# Portfolios: Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Sport

#### Questions from the Hon Robert Brown MLC

1. What new initiatives and programs will the NSW government introduce for shooting and fishing sports in 2015-2016, and how much does the NSW intend to set aside for this?

The Office of Sport will continue to run the Safe Shooting Program in 2015/16.

2. How much funding does the Sydney International Shooting Centre receive from the NSW Government in 2015-2016?

I am advised the Budget for the Sydney International Shooting Centre in 2015/16 is \$847,000.

3. What educational and other safety programs does the NSW government intend to introduce in 2015-2016 for shooting and fishing sports?

I am advised the Sydney International Shooting Centre is planning to offer safe storage facilities for shooters who do not wish to store their firearms at home.

# Questions from the Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC [on behalf of the NSW Labor Opposition]

# **NSW Trade and Investment Centre and Country Embassy**

- 4. When was the decision made to not proceed with the renewal of the NSW Trade and Investment Centre's lease in the MLC Centre?
  - a) Did your department have any consultation with the relevant stakeholders before proceeding with this decision?
- 5. Will any jobs be lost as a result of the relocation of the NSW Trade and Investment Centre and Country Embassy?
- 6. Has a new site for the Country Embassy been located?
- 7. Given the importance of the Country Embassy and the role it plays for business in regional NSW:
  - a) Can you guarantee that the premises where they are being located to will offer the same level of facilities, floor space and access as they presently have in the MLC building?

4-7: 'Country Embassy' is the term that describes the collection of meeting spaces located on Level 47 at the MLC Centre, also referred to as the "Trade & Investment Centre".

The current lease, held by Department of Industry, for Level 47 MLC Centre will expire in March 2016. The International Trade and Investment (IT&I) Branch of the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) who are currently located on Level 47, will be relocated to 52 Martin Place before March 2016.

Questions regarding the lease for Level 47 MLC Centre, and the relocation plan for the 'Country Embassy' should be directed to the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy.

#### **Tourism**

8. What percentage of the advertising budget will be spent on regional tourism?

Destination NSW prioritises its media spend to increase awareness of Regional NSW destinations, experiences and events to achieve regional dispersion and drive visitation that will contribute to the Government's goal of doubling overnight visitor expenditure by 2020.

9. What percentage of the advertising budget will be spent on Sydney focused tourism?

Destination NSW prioritises its media spend to increase awareness of Sydney's destinations, experiences and events to achieve dispersion and drive visitation that will contribute to the Government's goal of doubling overnight visitor expenditure by 2020.

- 10. What is the Government doing to promote natural tourism opportunities throughout NSW to cater to the demands of foreign markets?
  - a) Will the Government commit to delivering infrastructure upgrades to support the growing demand for natural tourism?

Nature experiences are key motivators for international travel to NSW and Australia. Destination NSW promotes nature and natural tourism in its overseas marketing programs which includes organised tours ranging from dolphin watching and guided bushwalks to self-drive programs including visits to National Parks and World Heritage Listed areas.

The Government established the \$110 million Regional Tourism Infrastructure Fund to support the development and growth of regional tourism. The Fund is administered by Infrastructure NSW with support from NSW Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development.

- 11. Which key foreign markets is the NSW Government targeting for tourism opportunities within NSW?
  - a) What strategies does the NSW Government employ in these foreign markets to encourage tourism in NSW?

The NSW Government concentrates all international marketing activities on the priority international markets identified in the Visitor Economy Industry Action Plan.

Destination NSW undertakes campaigns in partnership with airlines, wholesalers, retail travel agents and online travel agents to raise awareness of Sydney and regional NSW destinations and events to drive visitation and increase overnight visitor expenditure.

12. What is the contribution of ecotourism to the state?

Destination NSW does not have access to ecotourism statistics as this question is not included in the International and National Visitor Surveys. In 2014/15, nature based visitors, which is included in the International and National Visitor Surveys, contributed \$15.5 billion to the State economy.

# Destination NSW advertising budget

13. How much of the advertising budget is spent on print media?

Destination NSW prioritises its media spend on channels with impactful formats to achieve optimal cut-through and drive visitation.

14. How much of the advertising budget is spent on digital media?

Destination NSW prioritises its media spend on channels with impactful formats to achieve optimal cut-through and drive visitation.

15. How much of the advertising budget is spent on television ads?

Destination NSW prioritises its media spend on channels with impactful formats to achieve optimal cut-through and drive visitation.

16. How much of the advertising budget is spent on advertising overseas?

Destination NSW prioritises its media spend on the key international markets that have been targeted to grow and make considerable contribution to achieving the Government's goal of doubling overnight visitor expenditure by 2020.

17. How much of the advertising budget is spent on Fairfax media?

Details of specific expenditure with media owners is commercial in confidence. Destination NSW prioritises its media spend on channels with impactful formats to achieve optimal cut-through and drive consideration and intention to visit.

18. How much of the advertising budget is spent on News Limited?

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# **Employees**

- 19. How many full time employees are stationed overseas?
  - a) Is this an increase or decrease on last year?

24 DNSW employees are stationed overseas. This is an increase.

20. Do you expect that number to grow or diminish over the forward estimates?

It is expected to grow.

# **Major Events**

- 21. What are the current costs of the committee to bring Formula 1 to NSW?
  - a) What are the projected final costs of this committee?

Destination NSW does not disclose the level of investment it makes into events as this is commercial-in-confidence and allows the organisation to bid for events in a competitive market.

#### **Ministerial Office Administration**

- 22. 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?

Ministers' staff numbers and salary bands are available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

- 23. 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?

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.

- 24. 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?

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.

- 25. 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?

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.

- 26. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your office?
  - a) What is the cost of this?

My office has not purchased or leased any artwork for display.

- 27. 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?

No.

- 28. 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?

The office subscribes to a modest number of publications, the cost of which is managed within the office's budget.

- 29. 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?

Information about gifts presented to dignitaries is held by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

- 30. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?
  - a) What is the cost of this?

No.

- 31. 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?

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.

32. Details of the agreement between your office and any contractors/consultants engaged by your office?

N/A

#### Ministerial And Office Travel

- 33. 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?

Details of overseas travel including costs are published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website.

- 34. 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?

No.

35. 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

Expenditure on taxies across the Ministry in 2014/15 was \$84,257. This compares with 2009/10 expenditure of \$175,776.

- 36. Have you ever used Uber?
  - a) If yes, were any of these occasions in an UberX vehicle?

No.

- 37. 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?

No.

- 38. 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?

No.

39. Have you used Airbnb?

No.

40. Have you or anyone in your office used Airbnb as an accommodation solution whilst travelling on official business?

No.

- 41. 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?

No.

- 42. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
  - a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?

None.

#### **Labour Hire Firms**

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

A number of agencies within my portfolio use Labour Hire Firms in accordance with NSW Public Service policies and subject to their overall employment expense budget.

#### Media And Public Relations

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

DNSW: 10.4 people. Public relations is a key function of DNSW.

Office of Sport: 0.9, SOPA: 0.5, the NSW Institute of Sport: 1, SCSGT: 1.

45. 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?

Approximately \$1.4 million. 15.1 FTE.

46. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?

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.

- 47. Have you had media training or speech training?
  - a) If yes, who paid for it?
  - b) If paid by taxpayers, what was the amount?

No.

#### Consultants, Lobbyists And Former Parliamentarians

- 48. 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?
  - a) Who attended those meetings?
  - b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - c) What was discussed?
  - d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
- 49. 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?
  - a) Who attended those meetings?
  - b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - c) What was discussed?
  - d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
- 50. 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?
  - a) Who attended those meetings?
  - b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - c) What was discussed?
  - d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
- 51. 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?
  - a) Who attended those meetings?
  - b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - c) What was discussed?
  - d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
- 52. 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?
  - a) Who attended those meetings?
  - b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - c) What was discussed?
  - d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
- 53. 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?
  - a) Who attended those meetings?
  - b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - c) What was discussed?
  - d) Were any records of those meetings kept?

- 54. 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?
  - a) Who attended those meetings?
  - b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - c) What was discussed?
  - d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
- 55. 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?
  - a) Who attended those meetings?
  - b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - c) What was discussed?
  - d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
- 56. 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?
  - a) Who attended those meetings?
  - b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - c) What was discussed?
  - d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
- 57. Has the consultancy company Premier State done any consultancy work for the Department? If so what projects was Premier State consulted on?
  - a) What was the cost of the consultancy work for each project?
  - b) Was there a tender process for these projects?
- 58. Does Premier State currently have any contract work with the Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?
  - a) If yes, what is their role in the project?

48-58: No.

#### Consulting

- 59. 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?

DNSW: \$5,774.00- Advice on Chinese Employment Law.

Information on legal costs within the Sport portfolio is contained within annual reports.

- 60. 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

Use of consultants is reported in each agency's Annual Report.

# Department/Agency Administration

- 61. 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?
- 62. 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?
- 63. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?
- 64. How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2014-15?
  - a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?

61-64: 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' 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.

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

All costs within my portfolio agencies are carefully monitored and controlled. Where specifically allocated budgets exist for corporate hospitality, costs remained within budget.

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

All costs within my portfolio agencies are carefully monitored and controlled. Where specifically allocated budgets exist, costs remained within budget.

- 67. 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?

All costs within my portfolio agencies are carefully monitored and controlled. Where specifically allocated budgets exist for corporate hospitality, costs remained within budget

- 68. 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?

Yes, I am advised the matter was reported to NSW Police, the ICAC and the Audit Office of NSW. The ICAC was satisfied with the action taken and determined that the matter not be made subject of an investigation by the Commission.

- 69. 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?

DNSW: Two vehicles. One 2.0 litre, four cylinder vehicle and one 2.5 litre four cylinder vehicle. Nil involved in accidents and nil in insurance claims/repairs.

The Office of Sport and other entities use a range of different vehicles from State Fleet for different purposes for which costs are carefully monitored and controlled. In 2014-15 the Office of Sport had seven insurance claims, which were claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund.

70. How much did departments/agencies spend on newspaper and journal subscriptions during 2014-2015?

All costs within my portfolio agencies are carefully monitored and controlled. Where specifically allocated budgets exist for newspaper and journal subscriptions, costs remained within budget.

- 71. 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?

Information regarding SES employees is available in agency annual reports.

- 72. 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?

In 2014-15, DNSW had an average of 3.51 days of sick leave per FTE.

In 2014-15, all of Office of Sport had an average of 6.9 days of sick leave per FTE, which is not reported against causes.

- 73. 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?

No.

# Department/Agency Travel

- 74. 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

All costs within my portfolio agencies and other entities are carefully monitored and controlled. Where specifically allocated budgets exist for transport, costs remained within budget.

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

No.

- 76. 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?

Given the number of entities within my portfolio, this request would require an unreasonable and substantial diversion of resources in the time specified.

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

Given the number of entities within my portfolio, this request would require an unreasonable and substantial diversion of resources in the time specified.

- 78. 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?

No.

# Departmental/Agency IT

- 79. 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?

The agencies within my portfolios utilise a broad range of IT platforms and services. Services, costs and usage are carefully monitored and controlled to ensure cost effective use of IT.

- 80. 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?

The agencies within my portfolios utilise a broad range of IT platforms and services. Services, costs and usage are carefully monitored and controlled to ensure cost effective use of IT.

- 81. 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?

The agencies within my portfolios replaced two mobile phones and two laptops due to damage during 2014-2015 at a cost of \$5,500.

- 82. 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?

No.

#### Efficiency Dividend

- 83. What was the efficiency dividend required of the department in the 2014/15 financial year?
- 84. What is the efficiency dividend required of the department in the 2015/16 financial year?
- 85. What savings measures were implemented by the Department for:
  - a) 2014/15 financial year
  - b) 2013/14 financial year
  - c) 2012/13 financial year?
- 86. What actual savings were achieved by each strategy in:
  - a) 2014/15 financial year
  - b) 2013/14 financial year
  - c) 2012/13 financial year?
- 87. 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?
- 88. 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?

#### 83-88:

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.

# Questions from Shaoquett Moselmane [on behalf of the NSW Labor Opposition]

# **Sport**

# Brogden report

89. What was the total cost of the Brogden report?

No member of the committee has been paid for their work; however, the Office of Sport has reimbursed \$60.77 in expenses for car parking costs.

90. When will the Brogden report be released publicly?

It was released publicly on 4 September 2015.

91. Is cost benefit analysis included in the Brogden report?

No.

- 92. In light of recent claims that the Brogden report has outlined a \$1.85BN Sydney stadium plan:
  - a) Does the Government support the view that Allianz Stadium is to be demolished to make way for the construction of a new stadium?
  - b) Is the \$1.85BN funding claim correct?
    - i. If not, how much money will be allocation for the Sydney stadium plan?

Yes. More than \$1 billion will be invested in the stadia network over the next decade. \$600 million has been set aside in *Rebuilding NSW* and the NSW Government will provide a further allocation of funding to complete the projects.

#### **Stadiums**

93. When did the Government receive the heads of agreement between the SCG and ANZ Stadium?

May 2015.

94. When did the Government know a heads of agreement was being negotiated between the SCG and ANZ Stadium?

Prior to May 2015.

95. How much money has been spent by the SCG Trust to negotiate this heads of agreement?

No funding has been provided for this work to the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust, any expenses have had to be paid from their own revenue.

96. What legal costs have been spent by the SCG Trust to negotiate a heads of agreement with ANZ Stadium?

No funding has been provided for this work to the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust, any expenses have had to be paid from their own revenue.

- 97. Has the Government entered into any discussions with the South Sydney Rugby League regarding funding for their community centre?
  - a) What was the nature of those discussions?

The NSW Government has received a proposal from South Sydney Rugby League Football Club to provide \$5 million in funding towards building a Community and High Performance Centre of Excellence. There has been no commitment to fund the proposal.

98. What is the allocation of funding by the Government for stadiums in Regional NSW to attract sporting and major events to stimulate the economy and job growth for regional communities?

Hunter Stadium and WIN Stadium in Wollongong are supported in the NSW Stadia Strategy and have recently received significant funding.

- 99. What scope of works is being considered by the Government for ANZ Stadium Homebush?
  - a) What is the budget?
  - b) Will the scope of works include the re-configuration of ANZ Stadium into a permanent rectangular setting?
  - c) Will the stadium receive a permanent roof?

Any upgrades are contingent upon final business cases, design work and the NSW Government reaching content agreements with the sporting codes

- 100. What conversations have you and your department had with Transport NSW regarding increased transport infrastructure to and from Sydney Olympic Park?
  - a) What was the outcome of these discussions?

The Sydney Olympic Park Authority has been meeting regularly with officers from Transport NSW over the past two years. The frequency of these discussions has increased over the past six months in line with the Authority's current review of its Masterplan 2030.

As a result of these discussions, a new express bus service between Strathfield and Olympic Park was introduced in July 2015. The Minister for Transport has also announced 120 new bus services will be introduced between Rhodes and Olympic Park, when the new bridge across Homebush Bay is completed in early 2016. Sydney Olympic Park ferry wharf has also been fully upgraded by the NSW Government as part of the Transport Access Program.

101. What conversations have you and your department had with Transport NSW regarding increased transport infrastructure at Moore Park to alleviate the already congested game day traffic?

The Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust regularly (monthly) meets with Transport NSW and other bodies as part of the Moore Park Events Operations Group. The meetings include discussion on transport planning, traffic management and integrated ticketing.

#### Sydney Olympic Park

- 102. How many parcels of land has the Sydney Olympic Park Authority sold in 2014/15?
  - a) What was the total amount of money raised from these sales?
  - b) What were the proceeds from this sale used for?

The Sydney Olympic Park Authority sold two parcels of land in 2014/15. An amount of \$26.6m was generated. An amount of \$12.8m was returned to general revenue. The balance has been retained by the Authority for operational costs.

# **Aged Participation in Sport**

103. On page 10 of the NSW Ageing Strategy, the Government states that it will "target people aged 65 and over as part of its commitment to increase participation in sport and recreation by 10 per cent". How much has senior's participation in sport and recreation increased each year since this commitment was made in 2012?

Participation data is available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

\*\*FOR ANSWERS TO REPEATED QUESTIONS, PLEASE SEE ABOVE \*\*