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

**Question:**

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 82, 85, 92 Ministerial Budget**

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

85. What is your Ministerial office budget for 2012-13?

92. How much did your Ministerial office spend on taxi fares, including cabcharge in the 2011-12 financial year?

**Answer:**

82. The total budget allocation for the Premiers and Ministers' offices in 2012-13 is \$40, 103,650 with \$5,744,883 allocated to the Premier's office and \$34,358,767 to the Ministers' offices.

85. The budget allocations for the Premier's office and Ministers' offices are as follows.

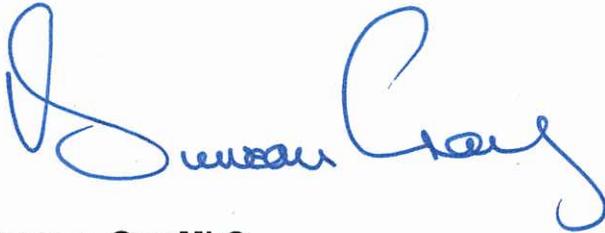
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
<b>Premier</b>	\$7,002,312	\$8,500,000	\$9,075,038	\$5,309,465	\$5,744,83
<b>Ministers</b>	\$39,673,567	\$40,334,000	\$40,978,962	\$31,516,017	\$34,358,767
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$46,675,879	\$48,834,000	\$50,054,000	\$36,825,482	\$40,103,605

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

92. Taxi expenditure by the Premier's office and Ministers' offices as represented in the Department's financial system is represented in the table below.

	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>
<b>Premier</b>	\$26,418	\$32,525	\$27,600	\$15,485
<b>Ministers</b>	\$133,697	\$143,251	\$32,678	\$80,609
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$160,155	\$175,776	\$60,277	\$96,094

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On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 75, 76, 79, 80, 81, 86, 87, 88 – Ministerial Staffing**

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

76. What is the forecast for 2012-13 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?

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

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

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

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

86. How many political advisors in your office?

87. How many administration staff?

88. How many Departmental Liaison officers are assigned to your office?

**Answer:**

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

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

79. Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website at [http://www.dpc.nsw.au/about/publications/premiers and ministers staff numbers](http://www.dpc.nsw.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers).

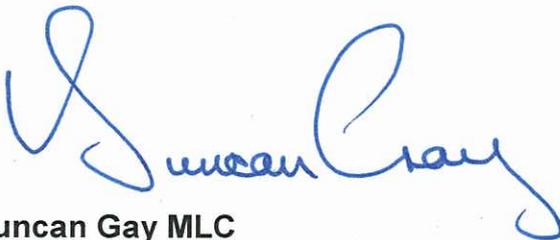
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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

#### Sharpe 77 – 78 – Ministerial Travel

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

78. If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?

#### Answer:

77. None

78. N/a

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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

#### Sharpe 83, 84 Office Renovations

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

84 If so, could you give details of contracted costs?

#### Answer:

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

84. See previous answer.

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**Question:**

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 89.** How many staff in the Department are assigned to Ministerial support duties?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services ministerial support staff as at 30 June 2012 was 5.63 full time equivalent positions.

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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

#### Sharpe 90 91 Ministerial Contractors

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

91. How much did your ministerial office spend on contractors or consultants?

#### Answer:

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

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**Question:**

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 93.** Are any of your portfolio agencies undergoing a restructure?

**Sharpe 94.** How many jobs are expected to be cut as a result of that restructure?

**Sharpe 95.** How many people are expected to have their wages cut as a result of that restructure?

**Sharpe 96.** How many voluntary redundancies were offered in your Departments since April 2011?

**Sharpe 97.** How many voluntary redundancies were accepted from employees in your Departments since April 2011?

**Sharpe 98.** How many voluntary redundancies are expected to be offered in 2012-13?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

93. Roads and Maritime Services is undergoing a restructure.

94. The final reduction in FTE positions will be known in 12-13.

The reduction in numbers will be managed through a number of mechanisms including:

- Natural attrition through retirement and separations
- Reduction in skill hire and contractors
- Voluntary redundancies.

95. There are no anticipated wage cuts as a result of this restructure.

96. Refer to Q 59.

97. Refer to Q 94.

98. Voluntary redundancies are offered as an option in consultation with staff when restructuring. Staff can then express an interest in voluntary redundancy through this process.

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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 100.** How much did your Department(s) spend on stationary [sic] in 2011/12?

**Sharpe 102.** What is your Department's stationary [sic] budget?

#### Answer:

I am advised:

100. The Department spend on stationery in 2011-12 was \$2.254 million.

102. The Department stationery budget in 2011-12 was \$3.723 million.

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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 99.** How much did your Department(s) spend on catering in 2011/12?

**Sharpe 101.** What is your Department's catering budget?

#### Answer:

I am advised:

99. Roads and Maritime Services does not have a catering budget and, as such, any spend on catering is not specifically tracked.

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**Question:**

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 103.** Since April 2011 have any of the agencies in your Department(s) changed their branding? If so, how much was spent on rebranding the agency?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

On 1 November 2011 the Roads and Traffic Authority and NSW Maritime were wound up and Roads and Maritime Services was created to provide more efficient and effective service delivery for customers.

Costs of the transition to Roads and Maritime Services will be offset by savings through operational efficiencies gained.

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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

#### Sharpe 104 and 105. Correspondence

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

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

#### Answer:

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

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**Question:**

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 106, 107 and 108. Contractor payments**

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

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

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

**Answer:**

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

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**Question:**

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 109.** Does your department provide recurrent grant funds to non-government organisations? If yes,

- a) What are the names of all organisations in receipt of funding?
- b) What is the total amount of funding received by each organisation including goods and services tax?
- c) On what date was the funding advanced?
- d) What was the purpose for each grant or funding advance?
- e) Was any funding withheld or returned?
- f) If so, what were the reasons for withholding or requiring the funding to be returned?
- g) What is the indexation rate applied to non-recurrent grant funds in 2011/2012?
- h) What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

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

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

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**Question:**

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 110.** How many contractors has your Department(s) retained since 1 July 2012 and at what cost?

**Answer:**

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services had 440 contractors (skill hire staff) engaged as at end of September 2012. The three month year to date gross cost of contractor resources was \$12.3 million.

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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

#### Sharpe 111 and 112. Aboriginal Employment

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

112. How has that changed since 1 July 2011?

#### Answer:

111. 2009,2010 and 2011 data can be found as published in the annual Workforce Snapshot Reports. 2012 data is due to be released when the State of the Public Sector report is released, late 2012. These reports can be found on the PSC website: <http://www.psc.nsw.gov.au/pscinternet/information.page>.

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

112. See answer above

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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 113.** Since 1 July 2011, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your Department(s)?

#### Answer:

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services spent \$3,800 on a chartered flight in February 2012 to inspect flood damage at Narrabri.

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**Question:114 feasibility Studies, Audits, Taskforces and Reviews**

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

114. In relation to feasibility studies, audits, taskforces and reviews:  
Is your department currently undertaking any feasibility studies, audits, taskforces or reviews? If so; then;
- a. What are the terms of reference or details of each study, audit, taskforce or review?
  - b. Who is conducting the study, audit, taskforce or review?
  - c. Was each study, audit, taskforce or review was publically advertised seeking expression of interest or competitive tenders?
  - d. Is there a contract in place detailing terms of engagement for the study, audit, taskforce or review?
  - e. What is the timeline of each study, audit, taskforce or review?
  - f. What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?

**Answer: 114**

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

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**Question:**

On 12 October, The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe: 115-119 Consultants**

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

116. If yes, which companies were engaged for consultancy services in the 2011/12 financial year?

117. For what purpose has your Department engaged consultants?

118. How much have your agencies spent on consultants in the 2011/12 financial year?

119. What is your Department(s) budget for consultants in the 2012/13 financial year?

**Answer: 115-119**

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

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#### Question:

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 120.** Have any agencies within your Departments sponsored any organisations or events in the 2011/12 financial year?

**Sharpe 121.** If yes, which organisations and events were sponsored in the 2011/12 financial year?

**Sharpe 122.** How much did your agencies within your Departments spend on sponsoring organisations and events in the 2011/12 financial year?

**Sharpe 123.** What is your Department(s) budget for sponsorship in the 2012/13 financial year?

#### Answer:

I am advised:

120-122. I am advised that this information will be available in the 2011-2012 Roads and Maritime Services annual report.

123. The Department's budget for sponsorship in the 2012-13 financial year is \$376,831.

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**Question:**

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe: 124 Media Training**

124. Has the minister been provided with Speech, Voice or Media Training since becoming Minister? If so, then;

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

**Answer:** The Department of Premier and Cabinet's financial system does not show any record of speech, voice or media training for the Premier or any other Minister or Parliamentary Secretary.

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**Question:**

On 12 October, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC asked:

**Sharpe 125-129. Parliamentary Secretary**

125. Can you please list all travel related costs for your Parliamentary Secretary incurred in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2011:

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

126. Can you please provide details of the following activities undertaken by your Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2011;

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

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

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

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

129. Has the Parliamentary Secretary been provided with Speech, Voice or Media Training since becoming a Parliamentary Secretary?

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

**Answer :**

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

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

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

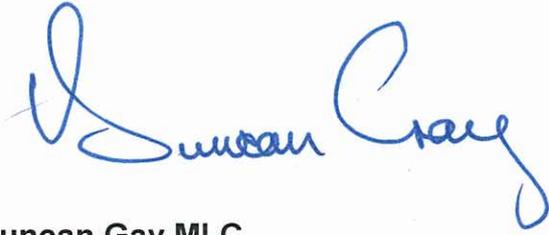
- a. Information not available
- b. The total cost of accommodation for travel by Ministers' Parliamentary Secretaries during 2011/12 was \$1,925.
- c. The total cost of flights for Ministers' Parliamentary Secretaries during 2011/12 was \$17,477.
- d. Information not available

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

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