



**The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP**  
Minister for Transport

**Budget Estimates Hearing 2012-13**  
**General Purpose Standing Committee 3**

**Question:**

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

**Sharpe 61.** How many pieces of correspondence have been outstanding for more than 60 days?

**Answer:**

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

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**Question:**

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

**Sharpe 62.** In 2011/12 how many invoices has your Department(s) failed to pay a supplier or contractor for more than 30 days?

**Answer:**

As the Premier stated in Parliament on 23 August 2012, the 30 day bill payment policy formally commenced on 1 January 2012. The first quarterly performance report is currently being finalised for release. In the first quarter almost 92 per cent of invoices were paid within 30 days, consistent with our policy and initiative. 31 small businesses have already been eligible to receive automatic interest charges on overdue accounts.

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**Question:**

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

**Sharpe 63.** As a result of late payment, how much penalty interest has been paid to contractors since 1 January 2011?

**Answer:**

As the Premier stated in Parliament on 23 August 2012, the 30 day bill payment policy formally commenced on 1 January 2012. The first quarterly performance report is currently being finalised for release. In the first quarter almost 92 per cent of invoices were paid within 30 days, consistent with our policy and initiative. 31 small businesses have already been eligible to receive automatic interest charges on overdue accounts.

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**Question:**

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

**Sharpe 64.** How many invoices have been outstanding for longer than 60 days?

**Answer:**

As the Premier stated in Parliament on 23 August 2012, the 30 day bill payment policy formally commenced on 1 January 2012. The first quarterly performance report is currently being finalised for release. In the first quarter almost 92 per cent of invoices were paid within 30 days, consistent with our policy and initiative. 31 small businesses have already been eligible to receive automatic interest charges on overdue accounts.

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**Question:**

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

**Sharpe 65.** Does your department provide recurrent grant funds to non-government organisations?

- 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?

**Answer:**

The NSW Government has provided an extra \$12 million over four years to community transport providers after the previous Labor Government failed to increase funding over the previous 12 years.

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**Question:**

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

**Sharpe 66.** How many contractors has your Department retained since 1 July 2012 and at what cost?

**Answer:**

Details regarding contracts awarded are available on the NSW eTendering website at [www.tenders.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tenders.nsw.gov.au)

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**Question:**

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

**Sharpe 67.** What is the current level of Aboriginal employment within your Department(s)?

**Answer:**

2012 data is due to be released when the State of the Public Sector Report is released, late 2012. These reports can be found on the PSC website:  
[http://www.psc.nsw.gov.au/pscinternet/PSC\\_Home.page](http://www.psc.nsw.gov.au/pscinternet/PSC_Home.page).

Additionally, NSW Treasury Circular 11/03 prescribes the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Disclosure Requirements, requiring that NSW public sector agencies include EEO data in their annual reports.

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**Question:**

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

**Sharpe 67.** What is the current level of Aboriginal employment within your Department(s)?

**Sharpe 68.** How has that changed since 1 July 2011?

**Answer:**

2009, 2010 and 2011 data relating to Aboriginal employment can be found as published in the annual Workforce Profile Snapshot Reports.

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**Question:**

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

**Sharpe 69.** Since 1 July 2011, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your Department(s)?

**Answer:**

Nil.

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**Question:**

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

**Sharpe 70.** 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. What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?

**Answer:**

(a – f)

As with previous NSW Governments, the Government undertakes feasibility studies, audits, taskforces and reviews to inform government decision making. A number of feasibility studies, audits, taskforces and reviews are currently being undertaken across the NSW Government.

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**Question:**

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

**Sharpe # 71.** Have any agencies within your Department(s) engaged consultants in the 2011/12 financial year?

- a. If yes, which companies were engaged for consultancy services in the 2011/12 financial year?
- b. For what purpose has your Department engaged consultants?
- c. How much have your agencies spent on consultants in the 2011/12 financial year?
- d. What is your Department(s) budget for consultants in the 2012/13 financial year?

**Answer:**

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

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**Question:**

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

**Sharpe 72.** Have any agencies within your Departments sponsored any organisations or events in the 2011/12 financial year?

- a. If yes, which organisations and events were sponsored in the 2011/12 financial year?
- b. How much did your agencies within your Departments spend on sponsoring organisations and events in the 2011/12 financial year?
- c. What is your Department(s) budget for sponsorship in the 2012/13 financial year?

**Answer:**

(a – c)

Sponsorships are provided by agencies across the transport cluster. Sponsorships are required to have a clear correlation with the business objectives of Transport for NSW and deliver required outcomes for the organisation.

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**Question:**

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

**Sharpe # 73.** Has the Minister been provided with Speech, Voice or Media Training since becoming Minister? If so, then;

- a. Who conducted the training?
- b. When was it conducted?
- c. Where was it conducted what were the costs of the training?
- d. Who paid for the training?

**Answer:**

No.

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**Question:**

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

**Sharpe # 74.** Can you please list all travel related costs for your Parliamentary Secretary incurred in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2011

- a. kilometres travelled
- b. accommodation,
- c. air fares
- d. meals/entertaining?

**Answer:**

Travel related costs\* for the Premier's and Ministers' Parliamentary Secretaries was as follows.

	<b>2011-12</b>
Premier's Parliamentary Secretaries	0
Ministers' Parliamentary Secretaries	\$19,609
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,609</b>

\*Flights, accommodation and hire car expenses as detailed in travel contractor report.

- a. Information not available
- b. The total cost of accommodation for travel by Ministers' Parliamentary Secretaries during 2011/12 was \$1,925.
- c. The total cost of flights for Ministers' Parliamentary Secretaries during 2011/12 was \$17,477.

d. Information not available

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**Question:**

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

**Sharpe # 75.** Can you please provide details of the following activities undertaken by your Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2011;  
a. meetings attended in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary?  
b. functions attended in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary?

**Answer:**

Parliamentary Secretaries provide assistance to the Premier and other Ministers, including signing correspondence; receiving deputations; undertaking special tasks; officiating at functions; and relieving the Premier and Ministers of some of their duties. The duties to be performed are those allocated by the Premier, or which have the Premier's endorsement.

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**Question:**

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

**Sharpe # 76.** How often do you meet with your Parliamentary Secretary?

- a. Are these meetings documented?
- b. Who attends these meetings?

**Answer:**

Parliamentary Secretaries provide assistance to the Premier and other Ministers, including signing correspondence; receiving deputations; undertaking special tasks; officiating at functions; and relieving the Premier and Ministers of some of their duties. The duties to be performed are those allocated by the Premier, or which have the Premier's endorsement.

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**Question:**

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

**Sharpe # 77.** Who provides instructions and direction to your Parliamentary Secretary, you or your Chief of Staff?

**Answer:**

Parliamentary Secretaries provide assistance to the Premier and other Ministers, including signing correspondence; receiving deputations; undertaking special tasks; officiating at functions; and relieving the Premier and Ministers of some of their duties. The duties to be performed are those allocated by the Premier, or which have the Premier's endorsement.

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**Question:**

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

**Sharpe # 78.** Has the Parliamentary Secretary been provided with Speech, Voice or Media Training since becoming Parliamentary Secretary? If so, then;

- a. Who conducted the training?
- b. When was it conducted?
- c. Where was it conducted what were the costs of the training?
- d. Who paid for the training?

**Answer:**

No.

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