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Questions from the Hon. J. Barham MLC

Arts

1. Can the Minister report on the outcomes of the Summit '*Keeping places and beyond: building cultural futures in NSW*' held Carriageworks in September 2011?
2. What funds have been allocated to develop/build an Aboriginal culture centre /keeping place in NSW in 2011/12?
3. Given the importance of the Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Creative Industries in the Northern Rivers region, can the Minister advise if there has been a Government assessment of the impacts of the funding cuts to TAFE North Coast fine arts courses in relation to the adopted Creative Industries Strategy and the importance that document places on training
 - a) will the Government consider providing any other form of support or grants to address the disadvantage that will arise from this decision
4. Can the Minister advise of the recipients of the Regional Aboriginal Arts Fund including what amounts were allocated?
5. Can the Minister advise of the progress of the Aboriginal Arts and Culture Strategy and what funding allocations were made in 2011/12 and if progress has been made on the Aboriginal Cultural Accord, action 3.1?
6. Does the government have a policy in relation to supporting Australian performers in film, television and stage?
7. Is there an update on the development of a NSW Arts and Culture policy?
8. What funds have been allocated to disability arts for 2012/13?
9. What funds were allocated to Accessible Arts and disability groups in 2011/12?

Tourism

10. The Visitor Economy Taskforce states that the NSW Government will call on the Commonwealth Government to relax the current restrictions on aircraft movements at Sydney Airport to facilitate growth in visitor arrivals by increasing the 5am to 6am shoulder curfew movements by 11 movements per week, has the NSW Government or any Minister made representations in relation to this matter, or are there plans to do so in the future? And if so, will there be any public consultation on this matter?
11. A recommendation of the VET is to call on the Commonwealth Government to provide greater flexibility within the Fair Work Act 2009 to lessen the constraints

of higher penalty rates on the accommodation sector, has the NSW Government or any Minister made representations or submissions in relation to this matter?

12. The Australian Tourism Export Council in February 2012 announced that they were calling on the Federal Government to allow backpackers on working visas to extend their stay by a year if they spend three months working in tourism in regional Australia, does the Minister support this position or have any representations been made in relation to this matter?
13. What funds were allocated to parties other than Regional Tourism Organisations for the purpose of advertising or marketing and can a list of the recipients with the amounts be provided?
14. Can an update on the Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan be provided for 2011/12 including the projects and funding allocated?
15. Has any funding been made directly to local government for the purpose of supporting councils with tourism related infrastructure or product development?
16. Is there any progress on accreditation for eco tourism operators?

End of questions from the Hon. J. Barham MLC

Questions from Dr. J. Kaye MLC

Tourism

1. In your capacity as the Minister for Tourism, can you confirm whether or not the NSW Government consulted with the tourism industry in relation to the proposed closure of the well respected Outdoor Recreation School at the Blue Mountains Campus of Western Sydney Institute of TAFE?

Hospitality and Racing

2. a) What steps has the Minister taken to address the rise in problem gambling associated with sports betting?
b) What percentage of problem gambling assistance is targeted at problem gamblers for whom sports betting is an issue? Please provide percentage and actual funding figure.
3. What steps has the Minister taken to assess the impacts of exotic and live betting in NSW?
4. Can the Minister please provide a list of all the betting options that have been gazetted either by himself or his predecessor since the passage of the Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2010?
5. a) Has the Minister, met with any of the individuals who have suffered great financial hardship due to an anomaly in the application of the legislation which allowed licensees to sell or transfer gaming machine entitlements to another hotel, without the consent of the hotel owner who was at the time also the registered hotel licence owner with the Liquor Administration Board, as the licence is always attached to the property?

b) If not, why not? Does the Minister have any reason to reject requests from these individuals for a meeting? If asked, would the Minister agree to meet with these individuals before the end of the year?

c) Why is the NSW government refusing to amend the Gaming Machines Act 2001 for the specific purpose of providing ex-gratia payments to these families to fully compensate the financial hardship inflicted on them?
6. Does the new Randwick Racecourse grandstand contain credit card betting facilities in the seats of the new grandstand? If so, what percentage of total seats will contain these facilities?

Major Events

7. Why has the NSW government refused to support the Greens moves to refer the former Minister responsible for the V8 Supercars Australia contract and his

handling of the negotiations with the proponent to the Independent Commission Against Corruption?

8. In your answer to a parliamentary question on notice number 1495 you indicated that discussions between the government and the event proponent had commenced in 2012, and yet during the hearing last week you told me that the contract negotiations would begin in 2013. Which of these statements is true?
9.
 - a) What was the total NSW government investment in the staging of the World Rally Championship in Coffs Harbour in 2011?
 - b) What is the expected total NSW government investment in the WRC in Coffs Harbour for 2012?
 - c) Did the NSW government commission a report into the 2011 WRC Coffs Harbour event?
 - d) If so, what is the name of the report, who was commissioned to complete the report and what were their findings?
 - e) If not, why not?

End of questions from Dr. J. Kaye MLC

Questions from the Hon. S. Whan MLC

Arts

1. What major films have the NSW Film and Television Office (FTO) lined up for NSW post the productions of *Wolverine* and *the Great Gatsby*?
2. Are you aware of what has caused the postponement of *the Great Gatsby* production?
3. Did the assist with the Australian Movie *Mental*?
 - a) Did the FTO make a financial commitment to the movie, if so what was the amount?

Racing

4. Through the announcement of the High Court decision in regards to the Race Fields legislation, where in which; 1.5% of all winning raised will go back into the Racing NSW. How much of the funding as far has been attributed to upgrading regional race fields?
 - a) Where has it been allocated?
5. How much is the revenue windfall created by the Race Fields legislation?
6. How much is allocated to Racing NSW, Harness Racing, and Greyhounds NSW?
7. Are you regularly monitoring jobs growth, GSP and NSW clubs' social contribution to ensure your legislation is providing the benefits to the state? Why not?

Kings Cross venues inspections

8. How many visits were conducted by Office of Liquor and Gaming inspectors at venues in Kings Cross in 2010/11?
9. How many visits were conducted by Office of Liquor and Gaming inspectors at venues in Kings Cross in 2011/12?
10. How many visits will be conducted by Office of Liquor and Gaming inspectors at venues in Kings Cross in 2012/13?

Musical Production Fund

11. How much did Destination NSW/Events NSW invest into the musical production the Officer and the Gentlemen and how was the financial return?

Del Piero

12. What miscommunication occurred between Destination NSW and Sydney FC for you to miss on a photo opportunity with Alessandro Del Piero at Taronga Zoo?

Business Events Sydney

13. Given the States investment in expanding the Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre. Will additional funding be provided once the facility opens to attract larger international events? How much funding will be contributed to Business Events Sydney in the forward estimates?
14. Given the merger of Tourism NSW and Destination NSW, how much funding is now attributed to marketing efforts and how much funding is attributed to event attraction? How does this compare to funding commitments prior to the merger?

Economic Taskforce Plan

15. How will the Government incorporate the announced \$2 million for targeting Chinese tourism into Australia? What measures are being undertaken?
16. In conjunction with this budget allocation has any funding been provided for department officials to head to China?
 - a) If so why were these department officials sent to China?
17. What were the expenses incurred by the officials?
18. The Economic Taskforce Identified in its plan the top 10 countries that contribute to Sydney/NSW tourism, which include the UK, South Korea, USA, New Zealand, Japan etc. What are the initiatives that Destination NSW is undertaking to maintain these countries economic and visitation input into the State?
19. Is the government intending on increasing staff numbers and/or open tourism offices in these Countries?
20. In terms of the *Strategic Imperative 2 – Grow Physical Capacity*, why did the Economic Taskforce overlook the potential for a second airport for Sydney? And why was this not listed as an item to be undertaken in the report?
21. Are you concerned that the Visitor Economy Taskforce has made recommendations that conflict with the recommendations of Infrastructure NSW which suggested the development of a second Airport?

- a) Why has the Visitor Economy Taskforce failed to see this is a recommendation?
22. Are you aware of what the current cost is to upgrade all regional airports in NSW?
23. As indicated in the Economic Plan, the Taskforce has identified that there has been a slow approval process for hotel developments in NSW, do you have faith in the current State Governments Planning review considering the report identifies the necessity to 'cut red tape'?
24. Do you believe hotel developments should be state significant?
25. In terms of the curfew for flights in and out of Sydney Airport does the government intend on implementing the suggested changes to the Curfew Act regulations to increase the amount of flights during this period as specified in the Economic Plan?
26. The Visitor Economy Taskforce identified the necessity increase Cruise Ship Terminal space in Sydney Harbour – do you believe it is counterproductive for the industry for the Government to increase the Ship Terminal Levy?
27. How much funding is expected to be raised by the cruise ship tax that was introduced in the budget this year?
28. Recommendation 4 of the Visitor Economy Taskforce Report suggests that the NSW Government should identify options that allow for a focus on visitor economy marketing resources. Do you believe that NBN will be able to assist the NSW government and tourist operators in harnessing digital marketing? And do you believe that this will be mostly beneficial in regional NSW?

Miscellaneous

29. How many blackberries are assigned to your staff?
30. For each phone, how much was each bill in the 2011/12 financial year?
31. How many have phones have been lost in your office?
32. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
33. How many iPads does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?

34. How many iPads have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
35. How many iPhones does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
36. How many iPhones have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
37. How many iPhones have been lost in your office?
38. How many iPads have been lost in your office?
39. What is the cost of replacing those phones or iPads?
40. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?
41. What is the forecast for 2012-13 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?
42. Have any of your overseas trips in the past year been paid for in part or in full by using public money?
If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?
43. What is the annual remuneration package for your chief of staff?
44. What is the annual remuneration package for your head media advisor?
45. What is the annual remuneration package for each of your staff?
46. What is the estimated expenditure for your office budget in 2012-13?
47. Have any office renovations or fit outs been undertaken in your ministerial office since April, 2011?
If so, could you give details of contracted costs?
48. What is your Ministerial office budget for 2012/13?
49. How many political advisors are in your office?
50. How many administration staff?
51. How many Department Liaison Officers are assigned to your office?
52. How many staff in the Department are assigned to Ministerial support duties?

53. Are any contractors or consultants working in your ministerial office? If so, in what capacities?
54. How much did your Ministerial office spend on contractors or consultants?
55. How much did your Ministerial office spend on taxi fares, including Cabcharge in the 2011/12 financial year?
56. Are any of your portfolio agencies undergoing a restructure?
57. How many jobs are expected to be cut as a result of that restructure?
58. How many people are expected to have their wages cut as a result of that restructure?
59. How many voluntary redundancies were offered in your Departments since April 2011?
60. How many voluntary redundancies were accepted from employees in your Departments since April 2011?
61. How many voluntary redundancies are expected to be offered in 2012/13?
62. How much did your Department(s) spend on catering in 2011/12?
63. How much did your Department(s) spend on stationary in 2011/12?
64. What is your Department's catering budget?
65. What is your Department's stationary budget?
66. Since April 2011 have any of the agencies in your Department(s) changed their branding? If so, how much was spent on rebranding the agency?
67. How long is the average turnaround for responding to correspondence in your Department(s)?
68. How many pieces of correspondence have been outstanding for more than 60 days?
69. In 2011/12 how many invoices has your Department(s) failed to pay a supplier or contractor for more than 30 days?
70. As a result of late payment, how much penalty interest has been paid to contractors since 1 January 2011?
71. How many invoices have been outstanding for longer than 60 days?
72. 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?

73. How many contractors has your Department(s) retained since 1 July 2012 and at what cost?

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

75. How has that changed since 1 July 2011?

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

77. 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?

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

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

80. For what purpose has your Department engaged consultants?

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

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

83. Have any agencies within your Departments sponsored any organisations or events in the 2011/12 financial year?
84. If yes, which organisations and events were sponsored in the 2011/12 financial year?
85. How much did your agencies within your Departments spend on sponsoring organisations and events in the 2011/12 financial year?
86. What is your Department(s) budget for sponsorship in the 2012/13 financial year?
87. 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?

End of questions from the Hon. S. Whan MLC.