

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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QUESTION: Supplementary

Notice Given: 13 August 2013

Due Parliament: 6 September 2013

Question:

1. Of the 96 vehicles that have been fined for smoky emissions in the M5 East Tunnel how many have received a \$2000 fine?
2. For those vehicles who didn't receive a \$2000 fine what was the fine that they did receive?
3. What specific monitoring of pollution have you done of surrounding surface roads?
4. How was this conducted?
5. What dates was this monitoring conducted on? [Sic]

Answer:

I am advised:

1-2. All of the 96 vehicles.

3-5. Air quality is measured daily at five locations in the Wolli Creek Valley.

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6. Given the annual speed camera audit is now overdue, when will it be released?
7. Why has there been a delay?
8. In relation to the safety/red light camera on Parramatta Road Haberfield at the intersection with Sloane Street, on average for the last 6 months, how many hours per week has that camera been operational?
9. Since this camera was changed from a red light camera to a safety (red light/speed) camera has there been any change in the accident rates at that intersection? If so, please provide full details?
10. How does that compare to other speed cameras in a 5 kilometre radius?

SUGGESTED ANSWER:

I am advised:

6. The second annual review of speed cameras was released on 26 August 2013.
7. As part of the second annual review of speed cameras, there was significantly more detailed analysis including of each red-light speed cameras.
8. All red-light speed cameras, including the camera at the intersection of Parramatta Road and Sloane Street, Haberfield, are generally operational at all times, but may be inactive periodically for minor maintenance works to be conducted. Over the last six months there was one period of maintenance in March/April 2013 for which the red-light speed camera was inactive for approximately four weeks.
- 9 -10. The performance of all speed cameras, including the red-light speed camera at the intersection of Parramatta Road and Sloane Street, Haberfield, is publicly available in the recently released annual review of speed cameras. The review is published at www.roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

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11. Since becoming Minister for Roads and Ports, have you taken the time to drive from Sydney to the Queensland border on the Pacific Highway to personally inspect the road conditions?

12. If you have not, why not?

Answer:

As part of my regular visits to regional areas I have travelled the Pacific Highway numerous times.

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13. Given that the NSW Government provided a start-up of grant of \$250,000 for the goCatch taxi booking application for smartphones, will you guarantee to resist the calls from the taxi industry and CabCharge to act against goCatch?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is currently undertaking a review of taxi networks, as part of a broader review of the Passenger Transport legislation.

The NSW Government is keen to support the development of innovative ways to improve customers' experience in booking taxi services and to provide increased earning opportunities for high quality taxi drivers.

Transport for NSW will continue to consult with the taxi industry and customer groups, regarding any proposed changes.

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14. Were any reviews or consultations undertaken by RMS on the safety impacts of changing the truck safety inspection laws to allow for inspections to be conducted by private inspectors rather than RMS inspectors?
15. Did you receive any representations from the trucking industry in relation to these changes?
16. Did any of these representations come from Roger Fletcher?
17. Can you provide copies of these representations?
18. Have you had any discussions with the NRMA about these changes which will weaken the strict safety regime introduced for heavy vehicle inspections after the deadly crash on Mount Ousley in 1979?
19. What will be the process for government approval? of private safety inspectors and how frequently will their accreditation be reviewed?
20. How will the RMS determine which trucks are high risk and need to still be inspected by the RMS and which trucks will be deemed low risk and be allowed to be inspected by private safety inspectors?
21. What will be the penalty for having a high risk truck inspected by a private safety inspector?
22. Please provide copies of any guidelines that have been issued in relation to the approval process?
23. Will there be a review of this policy (comparing truck crash rates between vehicles inspected by the RMS and those that are privately inspected) and at what time?
24. If you cannot guarantee to have a review of this policy at a designated time, why not? Sic

ANSWER:

14. The changes that Roads and Maritime Services has implemented to allow certain heavy vehicle types to be inspected by Heavy Vehicle Authorised Inspection Stations (HVAIS) are in response to the 2009 Auditor-General's Report, 'Improving Road Safety – Heavy Vehicles'.

Changes apply to two axle rigid vehicles of more than 12 tonnes Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) which are less than five years old and truck trailers with a GVM between 4.5 and 9 tonnes. For example, small to medium sized delivery trucks such as the Fuso Canter or N-Series Isuzu fall within the class of vehicle now able to access a HVAIS as does many 'pig and dog' trailers.

Prior to implementation of these changes, Roads and Maritime Services undertook rigorous analysis (including risk) to ensure that both heavy vehicle and general road safety would not be compromised. Roads and Maritime

Services also consulted with the NSW Centre for Road Safety and the heavy vehicle industry on these changes. NSW has the most comprehensive light and heavy vehicle inspection regime in Australia with 285 frontline vehicle inspectors. The inspectors are supported by the most sophisticated on and off road detection, monitoring and enforcement systems in Australia. These systems are constantly being upgraded and improved.

15. Roads and Maritime Services has met with the trucking industry three times over the last six months. The industry is supportive of the changes.
16. No.
17. Not applicable.
18. No.
19. Roads and Maritime Services has established processes for assessing applications of potential heavy vehicle proprietors and examiners. Before Roads and Maritime Services authorises a person to be a HVAIS proprietor or examiner, they must have obtained TAFE NSW accreditation and be currently licensed.
20. Roads and Maritime Services has undertaken rigorous research and analysis (including risk) and has consulted with the NSW Centre for Road Safety as to the types of vehicles that could be inspected at HVAIS.
21. If an owner takes their heavy vehicle to a HVAIS for an inspection but that vehicle requires a Roads and Maritime Services Heavy Vehicle Inspection Scheme (HVIS) inspection, the vehicle's registration can be renewed but the owner is required to obtain Roads and Maritime Services HVIS inspection within 28 days of renewal.

If the HVIS inspection has not been obtained in the required timeframe, the vehicle's registration will be suspended and subsequently cancelled.
22. This information is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website:
http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/registration/downloads/ais_business_rules_july2010.pdf
23. It is standard practice within Roads and Maritime Services to review policies within a 24 month period after implementation.
24. Not applicable.

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25. How many staff at the Tweed Heads Motor Registry lost their permanent positions when the registry was merged into a Service NSW Centre?

26. What are you doing to ensure that these staff are found other NSW Government jobs in the Tweed?

Answer:

I am advised:

25. Of the 15 Roads and Maritime Services staff in Tweed Heads, two did not apply for positions with Service NSW and seven were unsuccessful in applying for a position. One unsuccessful staff member has submitted an application to Service NSW for Assisted Appointment Review of the decision.

26. Roads and Maritime Services is finalising its strategy for managing staff impacted by the transition to Service NSW. The strategy will include the option of transfer to nearby Roads and Maritime Services registries where this is possible, in this case Murwillumbah. It is likely there will be sufficient vacancies at Murwillumbah for those staff from Tweed Heads who elect to remain with the organisation. Alternatively, staff will be afforded the option of exiting via voluntary redundancy.

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27. In response to a question regarding redundancies at the Public Passenger Services, The Minister stated in Budget Estimates in August 2013, that “No. There are some contractor positions there that will not continue, but the staff have all been reassured that they either have a position assigned or an expression of interest for a position.” (Page 7, Uncorrected Transcript).

a. Could the Minister please confirm if positions referred to in the answer are in fact permanent positions that have been filled by temporary contractors, not contractor positions as indicated in the minister’s answer?

Answer:

I am advised:

The positions referred to that will not continue are permanent positions currently filled by contractors, which is consistent with my earlier answer. These positions will be retained for up to 12 months to facilitate the transition of the Public Passenger Services Unit’s functions into Roads and Maritime Services.

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Question:

28. Does the Roads and Maritime Service Customer and Compliance Area (referred to on Page 7 of the Uncorrected Transcript) have a medical section that undertakes medical assessments?
- a. Does the Customer and Compliance Area have any trained doctors with occupational health and safety qualifications?
 - i. If yes, how many and in what areas?
 - b. Does the Customer and Compliance Area have any trained nurses?
 - i. If yes, how many and in what areas?
29. In the proposed restructure referred to on Page 7 of the uncorrected transcript; will there be any specialist medical units?
- a. If yes, what areas and with how many staff?
30. In the proposed restructure referred to on Page 7 of the uncorrected transcript; will there be any medically trained staff conducting medical assessments?
- a. If yes, how many and in what areas?
31. Will bus, taxi, hire car and tourist service drivers continue to have their medical assessments assessed by medically and appropriately trained staff.

Answer:

I am advised:

28. The Customer and Compliance area does not have trained doctors or nurses, however, when appropriate, Roads and Maritime Services obtains expert medical opinion for medical assessments via Medibank Health Solutions.
29. Roads and Maritime Services currently has two specialist medical units, one at Grafton and one at Parramatta. As the restructure process is at the proposal stage, after receiving feedback from staff a determination will be made about whether the two units are merged into one. However, there will be no reduction of services provided to customers.
30. The process is only at the proposal stage. After receiving feedback from staff a determination will be made.
31. Yes.

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Question:

32. What will the impact of the M5 extension be on the Wolli Creek Regional Park?

Answer:

I am advised:

32. The WestConnex business case, including duplication of the M5 East, is currently being considered by the NSW Government.

The business case includes reference designs and a plan for implementing the project, including planning approval, procurement and delivery strategies.

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Question:

33. Is widening of the M4 east of Parramatta to North Strathfield the first stage of the Westconnex project?

- a. When is this expected to commence
- b. Will a toll be placed on this motorway
- c. How will the additional traffic be handled once it gets to North Strathfield?

Answer:

I am advised:

33. The WestConnex business case, including widening of the M4, is currently being considered by the NSW Government.

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34. Please provide the independent third party auditor report for the successful remediation of the site on the Herons Creek to Stills Road upgrade referred to on page 5 Herons Creek to Stills Road upgrade Report of May 2013.

Answer:

I am advised:

The Site Audit Report prepared by Cavanba Consulting Pty Ltd, is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website (www.rms.nsw.gov.au/pacific) under the project documents section of the Herons Creek to Stills Road upgrade website. The Independent Report completed by Mr Brian Gilligan will be posted on RMS' website very soon.

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Question:

35. Regarding the proposed extension from the M7 West to Bells Line of Road, referred to as the Castlereagh Freeway;
- a. Is there land reserved for this extension
 - i. What is the total area of the reserved area?
 - b. Is any of the proposed road reservation public land?
 - i. How much?
 - ii. Which part of the Government owns it?
 - c. Will the road reservation pass through areas of native vegetation
 - i. If Yes, What is the total area of native vegetation
 - ii. What is the type of native vegetation
 - iii. Is any of this native vegetation listed under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 (TSC Act) or the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999?
 - iv. If yes, how much?
 - d. Does the Roads and Maritime Service require the clearing of any native vegetation to be offset as part of this proposal?
 - i. What is the formula for determining native vegetation offset
 - e. Does this road reserve provide habitat for any threatened flora or fauna species?
 - i. If Yes, what are those species
 - f. Will the road fracture connectivity impacting fauna movements and the exchange of genetic diversity?
 - g. Will the road reservation pass through any Cumberland Plain Priority Conservation Lands?
 - i. If Yes, what areas
 - ii. If Yes who owns the land.
 - h. Is the department aware of any plans to have land in the road reservation protected for nature conservation?
 - i. Are any native vegetation offsets proposed for this road?
 - i. How much is this offset expected to cost?
 - j. Have any alternative routes been investigated for this road?
 - i. What are these alternate routes?

Answer:

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is working to identify a corridor between the Bells Line of Road at Kurrajong Heights and the Sydney Motorway Network. The need to identify a connection for an upgraded road was identified as a short term priority in the *Bells Line of Road Long Term Strategic Corridor Plan*.

The broad area for investigation will include consideration of the existing Castlereagh Freeway Corridor between the M7 and Yarramundi.

The Castlereagh Corridor was first identified in the 1951 County of Cumberland Plan and has been in place within planning instruments for many decades.

The remaining unbuilt section of the corridor commences from the M7 at Dean Park and runs in a west and north-westerly direction until it terminates at Springwood Road on the western side of the Nepean River.

The Castlereagh Freeway corridor comprises a reservation of approximately 320 hectares in area.

No detailed environmental investigations have been carried out as the corridor has been preserved undeveloped.

The need to identify and preserve corridors for longer term transport projects, such as between the Sydney Motorway Network and the Bells Line of Road is an action in the *Long Term Transport Master Plan*.

The process to identify a corridor will take into consideration the social, environmental and economic costs and benefits of alternative routes and reserve a connection that is of greatest benefit for the people and economy of NSW.

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36. Has the Bus Operator Accreditation Scheme been abolished?
- a. If yes, what risk assessment was undertaken before this decision?
 - b. Will there be two bus safety officers engaged in the accreditation branch at Parramatta?
 - i. What qualifications will these bus safety officers have?
 - ii. Will these bus safety officers be undertaking roles previously done by staff of the Independent Transport Safety Regulator?
 - c. Who will implement the requirements of the Passenger Transport Act 1990 in regards to accrediting public passenger bus drivers?

Answer:

I am advised:

36. No.
- a. Not applicable.
 - b. Yes. This is a new function that has transferred to Roads and Maritime Services.
 - i. Criteria for the bus safety officer positions include:
 - High level experience and demonstrated success in working in a regulatory role ensuring safety and regulatory performance requirements are met while promoting efficient customer service delivery.
 - Demonstrated understanding of bus operator accreditation requirements and the regulatory and operational aspects of the passenger transport industry.
 - Extensive experience and achievement in management of safety at a senior level including the development and implementation of safety programs.
 - Excellent statistical and analytical skills, including excellent report writing skills on safety performance reporting.
 - Proven ability to manage high volume and demanding workflows.
 - Demonstrated organisational skills and the ability to effectively prioritise competing demands.
 - Excellent written and verbal communication skills and high level interpersonal skills including consultation, facilitation and negotiation skills with people at all levels, internal/external stakeholders and customers.
 - ii. Yes.

- c. Customer and Support Services Branch, Roads and Maritime Services.

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1. On how many occasions have you met with a lobbyist, and what were the dates of these meetings?
2. Which lobbyists have you met with, and what was discussed?
3. On how many occasions have you declined to meet with a lobbyist?
4. To deliver greater transparency and accountability, will you publish a monthly online diary of all meetings with lobbyists?
5. In order to deliver greater transparency and accountability, as promised by the Premier, will you commit to keeping a record of all lobbying activities and documentation and allow them to be subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act?

Answer:

I am advised:

Meetings with lobbyists are in accordance with the NSW Lobbyist Code of Conduct.

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6. Since becoming a Minister, have you taken any interstate or intrastate trips involving overnight accommodation or flights?

7. Will you provide a list to the committee of the details of all travel?

8. Have you taken any trips intrastate or interstate to attend Liberal/National Party functions? What are the details of the trips including dates and costs?

9. Have you taken any trips intrastate or interstate to attend lobbyists' functions? What are the details of the trips including dates and costs?

10. Were these trips paid for by the taxpayer?

11. Were these trips booked through the government travel management system?

12. Since becoming a Minister, have you paid back money to the state because you booked unauthorised travel with the government travel management system? How much? When did you travel? When did you pay back the money? How many occasions has this happened?

13. Have you had meetings scheduled interstate or intrastate on Fridays or weekends which involved you staying overnight?

14. Did you take your spouse/partner on these trips?

Answer:

I am advised:

Yes

Information regarding travel is available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet Disclosure Log at

http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/accessing_dpc_information/dpc_disclosure_log.

Travel is in accordance with the 'Policy on Official Travel within Australia and Overseas' available at

http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/156026/Official_Travel_Policy_within_Australia_and_Overseas_-_August_2013.pdf.

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15. Have any members of your staff made complaints to or raised concerns with you, your Chief of Staff or the Department of Premier and Cabinet about bullying in your office?

16. If so, have any members of your staff resigned or been removed from their position after making such a complaint or raising such concerns?

Answer:

I am advised:

Information on Department of Premier and Cabinet Memorandum 'Dignity and Respect: Policy and Guidelines on Preventing and Managing Workplace Bullying' can be found at:

http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/announcements/ministerial_memoranda/2007/m2007-02

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Question:

17. How many blackberries or smart phones are assigned to your staff?

18. For each phone, how much was each bill in the 2012/13 financial year?

19. How many have phones have been lost in your office?

20. What is the cost of replacing those phones?

Answer:

I am advised:

169 phones have been issued to the Premier's Office and Ministers Offices.

The total expenditure on all phone types by the Premier's office and Ministers' offices as represented in the department's financial system is set out in the table below. Please note that this expenditure may include mobile phone purchase costs as the financial system does not separate the purchase costs and mobile usage charges.

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
TOTAL	\$483,310	\$578,691	\$434,854	\$188,761	\$197,226	\$232,286

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

For Premier's Office and Ministers' offices, the number of phones lost was 5.

The cost is the normal contract price and this cost is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund.

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21. How many iPads or tablet computers does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?

22. How many iPads or tablet computers have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?

Answer:

I am advised:

The number of iPads issued for the Premier's office and Ministers' offices for 2012/13 is 75.

iPads are supplied by DPC.

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Question:

23. How many iPhones or other smart phones does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
24. How many iPhones or other smart phones have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
25. How many iPhones or other smart phones have been lost in your office?

Answer:

I am advised:

169 phones have been issued to NSW Ministerial Offices.

iPhones or Smart Phones are supplied by DPC.

For Premier's Office and Ministers' offices, the number of phones lost was 5.

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Question:

26. How many iPads or tablet computers have been lost in your office?

27. What is the cost of replacing those phones or iPads or tablet computers?

Answer:

I am advised:

For Premier's office and Ministers' offices the number of iPads lost was 2.

The cost is the normal contract price and this cost is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund.

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28. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?

29. What is the forecast for 2013/14 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?

Answer:

I am advised:

28. The number of media staff is commensurate with agency requirements.

29. There are no plans to change the current arrangements.

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

31. If so, did any of your relatives or friends (if you have any) accompany you on these trips?

Answer:

I am advised:

30. Yes – one.

31. No.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website at:
http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

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

Answer:

I am advised:

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

Answer:

I am advised:

Information regarding Premier's Office and Ministerial Offices budget and expenditure is available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet Disclosure Log at http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/accessing_dpc_information/dpc_disclosure_log.

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

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

Answer:

I am advised:

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

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38. What is your Ministerial office budget for 2013/14?

Answer:

I am advised:

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Question:

39. How many political advisors are in your office?

Answer:

I am advised:

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40. How many administration staff?

Answer:

I am advised:

Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website at:
http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers

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

Answer:

I am advised:

Number of Department Liaison Officers (DLOs) are:

	Number of DLOs as at 5/09/2012	Number of DLOs as at 30/06/2013
Premier	1	1
Ministers	57	54
TOTAL	58	55

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

Answer:

I am advised:

Department support staff assigned to the Minister for Roads and Ports office as at 30 June 2013 was three Departmental Liaison Officer positions.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

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

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

Answer:

I am advised:

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

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45. How much did your Ministerial office spend on taxi fares, including Cabcharge in the 2012/13 financial year?

Answer:

I am advised:

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	2012-13
TOTAL	\$160,155	\$175,776	\$60,277	\$96,094	\$92,829

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

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46. Are any of your portfolio agencies undergoing a restructure?
47. How many jobs are expected to be cut as a result of that restructure?
48. How many people are expected to have their wages cut as a result of that restructure?
49. How many voluntary redundancies were offered in your Departments since April 2011?
50. How many voluntary redundancies were accepted from employees in your Departments since April 2011?
51. How many voluntary redundancies are expected to be offered in 2013/14?

Answer:

I am advised:

46-48. The Transport cluster is continuing to undergo a reform process to drive efficiencies across the cluster while delivering effective services to customers. This reform process is still in progress.

Transport cluster agencies operate in line with service requirements set by Transport for NSW; this ensures that customer service delivery requirements continue to be met. Any organisational changes as a result of reforms will not impact on service delivery.

49-51. The Government's program of voluntary redundancies remains on track.

This includes the target of 5,000 positions announced in the 2011/12 Budget and the Labour Expense Cap introduced in the 2012/13 Budget. Directors General will be given as much flexibility as possible to achieve the Labour Expense Cap savings in the most appropriate way to meet the service requirements of their agencies. Nurses, police officers and teachers in schools have been quarantined from this measure.

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Question:

52. How much did your Department(s) spend on catering in 2012/13?

54. What is your Department's catering budget?

Answer:

I am advised:

52.&54. Transport cluster agencies do not uniformly have a general ledger account used specifically to capture catering expenditure

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53. How much did your Department(s) spend on stationary in 2012/13?

55. What is your Department's stationary budget?

Answer:

I am advised:

Agency expenditure is published in the respective annual reports.

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Question:

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

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

Answer:

I am advised:

56. Yes.

57. Implementation of the new Roads and Maritime Services brand is ongoing and is guided by the principles of reducing branded items and progressively applying the new look and feel when existing stocks of materials are exhausted, and as part of other planned programs, so change over costs are avoided or minimised. Costs incurred will vary depending on these factors. The implementation program has been based on targeting high, medium and low priority items.

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Question:

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

59. How many pieces of correspondence have been outstanding for more than 60 days?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Department's recommended time frame for completing responses to correspondence from Ministers, Members of Parliament and members of the public is 20 working days from the Department's receipt of the correspondence.

However, it is not always possible to comply with this time frame for any number of reasons including: the nature and complexity of the matter; stakeholder consultation; or further information required from other Departments and sources.

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Question:

60. In 2012/13 how many invoices has your Department(s) failed to pay a supplier or contractor for more than 30 days?

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

62. How many invoices have been outstanding for longer than 60 days?

Answer:

I am advised:

Information regarding "30 days to pay" policy is available at
<http://www.finance.nsw.gov.au/30days/how-government-will-report-policy>.

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63. Does your department provide recurrent grant funds to non-government organisations? If yes,

- 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 2013/2013?
- h. What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?
- i. Have any provisions been included in grant agreements to prohibit these organisations from criticising the Government or any of its policies?

Answer:

I am advised:

63. Information about grants to non-government organisations will be available in the Annual Report.

Funds granted to non-government organisations are considered on a case by case basis and do not automatically perpetuate and, as such, indexation is not applicable.

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64. How many contractors has your Department(s) retained since 1 July 2013 and at what cost?

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is not held centrally for the Department. The number of contractors fluctuates.

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

66. How has that changed since 1 July 2012?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Public Service Commission collects workforce data from the NSW public sector, including regarding levels of Aboriginal employment. An estimate of the level of Aboriginal employment in the sector at June 2013 will be included in the Workforce Profile 2013 Report, due to be released with the 2013 State of the Public Sector Report in November 2013. NSW Treasury Circular 11/03 outlines Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Disclosure Requirements, requiring that NSW public sector agencies include EEO data in their annual reports

An estimate of the level of Aboriginal employment in the NSW public sector at June 2012 can be found in the Workforce Profile 2012 Report. This report is available on the PSC website on the Workforce Profile page: <http://www.psc.nsw.gov.au/About-the-Public-Sector/workforce-profile>.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

Travel is in accordance with the 'Policy on Official Travel within Australia and Overseas' available at http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/156026/Official_Travel_Policy_within_Australia_and_Overseas_-_August_2013.pdf. Details regarding travel costs are published in the Department's Annual Report.

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68. 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:

I am advised:

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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69. Can you please list all travel related costs for your Parliamentary Secretary incurred in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2012
- a. kilometres travelled
 - b. accommodation,
 - c. air fares
 - d. meals/entertaining?

Answer:

I am advised:

Information regarding Premier's Office and Ministerial Offices budget and expenditure is available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet Disclosure Log at http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/accessing_dpc_information/dpc_disclosure_log.

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70. Can you please provide details of the following activities undertaken by your Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2012;

- a. meetings attended in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary?
- b. functions attended in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary?

71. How often do you meet with your Parliamentary Secretary?

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

72. Who provides instructions and direction to your Parliamentary Secretary, you or your Chief of Staff?

Answer:

I am advised:

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 and/or Minister, or which have the Premier's and/or Minister's endorsement.

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73. Has the Minister been provided with Speech, Voice or Media Training since becoming Minister? If not, why not? 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:

74. 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:

I am advised:

No

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