

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-2015
PREMIER
MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
MINISTER FOR WESTERN SYDNEY

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – 21 AUGUST 2014
WESTERN SYDNEY

QUESTION 1:

Custom Coaches at Villawood have been in administration and receivership since May 2014 in large part because of your procurement policy, which no longer requires local content in its tenders and has removed price preferences for local manufacturers in state government contracts. The liquidators have been successful in selling the company and it's going to continue as a bus manufacturer. What will you do to protect the jobs of the one hundred or so workers who will be retained at the site?

ANSWER 1:

This government has policies encouraging jobs growth, not protectionism.

- The government is planning for 313,000 additional new jobs in Greater Western Sydney by 2031. Importantly, this is over 50% of new jobs planned across Sydney in that time which reflects both the population growth and significance of the region.
- Announced under the *Decade of Decentralisation* strategy is the relocation of 3000 public sector jobs to Western Sydney.
- Announced job enhancing projects include major Health and education infrastructure development; transport infrastructure like WestConnex, North West Rail Link, South West Rail Link and Western Sydney Infrastructure Strategy; new urban renewal precincts (Parramatta Road, Parramatta North, Bella Vista, Kellyville and Showground), housing development in the NW and SW Growth Areas; and expansion of the Western Sydney Employment Area.
- Business support initiatives such as Smart Work Hubs (Penrith, Rouse Hill and Oran Park), Innovate NSW, Export Accelerator Program Supply Chain Accelerator Pilot Program, Industry-Research Collaboration, Supply Chain Accelerator Pilot Program, Small Biz Connect and the Jobs Action Plan also encourage jobs growth.
- NSW unemployment rate remains the second lowest in the nation, with over 165,000 jobs created since April 2011, while housing approvals are at the highest levels in over a decade. This is a clear sign that the NSW Government's commitment to invest in jobs, housing and infrastructure is paying off.

QUESTION 2:

Is the government proposing to sell the right to toll the M5 West near Liverpool beyond 2026, when that toll is set to expire, to help fund new motorways in the inner and northern suburbs?

ANSWER 2:

WestConnex Delivery Authority is considering a range of financing options for WestConnex. No final decision has been made by the NSW Government in relation to the M5 West toll.

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QUESTION 3:

As detailed by WSROC, the shape of the Sydney basin and prevailing wind directions mean that air quality in Western Sydney is worse on almost all measures than in most other parts of Sydney. What measures are in the budget to help overcome this problem?

ANSWER 3:

The EPA will continue to undertake multiple programs to improve air quality in Western Sydney, including:

- Regulating emissions from licensed industry including compliance action and audits of air emissions
- Providing grants to local councils for wood smoke reduction initiatives during winter and
- Regulating low petrol volatility in summer and rolling out mandatory vapour recovery at service stations.

The Government has allocated \$2 million in operating funds and \$950,000 in capital funds for Government and industry funded monitoring networks across NSW. Of the 26 Government-funded stations, 10 are located in Western Sydney, including the new Camden station opened by the Government in December 2012.

There is \$3 million available for NSW air quality projects in 2014-15. This includes:

- \$270,000 to continue to update the NSW Air Emissions Inventory, a key source of information for air quality management. A web tool was completed in 2013/14 to provide the public with ease of access to the inventory information.
- \$280,000 funding for Wood Smoke Reduction Initiatives, building on the 2013/14 allocation of \$932,000. The grants enable councils to conduct smoky chimney surveys, undertake community education and provide rebates to replace old wood heaters with cleaner alternatives.
- Over \$600,000 to manage diesel emissions from non-road equipment (such as used in construction), diesel locomotives and shipping. For Sydney this includes a project working with the operators of diesel plant on major infrastructure construction sites to address poor emission performance. Standards in construction contracts of Government and related contractors is one key outcome sought.
- \$300,000 for an Air Pollutant Review of Priority EPA Regulated Facilities. Once prioritisation is complete, 40-50 of the highest priority facilities in NSW will be subject to a thorough review in 2014-15.
- \$200,000 to continue a study on Measurement of Coal Seam Gas Fugitive Emissions study, in order to develop appropriate monitoring methods and determine current ambient levels of fugitive methane emissions associated with coal seam gas extraction.
- \$80,000 to update the Approved Methods for Modelling and Approved Methods for Sampling Air Pollutants in NSW. These provide the statutory methods for modelling and sampling emissions of air pollutants from stationary industrial sources in NSW.
- Funding for air quality and health research and community air quality information, education and publications.

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QUESTION 1:

What in the total budget allocation for major works in the Monaro Electorate?

- (a) What is the budget allocation for the Perisher Range Redevelopment for the 2014/15 budget?
- (b) What is the budget allocation for the upgrade of Service NSW Centre in Queanbeyan in the 2014/15 budget?

ANSWER 1:

Information in relation to 2014-15 budget allocation for Monaro is available in the Monaro Budget Report.

QUESTION 2:

Who were the successful applicants for the Community Building Partnerships Fund for the Monaro electorate in the most recent round?

- a) What were the projects?
- b) What was the funding allocation for each project?
- c) How many applications were there in total?

ANSWER 2:

Information in relation to the Community Building Partnership from 2009 to 2013 is available at www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au.

The 2014 program is currently underway to be announced by the end of the year.

QUESTION 3:

Will the Acting Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet provide the Committee with the results of the Inquiry in to the activities of the registered lobbyist firm First State and copies of all correspondence between the Department and First State and any of their consultants/staff including Mr Joe Tannous?

ANSWER 3:

The results of this inquiry were provided to the Hon Fred Nile MLC as Chair of the General Purpose Standing Committee No 1 on 25 September 2013.

The results of the inquiry (including a copy of the submission made on behalf of Mr Joseph Tannous) were also published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website in 2013.

The information remains publicly available at [www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf_file/0020/157601/Disclosure_log_-_DPC13-05200.pdf](http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0020/157601/Disclosure_log_-_DPC13-05200.pdf).

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QUESTION 4:

Will the Acting Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet provide the Committee with a written update on the monitoring of and inquiries into the ongoing activities of the registered lobbyist firm First State and their compliance with the requirement under the Lobbyist Code of Conduct to keep lobbying and politically activities completely separate, plus provide copies of all correspondence between the Department and First State and any of their consultants/staff including Mr Joe Tannous?

ANSWER 4:

The Department continues to monitor and review compliance with the provisions of the Lobbyists Code of Conduct by lobbyists, including following up lobbyists with respect to confirmation of details forms, change of details forms and statutory declarations.

The Department has written to all registered political parties requesting details of the offices and positions concerned in the management of their party and the holders of these positions in order to review compliance with the provisions of the Lobbyists Code of Conduct prohibiting individuals who occupy or act in an office or position concerned in the management of a registered political party being included on the Lobbyists Register.

The Department is reviewing material provided by the Hon Luke Foley during the Budget Estimates hearing and will provide the Chair of the Committee with a written update once that review is complete.

QUESTION 5:

Will the Acting Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet provide the Committee with a written report on any investigations into the activities of First State and the work that was undertaken by them for their client Auburn City Council and provide the Committee with copies of all correspondence between the Department and First State and any of their consultants/staff including Mr Joe Tannous?

ANSWER 5:

See answer to question 4 above.

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QUESTION 6-7:

6. The Hunter region will only see \$590million of the \$1.6billion net proceeds of the Newcastle Port sell-off. That's only a third going into the local economy with the rest sent to pay for projects in Sydney. Why is the Hunter being deprived of the full proceeds of the sale of its world class port? And why is \$340 million of this money being put into the replacement of one functioning rail line with another 100m away?

7. \$50million of the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund allocation in this budget to the city has been reserved in 2014-15 for what is described only as "Newcastle urban renewal initiatives". What are these "initiatives"? Why is the government being so vague about the details? And will the Newcastle community actually get a say in how this money is spent?

ANSWER 6-7:

Disappointingly the NSW Labor Opposition did not support the lease of Newcastle Port.

Under Labor's plan, the Hunter region would not have received any funding.

Information in relation to the revitalisation of Newcastle can be found at <http://www.revitalisingnewcastle.com.au/>.

QUESTION 8-11:

8. Is the Premier aware that Urban Growth has had funds to remove the asbestos, lead and repair all the windows in Challoner Cottage?

9. Is the Premier aware the Urban Growth was instructed to do this work but have not started yet?

10. Does the Premier know how much funding is being held by Urban Growth for the work to be done on Challoner Cottage?

11. Are they close to an agreement for Challoner Cottage to be placed on the Crown List of property with Renwick Association to hold the Crown Lease? If not, what is the delay and when will the final decision be made?

ANSWER 8-11:

UrbanGrowth NSW has project funding for maintenance and repairs of Challoner Cottage. Approximately \$150,000 is being held for works.

The works are proposed to coincide with restoration works, the outcome of which is pending a decision on the transfer of Challoner Cottage to Crown Lands. UrbanGrowth NSW continues to maintain the property to meet the *Minimum Standards of Maintenance and Repair* consistent with Challoner Cottages State heritage listing.

Family and Community Services has formally requested that a Crown Reserve Trust be established over Challoner, including the proposal for the Renwick Association as trustee for the property, and the Department of Trade and Investment is currently considering that request.

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QUESTION 12-13:

12. On the 15th of June this year the Newcastle Herald revealed (“Junction Public School finally funded to replace buildings lost in 1989 earthquake”) that the NSW Government had committed to replacing demountable classrooms at the Junction Public School. The Member for Newcastle, Tim Owen, claimed that between \$2.5million and \$3million had been set aside in this year’s budget to build the new classrooms. Although: *“there will not be an individual line item spelling it out as such”*. Without a dedicated budget line item, do parents and teachers at the Junction Public School have anything but Mr Owen’s word to go on that this funding exists and work will actually commence?

13. Is there any, in writing, in the budget commitment to actually build these new classrooms? And if so, why did it take this long to replace them? The needs of the students at the The Junction Public School haven’t changed over the last three years, these buildings were needed just as much back then as they are now. Indeed, Mr Owen even campaigned on the issue at the last state election. Why has it taken so long for this Government to Act?

ANSWER 12-13:

Funding has been allocated for new permanent accommodation at The Junction Public School in 2014/15.

QUESTION 14:

Also why is this government failing to provide adequate classrooms to other public schools in the Hunter? In the Maitland Mercury, on July 6 this year (“Rutherford school calls for permanent rooms”) it was revealed that Rutherford Public School is bursting at the seams with the computer room and library being used as permanent classrooms. The school’s ten demountables are not enough to cope with the School’s 780 students. When will Rutherford’s demountables be replaced with additional more permanent classrooms?

ANSWER 14:

An educational needs strategy incorporating Rutherford Public School is being prepared for the Maitland Growth Corridor to address any future increase in demand.

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QUESTION 15-18:

15. How many staff in your Ministerial office are dedicated to your portfolio responsibilities of Minister for Western Sydney?

16. How many staff in the Government are assigned to your portfolio responsibilities of Minister for Western Sydney?

17. How many staff are located in the Western Office of DPC?

18. How many times have you visited Western Sydney since becoming minister and on what dates and with whom did you meet?

ANSWER 15-18:

15. Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website at:
http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers.

16 & 17. The Department of Premier and Cabinet has seven regional offices to provide non-political support to Regional Ministers. These offices are located in the North Coast, Central Coast, Hunter, Greater Western Sydney, Sydney East, Illawarra, South East and Western NSW. Across all regions as at 30 June 2014, there were 45.4 full time equivalent employees in the branch.

18. I regularly visit Western Sydney in my capacity as Minister for Western Sydney. Information regarding scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals will be published in accordance with Memorandum 2014-07 - Publication of Ministerial Diaries.

QUESTION 19-21:

19. Given that the Liberals channel all donations through a centralised accounting system which means most individual MPs do not disclose the people and organisations that personally donate to their campaigns, will you fully disclose the source of all donations you received at the 2011 election campaign?

20. Will you release the full list of donors who donated to your 2011 election campaign?

21. In the interest of transparency and accountability, will you commit to publicly release the source of donations for the 2015 election?

ANSWER 19-21:

The Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981 requires the disclosure of political donations received and/or made, and electoral expenditure incurred, by or on behalf of parties, elected members, groups, candidates and third party campaigners. It also requires the disclosure of political donations of \$1000 or more made by major political donors.

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QUESTION 22-24:

22. On how many occasions have you met with a lobbyist, and what were the dates of these meetings?

23. Which lobbyists have you met with, and what was discussed?

24. The Minister for Finance has banned lobbyists from meeting him and his office; will you make the same commitment? If not, why not?

ANSWER 22-24:

Meetings with lobbyists are in accordance with the NSW Lobbyist Code of Conduct. Information regarding scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals will be published in accordance with Memorandum 2014-07 Publication of Ministerial Diaries.

QUESTION 25-26:

25. How many times have you met with the Cross Border Commissioner:

- a) In the last twelve months
- b) Since the creation of the position.

26. What issues or topics have you referred to the Cross Border Commissioner:

- a) In the last twelve months
- b) Since the creation of the position.

ANSWER 25-26:

Information regarding scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals will be published in accordance with Memorandum 2014-07 - Publication of Ministerial Diaries.

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QUESTION 27:

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

ANSWER 27:

The Department of Premier and Cabinet makes use of Labour Hire firms in accordance with NSW Public Sector policy to cover temporary vacancies as required. There are no central records maintained, with branches authorised to make such arrangements within their overall employment expense budget.

QUESTION 28-33:

28. Has the consultancy company Crosby Textor done any consultancy work for the Dept of Primary Industries? If so what projects was Crosby Textor consulted on?

- a) What was the cost of the consultancy work for each project?
- b) Was there a tender process for these projects?

29. Does Crosby Textor currently have any contract work with the Department, if so, what is their role in the project?

30. Has the consultancy company Premier State done any consultancy work for the Dept of Primary Industries? 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?

31. Does Premier State currently have any contract work with the Department, if so, what is their role in the project?

32. Has the Government Contracting company Serco or its affiliates done any consultancy work for the Dept of Primary Industries? If so what projects was Serco or its affiliates assisted with?

- a) What was the cost of the consultancy work for each project?
- b) Was there a tender process for these projects?

33. Does Serco or any of its affiliates currently have any contract work with the Department, if so, what is their role in the project?

ANSWER 28-33:

This question should be referred to the Minister for Primary Industries.

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QUESTION 34-44:

34. How many blackberries/smart phones are assigned to your staff?

35. For each phone, how much was each bill in the 2013/14 financial year?

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

37. What is the cost of replacing those phones?

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

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

40. How many iPhones does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?

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

42. How many iPhones have been lost in your office?

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

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

ANSWER 34-44:

34 & 40. 204 phones have been issued to NSW Government Ministerial staff.

35. The 2013-14 total phone bill expenditure for NSW Government Ministerial offices is \$363,877 (63%) less than under the NSW Labor Government in 2008-09 of \$578,691 total expenditure.

36 & 42. 9 phones were lost from the NSW Government Ministerial staff.

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

38. 96 iPads have been issued for the NSW Government Ministerial staff.

39. iPads are supplied by DPC and have not been purchased by NSW Government Ministerial staff.

41. iPhones or Smart Phones are supplied by DPC and have not been purchased by NSW Government Ministerial staff.

43. 0 iPads were lost from the NSW Government Ministerial staff.

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QUESTION 45-46:

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

46. What is the forecast for 2014/15 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?

ANSWER 45-46:

For the Department of Premier and Cabinet, there are no media or public relations advisers employed. There are no plans to change the current arrangements.

QUESTION 47-49:

48. Have any of your overseas trips in the past year been paid for in part or in full by using public money?

49. If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?

ANSWER 47-49:

Information regarding Ministerial travel is available on the Minister's appropriate agency website, in accordance with Ministerial Memorandum M2009-10 "Release of Overseas Travel Information".

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QUESTION 50-63:

50. What is the annual remuneration package for your chief of staff?
51. What is the annual remuneration package for your head media advisor?
52. What is the annual remuneration package for each of your staff?
53. What is the estimated expenditure for your office budget in 2014/15?
54. Have any office renovations or fit outs been undertaken in your ministerial office since April, 2011?
55. If so, could you give details of contracted costs?
56. What is your Ministerial office budget for 2014/15?
57. How many political advisors are in your office?
58. How many administration staff?
59. How many Department Liaison Officers are assigned to your office?
60. How many staff in the Department are assigned to Ministerial support duties?
61. Are any contractors or consultants working in your ministerial office?
62. If so, in what capacities?
63. How much did your Ministerial office spend on contractors or consultants?

ANSWER 50-63:

50-52 & 57-58. Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website at: http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers.

53 & 56. The 2014-15 budget for NSW Government Ministerial offices is \$4,886,770 (10%) less than under the NSW Labor Government in 2009-10 of \$48,834,000.

54-55. Information in relation to repairs, maintenance and relocation for 2011-12 and 2012-13 is available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet Disclosure Log at http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/165616/Disclosure_Log_Information_-_Ministerial_Renovations.docx.pdf.

59. Number of Department Liaison Officers for NSW Government Ministerial offices at 30 June 2014 was 56.

60. NSW Government Ministers and the Leader of the Opposition are provided with road transport services, with Ministerial Drivers assigned for this purpose.

61-63. Financial statements, including expenditure on consultants, are available in agency annual reports.

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QUESTION 64:

How much did your Ministerial office spend on taxi fares, including Cabcharge in the 2013/14 financial year?

ANSWER 64:

The 2013-14 taxi expenditure for NSW Government Ministerial offices was \$117,783 (67%) less than under the NSW Labor Government in 2009-10 of \$175,776.

QUESTION 65-71:

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

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

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

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

69. What has been the total cost of redundancies since April 2011?

70. How many voluntary redundancies were accepted from employees in your Departments since April 2011?

71. How many voluntary redundancies are expected to be offered in 2014/15?

ANSWER 65-71:

65-67. Agencies and departments undertake internal reviews of its structure to ensure that its functions and priorities align with the changing needs of Government. This work has involved reviewing structures in various parts of the agency to achieve greater alignment with the Government's reform agenda and recommendations of the Commission of Audit.

68-71. The Government's program of voluntary redundancies remains on track. The target of 5,000 positions by June 2015 (announced in the 2011/12 Budget) was already exceeded by a further 1,789 positions by December 2013. The Labour Expense Cap introduced in the 2012/13 Budget is also well on track with Secretaries given as much flexibility as possible to achieve these savings in the most appropriate way to meet the service requirements of their agencies. Nurses, police officers and teachers in schools have been quarantined from this measure.

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QUESTION 72-77:

72. How much did your Department(s) spend on catering in 2013/14?

73. How much did your Department(s) spend on stationary in 2013/14?

74. What is your Department's catering budget?

75. What is your Department's stationary budget?

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

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

ANSWER 72-77:

72 & 74. Details regarding expenditure on community events are published in the Department's Annual Report.

73 & 75. In 2013/14 the Department's expenditure was \$155,000 (33%) lower than the allocated budget of \$476,000 and \$111,000 (26%) lower than the total 2010/11 expenditure of \$432,000.

76-77. No agency within the Department of Premier and Cabinet has changed its branding since April 2011.

QUESTION 78-79:

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

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

ANSWER 78-79:

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

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

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QUESTION 80-82:

80. In 2013/14 how many invoices has your Department(s) failed to pay a supplier or contractor for more than 30 days?

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

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

ANSWER 80-82:

Information regarding "30 days to pay" policy is available at
<http://www.finance.nsw.gov.au/30days/how-government-will-report-policy>.

QUESTION 83:

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 2013/14?
- h) What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?

ANSWER 83:

Grant payments are detailed in the Department's Annual Report.

QUESTION 84:

How many contractors has your Department(s) retained since 1 July 2014 and at what cost?

ANSWER 84:

Information regarding Agency contractors and projects are published in the Department's Annual Report.

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QUESTION 85-86:

85. What is the current level of Aboriginal employment within your Department(s)?

86. How has that changed since 1 July 2013?

ANSWER 85-86:

85. The Public Service Commission collects workforce data from the NSW public sector, including information regarding levels of Aboriginal employment. The level of Aboriginal employment as at 30 June 2014 is estimated at 2.9%. This is still subject to final quality checks, prior to the November release of the Workforce Profile 2014.

86. The 30 June 2014 estimate of Aboriginal employment in the sector is 2.9%. This compares to the Workforce Profile 2013 report which estimated the level of Aboriginal employment in the sector at 2.7%.

QUESTION 87:

Since 1 July 2011, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your Department(s)?

ANSWER 87:

For the Department of Premier and Cabinet (not including Ministers Offices) nil costs were spent on Charter Flights.

QUESTION 88:

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?

ANSWER 88:

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

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QUESTION 89-92:

89. Can you please list all travel related costs for your Parliamentary Secretary incurred in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2013

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

90. Can you please provide details of the following activities undertaken by your Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2013;

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

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

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

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

ANSWER 89-92:

89. Information on the total costs for NSW Government Parliamentary Secretaries in 2013/14 are:

- a) Information not available.
- b) \$1,338
- c) \$8,773
- d) Information not available. Expenses are included under (b).

90-92. Parliamentary Secretaries provide assistance to the Premier/Minister, including signing correspondence; receiving deputations; undertaking special tasks; officiating at functions; and relieving the Premier/Minister of some of their duties. The duties to be performed are those allocated by the Premier/Minister, or which have the Premier/Minister endorsement.

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QUESTION 93-94:

93. 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?

94. Has the Parliamentary Secretary been provided with Speech, Voice or Media Training since becoming Parliamentary Secretary? If so, then;

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- b) When was it conducted?
- c) Where was it conducted what were the costs of the training?
- d) Who paid for the training?

ANSWER: 93-94:

No