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Family and Community Services

1. Will the Minister indicate when FaCS will move to a new local structure that matches the local health districts? Will this have any impact on data collection and information management processes?
2. Will Minister provide a list of reports commissioned by Family and Community Services in the last 18 months?
3. What actions have been taken by Family and Community Services to review data collection processes?
4. Will the Minister confirm whether the Office of Aboriginal Affairs is involved in the 'all-of-government' response to the NSW Ombudsman's December 2012 report "Responding to Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal Communities"? If yes, will the Minister indicate the nature of their participation and engagement?
5. Will the Minister provide the following figures for the year 2012 – 2013 on the number of children in different types of care?
 - a. SC Foster care
 - b. NGO Foster care
 - c. NGO Intensive foster care
 - d. CS Statutory kinship care
 - e. NGO Residential care
 - f. CS Supported kinship care
 - g. NGO Voluntary
6. Will the Minister provide the following figures for the year 2012 – 2013 for the average cost per child of the different types of services for OOHC?
 - a. SC Foster care
 - b. NGO Foster care
 - c. NGO Intensive foster care
 - d. CS Statutory kinship care
 - e. NGO Residential care
 - f. CS Supported kinship care
7. Will the Minister provide the following figures for the year 2012 – 2013 for the numbers of children in placements for the following time intervals?
 - a. Less than one month
 - b. One month to less than 6 months
 - c. 6 months to less than 1 year

- d. 1 year to less than 2 years
 - e. 2 years to less than 5 years
 - f. 5 years or more
8. What percentage of young people leaving statutory care have leaving care plans in place? How has this changed from last year's reported rate of 18%?
 9. Will the Minister list the organisations that have corresponded with Family and Community Service or the Minister's Office in relation to the estimated unit price for out of home care?
 10. Will the Minister outline the consultation process around implementing the out of home care unit price, including which organisations or consultants were engaged to estimate a benchmark unit-price?
 11. Of the organisations certified to deliver out of home care and residential care to children and young people how certified organisations are:
 - a. 'for profit'
 - b. 'not for profit'?
 12. On page 22 of the uncorrected transcript for Family and Community Services Budget Estimates the Chief Executive of Community Services stated in relation to Out of Home care data that "we have some really good dashboards. As we transition we have a much better accounting and performance systems". Will the Minister outline what individual 'dashboards' FaCS use and a list of performance measures for out of home care?
 13. What are the key findings or recommendations of the recent evaluation of the Protecting Aboriginal Children Together [PACT] program?
 14. Has there been any change from the 2012 budget allocation of \$2.08 million for the Protecting Aboriginal Children Together (PACT) in Shellharbour and Moree? How much of this budget has been spent directly on addressing child protection?
 15. Given that the PACT program in Moree, servicing the disadvantaged community of Toomelah, was delayed and not launched till November 2012, in the past 9 months, how many case workers have been allocated to Toomelah and how many families are receiving intensive case work? What has been the impact of this nine months' intervention?
 16. What is the actual number of Child Protection reports to FaCS during 2012/13? Budget papers predicted approximately 225,400 which is an increase on the 211,821 from the previous year.
 - a. How many of these reports were about children or families already known to the department?
 - b. How many were new referrals?
 17. Will the Minister provide a breakdown of the avenues through which reports are received?

- a. Do all the reports come through the 24 hour hotline? If not, how else do they come to the attention of the department?
 - b. How many workers (front line and managers) are rostered onto this service?
 - c. How many unfilled vacancies are there?
18. What was the percentage of turnover of staff in 2012/13 for Family and Community Services and caseworkers specifically?
19. How many reports were assessed as being in the ROSH category? Budget papers predicted approximately 61,000 which is a slight increase on the 61,308 reported in the budget papers for 2011/12.
20. Will the Minister indicate why the figure of 99,283 'Risk of Significant Harm' reports in the 2011/2012 FaCS Annual Report is approximately 40% higher than the budget papers number [this year's budget papers]?
21. Will the Minister explain how reports on risk of significant harm are prioritised for face to face assessment?
- a. For each FaCS region will the Minister provide the percentage of 'risk of significant harm' reports that result in a face-to-face assessment?
22. What percentage of 'risk of significant harm' (ROSH) reports actually result in FaCS seeking orders from the Children's Court?
- a. Of this percentage, what proportion results in removal of a child or young person?
23. Has Family and Community Services reviewed the software and information management systems it uses for child protection work in the last 24 months?
- a. If yes, please advise whether consultants were retained?
 - b. What software or systems have been procured?
 - c. Costs of newly procured software systems?
24. What proportion of the Joint Investigation Response Teams referrals are followed up by a FaCS case workers sighting the child and carrying out a more detailed assessment of the risk to the child?
25. What was the average number of full time equivalent front line caseworkers in OOHC in the FaCS offices for 2012/13? How does that compare to the previous year?
26. What are the departmental expectations for the duration of cases and caseloads per front line caseworker for Risk of Significant Harm cases?
27. Will the Minister outline the consultation procedure or process that the Department is engaging in following the publication of the NSW Government Child Protection Legislative Reform Discussion Paper and receipt of submissions?

- a. Which organisations are currently involved in commenting on draft legislation/bills?
 - b. Will there an exposure draft of legislation released for public comment?
28. Has Community Services been involved in the Government's response to violent and antisocial behaviour in West Dubbo that has resulted in the suspension of Australia Post services to some areas? Have any additional Department personnel or resources been allocated in response to the issue?
29. Please list the tenancy advice and other advocacy services receiving Government funding in 2013-14, the funding amounts allocated to each service, and the expiry date of current funding arrangements with each service.
30. Did VisionCare NSW have sufficient funding to operate throughout the 2012-13 financial year? If no, why not?
31. Did VisionCare NSW suspend its services due to insufficient funding? If the allocated funding ran out, on what date were services suspended?
32. What funding has been allocated to VisionCare NSW for 2013-14 financial year?
33. What will happen to the Spectacles Program when the current extension of its administration by VisionCare NSW expires on 30 September 2013?
34. Are the eligibility requirements for the Spectacles Program regularly reviewed and updated to reflect changes in cost of living and inflation? When was the eligibility criteria last modified?
35. Will the Minister provide details on the three new violence prevention studies commissioned to provide guidance on future funding including:
- a. Working titles of reports?
 - b. Consultant's retained to undertake the work?
 - c. Estimated completion date?
 - d. Cost of each study?

Homelessness

36. The NSW 2021 State Plan targets reductions in the number of people who are homeless (7% by 2013) and the number of rough sleepers (25% by 2013), but as the Performance Report shows, the 2011 Census figures show an increase in both figures since 2006. What more is being done to address this troubling trend?
37. How much of the \$220.1 million budgeted for homelessness grants and subsidies is the rollover of unspent funds from 2012/13?

38. Of the \$138 million allocated for specialist homelessness services, what proportion of this is funded from the Australian Government under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH)?
39. What funding for 2013/14 has been allocated specifically to initiatives in the 10 Regional Homelessness Action Plans?
40. Can the Minister advise as to the future of the NSW Premier's Advisory Council on Homelessness after 2013? Will the Council continue to have representation from people who have current or recent experience of homelessness?

Aboriginal Housing Office

41. How many providers of Aboriginal Housing are there across the state, and how many dwellings do each of these providers manage within each Region or Local Government Area?
42. In the State Plan a target is listed of "33% reduction in the number of Aboriginal people who are homeless by 2013." This year's Performance Report shows that the census data indicates about a 6% reduction based on 2011 census figures. Have additional strategies and funds been allocated to address the shortfall in meeting this target?

Social Housing

43. Under the NSW Homelessness Action Plan, reducing evictions from social housing due to unpaid rent was identified as a key strategic priority. Given that the Commonwealth has not passed legislation to allow compulsory rent deductions to be introduced, and given the concerns raised about the risks associated with a compulsory deduction approach by homelessness, social service and legal aid organisations, have alternative strategies been considered which would allow the NSW Government to address this priority?
44. Since 20 April 2012, how many social housing applicants have had their application closed as a result of them failing to keep the register up-to-date with their contact details and not responding to a request for contact from Housing NSW or a participating community housing provider by the specified date? Of these, how many applicants have had their place in the queue reinstated as they were assessed as coming within the exemptions to the policy?
45. Can the Minister outline what training frontline Housing NSW customer service officers receive to assist them in responding to the needs of people who live with mental illness? What budgetary allocation was made in 2012-13 to provide Housing NSW customer service officers training in mental illness awareness and appropriate service delivery for people with mental illness?

46. What changes has Housing NSW made to reduce the risks of misallocation and unauthorised allocation of public housing properties identified in the 2011-12 internal audit?
47. On page 20 of the uncorrected transcript for Family and Community Services Budget Estimates the Minister stated in relation to the public housing vacant bedroom charge that “We are not doing it across the State. We have identified three areas where there are both a reasonable number of properties with three or four bedrooms and also a reasonable number of smaller properties to which these people could be easily transferred without losing their local connections.”
- What are the three areas that have been identified as targets for this policy?
 - Can the Minister provide the data to indicate, for each of these three areas, how many tenants in each of these areas have three or four bedroom properties that are defined as being under-occupied and how many smaller properties that are considered appropriate for relocation are available?
 - For each of these three areas, what has been the average length of tenancy for the tenants identified as being in an under-occupied property?
 - Please outline the criteria that have been used to evaluate the impact of relocation on “local connections”.

Affordable Housing

48. How many homes have been made available under the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS)?
49. How many applications have been received for the NRAS Shovel-Ready and Round 5 funding rounds? How much funding has been allocated for each of these rounds? Is there an estimate of how many dwellings each round will deliver?
50. As noted in the response to my supplementary question from Budget Estimates 2012-13 for Family and Community Services, a youth private rental subsidy was announced in 2012 and was to be piloted in the Hunter. Has the pilot been conducted and can you provide an update on the status of that policy initiative?

Waterloo Green Housing Estate

51. What were the findings of the evaluation of the concierge system used at the Waterloo Green housing estate? Will the concierge program be continued there?

Land and Housing Corporation

52. The ‘Budget Statement 2013-14’ indicates that the primary sources for the Land and Housing Corporation in 2013-14 will be from rental income, funding support from the Department of Family and Community Services, and asset sales (BS page 9-20). The ‘Budget Statement’ indicates the amount of grants from the Department of Family and Community Services as \$92.6 million.
- What is the estimated net rent from social-housing tenants in 2013-14?
 - What is the estimated net proceeds from asset sales in 2013-14?
 - What is the estimated income from other sources in 2013-14?

- d. What is the total estimated expenditure of the Corporation in 2013-14?
53. The most recently-available Annual Report for the Land and Housing Corporation, that of 2011-12, shows the Corporation as having a trading deficit of \$156 million (p.89). Is there information yet on the trading result for 2012-13? What is the estimated deficit, or surplus, estimated for 2013-14?
54. How many Land and Housing Corporation dwellings used for social housing were sold in 2012-13? Please provide tables listing the numbers of dwellings sold within (i) each FACS district, (ii) each Housing NSW allocation zone, and (iii) each Local Government Area. What was the financial value resulting from these sales?
55. How much of the net revenue from sales of the Corporation's residential properties is being used for the purposes of new capital works to construct new social-housing dwellings?
56. How many new properties were added to the Land and Housing Corporation's portfolio in the last year in 2012-13? Please provide tables listing the numbers of dwellings added within (i) each FACS district, (ii) each Housing NSW allocation zone, and (iii) each Local Government Area.
57. The 'Budget Statement' indicates that the Corporation will commence work on 276 new dwellings in 2013-14, as a component of a social housing supply program.
- Does this quantity include the 196 new community housing dwellings that was to be financed from a \$36 million grant to the Corporation from the Department of Family and Community Services?
 - Can you confirm that the quantum of new public housing dwellings to have work commenced on them in 2013-14 will be 80 (i.e. 276 minus 196)?
 - For the 276 new dwellings (comprised of 196 new community housing dwellings and presumably 80 new public housing dwellings), what will be the locations of those dwellings by FACS district and Housing NSW allocation zone?
58. Were any Corporation dwellings sold to incumbent public housing tenants, under the Corporation's 'Sale of property policy' policy, in 2012-13? What is the estimated number of Corporation dwellings (if any) that are estimated to be sold to incumbent public housing tenants, under this Policy, in 2013-14?

Urban Activation Precincts

59. Has the Minister, Land and Housing Corporation and/or Housing NSW conducted any analysis or begun developing any plans for the potential impact of redevelopment on social housing tenants located in Urban Activation Precincts, such as the longstanding community of tenants in the Ivanhoe Estate?

Claymore

60. What progress has been made in considering redevelopment possibilities for the Claymore housing estate?

61. How much has been spent on maintenance to homes at Claymore in the past year?

Airds Bradbury

62. Why was the expression of interest (EoI) process for the Airds-Bradbury public-private partnership terminated? In particular, what issues were found in the assessment of the three EoIs? What issues in the “current market situation” played a role in the decision?

63. Why did it take around a year after the EoIs were submitted to reach the decision to terminate the process?

64. What was the estimated cost to the Government of conducting the EoI process to the point where it was terminated?

65. What alternative future procurement options are being considered in place of a public-private partnership, and how are these options being assessed?

Camperdown Common Ground Project

66. How many of the social housing dwellings in the Camperdown Project are now occupied?

67. Has an evaluation of the Common Ground project been commenced or is such an evaluation planned?

Cowper Street Glebe Housing Project

68. Please provide an update on the preparation of the Development Application for the Cowper Street project and the expected timeframe for development approval.

69. Has the planned configuration of social and affordable housing, in terms of the number of dwellings and the number of bedrooms per dwelling, changed from the responses provided to the Member for Balmain, Mr Jamie Parker’s, question on notice number 2281?

East Dubbo (Apollo Estate)

70. How many properties have been identified as targets to be sold in the next two to three years to reduce the concentration of public housing?

71. What plans have been made to deliver additional social housing stock in other parts of Dubbo given the planned sale of some stock in the Apollo Estate?

72. What, if any, services or assistance has been offered to Apollo Estate tenants to support them in working toward purchase of their property?

73. Has the Minister’s Action Group provided any reports or recommendations?

Rosewood Grove, West Dubbo (former Gordon Estate)

74. In response to a question without notice asked in the Legislative Council on 13 September 2012, I was advised that Housing NSW continued to manage six properties in the redeveloped Rosewood Grove estate. Can the Minister update on the status of those properties and whether tenants have been relocated?
75. Has a follow-up evaluation of the impact of the West Dubbo Transformation Strategy on criminal and antisocial behaviour been conducted or planned?
76. What is the projected revenue to be received from the sale of private dwellings in the Cowper Street Project?

Social Housing Redevelopments

77. Please provide a list of all social housing areas currently undergoing redevelopment or in the planning process for redevelopment. For each area, please indicate the current status of the project, the estimated timeframe for completion, the current number of social housing dwellings and the expected final number of social housing dwellings in the area following redevelopment.

Housing

78. Minister according the Auditor-General's report, "Making the best use of Public Housing" on pg 3, states "in the absence of a clear direction for managing the shortfall between need and demand for public housing, HNSW's and LAHC's tenant and asset management activities have sometime been inconsistent and short term". After 2 years what will you do to reverse this inconsistent policy?
79. Minister, on pg 11 of the above mentioned report, it states, "LAHC has been disposing of more properties than it added in recent years (except during the National Economic Stimulus Building years 2009 to 2012). LAHC projects that it will be disposing of more than double the number of properties over the next four years. Minister will you reverse this trend? If so, can you provide the details? If not why not?
80. Minister, did you or your office or any other Minister contact the Auditor-General in order to have the report "Making the best use of Public Housing" delayed until you had made your announcement on the bedroom tax? And if so can you please supply the correspondence.
81. Can the Minister outline how tenants will be selected for relocation under the Government's new bedroom tax policy?
82. How many public housing tenants are eligible for relocation under the new bedroom tax policy?
83. How many will be relocated each year?
84. Will NSW Housing pay for tenants' moving costs?

85. Will tenants be relocated in the same area in which they now reside?
86. How long do you anticipate the wait will be for each of the tenants who agree to downsize in their existing area?
87. How long do you anticipate they will wait to be relocated if they agree to move from their existing area to another region?
88. Will tenants who agree to be relocated not be charged the bedroom tax until a suitable property is found for them regardless of how long it takes Housing NSW to relocate them?
89. Will Aboriginal housing tenants be exempt from this bedroom tax policy due?
90. How many women will be affected by the bedroom tax?
91. Please provide a profile of age and wellbeing of the housing tenants your government is about to tax?
92. If a tenant agrees to relocate to a smaller residence in the same allocation zone where they currently reside, do they go on the priority or the top priority housing list for that zone?
93. Will they take precedence over those who are
 - a. Homeless
 - b. Already waiting for a priority transfer
 - c. Already waiting for a priority relocation due to the redevelopment of their existing public housing estate
94. Can the Minister advise how many individuals and families are already on
 - a. priority housing list
 - a. top priority housing list
95. How many priority and top priority lists are there?
96. How long does each category of “top priority” or “priority” wait for either the allocation of housing or are relocated?
97. If a pensioner chooses to remain in their existing home and their rent is then increased, will this mean they pay more than 25% of their assessable income as rent?
98. Is this a change to the Government’s rental policy for some tenants and not all tenants?
99. Will the Government provide a quarterly progress report on the number of tenants relocated and the number of tenants having to pay the bedroom tax?
100. Once this tax is underway, will the Government disclose the number of tenants that fall into arrears and provide a profile of these tenants such as age, sex, ethnicity, religion and disability?

101. Minister, your policy states about 500 people will be moved per year, and a trial starts in September in Liverpool, Shellharbour and Mount Druitt.
102. Can you guarantee the Government has the Housing supply to meet the needs of the tenants?
103. What was the amount of subsidy retained by HNSW from the rental monies it collected on behalf of the Land and Housing Corporation in 2011-12 and 2012-13?
104. How much of this money was used for maintenance in 2011-12 and 2012-13?
105. How much rental money was used for building new housing stock in 2011-12 and 2012-13?
106. How much is expected from rentals in 2013-14 and how many new houses will you build with this funding?
107. What funding is required each year for maintenance to keep the housing stock at an appropriate level for occupation?
108. How many Land and Housing Corporation properties were sold in
 - a. 2011-2012
 - b. 2012-2013
109. How many are scheduled to be sold in 2013-14?
110. What was the gross rent received by Housing NSW from public housing tenants in
 - a. 2011-12
 - b. 2012-13
111. How much of these rent monies was retained by Housing NSW and how much was transferred to the Land and Housing Corporation in
 - a. 2011-12
 - b. 2012-13
112. What did Housing NSW use its share of rental monies for in
 - a. 2011-12
 - b. 2012-13
113. What was the cost of running the Housing NSW call centre in
 - a. 2011-12
 - b. 2012-13
114. How much of the rental monies that the Land and Housing Corporation received was spent on maintenance of public housing stock in
 - a. 2011-12
 - b. 2012-13

115. Can the Minister please supply a progress report on the Strategic Maintenance Review (SMR) being undertaken by Land and Housing Corporation in conjunction with Housing NSW and which commenced on 21 June 2013?
116. Can the Minister advise if the program of aligning HNSW boundaries with Local Health District boundaries has been completed?
117. Can the Minister provide an update on the Prospect Renewal Project?
118. Can the Minister provide an update on the Claymore Renewal Project?
119. Can the Minister advise how many 1 bedroom NSW Housing properties sold since March 2011 and the locations?
120. Can the Minister advise how many 2 bedroom NSW properties sold since March 2011 and the locations?
121. Can the Minister advise how many 3 bedroom NSW properties sold since March 2011 and the locations?
122. Can the Minister advise how many 4 bedroom NSW properties sold since March 2011 and the locations?
123. I refer to QON 4663 and the answers provided on Land and Housing Corporation properties.
 - a. What is the quantum of properties sold since March 2011?
 - b. In which town or suburb was each property located?
 - c. How many bedrooms did each property have and what price was each one sold for including the property that sold for \$3 million?
 - d. Which state and local government agencies bought L & H C properties or had them transferred to them?
124. What are the locations and numbers of Housing NSW properties vacant during the months of:
 - a. July 2012
 - b. August 2012
 - c. September 2012
 - d. October 2012
 - e. November 2012
 - f. December 2012
 - g. January 2013
 - h. February 2013
 - i. March 2013
 - j. April 2013
 - k. May 2013
125. What is the longest period a Land and Housing Corporation property has remained vacant in
 - a. 2011-12
 - b. 2012-13

126. In relation to the Mortgage Assistance program, how applications were received in
- 2011-12
 - 2012-13
127. In relation to the Mortgage Assistance program, how many applications were successful in
- 2011-12
 - 2012-13
128. The Minister's media release of 8 May 2013, Homelessness Services to Continue, stated that the Commonwealth made a contribution of \$29m "with an over-matched contribution of up to \$36m from the NSW Government".
129. Can you please outline what departments and programs contributed to that amount of "up to \$36million"?
130. Did any of the money come from counselling services run through Fair Trading, Leaving out-of-home-Care program in your own Department, Juvenile Justice or Correctional Services?
131. With regard to caseworker assessment centres, how many assessment centres have been held since 1 August 2011 to 1 August 2013.
- Where have these assessment centres been held?
 - When were these assessment centres held?
132. How many case workers have been employed from each of the assessment centres held during 1 August 2011 to 1 August 2013?

Housing

I refer to the Anzac Parade Urban Activation Precincts Corridor community consultations at Malabar on 13 June 2013 and in particular the impact if any, on the housing estates Coral Sea, Namatjira, Soldier's Settlement, Bilga and Mirrabooka.

133. Can the Minister advise what housing estates in the area have been identified as suitable for redevelopment?
134. Can the Minister advise
- If the redevelopment will be for high rise buildings?
 - If so, how many stories will each redeveloped building have?
 - How many properties will be
 - social housing
 - community housing
 - private housing
 - one bedroom, two bedrooms, three bedroom properties
135. Can the Minister advise if there will be an increase, decrease or no increase in the number of social housing properties available as a result of the redevelopment?

136. Where will residents from the estates being redeveloped, be relocated to during the time of the redevelopment?
137. Will they be able to return to their redeveloped properties or will they be relocated to a similar property in the area?
138. How long will the redevelopment take?
139. Can the Minister advise how the \$149 million allocated in the Budget will be used to “improve the lives of Aboriginal people through safe, good quality housing”?
140. Can the Minister advise how many properties will benefit from the \$26 million allocated in the Budget for the repair and maintenance of dwellings in the Aboriginal community housing sector ?
141. In what towns and suburbs are those properties located?
142. Where will the 103 new properties be located that are scheduled to be built under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing?
143. How will the \$11 million allocated in the Budget to reform and strengthen the Aboriginal community under the NSW Build and Grow strategy be used?

Women

1. During the 2013/14 budget estimates hearing on Women, Ms Maura Boland (Deputy Director General, Department of Family and Community Services,) and Minister Goward confirmed that the 2012/2013 funding for the men’s domestic violence telephone counselling Service was \$600 000. Ms Goward confirmed that the entirety of the \$600 000 was spent in 2012/13. Ms Linda Matthews (Executive Director, Women NSW) said that the programme is “about to start in October. There is really not a lot to evaluate yet” (page 35).
 - a. has not commenced yet?
 - b. Given that the first \$600,000 of the \$2 million over three years has been spent, this programme has a funding allocation of an average of \$700 000 a year for the next two years.
 - c. What has the Government spent \$600,000 on during 2012/13 if the programme
 - i. How are the pre-operations costs spent in 2012/13 equivalent to the allocated budget for running the programme in 2013/14, particularly given that this is not a new programme, but an extension of the Victorian service provider, Men’s Referral Service Inc’s telephone counselling service?
2. The Local Domestic and Family Violence Committee Grants programme has been allocated \$80 000 in the 2013/14 Budget.
 - a. The goal of this funding stream is to “support Local Domestic and Family Violence Committees in raising awareness about the impact of violence against women and the local services and support available within their communities”. How will the Government assess whether this programme is effective at:

- i. raising awareness about the impact of violence against women and the support services available, and
 - ii. reducing domestic and family violence?
 - b. The closing date for a similar program in 2012/13 was November 2012; How many applicants were successful in securing a grant?
 - i. What percentage of applicants were successful?
 - ii. Who were the successful grant applications?
 - iii. What specific projects received grants?
 - iv. When did they each project receive funding
3. Of the \$3 million allocated to the Domestic and Family Violence Funding Programme, \$80,000 is allocated to Local Domestic and Family Violence Committee Grants, and \$600,000 for the men's telephone service. To what programmes is the rest of this funding allocated?
4. In the 2012/13 budget estimates questions on notice, your department declined to answer questions on Government strategies on cancer screening awareness, female self-harm rates, assault rates against Indigenous girls, encouraging girls in STEM subjects, reports that many women feel unsafe on public transport at night, and gendered pay gaps in the public service, and referred the questioners to your colleagues in other portfolios. These are all areas highlighted within the Women in NSW Report.
 - a. Does Women NSW directly liaise with the Health, Police and Emergency Services, Education, and Transport Ministers, and Premier and Cabinet Portfolio to respond to these issues?
 - b. In both the 2012/13 and 2013/14 Budget Estimates processes, the Minister has been asked about self-harm rates in women and referred the questioner to the Health Minister. The rates have continued to rise during this time.
 - c. The Minister said at the 2013/14 budget estimates hearing that Women NSW is very happy to work collaboratively with the health department on self-harming. What will this work consist specifically entail?
5. Was the Women in NSW 2013 Report prepared by Family and Community Services staff, or an external consulting body?
 - a. How much public money was spent creating this report?
 - b. Were the graphics, photography, and design created by Family and Community Services staff, or was this conducted by an external body?
 - i. If so, what was the cost of this work?
6. Minister it is true that you have deliberately kept Caseworker positions vacant to save money?
7. How many of those caseworkers positions are vacant as of today?
8. What is the current number of caseworkers in Mt.Druitt as of today?
9. What is the current number of caseworkers in Campbelltown?

10. When will the Community Assessment Centre in Western Sydney be re-opened?
11. What processes are in place to ensure the best people are employed in the caseworker roles?
12. When do you intend revisiting the underfunded Unit Costs with the NGO's?
13. The children in care numbers have risen over the past 2 years, what action is being taken to reduce these numbers?
14. How many teams were operating in Mt. Druitt, St. Mary's & Coniston in 2011?
15. How many teams are currently operating in those area's today?
16. Will you be re-funding the Welfare Right Centre? If so, when?
17. Is there any JIRT not funded by your agency?
 - a. What is your department doing to match the police numbers in JIRT, so that they can provide joint responses?
18. Are there the right number of case workers in the in the right areas?
19. Are the case workers given all the resources they require to carry out their jobs effectively?
20. Minister what assessments are being made to understand that caseworker needs are being met?
21. What support are caseworkers provided with?
22. Your Department has put out a tender for the Child Well Being units – does this mean you will be closing these units down or transferring management of them?
23. Keeping Them Safe funding finishes this year, is the funding to continue? If so, for how much longer?
24. Will Community Builders continue Minister? If so, is there a fixed term and what is that fixed term?
25. Is it your intention to abolish a stand-alone Children's Commissioner in NSW?
26. What was the exact amount of funding that was transferred to the NGO sector for the Brighter Futures program in 2012? How does this equate to the transfer of staff positions from Statutory Child Protection?
27. What was the total budget allocation for Brighter Futures in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14?
28. Budget Paper 3 shows that the number of families supported by the early intervention program Brighter Future's has dropped by more than 600 between 2010/11 and 2013/14

- forecast. How many of these families have been picked up by Strengthening Families and why is this not shown in the budget?
29. What was the budget allocation for the Strengthening Families program in 2012-13 and 2013-14?
 30. How many FTE staff were employed in Strengthening Families in 2012-13?
 31. Please provide a breakdown of the number of FTE staff employed in Strengthening Families in each Community Services Centre in 2012-13?
 32. How many families participated in Strengthening Families in 2011-12 and 2012-13?
 33. How is the Strengthening Families program different from statutory child protection casework?
 34. If there has been the 'said' transfer of Brighter Futures caseworker positions to Strengthening Families in Statutory Child Protection, why aren't more children and young people reported as being at risk of significant harm receiving a face-to-face assessment?
 35. What was the total number of FTE regional management and corporate services staff reallocated from Early Intervention to other areas of the Community Services budget?
 36. What was the total amount of funding reallocated from Early Intervention (to other areas of the Community Services budget) for regional management and corporate services staff?
 37. How many children a night in NSW are sleeping in a motel room funded by your department Minister?
 38. How many of the out of home care providers listed on your department's website are not-for-profit?
 - a. How much money are they receiving for their services?
 39. What is the specific amount being spent on early intervention, prevention?
 40. Do you or your department have a plan or proposal to increase funding into early intervention or prevention?
 41. What sort of oversight does FACS have of OOHC providers?
 - a. Are on the spot checks of foster carers done?
 - b. How can you guarantee the quality of these new providers?
 42. How is the process of funding managed?
 43. Why has the strategy to increase the subsidy for adoption not been implemented yet? No extra payments for restoration? Why haven't the agencies been informed how to access the extra funds?

44. Non placement programs – adoption and youth support, both funded out of oohc budget, on contract for a 6 monthly basis for the past 18 months. A review was done months ago, and still no answers. Will funding be continued? When will the agencies be notified?
45. Has the Sustaining NSW Families Program been evaluated?
 - c. If the program has been evaluated, is the report publicly available?
 - d. Does the Department have any plans to expand the program so that it is available to vulnerable families in other areas of the State?
 - e. If not, why not?
46. According to the Government's Annual Report, NSW women, especially indigenous women and women in remote or rural area, who have a higher rate of preventable hospitalisation, what are you doing as the Minister for Women to change?
47. Minister what are you doing to help Women from NESB and low-socio economic backgrounds who tend to experience high or very high psychological distress?
48. What are you and the Minister for Health doing to reduce the high numbers of women from low socio-economic status who smoke?
49. Girls are 14% less likely to complete STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects at HSC level, what are you doing to reverse this trend?
50. What is your Government doing to change the statistics in relation to the underemployment for women and women experiencing underutilisation of their skills?
51. Aboriginal women experienced unemployment at nearly 3 times the rate of the non-Aboriginal women. As the Minister for Women, what you doing to support Aboriginal women?
52. Please provide an update about the equal remuneration order in regards to its implementation?
53. Can the Minister provide details of the start date and progress of the Social Benefit Bonds of \$1 million provided in 2013-14 for the implementation of the Newpin Social Benefit Bond (\$8.5 million over four years)?
54. Can the Minister provide details of the start date and progress of the Social Benefit Bonds of \$1 \$5.75 million will be provided in 2013-14 for a second social benefit bond?
55. Can the Minister provide details about the Domestic and family violence program of \$3 million?
56. When will the men's telephone counselling and referral service start, where will the operators be located?
57. What are the qualifications of operators and counsellors?
58. Please advise if the Government will provide a progress report on this new initiative?

59. Please provide a report on the applicants and projects regarding the Investing in Women, the participation of girls and women in non-traditional trades, with funding of \$200,000.
60. Minister, in relation to the \$24.5 Million to deliver for vulnerable young people women and children escaping violence, when will the construction of these homes be started?
61. Will the work be put out to tender, if so what is the timetable?
62. Will you provide a progress report?
63. You have stated 50 homes to be built? What is the cost of constructing each property?
64. Women make up 69% of victims of Domestic Violence, 79% of female victims are assaulted by males only, and 70% of overall offenders are men, in 2012, 27 out of 35 female homicide victims were women killed in a domestic context, while 11 out of 57 men were killed in a domestic context. Similarly, 8 out of 9 attempted murders of females were domestic. 84% of sexual assault victims were women. How much additional funding will your government provide to implement the Domestic Violence Inquiry recommendations?
65. What is the total budget for Women's NSW?
66. Advise the number of staff that are employed in Women's NSW?
67. How many are temporary?
68. How many are part time?
69. How many are full time?
70. How many are contractors?
 - a. If there are contractors, please indicate the start and finish date of their contracts? What is the remuneration of each contractor and position description, how were they contracted?
71. How women are employed in Women's NSW?
72. As the Minister for Women in NSW, please provide details of your policy to increase the number of women in Local Government?
73. As the Minister for Women in NSW, please provide details of your policy to increase the number of women in senior positions in the NSW Public Service?
74. Minister, according to Local Government figures, there are close to 400 apprentices that work in Council across NSW, 10% are women. Will you make contact with the Local Government sector to discuss the low numbers of female apprentices and how to reverse these low numbers?
75. Minister, please provide a list of the number of women who've lost their jobs under your Government's 15,000 job cuts.

76. How many women are part time in the NSW Public service?
77. What is your policy to ensure women working in the NSW Public Service are not harassed because they work part time.
78. If this is happening, what course of action can they take.
79. How do you keep track to ensure agencies are allowing workers to take Domestic Violence Leave.
80. What are you doing across agencies to ensure this policy is being followed and implemented across the agencies, state owned corporations and public trading enterprises?
81. Now that Richard Torbay has resigned from the NSW Parliament, will you reintroduce your original policy that allowed members of the Legislative Council to nominate women to be Woman of the Year and to be placed on the NSW Women's Honour Roll? If not, why not?
82. Is the Minister aware that members of the Legislative Council are elected to represent the whole of the state of NSW and therefore have an electorate of all of NSW?

Miscellaneous

1. What is your relationship to Michael Photios?
2. How often do you speak with him?
3. Have you met with clients of PremierState?
4. On how many occasions and what dates did you meet with Michael Photios or representatives of PremierState?
5. What was discussed at these meetings?
6. On how many occasions have you declined to meet with Michael Photios or a client of PremierState?
7. Did you attend his wedding?
8. Did Michael Photios vote in your preselection?
9. Have you met with lobbyists other than PremierState?
10. On how many occasions have you met with a lobbyist, and what were the dates of these meetings?
11. Which lobbyists have you met with, and what was discussed?
12. On how many occasions have you declined to meet with a lobbyist?

13. To deliver greater transparency and accountability, will you publish a monthly online diary of all meetings with lobbyists?
14. In order to deliver greater transparency and accountability, as promised by the Premier, will you commit to keeping a record of all lobbying activities and documentation and allow them to be subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act?
15. Since becoming a Minister, have you taken any interstate or intrastate trips involving overnight accommodation or flights?
16. Will you provide a list to the committee of the details of all travel?
17. Have you taken any trips intrastate or interstate to attend Liberal/National Party functions? What are the details of the trips including dates and costs?
18. Have you taken any trips intrastate or interstate to attend lobbyists' functions? What are the details of the trips including dates and costs?
19. Were these trips paid for by the taxpayer?
20. Were these trips booked through the government travel management system?
21. Since becoming a Minister, have you paid back money to the state because you booked unauthorised travel with the government travel management system? How much? When did you travel? When did you pay back the money? How many occasions has this happened?
22. Have you had meetings scheduled interstate or intrastate on Fridays or weekends which involved you staying overnight?
23. Did you take your spouse/partner on these trips?
24. Have any members of your staff made complaints to or raised concerns with you, your Chief of Staff or the Department of Premier and Cabinet about bullying in your office?
25. If so, have any members of your staff resigned or been removed from their position after making such a complaint or raising such concerns?
26. How many blackberries or smart phones are assigned to your staff?
27. For each phone, how much was each bill in the 2012/13 financial year?
28. How many have phones have been lost in your office?
29. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
30. How many iPads or tablet computers does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?

31. How many iPads or tablet computers have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
32. How many iPhones or other smart phones does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
33. How many iPhones or other smart phones have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
34. How many iPhones or other smart phones have been lost in your office?
35. How many iPads or tablet computers have been lost in your office?
36. What is the cost of replacing those phones or iPads or tablet computers?
37. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?
38. What is the forecast for 2013/14 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?
39. Have any of your overseas trips in the past year been paid for in part or in full by using public money? If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?
40. What is the annual remuneration package for your chief of staff?
41. What is the annual remuneration package for your head media advisor?
42. What is the annual remuneration package for each of your staff?
43. What is the estimated expenditure for your office budget in 2012-13?
44. Have any office renovations or fit outs been undertaken in your ministerial office since April, 2011? If so, could you give details of contracted costs?
45. What is your Ministerial office budget for 2013/14?
46. How many political advisors are in your office?
47. How many administration staff?
48. How many Department Liaison Officers are assigned to your office?
49. How many staff in the Department are assigned to Ministerial support duties?
50. Are any contractors or consultants working in your ministerial office? If so, in what capacities?
51. How much did your Ministerial office spend on contractors or consultants?

52. How much did your Ministerial office spend on taxi fares, including Cabcharge in the 2012/13 financial year?
53. Are any of your portfolio agencies undergoing a restructure?
54. How many jobs are expected to be cut as a result of that restructure?
55. How many people are expected to have their wages cut as a result of that restructure?
56. How many voluntary redundancies were offered in your Departments since April 2011?
57. How many voluntary redundancies were accepted from employees in your Departments since April 2011?
58. How many voluntary redundancies are expected to be offered in 2013/14?
59. How much did your Department(s) spend on catering in 2012/13?
60. How much did your Department(s) spend on stationary in 2012/13?
61. What is your Department's catering budget?
62. What is your Department's stationary budget?
63. 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?
64. How long is the average turnaround for responding to correspondence in your Department(s)?
65. How many pieces of correspondence have been outstanding for more than 60 days?
66. In 2012/13 how many invoices has your Department(s) failed to pay a supplier or contractor for more than 30 days?
67. As a result of late payment, how much penalty interest has been paid to contractors since 1 January 2011?
68. How many invoices have been outstanding for longer than 60 days?
69. 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 2013/2013?

- h. What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?
 - i. Have any provisions been included in grant agreements to prohibit these organisations from criticising the Government or any of its policies?
70. How many contractors has your Department(s) retained since 1 July 2013 and at what cost?
71. What is the current level of Aboriginal employment within your Department(s)?
72. How has that changed since 1 July 2012?
73. Since 1 July 2011, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your Department(s)?
74. 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?