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Westconnex

1. What is the extra \$500 million allocated to the Westconnex project being spent on?
2. What is the construction cost for each of stages 1, 2 and 3 of the Westconnex?
3. What are the recurrent costs for each of stages 1, 2 and 3 of the Westconnex?
4. In present dollar terms, what are the benefits of each of stage 1, 2 and 3 of Westconnex?
5. What is the NPV for each of stages 1, 2 and 3 of the Westconnex?
6. How many homes are to be compulsorily acquired for each of stages 1, 2 and 3 of the Westconnex?
7. How many homes have already been acquired for each of stages 1, 2 and 3 of the Westconnex?
8. How many homes are to be voluntarily acquired for each of stages 1, 2 and 3 of the Westconnex?
9. Infrastructure NSW has Westconnex's benefit cost ratio of "over 1.5." What factors are included in Infrastructure NSW's project assessment?
10. The preliminary business case for Westconnex has a benefit cost ratio of 2.55. What factors are included in the preliminary business case's project assessment?
11. Did the calculation of the benefit cost ration in the preliminary business case for Westconnex take account of recurrent costs for operating and maintaining the motorway?
12. The Auditor General report on Westconnex said that: "The preliminary business case submitted for Gateway review had many deficiencies and fell well short of the standard required for such a document." Who prepared the preliminary business case?
13. Who is preparing the updated Westconnex business case?
14. How much will the north and south extensions of Westconnex cost?
15. With these north-south extensions, does the Government intend that Westconnex will be the principal north-south road corridor for Sydney?
16. How many vehicles are currently using the ANZAC bridge in peak hour to travel into the CBD?

17. What is the traffic capacity of the ANZAC bridge in terms of the number of vehicles per hour that can use it to travel into the CBD?
18. How many vehicles are predicted to use the ANZAC Bridge, per hour to travel into the CBD, after the completion of the M4 East stage of the Westconnex?
19. What is the salary paid to Westconnex's CEO and the top five executive staff of the Sydney Motorway Corporation?
20. How much was spent on contractors and consultants for the Westconnex in the last financial year by the Sydney Motorway Corporation, Westconnex Development Authority, Transport for NSW and the Roads and Maritime Service?
21. When will the Environmental Impact Statement for the M4 East Tunnel be released for public comment?
22. Has the Westconnex EIS been lodged with the Planning Department?
 - (a) If no, when will it be lodged?
23. Can you tell me how long the EIS public exhibition period will be?
 - (a) Will you commit to it being longer than the statutory 30 day period?
 - (b) Would you consider a 60 day exhibition period?
24. Can you explain why all Residential Tenants were not notified directly when it was announced that their homes were being acquired?
25. Will the Government commit to building a pedestrian bridge over Parramatta Rd after the tunnel entrance is built at Ashfield?
26. Will you commit to returning surplus compulsorily acquired land for construction to Ashfield Council for community use?
27. Minister, can you confirm if you are aware consultants engaged by Leighton Contractors are doorknocking Haberfield residents affected by the Westconnex M4 East Tunnel project?
 - (a) If so - is it the case that RMS and the WDA have outsourced consultations to a consortium that has no authority over the Westconnex project?
 - (b) Is the information that these consultants collect reported to RMS or WDA?
 - (c) Is the information collected by these consultants going to be submitted to the EIS process?
 - (d) How can residents meaningfully engage with these consultants about mitigation measures they would like or any other elements when the EIS is yet to be released?

Northconnex

28. What regulatory measures will the Government introduce to encourage heavy vehicles to use the Northconnex?

29. What is the percentage of heavy vehicles using Pennant Hills Road instead of the Northconnex that will trigger compensation to the operator of the Northconnex?
 - (a) How much per vehicle will this compensation be?
30. If traffic on the Northconnex is more than forecast, does the state of NSW receive any share of the increased toll revenues?

Newcastle Port

31. I refer to the comments you made in the Legislative Council on 17 October 2013 about the movement of containers through the Port of Newcastle that, “part of the lease and the rationalisation was a cap on numbers there.” What are the arrangements that cap, inhibit or restrict the number of containers that pass through the Port of Newcastle?
32. Has the NSW Government entered into any agreements that create a disincentive or obstacle to develop a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle?
33. Has the NSW Government entered into any agreements that create a disincentive or obstacle to increase the number of containers that pass through Newcastle?
34. I refer to your comments in the Legislative Council on 17 October 2013 about containers and the Port of Newcastle, that “the only time an extension is allowed is when a specific number is reached and tripped in Port Botany and Port Kembla.”
 - (a) What is the number for Port Kembla?
 - (b) What is the number for Port Botany?

M4 Widening

35. What are the projected increases in peak traffic volumes for the M4 widening project?
36. How will you manage increases at the James Ruse Drive and Cumberland Highway on ramps?
37. Are the ramps on and/or off James Ruse Drive and Cumberland Highway at capacity?
 - (a) Are there any additional ramps being constructed for westbound traffic?
 - (b) Are there any additional ramps being considered for westbound traffic?
38. Is there a cap on the number of apartments that may be built along the length of Parramatta road?
 - (a) If so, what is the maximum?
39. What is the projected population growth along Parramatta Road in the next 5 years?
40. What was the date of the last improvements to drainage on Parramatta Road?

41. Was a right hand turn arrow considered at any point in the upgrade of the intersection of Woodville Road and Guildford Road?
- (a) When was the Minister made aware that the intersection required a right hand turn arrow?
 - (b) When was the Department made aware that the intersection required a right hand turn arrow?

Mt Ousley Road Truck rest stop

42. When will the Mt Ousley Road Truck rest stop be completed?
- (a) When will construction begin?
 - (b) Why has there been a delay?
 - (c) What was the original date of completion?
 - (d) How much money is in the 2015-16 budget for the Mt Ousley Road Truck rest stop?
 - (e) How much money is in the 2016-17 budget for the Mt Ousley Road Truck rest stop?
 - (f) How much money is in the 2017-18 budget for the Mt Ousley Road Truck rest stop?
43. When will the details of the planning work for the Memorial Drive extension be publically released?

Cycling

44. Has the \$57 million for cycling and pedestrian infrastructure been allocated given the budget outline it was to be expended this financial year?
- (a) If not, what measures is the Government taking to ensure this is delivered?
45. Can the government give us a commitment that the full \$59 million will be spent on active infrastructure?
46. What measures is the government putting in place to ensure bike infrastructure funding will be implemented in future budgets?
47. The Australian Government has acknowledged there will be no future funding for the Australian Bicycle Council (ABC) post June 2016, can you tell me the status of NSW Government funding for the ABC?
- (a) Who from the NSW Government currently sits on this council?
 - (b) Does this appointee have the authority of the government to deliver on the actions outlined in the strategy?
48. Can the government provide the parliament with a progress report on the actions outlined in the National Cycling Strategy?
49. Has the NSW Government discussed with other governments the need for a national cycling strategy post 2016?
- (a) If not, why not?

50. Is the government concerned with their failure to double cycling participation? This is a target in both state and federal strategies.
51. What measures is the government taking in the last year of the strategy to try and boost this number as high as possible?
52. Why did the NSW Government decide to not provide accurate data to the latest 2015 National Cycling Participation Survey? Instead I understand you provided old metropolitan data from 2014.
53. Can these participation figures now be trusted given data provided by the NSW Government is flawed?
54. Why was the NSW Government the only government to not include up-to-date data? Does the government have any accurate up-to-date data that therefore shows cycling participation has dropped since 2014?

State Rail Trail Funding

55. Given rail trail funding has been dramatically reduced, there has been no allocation of \$59 million funding for this financial year, bicycle infrastructure is not being included in major infrastructure plans, what really is the plan to double cycling numbers in NSW?
56. Can you tell me the date the minister announced \$110 million for rail trail funding?
57. Can the government inform me on what ground the funding was chosen to be pulled to airports?
58. Did the Department recommend the funding be spent on airports instead of Rail Trails? Or was this decision made with only ministerial discretion?
59. Can you confirm no advice was provided from the Department that there was no need to invest in rail trails?
60. Given the current allocation is only \$5 million for the Riverina Highlands Rail Track, can the Government confirm when this project will start construction?
61. Given construction won't start this financial year, does this mean not 1 cent has been spent on rail trails this financial year.
62. What will the remaining \$10 million of the Regional Tourism and Infrastructure Fund be spent on?
63. Can you confirm that the \$50 million Rail Trail fund is now only a \$15 million Rail Trail fund? And the Government has therefore broken its \$50 million promise to invest in rail trails.

Road Toll Response Package

64. Does the Minister believe that the Road Toll Response Package is an effective program?
 - (a) Please provide a breakdown of what is funded by the Road Toll Response Package.
65. In 2012 the Road Toll Response Package was cut from \$4.5 million to \$2.5 million. Does the Minister stand by this decision?
66. I note that the budget for 2015-16 has increased 4 times to \$10.85 million. Why was this decision made?

NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan

67. The Ministers Long Term Transport Master Plan update was released on 23rd December 2014. There is no annual update of the Governments Sydney's Cycling Future strategy.
68. The outcome listed for cycling in the update were 'committed \$69 million towards cycling and pedestrian infrastructure in the 2014-15 Budget'.
69. Can you please outline the list of projects in this \$69 million investment.
70. Can you please outline the status of each project? E.g. complete, in planning, no started.
71. Do you have a reporting process for bicycle infrastructure development in NSW?
72. Is the Government concerned there has been no action towards bike infrastructure?

Rebuilding NSW State Infrastructure Strategy 2014

73. The State Infrastructure Strategy Update 2014 was released in November last year. What direction has the NSW Government given Infrastructure NSW in the development of their State Infrastructure Strategy Update 2014?
74. Is the government concerned that there was no vision for active transport infrastructure in the strategy?
75. Do you think bicycle infrastructure is an important aspect of building NSW?
76. Do you believe that a report outlining plans for infrastructure development for the next 20 years should not mention walking and bicycle infrastructure?

Speed Cameras

77. What is the projected revenue for the next 3 years for:
 - (a) Fixed Digital Speed Cameras
 - (b) Mobile Digital Speed Cameras
 - (c) Red Light Camera

(d) Red Light/Speed Camera

78. What is the size of the Community Road Safety Fund managed by Transport NSW?
79. What is the share of the Community Road Safety Fund revenue that was given to the RMS in 2014-15?
80. Can the Minister guarantee that speeding fines will not increase in the next 4 years?
81. I refer to the 2014-15 Budget Forward Estimates Detailed Report - there is an expense item titled "Outsourced Mobile Speed Camera Program." What do these expenses include?
82. What was the revenue received from Mobile Speed Camera's in 2014-15?
83. Is any of the revenue received from the Mobile Speed Camera's go towards expenses in the line item "Outsourced Mobile Speed Camera Program" in the Details Budget Estimates report?

Ministerial Office Administration

84. How many staff are in your ministerial office?
 - (a) What was the average salary for staff members in your office during 2014-15?
 - (b) What is the average salary for a ministerial staffer in your office based on current appointments?
85. How many blackberries/smart phones are assigned to your staff?
 - (a) For each phone, how much was each bill in the past financial year?
 - (b) How many phones have been lost or replaced due to damage in your office?
 - i. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
86. How many iPads or tablets does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
 - (a) What is the cost of providing iPads or tablets to your Ministerial Office?
 - (b) How many iPads or tablets have been replaced due to lost or damage?
 - i. What was the cost of replacing these devices?
87. Did any your or your ministerial staff incur data charges on a mobile phone or tablet device greater than \$1000 for a single billing period?
 - (a) If so, how many times did this occur?
 - i. What was the individual cost of each data charge over \$1000 for a single billing period?
88. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your office?
 - (a) What is the cost of this?

89. Have any floral displays or indoor plants been hired or leased for display in your ministerial office?
 - (a) If so, what was the cost of these items?
90. What is the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals?
 - (a) What are these services/newspapers/magazines/journals/periodicals?
 - i. Who is the subscriber for each of these?
91. What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office?
 - (a) What were the gifts purchased?
 - i. Who were they gifted to?
92. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?
 - (a) What is the cost of this?
93. Can you advise the names of all contractors/consultants employed and/or paid for by your office, under any agreement, contract or fee-for -service arrangement in 2014-15?
 - (a) Do they have ABN's?
 - i. If so, please provide details?
 - (b) Details of paid or unpaid invoices and amounts?
 - (c) Details of services and fees provided by each contractor and or consultant?
94. Details of the agreement between your office and any contractors/consultants engaged by your office?

Ministerial And Office Travel

95. 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?
96. Have you undertaken any official overseas travel that was privately funded?
 - (a) What were the nature of these trips?
 - (b) Who paid for these trips?
97. What was the total bill for your office in 2014-15 for:
 - (a) Taxi hire
 - (b) Limousine hire
 - (c) Private hire care
 - (d) Hire car rental
98. Have you ever used Uber?
 - (a) If yes, were any of these occasions in an UberX vehicle?

99. Have you or anyone in your office used Uber services travelling to or from work-related events, meetings or functions?
- (a) Were any of those services in an UberX vehicle?
100. Have you or anyone in your office sought reimbursement for using Uber services to travel to or from work-related events, meetings or functions?
- (a) What is the value of those reimbursements?
101. Have you used Airbnb?
102. Have you or anyone in your office used Airbnb as an accommodation solution whilst travelling on official business?
103. Have any planes or helicopters been chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money?
- (a) If yes, will you please detail each trip, the method of transport and the cost?
104. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
- (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?

Labour Hire Firms

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

Media And Public Relations

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

Consultants, Lobbyists And Former Parliamentarians

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

116. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Darren Webber in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- Who attended those meetings?
 - What was the nature of those meetings?
 - What was discussed?
 - Were any records of those meetings kept?
117. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Garry Edwards in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- Who attended those meetings?
 - What was the nature of those meetings?
 - What was discussed?
 - Were any records of those meetings kept?
118. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Bart Bassett in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- Who attended those meetings?
 - What was the nature of those meetings?
 - What was discussed?
 - Were any records of those meetings kept?
119. Has the consultancy company Premier State done any consultancy work for the Department? If so what projects was Premier State consulted on?
- What was the cost of the consultancy work for each project?
 - Was there a tender process for these projects?
120. Does Premier State currently have any contract work with the Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?
- If yes, what is their role in the project?

Consulting

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

- i. And the cost of these services

Department/Agency Administration

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

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

Department/Agency Travel

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

Departmental/Agency IT

141. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have an iTunes account?

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

Efficiency Dividend

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

Commonwealth Loan for Westconnex Project

- 151. Will the state government guarantee repayment of the commonwealth loan to Sydney Motorway Corporation or will repayment of the loan depend on SMCs traffic/revenue.

152. If the latter, what levels of traffic and revenue will be required to meet the debt repayments?
153. Are these set out in the terms of the loan agreement?

Questions from the Hon Dr Peter Phelps MLC

154. Given that, in the two hours of questioning by Labor and Green members of GPSC2, only:
- (a) One matter that involved a location outside of Sydney-Newcastle-Wollongong was raised;
and
 - (b) Only eight questions in the entire time were directed to matters outside of a metropolitan geographic triangle defined by Hornsby, Botany and Strathfield;
155. And given that the first hour of questions by Labor and Greens member of GPSC2 did not involve a single issue outside of an area defined by Strathfield, Rozelle and Tempe, What does this indicate about the interests and policy priorities of Labor and the Greens?

Questions from Dr Mehreen Faruqi MLC

NorthConnex

156. Budget 2015-16 Infrastructure Statement claims the NSW Government will contribute \$560 million to NorthConnex, including \$410 million from the Restart NSW fund. The 2014-15 budget papers allocated \$502 million (with \$400 million from Restart NSW). Why has the budget increased?
- (a) What is the \$58 million for?
157. Could the government provide information about any cycleway infrastructure being built as part of the NorthConnex project?

WestConnex

158. What roads are being considered for clearways as part of the \$100 million allocated for the expanded clearways program?
159. How much of the Federal Government's \$2 billion concessional loan has been spent or allocated to specific contracts?
- (a) What are those contracts?
160. Has there been a process undertaken to thoroughly evaluate the companies that are receiving government contracts that have recently settled out of court for allegedly providing incorrect or incomplete traffic data?
- (a) What is that process?
161. What changes have been made to the WestConnex project governance and accountability structure due to the merging of the Sydney Motorway Corporation and the WestConnex Delivery Authority?
162. Has RMS or the WestConnex Delivery Authority projected a profit or a loss from the lease or sale of properties that have been acquired due to the WestConnex project, but that may not be used for the project?
163. What plans are there to mitigate the traffic congestion on the City West Link after Stage 1 of the Westconnex project opens?
164. What projects are included in Traffic Management Upgrade Works, referred to in Infrastructure Statement pages 2 – 2, 3 – 2, 3 – 5, 3 – 6?
- (a) What projects are contained in Packages 1, 2 and 3 of the Easing Sydney's Congestion, Urban Roads Pinch Points Program? (Budget Paper page 10 - 5, Infrastructure Statement pages 2 – 4, 2 – 11, 4 – 6, 5 – 57)

(b) What public transport improvements are planned for Sydney Airport? (Infrastructure Statement page 4-7)

165. If the traffic volumes are less than forecast in the confidential WestConnex business case, will the government protect the taxpayer from potential large losses?
166. Will the NSW Government guarantee that it will not provide additional subsidies to attract a buyer if the traffic volumes are less than forecast?
167. Will the NSW Government provide additional funding for the third stage of Westconnex if revenue from the sale of the Stage 1 and 2 is insufficient to fund Stage 3?
168. What is the current cost estimate for Stage 3?

Pinch Points Program

169. How much has the government committed to the Pinch Points Program in the following years:
- (a) 2015/2016
 - (b) 2014/2015
 - (c) 2013/2014
 - (d) 2012/2013
 - (e) 2011/2012
170. How much has the government spent on the Pinch Points Program in the following years:
- (a) 2015/2016
 - (b) 2014/2015
 - (c) 2013/2014
 - (d) 2012/2013
 - (e) 2011/2012

Elizabeth Drive to Northern Road (Badgerys Creek)

171. The Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan involves a new motorway on Elizabeth Drive to get from the M7 to the Badgerys Creek Airport site. What alternatives were considered for this \$1.25 billion project?
- (a) What were the various options and were cost benefit analyses for all these options?
172. Will the motorway on Elizabeth Drive be tolled?
- (a) If so, what will the toll be?

Road Access Pricing Inquiry

173. Why did the previous parliament's Road Access Pricing Inquiry never report?
- (a) How much did it cost to conduct this inquiry?
 - (b) Were any members of this committee sent on taxpayer-funded trips to conduct investigations?

- (c) If so, could you please provide information about any trips, including costs and locations visited?

Road Access For North West Rail Link

174. In what capacity has RMS been involved in the delivery of the North West Rail Link Project?
175. Has RMS issued a show-cause notice to Transport for NSW during the delivery of the project? If yes,
- (a) Why was the show-cause notice issued and what was it for?
 - (b) What are the implications of this issue for the overall delivery of the project?
 - (c) How much of the project delay is attributed to this?
 - (d) Has the issue been resolved now?

Arncliffe Pedestrian Link

176. In response to a question on notice about tender proposals for the Arncliffe Pedestrian Tunnel the Minister said tenders were not needed as the project was being delivered under an “existing commercial arrangement”. Could you please advise of what exactly this “existing commercial arrangement” is and what company or companies it involves?
- (a) Is there a relationship between the high cost of projects and not sourcing them openly through competitive tendering?

Pedestrian Safety & Traffic Lights

177. Has average “green time” for pedestrians has increased or decreased in the CBD since the Coalition came into government in 2011?
178. At which intersections in the CBD as “green time” decreased?

Freight

179. Two-thirds of the projects in the NSW Freight and Ports Strategy Infrastructure Program are road-freight projects, and only 1/3 are rail freight. Moreover, 73% of the fully-funded projects are road-freight. How does the government intend to reach the target of 28% rail share of containers moved through port?
- (a) Is this still the target?
 - (b) Will the government reach the target in this term of government?
180. What is the status of the Inland Rail project? What is the NSW Government doing to make sure this important freight connection is built?
- (a) The Inland Rail website says an Implementation Group will provide the delivery plan and business case for Inland Rail to the federal government by mid-2015. Is this project on track?
 - (b) Given that most of this will be constructed in NSW, has the NSW government seen the plan and business case?

Sinkholes and Parramatta River

181. How the NSW government be ensuring that the new RiverCat ferries minimise impacts on the local environment along the Parramatta River?
- (a) What strategies will the NSW government be undertaking to ensure that the current RiverCat services stop having such an adverse impact on the seawalls and the environment along the Parramatta River?

Roads and Maritime Services opinion poll of Queanbeyan City Council's proposed road project the Ellerton Drive Extension

182. RMS commissioned Jetty Research to conduct a telephone opinion poll about a proposal by Queanbeyan City Council (QCC) to build the Ellerton Drive Extension (EDE). The poll was undertaken in May 2015.
- (a) What was the cost of conducting this poll?
- (b) Who paid for the cost of the poll?
- (c) Is it correct that the cost of the poll is being deducted from the NSW Government's grant of \$25 million towards the cost of the proposed road?
183. Who first suggested that the poll be undertaken? When was this suggestion raised?
184. What was the purpose of the opinion poll?
185. Is it unusual for RMS to conduct an opinion poll about a proposed road project before the consent authority has received and considered a report about the public consultation conducted under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act?
186. How often has RMS conducted opinion polling about proposed road projects? Please provide information about other similar polls that RMS (or its forerunner the RTA) conducted about proposed road projects in the past 10 years.

Ellerton Drive Extension – Technical Working Group

187. In light of the fact that the Government has pledged \$25m towards the road recommended by the Technical Working Group, will the Minister seek an independent investigation into the composition and workings of the Technical Working Group to ensure:
- (a) due process was followed
- (b) any findings of that working group were both objective and provided the best long-term transport solution for Queanbeyan?
188. Will the government also pause any further expenditure on that proposed Ellerton Drive Extension road project until the outcome of that independent investigation is provided to Parliament?

Ellerton Drive Extension – absence of business case

189. Why has no business case has ever been prepared for a proposed road to which the NSW Government has pledged \$25 million in grant funding?
190. Is it common for the NSW Government to part-fund a major road that requires the destruction of endangered ecological communities and habitat for species listed as protected under NSW Threatened Species legislation, and construction so close to homes that major noise mitigation work would be required, without requiring a business case to be prepared?
191. What other major roads that the government has part-funded has it waived a requirement to prepare a business case?

Ellerton Drive Extension – social impacts

192. As the proposed Ellerton Drive Extension will carry B-doubles and other traffic directly through numerous suburbs built in Queanbeyan, will there be an objective and comprehensive social impact study of that road and the previously preferred road option associated with the latest Googong and Tralee developments, being Dunns Creek Road?

Redirecting NSW grant monies from the proposed Ellerton Drive Extension to another road option

193. Can the Minister confirm that the \$25 million of NSW Government funds pledged towards the cost of building the proposed Ellerton Drive Extension could be re-allocated to a new priority road if Queanbeyan City Council submitted a business case to the NSW Government?
194. What, if any, other requirements would Queanbeyan City Council need to meet for the NSW Government to agree to redirect the grant to a different road project which better meets the community's transport needs?

Cycling

195. Can you please outline expenditure of the NSW Bike Plan for 2015/16 Budget?
 - (a) Is this plan still being used?
 - (b) If no, does the government have plans to create a new one?
 - (c) What is being done for regional NSW given there is no state wide bike plan?
 - (d) Do the Regional Transport Plans have specific actions for specific regional cities?
 - (e) In Sydney's cycling future strategy it states that 'the needs of people on bikes will be included throughout the planning of new and upgraded road, rail, bus and interchange projects, including corridor protection and the provision of infrastructure when projects are designed or constructed'. Does the government support positive provision where all transport modes are considered when designing major infrastructure projects?
 - i. If so, why does the Government not have a publicly available mainstreaming policy like Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania?
 - (f) Will the following projects include bicycle infrastructure?

- ii. Sydney Metro
- iii. CBD and South East Light Rail
- iv. WestConnex

196. What process did the government go through to decide not to construct a cycleway on the northern section of Castlereagh Street?
- (a) Did you seek advice in making your decision to only have a cycleway for half of Castlereagh Street
 - (b) Is the Government concerned that there is not a full north-south connection along this route?
197. Following its roundtable on cycling safety and compliance, has the government ruled out compulsory ID and registration?
- (a) What measures has the government taken to improve bike rider safety following the round table?
 - (b) Given the major mechanism for improving rider safety is investment in bike infrastructure, what recommendations came from the roundtable regarding investment in bike infrastructure?
 - (c) Is it true that round table participants were advised that bike infrastructure was not to be discussed at the round table?

Freight

198. What is the purpose of the container throughput cap at Newcastle port?
199. What is the purpose of paying compensation to the Port Botany leaseholder if the container throughput cap at Newcastle port is exceeded during the term of the Port Botany lease?
200. How much compensation is payable to the Port Botany leaseholder per container if the container throughput cap is exceeded at Newcastle port?
201. What is the source of funds for paying compensation to the Port Botany leaseholder if the container throughput cap at Newcastle port is exceeded?
202. Are stevedore tenants of Newcastle port charged a fee for each container that exceeds the container throughput cap?
- (a) If so, what is the amount?
203. Did the government decide not to put any funds in place to pay compensation to the Port Botany leaseholder if the container throughput cap is exceeded at Newcastle port because no extension will be allowed in the container throughput cap until an unspecified container throughput is reached at Port Botany and Port Kembla?
204. Is Minister Gay responsible for enforcing the container throughput cap at Newcastle port?
- (a) If not, which Minister is responsible?

205. Has the government claimed an exemption from complying with the "Competition and Consumer Act 2010" in respect of Port Commitment Deeds?
206. How many Port Commitment Deeds are there?
207. Did the government provide the ACCC with all Port Commitment Deeds?
208. If not, did the government supply the ACCC with extracts of Port Commitment Deeds?
209. Do the ports lease arrangements prohibit the development of a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle and enable the growth of container volumes through Newcastle servicing that region?
210. Did the government decide not to put any funds in place to pay compensation to the Port Botany leaseholder because no extension will be allowed in the container throughput cap at Newcastle port until an unspecified container throughput is reached at Port Botany and Port Kembla?
211. Has the government been clear that while general cargo will be allowed at Newcastle, there will be no extension until a specific number of containers is reached and exceeded in Port Botany and Port Kembla?
 - a. If so, to whom has the government communicated this information?

Ballina Koala Population and Pacific Highway Upgrade

212. One of the mitigation measures to prevent the local extinction of koalas near Ballina involves the planting of koala food trees, 50% of which will apparently be planted prior to highway construction. How long it is predicted to be before these trees reach maturity and are actually of use to the koala population?
213. The government has suggested any alternative route for the highway would delay the project by 2 years and add 60% more costs. What are these figures based on?
214. One of the federal conditions of approval requires a Population Viability Analysis (PVA) to be conducted to test whether the koala population is likely to survive the highway upgrade.
 - (a) Has this been completed yet?
 - (b) If not, when is it likely to be completed?
 - (c) Will it be made available for public comment or review?
 - (d) When will it go to the expert scientific review group established by the government to consider impacts on the koala from the upgrade?
215. Is RMS considering alternative routes for the highway in the event that the PVA shows the existing route will cause a local extinction and cannot therefore proceed under federal approval conditions
 - (a) If not, why not?

216. As part of the offsets proposed for the Pacific Highway Upgrade, expressions of interest have been invited. Do any of these expressions of interest include planting of vegetation types that will support koalas, and whether any are proposed in the Blackwall Range area?

Tibby Cotter Bridge

217. The Roads, Maritime and Freight Minister in the Estimates hearing stated that over 6,000 people use Tibby Cotter Bridge each week. Could you please provide patronage figures for the bridge each day since its opening (27 February 2015)?

Capacity Improvement Plan

218. Could you please provide the following information about the Sydney City Centre Capacity Improvement Plan:
- (a) Total cost, including planning, design, consultation, construction, evaluation?
 - (b) Amount paid to Parsons Brinckerhoff for the "Traffic and transport specialist study"?
 - (c) How/when the project will be evaluated to determine if its objectives/targets have been met, and what action will be taken if they are not.
 - (d) Whether approval was obtained from the Heritage Council, given the impacts on the heritage values of Macquarie St and College St?