

**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015
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**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
BARANGAROO**

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following Question was taken on notice.

QUESTION

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: The biggest government-owned development site at the moment is Barangaroo. Ms McNally, what proportion of housing at Barangaroo has been set aside for affordable, social or key worker housing?

Ms McNALLY: I would have to take that on notice.

ANSWER

2.3% of all approved residential gross floor area at Barangaroo South.

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**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
BOB HAWES PROPERTY HOLDINGS**

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following Question was taken on notice.

QUESTION

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: Can you provide full details on notice of his current property holdings in the area?

Ms McNALLY: I can.

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: And perhaps details of whatever due diligence you have made to ensure that he did not have a conflict of interest, and does not continue to have a conflict of interest as a result of those property dealings and holdings.

ANSWER

Mr Hawes has two individual land holdings in the area.

Regarding 1-9 Beresford Street, Newcastle West – the sale contract is now unconditional and due to settle by 21 October 2015.

Regarding 780 Hunter Street, Newcastle – this property is a leased investment property and is listed for sale by auction, which is to be held on 23 September 2015.

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QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE GSC COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following Question was taken on notice.

QUESTION

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: What consultation is happening with industry in the community in the lead-up to the introduction of this legislation?

Mr ROB STOKES: There has been significant consultation in relation to the thinking around the Greater Sydney Commission, so there has been consultation with various local government organisations with the—

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Is that individual local governments or Local Government NSW?

Mr ROB STOKES: I will take on notice the specific discussions I have had and that the department has had.

ANSWER

There has been significant consultation with councils in relation to the development of the Greater Sydney Commission.

Meetings with the following councils were held in developing the roles and functions for the Greater Sydney Commission:

- Blacktown Council on 6 August 2014
- City of Sydney Council on 2 July 2014
- Hills Shire Council on 20 June 2014
- Liverpool Council on 16 July 2014
- Manly Council on 17 July 2014
- Parramatta Council on 7 July 2014
- Randwick Council on 25 June 2014
- Warringah Council on 19 June 2014
- Wollondilly Council on 11 February 2015
- Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra Councils on 15 March 2015

Meetings were also conducted with the Regional Organisations of Councils including:

- Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils on 25 June 2014, 23 April 2015 and 23 July 2015
- Southern Sydney Region of Councils on 5 February 2015 and 19 March 2015
- Shore Regional Organisations of Councils and Northern Sydney Regional Organisations of Councils on 16 April 2015 and 12 June 2015

The former Minister for Planning convened a Mayors' roundtable in January 2015 when councils provided their views on the Greater Sydney Commission. All 41 councils were invited and the roundtable was attended by representatives from 24 of the 41 Greater Sydney councils.

The Department met with Local Government NSW on 24 June 2014, 11 November 2014, 10 February 2015 and 28 May 2015.

Note that the Minister also presented to a teleconference briefing for all 41 Greater Sydney councils on 7 September 2015 in advance of the Government's recent Greater Sydney Commission announcement on 8 September 2015.

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QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE OPEN SPACE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following Question was taken on notice.

QUESTION

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: How is green space defined? Is green space a pocket park or a larger park? Can you provide a breakdown of that?

Mr ROB STOKES: Yes. I would like to work across the Parliament on this issue. Regardless of our badge, it is important to everyone. Obviously, as Sydney grows we have a shared obligation to make the city better. Access to passive and active green spaces is an important part of that, along with the role that green space plays in dealing with the urban heat island effect. Given that 30 per cent of our urban population already lives in apartments, green space will become more and more of a premium.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: I agree that we must plan for them. That also has not been helped by the number of trees chopped down under 10/50. Are you working with local government to establish a standard method so that we are always talking about the same thing?

Mr ROB STOKES: I will take that question on notice in terms of what the department is doing about liaising with local government. We must look at resourcing to ensure that we are not engaging in unnecessary work if the information has already been gathered. That will involve conversations with local councils. We are certainly committed to the philosophy of the green grid and to trying to reimagine some of these disused spaces, and riparian corridors particularly, which perform an important function within the ecology of the city. There are also opportunities to do bush regeneration and to engage new communities in bush-care and dune-care activities. These spaces can help to join communities. A good example is the goods line that was opened on the weekend.

ANSWER

The Department has recently updated the Sydney Open Space Audit. This is a Graphical Information Systems (GIS) database of all open space in the Metropolitan region, based on information supplied by local councils in 2014.

The Office of Local Government, in conjunction with the Department, is also currently working with councils and other key stakeholders to develop a new

Performance Measurement Framework and on-line reporting platform that standardises reporting methodologies for green space.

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**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
POLITICAL DONATIONS AND PROSECUTION**

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following Question was taken on notice.

QUESTION 1

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: The most recent case was in May this year when a large donor to the Liberal Party, Adam Blackwell, failed to disclose \$1,050 donated to the Liberal Party, and in fact—

The Hon. SHAYNE MALLARD: Big donor.

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: And I hear the sotto voce interjection from Mr Mallard that it is a "big donor". The original declaration signed by Mr Blackwell was that no donations had been made. What have you done in relation to that application?

Mr RAY: In relation to that application we are currently investigating the failure to disclose the donation.

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: It is an offence, is it not?

Mr RAY: Yes, it is.

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: Was it done by way of a statutory declaration?

Mr RAY: I will have to take that question on notice.

ANSWER 1

It was done by the Political Disclosure Statement Form, which does not require a statutory declaration to be made.

QUESTION 2

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: When did you last prosecute someone for failing to make such a declaration?

Mr RAY: I think it might have been about 2013, but I will have to take that question on notice.

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: Can you give me details of all the prosecutions and give me details of how the investigation is being conducted to ensure that it is independent?

Mr RAY: The investigation is being conducted in accordance with the department's policies, which are available on the website.

ANSWER 2

The most recent enforcement action was in late 2013.

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**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
SUTHERLAND LEP**

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following Question was taken on notice.

QUESTION 1

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: What, if any, consideration has been given by the department to the proposition that the land be placed on the Land Reservation Acquisition Map in the Sutherland Shire Local Environmental Plan? Would you like to take that question on notice?

Mr RAY: I will have to take it on notice.

ANSWER 1

The Department considered representations requesting the land be placed on the Land Reservation Acquisition Map. As the land had not been identified for acquisition by a public authority, the land was not identified for acquisition on the Land Reservation Acquisition Map.

QUESTION 2

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: Perhaps you will also take on notice whether you support that land being put on the Land Reservation Acquisition Map and it ultimately being zoned so that it is protected within the national park. I accept that that is a detailed question and you might need to take it on notice.

Mr ROB STOKES: Sure.

ANSWER 2

The transfer of this land to the Royal National Park is a matter for the Minister for the Environment.

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QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE ATP SITE, EVELEIGH

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following Question was taken on notice.

QUESTION 1

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: There are all of those old rail sheds there. Currently there are a whole lot of different businesses that are in there. There is also an open, preserved site. Locomotive 3801 is there. Would you be keeping the roofs on those sheds or do you envisage that you could build up over the top of those sheds?

Mr FRECKLINGTON: I cannot comment on the specifics of the roofs on the heritage sheds. Certainly the site is being disposed of as a whole with three significant development parcels therein, which will be obviously subject to the controls under the existing planning regime which preclude residential development—

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: Unless they get a pre-gateway review.

QUESTION 2

Mr FRECKLINGTON: As for the specific heritage features, they are covered by the conservation management plan which I referred to earlier.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Could you come back to the Committee and outline what they are?

Mr FRECKLINGTON: I will take that question on notice.

ANSWER

1. There are three heritage listed buildings at ATP - the Locomotive Workshop, the New Locomotive Workshop (now known as National Innovation Centre) and the Works Managers Office (now known as International Business Centre). These three buildings are currently converted for, and used mainly as, commercial offices. Any development applications lodged by a future owner would need to comply with the statutory heritage and planning controls that apply to these buildings and to the wider ATP site.

Locomotive 3801 is not located at ATP.

3801 Limited is a not-for-profit rail heritage company that preserves, maintains and operates historic steam locomotives and carriages. 3801 Limited is a tenant at ATP and its office is inside a 'red rattler' train carriage which is located on an open area of ATP known as Innovation Plaza. The train carriage is located there under licence.

2. Section 9 of the Conservation Management Plan contains a conservation vision statement and ten conservation policy objectives. Policy Objective 4 'Physical Conservation and Maintenance of Buildings' is the most relevant. It includes eleven objectives 4.1 to 4.11 that relate specifically to conservation and maintenance of the heritage buildings.

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QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE BLACKSMITH SHOP

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following Question was taken on notice.

QUESTION

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: One of the last continuing blacksmith shops in the State—an amazing place. Are you going to ensure that there are protections for the ongoing operation of that blacksmith shop in any sale documents?

Mr ROB STOKES: I understand that that is the subject of one of the covenants that I have spoken of. I will defer to Mr Frecklington for more details and, if he does not have them, we can take the question on notice.

Mr FRECKLINGTON: Apologies, I will have to take that on notice.

ANSWER

Yes, the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) includes objectives relating to heritage interpretation and the ongoing active use of the Blacksmith shop. The CMP specifically addresses this in Policy Objective 2.14 and Policy Objective 7.9.

The Blacksmith shop is located inside Bays 1 and 2 of the Locomotive Workshop. Wrought Artwork is the current blacksmith and operates in southern part of Bays 1 and 2 under a lease to 2016. That lease has a four year option to allow Wrought Artworks to continue its use of that space until 2020. The option is exercised at the lessee's nomination. The existing leases and licences are being sold as part of the ATP transaction to the new owner. Any new owner would be obliged to honour existing leases and licenses until they expire.

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**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
CABINET MINUTE 71**

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following Question was taken on notice.

QUESTION

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: I bring you back to the rail corridor issue in Newcastle. Why has the Government departed from the Cabinet decision as outlined in Cabinet minute 71 about keeping the corridor in public hands?

Mr ROB STOKES: When was that Cabinet minute?

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: It would have been in the previous Government. You were in Cabinet in the previous Government.

Mr ROB STOKES: What was the date?

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Sorry, I cannot give you the date. There was a Cabinet decision. It is the number 71 decision relating to the corridor.

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: The number 71 document.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Yes, the number 71 document. Will you take it on notice?

Mr ROB STOKES: I simply cannot comment because I was not part of Cabinet at the time.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: I think you were, but will you take it on notice and come back to me?

Mr ROB STOKES: If I was I will take it on notice.

ANSWER

I was not a member of Cabinet when this Minute was considered.

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QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE COMMUNITY FORUMS

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following Question was taken on notice.

QUESTION

The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ: How were people selected to go to those forums?

Mr ROB STOKES: I will take that question on notice, or I can defer to Mr Frecklington.

Mr FRECKLINGTON: Again, I will take that on notice.

ANSWER

The Revitalising Newcastle Engagement Plan was prepared jointly by UrbanGrowth NSW and Newcastle City Council (NCC) and was endorsed by Newcastle City Council (NCC) at its ordinary meeting on 28 July 2015. A series of guiding principles for the engagement program were agreed to by UrbanGrowth NSW and NCC. These principle of "inclusive engagement" was incorporated into the Engagement Plan to ensure that engagement activities enabled the participation of a wide range of community members (geographically and demographically) and reached out to those members of the community who do not traditionally get involved in community engagement on city-making issues. These members of the community include young people, people with a disability, people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Three community forums were held as part of a broad program of engagement activities, encompassing online, print and 13 face-to-face events. Two of the community forums are open to anyone who wishes to attend and have been widely promoted in the metropolitan and regional media and online, as well as via direct invitations to representatives of community groups and to members of the community who participated in the first round of community engagement held by UrbanGrowth NSW in June-July 2014. One of the forums was dedicated to the involvement of participants who were selected via random sampling to be statistically representative of the population of the Hunter region. Forty-six people attended that forum.

These participants were recruited by independent research company, which is accredited under the NSW Office of Finance and Services for community research and engagement services and an approved contractor under the NSW Local Government Procurement program (2013-16). This was one mechanism to ensure the engagement program hears

from a wide range of members of the community, by reaching groups that typically do not get involved in these activities.

The entire engagement program is overseen by an Independent Advisor, who is a member of the International Association of Public Participation.

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QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE CONSULTATION LIST

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following Question was taken on notice.

QUESTION

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: Mr Frecklington, can you provide on notice a list of the bodies and the persons you have consulted about this issue?

Mr FRECKLINGTON: Yes.

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: For both the Bays Precinct and for the Redfern to Eveleigh corridors?

Mr FRECKLINGTON: Bays Precinct is that much earlier in its stage of transformation, but certainly for Central to Eveleigh I can.

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: If it is on the Bays Precinct at this stage, can we have that answer as well?

Mr FRECKLINGTON: As I said, I will take it on notice and respond.

ANSWER

The Bays Precinct Urban Transformation Program is at an early stage of planning. As such, UrbanGrowth NSW has sought feedback from a wide range of stakeholders, including Sydneysiders and local councils, on their vision for the Precinct. This included the Sydneysiders summit which was an open event.

In relation to Central to Eveleigh, UGNSW has engaged widely and both within the Community, and a broad spectrum of stakeholders from the affordable housing sector, topical forums, policies and studies as well as several State Government Departments and service providers to better understand the mix of initiatives that can best support diverse housing choices within Central to Eveleigh including:

- NSW Treasury
- Department of Premiers and Cabinet – coordination of whole of government approach
- NSW Department of Planning & Environment – strategic input, additional studies for priority precincts
- City of Sydney – partnership on research work and pilot projects.
- City of Canada Bay Council

- HillPDA, University of Sydney – preparation of the Housing Diversity Study
- AJC – design initiatives
- NSW Government Architects Office
- Community Housing Federation of Australia
- NSW Federation of Housing Associations
- Community Housing Providers
 - Evolve Housing,
 - St George Community Housing,
 - Bridge Housing,
 - City West Housing,
 - Link Housing,
 - Brisbane Housing Company.
- FACS, Centre for Affordable Housing
- Westpac
- National Australia Bank
- H4H (Homes for Homes) – the Big Issue
- Salvation Army
- Council of Social Service NSW(NCOSS) and Infrastructure Partnerships Australia (IPA)
- University Sydney, University of Western Sydney
- Committee for Sydney
- Shelter NSW
- Housing Action Network
- Owners Corporation Network
- Dynamic Property Services – Strata Managers
- Student Housing Solutions
- Holman Fenwick and Willan – Legal
- SOUP Lab – workshops exploring innovative solutions to housing affordability with a large group of young people
- Pocket Living UK
- Portland Housing Bureau
- Aboriginal Housing Company

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**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
URBANGROWTH CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM**

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following Question was taken on notice.

QUESTION

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: Perhaps you could provide a detailed answer on notice about the corporate management team.

ANSWER

I refer to the answer provided in the hearing of General Purpose Standing Committee No4 on Wednesday 2 September.

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QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DECAY TO DESTINATION REPORT

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following Question was taken on notice.

QUESTION

The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ: Minister, do you think it appropriate that UrbanGrowth relied on research that was paid for by the largest property developer in the area, which would benefit from the closing of the rail line?

Mr ROB STOKES: I am unaware of what you have just raised. I would have to undertake my own investigation and take it on notice.

The Hon. LYNDA VOLTZ: I suggest you look at who funded the "Decay to Destination" report.

ANSWER

UrbanGrowth NSW and Newcastle City Council are currently jointly engaging with the Newcastle community through the Revitalising Newcastle process. Council and UrbanGrowth have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding through which Council endorsed UrbanGrowth NSW's engagement strategy.

The results of this and other surveys will be used to inform the revitalisation strategy for Newcastle.

UrbanGrowth NSW has not solely relied on the Decay to Destination report.

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QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE FISHERMAN'S BAY

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following Question was taken on notice.

QUESTION 1

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Given the court case and that the Fishermans Bay development is not going ahead, which I think is a very sensible decision, what was the cost of the process UrbanGrowth undertook for what is essentially a folly?

Mr ROB STOKES: I will refer that to Mr Frecklington.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: It can be taken on notice, if you want.

Mr FRECKLINGTON: I would have to take it on notice, but I would say that our involvement in Fishermans Bay was one of our legacy projects. UrbanGrowth is in transition to focus on new urban transformation projects. We reviewed our role and made the decision the Minister has referred to. The part of the question specific to costs I will take on notice.

ANSWER 1

UrbanGrowth NSW has not incurred any costs in relation to Fisherman's Bay as we are acting as the development manager.

Under the Crown Lands Home Sites Program, costs associated with the Fisherman's Bay development application are borne by the Department of Primary Industries.

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**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
URBANGROWTH STAFFING**

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following Question was taken on notice.

QUESTION 1

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: I have a question for UrbanGrowth. How many staff are located at the Elizabeth Street office of UrbanGrowth currently?

Mr FRECKLINGTON: We have approximately 200 staff, of which I would say approximately two thirds are located either in the Elizabeth Street office or in a number of small project satellite offices in the city, with the other third remaining in our Parramatta office.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: How many staff are at the King Street office?

Mr FRECKLINGTON: Again, I take that question on notice for the specifics but I would say of the order of 10 to 15.

ANSWER 1

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QUESTION 2

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Are you saying there are about 100 empty desks sitting in Eclipse Tower in Parramatta?

Mr FRECKLINGTON: I would need to confirm the specific number. I will take that question on notice.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: But it would be about 100?

Mr FRECKLINGTON: I would have to take that question on notice.

ANSWER 2

I refer to the answer provided in the hearing of General Purpose Standing Committee No 4 on Wednesday, September 2.

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QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED MOVE

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following Question was taken on notice.

QUESTION

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Was it publicly announced that you were moving into the city?

Mr FRECKLINGTON: I would need to take that on notice.

ANSWER

UrbanGrowth NSW will maintain CBD office and continue to have a strong presence in Parramatta.

The CBD office has been established to reflect UrbanGrowth NSW's mandate to transition out of retail land development and focus on urban transformation projects. This role requires regular and frequent engagement with key stakeholders in the CBD, including with Ministers' Offices and Government Departments and Agencies.

Further, many of the Urban Transformation Projects are based in inner Sydney, including The Bays Precinct, Central to Eveleigh and Green Square, and key stakeholders for these projects, including the City of Sydney and Leichhardt Councils, are also located in or near the CBD.

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**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
RENT PAYMENTS**

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following Question was taken on notice.

QUESTION

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Mr Frecklington, what is the total rent on the Eclipse Tower with all its spare capacity? You can take that question on notice but I hope you can answer it.

Mr FRECKLINGTON: I would have to take that on notice.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Please also provide me with the rent being paid at all the other locations in the CBD.

Mr FRECKLINGTON: Again I would have to take that question on notice.

ANSWER

Property and accommodation expenses are disclosed in UrbanGrowth NSW's Annual Report.

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**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
WORLD HERITAGE LISTING
FEMALE FACTORY AND CUMBERLAND SITE**

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following Question was taken on notice.

QUESTION 1

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: Can you guarantee that the assessment that is being done is being done on the basis that it is a World Heritage listed building?

Mr ROB STOKES: Yes. As I mentioned, UrbanGrowth is supportive of the current nomination process.

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: No, but are they assessing it on the basis that it is World Heritage listed?

Mr ROB STOKES: I will have to take that on notice in terms of the assessment process underway within the Department of Planning and Environment. But, off the top of my head, they would be doing an assessment consistent with their obligations at law.

ANSWER 1

As the site is listed on the State Heritage Register, assessment undertaken on the site is consistent with the requirements of the NSW Heritage Act (1977). Standards under this act are consistent with national heritage listing which the site is currently being considered for.

QUESTION 2

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: At the moment it is not World Heritage listed; therefore, there is no legal obligation to consider it as a World Heritage listed site. The question is: Will you ensure that in any assessment being done by your department that it is considered as though it was a World Heritage site, with those protections?

Mr ROB STOKES: Sure. Can I take that one on notice because I have to consider the implications? I think the listing is very important but I need to consider how that might be best captured.

ANSWER 2

UrbanGrowth NSW has prepared its rezoning proposal to comply with the requirements of the NSW Heritage Act (1977). Standards under this act are consistent with national heritage listing which currently being considered.

QUESTION 3

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: Does UrbanGrowth support World Heritage listing of the Female Factory and the Cumberland Hospital site?

Mr FRECKLINGTON: Conversations to date with the Heritage office have been in relation to the conservation management plan and national heritage listing. I would have to take on notice our position in relation to World Heritage listing, but I will say that the preservation and restoration of heritage features in the Parramatta North project is one of the fundamental drivers of this project.

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: Has UrbanGrowth, in its plans, worked out the impact of the current proposal regarding the World Heritage listing of the Female Factory and the Cumberland site?

Mr FRECKLINGTON: Again, I will take that on notice.

ANSWER 3

UrbanGrowth NSW values the significance of the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct. Reputable heritage consultants has been engaged to undertake the extensive investigations, archaeology and research required to prepare a detailed Conservation Management Plan for the Precinct.

This Conservation Management Plan will require approval by NSW Heritage Council.

The Precinct has not been nominated for World Heritage Listing by UNESCO, and cannot be nominated without first achieving National Listing.

The nomination for National Listing will be informed by this Conservation Management Plan. The proposed national listing by the Wildlife, Heritage and Marine Division of the federal Department of the Environment would bring a welcomed additional level of scrutiny into the planning for this Precinct.

QUESTION 4

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: Have you considered whether it would be appropriate to have the Planning Assessment Commission undertake some kind of public review—not a binding decision—to allow for a public hearing on the planning proposal?

Mr ROB STOKES: It is currently before assessment. I will take your suggestion on notice.

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: Do you think that a public process, where members of the community's submissions can be made directly to the decision-maker, would improve any final decision?

Mr ROB STOKES: As I said, I will take your suggestion on notice.

ANSWER 4

Public submissions have been made on the Parramatta North Urban Transformation Project.