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## **Questions from Hon David Shoebridge MLC**

### **WorkCover Bullying**

1. The 2015 Safety, Return to Work, and Support (SRWS) Employee Survey results shows 149 staff report being bullied, a reduction of only 3% from the 2014 survey. Why has this remained such a substantial ongoing issue?
2. GPSC 1's inquiry resulted in the creation of an expert advisory panel – how many union or staff representatives are on this board?
3. How many times has this board met?
4. How many times has this board met with staff members or the PSA?
5. What actions has the expert advisory panel on bullying recommended to the SRWS Board?
6. What advice has the Minister received in turn from the SRWS Board about the continuing prevalence of bullying within WorkCover?
7. We have been advised that the Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development (DISRD) has refused to accept direct reports of bullying from WorkCover staff, why is this?
8. Arrangements between WorkCover and DISRD do not require a written report of the investigation findings being made available to the person making the report of bullying. Why not?
9. What is the average timeframe WorkCover takes to respond to internal bullying complaints?
10. Why does the Protocol for Referral of WHS Matters from WorkCover NSW to DISRD not include any information about the expected timeframes within which complaints will be addressed? (given these were recommendations from the GPSC 1 review of bullying)?
11. What arrangements will be made to address bullying across the three new entities created this year?

### **Workers Compensation Changes**

12. Given the announced changes to the workers compensation scheme are intended to be retrospective:
  - (a) Will those with 20-29 % WPI be reinstated?
  - (b) Who will determine 20% WPI, what will the injury be, to require 20%?
  - (c) What consideration has been given to filming or voice recording visits to IMEs?
  - (d) Will injured workers have legal assistance to appeal WC assessments?
  - (e) What are the transitional arrangements for those with hearing loss or prosthetics who were thrown off the scheme? Will they be compensated for this?

- (f) Will past payments cut off as a result of the changes be restored?
- (g) How will this new workers compensation entity deal with Centrelink and Medicare as they will want any money paid out to be returned?
- (h) How do any of these amendments change the way that people are being treated by Scheme Agents?
- (i) If a worker has had a previous WPI assessment but the injury has since deteriorated how will a dispute as to WPI be resolved for access to benefits given s66(1A) of the 1987 Act?

**Retirement age**

13. Given there is no mandatory retirement age what justification is there for limiting workers compensation benefits to 12 months after the eligibility age for the aged pension?

## **Questions from Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

### **Procurement – Unaccredited Work Threshold**

14. Are you the sole Minister responsible for the NSW Procurement Board?
15. Is the NSW Procurement Board explicitly and singularly responsible for the Construction Procurement: Direction C2014-03: Agency Accreditation Scheme for Construction – threshold for unaccredited work?
16. If an agency is not accredited under the Agency Accreditation Scheme for Construction, does every application that they make to perform work on behalf of the NSW Government or a tenderer successful in providing works for the NSW Government, require a notification to go to the NSW Procurement Board and/or the Department of Finance, Services and innovation, regardless of the \$1.3M threshold
17. Are you aware of any project in NSW, being undertaken on behalf of the NSW Government, where an agency is not accredited but has been allowed to undertake work or delivery above the \$1.3M threshold?
18. What would be the re-percussions if a body were to engage an agency that is not accredited to provide or deliver works in excess of \$1.3M without notifying or seeking exemption from the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation?
19. Is a company called China Grand recognised by your Department as an accredited agency?
  - (a) If yes, when did they become accredited, what is their accreditation and what services, standards do they meet?
  - (b) If not, are you aware of any delivery in NSW Government infrastructure projects that they have undertaken either above or below the \$1.3M threshold?

### **Procurement – Various NSW Infrastructure Projects**

20. Do you or your Department participate in the procurement contract arrangements put into place for Infrastructure projects?
  - (a) What role does you/your department play?
  - (b) Are you/your department directly involved in the preparation of tenders?
  - (c) Are you/your department directly involved in contract negotiations for successful tenderer(s)?
21. The NSW Procurement Board's stated Strategic Directions Statement identifies 3 objectives including: driving value for money, delivering quality government services and aligning with business needs. Is it your responsibility, and/or the responsibility of your Department to ensure

that these objectives are being met on various infrastructure projects, generally, across NSW Government Departments?

- (a) If so, what work is done to engage with various other Ministries and Departments responsible for infrastructure projects to ensure that they are aware of and insisting on the 3 objectives being met?
- (b) If not, who is responsible for the implementation of this broader Procurement policy position on the various infrastructure projects?

22. Are you or your Department aware of any instances on NSW Government procured infrastructure projects where the quality of the product purchased for construction purposes, has been sub-standard, faulty, in need of repair and/or replacement?
- (a) If so, is this information publicly available on a case-by-case basis?
  - (b) If so, is it possible for the public to view a list of the problems caused/created by the use of faulty sub-standard products and the provider identified?
23. If a supplier to a NSW Government procured infrastructure project provided a steel product that was sub-standard, below the Australian industry standard and in need of immediate repair or disposal, would you expect that incident to be reported to the Procurement Board under ProcurePoint Direction 2014-01?
24. If the successful tenderer on a NSW Government procured infrastructure project purchased a product for use in construction that was sub-standard and in need of immediate repair and/or disposal, under the ProcurePoint Direction 2014-01 which deals with dishonest, unfair and unconscionable conduct, would it be appropriate and in keeping with this Direction for that tenderer to force a sub-contractor, undertaking the repair, replacement and remediation of the faulty product, to sign a confidentiality clause in a contract that prevented them from disclosing the problem?
- (a) If so, how would this confidentiality clause, to hide the problem, possibly satisfy the ProcurePoint Direction 2014-01?
  - (b) What repercussions are there for a tenderer or contractor who fails to disclose a quality and standard failure by a supplier as per the directive in ProcurePoint Direction 2014-01?
25. If a product purchased for use in the NSW Government public sector or construction of public asset, were found to be of a sub-standard quality, would the ultimate responsibility for that be with you as the Minister for Finance, Services and Property, over-seeing procurement, or would the responsibility sit with the relevant Minister/portfolio?
26. In instances where the construction work is tendered out to the private sector, as it is in most cases across NSW, is the NSW procurement standard expected of every single successful tenderer, or, after going to tender, does the Government remove itself and relieve itself of all procurement standards and leave the successful tenderer to their own devices and decisions regarding procurement?

### **Procurement – Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre**

27. Were you or your Department involved in the procurement contract arrangement put into place for the SCEC being re-developed?
  - (a) What role did you/your department play?
  - (b) Were you/your department directly involved in the preparation of tenders?
  - (c) Were you/your department directly involved in contract negotiations for the successful tenderer?
28. Are you aware of how much steel is being used in the construction of the SCEC?
  - (a) What portion or percentage of that steel is Australian made?
  - (b) Are you aware of the value of that steel?
  - (c) Was there any condition expressed by the Government, during the tender or contract process, to ensure and/or insist that Australian steel was prioritised?
  - (d) Was there any condition expressed by the successful tenderer during the tender or contract process that identified the source of steel to be used?
29. The NSW Procurement Board's stated Strategic Directions Statement identifies 3 objectives including: driving value for money, delivering quality government services and aligning with business needs. Is it your responsibility, and/or the responsibility of your Department to ensure that these objectives are being met on the SCEC project?
  - (a) If so, what work is being done to engage with various other Ministries and Departments that are currently building the SCEC to ensure that they are aware of and insisting on the 3 objectives being met?
  - (b) If not, who is responsible for the implementation of this broader Procurement policy position on the SCEC project?
30. Are you or your Department aware of any instances on the SCEC project where the quality of the product purchased for construction purposes, has been sub-standard, faulty, in need of repair and/or replacement?
31. If a supplier to the SCEC project provided a steel product that was sub-standard, below the Australian industry standard and in need of immediate repair or disposal, would you expect that incident to be reported to the Procurement Board under ProcurePoint Direction 2014-01?
32. If a product purchased for use in the NSW Government public sector or construction of public asset, were found to be of a sub-standard quality, would the ultimate responsibility for that be with you as the Minister for Finance, Services and Property, over-seeing procurement, or would the responsibility sit with the relevant Minister/portfolio that made the purchase and where the product was sub-standard, in so doing, failed to satisfy the procurement policies of Government?
33. In instances where the construction work is tendered out to the private sector, as it is in most cases across NSW, is the NSW procurement standard expected of every single successful tenderer, or, after going to tender, does the Government remove itself and relieve itself of all procurement standards and leave the successful tenderer to their own devices and decisions regarding procurement?

### **Procurement – Value for Money**

34. The ProcurePoint Statement on Value for Money identifies that most non-monetary factors can be translated into money equivalents while others cannot. Would you agree that community impacts, employment, social cohesion and support for SME's are all factors that need to be considered in determining value for money during procurement?

35. Are you aware of the dire situation facing BlueScope Steel and the various SME's of the Illawarra region?
36. Would you agree that many of the factors listed in Part 1 of this question are all reasonable and relevant to the prognosis for the steel industry in the Illawarra?
37. Can you guarantee that factors such as those listed in Part 1 of this question have been incorporated into the decision making for procurement of steel in the various infrastructure projects being undertaken by or on behalf of the NSW Government across NSW?
  - (a) If yes, how do you manage this and what value and importance is placed on factors such as these and is your analysis publicly available and accessible?
  - (b) If not, who is responsible for ensuring that these factors are considered, given value and incorporated into the procurement decision making?
38. The ProcurePoint Statement on Value for Money identifies that "value for money does not always mean that the 'highest quality' good or service is selected. A lower cost option still appropriate to quality requirements may be appropriate where an agency has limited funds available for a particular procurement. Value for money is achieved when the 'right sized' procurement solution is selected to meet an agency's need."
  - (a) Given that many of the projects being undertaken by the NSW Government are in the hundreds of \$M's and/or \$B's would you argue that the "limited funds" rule is applicable and as such there is an allowance for lower or poorer quality construction and construction materials?
  - (b) Within this statement, do terms such as "appropriate", "right sized" and/or to "meet an agency's need", do you believe, include the expected life span of a construction project and if so, using roads as an example, bridges as another, hospitals as another, how and by what means do you measure test and place value on the products used during construction to ensure that lifespan and life expectancy will be met, not sacrificed?
  - (c) Is any of this modelling available, for each NSW Government Infrastructure project and is it published?
39. The ProcurePoint Statement on Value for Money identifies that "Up-front benefits/costs and risks" assessment should include the element of "revenue changes". Research is indicating that the closure of BlueScope Steel could cause the loss of 10 000 and an immediate impact to the Illawarra economy of \$3.3B. Has any of this detail been factored into the assessment process for the procurement of steel for NSW Government projects and can you explain how these material matter have been considered, under what values and how that affected the procurement assessment of various projects?
40. The ProcurePoint Statement on Value for Money identifies that "Up-front benefits/costs and risks" assessment should include the element of "Avoided Costs". Would you agree that if inferior products, such as steel or concrete, are used in the construction stage, then the asset owner and the State of NSW becomes exposed to higher "Avoided Costs" risk if the inferior products lead to a shorter life span, more frequent failure and cause a higher volume of ongoing maintenance and repair?
41. If Procurement for various NSW Government projects are handled and managed by the various, individual and different Ministers, Departments and agencies, who or what process is in place to bring the "big picture" together so that silo decisions are not made?

- (a) Would you agree that the BlueScope Steel situation facing the Illawarra is a broader “big picture” outcome that is caused not by a single procurement decision but rather by the compilation and quantum of various, ongoing and isolated departmental procurement decisions and that if you accept this as being true then it is perhaps the role of the Minister responsible for Procurement to bring all of these individual decisions together into a broader larger picture decision?

### **Procurement – Steel**

42. Do you have any idea or sense of the volume of steel being used across NSW in current Government infrastructure projects?
- (a) Can you specifically identify the steel volume content in any single project in NSW that your Government has instigated and if so, what is the Australian made steel content of that project?
43. Specifically, do you know how much steel is being used to construct the new international convention centre at darling harbour?
- (a) How much of that steel will be Australian made steel? (Estimated to be around 27,000 to 28,000 tonnes)
44. On August 11<sup>th</sup> 2015, the Member for Kiama made a Statement in Parliament about NSW steel procurement. Are you familiar with his statement?
- (a) Did your office assist the Member for Kiama in gaining his figures regarding Australian based steel content?
- (b) Do you agree with his statement that on the Berry bypass, 54% of the steel used is Australian made?
- (c) Do you agree with his statement on the Gerringong Upgrades that 62% of the steel used was Australian made?
45. The Member for Kiama told Parliament that “the procurement policy that operates in NSW under this Government is the policy that operated under the former Labor Government”. Is this correct?

### **Workers Compensation – Court of Appeal Decision (Cram Fluid v Green)**

46. Could you explain the Budget Estimates response from both yourself and the CEO of WorkCover that suggested a “pending” Whole Person Impairment which would allow a worker to get an initial assessment that would not be binding or absolute, but would instead be interpreted as an interim or progress type of assessment?
- (a) Who would pay for this type of “pending” WPI assessment?



- (b) In the event that this type of “pending” assessment takes place, what steps are taken to explain to the injured worker their rights and responsibilities and who is responsible for informing the injured worker and what checks are in place to ensure that this is all being done properly?
- (c) Is an injured worker required to “sign off” or “authorise” a WPI finding?
- 47. Is there a number/list of injured workers, held by WIRO or WorkCover or any other source, which had registered or indicated an interest to have their WPI re-assessed after their injury had deteriorated since their original WPI and lump sum payment?
  - (a) Who is the holder of that list?
  - (b) What is the quantum of persons seeking re-assessment?
  - (c) Does the Cram Fluid v Green decision now rule out any scope or opportunity for any of these persons to have their condition re-assessed, no matter how badly or significant the deterioration?
- 48. As a result of the Cram Fluid v Green Court ruling, will you now introduce Legislative amendment to ensure:
  - (a) An injured worker, an applicant, is required to sign off, as a means of agreement and acceptance, on their WPI assessment else it becomes automatically void?
  - (b) In an instance where a WPI deteriorates by 10% or more, then this would be grounds to re-open and re-assess and allow for a further claim of WPI?
- 49. Do you agree that the Cram Fluid v Green decision will operate as an incentive to some injured workers to delay medical treatment and allow their condition to deteriorate such that they can maximise their WPI?
- 50. How will the Cram Fluid v Green decision affect Insurers and their ability to finalise matters and apply actuarial projections?
  - (a) Will this make things better or worse for insurers?
  - (b) Will this provide greater or less certainty for Insurer and/or Injured Workers?
  - (c) Will these keep matters “open” or “live” for longer periods?
- 51. In instances where injured workers delay their WPI for longer periods, waiting for their injury to finalise, stabilise or deteriorate to its projected maximum level, will this make the Court matters dealing with WPI more complicated or less complicated?
- 52. Are you able to provide average times for Courts to deal with WPI matters in the following categories:
  - (a) Injuries that are 0-2years old;
  - (b) Injuries that are 3-5 years old;
  - (c) Injuries that are 5-10 years old;
  - (d) Injuries that are 11+ years old.

### **Sale of Property Assets**

- 53. Can you confirm Minister that according to reports by yourself and your own Department, properties being sold either “don’t need to be owned or are under-utilized”, is this correct?
  - (a) Can you identify a property type or style that the State does need to own?

(b) Is there a figure, a percentage%, a ratio of use of a public building that is being used to determine if it is adequately utilized or “under-utilized”? What is that figure?

- i. What was the utilization rate of the Justice Precinct Buildings at Parramatta?
- ii. What was the utilization rate of the McKell Building in Sydney’s Chinatown?
- iii. What was the utilization rate of the Ausgrid Building in Sydney CBD?
- iv. What was the utilization rate of the Hunter Water Building on Newcastle’s Wharf Rd?

54. Have any of the buildings sold by Property NSW been leased back to the NSW Government or Government agencies for continued occupation?
- (a) Has the Ausgrid building been leased back? What portion or percentage of it? What terms?
  - (b) Has the Hunter Water Building on Wharf Rd been leased back? What portion or percentage of it? What terms?
55. Are any public buildings or properties being sold by individual agencies rather than Property NSW? For example, are Education or Health or Transport selling off buildings and the matter not being handled by Property NSW?
- (a) Can you provide a list of these properties?
56. Are any public buildings or properties being sold by State Owned Corporations rather than Property NSW? For example Ausgrid or Hunter Water selling off buildings or property that is not being handled by Property NSW?
- (a) Can you provide a list of these properties?
57. Are there any reports or briefs that discuss underutilised Crown lands in Sydney? Can you please provide this document?
58. What is the known value of NSW property asset sales in the year 2011-12?
59. Are Crown Land asset sales handled and listed and counted in the cumulative of Property NSW?
- (a) If yes, can you provide a full and complete list of all Crown Land sales including their location, size and sale value?
60. What detail can you reveal about projected future asset divestment?
61. Has the potential proceeds of the Powerhouse Museum site been considered and allocated?

62. In the instances of NSW Government properties being sold and then leased back, and you assured Budget Estimates that there were a number of these instances, what is the average timespan before the money spent on leasing is equal to or greater than the sale value?
  - (a) Is the money paid for leasing in any way shape or form tax deductible for the NSW government?
63. Do you have an anticipated timeframe to get every State owned property or real estate asset onto the Property NSW register?
64. Do you have an anticipated timeframe to transition every Department, including State Owned Corporations and other entities of the State, to ensure that every property asset sale is handled by Property NSW or, at the very least, registered and listed with Property NSW?

### **Social Housing**

65. Is Property NSW still committed to selling an estimated 300 State owned public housing properties in the Sydney CBD?
  - i. If so, what is the exact number of properties expected to be sold?
  - ii. At what predicted total value?
66. How many Sydney CBD Social Housing properties have been sold to date and have all proceeds been reinvested into public housing?
  - i. If so, exactly how many new properties or residences have been (or will be) established using this funding?
67. How many public servant positions have had their work base/space shifted from Sydney to regional communities as a direct result of the sale of public asset property (i.e.: the Sydney based office that they once worked in was sold, and a new office established in a regional area)?
68. How advanced did the proposition of establishing a new Service NSW site in Campbelltown progress and was the decision to change to Camden made before or after the March 2015 election? Are you able to provide documented evidence to this effect?

### **Crown Land and Crown Roads**

69. Does Property NSW oversee and coordinate the sale of Crown Land and Crown Roads?
70. Can you tell us how many parcels of Crown Land have been sold by this Government since March 2011?
  - i. What value?
  - ii. Where did that money go to, get allocated to?

71. Does the decision to offer Crown Land or a Crown Road for sale include an onsite inspection in each and every instance?
  - i. If not, what protections are in place to determine the suitability of a sale from a desk top assessment?
72. When the sale of a Crown Land or Crown Road is proposed, what is the notification process to ensure users have the opportunity for objection?
73. Are you aware of the Principles of Crown Land management and have these principals been changed or altered since the Coalition came to Government in 2011?
74. Have you ever met with any of the small businesses or sporting and recreation groups that rely on access to Crown Land and Crown Roads?

#### **Staffing – Office of State Revenue**

75. How many FTE's were at each of the 3 Office of State Revenue sites of Parramatta, Wollongong and Newcastle as at July 2015?
76. Will a new office Of State Revenue be established at Gosford during the 2015/16 FY and if so:
  - i. How many FTE positions will it have?
  - ii. Has an office space been secured?
  - iii. Is there funding in the Capital Budget of OSR for an office set-up and fit-out?
  - iv. Will these positions be new and additional to current Office of State Revenue FTE's?  
or;
  - v. Will they be transferred from other sites?

#### **Staffing – Public Works**

77. Can you confirm that there will be no significant changes to the size and scope of the Public Works Unit in 2015/16?
78. Can you provide any guarantee that the existing operations and functions of the Construction Service Group within Public Works will not change in 2015/16?

#### **Staffing – RTA**

79. What RTA services do you expect to close in 2015/16?
  - (a) How many FTE's will be impacted?
  - (b) How many FTE's will still have a job at the end of this process?

#### **Privatisation of CTP and Workers Compensation:**

80. Can the Minister rule out any plan to privatise the Governments current role and responsibility to be the provider and under-writer of CTP and Workers Compensation insurance in NSW?

81. Can the Minister rule out the privatisation or private under-writing of Insurance & Care NSW?
82. Why has the Workers Compensation Premium Rate for NSW for 2015/16 not been made publicly available when every other State in Australia has, along with Comcare and the NZ fund?

### **IT information storage onshore-offshore**

83. With regard to Information Technology (IT) information that is held onshore or offshore, Mr Hubby told Budget Estimates that some information would be held onshore but be accessible offshore.
- (a) In practical terms, what does that mean?
  - (b) Does this include Treasury documents?
  - (c) Does this include Premier and Cabinet documents?
  - (d) Does this include any other sensitive, private, personal, commercial in confidence information?
  - (e) Is there a commercial, competitive or sovereign risk in this approach?

### **Public Works**

84. In answering a question on Public Works for The Hon John Kaye, you told Budget Estimates that “the Government would not under any circumstances exit a business that would provide value for the taxpayer or compromise the service that is currently being provided by Government”
- (a) Do some of the business units within Public Works make an annual profit and if so, which units and what is the size of each annual profit?
  - (b) Will you guarantee that each of the profit making business units will be kept by the Government as a means to ensuring revenue returns?
  - (c) How do you intend to test/measure the concept of “compromise the service”?

### **Service First NSW**

85. You told Budget Estimates last year that Service NSW was "one of the great success stories of this Government" and yet you could not explain the suggested \$4.8 billion savings made. You took the question on notice and still failed to explain the \$4.8 billion savings made. Can you please provide a breakdown of the \$4.8 billion savings made?

### **Dust Diseases Board**

86. How quickly do you expect the new structure of the Dust Diseases Board to be able to process applications for claims of compensation?

### **Unexplained variances in Budget figures**

87. According to the 2014-15 Budgeted Forward Estimates Detailed Report, the item ‘Other advertising and promotion – Commercial activities’ has increased from \$247,000 in 2014-15 to \$2,153,000 in 2015-16. Can you please explain the reason for an almost \$2 million increase in these expenses?

88. According to the 2014-15 Budgeted Forward Estimates Detailed Report, the item 'Auditors remuneration – financial audit – Commercial activities' has increased from \$998,000 in 2014-15 to \$1,901,000 in 2015-16. Can you please explain the reason for an almost \$2 million increase in these expenses?
89. Can you please explain what these 'commercial activities' are?
90. According to the 2014-15 Budgeted Forward Estimates Detailed Report, the item 'Financial counselling services' was \$1,550,000 in 2014-15 and is budgeted to be \$1,584,000 in 2015-16. Do you stand by this numbers and the fact that funding will be increased to financial counselling services in 2015-16?
91. According to the 2014-15 Budgeted Forward Estimates Detailed Report, the item 'Management fess – budget dependent agencies (Account R0500388)' was \$6,850,000 in 2014-15 and is budgeted to be \$0 in 2015-16. Can you please explain why this item is \$0 in 2015-16?

### **Ministerial Office Administration**

92. How many staff are in your ministerial office?
  - (a) What was the average salary for staff members in your office during 2014-15?
  - (b) What is the average salary for a ministerial staffer in your office based on current appointments?
93. How many blackberries/smart phones are assigned to your staff?
  - (a) For each phone, how much was each bill in the past financial year?
  - (b) How many phones have been lost or replaced due to damage in your office?
    - i. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
94. How many iPads or tablets does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
  - (a) What is the cost of providing iPads or tablets to your Ministerial Office?
  - (b) How many iPads or tablets have been replaced due to lost or damage?
    - i. What was the cost of replacing these devices?
95. Did any your or your ministerial staff incur data charges on a mobile phone or tablet device greater than \$1000 for a single billing period?
  - (a) If so, how many times did this occur?
    - i. What was the individual cost of each data charge over \$1000 for a single billing period?
96. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your office?
  - (a) What is the cost of this?
97. Have any floral displays or indoor plants been hired or leased for display in your ministerial office?
  - (a) If so, what was the cost of these items?
98. What is the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals?
  - (a) What are these services/newspapers/magazines/journals/periodicals?
    - i. Who is the subscriber for each of these?

99. What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office?
- (a) What were the gifts purchased?
    - i. Who were they gifted to?
100. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?
- (a) What is the cost of this?
101. Can you advise the names of all contractors/consultants employed and/or paid for by your office, under any agreement, contract or fee-for -service arrangement in 2014-15?
- (a) Do they have ABN's?
    - i. If so, please provide details?
  - (b) Details of paid or unpaid invoices and amounts?
  - (c) Details of services and fees provided by each contractor and or consultant?
102. Details of the agreement between your office and any contractors/consultants engaged by your office?

### **Ministerial And Office Travel**

103. 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?
104. Have you undertaken any official overseas travel that was privately funded?
- (a) What were the nature of these trips?
  - (b) Who paid for these trips?
105. What was the total bill for your office in 2014-15 for:
- (a) Taxi hire
  - (b) Limousine hire
  - (c) Private hire care
  - (d) Hire car rental
106. Have you ever used Uber?
- (a) If yes, were any of these occasions in an UberX vehicle?
107. Have you or anyone in your office used Uber services travelling to or from work-related events, meetings or functions?
- (a) Were any of those services in an UberX vehicle?
108. Have you or anyone in your office sought reimbursement for using Uber services to travel to or from work-related events, meetings or functions?
- (a) What is the value of those reimbursements?
109. Have you used Airbnb?
110. Have you or anyone in your office used Airbnb as an accommodation solution whilst travelling on official business?
111. Have any planes or helicopters been chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money?
- (a) If yes, will you please detail each trip, the method of transport and the cost?
112. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
- (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?

## **Labour Hire Firms**

113. Do any Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities utilise the services of Labour Hire Firms? If yes, please advise in table form:
- (a) The names of the firms utilised
  - (b) The total amount paid to each firm engaged
  - (c) The average tenure period for an employee provided by a labour hire company
  - (d) The longest tenure for an employee provided by a labour hire company
  - (e) The duties conducted by employees engaged through a labour hire company
  - (f) The office locations of employees engaged through a labour hire company
  - (g) The highest hourly or daily rate paid to an employee provided by a labour hire company

## **Media And Public Relations**

114. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?
115. What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?
116. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?
117. Have you had media training or speech training?
- (a) If yes, who paid for it?
  - (b) If paid by taxpayers, what was the amount?

## **Consultants, Lobbyists And Former Parliamentarians**

118. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Chris Hartcher in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- (a) Who attended those meetings?
  - (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - (c) What was discussed?
  - (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
119. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Andrew Stoner in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- (a) Who attended those meetings?
  - (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - (c) What was discussed?
  - (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
120. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Tim Owen in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- (a) Who attended those meetings?
  - (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - (c) What was discussed?
  - (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
121. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Craig Baumann in the time since he has left the Parliament?



- (a) Who attended those meetings?
  - (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - (c) What was discussed?
  - (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
122. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Andrew Cornwell in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- (a) Who attended those meetings?
  - (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - (c) What was discussed?
  - (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
123. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Chris Spence in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- (a) Who attended those meetings?
  - (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - (c) What was discussed?
  - (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
124. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Darren Webber in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- (a) Who attended those meetings?
  - (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - (c) What was discussed?
  - (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
125. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Garry Edwards in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- (a) Who attended those meetings?
  - (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - (c) What was discussed?
  - (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
126. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Bart Bassett in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- (a) Who attended those meetings?
  - (b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - (c) What was discussed?
  - (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
127. Has the consultancy company Premier State done any consultancy work for the Department? If so what projects was Premier State consulted on?
- (a) What was the cost of the consultancy work for each project?
  - (b) Was there a tender process for these projects?
128. Does Premier State currently have any contract work with the Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?
- (a) If yes, what is their role in the project?

## Consulting

129. How much have the Department/agencies under your portfolio responsibility spent in legal costs?
  - (a) For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?
130. Have Department/agencies under your portfolio engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice:
  - (a) Social media
    - i. And the cost of these services
  - (b) Photography
    - i. And the cost of these services
  - (c) Acting training
    - i. And the cost of these services
  - (d) Ergonomics
    - i. And the cost of these services

### **Department/Agency Administration**

131. How many redundancies were processed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-15?
  - (a) Of these redundancies, how many were:
    - i. Voluntary
    - ii. Forced
  - (b) What was the total cost of all redundancies?
132. Have any staff who received a redundancy in the last two years undertaken any paid work or provided any paid services for the agency with which they were formerly employed?
  - (a) What was the nature of these works/services?
  - (b) What was the total cost of these works or services?
133. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?
134. How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2014-15?
  - (a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?
135. How much was spent on corporate hospitality by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015?
136. How much was spent on indoor plant hire and maintenance by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015 year?
137. How much did Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities spend on restaurant bills during the year 2014/2015?
  - (a) How much of these bills were alcohol?
138. Were instances of internal fraud detected by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015?
  - (a) What was the sum total of any such fraud and what was the result of any investigations?
139. How large is the Department's vehicle fleet?
  - (a) What is the composition of this fleet in terms of engine size?
  - (b) How many of the fleet were involved in an accident during the year 2014-2015?
  - (c) What was the total cost of insurance claims and repairs?

140. How much did departments/agencies spend on newspaper and journal subscriptions during 2014-2015?
141. How many SES employees are employed within departments/agencies under your ministerial portfolio?
  - (a) What is their remuneration band?
  - (b) For each SES employee, how many have:
    - i. 0 staff reporting to them;
    - ii. less than 2 staff reporting to them; and
    - iii. less than 5 staff?
142. How many sick days, leave days or days attributable to workers compensation were lost for each department/agency within your portfolio responsibility during 2014-15 for:
  - (a) workplace bullying;
  - (b) stress leave; and
  - (c) sick leave?
143. Do any of the departments/agencies under your portfolio area employ actors for staff training?
  - (a) If so, what is:
    - i. the size of the contract for the provision of actors for staff training in your departments?
    - ii. the term of the contracts for the provision of actors for staff training in your departments?
    - iii. the tender numbers for each of the contracts?

### **Department/Agency Travel**

144. What was the total expenditure in 2014-15 by Departments/agencies within your portfolio on:
  - (a) Taxi hire
  - (b) Limousine/private car hire
  - (c) Hire car rental
145. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have a policy on utilising Uber services for travel on official business?
146. Have staff in your Department/agencies either paid for with departmental funds or been recompensed for official travel using Uber services?
  - (a) Were any of these payments for UberX services?
147. Have staff in your Department/agencies either paid for with departmental funds or been recompensed for official travel using Airbnb services?
148. Did any officers within departments/agencies under your ministerial portfolio use charter aircraft during the year 2014-2015?
  - (a) If so what was the purpose and cost?

### **Departmental/Agency IT**

149. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have an iTunes account?
  - (a) What was the total expenditure in 2014-15 on iTunes?
    - i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?
150. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have an Android account?

- (a) What was the total expenditure in 2014-15 on Android?
  - i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android?
- 151. How many Department/agency mobile phones, tablets and laptops were replaced due to loss or damage during 2014-2015?
  - (a) What was the total cost of replacing these items?
- 152. Did any staff within departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities incur data charges on a mobile phone or tablet device greater than \$1000 for a single billing period?
  - (a) If so, how many times did this occur?
    - i. What was the individual cost of each data charge over \$1000 for a single billing period?

### **Efficiency Dividend**

- 153. What was the efficiency dividend required of the department in the 2014/15 financial year?
- 154. What is the efficiency dividend required of the department in the 2015/16 financial year?
- 155. What savings measures were implemented by the Department for:
  - (a) 2014/15 financial year
  - (b) 2013/14 financial year
  - (c) 2012/13 financial year?
- 156. What actual savings were achieved by each strategy in:
  - (a) 2014/15 financial year
  - (b) 2013/14 financial year
  - (c) 2012/13 financial year?
- 157. What reduction of staff occurred and at what cost as a result of each strategy in:
  - (a) 2014/15 financial year
  - (b) 2013/14 financial year
  - (c) 2012/13 financial year?
- 158. For the 2015/16 financial year:
  - (a) What savings measures will the Department save?
  - (b) What is the expected saving to be achieved for each measure?
  - (c) Will they require a reduction in staffing?
  - (d) How many positions within the Department remain unfilled due to the imposition of savings measures?