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1. Is it proposed to replace a number of trades classifications within Facilities Maintenance Service Operation, including communications, electricians, litter operators, painters, plumbers and mechanical fitter with four Building Technicians?
 - a. What minimum trade qualifications will the Building Technician be required to hold?
 - b. What trade licences will these Building Technicians be required to hold?
 - c. Will the parliament continue to employ at least one licensed electrician?
 - d. Will the parliament continue to employ at least one licensed plumber?
2. What was the original estimated cost of the Level 9 Corporate Accommodation Project?
 - a. When was that estimate made?
 - b. Have there been any subsequent cost estimates?
 - i. If so, when were those estimates made and what were they?
3. Is Mr Ray Carter still being paid as an electorate office or other classification for the Member of Terrigal?
 - a. If so, is Mr Carter on suspension with full pay?
 - b. If so, for how long has Mr Carter been on suspension?
 - c. Is the matter of Mr Carter's suspension awaiting the finding of a body?
 - d. If so, when is it expected that that body will release findings?
 - e. If not, why is Mr Carter still on suspension?
 - f. Is the Parliament providing a replacement for Mr Carter in the electorate office of the member for Terrigal?
 - i. If so, when did that position commence and how much has it cost the Parliament to date?

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4. What procedures are in place to ensure that proper stock and inventory usage can be assured in the Catering Section of the Dept. of Parliamentary Services?
5. Can copies of these policies or guidelines be supplied to the Committee?
6. Why was the display cabinet outside the Post Office on level 7 removed?
7. In the LC Strategic Plan one key project for 2013-14 is to enhance the Parliament House visitor experience. How does the removal of the sale of souvenirs fit with that key project?
8. Was the Post Office provided with any compensation for the loss of this revenue stream? If not, why not?
9. Are you concerned that unlike many parliaments both in Australia and world-wide, visitors now have no opportunity to purchase a souvenir of their visit?
10. What loss of income has the parliament incurred since the removal of the display cabinet?
11. Do you have any plans to allow the sale of souvenirs to visitors in the near future?
12. Why in the LC Strategic Plan Key Projects for 2013-2014 is there no mention of extra services for members?
13. When will LC members' offices, furniture and fittings be upgraded to meet the OH&S requirements of the 21st century?
14. Why is the policy for the establishment of Parliamentary Friendship Groups being reviewed?
15. What problems have occurred with the current policy?
16. If complaints have been received from members or the community, can copies be provided to the Committee, If not, why not?
17. Why is it claimed that it is not possible to have Co-Convenors of Friendship Groups, as this is a clear demonstration of the bi-partisan nature of such groups?
18. When will this review be completed?
19. Will consultation be held with members and or the existing friendship groups? If not, why not? If so, when will this happen and what form will these consultations take?
20. How often are emergency evacuation drills held in the Parliament?
21. What is the current number of full time cleaners employed directly by the parliament?
 - a) What was this number in the 2012/13 financial year?
 - b) What was this number in the 2011/12 financial year?

22. What is the current number of part time cleaners employed directly by the parliament?
- What was this number in the 2012/13 financial year?
 - What was this number in the 2011/12 financial year?
23. What is the current number of casual cleaners employed directly by the parliament?
- What was this number in the 2012/13 financial year?
 - What was this number in the 2011/12 financial year?
24. What is the current number of subcontractor cleaners employed by the parliament?
- What was this number in the 2012/13 financial year?
 - What was this number in the 2011/12 financial year?
25. What is the current cleaning staff to cleaning area ratio?
- What was the cleaning staff ratio in the 2012/13 financial year?
 - What was the cleaning staff ratio in the 2011/12 financial year?
26. What is the current number of full time building services staff employed directly by the parliament?
- What was this number in the 2012/13 financial year?
 - What was this number in the 2011/12 financial year?
27. What is the current number of part time building services staff employed directly by the parliament?
- What was this number in the 2012/13 financial year?
 - What was this number in the 2011/12 financial year?
28. What is the current number of casual building services staff employed directly by the parliament?
- What was this number in the 2012/13 financial year?

- b) What was this number in the 2011/12 financial year?
29. What is the current number of subcontractor building services staff employed by the parliament?
- a) What was this number in the 2012/13 financial year?
- b) What was this number in the 2011/12 financial year?
30. What procedures does the Parliament have in place to ensure the adequate provision of and taking of breaks as required by relevant work agreements in:
- a) Hansard
- b) Cleaning
- c) Catering
- d) Building Services

General

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. How many times has Michael Photios or PremierState held functions in the President's Dining room since April 2011?

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11. How many times has Michael Photios or PremierState held functions in other areas of Parliament House since April 2011?
12. On how many occasions have you met with a lobbyist, and what were the dates of these meetings?
13. Which lobbyists have you met with, and what was discussed?
14. On how many occasions have you declined to meet with a lobbyist?
15. To deliver greater transparency and accountability, will you publish a monthly online diary of all meetings with lobbyists?
16. 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?
17. Since becoming President, have you taken any interstate or intrastate trips involving overnight accommodation or flights?
18. Will you provide a list to the committee of the details of all travel?
19. 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?
20. Have you taken any trips intrastate or interstate to attend lobbyists' functions? What are the details of the trips including dates and costs?
21. Were these trips paid for by the taxpayer?
22. Were these trips booked through the government travel management system?
23. Since becoming President, 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?
24. Have you had meetings scheduled interstate or intrastate on Fridays or weekends which involved you staying overnight?
25. Did you take your spouse/partner on these trips?
26. Have any members of your staff made complaints to or raised concerns with you, your Chief of Staff or the Department of Parliamentary Services about bullying in your office?
27. If so, have any members of your staff resigned or been removed from their position after making such a complaint or raising such concerns?
28. How many blackberries or smart phones are assigned to your staff?

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29. For each phone, how much was each bill in the 2012/13 financial year?
30. How many have phones have been lost in your office?
31. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
32. How many iPads or tablet computers does DPS assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
33. How many iPads or tablet computers have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
34. How many iPhones or other smart phones does DPS assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
35. How many iPhones or other smart phones have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
36. How many iPhones or other smart phones have been lost in your office?
37. How many iPads or tablet computers have been lost in your office?
38. What is the cost of replacing those phones or iPads or tablet computers?
39. Have any of your overseas trips in the past year been paid for in part or in full by using public money?
40. If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?
41. How much did your office spend on taxi fares, including Cabcharge in the 2012/13 financial year?
42. Are any of Parliament's areas undergoing a restructure?
43. How many jobs are expected to be cut as a result of that restructure?
44. How many people are expected to have their wages cut as a result of that restructure?
45. How many voluntary redundancies were offered in the Parliament since April 2011?
46. How many voluntary redundancies were accepted from employees in the Parliament since April 2011?
47. How many voluntary redundancies are expected to be offered in 2013/14?
48. How much did your office spend on catering in 2012/13?

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49. How much did your office spend on stationary in 2012/13?
50. What is your office's catering budget?
51. What is your office's stationary budget?
52. In 2012/13 how many invoices has the Parliament failed to pay a supplier or contractor for more than 30 days?
53. As a result of late payment, how much penalty interest has been paid to contractors since 1 January 2011?
54. How many contractors has the Parliament retained since 1 July 2013 and at what cost?
55. What is the current level of Aboriginal employment within the Parliament?
56. How has that changed since 1 July 2012?
57. Is the Parliament 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?