

## Questions from Hon Peter Primrose MLC

### Water

1. In his December 2013 Report entitled 'Finance Audit – Volume Nine – Focussing on Environment, Water and Infrastructure', the Auditor-General at page 39 states: 'Sydney Water's dividends provided and taxes paid of \$597 million represent 24 per cent of the revenue it received from customers.'
  - (a) What was the total amount of Sydney Water's dividends provided and taxes paid in 2013/14?
    - i. What is this as a percentage of the revenue it received from customers?
    - ii. What is the estimated total for 2014/15?
    - iii. What is this estimate as a percentage of the estimated revenue it will receive from customers?
  - (b) What was the total amount of Hunter Water's dividends provided and taxes paid in 2013/14?
    - i. What is this as a percentage of the revenue it received from customers?
    - ii. What is the estimated total for 2014/15?
    - iii. What is this estimate as a percentage of the estimated revenue it will receive from customers?

### ANSWER 1

- a) **This information is available in Sydney Water Corporation's (SWC) Statement of Corporate Intent (SCI). The SCI is published annually and can be accessed via the SWC website.**
  - b) **This information is available in Hunter Water Corporation's (HWC) Statement of Corporate Intent (SCI). The SCI is published annually and can be accessed via the HWC website.**
2. On page 43 of the Auditor General's Report, he finds that for Sydney Water, the water main breaks and leaks per 100 kilometres of water main, increased from 22 in 2011/12 to 29 in 2012/13. He also found that the average frequency of unplanned water interruptions per 1,000 properties increased from 147 to 160.
  - (a) What were the reasons for this decreased performance?
  - (b) What are the figures for both measures for 2013/14?

### ANSWER 2

- a) **Climatic conditions have an influence on the capacity to detect leaks. The 29 leaks per 100 kilometres recorded for 2012-13 is consistent with the typical trend in dry years.**
  - b) **2013-14 performance - 30 and 183 respectively.**
3. On page 43 of the Auditor General's Report, he finds that for Hunter Water, the water main breaks and leaks per 100 kilometres of water main, increased from 25 in 2011/12

to 67 in 2012/13. He also found that the average frequency of unplanned water interruptions per 1,000 properties increased from 206 to 236.

- (a) What were the reasons for this decreased performance?
- (b) What are the figures for both measures for 2013/14?

**ANSWER 3**

- a) **A change in the definition required for breaks and leaks in 2012/13. This prevents accurate comparison between the two years.**
- b) **30 and 303 respectively.**

4. How many new apprentices does Sydney Water plan to hire to commence at the start of next calendar year (2015)?

- (a) How many were hired at the beginning of 2012, 2013 and 2014?

**ANSWER 4**

**Nil**

- a) **2012: Nil      2013: 2      2014: 1**

5. How many new apprentices does Hunter Water plan to hire to commence at the start of next calendar year (2015)?

- (a) How many were hired at the beginning of 2012, 2013 and 2014?

**ANSWER 5**

**One**

- a) **2012: Nil      2013: 2      2014: 1**

6. How many complaints were received by Sydney Water in 2013/14?

- (a) How many of these related to billing and account complaints related to meter reading issues?

**ANSWER 6:**

**6,935 complaints in total**

- a) **2,405 were related to meter reading.**

7. How many complaints were received by Sydney Water in 2013/14?

- (a) How many of these related to billing and account complaints related to meter reading issues?

**ANSWER 7:**

**Refer to Answer 6**

8. How many complaints were received by Hunter Water in 2013/14?

- (a) How many of these related to billing and account complaints related to meter reading issues?

**ANSWER 8**

**1,703 complaints in total**

**a) 312 were related to meter reading**

9. How many properties serviced by Sydney Water experienced low water pressure of less than 15 metres head in 2013/14?

**ANSWER 9:**

**661**

10. How many properties serviced by Hunter Water experienced low water pressure of less than 15 metres head in 2013/14?

**ANSWER 10**

**664**

11. What was the average increase in water and sewerage bills for families in Sydney, the Illawarra and the Blue Mountains from 1st July 2014 who live in detached dwellings?

**ANSWER 11**

**2%**

12. What was the average increase in water and sewerage bills for families in Sydney, the Illawarra and the Blue Mountains from 1st July 2014 who live in flats or apartments?

**ANSWER 12**

**Own meter: 1.9%**

**Shared common meter: 4.2%.**

13. On average, how many litres of water does Sydney Water lose through leakages each day?

**ANSWER 13**

**107 ML**

14. On average, how many litres of water does Hunter Water lose through leakages each day?

**ANSWER 14**

**The Infrastructure Leakage Index (ILI) is the ratio of leakage to a theoretical minimum leakage (real losses / unavoidable losses). Hunter Water has an ILI of 1.17**

15. In the Georges River catchment, Sydney Water has around 727 designated sewage and wastewater overflow points, of which around 188 are on the trunk sewer mains that discharge directly into the catchment when the rain is very heavy. Is this correct?

(a) If not, what are the accurate figures?

**ANSWER 15**

**Yes, this figure is correct.**

16. Sydney Water's license allows now more than 40 overflows into the Georges River every decade. Is this correct? If not, what is the correct figure?
- (a) Has Sydney Water asked the Environment Protection Authority to change its license conditions to allow it to discharge on more occasions without breaching its license?
    - iv. If so, how many more discharges is Sydney Water seeking to be allowed to do?
    - v. If not, what changes have been sought?
  - (b) What actions are proposed by Sydney Water to reduce such overflows? When are these proposed to be instituted, and at what cost?

#### ANSWER 16

**No, this figure is not correct. The correct figure is 311.**

- a) No
    - iv. not applicable
    - v. not applicable
  - b) **Sydney Water is undertaking planning studies to investigate options for addressing the directed overflow on the North Georges River Submain that discharges to Lime Kiln Bay Wetland and overflows across the natural stormwater drainage catchment of Prospect Creek. The planning studies are scheduled to be finished by September 2014 for Lime Kiln Bay Wetland and December 2015 for Prospect Creek. These studies will identify the scope, cost and timing of any necessary improvement works.**
17. How many positions were made redundant, outsourced, abolished, deleted, retrenched or restructured within Sydney Water in 2013/14? Please provide a breakdown by department or division of those jobs.

#### ANSWER 17

**There were 81 redundancies in 2013/14**

Division	Redundancy
<b>SERVICE DELIVERY</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>BUSINESS/CORPORATE SERVICES</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>

18. How many positions do you expect will be made redundant, outsourced, abolished, deleted, retrenched or restructured within Sydney Water in 2014/15? Please provide a breakdown by department or division of those jobs.

#### ANSWER 18

**Sydney Water continually looks to drive efficiencies across all areas of the business. Decisions about redundancies are made throughout the year following thorough consideration of business cases and discussions with the relevant unions.**

19. How many positions were made redundant, outsourced, abolished, deleted, retrenched or restructured within Hunter Water in 2013/14? Please provide a breakdown by department or division of those jobs.

**ANSWER 19**

**There were six voluntary redundancies in 2013/14.**

Division	Voluntary Redundancy
CUSTOMER SERVICE	0
FINANCE	4
INFORMATION SERVICES	0
PLANNING & OPERATIONS	0
SHARED SERVICES	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6</b>

20. How many positions do you expect will be made redundant, outsourced, abolished, deleted, retrenched or restructured within Hunter Water in 2014/15? Please provide a breakdown by department or division of those jobs.

**ANSWER 20**

**One position in Finance has been made redundant at the start of the 2014/15 financial year. No other positions are forecast under current operational requirements to be made redundant or abolished for the remainder of the 2014/15 financial year.**

21. Minister, in your evidence you state: ‘Indeed, the Government—previous and existing—has spent some \$300 million in the Blue Mountains connecting some 14,000 properties.’
- Does this equate to an average expenditure of \$21,428 per household?
  - Would this suggest a total expenditure of approximately \$1,542,816 to complete the sewerage programme for the remaining 72 households?
  - If not, what is the estimated cost of completing the sewerage programme for these residents?
  - Some residents have received quotations for mains sewerage connection upwards of \$45,000 (some double this cost). Why would this be the case when there are residents that reside only metres away from existing sewerage infrastructure?

**ANSWER 21**

- No.**
- No**
- The total cost has not been estimated as some of the 72 households have indicated they have applied to the Blue Mountains City Council to install an onsite wastewater system.**

**(d) The indicatives quotes are based on the system design. The total system design costs are divided by the number of customers in that design.**

**Questions from Hon Amanda Fazio MLC**

**Country Towns Water Supply and sewerage scheme**

22. How much funding was allocated to the Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Scheme for 2014-15

**ANSWER 22**

**\$45 million**

23. Are the current funds fully committed, is there a waiting list of eligible projects or expressions of interest. How much more funding is required to meet the defined “backlog” projects?

**ANSWER 23**

**All current funds are fully committed and there is a waiting list of eligible projects.**

24. How many projects did the scheme fund in 2013-14? Please list those projects.

**ANSWER 24**

**37 projects.**

**Projects Funded for 2013-2014**

- 1. Bourke Water Supply Emergency Drought Relief**
- 2. Goulburn Water Supply Pipeline (Highland Source)**
- 3. Euabalong and Euabalong West Water Supply Emergency Drought Works**
- 4. Macquarie River to Orange Water Supply Pipeline**
- 5. Pack Saddle Road House Water Cartage**
- 6. Tibooburra Water Trust Water Cartage**
- 7. Byrock Water Cartage**
- 8. Milparinka Water Cartage**
- 9. Aqua Dam, Copi Hollow**
- 10. Lake Endeavour - Dam Safety**
- 11. Tamworth Sewerage 2b2 – Sewerage treatment Plant and Reuse**
- 12. Lithgow Sewerage Scheme**
- 13. Tenterfield Sewerage**
- 14. Mudgee Sewerage**
- 15. Iluka Sewerage**
- 16. Coffs Harbour Sewerage**
- 17. Wyangala Sewerage**
- 18. Broadwater Sewerage**
- 19. Burringbar / Mooball Sewerage**
- 20. Deniliquin Sewerage Stage 2**
- 21. Young Sewerage Augmentation**
- 22. Yeoval Sewerage**
- 23. Cumnock Sewerage**

24. Yamba Sewerage Augmentation
25. Wakool Sewerage
26. Mendooran Water Supply
27. Darbys Falls Water Supply
28. Nambucca District Water Supply Stage2
29. Taralga Water Supply Augmentation
30. Clarrie Hall Dam
31. Dalgety Water Supply
32. Tumut Council Integrated Water Cycle Management Study
33. Cooma-Monaro Council Integrated Water Cycle Management Study
34. Oberon Council Integrated Water Cycle Management Study
35. Upper Lachlan Council Integrated Water Cycle Management Study
36. Murray Shire Council Integrated Water Cycle Management Study
37. Grawin Opal Fields Water Cartage

25. What projects currently have funding allocated to them, how much is allocated and what are the key commencement and completion dates for each?

#### ANSWER 25

Projects allocated as follows:

Project Name	Project Start	Project Est. Completion	Allocation
Shoalhaven Regional Effluent Management Scheme 1b	1/3/2011	1/6/2017	\$10,424,601
Nambucca District Water supply Stage2	1/2/2013	1/12/2014	\$16,299,151
Redbank Creek Dam - Safety	1/12/1998	1/6/2015	\$599,989
Nimmitabel Water supply Emergency Drought Relief	1/5/2007	30/4/2015	\$461,000
Lithgow Water Supply Emergency Drought Works	1/6/2009	1/6/2015	\$400,000
Taralga Water Supply Augmentation	1/12/2012	1/10/2014	\$853,525
Mudgee Sewerage Augmentation	1/7/2010	31/12/2014	\$6,210,788
Crescent Head Water supply	1/12/2011	1/6/2015	\$228,000
Clarrie Hall Dam - Safety	1/12/2012	31/12/2014	\$1,533,750
Euabalong And Euabalong West Water supply Emergency Drought Works	27/11/2009	31/12/2014	\$157,500
Yeoval Sewerage	1/6/2012	31/12/2014	\$2,319,000
Cumnock Sewerage	1/6/2012	31/12/2014	\$2,220,000
Young Sewerage Augmentation	1/4/2012	31/12/2014	\$6,256,999
Darbys Falls Water Supply	1/2/2012	1/3/2015	\$485,528
Boggabilla Water Supply Emergency Drought Works	1/2/2009	1/6/2015	\$195,000
Little Wobby Sewerage	30/9/2016	31/1/2017	\$1,100,000
Tumbarumba Sewerage	1/11/2013	1/6/2015	\$4,350,000
Tarago Sewerage	1/4/2016	1/12/2017	\$1,000,000
Bodalla Sewerage	1/9/2012	1/11/2016	\$984,000
Hastings District Water Supply	1/6/2015	1/3/2016	\$2,000,000

<b>Southern Pipeline</b>			
<b>Nyngan &amp; Cobar Water Supply - Albert Priest Channel</b>	<b>1/11/2017</b>	<b>1/11/2017</b>	<b>\$2,425,000</b>
<b>Wyangala Sewerage</b>	<b>1/5/2012</b>	<b>1/12/2016</b>	<b>\$7,463,954</b>
<b>Wooli Sewerage</b>	<b>1/8/2016</b>	<b>1/12/2017</b>	<b>\$4,507,495</b>
<b>Clunes Sewerage</b>	<b>1/1/2015</b>	<b>1/10/2017</b>	<b>\$5,856,503</b>
<b>Tamworth Water Supply Peel River Intake</b>	<b>1/6/2017</b>	<b>1/4/2017</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>Ivanhoe Sewerage</b>	<b>1/3/2018</b>	<b>1/6/2017</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>
<b>Bensville Sewerage</b>	<b>1/9/2014</b>	<b>1/1/2016</b>	<b>\$4,758,000</b>
<b>Rosedale/Guerilla Bay Sewerage</b>	<b>1/9/2013</b>	<b>1/1/2015</b>	<b>\$2,650,800</b>
<b>South Durras Sewerage</b>	<b>1/9/2016</b>	<b>1/1/2017</b>	<b>\$720,000</b>
<b>Akolele &amp; Koori Village Sewerage</b>	<b>1/7/2014</b>	<b>1/11/2015</b>	<b>\$602,000</b>
<b>North Shore Sewerage</b>	<b>1/1/2015</b>	<b>1/11/2015</b>	<b>\$1,400,000</b>
<b>Murrumbateman Sewerage</b>	<b>1/1/2013</b>	<b>1/12/2014</b>	<b>\$3,620,600</b>
<b>Kyogle Water Supply Augmentation Backlog</b>	<b>1/2/2013</b>	<b>1/12/2014</b>	<b>\$3,200,000</b>
<b>Lake Endeavour - Dam Safety</b>	<b>1/6/2013</b>	<b>1/12/2016</b>	<b>\$4,925,000</b>
<b>Dorrigo Sewerage</b>	<b>1/11/2013</b>	<b>1/2/2015</b>	<b>\$2,373,053</b>
<b>Parkes Sewerage Stage 2</b>	<b>1/10/2012</b>	<b>1/1/2015</b>	<b>\$5,700,000</b>
<b>Yamba Sewerage Augmentation</b>	<b>1/8/2013</b>	<b>1/12/2014</b>	<b>\$3,018,436</b>
<b>Rylstone Dam - Safety</b>	<b>1/12/2014</b>	<b>1/6/2016</b>	<b>\$1,528,726</b>
<b>Bar Point Sewerage</b>	<b>1/9/2016</b>	<b>31/1/2017</b>	<b>\$2,485,000</b>
<b>Patonga Creek Sewerage</b>	<b>1/9/2016</b>	<b>31/1/2017</b>	<b>\$893,000</b>
<b>Hérons Creek Sewerage</b>	<b>1/2/2013</b>	<b>1/12/2016</b>	<b>\$394,220</b>
<b>Walcha Sewerage</b>	<b>1/6/2016</b>	<b>1/6/2017</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>Murrurundi Water Supply Dam Raising</b>	<b>1/11/2013</b>	<b>1/7/2015</b>	<b>\$1,250,000</b>
<b>Tenterfield Creek Dam - Safety</b>	<b>1/2/2014</b>	<b>1/11/2015</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>
<b>Suma Park Dam - Safety</b>	<b>1/11/2013</b>	<b>1/10/2016</b>	<b>\$3,500,000</b>
<b>Scone-Aberdeen Water Supply Treatment</b>	<b>1/1/2014</b>	<b>1/1/2017</b>	<b>\$3,600,000</b>
<b>Bombala Sewerage</b>	<b>1/10/2014</b>	<b>1/3/2016</b>	<b>\$1,870,500</b>
<b>Menindee Sewerage</b>	<b>31/3/2018</b>	<b>31/7/2017</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
<b>Willawarrin Sewerage</b>	<b>1/4/2017</b>	<b>1/5/2017</b>	<b>\$782,745</b>
<b>Murrumbateman Water Supply Augmentation</b>	<b>1/8/2013</b>	<b>1/7/2016</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>Parkes Water Supply Augmentation</b>	<b>1/11/2013</b>	<b>1/4/2016</b>	<b>\$5,624,000</b>
<b>Balldale Water Supply</b>	<b>1/9/2015</b>	<b>1/12/2016</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

26. What is the current status of Bombala's project to upgrade its sewerage scheme?

#### **ANSWER 26**

**Bombala Council is currently seeking proposals from consultants to prepare an Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy (IWCMS).**



27. The current web site says NSW Office of Water manages the Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Program. “Total funding commitment for the program exceeds \$1.2 billion, with \$935 million spent as of mid 2011, enabling completion of over 460 water supply and sewerage projects. Funding for 2011-12 is \$84 million. The program is scheduled to run until 2016-17.”

(a) How many projects have been funded in each year since 2011-12?

**ANSWER 27**

**2011-2012 – 49**

**2012-2013 – 55**

**2013-2014 – 32**

**Disused Water Races**

28. What is the process for transferring disused water races to adjoining landholders?

**ANSWER 28**

**The transfer of disused water races to adjoining landholders is on the basis of a directly negotiated sale.**

29. What revenue was raised in the previous three financial years from transferring disused water races to adjoining landholders?

**ANSWER 29**

**One for the total value of \$4,070.**

30. Has any Local Government Area raised issues with your department about the process for transferring disused water races to adjoining Local Government Areas?

**ANSWER 30**

**No**

31. Has the department conducted a review into problems created by disused water races?

(a) If so, when?

(b) Is the report publically available?

**ANSWER 31**

**No**

**Dredging Works**

32. Where were dredging works conducted in 2012/13 and 2013/14?

**ANSWER 32**

**The dredging information is available on the Government website**

33. How much was originally allocated for each project?

**ANSWER 33**

**The budget information for each project is available on the Government website.**

34. What was the total cost of the completed works?

**ANSWER 34**

**This information is available on the Government website.**

35. Which companies conducted each project?

**ANSWER 35**

**See Answer 34**

**Public Reserves Management Fund**

36. What is the total value of outstanding loans provided under the Public Reserves Management Fund (PRMF)?

**ANSWER 36**

**The total value of outstanding PRMF loans as at 31 July 2014 was \$33,606,652.**

37. How many loans were extended in 2012/2013 and 2013/2014?

**ANSWER 37**

**30 in 2012/13.**

**18 in 2013/14.**

38. Are any loans outstanding beyond the original terms?

(a) If yes, please list?

**ANSWER 38**

**Yes.**

**a) Trusts with outstanding loans beyond the original term are as follows:**

**Armidale Showground Trust**

**Berrigan Racecourse Trust**

**Bondi Baths Reserve Trust Office**

**Burrinjuck Waters State Park Trust**

**Glen Innes Showground Trust**

**Griffith Showground Trust**

**Inland Waters Holiday Parks Trust**

**Jingellic P A & H Society**

**Killalea State Recreation Area Trust**

**Marchmont Racecourse Trust**

**Moree Showground Trust**

**New England Regional Art Museum Trust**

**Newcastle Historic Reserve Trust**

**Tingha Caravan Park Reserve Trust  
Uralla Showground Trust**

**Waterfront Rentals**

39. What was the total revenue raised through waterfront rents in NSW for the financial year 2013/2014?

**ANSWER 39**

**The total revenue raised through waterfront rents in NSW for 2013/14 is \$10,920,869.47.**

**NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust**

40. What are the dates and venues for all meetings conducted by the NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust in the 2013/14 financial year?

**ANSWER 40**

**Meeting information is available on the Crown Holiday Parks website.**

41. What was the cost of meals and sustenance for Board members at these meetings?

**ANSWER 41**

**\$5,239.96**

42. What was the cost of accommodation for Board members of the NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust in 2013/14? Please break down into meeting related, conferences or other.

**ANSWER 42**

**\$2,801.94**

43. What was the cost of travel for Board members of the NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust in 2013/14? Please break down into meeting related, conferences or other.

**ANSWER 43**

**\$11,174.79**

**Crown Lands Act Review**

44. What is the total cost of the review of the Crown Lands Act as at 20th August 2014?

**ANSWER 44**

**The total cost has not been separately identified.**

45. Has the Department of Lands paid all accounts within 30 days in 2013/14?  
(a) If not why not?

#### ANSWER 45

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

46. Has any company raised concern with the Department of Lands over payment of accounts in 2013/14? Please advise of when this occurred and how the concerns were treated.

#### ANSWER 46

Vendors can raise concerns regarding payments with the central shared services unit of NSW Trade & Investment (the Department).

#### Labour Hire Firms

47. Does the Department of Lands utilise the services of Labour Hire Firms?
- (a) If yes, please advise in table form:
- The names of the firms utilised
  - The total amount paid to each firm engaged
  - The average tenure period for an employee provided by a labour hire company
  - The longest tenure for an employee provided by a labour hire company
  - The duties conducted by employees engaged through a labour hire company
  - The office locations of employees engaged through a labour hire company

#### ANSWER 47

Name of Labour Hire Firm	Amount paid In 2013 / 2014	Avg tenure	Longest tenure (note these contractor s may be with different agencies)	Duties	Office locations
<b>Chandler McCleod Group Limited</b>	<b>\$680,813</b>	<b>6 contractor s per annum (note one is part time)</b>	<b>17 years</b>	<b>Specialist ICT Computer Skills - Systems Developers - Crown Lands Information Data base Specialist Finance and Accounting Skills in accordance</b>	<b>Sydney / Parramatta / Newcastle</b>

				with QLD Government agreement Specialist status searching to support court deadlines Professional project manager / officer services relating to coastal and maritime infrastructure	
Greythorn Recruitment	\$172,637.50	1 contractor per annum	17 years	Specialist ICT Computer Skills Systems Administrator Crown Lands Information Data base	Sydney
Bluestone Recruitment	\$138,000 (ex GST) <i>Note: 40% of this is offset by funding from the QLD government</i>	1 contractor 12 months	10 years	Specialist Engineering Skills – CAD specialist	Parramatta
Peoplefusion Pty Ltd	\$32,581.00 (ex GST)	2 contractors 2 months	12 months	Specialist Property Administration duties	Newcastle
Clicks Recruit Pty Ltd	\$127,379 (ex GST)	1 contractor 12 months	6 years	Specialist GIS Programming skills	Newcastle
Challenge Recruitment	\$111,602.40 (ex GST) for 52	1 contractor per	19 months (Dec 2012 to June	Professional project manager /	Newcastle

	<b>week period</b>	<b>annum</b>	<b>2014)</b>	<b>officer services relating to coastal and maritime infrastructure</b>	
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### **Crown Land Asset Disposal**

48. What revenue was derived from crown land asset sales in 2013/14?

**ANSWER 48:**  
**\$25,014,708.30**

### **Beach Rehabilitation**

49. How much did the Department of Lands expend on beach rehabilitation projects in 2013/14?

**ANSWER 49**  
**See Answer 50**

50. Please list in table form the beach, the amount expended and the company conducting the work?

### **ANSWER 50**

<b>Project details</b>	<b>Company who undertook works</b>	<b>Expenditure (2013/14)</b>
<b>Dredging of Harrington Lagoon at Harrington and use of dredge material to replenish Lagoon beach.</b>	<b>Farquhar Inlet Management Group (FIMG) – Dredging Greater Taree City Council – Project Management</b>	<b>\$57,000</b>
<b>Dredging of Clyde River entrance, Batemans Bay to improve boating access. Dredged sand used for nourishment and stabilisation of Corrigans beach</b>	<b>Slurry Systems Marine P/L for dredging works Peter Spurway for project management Eurobodalla Shire Council for beach nourishment stabilisation</b>	<b>274,791</b>
<b>Coffs Harbour Outer Harbour Dredging to improve harbour access. Dredged sands used for nourishment of Park Beach</b>	<b>Dredging Solutions for dredging works Soil Conservation Service for project management and stabilisation of sand nourishment on Park Beach</b>	<b>496,300</b>

<b>Tweed River Entrance Sand Bypassing Project. A joint NSW &amp; QLD government program to maintain navigation entrance to Tweed River and provide and to southern Gold Coast beaches</b>	<b>TRESBP Co. (McConnell Dowell)</b>	<b>\$66,000</b>
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### **Crown Laneway Disposal**

51. What was the quantum of crown laneway disposal in 2013/14?

**ANSWER 51**  
**1,978**

52. What is the budgeted revenue from crown laneway disposal in 2014/15?

**ANSWER 52**  
**\$17 million.**

### **Donations**

53. Given evidence at ICAC that Hunter Liberal Members of Parliament received cash from prohibited donors, can you guarantee that you did not receive an illegal donation at the last election?

**ANSWER 53**  
**See Answer 54**

54. Last week the Premier put out a statement that said:

*“I have always absolutely complied with the electoral funding laws and the records are there for all to see. Yes, I can guarantee that I have never accepted an illegal donation.”*

Will you make that same statement?

**ANSWER 54**  
**Yes**

55. Do you think the people of NSW have a right to know who is making donations to candidates during election campaigns?

**ANSWER 55**  
**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.**

56. 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?

**ANSWER 56**

**See Answer 55**

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

**ANSWER 57**

**See Answer 55**

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

**ANSWER 58**

**See Answer 55**

### **Lobbyists**

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

**ANSWER 59**

**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.**

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

**ANSWER 60**

**See Answer 59**

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

**ANSWER 61**

**See Answer 59**

### **Cross Border Commissioner**

62. How many times have you met with the Cross Border Commissioner:  
(a) In the last twelve months  
(b) Since the creation of the position.

**ANSWER 62**



**The Cross Border Commissioner and I are in regular contact, both formally and informally. The most recent meeting took place in Mungindi in February 2014.**

63. 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 63**  
**See Answer 62**

**Consultancy Work**

64. Has the consultancy company Crosby Textor done any consultancy work for your department?
- (a) If so what projects was Crosby Textor consulted on?
  - (b) What was the cost of the consultancy work for each project?
  - (c) Was there a tender process for these projects?

**ANSWER 64**  
**No.**

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

**ANSWER 65**  
**No.**

66. Has the consultancy company Premier State done any consultancy work for the department?
- (a) If so what projects was Premier State consulted on?
  - (b) What was the cost of the consultancy work for each project?
  - (c) Was there a tender process for these projects?

**ANSWER 66**  
**No.**

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

**ANSWER 67**  
**No.**

68. Has the Government Contracting company Serco or its affiliates done any consultancy work for the Dept of Primary Industries?
- (a) If so what projects was Serco or its affiliates assisted with?
  - (b) What was the cost of the consultancy work for each project?
  - (c) Was there a tender process for these projects?

**ANSWER 68**

**No.**

69. 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 69**

**No.**

**Phones/iPads**

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

**ANSWER 70**

**204 phones have been issued to NSW Government Ministerial staff.**

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

**ANSWER 71**

**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.**

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

**ANSWER 72**

**9 phones were lost from the NSW Government Ministerial staff.**

73. What is the cost of replacing those phones?

**ANSWER 73**

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

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

**ANSWER 74**

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

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

**ANSWER 75**

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

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

**ANSWER 77**

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

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

**ANSWER 78**

**9 phones were lost from the NSW Government Ministerial staff.**

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

**ANSWER 79**

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

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

**ANSWER 80**

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

**Media/public relations**

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

**ANSWER 81**

**For the Primary Industries portfolio and Natural Resources, Lands and Water portfolio (including the Food Authority), sixteen (16) Full Time Equivalent media and communications staff employed by NSW Trade & Investment during 2013-14.**

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

**ANSWER 82**

**There are no plans to expand or decrease existing numbers.**

**Overseas trips**

83. 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?

**ANSWER 83**

**Information regarding travel 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".**

**Office costs**

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

**ANSWER 84**

**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](http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers).**

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

**ANSWER 85**

**See Answer 84.**

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

**ANSWER 86**

**See Answer 84.**

87. What is the estimated expenditure for your office budget in 2014/15?

**ANSWER 87**

**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.**

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

- (a) If so, could you give details of contracted costs?

**ANSWER 88**

**Minor office works were undertaken in NSW Government Ministerial offices at no cost.**

89. What is your Ministerial office budget for 2014/15?

**ANSWER 89**

**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.**

90. How many political advisors are in your office?

**ANSWER 90**

**See Answer 84**

91. How many administration staff?

**ANSWER 91**

**See Answer 84**

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

**ANSWER 92**

**Three**

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

**ANSWER 93**

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

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

(a) If so, in what capacities?

**ANSWER 94**

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

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

**ANSWER 95**

**See Answer 94.**

**Cabcharge**

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

**ANSWER 96**

**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.**

**Restructure**

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

**ANSWER 97**

**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.**

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

**ANSWER 98**

**See Answer 97**

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

**ANSWER 99**

**Nil.**

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

**ANSWER 100**

**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.**

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

**ANSWER 101**

**See Answer 100**

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

**ANSWER 102**

**See Answer 100**

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

**ANSWER 103**

**See Answer 100**

**Agency costs**

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

**ANSWER 104**

**NSW Trade and Investment's total recurrent operating costs are reported in the Department's annual report**

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

**ANSWER 105**

**See Answer 104**

106. What is your Department's catering budget?

**ANSWER 106**

**The Department does not allocate a specific budget for catering. Catering expenses are typically funded from a general business unit or specific project budgets.**

107. What is your Department's stationary budget?

**ANSWER 107**

**The Department does not allocate a specific budget for stationary. Stationary expenses are typically funded from a general business unit or specific project budgets.**

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

(a) If so, how much was spent on rebranding the agency?

**ANSWER**

**Yes. In total, since April 2011 NSW Trade & Investment has spent \$121,684 rebranding the agency.**

**Correspondence**

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

**ANSWER**

**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.**

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

**ANSWER**

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**Paying bills on time**

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

**ANSWER 111**

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

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

**ANSWER**

**See Answer 111**

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

**ANSWER 113**

**See Answer 111**

**Grants to non-government organisations**

114. 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 114**

**NSW Government agencies provide grants to local government councils and a range of non-government, non-profit organisations for the purpose of providing a service to the community or undertaking a project of benefit to the community.**

**Grants administration in NSW occurs within the legal and regulatory framework in which the NSW Government operates.**

**All Government Departments and authorities are required to publish details of grants made to non-government community organisations in their annual report. The requirements are set out in Premier’s Memorandum 91-34 and Annual Reports (Departments) Regulation 2010 - Schedule 1.**

**Contractors**

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



**ANSWER 115**

**NSW Trade & Investment has contracted 47 contractors since 1 July 2014. As these contracts have just commenced, the total cost of these contractors will not be known until works have been completed.**

**Aboriginal employment**

116. What is the current level of Aboriginal employment within your Department(s)?  
(a) How has that changed since 1 July 2013?

**ANSWER 116**

**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.**

**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%.**

**Charter air flights**

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

**ANSWER 117**

**Since 1 July 2011, the Department has spent \$50,633.82 on charter air flights.**

**Reviews and studies**

118. In relation to feasibility studies, audits, taskforces and reviews:
- (a) Is your department currently undertaking any feasibility studies, audits, taskforces or reviews? If so; then;
    - i. What are the terms of reference or details of each study, audit, taskforce or review?
    - ii. Who is conducting the study, audit, taskforce or review?
    - iii. Was each study, audit, taskforce or review was publically advertised seeking expression of interest or competitive tenders?
    - iv. Is there a contract in place detailing terms of engagement for the study, audit, taskforce or review?
    - v. What is the timeline of each study, audit, taskforce or review?
    - vi. What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?

**ANSWER 118**

**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.**

**Media training**

119. 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?

**ANSWER 119**

**No**

**Questions from Dr John Kaye MLC**

**Non-government water and sewerage schemes**

120. How many non-government schemes have been licenced under the Water industry competition Act?
- (a) Please provide a breakdown by each of the water franchise areas (Sydney, Central Coast and Hunter)
  - (b) Please provide a breakdown between water supply only, sewerage only, storm water only and the different combinations of joint schemes.

**ANSWER 120**

**12**

- a) Sydney Water -11; Central Coast- 1; Hunter – 0**
- b) Water supply only – 1**
  - Sewerage services and the provision of recycled water – 9**
  - Recycling water for industrial purposes – 2**

121. Does Hunter Water have the technical ability to provide water services to the development at Catherine Hill Bay that do not involve connecting to Hunter Water's mains supply?

**ANSWER 121**

**No.**

122. Why did Hunter Water not bid for the provision of water services at Catherine Hill Bay?

**ANSWER 122**

**The developer made a commercial decision to use a private water utility offering different technology and financing packages.**

123. If the provision of water services at Catherine Hill Bay was profitable for a private sector water company, why could Hunter Water not provide similar or better technological solutions?

**ANSWER 123**

**See Answer 122**

124. Has the NSW government carried out or caused to be carried out any studies assessing the cost-effectiveness of private sector provision of water services compared to public sector provision?

**ANSWER 124**

**No.**

125. Are there any systemic reasons why public sector water providers cannot develop the same types of distributed water and sewerage schemes as private providers?  
(a) If so, what are they?

**ANSWER 125**

**No.**

**Employment in water utility**

126. Please provide the numbers of full time equivalent positions in each of Hunter Water and Sydney Water for the 2014/15 financial year and for each of the last 10 financial years going back to 2004/05.  
(a) Please provide a breakdown by different functional division within each utility.

**ANSWER 126**

**Hunter Water**

**Full Time  
Equivalent**

	<b>FY 2004/05</b>	<b>FY 2005/06</b>	<b>FY 2006/07</b>	<b>FY 2007/08</b>	<b>FY 2008/09</b>	<b>FY 2009/10</b>	<b>FY 2010/11</b>	<b>FY 2011/12</b>	<b>FY 2012/13</b>	<b>FY 2013/14</b>	<b>FY 2014/15*</b>
Customer Services	N/A#								72.5	62.70	59.40
Finance									29.9	31.40	22.70
Information Services									46.8	49.20	55.40
Planning & Operations									241.4	245.30	258.70
Shared Services									47.5	35.00	35.90
Office of the Managing Director									2	7.70	8.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>408.00</b>	<b>412.00</b>	<b>417.00</b>	<b>430.70</b>	<b>425.50</b>	<b>434.50</b>	<b>449.00</b>	<b>441.50</b>	<b>440.10</b>	<b>431.30</b>	<b>440.10</b>

\* FY 2014/15 as at 27/08/2014

Reorganisation of employee structure in 2012 resulted in a reallocation of various teams in

# to different divisions.

## ANSWER 126

### Sydney Water

<b>Full Time Equivalent</b>											
	<b>FY 2004/05</b>	<b>FY 2005/06</b>	<b>FY 2006/07</b>	<b>FY 2007/08</b>	<b>FY 2008/09</b>	<b>FY 2009/10</b>	<b>FY 2010/11</b>	<b>FY 2011/12</b>	<b>FY 2012/13</b>	<b>FY 2013/14</b>	<b>FY 2014/15*</b>
Corporate Services	1699.18	1257.7	1245.41	1204.81	1078.65	1072.97	1007.7	873.59	822	782.7	778.35
Service Delivery	1120.1	1469.04	1428.15	1443.44	1616.46	1592.03	1586.86	1567	1472.47	1317.72	1307.62
Information & Technology	140.28	142.28	161.88	169.28	171.88	177.88	181.88	165.08	158.68	155.68	140.68
Customer Services	445.68	414.25	410.74	406.05	395.45	315.96	320.29	303.13	295.15	295.85	301.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,405.24</b>	<b>3,283.27</b>	<b>3,246.18</b>	<b>3,223.58</b>	<b>3,262.44</b>	<b>3,158.84</b>	<b>3,096.73</b>	<b>2,908.80</b>	<b>2,748.30</b>	<b>2,551.95</b>	<b>2,528.41</b>

\* FY 2014/15 as at 29/08/2014

## **Snowy Hydro**

127. Is it true, that no shareholder of Snowy Hydro may sell its share except to an existing government shareholder?  
(a) If so, which instrument provides this restraint?

### **ANSWER 127**

**This is a matter for the Treasurer, as the NSW Shareholder Minister for Snowy Hydro.**

128. Has the NSW government given any consideration to the generation of science scholarships funded from Snowy Hydro earnings for high school and university students in water science, alpine ecology, catchment science, water management and thereby create a continuous lineage in science and potential candidates for the Snowy Scientific Committee for several generations?

### **ANSWER 128**

**The disbursement of Snowy Hydro dividends is a matter for the Treasurer, as NSW Shareholder Minister.**

## **M2 Widening water use**

129. What was the total amount of water used and the total amount invoiced to Leighton, its subsidiaries or its subcontractors for the entirety of the M2 widening project?

### **ANSWER 129**

**The total figure is not known.**

## **Blue Mountains Septic Pump out Subsidy**

130. Can the Minister please clarify what year the Blue Mountains Septic Pump out Subsidy began to be paid?

### **ANSWER 130**

**1988**

131. Why has the NSW government decided not to honour the commitment to connect at some point all of the residents on the Blue Mountains Septic Pump out Subsidy, despite what you told the Budget Estimates hearing that "the intention was always to look to connect those residents to mainstream sewerage infrastructure."?

### **ANSWER 131**

**The Government has honored the commitment to connect those residents included in the sewer programs. Although the 72 customers received the NSW Government subsidy they did not meet the criteria to be included in the sewer programs. These properties were previously rezoned Rural and re-zoned as Residential Bushland Conservation and as such did not meet the criterion of either the Backlog Sewerage Policy or the Priority Sewerage Program.**

132. How much would it cost to connect the remaining 72 residents households?

- (a) Is the figure \$21,428 per resident as it has been for the 14,000 properties already connected?

**ANSWER 132**

**Unknown - see Answer 21 (c).**

133. Please list how many times you, as Minister for Natural Resources, Land and Water, have met in person with Blue Mountains MP Roza Sage to discuss this issue including the date.

- (a) Please provide details of other communications you have had with Ms Sage relating to this matter.

**ANSWER 133**

**3**

**My staff have met with Ms Sage and been in contact with Ms Sage's staff on numerous occasions in regard to this issue.**

134. Why didn't the NSW government allow residents to explore options and make a decision that suited them before removing the subsidy?

**ANSWER 134**

**In April 2013, Sydney Water notified customers that the wastewater programs in the Blue Mountains were finished in 2012 and the subsidy would cease. Since that time there has been in regular communication with these customers and the Blue Mountains City Council about possible options for future wastewater disposal.**

**Central Coast water protection**

135. Given the drinking water supply of the over 300,000 residents in the Central Coast is at risk from the changes to the Kulnura/Mangrove Mountain Water Sharing Plan which will prioritise water trading over water conservation, the potential for CSG drilling in the catchment, Rocla's Calga sandstone quarry extension which will damage the aquifer, the Wallarah2 coal mine and its potential impacts on the Wyong River and the identification of large sections of the Mangrove Mountain district as suitable for other extractive industries such as sandstone quarries which will further damage the aquifers, why haven't protection measures such as those adopted for Sydney, including a ban on CSG mining, been promoted by this government and adopted on the Central Coast?

**ANSWER 135**

**NSW has in place the most comprehensive and transparent regulatory controls for the coal seam gas industry in the country in order to protect our vital land and water resources, the environment and the health of our communities.**

**Sewer overflows**

136. Sewer overflow frequency targets in Sydney Water Corporation (SWC) licence conditions (determined and issued by EPA) are 40 per 10 years in the Georges River compared to 20 per 10 years on Sydney's northern beaches, and 10 per 10 years in the Hawkesbury River. Will SWC and the EPA review sewer overflow frequency targets in SWC licence conditions to better align with community priorities and also introduce

volumetric measures into these targets to improve the measurement of the actual impact of these overflows?

**ANSWER 136**

**Sydney Water has been consulting with the EPA over the past year about a change to the licence conditions in regard to sewage overflow targets.**

**Sydney Water is looking to propose to the EPA an alternative regulatory measure that supports an effects-based assessment (EBA) approach to overflows.**

137. SWC is currently undertaking a study into adjusting the sewage overflows in the Oatley vicinity to avoid impacts on the Lime Kiln Bay wetlands. This will not change the total overflow discharge into the Georges River on any one occasion. It is noted that up to 45% of wet weather flows originate from private property. Will SWC and EPA expand the area of study to the broader river and catchment and look at the impact of stormwater inflow and infiltration and solutions at the source of the problem of wet weather overflows?

**ANSWER 137**

**Sydney Water is undertaking a planning study to investigate options for managing the wet weather flows that originate from private property across the natural stormwater catchment of Wolli Creek. Subject to the successful completion of this project, work could be expanded to other areas.**

138. Will SWC and EPA re-introduce monitoring and compliance programs to detect and eliminate inflows from private property?

**ANSWER 138**

**Sydney Water and the Environment Protection Authority are developing a process for managing the wet weather flows that originate from private property.**

**Sydney Water Corporation**

139. Will SWC be allowed to retain a greater proportion of its profits to invest in solutions to environmental externalities including, in particular, its sewerage network operations?

**ANSWER 139**

**No.**



**Kevin Humphries MP  
Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water  
Minister for Western NSW**