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Questions from the Hon. Cate Faehrmann MLC

Auditor General's report on humanitarian entrants

1. With regards to the review being conducted by the NSW Immigration Settlement Planning Committee after the release of the Auditor-General's Report 'Settling humanitarian entrants in NSW':
 - a) When will the review and its recommendations be made public?
 - b) Has the department made any changes to services for humanitarian entrants since the release of the Auditor General's report?
2. What is the number, destination and background of humanitarian entrants who came to reside in NSW during the 2011/2012 financial year?
3. Does the department have figures on the number of humanitarian entrants who have been provided with state funded services? If so please provide them.
4. Does the department have figures on the number of humanitarian entrants who have been turned away from state funded services because of lack of resources or funding? If so please provide them.

End of questions from the Hon. Cate Faehrmann MLC.

Questions from the Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

1. How regularly do you consult with Stepan Kerkyasharian, head of the Community Relations Commission?
2. Did the Government consult with Mr Kerkyasharian in the wake of last month's riots involving some members of the Muslim community? If not, why not?
3. Federal Liberal leader Tony Abbott wants to wind back the Racial Discrimination Act – the provisions which make it unlawful to offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate another person or group of people on the grounds of race.

Does the State Government support or oppose this proposal?

4. So what should someone do if on the receiving end of intimidation because of their race? You say that under a Liberal Government that should be acceptable?
5. Why has the Government cut funding to Islamic schools, Greek Orthodox schools and Jewish day schools in NSW?
6. Do you think that cutting \$1.7 billion from the education budget is the right message to be sending about this Government's commitment to the next generation?
7. What did you do personally to stop these cuts happening?
8. Why didn't you move to quarantine multicultural/religious schools from these cuts?
9. Do you regret the impact of these cuts on religious schools? Have you communicated with principals since the decision?
10. Do you agree that many migrant parents place a special value on education? That one of the main reasons people come to Australia is because of the quality of our schools?
11. What would you say to parents, say, in the Indian community or the Chinese community, sending their children to schools whose funding has been cut?
12. Do you accept that TAFE is critically important to new arrivals in Australia needing to tailor their skills to the local job market?
13. Why has the Government lifted TAFE fees by 9.5%? Won't that price many people out of TAFE who desperately need it?
14. Why did the Government cut the Community Building Partnerships scheme?

15. What impact will this cut have on community organisations? Won't the fact there is a smaller funding pot make it harder to source funds for capital upgrades?
16. What are the full list of names of the Ministerial Consultative Committee
17. Which communities currently have awards?
18. What is the cost of the awards?
19. Are there plans to change or expand the community awards? If so how?
20. When was the review into the community awards completed?
 - a) Who did the review?
 - b) (If the review was conducted by an external consultant) How much did it cost to engage the consultant to undertake the review?
 - c) Who was consulted?
 - d) What was the finding of the review?
21. What was advice from the Community Relations Commissioner about the future of the awards?
22. In addition to the Sri Lankan and the Filipino Ministerial Consultative Committee what are the other multicultural communities that have a Ministerial Consultative Committee?
23. Given that there are some 200 different multicultural communities in NSW why have you only chosen 15 to be represented by a Ministerial Consultative Committee?
24. Via what process were the members of the Consultative Committees chosen – why was there not an open EOI process like for the CRC Commissioners?
25. Currently, how many Community Relations Commissioners are there?
26. What is the cost of providing administrative and secretariat services for the Community Relations Commissioners?
 - a) From which program area does that funding come from?
27. What is the funding allocation for the 15 Ministerial Consultative Committees for 2012-13?
28. How does the role and function of the Ministerial Consultative Committees differ from the role and function of the Community Relations Commissioner?
29. Did you seek any independent advice before establishing the Ministerial Consultative Committees? What was the advice?
30. Did you seek the advice of the Chair of the CRC before the establishment of the Ministerial Consultative Committees? If not why not? If yes, what was his advice?

31. Do you have any plans to reduce the number of Community Relations Commissioners in the future?
32. Do you have any plans to get rid of the Community Relations Commissioners?
33. What is the funding allocation for the Ministerial Roundtable on Workplace Diversity doe 2012-13?
34. From what program do the funds for the Roundtable come from?
35. What is the funding allocation for the Multicultural Business Advisory Panel (MBAP) for 2012-13? What was the funding allocation for 2011-12?
36. What activities did the MBAP undertake in 2011-12? What activities is the MBAP planning for 2012-13?
37. From what program does the funding for the MBAP come from?
38. In addition the 15 Ministerial Consultative Committees, the Multicultural Advisory Panel and the Ministerial Roundtable on Workplace Diversity, are there any plans to establish any additional committees or consultative groups in the future.
39. What was the cost of the inaugural Premier's Harmony Dinner?
40. From what program area did the funds come from?
41. Where will the dinner be held in 2013?
42. Will it be the same format as the 2012?
43. What is the budget allocation for the 2012 dinner?
44. From what program area will the funds for the dinner come from?
45. When was the NSW Multicultural Summit held?
46. Who attended the summit?
47. What was the cost of the summit?
48. What were the outcomes of the summit?
49. From what program area did the funding for the summit come from?
50. Is another Summit being planned?

51. What were the main findings and recommendations of the EJD Consulting review?
52. Which recommendations have been implemented and which have not?
53. What changes have been made to make the applications process more accessible for multicultural communities?
54. How many blackberries are assigned to your staff?
55. For each phone, how much was each bill in the 2011/12 financial year?
56. How many have phones have been lost in your office?
57. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
58. How many iPads does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
59. How many iPads have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
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61. How many iPhones have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
62. How many iPhones have been lost in your office?
63. How many iPads have been lost in your office?
64. What is the cost of replacing those phones or iPads?
65. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?
66. What is the forecast for 2012-13 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?
67. Have any of your overseas trips in the past year been paid for in part or in full by using public money?
68. If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?
69. What is the annual remuneration package for your chief of staff?
70. What is the annual remuneration package for your head media advisor?
71. What is the annual remuneration package for each of your staff?

72. What is the estimated expenditure for your office budget in 2012-13?
73. Have any office renovations or fit outs been undertaken in your ministerial office since April, 2011?
74. If so, could you give details of contracted costs?
75. What is your Ministerial office budget for 2012/13?
76. How many political advisors are in your office?
77. How many administration staff?
78. How many Department Liaison Officers are assigned to your office?
79. How many staff in the Department are assigned to Ministerial support duties?
80. Are any contractors or consultants working in your ministerial office?
81. If so, in what capacities?
82. How much did your Ministerial office spend on contractors or consultants?
83. How much did your Ministerial office spend on taxi fares, including Cabcharge in the 2011/12 financial year?
84. Are any of your portfolio agencies undergoing a restructure?
85. How many jobs are expected to be cut as a result of that restructure?
86. How many people are expected to have their wages cut as a result of that restructure?
87. How many voluntary redundancies were offered in your Departments since April 2011?
88. How many voluntary redundancies were accepted from employees in your Departments since April 2011?
89. How many voluntary redundancies are expected to be offered in 2012/13?
90. How much did your Department(s) spend on catering in 2011/12?
91. How much did your Department(s) spend on stationary in 2011/12?
92. What is your Department's catering budget?
93. What is your Department's stationary budget?

94. Since April 2011 have any of the agencies in your Department(s) changed their branding?
95. If so, how much was spent on rebranding the agency?
96. How long is the average turnaround for responding to correspondence in your Department(s)?
97. How many pieces of correspondence have been outstanding for more than 60 days?
98. In 2011/12 how many invoices has your Department(s) failed to pay a supplier or contractor for more than 30 days?
99. As a result of late payment, how much penalty interest has been paid to contractors since 1 January 2011?
100. How many invoices have been outstanding for longer than 60 days?
101. Does your department provide recurrent grant funds to non-government organisations? If yes:
 - a) What are the names of all organisations in receipt of funding?
 - b) What is the total amount of funding received by each organisation including goods and services tax?
 - c) On what date was the funding advanced?
 - d) What was the purpose for each grant or funding advance?
 - e) Was any funding withheld or returned?
 - f) If so, what were the reasons for withholding or requiring the funding to be returned?
 - g) What is the indexation rate applied to non-recurrent grant funds in 2011/2012?
 - h) What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?
102. How many contractors has your Department(s) retained since 1 July 2012 and at what cost?
103. What is the current level of Aboriginal employment within your Department(s)?
104. How has that changed since 1 July 2011?
105. Since 1 July 2011, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your Department(s)?
106. 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?

107. Have any agencies within your Department(s) engaged consultants in the 2011/12 financial year?

108. If yes, which companies were engaged for consultancy services in the 2011/12 financial year?

109. For what purpose has your Department engaged consultants?

110. How much have your agencies spent on consultants in the 2011/12 financial year?

111. What is your Department(s) budget for consultants in the 2012/13 financial year?

112. Have any agencies within your Departments sponsored any organisations or events in the 2011/12 financial year?

113. If yes, which organisations and events were sponsored in the 2011/12 financial year?

114. How much did your agencies within your Departments spend on sponsoring organisations and events in the 2011/12 financial year?

115. What is your Department(s) budget for sponsorship in the 2012/13 financial year?

116. 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?

117. Can you please list all travel related costs for your Parliamentary Secretary incurred in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2011

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

118. Can you please provide details of the following activities undertaken by your Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2011;

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

119. How often do you meet with your Parliamentary Secretary?
- a) Are these meetings documented?
 - b) Who attends these meetings?
120. Who provides instructions and direction to your Parliamentary Secretary, you or your Chief of Staff?
121. Has the Parliamentary Secretary been provided with Speech, Voice or Media Training since becoming Parliamentary Secretary? If so, then;
- a) Who conducted the training?
 - b) When was it conducted?
 - c) Where was it conducted what were the costs of the training?
 - d) Who paid for the training?

End of questions from the Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC.

Questions from the Hon. J. Barham MLC

Communities

1. Is the Minister aware of the steep decline in Indonesian language teaching in Australian schools and in NSW it has been 52% between 2001 and 2010, compared with 37% nationally. What action is the minister taking to address this situation?
2. What funds have been allocated to community groups and or councils for Harmony Day or multicultural events?

Citizenship

3. Can the Minister advise if a Safe Procedure Handbook has been developed and distributed to all community transport driver volunteers?
4. Has the Minister set up an indemnity fund to enable small community organisations to offer financial relief to volunteers who find themselves defending a stricted limited list of criminal charges?
5. Has NSW legislation been amended to clearly define who is not a volunteer in respect to Centrelink Mutual Obligation clients who receive remuneration such as petrol allowances and does this extend to civil liability insurance to cover defined volunteers?
6. Has the Minister taken steps to ensure that the new Commonwealth national not-for –profit regulator offers formal legal assistance to non profit organisations to help protect volunteers in the workplace?

Aboriginal Affairs NSW

7. The Aboriginal Affairs recurrent budget in 2011/12 was \$21.9 million. The 2012/13 budget is \$20.6 million. What areas within the Aboriginal Affairs portfolio received cuts in the 2011/12 budget?
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9. Why has the Minister pursued the development of alternative governance structures within some Aboriginal communities through Community Working Parties when there are existing and functioning representative governance structures already within these communities through Local Aboriginal Land Councils?
10. How many Aboriginal communities has the Minister for Aboriginal affairs visited in 2011/12?
11. How many Local Aboriginal Land Councils has the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs visited in 2011/12?

12. What new and additional funding has been allocated to the Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs to develop the new 10 year strategy for Aboriginal affairs, outside of the recurrent Aboriginal Affairs budget?
13. What is the forecast budget expenditure allocated to transferring from Two Ways Together and other related programs to the new 10 year Aboriginal affairs strategy?
14. What is the ongoing forecast budget expenditure of the new 10 year strategy?
15. What role does Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations (CAPO) have in the new 10 year strategy?
16. When will legislation to underpin the new 10 year strategy for Aboriginal affairs be developed?
17. Given that the NSW Ombudsman's report *Addressing Aboriginal Disadvantage: the need to do differently* recommended that an independent agency should be tasked with ensuring that any Aboriginal Affairs strategy is accountable, under the new 10 year strategy, will a government agency, such as the Office of Aboriginal Affairs, be responsible for accountability and review functions?
18. What funds are allocated to training, capacity development and employment for Aboriginal people as part of the delivery of any new Aboriginal affairs plan?
19. How will the new 10 years strategy substantively recognise the role of existing Aboriginal community controlled organisations, such as Aboriginal Land Councils, Aboriginal Education Consultative Groups, Aboriginal Legal Services and Aboriginal Medical Services within local communities?
20. Will additional funding be provided to currently functioning Aboriginal community controlled organisations under the new 10 year strategy?
21. How will the new 10 year strategy avoid duplication of existing institutional arrangements and representative structures?
22. Will an independent body (such as the NSW Ombudsman) be tasked with monitoring and evaluating the new 10 year strategy and what has or has not been achieved through such strategy? Could you please confirm that the OAA will not have any role in monitoring or evaluating the progress of the strategy?
23. Will there be public consultations on the new 10 year strategy and could the program be outlined and when will it be released and when is planned for implementation?
24. How will any new 10 year strategy work with new policies such as the Education Ministers Connected Communities?
25. What mechanisms will be put in place within the new strategy that support the delivery of services to Aboriginal communities by Aboriginal community controlled service providers as

priority service providers above other non government organisations and government agencies?

26. Has the Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations been supportive of the new Aboriginal Affairs 10 year strategy ? Have any CAPO members expressed any concerns regarding the new strategy and if so, what were these concerns?
27. Will all administrative functions related to the new 10 year strategy be managed by the Office of Aboriginal Affairs?
28. The NSW Ombudsman's report *Addressing Aboriginal Disadvantage: the need to do things differently* recommended that at a local level, individual communities need to have a clear sense of plans for, and active involvement in, building the capacity of Aboriginal services in their community. How does the new 10 year strategy address this recommendation?
29. What mechanisms has the Government put in place to ensure that the overall development of initiatives and programs under the new 10 year strategy are coordinated rather than opportunistic (as was outlined in the Allen Consulting Group report)?
30. Will the Government establish a body with overall responsibility for improving Aboriginal employment outcomes and enhancing Aboriginal economic capacity?
31. What is the total amount that has been spent on the Partnership Community Program to date? How much of this has been spent on staff (wages) and consultants to the Office of Aboriginal Affairs?
32. How much has been spent on training, capacity development and employment for Aboriginal people as part of the delivery of the PCP?
33. Can the Minister advise on the progress of the Centre for Aboriginal Languages Coordination Development (CALCD) and what funds have been expended?
34. What funds have been allocated to community based language initiatives and what organisations have been the recipients and what funds were allocated?
35. What is the period of funding for these organisations?

End of questions from the Hon. J. Barham MLC