

**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013
GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO.2**

Supplementary Questions for the Minister for Sport and Recreation, the Hon. Graham Annesley MP

1. Are the minutes of the Advisory committee's (sic) of Venues NSW publicly available?

No.

2. On the 10 Oct 2011 in the Illawarra Mercury you advised that an "independent assessment" would be provided on the WIN Stadium roof collapse. Can you advise if that report has been completed and when it will be released publicly?

This question should be referred to the Minister responsible for Public Works – Minister for Finance and Services, the Hon Greg Pearce MLC.

3. Will you be holding any function to celebrate the historic consecutive win of the T20 Cricket World Cup by the Southern Stars Australian Women's Cricket Team?

Yes.

4. How many blackberries are assigned to your staff?

In 2011/12, 179 phones were assigned to the Premier's and Ministers' offices.

5. For each phone, how much was each bill in the 2011/12 financial year?

The total expenditure on mobile phones by the Premier's office and Ministers' offices as represented in the Department's financial system is set out in the table below. Please note that this expenditure may include mobile phone purchase costs as the financial system does not separate the purchase costs and mobile usage charges.

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Premier's Office	\$103,152	\$76,457	\$68,475	\$27,570
Ministers' Offices	\$475,539	\$358,396	\$120,285	\$169,655
TOTAL	\$578,691	\$434,854	\$188,761	\$197,226

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

6. How many have phones have been lost in your office?

For Premier's office and Ministers' offices, the number of phones lost was -

2011/12

Premier	1
Ministers	5
TOTAL	6

7. What is the cost of replacing those phones?

The cost is the normal contract price and this cost is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund.

8. How many iPads does DPC assign to your office and to whom have they been issued?

For Premier's office and Ministers' offices the number of iPads issued was as follows -

2011/12

Premier	10
Ministers	43
TOTAL	53

9. How many iPads have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?

iPads are supplied by the Department of Premier and Cabinet and have not been purchased by Ministers' offices.

13. How many iPads have been lost in your office?

For Premier's office and Ministers' offices, the number of iPads lost or stolen was as follows -

2011/12

Premier	1
Ministers	0
TOTAL	1

14. What is the cost of replacing those phones or iPads?

The cost is the normal contract price and this cost is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund.

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

Three people are employed in the sport and recreation services group to provide public information.

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

There is no anticipated change in the number staff employed to provide public information in the sport and recreation services group during 2012-13. The cost of these positions in 2011-12 was \$416,000.

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

Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website at

http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Premier	\$7,002,312	\$8,500,000	\$9,075,038	\$5,309,465	\$5,744,838
Ministers	\$39,673,567	\$40,334,000	\$40,978,962	\$31,516,017	\$34,358,767
TOTAL	\$46,675,879	\$48,834,000	\$50,054,000	\$36,825,482	\$40,103,605

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

24. How many political advisors are in your office?

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25. How many administration staff?

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

The assignment of DLOs to Ministerial offices is in accordance with the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Circular C2010-35 Department Liaison Officers, implemented under the former Labor Government.

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

Nil.

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

29. If so, in what capacities?

Nil.

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

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

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

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

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

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

32. Are any of your portfolio agencies undergoing a restructure?

No.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

As outlined in the 2012/13 budget, the Government's 2011-12 program of voluntary redundancies remains on track to reach its target of 5,000 positions.

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

The sport and recreation services group does not have a specific catering budget allocation. Catering costs are part of the other operating expenses budget. The vast bulk of this expenditure relates to Sport and Recreation sport and holiday programs, where meals are provided, and commercial catering operations at Venues NSW stadia.

39. How much did your Department(s) spend on stationary (sic) in 2011/12?

The sport and recreation services group does not have a specific stationery budget allocation. Electronic stationery templates have been created and are available for staff to print on demand. All stocks of existing letterhead stationery continue to be used and are only replaced when stocks have been exhausted.

40. What is your Department's catering budget?

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41. What is your Department's stationary (sic) budget?

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42. Since April 2011 have any of the agencies in your Department(s) changed their branding?

No.

43. If so, how much was spent on rebranding the agency?

Not applicable.

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

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

However, it is not always possible to comply with this time frame for any number of reasons including: the nature and complexity of the matter; stakeholder consultation; or further information required from other Departments and sources.

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

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

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

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

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

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49. 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?

a) to d) Yes. Information on funding provided to non-government organisations is reported publicly in the annual report.

e) No funding was withheld or returned.

f) Not applicable.

g) Non recurrent grant funds are not indexed.

h) No money was spent from Sport and Recreation's recurrent grant program on these activities.

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

I am advised this information is not held centrally for the Government. The number of contractors fluctuates on a daily basis.

51. What is the current level of Aboriginal employment within your Department?

52. How has that changed since 1 July 2011?

2009, 2010 and 2011 data can be found as published in the annual Workforce Profile Snapshot Reports.

2012 data is due to be released when the State of the Public Sector Report is released, late 2012.

These reports can be found on the PSC website:

<http://www.psc.nsw.gov.au/pscinternet/informaiton.page?>

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

53. Since 1 July 2011, how much has been spent on charter air flights by DPC?

All official travel within Australia and overseas is in accordance with M2009-04 "Official Travel within Australia and Overseas" available at www.dpc.nsw.gov.au. Details regarding travel costs are published in the Department's Annual Report.

54. 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?

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

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

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

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

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

57. For what purpose has your Department engaged consultants?

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

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

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

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

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

Yes.

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

Agencies within the sport and recreation portfolio have sponsored organisations as part of the Tackling Violence Program in 2011/12, and these sponsorships are listed on the Office of Communities' website at

<http://www.communities.nsw.gov.au/publications/tacklingviolence.asp> .

Other sponsorships within the sport and recreation portfolio are set out in the table below:

Organisations and Events Sponsored in 2011/12	
Organisations	Events Sponsored
Ballina High School	End Of Year Award Presentation
Barwon Aboriginal Corporation	2011 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Competition
Dalgety Public School	End Of Year Award Presentation
Department of Family and Community Services	The 2011 <i>Don't Dis My Ability</i> Campaign
Jindabyne Central School	End Of Year Award Presentation
NSW Institute Of Sport	Regional Athlete of the Year Award
Outdoor Recreation Industry Council	2012 Industry Council Conference
Snowy Mountains Grammar School	End Of Year Award Presentation
Sydney Olympic Park Authority	Hall of Champions Awards
NSW Sports Federation	2011 Annual Sports Awards

Sydney Olympic Park Authority has commercial agreements in place to attract sport and cultural events to Sydney Olympic Park, although the details are commercial in-confidence.

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

\$701,777.

63. What is your Department budget for sponsorship in the 2012/13 financial year?

The 2012/13 Sport and Recreation portfolio budget includes \$495,000 for sponsorship related expenditure.

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

a. Who conducted the training?

b. When was it conducted?

c. Where was it conducted what were the costs of the training?

d. Who paid for the training?

No.