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**QUESTION 1
SALES OF RACHEL FOSTER HOSPITAL**

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Ms Jan Barham.

QUESTION

1. What contributions were made to the Redfern Waterloo Authority for affordable housing from the sale of Rachel Foster Hospital?
 - a. What has happened to this contribution?

ANSWER

1. A development application for the redevelopment of Rachel Forster Hospital was approved on 7 January 2013. An affordable housing contribution of \$26,161.38 was paid to UrbanGrowth NSW Development Corporation (a successor to the Redfern Waterloo Authority) on 5 August 2014, in accordance with the development approval for the site.
 - (b) This contribution was added to the affordable housing contributions fund administered by UrbanGrowth NSW Development Corporation. This fund was used to provide a financial contribution in the order of \$8,000,000 to City West Housing for the construction of The Platform affordable housing apartments (88 affordable housing units) at North Eveleigh.

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QUESTIONS 2 – 10 SPRING GULLY, BUNDEENA

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr David Shoebridge.

QUESTION

2. Was the Department advised of the Council resolution relating to this land adopted on 10 November 2014 which referred matters relating to zoning and permissible uses of the land to the Minister for Planning for consideration and resolution?
3. What consideration was given to issues raised by the OEH and RFS, as referred to by Council, into account when determining the final zoning and permissible uses for the land?
4. What assessment was arrived at regarding the OEH objection to Eco-Tourist Facilities as an additional permitted use for the land?
5. Did the Minister or his delegate receive representations concerning Sutherland Shire Council's (Council) resolution requesting that the land be placed on the land reservation acquisition map in the LEP?
 - a) If so, from who?
 - b) If so, did any members of Parliament make representations about this?
6. Did the Member for Heathcote make representations in support of Sutherland Shire Council's request for the land to be placed on the land reservation acquisition map and marked regional open space?
 - a) If so, what response was provided to the Member for Heathcote?
7. Was the Minister or his delegate contacted by the OEH or the Minister for the Environment regarding the possibility of this land being placed on the land reservation acquisition map in the LEP?
 - a) If so, did the Minister consult with the OEH or the Minister for the Environment regarding this request?
 - i. If not, why not?
8. Who is the relevant acquisition authority for land to be placed on the land reservation acquisition map of the SSLEP2015 and marked regional open space?

9. What advice did the Minister receive concerning Council's request for the land to be marked regional open space and placed on the land reservation acquisition map?
10. Why was this land not placed on the land reservation acquisition map?

ANSWER

2. Yes
3. The Department considered the issues raised by the Office of Environment and Heritage and Rural Fire Service in its assessment and finalisation of the Sutherland Shire Local Environmental Plan 2015 with respect to the land.
4. After considering all the relevant information available to it the Department determined that the E2 Environmental Conservation zone with an additional permitted use for an eco-tourist facility the appropriate zoning for the land.
5. There was no request.
 - a) N/A
 - b) N/A
6. There was no request.
 - a) N/A
7. No
 - a) N/A
8. The corporation constituted under section 8 of the Act, being the Minister administering the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
9. Council did not request the land be marked regional open space and placed on the land acquisition map.

Council's resolution of 10 November 2014 referred the zoning and permitted uses on the former Scout land, Bundeena and the adjacent portion of Sussex Street for consideration and resolution.
10. The land had not been identified for acquisition by a public authority.

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**QUESTIONS 11 – 15
LUNA PARK**

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr David Shoebridge.

QUESTION

11. What steps has the Minister taken to require Luna Park Sydney Pty Limited (LPS) to perform its 2004 promise to landscape land adjacent to Harry's Park in Milsons Point and turn it over for public use?
12. What future actions are planned in relation to this land?
13. What were the public use conditions of the 99 year Crown Lease that Luna Park Sydney Pty Limited signed over Clifftop land?
14. What public use provisions were present in the 2004 Deed relating to Harry's Park?
15. What enforcement has occurred by the department regarding clauses in these contracts regarding public use of land?

ANSWER

11. – 15.

Matters relating to Luna Park Sydney Pty Limited and Harry's Park are a matter for the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority and the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

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QUESTIONS 16 – 19 SCENIC HILLS

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr David Shoebridge.

QUESTION

16. Can the Minister advise what consideration has been given to ensure that heritage and cultural concerns are of central significance to the assessment of the proposed Varroville Cemetery at 166-176 St Andrews Rd, Varroville?
17. What complaints has the Minister received from the community regarding the Minister for Heritage and Minister for Primary Industries' assessment of the development?
18. Since the former Minister for Primary Industries (which included Crown Cemeteries) the Hon Katrina Hodgkinson gave the NSW Government's support to the cemetery proposal on this land, which now appears in the Supporting Notes for this proposal on the Department of Planning's website, will the Minister explain why the community should have any confidence what-so-ever that this proposal will be judged on its merits?
19. Will the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure agree to review the final approval of the Gateway Process for the cemetery proposal and seek independent heritage advice?

ANSWER

16. The Gateway determination issued by the Department of Planning and Environment on 19 June 2015 was conditioned to require further detailed heritage investigation of the cultural landscape prior to public exhibition of the planning proposal, which will include consideration of the area adjacent to Varroville House and the views from the Campbelltown area.

The Gateway determination also requires preparation of a conservation management plan in consultation with the Heritage Division of the Office of Environment and Heritage. The conservation management plan will map and define significant fabric, landscape features, views and vistas of Varroville House.

17. A resident wrote to the then Minister of Heritage in November 2014, asking to reconsider the decision to refuse an Interim Heritage Order for the landscape and outbuildings surrounding Varroville House. A copy of this letter was forwarded to the then Minister of Planning.

The resident also wrote to the then Minister for Primary Industries in October 2014 regarding the Minister's support of the proposal. A copy of this letter was forwarded to the then Planning Minister.

18. The Sydney West Joint Regional Planning Panel has been appointed as the relevant planning authority for this proposal. The Panel is an independent expert body that will provide a merit-based review of the planning proposal, and all submissions received prior to making a recommendation to the Minister for Planning (or his delegate). The Minister for Primary Industries has no role in determining the outcome of the planning proposal.
19. The Gateway process was completed on 19 June 2015. Independent advice on the planning proposal will be provided by the Sydney West Joint Regional Planning Panel as the proposal progresses in accordance with the Gateway Determination. Any final decision on the planning proposal will be informed by the Heritage Division of the Office of Environment and Heritage.

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QUESTIONS 20 – 24 REGIONAL GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr David Shoebridge.

QUESTION

20. What requirement must be met before new Regional Growth and Infrastructure Plans are made?
21. How much money has been allocated to the rollout of new Regional Growth and Infrastructure Plans for 2015/16?
22. How is this money being spent on engaging members of the community in the regional planning process?
23. How will new Regional Growth and Infrastructure Plans deliver improved environment and social outcomes?
24. What is the relationship between new Regional Growth and Infrastructure Plans, and existing plans and strategies – including, but not limited to, Regional Strategies, Regional Conservation Plans and Catchment Action Plans?

ANSWER

20. The following requirements must be met before new Regional Plans are made:
 - a. The Government endorses the draft document for public consultation;
 - b. Public consultation is undertaken on the draft documents for approximately eight weeks;
 - c. Due consideration is given to all submissions made during consultation and the document is finalised;
 - d. The Government considers a final version for approval;
 - e. Following Government approval, final documents are released publicly; and
 - f. The Minister for Planning publishes a Direction under section 117 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to require all future environmental planning instruments be consistent with the Regional Plan.
21. In 2015/16, \$2.1 million has been allocated for new Regional Plans.

22. Part of the budget for Regional Plans is allocated for community engagement. Community engagement methods and associated budgets will be tailored to each specific region. General activities are likely to include:
- Creating dedicated web pages that provide information, maps and opportunities for community comment via surveys and submissions
 - Social media campaign e.g. facebook and twitter
 - Information campaign featuring media and print advertising
 - Community engagement including:
 - Briefings and forums for councils, peak bodies and other key stakeholders
 - Community activities e.g. leveraging Council activities e.g. website, resident newsletters, social media, Mayoral columns; qualitative community workshops; local markets.
23. The new Regional Plans will deliver improved environmental and social outcomes by:
- Being based on the principles of ecological sustainable development;
 - Identifying and protecting environmental assets of regional significance, including areas of high environmental value;
 - Focusing new housing and jobs growth in areas that are least constrained, particularly in areas that have high environmental value or are susceptible to environmental hazards, such as flooding or bushfire;
 - Seeking to increase housing supply and choice;
 - Understanding the implications of growth and change on regional infrastructure, and seeking ongoing coordination of infrastructure to service growth;
 - Recognising the value of regional cities and centres and reinforcing their functions in servicing the regions; and
 - Recognising the importance and value of regional settlements, including towns and villages.
24. Previous Regional Strategies, Regional Conservation Plans and Catchment Action Plans and Regional Biodiversity Strategies have been used as inputs to inform the preparation of the Regional Plans.

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**QUESTION 25
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On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr David Shoebridge.

QUESTION

25. How will the Department of Planning and Environment work with the Office of Environment and Heritage to protect the environment? Will the two departments be merged or will they remain distinct entities?

ANSWER

25. The Department of Planning and Environment and the Office of Environment and Heritage are part of the same agency cluster to ensure close collaboration in environmental land use planning and promote sustainable patterns of development.

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QUESTIONS 26 - 27 ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr David Shoebridge.

QUESTION

26. How many staff at the Department of Planning and Environment have expertise in Aboriginal heritage issues?
27. How much has the Department of Planning and Environment allocated in 2015-16 specifically to conserve and celebrate Aboriginal heritage?

ANSWER

26. Staff within the Department of Planning and Environment have expertise in a diverse range of fields as required by their role, including the assessment of Aboriginal heritage management plans. As part of the Planning and Environment Cluster, the Office of Environment and Heritage also contributes a diverse pool of expertise and staff in this field.
27. The Department focusses on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage through a variety of channels, including the Aboriginal Employment Strategy, the Aboriginal Inclusion Plan and the Upper Hunter Cultural Heritage Trust Fund, which are all funded by the Department of Planning and Environment's budget for 2015-16.

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**QUESTIONS 28 - 29
INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTIONS**

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr David Shoebridge.

QUESTION

28. How many staff does the Department of Planning and Environment employ to investigate alleged breaches to project approval conditions? How many of these related to Aboriginal heritage?
29. What is the Department of Planning and Environment's budget for specifically enforcing the conditions?

ANSWER

The Department's Compliance Unit undertakes monitoring and enforcement to ensure compliance with conditions of approval. The Department allocates staff to these activities as required and may engage external independent experts as part of this process, such as independent Aboriginal heritage specialists. The number of compliance officers within the Department was more than doubled in 2015, including the establishment of new offices in Wollongong and Queanbeyan in addition to the expansion of the existing Singleton and Metropolitan teams.

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**QUESTION 30
DRAFT WIND PLANNING GUIDELINES**

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr David Shoebridge.

QUESTION

30. What is the current status of the NSW Planning Guidelines for Wind Farms?
- a) Are the guidelines still in draft form?
 - i. If so, is the Baird government planning to formalise them?
 - 1. If so when.
 - b) The guidelines are listed on the Department of Planning and Environment's website as a "useful resource."
 - i. Are proposed wind farm projects, both current and future, required to abide by the guidelines even though they are in draft form?

ANSWER

- 30.
- a) The Government is conscious of the views of local communities in areas in which wind farms have been developed, and the sensitivities of locating wind farms. The development of a wind farm requires applicants, regulators, communities and other stakeholders to address a range of issues arising from environmental, economic, social, legal and technical factors that distinguish wind farms from other development. The NSW Government is currently considering the guidelines in light of feedback from industry and the community.
 - b) The guidelines are used by proponents and regulators to guide the assessment process and provide a source of information for the community.

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QUESTIONS 31 - 36 BIODIVERSITY OFFSETS IN PLANNING

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC.

QUESTION

31. Is there any central database of offset sites in NSW?
 - a) If no, how does the NSW Government know if an offset site is being double counted as an offset for multiple projects?
 - b) If yes, who is responsible for this database?
 - c) If yes, is it publically available, if so where?
32. How many biodiversity offsets currently exist in New South Wales?
33. Does the Department of Planning monitor biodiversity offsite sites to ensure that planning approval conditions are being met?
34. How does the Government monitor if biodiversity offsets are being preserved in perpetuity?
35. How many projects were entered into under the Biodiversity Offsets Policy for Major Projects policy between 1 October, when this policy commenced, and 18 December 2014?
36. Please provide a list of all projects entered into under the Biodiversity Offsets Policy for Major Projects between 1 October 2014 and 1 September 2015, including details of the project, offset and proponent.

ANSWER

31. There is no risk of double counting as land tenure arrangements are checked to ensure there are no impediments or existing biodiversity offset obligations over the land that would prevent it being used as a biodiversity offset for a particular project.
32. Details of the offsets that have been approved for major projects across NSW can be obtained from the Department of Planning and Environment's website at www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au

33. The Department of Planning and Environment monitors the conditions of approval for all major projects, including the implementation of biodiversity offsets.
34. Proponents must provide long term protection to biodiversity offsets through an appropriate legal mechanism within a specified period (usually within 3 years). The Department of Planning and Environment monitors compliance with these obligations.
- 35-36 This data can be obtained by reviewing the Department of Planning and Environment's major projects register at www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au

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QUESTIONS 37 - 38 GROWTH DESIGN AND PROGRAMS

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labor Opposition].

QUESTION

37. In the Growth Design and Programs Service Group state that the number of FTE employees has fallen from 161 in 2013-14 to 133 in 2014-15, why? (Budget Paper #3, 8 – 8)
- a) In 2015-16 the number of FTE employees is forecast to rise to 149, why?
38. The employee related expenses are forecast to decrease from \$24,371,000 in 2014-15 to \$23,692,000 in 2015-16. Given that the number of FTE employees is forecast to increase, why are employee related expenses decreasing?

ANSWER

37. Restructuring of the Department in 2014-15 resulted in the transfer of regional teams to the Planning Services division and the subsequent decrease in FTE employees within Growth, Design & Programs.
- The forecast increase of FTE employees for 2015-16 includes additional staff to deliver components of *A Plan for Growing Sydney* (special allocation budget) and an associated increase in support staff across the division.
38. The forecast decrease in employee related expenses is attributed to a number of factors including expected savings from the SEB1 restructure and a reduction in the average per head labour cost.

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QUESTIONS 39 - 40 POLICY AND STRATEGY

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labour Opposition].

QUESTION

39. The number of FTE employees is to rise from a revised figure of 148 in 2014-15 to forecast figure of 173, why? (Budget Paper #3, 8 – 9)
40. The employee related expenses are forecast to decline from 20, 670, 000 in 2014-15 to 20, 567, 000 in 2015-16. Given that the number of FTE employees is increasing, why are employee related expenses decreasing?

ANSWER

- 39 The change in FTE employee numbers reflects staff increases to deliver reforms in 2015-16.
- 40 The drop in the employee related expenses is due to a number of factors, including a reduced number of senior executive employees in the organisation.

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QUESTION 41 DETERMINATIONS IN DECLINE

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labour Opposition].

QUESTION

41. Determination of development and infrastructure applications within 4 months has fallen from an actual figure of 95 in 2013-14 to a revised figure of 80 in 2014-15. Given that the number of development and infrastructure applications determined remains constant at 320 why has the number of development and infrastructure applications determined within 4 months been in decline? (Budget Paper #3, 8 – 10)

ANSWER

41. The actual figure for applications determined within four months in 2014-2015 is 87% of applications. This exceeds the 2021 target of 85%. The Department also assessed 41 more applications in 2014-15 than in 2013-14.

Seven of the 2014-15 applications that did not meet the four month period were referred to the Planning Assessment Commission for review with public hearing, before an assessment could be completed. None of these applications were able to meet the four month period due to the reviews.

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**QUESTION 42
PERSONNEL SERVICES HDC**

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labour Opposition].

QUESTION

42. The number of employees at the Hunter Development Corporation is forecast to increase from 15 FTE employees in 2014-15 to 19 in 2015-16, why? (Budget Paper #3, 8 – 11)

ANSWER

42. The forecast incorporates allowances to fill positions currently vacant subject to operational requirements.

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QUESTION 43 PERSONNEL SERVICES CCRDC

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labour Opposition].

QUESTION

42. Given the number of FTE employees remains constant at the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation and the number of FTE employees is set to increase at the Hunter Development Corporation, why are the employee related expenses set to decrease from \$29, 436, 000 in 2014-15 to \$4, 621, 000 in 2015-16?
- a) Does the forecast figures for employee related expenses take into account the recent resignation of the Hunter Development Corporations Chairman Paul Broad?
 - b) If the forecast figures do not take the resignation of Paul Broad into account, can you provide a revised forecast for employee related expenses in 2015-16?

ANSWER

43. The reduction primarily relates to the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority transferring to the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation.
- a) No.
 - b) As a new Chair will be required to be appointed, the budget impact is forecast to be minimal.

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QUESTIONS 44 - 47 CLUSTER GRANT FUNDING

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labour Opposition].

QUESTION

44. The forecast revenue from Sales of goods and services is set to decline from \$70, 015, 000 in 2014-15 to \$47, 311, 000 in 2015-16, why? (Budget Paper #3, 8 – 13)
45. The value of Non Current Assets listed as Intangible assets is set to increase from \$26, 963, 00 in 2014-15 to \$42, 998, 000 in 2015-16, why? (Budget Paper #3, 8 – 14)
46. Can the Department provide an itemised list of the Non Current Assets listed as Intangible Assets?
47. Can the Department release the assessments which have been used to revalue the Non Current Assets listed as Intangible Assets?

ANSWER

44. The reduction in sales of goods and services revenue is primarily due to the Machinery of Government change and the transfer of personnel services of Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA) from the Department of Planning and Environment cluster to the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation cluster with effect from 1 July 2015.
45. This is due to the continuous development capitalisation of the ePlanning project in 2015-16 financial year.
46. The itemised list of Non-current Intangible assets is provided below Answer to Question 47.

47. The Department did not carry out a revaluation of the intangible assets. The Department performed an annual internal impairment assessment of intangible assets. In the opinion of the Department, there was no indication of any impairment loss during 2014-15 financial year.

Department of Planning and Environment Intangible Assets Budgets - net of amortisation	2014-15 \$,000
Electronic Housing Code Database	2,851
SharePoint intranet site	488
ICT Reinvestment Pool	649
Windows 7 / Outlook migration	133
ePlanning - Urban Feasibility Model	391
ePlanning Program - Stage 1 capitalised	8,948
ePlanning Program - Stage 1 work in progress	13,503
	<u>26,963</u>

Department of Planning and Environment Intangible Assets Budgets - net of amortisation	2015-16 \$,000
Electronic Housing Code Database	1,925
SharePoint intranet site	366
ICT Reinvestment Pool	302
Windows 7 / Outlook migration	93
ePlanning - Urban Feasibility Model	347
ePlanning Program - Stage 1 capitalised	7,954
ePlanning Program - Stage 1 capitalised phase 2	12,153
ePlanning Program - Stage 1 work in progress	8,000
ePlanning Program - Stage 2 work in progress	11,858
	<u>42,998</u>

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QUESTION 48 - 50 HUNTER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labour Opposition].

QUESTION

48. The revenue generated from the Sales of goods and services is set to increase from \$2, 228, 000 in 2014-15 to \$9, 500, 000 in 2015-16, why? (Budget Paper #3, 8 - 50)
49. The Current Assets listed as Inventories are forecast to increase from \$4, 453, 000 to \$13, 551, 000 in 2015-16, why? (Budget Paper #3, 8 – 51)
50. Can the Department provide an itemised list of the inventories?

ANSWER

48. The revenue item Sales of goods and services incorporates revenue from land sales transactions. The budget incorporates revenue from the land sales transactions that are forecast to complete in the 2015-16 financial year.
49. The increase reflects the reclassification of Inventories from Non Current to Current
50. Below are the lot and DP numbers for the various parcels of land classified as inventory:

4/813136	2/749541	9/SP80986	105/1015391
1/1001812	5/813136	3/1163346	109/1015391
1/772889	1/131988	2/1163346	110/1015391
2/529869	2/131988	1/1163346	11/1113925
1/1151686	3/131988	1/1113281	41/1001171
106/1000408	1/1093590	2000/1145678	100/1000408
11/805671	34/1147597	22/1072217	1/127360
12/805671	1/418019	2/1037267	2/127360
110/755262	1/1092188	1/1166015	1/979867
3/983839	8664-218	123/1008605	2/979867
6/983839	20/G/1274	1022/1069024	651/571041
4/983839	21/G/1274	2/1111305	2500-248
5/983839	6/1137661	5/883474	1/910261
85/755262	7/1137661	4/1111305	2/910261
1/1151685	31/1136586	21/1165985	50/880805

3/244732	32/1136586	511/1030264	7/813135
982/589701	21/1096520	2/1167364	78/755262
			101/884270

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QUESTIONS 51 - 56 PLANNING QUALIFICATIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labour Opposition].

QUESTION

51. How many of the planning officers presently employed by the Department of Planning have university degree qualifications in planning?
52. How many of the people working as deputy secretaries, directors and executive directors in the Department of Planning have university degree qualifications in planning?
53. How many of the planning officers presently employed by the Department of Planning and Environment have qualifications currently accredited by the Planning Institute of Australia?
54. How many of the planning officers presently employed by the Department of Planning and Environment have qualifications which in the past were accredited by the Planning Institute of Australia?
55. How many people working as deputy secretaries, directors and executive directors in the Department of Planning and Environment hold qualifications currently accredited by the Planning Institute of Australia?
56. How many people working as deputy secretaries and executive directors in the Department of Planning and Environment hold qualifications which in the past have been accredited by the Planning Institute of Australia?

ANSWER

- 51.-56. The Department employs over 240 appropriately qualified staff who undertake planning functions. All employees possess necessary qualifications and experience required for their respective roles. The Department does not have information on Planning Institute of Australia accreditation or membership. The Minister and a majority of his senior political advisers have university qualifications or professional experience eligible for full membership of the Planning Institute of Australia.

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QUESTIONS 57 – 60 CONSULTATION AND THE GREATER SYDNEY COMMISSION

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labour Opposition].

QUESTION

57. Can the Minister list and provide the dates of each of the meetings undertaken as part of the consultation process for the Greater Sydney Commission?
58. Can the Minister list and provide the dates of each of the meetings with Local Councils undertaken as part of the consultation process for the Greater Sydney Commission?
59. Can the Minister list and provide the dates of each of the meetings with property developers and development industry organisations undertaken as part of the consultation process for the Greater Sydney Commission?
60. Can the Department or Minister clarify the role of responsibilities of the Chief Planner in relation to the Greater Sydney Commission?

ANSWER

57. The Department of Planning and Environment held discussions with the following selection of key stakeholders to inform the development of options for the operation of the Commission.

Details of consultation / meetings on the Greater Sydney Commission to 2 September 2015.

Participant	Meeting Date
Planning Institute of Australia	17/06/14
Committee for Sydney	17/06/14
Sydney Business Chamber	17/06/14
Warringah Council	19/06/14
The Hills Shire Council	20/06/14
Property Council of Australia	23/06/14
Local Government NSW	24/06/14
Randwick City Council	25/06/14
Total Environment Centre	25/06/14

Department of Planning, Western Australia	27/06/14 (Teleconference)
Metropolitan Planning Authority, Victoria	27/06/14 (Teleconference)
City of Sydney Council	02/07/14
Parramatta City Council	07/07/14
Liverpool City Council	16/07/14
Manly Council	17/07/14
Australian Institute of Architects	24/07/14
Better Planning Network	30/07/14
Blacktown City Council	06/08/14
Better Planning Network	03/09/14
Planning Institute of Australia	14/10/14
Urban Development Institute NSW	23/10/14
Local Government NSW	11/11/14
Sydney Mayors Roundtable, Parramatta	27/01/15 (Minister Goward, Office of Local Government and Local Government NSW also attended)
Southern Sydney Region of Councils	05/02/15 & 19/03/15
Local Government NSW	10/02/15
Wollondilly Council	11/02/15 (part of broader discussion)
Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra Councils Mayors, GMs and Senior Officers	15/03/15
Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils	25/06/14, 23/04/15 & 23/07/2015
Urban Development Institute NSW	27/04/15
Property Council of Australia	01/05/15
Local Government NSW	28/05/15
Shore Regional Organisations of Councils and Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils	16/04/15 & 12/06/15
Nature Conservation Council	12/06/15
Committee for Sydney	12/06/15
Urban Taskforce	12/06/15

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.

58. Please refer to above. 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.
59. Please refer to above.
60. The Chief Planner has not yet been appointed. The Chief Planner does not hold a position on the Greater Sydney Commission. When appointed, the Chief Planner along with other Department and agency staff will provide information and advice to the Commission as requested.

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QUESTIONS 61 – 66 URBAN GROWTH AND NEWCASTLE RAIL CORRIDOR

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labour Opposition].

QUESTION

61. Can UrbanGrowth outline the total cost of the consultation process involved in the Newcastle Transformation and Transport Program?
62. Can UrbanGrowth outline the total cost of the public engagement process regarding the future use of the rail corridor in Newcastle?
63. Can UrbanGrowth outline the total cost of the Pop-up consultation hubs related to the six-week consultation process developed by UrbanGrowth and Newcastle City Council?
64. Can UrbanGrowth provide a list of the attendees present at the 'Revitalising Newcastle Future Leaders Forum for 12-25 year olds' held on the 24th of August, 2015?
65. Can UrbanGrowth provide a list of the attendees present at the 'Revitalising Newcastle Business and Industry Breakfast' held on the 26th of August, 2015?
66. Can UrbanGrowth provide a list of the attendees present at the 'Revitalising Newcastle Community Forum' held on the 30th of August, 2015?

ANSWER

61-62

Revitalising Newcastle is a six week community engagement program (10 August- 18 September 2015) designed to ensure the participation of a wide range of people from across Newcastle and the Lower Hunter region. Activities include:

- Eight Pop-Up Engagement events held at shopping centres and markets across the Lower Hunter region
- Three Community Forums (workshops)
- A Future Leaders Forum with 12-25 year olds

- Targeted engagement with local businesses, including business door knocks, a business survey, and a Business Breakfast event
- Targeted engagement with members of the community who do not traditionally get involved in community engagement on city-making issues. These include people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) backgrounds, culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds, young people, young families and people with a disability
- Briefings with community and stakeholder groups, including briefings on request
- A statistically-valid telephone survey
- An online survey
- A parallel online survey administered by Newcastle City Council's community reference panel, Newcastle Voice
- Online engagement via an interactive website and social media platforms
- Print information including newsletters, noticeboards, postcards and print advertising of engagement opportunities
- The opportunity to make submissions via online, email, fax, post or in person.

To ensure an open, transparent and best practice engagement process, the program is overseen by an Independent Advisor, who is a member of the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2).

The engagement program is still underway. The projected cost for the program is approximately \$450,000. Significant cost reductions have been achieved by UrbanGrowth NSW by working in collaboration with partner organisations including Newcastle City Council, Transport for NSW and Hunter Development Corporation. Each of these organisations has provided in-kind support in the form of staff attendance at engagement events and promotion of engagement opportunities through their communication channels.

63. The total cost of the eight Pop-Up Engagement events held at shopping centres and markets across the Lower Hunter region was approximately \$6,000 exc GST. This cost encompasses personnel, venue hire fees and purchase of a marquee and associated materials. UrbanGrowth staff have also been in attendance at these events. As staff costs are included in corporate overheads, these have not been incorporated into the figure provided.

64. The Revitalising Newcastle Future Leaders Forum was attended by a diverse group of young people aged between 12-25. UrbanGrowth NSW's policy is to treat individual's privacy in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW).

65. The Revitalising Newcastle Business and Industry Breakfast was attended by a diverse range of people of varying business interests. UrbanGrowth NSW's policy is to treat individual's privacy in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW).

66. The three Revitalising Newcastle Community Forums (August 29, 30, September 12) were attended by a diverse group of people of varying ages and interests. UrbanGrowth NSW's policy is to treat individual's privacy in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW).

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QUESTIONS 67 – 70 URBAN GROWTH OFFICES

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labour Opposition].

QUESTION

67. Can UrbanGrowth confirm the total cost of moving staff from the Eclipse Tower in Parramatta to offices in the Sydney's CBD? This figure should include costs related to moving services, any additional furniture purchase and/or office fit outs necessitated by moving staff from Western Sydney to Sydney's CBD.
68. Can UrbanGrowth confirm how many staff will eventually be moved from the Eclipse Tower Parramatta to offices in Sydney's CBD?
69. Can UrbanGrowth confirm whether the movement of staff from the Eclipse Tower Parramatta to offices in Sydney's CBD was publicly announced? If so, where was the announcement made and on what date?
70. Can UrbanGrowth confirm the amount spent on rent per month and annually at the Eclipse Tower, Parramatta?

ANSWER

67-68 UGNSW moved into leased government premises in Elizabeth Street in January 2014 which had an existing fit-out and loose furniture. The majority of staff that operate in the CBD offices were recruited for the CBD-based major Urban Transformation projects and have only worked in the CBD office.

Less than 20 staff have been relocated from Parramatta to CBD to date and have simply taken their belongings with them.

69 UrbanGrowth NSW continues to have a strong presence in Parramatta.

The CBD office has been established to reflect UrbanGrowth NSW's mandate to transition out of greenfields development in Sydney's West and South-West and to focus on city transformation. 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.

With this new mandate, UrbanGrowth NSW will maintain both a CBD and a Parramatta Office.

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

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QUESTIONS 71 – 73 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND GREEN SPACE

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labour Opposition].

QUESTION

71. Is the Department working with local government to establish a standard method of measuring Green Space?
72. Can the Department list and date any meetings that have taken place between the Department and representatives of local government to establish a standard method of measuring Green Space?
73. Can the Department confirm which local government areas currently include National Parks in their estimation of Green Space?

ANSWER

71. 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.

72. The Office of Local Government is working closely with councils to develop a standardised methodology for measuring green space. Questions regarding the Office of Local Government should be directed to the Minister for Local Government.
73. As part of the Sydney Open Space Audit, councils were asked to include information on National Parks within their boundaries, along with other types of open space.

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QUESTION 74 – 75 FEMALE FACTORY AND PARRAMATTA GIRLS HOME

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labour Opposition].

QUESTION

74. Can the UrbanGrowth confirm whether the Department is assessing development at the Female Factory at North Parramatta based on the assumption that this site may be listed as a World Heritage site into the future?
75. What steps is the Department taking to ensure that developments at the North Parramatta site will not impact on any future World Heritage listing at this site?

ANSWER

74. The Department referred the Parramatta North proposal to the Federal Department of Environment during public exhibition.

The Department has recommended that the Sports and Leisure sub precinct be deferred from the Parramatta North proposal to enable further consideration of a number of land use planning matters, including impacts on heritage view lines.

75. The revised indicative layout plan prepared by UrbanGrowth in response to submissions received during public exhibition identifies a number of proposed buildings within the Female Factory precinct. These buildings would be permitted under the existing *Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 2011* controls, including height and floor space controls.

The Department's recommended amendments to the *Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 2011* maintain the existing floor space control for the Female Factory precinct and slightly reduce the existing height control, ensuring the proposed rezoning would not allow for any greater impacts to those permitted under the current controls.

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QUESTION 76

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND GOVERNMENT-LED URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labour Opposition].

QUESTION

76. Can UrbanGrowth confirm the total number of affordable and social housing units that planned to be developed at each of the following Major Urban Transformation Projects:
- a) Central to Eveleigh
 - b) Green Square
 - c) Newcastle
 - d) Parramatta North
 - e) Sydney Metro
 - f) The Bays Precinct

ANSWER

76. These projects are in their infancy and as such this information is not available yet. UrbanGrowth NSW believes that improved housing diversity and affordability should be provided within its major Urban Transformation Projects on government land sites.

The Plan for Growing Sydney also proposes the provision of Affordable Housing on Government-led urban renewal projects to enable an improved diversity of housing supply.

UrbanGrowth NSW's role is to deliver an optimum housing affordability outcome through its projects and is collaborating with the Department of Premiers and Cabinet in the development of a whole-of-government approach.

UrbanGrowth is working in close collaboration with other NSW Government stakeholders and local councils in this respect.

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QUESTIONS 77 – 78 REGIONAL GROWTH PLANS

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labour Opposition].

QUESTION

77. Can the Department or Minister outline at what stage each of the following Regional Growth Plans are currently up to:
- a) Central Coast
 - b) Central West & Orana
 - c) Hunter
 - d) Murray Murrumbidgee
 - e) New England North West
 - f) South East Tablelands
 - g) Illawarra
78. Can the Department or Minister outline the expected date of release for each of the eight Regional Growth Plans:
- a) Central Coast
 - b) Central West & Orana
 - c) Hunter
 - d) Murray Murrumbidgee
 - e) New England North West
 - f) South East Tablelands
 - g) Illawarra

ANSWER

77. The current status of each Regional Plan is:
- a. Central Coast – draft plan is being prepared.
 - b. Central West & Orana – draft plan is being prepared.
 - c. Hunter– draft plan is being prepared.
 - d. Murray Murrumbidgee – draft plan is being prepared.
 - e. New England North West – draft plan is being prepared.
 - f. South East Tablelands – draft plan is being prepared.
 - g. Illawarra – a final plan is being prepared.

78. The expected date of release for each Regional Plans is:
- a. Central Coast – fourth quarter 2015 (in draft form).
 - b. Central West & Orana – first quarter 2016 (in draft form).
 - c. Hunter – fourth quarter 2015 (in draft form).
 - d. Murray Murrumbidgee – first quarter 2016 (in draft form).
 - e. New England North West – first quarter 2016 (in draft form).
 - f. South East Tablelands – first quarter 2016 (in draft form).
 - g. Illawarra – fourth quarter 2015 (final).

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QUESTIONS 79 – 80 SUBREGIONAL PLANNING SYDNEY

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labour Opposition].

QUESTION

79. Can the Department or Minister outline at what stage each of the Subregional Plans for Sydney are currently up to:
- a) Central
 - b) West Central
 - c) West
 - d) North
 - e) South West
 - f) South
80. Can the Department or Minister outline the expected date of release for each of the Subregional Plans for Sydney:
- a) Central
 - b) West Central
 - c) West
 - d) North
 - e) South West
 - f) South

ANSWER

79. A total of 30 technical working sessions have been recently completed with councils in all six districts (subregions). These working sessions were also attended by infrastructure agencies and service providers. This information is being collated for consideration by Greater Sydney Commission.
80. The expected date of release for each of the draft District Plans will be determined by the Greater Sydney Commission once established.

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QUESTIONS 81 – 84

EFFICIENCY DIVIDEND AND DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labour Opposition].

QUESTION

81. For each of the past three financial years what was the efficiency dividend in dollar value to be met by each of the agencies within your administration?
82. What savings and revenue generating strategies did each agency implement to achieve the efficiency dividend and what was the amount of the savings or revenue actually achieved?
83. What is the efficiency dividend in dollar value required to be achieved by each agency within your administration for this financial year?
84. What savings and revenue generating strategies are you implementing this financial year and what do you expect to achieve for each strategy?

ANSWER

In the 2015-16 Budget, the Government has committed to deliver savings by implementing further efficiency and savings measures as well as policies to eliminate duplication in government operations and reduce procurement costs. Savings measures are detailed in the Budget Papers.

Voluntary redundancies are a component for agencies to achieve their efficiency dividends. The number of voluntary redundancies achieved by May 2015 was almost double the Government's original target of 5,000 positions by June 2015, as announced in the 2011/12 Budget. The Labour Expense Cap introduced in the 2012/13 Budget also continues to give Secretaries as much flexibility as possible to achieve these savings in the most appropriate ways 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 85 – 88
LEGAL ACTION RAILWAY CORRIDOR NEWCASTLE**

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labor Opposition].

QUESTION

85. Can the Department outline the total legal costs to date as a result court of the NSW Government's action relating the Newcastle Railway Corridor?
86. Can the Department outline the total legal costs to date as a result court of the NSW Government's action relating the Newcastle Railway Corridor?
87. Can the Department provide an itemised list of costs for any consultancy worked conducted on the Newcastle Railway Corridor?
88. Can the Department confirm if any consultancy firms have been used for work on the Newcastle Railway Corridor?

ANSWER

- 85-86 All expenditure on legal fees by UrbanGrowth NSW is incurred in accordance with government policies and guidelines. All legal fees in relation to the Newcastle railway corridor Court proceedings have been properly incurred.
87. The NSW Government is committed to revitalising Newcastle city centre. Accordingly, UrbanGrowth NSW has been undertaking investigative work and planning as part of the Newcastle Urban Transformation and Transport Program. Consultants have been brought on to support that work, where skills are not available in-house or independent advice is required. All consultants have been engaged in line with NSW Government Procurement Guidelines.
88. Yes.

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QUESTIONS 89-99

MINISTERIAL OFFICE

89. How many staff are in your ministerial office?
- a) What was the average salary for staff members in your office during 2014-15?
 - b) What is the average salary for a ministerial staffer in your office based on current appointments?
90. How many blackberries/smart phones are assigned to your staff?
- a. For each phone, how much was each bill in the past financial year?
 - b. How many phones have been lost or replaced due to damage in your office?
 - i. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
91. How many iPads or tablets does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
- a. What is the cost of providing iPads or tablets to your Ministerial Office?
 - b. How many iPads or tablets have been replaced due to lost or damage?
 - i. What was the cost of replacing these devices?
92. Did any your or your ministerial staff incur data charges on a mobile phone or tablet device greater than \$1000 for a single billing period?
- a. If so, how many times did this occur?
 - i. What was the individual cost of each data charge over \$1000 for a single billing period?
93. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your office?
- a. What is the cost of this?
94. Have any floral displays or indoor plants been hired or leased for display in your ministerial office?
- a. If so, what was the cost of these items?
95. What is the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals?
- a. What are these services/newspapers/magazines/journals/periodicals?
 - i. Who is the subscriber for each of these?
96. What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office?
- a. What were the gifts purchased?

- i. Who were they gifted to?
- 97. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?
 - a. What is the cost of this?
- 98. Can you advise the names of all contractors/consultants employed and/or paid for by your office, under any agreement, contract or fee-for -service arrangement in 2014-15?
 - a. Do they have ABN's?
 - i. If so, please provide details?
 - b. Details of paid or unpaid invoices and amounts?
 - c. Details of services and fees provided by each contractor and or consultant?
- 99. Details of the agreement between your office and any contractors/consultants engaged by your office?

Answers

- 89. Ministers' staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website.
- 90. There were 227 phones in use across all Ministers' offices in 2014/15. The total usage cost of these smart phones and other mobile devices was \$354,992, a 37 per cent reduction on 2008/09 expenditure of \$578,691. There were 10 lost devices (phones and iPads) across the Ministry in 2014/15. The cost of replacing any lost or stolen devices is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund.
- 91. There were 130 iPads in use across all Ministers' offices in 2014/15. There were 10 lost devices (phones and iPads) across the Ministry in 2014/15. The cost of replacing any lost or stolen devices is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund.
- 92. The total usage cost of mobile devices such as smart phones and iPads across all Ministers' offices including data charges was \$354,992 in 2014/15, a 37 per cent reduction on 2008/09 expenditure of \$578,691.
- 93. Artwork in the Minister's office includes artwork on loan from the Art Gallery of NSW for which the Gallery charges a nominal subscription fee.
- 94. Floral arrangements purchased by the Ministry, including tributes such as to Martin Place siege victims, are managed within the office's budget.
- 95. The Minister's office subscribes to a modest number of publications, the cost of which is managed within the office's budget.

96. Gifts are presented to dignitaries visiting NSW. The total cost of gifts purchased in FY 2014-15 was less than \$100.

97. No.

98-99. The Ministry did not engage any consultants during 2014/15. Information regarding the use of contractors was recently disclosed in response to a GIPA application and was published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's disclosure log.

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QUESTIONS 100 - 109

MINISTERIAL OFFICE TRAVEL

100. Have any of your overseas trips in the past year been paid for in part or in full by using public money?
a) If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?
101. Have you undertaken any official overseas travel that was privately funded?
a. What were the nature of these trips?
b. Who paid for these trips?
102. What was the total bill for your office in 2014-15 for:
a. Taxi hire
b. Limousine hire
c. Private hire care
d. Hire car rental
103. Have you ever used Uber?
a. If yes, were any of these occasions in an UberX vehicle?
104. Have you or anyone in your office used Uber services travelling to or from work-related events, meetings or functions?
a. Were any of those services in an UberX vehicle?
105. Have you or anyone in your office sought reimbursement for using Uber services to travel to or from work-related events, meetings or functions?
a. What is the value of those reimbursements?
106. Have you used Airbnb?
107. Have you or anyone in your office used Airbnb as an accommodation solution whilst travelling on official business?
108. Have any planes or helicopters been chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money?
a. If yes, will you please detail each trip, the method of transport and the cost?
109. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?

- a. What is the cost of each non-standard feature?

Answers

100. Details of overseas travel including costs are published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website.
101. Details of overseas travel including costs are published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website.
102. Expenditure on taxis across the Ministry in 2014/15 was \$84,257. This compares with 2009/10 expenditure of \$175,776.
103. No
104. No
105. No
106. No
107. No
108. No
109. The vehicle leased for the Minister is in compliance with the Motor Vehicle Policy.

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QUESTIONS 110

LABOUR HIRE FIRMS

110. Do any Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities utilise the services of Labour Hire Firms? If yes, please advise in table form:
- The names of the firms utilised
 - The total amount paid to each firm engaged
 - The average tenure period for an employee provided by a labour hire company
 - The longest tenure for an employee provided by a labour hire company
 - The duties conducted by employees engaged through a labour hire company
 - The office locations of employees engaged through a labour hire company
 - The highest hourly or daily rate paid to an employee provided by a labour hire company

Answers

110. The Department of Planning and Environment uses Labour Hire firms, in accordance with NSW Public Service policies to cover temporary vacancies as required. There are no central records maintained, with operations authorised to make such arrangements, subject to their overall employment expense budget.

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QUESTIONS 111 - 114

MEDIA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

111. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?
112. What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?
113. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?
114. Have you had media training or speech training?
- If yes, who paid for it?
 - If paid by taxpayers, what was the amount?

Answers

111. Five such advisers are employed by the Department of Planning and Environment, and one such adviser in each of UrbanGrowth, the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation and the Hunter Development Corporation.
112. There are no forecast changes to number or cost.
113. The NSW Government purchases all commercial media monitoring centrally through the Department of Premier and Cabinet which delivers significant savings through aggregated procurement. The total cost of the whole of government service in 2014/15 was \$1,775,042 compared to \$2,394,973 in 2009/10.
114. No.

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QUESTIONS 115 - 125

CONSULTANTS, LOBBYISTS & PARLIAMENTARIANS

115. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Chris Hartcher in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- Who attended those meetings?
 - What was the nature of those meetings?
 - What was discussed?
 - Were any records of those meetings kept?
116. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Andrew Stoner in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- Who attended those meetings?
 - What was the nature of those meetings?
 - What was discussed?
 - Were any records of those meetings kept?
117. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Tim Owen in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- Who attended those meetings?
 - What was the nature of those meetings?
 - What was discussed?
 - Were any records of those meetings kept?
118. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Craig Baumann in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- Who attended those meetings?
 - What was the nature of those meetings?
 - What was discussed?
 - Were any records of those meetings kept?
119. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Andrew Cornwell in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- Who attended those meetings?
 - What was the nature of those meetings?
 - What was discussed?
 - Were any records of those meetings kept?

120. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Chris Spence in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- Who attended those meetings?
 - What was the nature of those meetings?
 - What was discussed?
 - Were any records of those meetings kept?
121. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Darren Webber in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- Who attended those meetings?
 - What was the nature of those meetings?
 - What was discussed?
 - Were any records of those meetings kept?
122. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Garry Edwards in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- Who attended those meetings?
 - What was the nature of those meetings?
 - What was discussed?
 - Were any records of those meetings kept?
123. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Bart Bassett in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- Who attended those meetings?
 - What was the nature of those meetings?
 - What was discussed?
 - Were any records of those meetings kept?
124. Has the consultancy company Premier State done any consultancy work for the Department? If so what projects was Premier State consulted on?
- What was the cost of the consultancy work for each project?
 - Was there a tender process for these projects?
125. Does Premier State currently have any contract work with the Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?
- If yes, what is their role in the project?

Answers

115-123. Information regarding scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals are published in accordance with Memorandum 2015-07 Publication of Ministerial Diaries.

The Government has disclosed 3,934 meetings since the policy commenced in July 2014.

I note the Opposition spokesperson for Planning is yet to disclose any scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals.

124, 125. No

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QUESTIONS 126 – 127 CONSULTING

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labour Opposition].

QUESTION

126. How much have the Department/agencies under your portfolio responsibility spent in legal costs?
- a) For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?
127. Have Department/agencies under your portfolio engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice:
- a) Social media
 - i. And the cost of these services
 - b) Photography
 - i. And the cost of these services
 - c) Acting training
 - i. And the cost of these services
 - d) Ergonomics
 - i. And the cost of these services

ANSWER

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

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QUESTIONS 128 – 140 DEPARTMENT/AGENCY ADMINISTRATION

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labor Opposition].

QUESTION

128. How many redundancies were processed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-15?
 - a) Of these redundancies, how many were:
 - i. Voluntary
 - ii. Forced
 - b) What was the total cost of all redundancies?

129. Have any staff who received a redundancy in the last two years undertaken any paid work or provided any paid services for the agency with which they were formerly employed?
 - a) What was the nature of these works/services?
 - b) What was the total cost of these works or services?

130. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?

131. How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2014-15?
 - a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?

132. How much was spent on corporate hospitality by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015?

133. How much was spent on indoor plant hire and maintenance by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015 year?

134. How much did Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities spend on restaurant bills during the year 2014/2015?
 - a) How much of these bills were alcohol?

135. Were instances of internal fraud detected by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015?

- a) What was the sum total of any such fraud and what was the result of any investigations?
136. How large is the Department's vehicle fleet?
- a) What is the composition of this fleet in terms of engine size?
 - b) How many of the fleet were involved in an accident during the year 2014-2015?
 - c) What was the total cost of insurance claims and repairs?
137. How much did departments/agencies spend on newspaper and journal subscriptions during 2014-2015?
138. How many SES employees are employed within departments/agencies under your ministerial portfolio?
- a) What is their remuneration band?
 - b) For each SES employee, how many have:
 - i. 0 staff reporting to them;
 - ii. less than 2 staff reporting to them; and
 - iii. less than 5 staff?
139. How many sick days, leave days or days attributable to workers compensation were lost for each department/agency within your portfolio responsibility during 2014-15 for:
- a) workplace bullying;
 - b) stress leave; and
 - c) sick leave?
140. Do any of the departments/agencies under your portfolio area employ actors for staff training?
- a) If so, what is:
 - i. the size of the contract for the provision of actors for staff training in your departments?
 - ii. the term of the contracts for the provision of actors for staff training in your departments?
 - iii. the tender numbers for each of the contracts?

ANSWER

128. a)
- i. Nine
 - ii. Nil
- b) \$1,183,923.53.

129. 2 have been engaged after the severance period had lapsed, no repayment required.

a) Consultants policy work.

b) \$61,000 as at 15/9/15.

129. No

130. Nil.

131. Nil.

132. \$582.

133. Nil.

134. There are no reported instances of fraud detected by the Departments/agencies within the Minister's portfolio for 2014/15.

135. The Department has 31 vehicles.

a) The composition of the vehicles is as per the following table:

Engine Size (Litres)	DPE
1.4	1
1.7	1
1.8	3
2.0	7
2.2	3
2.4	2
2.5	7
3.0	4
3.5	2
3.6	1
Total	31

b) There were six claims made throughout the 2014/15 financial year.

c) The total cost of insurance claims and repairs for the 2014/15 financial year was \$19,857.

137. \$44,528

138. Information regarding SES employees is available in agency annual reports

139. a) Nil

b) Nil

a) 150.33 sick leave days

140. Nil

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**QUESTIONS 141 – 145
DEPARTMENT/AGENCY TRAVEL**

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labour Opposition].

QUESTION

141. What was the total expenditure in 2014-15 by Departments/agencies within your portfolio on:
 - a) Taxi hire
 - b) Limousine/private car hire
 - c) Hire car rental

142. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have a policy on utilising Uber services for travel on official business?

143. Have staff in your Department/agencies either paid for with departmental funds or been recompensed for official travel using Uber services?
 - a) Were any of these payments for UberX services?

144. Have staff in your Department/agencies either paid for with departmental funds or been recompensed for official travel using Airbnb services?

145. Did any officers within departments/agencies under your ministerial portfolio use charter aircraft during the year 2014-2015?
 - a) If so what was the purpose and cost?

ANSWER

141.

- a) Taxi hire - \$45,000.71
- b) Limousine/private car hire - \$3,613.64 on private car hire, \$0 on limousines.
- c) Hire car rental - \$54,315.83

142. No.

143. No.

144. No.

145. Yes, the Hunter Development Corporation used a charter aircraft for the Hunter Valley site review in September 2014 at a cost of \$2,100 (GST exclusive).

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QUESTIONS 146 – 149 DEPARTMENT/AGENCY IT

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labor Opposition].

QUESTION

146. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have an iTunes account?
- a) What was the total expenditure in 2014-15 on iTunes?
 - i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?
147. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have an Android account?
- a) What was the total expenditure in 2014-15 on Android?
 - i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android?
148. How many Department/agency mobile phones, tablets and laptops were replaced due to loss or damage during 2014-2015?
- a) What was the total cost of replacing these items?
149. Did any staff within departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities incur data charges on a mobile phone or tablet device greater than \$1000 for a single billing period?
- a) If so, how many times did this occur?
 - i. What was the individual cost of each data charge over \$1000 for a single billing period?

ANSWER

146. No.
147. No.
148. Four devices were replaced. All were replaced by redeploying excess devices returned by officers that have left the Department. There was no expenditure.
149. No.

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QUESTION 150 – 155 EFFICIENCY DIVIDEND

On 2 September, 2015 during the Budget Estimates Hearing, the following supplementary question on notice was asked by Mr Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labour Opposition].

QUESTION

150. What was the efficiency dividend required of the department in the 2014/15 financial year?
151. What is the efficiency dividend required of the department in the 2015/16 financial year?
152. What savings measures were implemented by the Department for:
 - a) 2014/15 financial year
 - b) 2013/14 financial year
 - c) 2012/13 financial year?
153. What actual savings were achieved by each strategy in:
 - a) 2014/15 financial year
 - b) 2013/14 financial year
 - c) 2012/13 financial year?
154. What reduction of staff occurred and at what cost as a result of each strategy in:
 - a) 2014/15 financial year
 - b) 2013/14 financial year
 - c) 2012/13 financial year?
155. For the 2015/16 financial year:
 - a) What savings measures will the Department save?
 - b) What is the expected saving to be achieved for each measure?
 - c) Will they require a reduction in staffing?
 - d) How many positions within the Department remain unfilled due to the imposition of savings measures?

ANSWER

In the 2015-16 Budget, the Government has committed to deliver savings by implementing further efficiency and savings measures as well as policies to eliminate duplication in government operations and reduce procurement costs. Savings measures are detailed in the Budget Papers.

Voluntary redundancies are a component for agencies to achieve their efficiency dividends. The number of voluntary redundancies achieved by May 2015 was almost double the Government's original target of 5,000 positions by June 2015, as announced in the 2011/12 Budget. The Labour Expense Cap introduced in the 2012/13 Budget also continues to give Secretaries as much flexibility as possible to achieve these savings in the most appropriate ways to meet the service requirements of their agencies. Nurses, police officers and teachers in schools have been quarantined from this measure.