



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 2

# **BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012**

## **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

### **General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2**

Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW

Wednesday 26 October 2011

Answers to be lodged by: 21 November 2011

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26 October 2011	Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW	21 November 2011 [21 days]

## Questions relating to the portfolio of Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW

26 October 2011, 8.30 am – 9.45 am

### Questions from the Hon Cate Faehrmann MLC

1. Office of Preventative Health
  - a. What is the status of the promised Office of Preventative Health, when will it be established?
  - b. Why has it not already been established?
  - c. In what form will the NSW Government report on progress in overweight and obesity reduction targets? Will the Office of Preventative Health issue annual progress reports?
  - d. What will be the structure of the Office? Will it have an independent Board?
  - e. Has the Preventative Health Fighting Fund been established? What expenditure has occurred to date? Which programs have been funded by this initiative thus far?
  
2. Methadone
  - a. What is the allocation breakdown of the \$10 million over four years and \$3.4 million increase in 2011/12 announced by Minister Humphries to expand opioid treatment programs?
  - b. What is the allocation per person in each of the health districts?
  - c. What is the allocation for each of the health districts?
  - d. What do the \$10 million over four years and \$3.4 million increase promised in 2011/12 represent in percentage terms of the total NSW expenditure on methadone and buprenorphine treatment?
  - e. What percentage of NSW citizens released from prison on methadone treatment will be offered community methadone or buprenorphine treatment?
  
3. Oral health
  - a. Given the waiting list for public dental services exceeds the numbers of people on hospital waiting lists, and that NSW has the lowest funding for public dental services of any other state or territory. Why is there no additional funding for oral health in the 2011-12 budget beyond standard escalation?

### Questions from the Hon Amanda Fazio MLC

4. Mental Health
  - a. Premier Iemma's five year "A New Plan for Mental Health" was due to end 30 June 2011: which policies and programs that were in place when you came to government have been continued by your government, with what amount of total funding over the forward estimates by program and also identifying what new funding has been allocated to them by program, and which programs have been discontinued?
  - b. If any have been discontinued, why, and what was the level of funding for them, by program, for the year ended 30 June 2011.
  
5. Western NSW
  - a. How many submissions and representations have you made to Cabinet as the Minister for Western NSW?
  - b. How many staff are employed in your office to support you in your role as Minister for Western NSW?

### Healthy Lifestyles

6. Given the projected smoking rates of 16% by the end of 2012 in the budget papers, what funds and programs will be allocated in 2011-12 by NSW Health to achieve this?
  - a. Do you support the licensing of tobacco retailers?

- b. If yes, how do you plan to act on this
  - c. If no, why not?
7. Given that only \$3m has been allocated for dialysis enhancements for 2011-12.
    - a. What health promotion activities has your office instituted to reduce the need for dialysis?
    - b. How will this money be spent?
  8. Will there be an enhancement to the Mt Druitt Dental Service in 2011-12?
  9. What are the Minister's top three priorities for the Healthy Lifestyles Portfolio?
  10. What action is the Government taking to combat the rising instance of obesity in:
    - a. Western Sydney?
    - b. The Illawarra?
    - c. The Central Coast?
    - d. The Hunter?
    - e. Rural and Regional New South Wales?
  11. Will the Government consider introducing limitations on displays of foods with high fat, salt and sugar content?
  12. What information is available about the prevalence of Type 2 Diabetes in each of the 93 Electorates throughout NSW?
  13. What information is available about the prevalence of smoking in each of the 93 Electorates throughout NSW?
  14. What action will the Government take to increase awareness about the harmful nature of trans fats?
  15. Is the Government considering expanding the existing Kings Cross Supervised Injecting Room?
    - a. Is the Government considering any additional Supervised Injecting Rooms?
  16. What initiatives has the Government introduced to encourage school aged children to increase their rate of physical activity?
  17. Given the significant opposition to the existence of the "Healthy Lifestyles" Portfolio from within the Liberal Party has the Minister been given any guarantees of the ongoing survival of this portfolio?
  18. Given the revelation that one of the Minister's staffers previously worked as a lobbyist in the Tobacco Industry can the Minister advise as to the qualifications and professional experience of his remaining staff?
  19. What action is the Government taking to reduce the consumption of the following illicit substances:
    - a. Marijuana?
    - b. Cocaine?
    - c. Heroin?
    - d. MDMA?
  20. What action is the Government taking to assist the Federal Government in tracking individuals who abuse prescription medications in order to reduce their ability to fill these prescriptions?
  21. What funding is available from the NSW Government for:
    - a. Alcohol and drug addiction programs?
    - b. Gambling Counselling Services?
    - c. Tobacco Counselling services?

22. Phones

- a. How many blackberries does DPC assign to your Ministerial staff and to whom have they been issued?
- b. How many iPads does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
- c. How many iPads have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
- d. How many iPhones does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
- e. How many iPhones have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
- f. For each phone or device, how much was each bill from April to October?
- g. How many have phones or devices have been lost in your office?
- h. What is the cost of replacing those phones or devices?

23. Media and Public Relations

- a. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?
- b. What is the forecast for 2011-12 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?
- c. How many media or public relations advisers are employed in your ministerial office?

24. Overseas Trips

- a. Have any of your overseas trips in the past year been paid for in part or in full by using public money?
- b. If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?

25. Office Costs

- a. What is the annual remuneration package for your chief of staff?
- b. What is the annual remuneration package for your head media advisor?
- c. What is the annual remuneration package for each of your staff?
- d. What is the estimated expenditure for your office budget in 2011-12?
- e. Have any office renovations or fit outs been undertaken in your ministerial office since April?
- f. If so, could you give details of contracted costs?
- g. What is your office budget?
- h. How many political advisors are in your office?
- i. How many administration staff?
- j. How many Department Liaison officers are assigned to your office?
- k. How many staff in the Department are assigned to Ministerial support duties?

26. Cabcharge

- a. In terms of your ministerial office, how much did your office spend on taxi fares, including Cabcharge since April?

27. Restructure

- a. Are any of your portfolio agencies undergoing a restructure?
- b. How many jobs are expected to be cut as a result of that restructure?
- c. How many people are expected to have their wages cut as a result of that restructure?
- d. How many voluntary redundancies are expected to be offered as a result of that restructure?

28. Agency Costs

- a. What is your agency's catering budget?
- b. Since April, has the agency changed its branding?
- c. How much was spent on rebranding the agency?
- d. How much has been spent on stationary?

29. Correspondence

- a. How long is the average turnaround for responding to correspondence in your agency?
- b. How many pieces of correspondence have been outstanding for more than 60 days?

- 30. Paying bills on time
  - a. Since April, on how many occasions has the agency not paid a supplier or contractor for more than 30 days?
  - b. How many bills have been outstanding for longer than that period?
  
- 31. Grants to non-government organisations
  - a. Does your department provide recurrent grant funds to non-government organisations?
  - b. If yes,
    - i. What are the names of all organisations in receipt of funding?
    - ii. What is the total amount of funding received by each organisation, including goods and services tax?
    - iii. On what date was the funding advanced?
    - iv. What was the purpose for each grant or funding advance?
    - v. Was any funding withheld or returned?
    - vii. If so, what were the reasons for withholding or requiring the funding to be returned?
    - viii. What is the indexation rate applied to non recurrent grant funds in 2011/2012?
  
- 32. Feasibility studies, audits, taskforces or reviews
  - a. Is your department currently undertaking any feasibility studies, audits, taskforces or reviews,
  - b. If so;
    - i. What are the terms of reference or details of each study, audit, taskforce or review?
    - ii. Who is conducting the study, audit, taskforce or review?
    - iii. Was each study, audit, taskforce or review was publically advertised seeking expression of interest or competitive tenders?
    - iv. Is there a contract in place detailing terms of engagement for the study, audit, taskforce or review?
    - v. What is the timeline of each study, audit, taskforce or review?
    - vi. What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?

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**There were no additional questions on notice lodged by members relating to the portfolio of Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles, Western NSW.**