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Questions from Mr Secord

Premier

1. Does the NSW Public Service Commission have an Aboriginal Employment Policy and target employment levels?
2. What is the current level of employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the NSW Public Service by agency/department and what were the figures for each of these agencies/departments for the last 3 financial years?
3. Does the NSW Public Service Commission have a Disability Employment Policy and target employment levels?
4. What is the current level of employment of people with disabilities in the NSW Public Service by agency/department and what were the figures for each of these agencies/departments for the last 3 financial years?
5. How many placements have been made available under the Kickstart program for the employment of young people in the 2012-2013 financial year
6. How many places were made available for each of the past two financial years?
7. How many of these places were for young people in rural and regional areas, for young people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds and for young people with disabilities (for the current and last two years)
8. How many phones are assigned to your staff?
9. For each phone, how much was each bill in the 2011/12 financial year?
10. How many have phones have been lost in your office?
11. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
12. How many iPads does DPC assign to your office and to whom have they been issued?
13. How many iPads have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
14. How many iPads have been lost in your office?
15. What is the cost of replacing those iPads?
16. How many media or public relations advisers are employed by DPC?
17. What is the forecast for 2012-13 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?

18. 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?

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

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

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

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

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

a. If so, could you give details of contracted costs?

24. What is your Ministerial office budget for 2012/13?

25. How many political advisors are in your office?

26. How many administration staff?

27. How many Department Liaison Officers are assigned to your office?

28. How many staff in the Department are assigned to Ministerial support duties?

29. Are any contractors or consultants working in your ministerial office?

a. If so, in what capacities?

30. How much did your Ministerial office spend on contractors or consultants?

31. How much did your office spend on taxi fares, including Cabcharge in the 2011/12 financial year?

32. Is the Department of Premier and Cabinet undergoing a restructure?

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

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

35. How many voluntary redundancies were offered in DPC since April 2011?

36. How many voluntary redundancies were accepted from employees in DPC since April 2011?

37. How many voluntary redundancies are expected to be offered in 2012/13?
38. How much did DPC spend on catering in 2011/12?
39. How much did DPC spend on stationary in 2011/12?
40. What is DPC's catering budget?
41. What is DPC's stationary budget?
42. Since April 2011 have any of the agencies in your Department changed its branding?
 - a. If so, how much was spent on rebranding the agency?
43. How long is the average turnaround for responding to correspondence?
44. How many pieces of correspondence have been outstanding for more than 60 days?
45. In 2011/12 how many invoices has your Department(s) failed to pay a supplier or contractor for more than 30 days?
46. As a result of late payment, how much penalty interest has been paid to contractors since 1 January 2011?
47. How many invoices have been outstanding for longer than 60 days?
48. Does your department provide recurrent grant funds to non-government organisations?

If yes,

 - a. What are the names of all organisations in receipt of funding?
 - b. What is the total amount of funding received by each organisation including goods and services tax?
 - c. On what date was the funding advanced?
 - d. What was the purpose for each grant or funding advance?
 - e. Was any funding withheld or returned?
 - f. If so, what were the reasons for withholding or requiring the funding to be returned?
 - g. What is the indexation rate applied to non-recurrent grant funds in 2011/2012?
 - h. What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?
49. How many contractors has DPC retained since 1 July 2012 and at what cost?
50. What is the current level of Aboriginal employment within DPC?
51. How has that changed since 1 July 2011?
52. Since 1 July 2011, how much has been spent on charter air flights by DPC?

53. In relation to feasibility studies, audits, taskforces and reviews:

Is your department currently undertaking any feasibility studies, audits, taskforces or reviews? If so; then;

- a. What are the terms of reference or details of each study, audit, taskforce or review?
- b. Who is conducting the study, audit, taskforce or review?
- c. Was each study, audit, taskforce or review was publically advertised seeking expression of interest or competitive tenders?
- d. Is there a contract in place detailing terms of engagement for the study, audit, taskforce or review?
- e. What is the timeline of each study, audit, taskforce or review?
- f. What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

58. Has the Premier been provided with Speech, Voice or Media Training since becoming Premier? If so, then;

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60. Have any DPC engaged consultants in the 2011/12 financial year?
61. If yes, which companies were engaged for consultancy services in the 2011/12 financial year?
62. For what purposes has DPC engaged consultants?
63. How much has DPC spent on consultants in the 2011/12 financial year?
64. What is DPC's budget for consultants in the 2012/13 financial year?
65. Has DPC sponsored any organisations or events in the 2011/12 financial year?
66. If yes, which organisations and events were sponsored in the 2011/12 financial year?
67. How much did DPC spend on sponsoring organisations and events in the 2011/12 financial year?
68. What is DPC's budget for sponsorship in the 2012/13 financial year?
69. Prior to the 2011 election, the Liberal/Nationals committed to "build light rail in the CBD". Given the Infrastructure NSW report warns against building light rail in the CBD, is this commitment under reconsideration by the Government?
70. On how many occasions has the Director General of Transport for NSW, Les Wielinga attended Infrastructure NSW Board meetings?
71. Has the Premier spoken to Peter Grimshaw since he resigned on April 3 2012?
72. On how many occasions have you spoken to him?
73. What was the nature of those discussions?
74. Has the Premier provided Mr Grimshaw with a reference for any position of employment?
75. Has Mr Grimshaw performed any work for the Premier or a Government Minister?
76. If yes, how much has he been paid for that work?
77. Which Minister(s) has he performed work for?

78. What is the nature of that work?

79. Are you aware of Mr Grimshaw doing work for any agency in the NSW Government?

80. If yes, how much has he been paid for that work?

81. Which Department has he performed work for?

82. What is the nature of that work?

Western Sydney

1. As Minister for Western Sydney do you have:

- a. An office in Western Sydney?
 - i. If so, where the office is located, which person or business owns the premises, what is the floor space, what is the annual rent, what is the staffing of the office and how frequently, if ever, do you work out of that office?
- b. Dedicated staff to deal with this portfolio responsibility?
 - i. If so, how many staff are there and what is their annual remuneration and in which office are they located?

2. How many times in the last twelve months have you visited Western Sydney in your capacity as Minister for Western Sydney?

3. With whom did you meet and what was the purpose of the meetings?

4. Were you accompanied by any family members, staff or friends during those visits? If so who accompanied you on each trip and what was the cost to the taxpayer of this?

5. How many representations have you made to other Ministers in your capacity as the Minister for Western Sydney and what was the nature of those representations?

End of questions from Mr Secord.

Questions from Dr Kaye

Premier

1. What is the Premier doing to address climate change and local health and economic impacts of coal mining and the use of coal to generate electricity in NSW?
2. In the context of the government's often asserted need to tighten the budget across a range of departments, will the Premier rule out boosting the administration funding of small political parties?
 - a. If not, in the context of education and health spending cuts, how can the Premier justify spending additional public funds on a political party?
3.
 - a. Was the decision to establish an inquiry into the administration funding of minor political parties taken after consultation with representatives of the Shooters and Fishers Party or the Christian Democratic Party? If so, with which party and on what date did this consultation take place?
 - b. Did you or any member of your office discuss the establishment of this inquiry with any representative of the Shooters and Fishers Party or Christian Democratic Party? If so, with which party and on what date did this discussion take place?
 - c. Was the establishment of this inquiry at any stage mentioned as an inducement or reward for Upper House MPs in the Christian Democratic Party or Shooters and Fishers Party voting for government legislation?
4. Will the Premier introduce legislation to create caps on political donations and electoral communication expenditure that apply to local government elections as they apply to state elections?
5. Will the Premier introduce legislation to ensure that parties are required to disclose how much it spent on each state electorate to avoid suspicions around undetectable breaches of the spending cap in some marginal electorates?
6. As the Premier:
 - a. Are you aware that the Heritage Council of NSW has adopted the Burra Charter and thus its associated guidelines?
 - b. As these guidelines require State management and conservation of NSW Heritage List items, what are the specifics of NSW management including maintenance funding and completed work over recent years for the iconic NSW heritage-listed Parramatta Female Factory Precinct (PFFP) buildings including at Kamballa (Dept of Community Services), Norma Parker (Dept of Corrective Services) and Cumberland Hospital (Dept of Health)?
 - c. Given the dilapidated state of many of the PFFP heritage buildings, what are the current forward estimates for funding and works completion timelines for the PFFP component for each of these departments?
 - d. Given the PFFP includes Australia's oldest existing convict women's site, which predates all but two of the 11 Australian convict sites on the UNESCO World Heritage List, do you support this iconic site being considered urgently for National and/or World Heritage Listing?

Western Sydney

1. As the Minister for Western Sydney, how can you justify the fact that 5 out of 272 NSW public schools to lose funding under Every Student Every School are in the Penrith local government area?
2. As the Minister for Western Sydney, what steps are you taking to increase investment in public transport for Western Sydney residents?
3. How does building more tollway roads assist Western Sydney residents in their quality of life and costs of living?
4.
 - a. Is it true that the Mount Druitt TAFE Plumbing section has had its budget reduced this semester by \$50,000 whilst delivering services to the same number of apprentices?
 - b. Is it also true that the same section has been ordered by management to deliver another \$80,000 in efficiency savings via reducing teaching hours for stage 3 plumbing apprentices?
 - c. Given that there is currently a skills shortage in the plumbing industry, as the Minister for Western Sydney, what steps are you taking to ensure that the quality of teaching in the Mount Druitt TAFE plumbing section remains high?
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 - b. As these guidelines require State management and conservation of NSW Heritage List items, what are the specifics of NSW management including maintenance funding and completed work over recent years for the iconic NSW heritage listed Parramatta Female Factory Precinct buildings including at Kamballa (Dept of Community Services), Norma Parker (Dept of Corrective Services) and Cumberland Hospital (Dept of Health)?
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6. Can the Minister explain how cutting \$2 million from TAFE in Western Sydney for Fine Arts, the only place in Western Sydney to study Fine Arts considering that the University of Western Sydney closed its programs sometime ago and consequently closing the door of opportunity for people in Western Sydney who may be interested in pursuing a career in Fine Arts, is needed to meet the NSW Government's financial imperatives whilst the government at the same time approved TCorp spending \$4.43 million on a complete office overhaul, including furniture and fittings, at its offices in Governor Phillip Tower?

End of questions from Dr Kaye.