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Questions from the Hon. Cate Faehrmann MLC

Healthy Lifestyles

1. How has the NSW Government delivered on their pre-election commitment to reform dental services?
2. How many recommendations of the NSW Ministerial Taskforce on Dental Health have been accepted by the NSW Government and implemented?
3. Why does NSW continue to have one of the lowest levels of oral health funding per capita when public dental waiting lists continue to exceed 118,000 (as at March 2012)?
4. How many additional people does the Government estimate will flow back to the public dental system as a result of the closure of the Medicare Chronic Disease Dental Scheme, and how will the Government meet the additional demand for public dental services?

End of questions from the Hon. Cate Faehrmann MLC.

Questions from the Hon. Adam Searle MLC

Mental Health

Mental Health Commission

1. How will the proposed expenditure of \$8.3 million on the Mental Health Commission in 2012-2013¹ be broken down, by program?

New services

2. Budget paper No. 3, p6-5 states there will be \$16 million in additional mental health services at new and expanded mental health facilities.
3. What are each of those new facilities and what will be the expenditure for each of them?
4. Will this expenditure be for the current budget year only or will it be ongoing? If proposed to be ongoing, for what period of time, or is there no time frame proposed?

National Partnerships

5. Budget paper No. 3, p6-5 also states \$14 million will be spent under National Partnerships Agreements to improve care and support of people living with mental illness.²
6. Is this all State Government money?
7. If not, can you please provide the breakdown of what is State money and what the other sources of funding are?
8. Is this expenditure money "new" or "additional" or part on an ongoing project or set of projects?

Capital Expenditure

9. Capital spending for 2011-2012 was proposed to be \$113.829 million.³ Only \$23.605 million⁴ was actually spent.
10. Why was \$90.224 million of the originally proposed capital expenditure budget for 2011-2012 not spent?

¹Budget Estimates 2012-13, Budget Paper No. 3, p6-5

² Budget Estimates 2012-13, Budget Paper No. 3, p6-5

³ Budget Estimates 2012-13, Budget Paper No. 3, p6-9. See also Budget Estimates 2011-12, Budget Paper No. 3, p6-20

⁴ Ibid.

11. Given the capital expenditure delivered in 2011-2012 was only around half of what was delivered in the previous 2010-2011 budget year, how will you ensure this year's proposed capital expenditure will be invested as the Parliament intends?
12. What was the proposed capital expenditure budget for 2011-2012 of \$113.829 million to be spent on, by amount per project and location?
13. What was delivered as part of the \$23.605 million spent by amount per project and location?
14. What was not delivered as part of the \$90.224 million underspend for capital works?

Clinical Services Plan

15. When will the Clinical Services Plan commissioned by the Mid North Coast Local Health District be
 - a) Completed; and
 - b) Publicly released?

Healthy Lifestyles

16. Given the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012 comes into effect on 7 January 2013, how many extra public health officers will be employed to monitor compliance?
17. Given the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012 comes into effect on 7 January 2013, how much money has been budgeted to employ more compliance officers?
18. If the Government intends on maintaining the current number of inspectors in each Local Health District employed to enforce compliance of the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012 by 7 January 2013, what procedures or systems will be introduced to ensure inspectors can cope with the increased responsibilities?
19. What are the compliance benchmarks that each Local Health District is expected to meet in order to ensure the objectives of the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012 are achieved? If so what are they?
20. In terms of compliance benchmarks, how often will each playground, bus stop, taxi rank, train platform, sporting spectator area and pedestrian access point in each Local Health District; be monitored from 7 January 2013, to ensure compliance with the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012?
21. How much funding has been allocated for the administration of the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012 for 2012-13?

22. What is the proposed funding expected to be to enforce compliance of the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012 for the budget following periods:
 - a) 2013-2014
 - b) 2014-2015
23. Are the smoking restrictions, prescribed in the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012, set to be introduced on 7 January 2013 applicable to crowd and fair areas in racing shows that take place in Country NSW?
24. Are the smoking restrictions, prescribed in the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012, set to be introduced on 6 July 2015 applicable to temporary structures such as tents and marquees where food is served, especially in pavilions/marquees that are set up in racing shows that take place in Country NSW?
25. Considering the implementation of the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012 will come into effect in less than 3 months, what education/information programs have been implemented to ensure business owners, Councils, building managers and the public in general are aware of the new laws and their implications?
26. If there are education/information programs currently in place to advise the community of the changes being introduced under the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012, how much funding has been budgeted for this campaign?
27. What specific funding has been allocated for education/ information programs to inform the community of changes being introduced under the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012 for the following financial periods:
 - a) 2013-2014
 - b) 2014-2015
28. In terms of compliance, how does the Government intend to ensure the reforms detailed in the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012 are properly implemented?
29. How many new enforcement officers will the Government employ to cater for the increase in regulatory compliance by 2015 as a result of the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012, which will extend a ban on smoking across all outdoor dining areas by 6 July 2015?
30. Given the significant increase in compliance; in your opinion do you think the O'Farrell-Baird Government should create a separate NSW government entity to enforce the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012? Or at the very least increase the number of public health officers?
31. How many designated outdoor dining areas are there across NSW as defined by 4A of the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000?

32. Please specify what are the current work conditions and hours of work for public health officers/ authorised inspectors employed at Local Health Districts?
33. Do inspectors currently work weekend shifts?
34. What shifts after 6pm do the 31 inspectors currently work?
35. From 7 January 2013 will inspectors be required to work on weekends?
36. From 6 July 2015 will inspectors enforcing compliance of the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012 be required to work after 6 pm to monitor outdoor dining areas?
37. How will sport events, festivals, racing meets be monitored for compliance on weekends?
38. In response to question 4 of Question on Notice 2606 – Smoking Restrictions in Public Places' the Minister for Health responded 'there are no current plans to increase the number of authorised inspectors.'

Do you agree with the Minister for Health that 31 inspectors across NSW will be sufficient to enforce compliance despite the significant increase in workload required for the proper implementation of the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012? If so why?

39. Considering the Minister for Health has indicated that the current number of compliance officers employed to enforce compliance of the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012 should remain at their current levels (i.e. 31 officers across NSW), do you agree that the O'Farrell-Baird Government is not serious about reducing exposure to second hand smoke?
40. If the Government determines that public health officers would not be in the position to enforce compliance of the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Act 2012, will this work be carried out by local government instead?

Western NSW

41. As Minister for Western NSW do you have:
 - a) An office (apart from your electorate office) in Western NSW?
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?
If so, how many staff are there and what is their annual remuneration and in which office are they located?

42. How many times in the last twelve months have you visited Western NSW in your capacity as Minister for Western NSW?
43. With whom did you meet and what was the purpose of the meetings?
44. 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?
45. How many representations have you made to other Ministers in your capacity as the Minister for Western NSW and what was the nature of those representations?

Miscellaneous Questions

46. How many blackberries are assigned to your staff?
47. For each phone, how much was each bill in the 2011/12 financial year?
48. How many have phones have been lost in your office?
49. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
50. How many iPads does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
51. How many iPads have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
52. How many iPhones does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
53. How many iPhones have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
54. How many iPhones have been lost in your office?
55. How many iPads have been lost in your office?
56. What is the cost of replacing those phones or iPads?
57. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?
58. What is the forecast for 2012-13 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?
59. Have any of your overseas trips in the past year been paid for in part or in full by using public money?
60. If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?

61. What is the annual remuneration package for your chief of staff?
62. What is the annual remuneration package for your head media advisor?
63. What is the annual remuneration package for each of your staff?
64. What is the estimated expenditure for your office budget in 2012-13?
65. Have any office renovations or fit outs been undertaken in your ministerial office since April, 2011?
66. If so, could you give details of contracted costs?
67. What is your Ministerial office budget for 2012/13?
68. How many political advisors are in your office?
69. How many administration staff?
70. How many Department Liaison Officers are assigned to your office?
71. How many staff in the Department are assigned to Ministerial support duties?
72. Are any contractors or consultants working in your ministerial office?
73. If so, in what capacities?
74. How much did your Ministerial office spend on contractors or consultants?
75. How much did your Ministerial office spend on taxi fares, including Cabcharge in the 2011/12 financial year?
76. Are any of your portfolio agencies undergoing a restructure?
77. How many jobs are expected to be cut as a result of that restructure?
78. How many people are expected to have their wages cut as a result of that restructure?
79. How many voluntary redundancies were offered in your Departments since April 2011?
80. How many voluntary redundancies were accepted from employees in your Departments since April 2011?
81. How many voluntary redundancies are expected to be offered in 2012/13?
82. How much did your Departments' spend on catering in 2011/12?

83. How much did your Departments' spend on stationary in 2011/12?
84. What is your Departments' catering budget?
85. What is your Departments' stationary budget?
86. Since April 2011 have any of the agencies in your Departments' changed their branding?
87. If so, how much was spent on rebranding the agency?
88. How long is the average turnaround for responding to correspondence in your Departments'?
89. How many pieces of correspondence have been outstanding for more than 60 days?
90. In 2011/12 how many invoices has your Department(s) failed to pay a supplier or contractor for more than 30 days?
91. As a result of late payment, how much penalty interest has been paid to contractors since 1 January 2011?
92. How many invoices have been outstanding for longer than 60 days?
93. 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?
94. How many contractors has your Department(s) retained since 1 July 2012 and at what cost?
95. What is the current level of Aboriginal employment within your Department(s)?
96. How has that changed since 1 July 2011?
97. Since 1 July 2011, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your Departments' ?

98. 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?
99. Have any agencies within your Department(s) engaged consultants in the 2011/12 financial year?
100. If yes, which companies were engaged for consultancy services in the 2011/12 financial year?
101. For what purpose has your Department engaged consultants?
102. How much have your agencies spent on consultants in the 2011/12 financial year?
103. What is your Department(s) budget for consultants in the 2012/13 financial year?
104. Have any agencies within your Departments sponsored any organisations or events in the 2011/12 financial year?
105. If yes, which organisations and events were sponsored in the 2011/12 financial year?
106. How much did your agencies within your Departments spend on sponsoring organisations and events in the 2011/12 financial year?
107. What is your Department(s) budget for sponsorship in the 2012/13 financial year?
108. 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?

End of questions from the Hon. Adam Searle MLC.

Questions from Dr John Kaye MLC

1. Can the Minister please outline the preventative measures (if any) the NSW Department of Health has initiated regarding the prevention of societal ignorance, prejudice and bigotry and associated issues and potentially volatile situations that often lead to the formation of mental health issues, particularly depression and anxiety among the transgender and gender diverse people of NSW.
 - a. Can the Minister also outline what measures his department has taken to ensure that specialist psychologists, informed and experienced in issues involving depression and anxiety among this most marginalised group of people, are available and easily accessible in rural and regional NSW given that an ever increasing number of people are affirming their true gender identity.

End of questions from Dr John Kaye MLC.