseas Travel Information".

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 34. What is the annual remuneration package for your chief of staff?

Answer:

Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website at:

http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers.

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 35. What is the annual remuneration package for your head media advisor?

Answer:

Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website at:

http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers.

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 36. What is the annual remuneration package for each of your staff?

Answer:

Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website at:

http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers.

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 37. What is the estimated expenditure for your office budget in 2012-13?

Answer:

The total budget allocation for the Premier's and Ministers' offices in 2012-13 is \$40,103,650, with \$5,744,883 allocated to the Premier's office and \$34,358,767 to the Ministers' offices.

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 38. Have any office renovations or fit outs been undertaken in your ministerial office since April, 2011?

Answer:

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

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 39. If so, could you give details of contracted costs?

Answer:

Please see the answer provided to Budget Estimates Question on Notice 38.

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport

Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 40. What is your Ministerial office budget for 2012/13?

Answer:

The budget allocations for the Premier's office and Ministers' offices are as follows.

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Premier	\$7,002,312	\$8,500,000	\$9,075,038	\$5,309,465	\$5,744,83
Ministers	\$39,673,567	\$40,334,000	\$40,978,962	\$31,516,017	\$34,358,767
TOTAL	\$46,675,879	\$48,834,000	\$50,054,000	\$36,825,482	\$40,103,605

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

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 41. How many political advisors are in your office?

Answer:

Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website at:

http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers.

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 42. How many administration staff?

Answer:

Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website at:

http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers.

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 43. How many Department Liaison Officers are assigned to your office?

Answer:

I am advised:

Number of Department Liaison Officers (DLOs):

	Number of DLOs as at 5/09/2012		
Premier	1		
Ministers	57		
TOTAL	58		

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 44. How many staff in the Department are assigned to Ministerial support duties?

Answer:

Please see my answer to Budget Estimates Question on Notice 43.

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 45. Are any contractors or consultants working in your ministerial office? If so, in what capacities?

Answer:

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

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 46. How much did your Ministerial office spend on contractors or consultants?

Answer:

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

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 47. How much did your Ministerial office spend on taxi fares, including Cabcharge in the 2011/12 financial year?

Answer:

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
Premier	\$26,418	\$32,525	\$27,600	\$15,485
Ministers	\$133,697	\$143,251	\$32,678	\$80,609
TOTAL	\$160,155	\$175,776	\$60,277	\$96,094

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

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 48. Are any of your portfolio agencies undergoing a restructure?

Answer:

I refer you to the extensive public comments I have made on this issue.

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 49. How many jobs are expected to be cut as a result of that restructure?

Answer:

I refer to my answer to Question on Notice LC 0075.

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 50. How many people are expected to have their wages cut as a result of that restructure?

Answer:

I refer to my answer to Question on Notice LC 0075.

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 51. How many voluntary redundancies were offered in your Departments since April 2011?

Answer:

As outlined in the 2012/13 budget, the Government's 2011-12 program of voluntary redundancies remains on track to reach its target of 5,000 positions.

A labour expense cap has also been introduced as a new savings measure across the public sector with the target of a 1.2 per cent per annum reduction in labour costs growth.

Directors General will be given as much flexibility as possible to achieve the savings in the most appropriate way to meet the service requirements of their agencies. If it was solely achieved through headcount this would equate to up to 10,000 jobs over four years.

Nurses, police officers and teachers in schools have been quarantined from this measure.

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 52. How many voluntary redundancies were accepted from employees in your Departments since April 2011?

Answer:

As outlined in the 2012/13 budget, the Government's 2011-12 program of voluntary redundancies remains on track to reach its target of 5,000 positions.

A labour expense cap has also been introduced as a new savings measure across the public sector with the target of a 1.2 per cent per annum reduction in labour costs growth.

Directors General will be given as much flexibility as possible to achieve the savings in the most appropriate way to meet the service requirements of their agencies. If it was solely achieved through headcount this would equate to up to 10,000 jobs over four years.

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Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 53. How many voluntary redundancies are expected to be offered in 2012/13?

Answer:

As outlined in the 2012/13 budget, the Government's 2011-12 program of voluntary redundancies remains on track to reach its target of 5,000 positions.

A labour expense cap has also been introduced as a new savings measure across the public sector with the target of a 1.2 per cent per annum reduction in labour costs growth.

Directors General will be given as much flexibility as possible to achieve the savings in the most appropriate way to meet the service requirements of their agencies. If it was solely achieved through headcount this would equate to up to 10,000 jobs over four years.

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Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 54. How much did your Department(s) spend on catering in 2011/12?

Answer:

Agency expenditure is published in the respective annual reports.

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 55. How much did your Department(s) spend on stationery in 2011/12?

Answer:

Agency expenditure is published in the respective annual reports.

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 56. What is your Department's catering budget?

Answer:

Agency expenditure is published in the respective annual reports.

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 57. What is your Department's stationary (sic) budget?

Answer:

Agency expenditure is published in the respective annual reports.

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 58. Since April 2011 have any of the agencies in your Department(s) changed their branding?

Answer:

The integrated transport authority, Transport for NSW, was established last year. For the first time in the history of our state all planning and policy in transport across all modes, including roads is integrated. The new structure is dedicated to serving transport customers, and putting customers at the centre of everything we do in public transport.

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 59. If so, how much was spent on rebranding the agency?

Answer:

Please see my answer to Budget Estimates Question on Notice 58.

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport



Question:

On 9 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

Sharpe 60. How long is the average turnaround for responding to correspondence in your Department(s)?

Answer:

The Department is committed responding to correspondence from Ministers, Members of Parliament and members of the public in a timely manner.

Gladys Berejiklian MP Minister for Transport