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

### **Government Sector Employment Act (from Tara McCarthy)**

1. What is the current status of proposed amendments to the GSE Act?
2. What is the anticipated impact of these amendments?
3. What provision will any amendments make to provide for those who might have lost entitlements including continuation of service?

### **Portable Long Service Leave**

4. Is the review of the proposal to extend long service leave to industries beyond contract cleaning publicly available?
5. What steps are currently proposed in relation to Portable Long Service in NSW?

## Questions from Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

### *Treasury*

#### **North West Rail Link**

6. 2015-16 NSW Budget Paper No 1 (page 2-14) notes that “Other significant expense measures include additional funding for out of home care, increasing correctional centre capacity and the commencement of Sydney Metro Northwest operating expenses from 2018-19.”
  - (a) How much expenditure in the 18/19 year will the North West Rail Link operations add to the budget?
  - (b) How much revenue will be earned?
  - (c) What will the annual maintenance costs of the tunnels be?
  - (d) What will the estimated net profit or loss be of the North West Rail Link in 18/19 and once it is up and running?

#### **Privatisation of Electricity Networks**

7. Will you agree to publish the memo “Medium-term Fiscal Impacts of the Government’s Proposed Asset Recycling Strategy” which was reported in the Australian Financial Review on 23 June 2015?
8. The memo states that the Government’s infrastructure investment program “will directly weaken the net operating result and the net lending balance” because of the declining interest earnings from the invested proceeds and the “additional operating costs associated with the new assets”. How will the Government be addressing this situation?
9. What will the impact of the Government’s asset recycling initiative be on its Moody credit rating?
10. If the Government were to apply the interest earned on the net electricity lease proceeds to retire or avoid gross debt, rather than to Restart NSW, what would the impact be on the Moody’s metric?
11. The memo states that by 2023-24 it is estimated that “the former network distributions would amount to \$1.1 billion and the additional recurrent expenses associated with the new infrastructure to around \$300 million. Together these will see the operating result worsen by around \$1.4 billion per annum by 2023-24, compared with ‘no policy change.’” How will the Government be addressing this \$1.4 billion shortfall?
12. The memo states that the “net operating result and net lending balance will weaken in the future” because of the electricity transactions. It states that “these will need to be managed through the identification of additional savings. This should be the ongoing task of the fiscal strategy.” Where will these additional savings be made?
13. If these savings are not made what will be the impact on the state’s credit rating?
14. The Australian Financial Review article says that “the memo suggests the Coalition kept voters in the dark ahead of the March 28 election.” Is the AFR correct?
15. The memo talks about an aim being that the energy networks are “successfully deconsolidated in accounting terms.” Can you explain what “successfully deconsolidated” means?

16. Has the Government resolved whether it can fully “deconsolidate” the energy networks and if so, when will this be achieved?
17. What will the implications be on the ratings metrics for S&P and Moody if deconsolidation does not occur?
18. Has the Government consulted with the ratings agencies about their attitude to deconsolidation, and if so, what was their response?
19. When the WestConnex, stages 1-3 are sold, how will the proceeds be allocated?
20. The memo states that “the general government net operating balance is projected to move into deficit from 2019-20 while the net lending balance remains consistently in deficit, averaging \$2.7 billion per annum over the period from 2014-15 to 2023-24.” What is the Government’s plan to address this continuing debt and deficit?

### **Stamp Duties**

21. Can you please explain how stamp duties are to grow from \$9.8m in 2015-16 to \$10.6m in 2018-19?
  - (a) Do you expect these forecasts to change significantly?

### **TAHE**

22. Can you please explain how the Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE) has added \$1.8b to the budget surplus amount? (From the \$713m budget surplus)
  - (a) Can you please provide a breakdown of the line items that are affected in the 2014-15 budgeted forward estimates detailed report as a result of the TAHE changes?

### **Treasury and Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB)**

23. Has Treasury received advice from the Foreign Investment Review Board regarding the sale of Transgrid and the two distributors?
  - (a) And possibly any contact with national security agencies?
  - (b) What advice has been received by Treasury from FIRB?
  - (c) When was it received?
  - (d) When was contact first made between FIRB and NSW regarding the sale of Transgrid and the two distributors?

### **Ports Issues**

24. Has the NSW Government imposed any restrictions on the movement of containers through the Port of Newcastle?
25. Is there a cap on container movements at the Port of Newcastle?
  - (a) If so, what is it? Is it a charge per container?
  - (b) If the cap is breached, is a fee, fine or charge imposed? Who pays it? Who do they pay the money to?
  - (c) If the cap is breached, are any monies paid to the operators of Port Botany and/or Port Kembla? If so, how much is paid? Who pays it?
  - (d) When were these arrangements agreed?

26. In the interest of transparency, will you release the Port Commitment Deeds that set out details of arrangements for containers?
27. Now that the port transactions are concluded, will you release the scoping study that was undertaken ahead of the transaction for the three ports?
28. Minister Gay has said: “The only time an extension is allowed is when a specific number is reached and tripped in Port Botany and Port Kembla.” What is the number? For Port Kembla? For Port Botany?
  - (a) How much money was raised by the sale/lease of Newcastle port?
  - (b) What was money spent on?
  - (c) How much has gone into consolidated revenue?
  - (d) How much has been allocated to, or spent in, the Newcastle electorate?
29. Has the NSW Government entered into any agreements that create a disincentive or obstacle to develop a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle?
30. Has the NSW Government entered into any agreements that create a disincentive or obstacle to increase the number of containers that pass through Newcastle?
31. Has the NSW Government entered into any arrangement that create a financial penalty if the number of containers moved through the Port of Newcastle exceeds a set threshold?
  - (a) If so, what is the threshold?
32. Is the leaseholder of Port Botany entitled to receive a payment should the number of containers moved through the Port of Newcastle exceed a set figure?
33. If so, what is the payment and who pays it?
34. Do the Port Commitment Deeds establish any limitations or restrictions on the operation of Port Kembla or the Port of Newcastle?
35. Will you release the Port Commitment Deeds for the port transactions?
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#### **Wickham-Newcastle rail truncation**

37. What exactly has \$79m that has been spent on this project to date been spent on?
38. How much was spent on the tendering process?
39. How much was spent on consultants?
40. How much was spent on communication?
41. How much was spent on providing extra buses from Hamilton to Newcastle station?
42. How much of the current expenditure has been due to the earlier than recommended truncation of the rail service between Hamilton and Newcastle stations?
43. How much will be made redundant if the proposed Wickham interchange proceeds?
44. How much money will be used to replicate services that were moved to accommodate the current arrangements, but will need to be rebuilt to accommodate the proposed arrangements?
45. Where did these buses come from?

46. Were other Newcastle and Hunter bus routes impacted because of the need to provide this service?
47. How much was spent on extra drivers?
48. What is the business plan for this project?
49. What will be the direct and indirect economic improvement, if any, to Newcastle and the Hunter?
50. The government has made a commitment to improving the Newcastle-Sydney rail service with a target of a two hour service. What steps is the Government undertaking to make this improvement?

### **Other Newcastle Questions**

51. How many jobs have been lost in the Hunter over the last financial year?
52. What is the Government's new proposal for the Empire Hotel site in Hunter St Newcastle, which was due to be constructed and contain affordable housing?
53. What plans does the Government have for affordable housing in Newcastle?

### **Broadmeadow Sports Precinct Master Plan**

54. What is the status of this plan?

### **LMBR Issues**

55. Are you able to provide the any additional funding amounts approved by Treasury for the Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) program in 2014-15 and 2015-16?
56. Can you provide the expected total cost of the LMBR program and a breakdown of these costs?

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  - a) Do they have ABN's?
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- 67. Details of the agreement between your office and any contractors/consultants engaged by your office?

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- 73. 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?
- 74. Have you used Airbnb?

75. Have you or anyone in your office used Airbnb as an accommodation solution whilst travelling on official business?
76. 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?
77. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
  - a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?

### **Labour Hire Firms**

78. 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**

79. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?
80. 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?
81. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?
82. 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**

83. 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?
84. 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?



85. 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?
- Who attended those meetings?
  - What was the nature of those meetings?
  - What was discussed?
  - Were any records of those meetings kept?
86. 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?
- Who attended those meetings?
  - What was the nature of those meetings?
  - What was discussed?
  - Were any records of those meetings kept?
87. 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?
- Who attended those meetings?
  - What was the nature of those meetings?
  - What was discussed?
  - Were any records of those meetings kept?
88. 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?
- Who attended those meetings?
  - What was the nature of those meetings?
  - What was discussed?
  - Were any records of those meetings kept?
89. 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?
- Who attended those meetings?
  - What was the nature of those meetings?
  - What was discussed?
  - Were any records of those meetings kept?
90. 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?
- Who attended those meetings?
  - What was the nature of those meetings?
  - What was discussed?
  - Were any records of those meetings kept?
91. 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?
- Who attended those meetings?
  - What was the nature of those meetings?
  - What was discussed?
  - Were any records of those meetings kept?
92. Has the consultancy company Premier State done any consultancy work for the Department? If so what projects was Premier State consulted on?
- What was the cost of the consultancy work for each project?
  - Was there a tender process for these projects?

93. 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**

94. 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?
95. 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**

96. 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?
97. 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?
98. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?
99. How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2014-15?
- a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?
100. How much was spent on corporate hospitality by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015?
101. How much was spent on indoor plant hire and maintenance by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015 year?
102. 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?
103. 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?
- 104. 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?
- 105. How much did departments/agencies spend on newspaper and journal subscriptions during 2014-2015?
- 106. 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?
- 107. 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?
- 108. 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**

- 109. 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
- 110. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have a policy on utilising Uber services for travel on official business?
- 111. 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?
- 112. Have staff in your Department/agencies either paid for with departmental funds or been recompensed for official travel using Airbnb services?
- 113. 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**

- 114. 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?
- 115. 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?
- 116. 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?
- 117. 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?
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## **Efficiency Dividend**

- 118. What was the efficiency dividend required of the department in the 2014/15 financial year?
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- 120. What savings measures were implemented by the Department for:
  - a) 2014/15 financial year
  - b) 2013/14 financial year
  - c) 2012/13 financial year?
- 121. What actual savings were achieved by each strategy in:
  - a) 2014/15 financial year
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- 122. What reduction of staff occurred and at what cost as a result of each strategy in:
  - a) 2014/15 financial year
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- 123. For the 2015/16 financial year:
  - a) What savings measures will the Department save?
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  - c) Will they require a reduction in staffing?
  - d) How many positions within the Department remain unfilled due to the imposition of savings measures?

## ***Industrial Relations***

124. What was the total expenditure for the Office of Industrial Relations in the 2014-2015 financial year?
125. What is the budget for the Office of Industrial Relations for the 2015-2016 financial year?
126. What was the number of FTE equivalent staff for OIR in 2014-2015?
127. How many staff were employed in OIR in 2014-2015 in numbers of actual employees?
128. What were the classifications for each position or group of positions in OIR in 2014-2015?
129. What is the the number of FTE equivalent staff for OIR for the 2015-2016 financial year?
130. How many staff are to be employed in OIR in 2015-2016 in numbers of actual employees?
131. What are the classifications for each position or group of positions in OIR For 2015-2016?
132. What changes have been made to OIR since Budget Estimates hearings for the Industrial Relations portfolio in 2014?
133. What new functions have been taken on?
134. What functions have been discontinued?
135. What were the reasons for each function being taken on or discontinued?
136. What are the separate functions to be carried out by OIR in 2015-2016?
137. How many staff will support each function?
138. What is the budget for each function?
139. How many staff will work across more than one function?
140. What is the work being done by OIR with vulnerable workers?
141. Does OIR still provide advice to private sector employers? If yes, which industries has OIR provided advice to?
142. How many workplace visits has OIR undertaken in the 2014-2015 year?
143. How many workplace visits does OIR expect to conduct in the 2015-2016 year?
144. How many actions to recover unpaid or underpaid remuneration did OIR undertake in the 2014-2015 year?
145. How many of these were undertaken through formal legal actions and how many were completed without?
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147. Which NSW agencies, or other employers or engagers of labour did OIR take action against in the 2014-2015 year?
148. How much was recovered in unpaid or underpaid remuneration in the 2014-2015 year?
149. I refer to Budget Paper No. 3, page 11-3 and the "2015-2016 Budget Highlights". Apart from dot points three and four, why are there no 2015-2016 Budget Highlights for the Industrial Relations portfolio?
150. What are the other Budget highlights for the Industrial Relations portfolio for 2015-2016?
151. Will further Commissioner appointments be made to the NSW Industrial Relations Commission in 2015?
152. When will further Commissioner appointments be made to the NSW Industrial Relations Commission?
153. What is the present number of pending s 173 and s 181D Police Act 1990 matters before the IRC?

154. What is the present estimate as to the likely completion times for those matters, based on the present resources of the Commission?
155. Are there sufficient members of the Commission to constitute a Full Bench to hear appeals in such matters?

### **NSW IRC**

156. Since the most recent advertisements seeking expressions of interest from persons interested in appointment as a Commissioner of the NSW IRC:-
- How many persons submitted an expression of interest?
  - How many persons were selected for an interview?
  - When were interviews conducted?
  - Which persons comprised the interview panel?
  - Was the President of the IRC part of the interview panel? If not, why not?
  - How many candidates have been shortlisted for consideration for appointment?

### **Efficiency dividend**

157. For each of the past three financial years, what was the efficiency dividend in dollar value to be met by each of the agencies within your administration?
158. What savings and revenue generating strategies did each agency implement to achieve the efficiency dividend and what was the amount of the savings or revenue actually achieved?
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  - a) Were any of those services in an UberX vehicle?
183. 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?
184. Have you used Airbnb?
185. Have you or anyone in your office used Airbnb as an accommodation solution whilst travelling on official business?
186. 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?
187. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
  - a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?

## **Labour Hire Firms**

188. 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**

189. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?
190. 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?
191. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?



192. 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**

193. 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?
194. 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?
195. 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?
196. 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?
197. 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?
198. 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?
199. 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?
- 200. 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?
- 201. 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?
- 202. 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?
- 203. 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**

- 204. 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?
- 205. 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**

- 206. 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?

207. 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?
208. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?
209. How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2014-15?
  - a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?
210. How much was spent on corporate hospitality by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015?
211. How much was spent on indoor plant hire and maintenance by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015 year?
212. 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?
213. 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?
214. 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?
215. How much did departments/agencies spend on newspaper and journal subscriptions during 2014-2015?
216. 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?
217. 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?
218. 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**

219. 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
220. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have a policy on utilising Uber services for travel on official business?
221. 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?
222. Have staff in your Department/agencies either paid for with departmental funds or been recompensed for official travel using Airbnb services?
223. 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**

224. 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?
225. 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?
226. 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?
227. 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?

## Questions from Dr John Kaye MLC

### *Treasury*

#### **Spending on road infrastructure**

- 228. What roads are being considered for clearways as part of the \$100 million allocated for the expanded clearways program?
- 229. How much of the Federal Government's \$2 Billion concessional loan has been spent or allocated to specific contracts? What are those contracts?
- 230. Has there been a process undertaken to thoroughly evaluate the companies that are receiving government contracts that have recently settled out of court for allegedly providing incorrect or incomplete traffic data? What is that process?
- 231. Has RMS or the WestConnex Delivery Authority projected a profit or a loss from the lease or sale of properties that have been acquired due to the WestConnex project, but are not being acquired permanently for the project?
- 232. How much of a contribution will be made to Westconnex from the long term lease of the poles and wires?
- 233. What projects are being referred to by 'Traffic Management Upgrade Works?'  
(Infrastructure Statement pages 2 – 2, 3 – 2, 3 – 5, 3 – 6)
- 234. What projects are contained in Packages 1, 2 and 3 of the Easing Sydney's Congestion, Urban Roads Pinch Points Program? (Budget Paper page 10 - 5, Infrastructure Statement pages 2 – 4, 2 – 11, 4 – 6, 5 – 57)