

**Parramatta Female Factory**  
**Hon David Shoebridge MLC**

- 1. What steps have you taken to ensure protection of the crucial heritage site of the Parramatta Female Factory?**

Any proposed changes to the State Heritage listed Parramatta Female Factory will require the approval of the independent Heritage Council of NSW under the *Heritage Act 1977*. The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) is working collaboratively with Urban Growth NSW to retain the heritage values within this important precinct. See also transcript pages 26-27.

- 2. Why is there no Conservation Management Plan or Built Heritage Strategy for the site?**

- a) Has there been any budget allocated for conservation and if so, what buildings and structures are included?**

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning. See also transcript pages 26-27.

- 3. What consideration has been given to Ted Higginbotham's 1992 Conservation Plan for the Cumberland Hospital Heritage Precinct?**

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.

- 4. As Minister for Heritage what representations have you made regarding the current proposal for rezoning and development of the Parramatta Female Factory site?**

Permission to undertake works to existing State listed items is a matter for the Heritage Council. See also transcript pages 23-24, 26-27, referring to the government's (and my) views.

- 5. What is the heights, purpose and costs to build the following buildings proposed for the Parramatta Female Factory site:**

- a) The multi-storey buildings proposed in the Gipps Yard?**  
**b) The multi-storey buildings proposed in the Airing Yard?**  
**c) The multistorey buildings on the Northern curtilage?**

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.

- 6. What is the projected use and income for the following buildings proposed for the Parramatta Female Factory site:**

- a) The multi-storey buildings proposed in the Gipps Yard?**  
**b) The multi-storey buildings proposed in the Airing Yard?**  
**c) The multistorey buildings on the Northern curtilage?**

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.

- 7. What evidence supports approach that the Parramatta Female Factory needs to be self-funded?**

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.

- 8. Have there been any feasibility studies for projected use and income for a living museum and national resource centre?**

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.

- 9. Are there any other intended uses for the Parramatta Female Factory site?**

- a) If so what is the projected use and estimated income for these uses?**

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.



## **Public works Stonework**

- 10. What assessment has been undertaken of the implications for the built heritage of NSW of the proposed closure of the specialist team in Public Works which employs stonemasons and others with the rare and highly specialised (and non-market-based) traditional skills required for the conservation of Sydney's great heritage of public buildings?**
- 11. What work has your office undertaken to ensure there is a stock of the yellow block sandstone and that there are the skills required to work it to maintain heritage public buildings in NSW?**

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance and Services.



**Scenic Hills**  
**David Shoebridge MLC**

- 12. Can the Minister advise how the proposed Varroville Cemetery at 166-176 St Andrews Rd, Varroville is consistent with the Heritage Act 1977?**

The land subject to the proposed cemetery development at Varroville is not listed on the State Heritage Register.

- 13. Can the Minister advise why a decision was made on 1st October 2014 not to accept the advice of the NSW Heritage Council to make an Interim Heritage Order over the 280 acres of the Scenic Hills Environmental Protection land around the Varro Ville Homestead?**

The then Minister for Heritage made a decision in accordance with the *Heritage Act 1977*.

- 14. When the Interim Heritage Order was rejected was there a directive issued to the Heritage Council and its delegate the Heritage Division of the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) to manage the heritage values of the landscape and outbuildings of Varro Ville Homestead as part of any future development, including the proposed cemetery?**

The then Minister for Heritage requested that the Heritage Council of NSW work with the relevant landowners to manage the heritage values of the area as part of any future development. The then Minister also requested that the Heritage Council of NSW work with the relevant landowners if a nomination for heritage listing is prepared and submitted in the future.

- 15. What consultation has been undertaken to ensure that heritage and cultural concerns are of central significance to the assessment of the proposed Varroville Cemetery at 166-176 St Andrews Rd, Varroville**

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.



## **Aboriginal cultural heritage reform**

**16. How many staff will be employed by the Office of Environment and Heritage in 2015/16 to specifically undertake work in relation to Aboriginal culture and heritage?**

In the Office of Environment and Heritage, Aboriginal culture and heritage responsibilities are shared across the organisation and are not limited to specific divisions or staff.

**17. How many Aboriginal staff will be employed by the Office of Environment and Heritage in 2015/16 to specifically undertake work in relation to Aboriginal culture and heritage?**

As at 16 September 2015, 10.8 per cent of the Office of Environment and Heritage staff identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

See question 16 regarding staff specifically undertaking work in relation to Aboriginal culture and heritage.

**18. What was the budget for litigation associated with Aboriginal sites and objects in 2013/14?**

OEH Legal Services Division prosecutes offences under the legislation administered by OEH, including for Aboriginal sites and objects. Prosecutions are undertaken as appropriate and are not budgeted for by offence type.

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**20. What involvement does the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Office of Aboriginal Affairs have in the Aboriginal culture and heritage law reform process?**

The Minister for Heritage and the Office of Environment and Heritage are leading the reforms in close collaboration with the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and the Aboriginal Affairs NSW.

**21. What budget has Aboriginal Affairs allocated to the Aboriginal culture and heritage reform process in 2015/16?**

This is a matter for the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.





**Aboriginal heritage legislation**  
**Hon David Shoebridge MLC**

- 22. Given that the current reform process has been going on for more than 5 years, and consultations on the NSW Governments' proposed model for Aboriginal culture and heritage laws occurred in late 2013 and early 2014:**

- a) When will the Minister release a response to the issues raised in submissions?**

A government response to submissions may be released when a final model for reform has been developed. All of the public submissions made to this reform are available on the OEH ACH reform website  
(<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/achreform/ACHsubmission.htm>)

- b) How has the government amended the model that was consulted on?**

The NSW Government is considering submissions and developing a proposed policy approach that will deliver a workable and balanced approach for all stakeholders.

- c) When will the Minister announce the next stages of the reform process?**

When an exposure draft Bill is ready for public consultation.

- 23. When will detailed proposals for new Aboriginal heritage laws in NSW be publicly released by the NSW Government?**

The NSW Government will provide details when an exposure draft Bill is ready for public consultation.

- 24. Will an exposure draft of new legislation be made public? If so, when?**

Yes. See response to question 23.

- 25. Has the NSW Government endorsed draft legislation on new Aboriginal heritage laws?**  
No.

- 26. Will consultation take place with the Aboriginal community in relation to proposed new laws?**

- a) When and over what time period?**

Yes. Consultation will occur with Aboriginal communities, all interested stakeholders and the broader community. There will be an adequate timeframe for meaningful consultation on proposed reforms.

- 27. What is the forecast budget expenditure allocated to transferring to a new system/laws?**

OEH has allocated \$500,000 in 2015-16 to progress the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage reforms.

- 28. What is the timeline for implementing a new laws to protect Aboriginal heritage?**

The government is aiming for a draft exposure Bill to be released in 2016, but the focus of reform must be getting the result right, not meeting an arbitrary timeline.

- 29. Will the OEH be responsible for implementing the new system?**

Implementation arrangements are a matter for the government to consider.

- 30. What financial/economic modeling has the OEH undertaken on how much the NSW Government's proposed model will cost to implement and operate?**

The question assumes a model is in existence. There is not yet a proposed model.

- 31. What was the OEH's forecast and actual expenditure on developing proposals for the new Aboriginal heritage legislation in 2014/15?**

OEH's initial budget for Aboriginal cultural heritage reforms was \$670,000 in 2014-15. This figure was re-profiled in a mid-year budget review to \$340,000. The final expenditure in 2014-15 was \$312,951.

**32. How much has OEH budgeted for the following in 2015/16:**

- a) Workshops / consultations on new Aboriginal heritage laws?**
- b) Staffing costs including travel associated with new Aboriginal heritage laws?**
- c) Research on best practice Aboriginal heritage legislation?**
- d) Economic modeling for new Aboriginal heritage laws?**

OEH has allocated a total budget of \$500,000 for policy staff and operating costs to progress the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage reforms in 2015-16. The budget is not disaggregated into specific amounts for items such as workshops, travel, modelling and research.

**33. What is the OEH's forecast expenditure on for new Aboriginal heritage legislation in 2015/16?**

See response to question 32.

**34. How is will this funding be distributed?**

The budget for 2015-16 will predominantly be directed to staff salaries and some minor operational costs.

**35. Has the OEH undertaken or commissioned any research or reports to be written in undertaken in relation to a cost benefit analysis on any new proposed Aboriginal heritage laws?**

- a) If so, will the Minister publicly release this information?**
- b) If not, why not?**

A cost benefit analysis (CBA) will be conducted or commissioned by OEH when a final reform model is developed. The CBA will form part of a better regulation statement when a draft exposure Bill is developed.

**36. Has the OEH undertaken or commissioned any research into whether or not current NSW laws would meet proposed Commonwealth accreditation standards in relation to the protection of Aboriginal culture and heritage? If so, can this research be made available to the public?**

OEH has reviewed the Working Party recommendations and Government public consultation model against the draft Commonwealth accreditation standards. When a final reform model is developed, OEH will consult with the Australian Government on whether the model meets the accreditation standards.

## AHIPS

Hon David Shoebridge MLC

37. **How many Aboriginal heritage impact permits (AHIPs) that have been issued in the last financial year?**

This matter is addressed on page 22 of the transcript. Since then, an additional four AHIPs have been registered for 2014/15, making a total of 112.

38. **How many Aboriginal heritage impact permits (AHIPs) that have been issued since the commencement of *National Parks and Wildlife Amendment Act 2010*?**

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39. **Has the number of Aboriginal heritage impact permits (AHIPs) issued by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage increased or decreased since the Aboriginal heritage amendments to the *National Parks and Wildlife Act* commenced in October 2010?**

2010/11	59
2011/2012	66
2012/2013	85
2013/2014	82
2014/2015	112

40. **Can the OEH provide reasons for any increases or decreases?**

There are a number of factors that influence the number of AHIPS, including improved information regarding due diligence requirements.



**Investigations and prosecutions**  
**Hon David Shoebridge MLC**

- 41. If suspected harm to Aboriginal heritage was not investigated, why not?**  
See response to question 44.
- 42. What is the OEH's budget for specifically enforcing the laws relating to Aboriginal 'objects' and 'places'?**  
OEH compliance and enforcement for Aboriginal 'objects' and 'places' is incorporated into the broader compliance and enforcement program.
- 43. How many breaches related to Aboriginal heritage were reported to the OEH in 2014/15?**  
OEH received 76 reports of alleged breaches of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* relating to Aboriginal heritage in 2014/15.
- 44. How many of these were investigated?**  
All alleged breaches are investigated in accordance with the risk-based OEH Compliance Policy to determine the appropriate response, which may include further investigation or other action.
- 45. If suspected harm to Aboriginal heritage was not investigated, why not?**  
See response to question 44.
- 46. What is the OEH's budget for specifically enforcing the laws relating to Aboriginal 'objects' and 'places'?**  
See response to question 42.



## **Forestry**

**Hon David Shoebridge MLC**

- 47. How many incidents/reports related to harming Aboriginal heritage has the Office of Environment and Heritage received in the 2014/15 financial year in relation to the forestry sector?**

The Office of Environment and Heritage has received no reports of harm to Aboriginal heritage by the forestry sector in 2014/15.

- 48. What examples of unauthorised destruction of Aboriginal heritage by the forestry industry is the Minister or the Department aware of?**

The Office of Environment and Heritage has received no reports of harm to Aboriginal heritage by the forestry sector in 2014/15. The EPA is not aware of any unauthorised destruction of Aboriginal heritage by the forestry industry in 2014/15.

- 49. How many alleged breaches have OEH, and its predecessor investigated in relation to Forests NSW in 2014 and 2015 in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage?**

One – As part of a larger investigation, the EPA and OEH investigated an alleged breach of the Aboriginal heritage requirements of the Private Native Forestry Code, by Forestry Corporation of NSW, during a logging operation in 2013. Although all the field investigations were completed in 2013, this investigation was not finalised until 2015. The investigation determined that there was no impact on Aboriginal heritage during this operation.





**Aboriginal heritage protected via the State Heritage Register and Aboriginal Places Program  
Hon David Shoebridge**

**50. What budget is set aside to increase the number of Aboriginal culture and heritage items listed on the State Heritage Register in 2015/16?**

Approximately six full time equivalent (FTE) positions across the Office of Environment and Heritage's listings teams will be employed during 2015/16 to work on State Heritage Register listings for items with Aboriginal cultural heritage significance.

**51. Is this more or less than previous years?**

The same as the previous year.

**52. How many items listed on the State Heritage Register for their Aboriginal Heritage significance does the OEH expect to be listed in 2015/16?**

OEH supports Aboriginal Heritage listings. The listings number will depend on public nominations, Heritage Council of NSW recommendations and decision by the Minister for Heritage.

**53. Is this more or less than last year?**

See answer to question 52.

**54. How many staff does the OEH employ to promote the inclusion of Aboriginal heritage items on the State Heritage Register?**

**a) What is the forecast budget for this role/these roles in the future?**

The inclusion of Aboriginal heritage items on the State Heritage Register is promoted by all Heritage Division listings staff across NSW along with all other listings work undertaken by these staff.



**Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System**  
**Hon David Shoebridge MLC**

- 55. How much money has been allocated in 2015/16 to improve the information contained in AHIMS reports? What specifically is this funding intended to be spent on?**

In 2015/16 \$850,000 has been allocated for improvements to the heritage databases including the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS). These improvements include providing additional online tools and tracking of Aboriginal site registration and reports, improving automation of applicable Aboriginal information, improvements to searchable spatial interfaces and textural information delivery for Aboriginal Places and enhancing AHIMS modules and features.

- 56. What was the actual budget for managing and operating AHIMS in 2014/15?**  
\$663,000.

- 57. What is the forecast expenditure for operating the AHIMS database in 2015/16?**  
\$688,000.

- 58. How much revenue did the OEHL receive from operating the AHIMS (eg. Conducting searches for external clients) in 2014/15?**  
OEHL received \$243,679 revenue from AHIMS operations in 2014/15.

- 59. What is the forecast revenue for operating AHIMS in 2015/16?**  
Forecast revenue for 2015/16 is \$200,000.

- 60. How much money is allocated in the 2015/16 budget for delivering AHIMS services and related Aboriginal heritage information to Aboriginal communities?**  
Delivering AHIMS services and related Aboriginal heritage information to Aboriginal communities is funded from the operating budget (see answer 57) and from the improvements budget (see answer 55).

- 61. How many Aboriginal cultural, heritage or archeological sites did Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) identify in the following years?**
- a) 2011
  - b) 2012
  - c) 2013
  - d) 2014
  - e) 2015

Number of new sites added to AHIMS each year:

- a) 2,278
  - b) 2,270
  - c) 2,618
  - d) 2,871
  - e) 2,144 (as at 14 September 2015)
- 62. How many of these identified sites resided on Travelling Stock Reserves (TSRs)?**
- a) 2011
  - b) 2012
  - c) 2013
  - d) 2014
  - e) 2015
- a) 27
  - b) 40
  - c) 115
  - d) 53
  - e) 38 (as at 14 September 2015)



## Supplementary Pest Control Program

Hon Robert Brown MLC

**63. What is the total cost of the Supplementary Pest Control Program?**

**(a) For 2015 to date?**

\$1,057,102 to 11 September 2015

**i. Budgeted for 2015?**

\$2,011,936 (calendar year)

**(b) For 2014?**

\$2,211,421 (calendar year)

**(c) For 2013?**

\$646,047 (calendar year)

**64. What is the number of pest animals killed, by species, by ground-based shooters:**

**(a) In 2015 to date?**

1,287 to 11 September 2015. See table below.

**(b) In 2014?**

1,559. See table below.

**(c) In 2013?**

The volunteer shooting program began in 2014, so no pest animals were killed as part of the program in 2013.

Species	2013	2014	Up to 11 September 2015
fox	-	4	14
feral cat	-	7	13
feral goat	-	804	747
feral pig	-	154	169
fallow deer	-	14	26
red deer	-	0	1
rabbit	-	576	317
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>1559</b>	<b>1287</b>

**65. How many ground-based shooters are currently accredited?**

**(a) How many accredited ground-based shooters were there in:**

**i. 2015 to date?**

81 to 11 September 2015 (a further ten are pending completion of their First Aid Certificate).

**ii. 2014?**

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**iii. 2013?**

The volunteer shooting program began in 2014, so no volunteer shooters were accredited in 2013.

**(b) How many new individual ground-based shooters were accredited in:**

**i. 2015 to date?**

34 to 11 September 2015 (a further ten are pending completion of their First Aid Certificate).

**ii. 2014?**

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**iii. 2013?**

The volunteer shooting program began in 2014, so no volunteer shooters were accredited in 2013.

**NSW National Parks Visitors**  
**The Hon. Robert Brown MLC**

66. How many annual visitors were there to NSW National Parks in:
- (a) 2015 to date?
  - (b) 2014?
  - (c) 2013?
  - (d) 2012?
  - (e) 2011?

Visitation figures are provided through an independent survey conducted every two years, by Roy Morgan Research. The figures are for the number of domestic visits not visitors.

- a) Not calculated
- b) 39,167,370
- c) Not calculated
- d) 35,495,624
- e) Not calculated

67. How many annual visitors were there to individual NSW National Parks, by location, in:
- (a) 2015 to date?
  - (b) 2014?
  - (c) 2013?
  - (d) 2012?
  - (e) 2011?

There are 20 national parks for which the park visitation survey has sufficient samples to provide robust estimates of annual visits. These are:

PARK	YEAR Visits Millions (rounded up)		
	2010	2012	2014
Blue Mountains	3.38	3.13	4.28
Royal	2.55	4.04	3.23
Ku-ring-gai Chase	2.70	3.08	2.67
Lane Cove	1.13	0.97	2.16
Sydney Harbour	1.11	1.09	1.94
Kosciuszko	1.13	1.43	1.44
Bouddi	0.37	0.51	0.97
Worimi	0.28	0.39	0.95
Tomaree	0.48	0.47	0.85
Botany Bay	1.08	0.49	0.74
Jervis Bay	0.42	0.61	0.72
Bundjalung	0.20	0.14	0.70
Crowdy Bay	0.60	0.64	0.61
Yuraygir	0.47	0.49	0.54
Myall Lakes	0.27	0.27	0.48

<b>Berowra Valley</b>	0.17	0.18	0.45
<b>Garigal</b>	0.21	0.40	0.45
<b>Morton</b>	0.85	0.47	0.45
<b>Eurobodalla</b>	0.37	0.24	0.34
<b>Cape Byron</b>	0.45	0.39	0.15

**68. Which NSW National Parks have the ability to actually measure visitor numbers?**

NPWS is able to estimate visitor numbers for all national parks. Reliability of visitor number estimates may vary depending on the method of estimation.

**(a) How many entry points at each are able to measure visitor numbers?**

As the biennial statewide national park visitation figures are calculated by Roy Morgan Research, NPWS does not rely on visitor counts at park entry points to determine overall visitor numbers.

**69. How are state-wide National Park visitor numbers calculated based on an extrapolation of measured visitor numbers?**

The biennial statewide visitation figures are calculated by Roy Morgan Research and are not based on an extrapolation of measured visitor numbers.

**(a) What are the assumptions used in making this extrapolation of visitor numbers?**

Visitation figures are calculated by Roy Morgan Research as part of the biennial statewide visitation survey, not by way of extrapolation of measured visitor numbers.

**(b) Is there a set formula for making this calculation, either for visitor numbers by individual National Park or state-wide?**

**i. If so, what is this formula?**

There is no formula or calculation based on extrapolation of measured visitor numbers.



## **Fox Control**

**Hon Robert Brown MLC**

**70. What was the total cost of removing two foxes at North Head earlier this year?**

The Little Penguin colony at North Head, consisting of around 180 individuals, is listed as 'endangered' under the *NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act, 1995*. It is the last remaining Little Penguin colony on mainland New South Wales; without significant and ongoing intervention, the long-term viability of the colony could have been seriously jeopardised with many more penguins lost.

The overall cost of the recent campaign to protect the Little Penguin colony at North Head, including the removal of seven foxes, was \$377,368.

The area of the protection operation around North Head crosses several tenures and is particularly rugged with cliff lines and steep thickly vegetated slopes separating the beaches and penguin nesting sites. In addition to protecting the penguin colony, the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) needed to manage the movement and safety of members of the public using North Head during the operation.

The extraordinary dedication of the Penguin Warden Volunteers, supported by others such as Sydney Metropolitan Wildlife carers and ORRCCA volunteers, was a significant factor in the success of the intensive campaign to protect the penguin colony. The Penguin Wardens have been in attendance with NPWS staff at nesting sites each and every evening and morning since mid-June to discourage any foxes in the area. This has clearly been successful in protecting the colony.

Given the rugged terrain, cold nights, and the heavy rain and wind, this has been a heroic effort by these highly dedicated volunteers. This dedication reflects the very high level of community attachment and concern for this Little Penguin colony. Local NPWS staff and specialist staff from around the state are to be congratulated for their tireless work in securing the penguin colony.

**(a) How many personnel were involved on the ground?**

Staff numbers varied depending on operational needs but in general:

- At the peak of the campaign, during each day, two staff undertook baiting and trapping operations and three staff were involved in operational planning.
- At the peak of the campaign, during shooting operation nights, four NPWS staff were involved. On some nights one contractor was involved in shooting operations. Each night up to 31 volunteers and staff monitored the penguins.

**(b) How many personnel hours were used in the removal of these two foxes?**

Overall personnel hours for the entire operation were 9,797 hours.

A significant number of these hours are attributable to work undertaken by volunteers.

**i. How many of these personnel hours, by paid employees, contractors and volunteers, were devoted to baiting?**

157 hours.

- ii. **How many of these personnel hours, by paid employees, contractors and volunteers, were devoted shooting these foxes?**

503 hours.

- 71. Given the failure of the year round baiting program, and that the foxes at North Head were eventually shot, will the Government reconsider introducing a fox bounty in New South Wales?**

This is a question for the Minister for Primary Industries.

## Permits to Destroy Kangaroos

Hon Robert Brown MLC

**72. What are the requirements that need to be met for an individual to be issued with permits to destroy kangaroos on their land?**

Licences to cull kangaroos may be issued under s121 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*. The licence application forms address the requirements for obtaining a licence. The forms are available on the OEH website.

**73. What are the steps involved with having an application to destroy kangaroos approved?**

Local NPWS staff consult with the landowner and determine if a site inspection is required. Where appropriate, NPWS encourage the landowner to trial non-lethal methods to mitigate damage.

If non-lethal methods are ineffective at mitigating damage, NPWS staff consider the application for licence, as well as historical kangaroo damage and mitigation cases in the area, and kangaroo population numbers.

NPWS then determines how many kangaroos, if any, should be approved for culling.

**74. What is the usual turnaround time in processing a permit to destroy kangaroos with respect to:**

**(a) Placement of wildlife recording cameras?**

The use of wildlife recording cameras is not a standard NPWS procedure or policy requirement for assessing applications to cull kangaroos.

**(b) Assessment of evidence from wildlife recording cameras by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service staff?**

The use of wildlife recording cameras is not a standard NPWS procedure or policy requirement for assessing s121 licence applications to cull kangaroos.

**(c) Final approval or rejection of the application, from the date the initial application was submitted?**

There is no statutory timeframe or policy that guides application processing times. Actual timeframes vary on a case-by-case basis. If an application has been fully and accurately completed and is of routine complexity, the usual turn-around time is between one to four weeks.

- 75. Does the Minister have any plans to reduce or standardise waiting times for applications to destroy kangaroos on an individual's land?**  
**(a) Are any such plans currently in operation?**  
Yes.
- (b) If so, what are they?**  
In December 2014, NPWS adopted a centrally managed licensing system, to simplify the creation and tracking of s121 licences across NSW. The database automatically generates licences, reports and standardised licence conditions, automating many processes that were manually conducted in the past.
- 76. Will the Department or the NSW Government compensate landowners for damage to their business, assets, crops or ability to generate an income from their land, due to delays associated with assessing permits to destroy kangaroos on their land?**  
NPWS issues permits in a timely manner.
- (a) If so, how will this be calculated and assessed?**  
Not applicable.
- (b) If not, why not?**  
NPWS will continue to issue permits in a timely manner.
- 77. Will permits to destroy kangaroos be issued to Mr Ron Snape of Central Tilba, New South Wales?**  
Yes.
- (a) If so, when?**  
A licence was issued on 23 March 2015.
- (b) If not, why not?**  
Not applicable.
- (c) What are the reason for the delays in his application being approved, given he applied in February 2015 and was advised that there would be two-month turnaround on his application?**  
This application was initially delayed due to insufficient information provided by the applicant to make a determination.
- 78. Does the Minister have any plans to amend the 'shoot and let lie' policy for destroying kangaroos on an individual's land to enable the use of the fur and meat of shot kangaroos?**  
No.
- (a) If so, what are they?**  
**i. How will this operate and when?**  
Not applicable.
- (b) If not, why not?**  
Not applicable.

**79. How many permits were issued, by region, to destroy kangaroos in:**

- (a) 2015 to date?
- (b) 2014?
- (c) 2013?
- (d) 2012?
- (e) 2011?

Results are combined for eastern grey, western grey and red kangaroos, wallaroo, red necked wallaby and swamp wallaby, and relate to the financial year.

Data as at 14 September 2015:

<b>Region</b>	<b>2015 (YTD)</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2011-12</b>
Blue Mountains	289	427	494	198	182
Central Coast Hunter	51	99	95	55	3
Far South Coast	200	277	305	101	44
Far West	34	122	81	72	1
Lower North Coast	5	5	12	0	0
Metro North East	0	0	0	0	0
Metro South West	0	0	0	0	0
North Coast	5	5	8	0	12
Northern Plains	125	224	275	245	0
Northern Rivers	5	6	8	0	9
Northern Tablelands	102	239	210	150	0
South Coast	130	150	136	28	12
Southern Ranges	429	670	513	375	0
Western Rivers	405	483	399	159	93
<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>1780</i>	<i>2707</i>	<i>2536</i>	<i>1383</i>	<i>356</i>

**80. How many kangaroos were destroyed by permit holders, by region, in:**

**(a) 2015 to date?**

Data for 2015 cannot be accurately represented at this time. Note that s121 licences have been centrally managed by NPWS since December 2014. Prior to 2015, licences were managed at local NPWS offices throughout NSW and licence data was not comprehensively collated and recorded centrally. The data reported below therefore may not include all licences issued.

Results are combined for eastern grey, western grey and red kangaroos, wallaroo, red necked wallaby and swamp wallaby, and relate to the financial year.

**(b) 2014?**

2014 – 2015 financial year

<b>NPWS Region</b>	<b>Number of s121 kangaroo licences</b>	<b>Number of kangaroos licensed to be culled</b>	<b>Number of kangaroos reported as culled to NPWS</b>
Blue Mountains Region	427	42826	8922
Central Coast Hunter Region	99	14897	4228
Far South Coast Region	277	23010	3105
Far West Region	122	16306	3544
Lower North Coast Region	5	40	0
Metro North East Region	0	0	0
Metro South West Region	0	0	0
North Coast Region	5	40	4
Northern Plains Region	224	28145	2891
Northern Rivers Region	6	105	75
Northern Tablelands Region	239	19253	4284
South Coast Region	150	6799	965
Southern Ranges Region	670	40230	7670
Western Rivers Region	483	54608	11328
<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>2707</i>	<i>246259</i>	<i>47016</i>

(c) 2013?  
2013-14 financial year

NPWS Region	Number of s121 kangaroo licences	Number of kangaroos licensed to be culled	Number of kangaroos reported as culled to NPWS
Blue Mountains	494	29131	3685
Central Coast Hunter	95	4742	95
Far South Coast	305	12048	0
Far West	81	5825	0
Lower North Coast	12	124	124
Metro North East	0	0	0
Metro South West	0	0	0
North Coast	8	187	10
Northern Plains	275	32099	0
Northern Rivers	8	148	0
Northern Tablelands	210	11498	0
South Coast	136	5273	180
Southern Ranges	513	28246	0
Western Rivers	399	26616	2189
<i>Grand Total</i>	2536	155937	6283

**(d) 2012?**  
2012-13 financial year

<b>NPWS Region</b>	<b>Number of s121 kangaroo licences</b>	<b>Number of kangaroos licensed to be culled</b>	<b>Number of kangaroos reported as culled to NPWS</b>
Blue Mountains	198	10334	3300
Central Coast Hunter	55	3760	1807
Far South Coast	101	4672	1042
Far West	72	5030	1121
Lower North Coast	0	0	0
Metro North East	0	0	0
Metro South West	0	0	0
North Coast	0	0	0
Northern Plains	245	21610	4365
Northern Rivers	0	0	0
Northern Tablelands	150	7630	1942
South Coast	28	525	0
Southern Ranges	375	22833	5115
Western Rivers	159	8951	1663
<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>1383</i>	<i>85345</i>	<i>20355</i>



(e) 2011?  
2011-12 financial year

NPWS Region	Number of s121 kangaroo licences	Number of kangaroos licensed to be culled	Number of kangaroos reported as culled to NPWS
Blue Mountains	182	11727	250
Central Coast Hunter	3	21	3
Far South Coast	44	1552	0
Far West	1	400	400
Lower North Coast	0	0	0
Metro North East	0	0	0
Metro South West	0	0	0
North Coast	12	214	12
Northern Plains	0	0	0
Northern Rivers	9	211	45
Northern Tablelands	0	0	0
South Coast	12	231	0
Southern Ranges	0	0	0
Western Rivers	93	7560	0
<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>356</i>	<i>21916</i>	<i>710</i>

81. How many kangaroos were destroyed by permit holders, by region, as part of the 'shoot and let lie' program in:

- (a) 2015 to date?
- (b) 2014?
- (c) 2013?
- (d) 2012?
- (e) 2011?

See answer to question 80.



**Environment Protection Authority**  
**(Budget Paper 3: 8 – 17)**  
**Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

- 82. The revenue from the Sales of goods and services is forecast to increase from \$356,000 in 2014-15 to \$2,472,000 in 2015-16, why?**

The increase of \$2 million is mainly due to radiation licensing revenue now being retained by the EPA. In previous years this revenue stream was transferred to consolidated revenue.

**(Budget Paper 3: 8 – 18)**

- 83. The value of Non-Current Assets listed as Intangibles in is set to increase from \$3,792,00 in 2014-15 to \$6,258,000 in 2015-16, why?**

During 2014-15 there were a number of projects that were completed and capitalised – see question 84. The EPA will continue to invest in further new software system intangible assets in 2015-16.

- 84. Can the Department provide an itemised list of the Non-Current Assets listed as Intangibles?**

Yes.

<b>Asset Description</b>
Mobile Tablets Smart Forms-Risk Based Assessment
Capital Litter Vehicle Reporting Database
Radiation Management Licenses
Contaminated Sites Database
Risk Based Licensing Tool Palms
CIRAM Program – Reform and Compliance _ Phase 2
CIRAM Program – Reform and Compliance
PALMS Program – Reform and Compliance
PNF Management System
Noise Multi Directional Detection Software
Emissions Data Management System (EDMS) v2.0
CADNA Noise Data Modelling Software
Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme-Software Development
Stereo Analyst for ArcGIS (Lic only)

- 85. Can the Department release the assessments which have been used to revalue the Non-Current Assets listed as Intangibles?**

The EPA did not revalue the assets, rather it brought to account projects that were now finished and capitalised in late June 2015 (and thus changed their accounting classification). In terms of the Treasury Financial Reporting Code this was the required treatment for these work in progress assets. Assets acquired were initially recognised at cost as part of plant & equipment, now they are recognised as intangible assets.



**Policy and Science  
(Budget Paper 3: 8 – 27)  
Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

**86. The number of FTE employees is set to decrease from 310 in 2014-15 to 302 in 2015-16, why?**

The decrease in the number of full time equivalent employees from 310 in 2014-15 to 302 in 2015-16 reflects whole-of-government savings.

**87. While the number of FTE is set to decrease the employee related expenses are forecast to increase from \$40, 680, 000 in 2014-15 to \$41, 344, 000 in 2015-16, why?**

The increase in employee related expenses is primarily due to a 2.5 percent increase in pay rates over 2014-15 year, partly offset by a reduction in staff numbers.



**Efficiency Dividend and Department of Planning and Environment  
Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

**88. For each of the past three financial years what was the efficiency dividend in dollar value to be met by each of the agencies within your administration?**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>2012-13 (\$'000)</b>	<b>2013-14 (\$'000)</b>	<b>2014-15 (\$'000)</b>
Office of Environment and Heritage	16,630	13,077	11,179
Environment Protection Authority	1,579	1,923	1,021
Environmental Trust	1,985	2,901	136
Royal Botanic Gardens Trust	1,406	825	610
Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust	674	403	300
Historic Houses Trust	1,064	747	459
Western Sydney Parklands Trust	235	163	86
Parramatta Park Trust	34	26	15
Zoological Parks Board	1,133	742	1,022
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,740</b>	<b>20,807</b>	<b>14,828</b>

**89. What savings and revenue generating strategies did each agency implement to achieve the efficiency dividend and what was the amount of the savings or revenue actually achieved?**

The Department/ agencies implemented service delivery and administrative strategies to achieve the efficiency dividends. The annual amounts at Q88 were realised as the budget allocations to each agency were adjusted to reflect efficiency dividend requirements. All savings were achieved.

**90. What is the efficiency dividend in dollar value required to be achieved by each agency within your administration for this financial year?**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>2015-16 (\$'000)</b>
Office of Environment and Heritage	15,527
Environment Protection Authority	943
Environmental Trust	-
Royal Botanic Gardens Trust	1,140
Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust	497
Historic Houses Trust	760
Western Sydney Parklands Trust	90
Parramatta Park Trust	-
Zoological Parks Board	1,235
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,192</b>

**91. What savings and revenue generating strategies are you implementing this financial year and what do you expect to achieve for each strategy?**

The Agencies will each implement service delivery and administrative strategies to achieve the savings. The agencies expect to achieve the 2015-16 total efficiency dividend of \$20.192 million.



**Remediation Works Orica's Chlor Alkali Plant  
Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

**92. Can you update me on the remediation works at Orica's Chlor Alkali Plant at Botany Bay?**

Orica is currently undertaking the final stage of the project which involves construction of a cut-off wall around the Former Chlor-Alkali Plant and installation of a capping system. The cut-off wall was completed in August 2015 and work is progressing on the capping system.

**93. Has Orica submitted a remediation plan for the site?**

Yes.

**94. When does the EPA anticipate the Independent Review Panel process will be completed?**

The EPA is expecting Stage 3 that involves the Environmental Health Risk Assessment to be completed by early December 2015.

**95. When does the EPA anticipate the remediation works will be completed by Orica at the Chlor Alkali plant?**

The current target date for completion of the final stage is 31 January 2016. This date may be revised to reflect changes to the construction program.

**96. What steps is the EPA taking to ensure this matter is dealt with expeditiously?**

The dates for key project milestones have been regulated through a Management Order issued under the *Contaminated Land Management Act (1997)* to ensure timely completion of the project. Relevant milestones have been adjusted as required to ensure a safe and comprehensive remediation.

**97. What steps is the EPA taking to ensure public safety is not compromised by the mercury impacted soil at the plant?**

The EPA has ensured public safety through rigorous up-front environmental and human health risk assessments and a comprehensive licensing regime. Ambient mercury monitoring has confirmed the effectiveness of the environmental controls for the project.



**Koala Habitat**  
**Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

**98. What funding has the Government allocated to the protection of Koala populations in Northern NSW?**

From 2012/13 to 2014/15 the Government spent \$530,000 from the Saving our Species program on koala protection activities in Northern NSW. A further \$45,000 has been budgeted in 2015/16.

**99. What funding has the Government allocated to managing the impacts on Koala populations of the Pacific Highway Upgrade?**

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

**100. Has the Government reviewed previous Koala recovery plans?**

OEH has a long standing koala conservation program, with the Recovery Plan for the Koala (released in 2008) guiding recovery efforts in NSW. However, now that many of the actions in the recovery plan have been implemented, a new Saving our Species iconic species conservation project is being developed by OEH. The draft project is planned to be publicly exhibited as a Priorities Action Statement, in accordance with the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*. This project will replace the recovery plan actions with new priorities for investment which will be implemented under the government's \$100 million additional funding for Saving our Species (from 2016/17).

**101. Why has the Government allowed the previous Koala recovery plan to lapse?**

The NSW Recovery Plan has not lapsed. However, now that many of the actions in the Plan have been implemented, a Saving our Species conservation project is being developed to reflect current priorities and ecological knowledge.

**102. Will the Government consider impacts on Koalas and other wildlife in its review of private native forestry as recommended in the review of biodiversity legislation?**

The Independent Biodiversity Legislation Review did not make recommendations about the impacts of private native forestry on koalas.

The NSW Government has committed to develop an updated approach to improve how koala habitat is identified and protected under the Private Native Forestry Code of Practice (the Code). In June 2012 the NSW Government released a discussion paper about the protection of koalas under the Code and sought community feedback on how to improve the identification and protection of koalas.

The Government will conduct a comprehensive review of the Code following the completion of the remake of the coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals (IFOA). The review will incorporate innovations in wildlife protections developed through the IFOA remake to ensure that environmental controls across public and private land are aligned as much as possible. The review will also be informed by the community feedback on the discussion paper and the outcomes of the EPA's \$373,000 three year koala mapping pilot project. This aims to provide a suitable basis for improving the way in which important koala habitat is identified and protected under the Code.



## Feral Horses

The Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane MLC

**103. What is the current estimate of the size and extent of the feral horse population in the Australia Alps?**

From the aerial surveys conducted in April-May 2014, the feral horse population in Kosciuszko National Park is estimated at approximately 6,000 horses. The feral horse population is distributed over 300,000 hectares or 43 per cent of the park.

**104. What plan is in place to lower the numbers of feral horses and reduce their impacts?**

The Kosciuszko National Park Horse Management Plan (2008) outlines the objectives and current program to reduce horse numbers and their associated impacts. A review of the plan is underway.

**105. How much has the NPWS paid each financial year from 2004-5 to date to remove feral horse from Kosciuszko National Park?**

2004 - 05	\$119,705
2005 - 06	\$80,646
2006 - 07	\$256,682
2007 - 08	\$348,119
2008 - 09	\$209,861
2009 - 10	\$393,115
2010 - 11	\$282,042
2011 - 12	\$179,421
2012 - 13	\$371,491
2013 - 14	\$532,222
2014 - 15	\$536,456
2015 - 16 (YTD)	\$20,860
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,330,620</b>

**106. How much has the NPWS paid each financial year from 2004-5 to date towards setting up horse camps, including access roads, infrastructure and maintenance, in Kosciuszko National Park?**

2004 - 05	\$0
2005 - 06	\$14,263
2006 - 07	\$0
2007 - 08	\$43,131
2008 - 09	\$13,248
2009 - 10	\$61,249
2010 - 11	\$0
2011 - 12	\$17,988
2012 - 13	\$189,707
2013 - 14	\$174,036
2014 - 15	\$0
2015 - 16 (YTD)	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$513,622</b>

**107. What income is generated by horse-riding fees, from commercial operators and from any other contributions such as park entry fees?**

While NPWS does not discern park entry fee contributions by specific user groups, for 2014-15 the entry fee revenue from licenced commercial tour operators providing horse riding in NSW national parks was \$7,518.

**Mangrove Mountain Landfill**  
**Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

**108. Can the EPA outline what steps it has taken to monitor the volume and type of waste deposited at the Mangrove Mountain Landfill site?**

Data supplied to the EPA, including monthly reports from the site operators and the six-monthly site surveys required as part of the *Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014*, show that 555,616 tonnes of waste has been disposed of at Mangrove Mountain since 2002.

During the period 2011 to 2015 the EPA has conducted both covert and overt monitoring of the weighbridge. Periodic audits have also been conducted, checking truck movements against weighbridge records.

EPA Officers have undertaken announced and unannounced inspections monitoring waste types received at the premises and have investigated allegations of unapproved wastes being disposed of at the Landfill.

Waste is currently not being received at the Landfill.

**109. Can the EPA provide any assessments that it has conducted at the Mangrove Mountain Landfill site?**

Since 2002 the EPA has placed eight pollution reduction programs on the licence that required independent consultants to undertake assessments on behalf of the licensee.

**110. Can the EPA outline any incidents which have breached the terms of the Mangrove Mountains environment protection licence (EPL 11395)?**

There have been 19 reports of non-compliance on annual returns since the licence was issued in 2001. Five of these are related to insufficient water in monitoring bores to allow sampling, a circumstance beyond the control of the licensee.

Other breaches on the annual returns by year were:

2015 - Heightened levels of methane in two bores

2012 - Failure to monitor wet weather discharge

2009 - Failure to undertake noise monitoring  
Monitoring not undertaken at required frequency  
Not all pollutants sampled  
Water balance report not provided in the required timeframe

2005 - Not all pollutants sampled  
Late submission of groundwater monitoring report

2004 - Failure to store treated drums in a bunded area  
Inadequate bunding of waste oils  
Failure to use specified daily cover

2003 - Monitoring not undertaken for all pollutants

2002 - Limited sampling due to delay in commencing operations  
Unauthorised access to cell.

During an announced inspection of the landfill in 2010 EPA officers identified breaches of the licence including a lack of sediment and erosion controls, drainage and surface water management, management of active tip face, management of sediment and leachate ponds and general housekeeping issues.

During an unannounced inspection of the landfill in 2009 EPA officers observed sediment laden water being discharged into an adjacent unnamed creek.

The EPA in conjunction with OEH special investigators is currently investigating an allegation of sediment being washed into a nearby unnamed creek in August 2015. This investigation is continuing to determine if any offences have occurred.

**111. What action did the EPA take in response to breaches of the environmental protection licence (EPL 11395)?**

The following responses have been taken in relation to breaches of the licence:

- An official caution was issued in 2011 for failure to comply with a licence condition in late 2010.
- An official caution was issued for pollution of waters and failure to comply with licence conditions in 2009.
- A pollution reduction program was extended to allow further time to undertake a review of water balance information in 2009.
- A warning letter was issued to the licensee for failure to apply daily cover in 2008.
- A warning letter was issued for failing to sample all pollutants and for late submission of a report in 2005.
- An advisory letter and pollution reduction program was placed on the licence for the construction of a bunding and spill management area in 2004.
- A warning letter was issued for failure to monitor all pollutants in 2003.

To date, the EPA has not been provided with, or uncovered any evidence that the landfill is impacting on the drinking water supply.

Should the EPA's current investigation, into an allegation of sediment being washed into a nearby unnamed creek in August 2015, identify that offences have occurred, appropriate regulatory action will be determined in accordance with the EPA's compliance policy.

**112. Can the Minister outline why the environmental protection licence (EPL 11395) has not been suspended?**

Any decision by the EPA to suspend a licence under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* must be supported by evidence, including where it is clear that there are no alternatives to prevent or mitigate serious harm or criminality. Licence suspension or revocation is subject to legal appeal.

The site has a valid development consent to operate and holds an environment protection licence that specifies practical measures to protect the local environment.

The EPA has conducted and will continue to conduct announced and unannounced inspections to assess compliance.



**Water Management Royal Australian Air Force base Williamtown NSW**  
**Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

**113. Can the EPA list and date the correspondence between the Environmental Protection Authority and the Department of Defence regarding contaminate management at Williamtown RAAF Base?**

I am advised that correspondence included:

29 January 2013	Reports received regarding contamination on-site
28 March 2013	EPA writes to Defence and requests further information
17 May 2013	Stage 1 Assessment Report sent to the EPA by Defence
20 May 2013	Letter from Defence sent to EPA
29 May 2013	EPA writes to Defence and suggests report also be sent to NSW Health
25 September 2013	EPA writes to Defence with comments on reports received – suggests meeting with stakeholders
5 December 2013	Letter from Defence sent to EPA
4 August 2015	Defence Consultant (URS) sent the EPA a link to the Draft Stage 2 Report on PFOS and PFOA contamination at Williamtown Base
7 September 2015	EPA writes to Defence outlining whole-of-government response to draft Stage 2 URS/Defence report
10 September 2015	EPA writes to Defence regarding draft Stage 2 URS/Defence report

**114. Can the EPA release the draft report provided to it by the Department of Defence regarding the contamination of ground water at the site?**

Advice from the EPA is as follows:

Defence has now finalised and publicly released the report on their website at <http://www.defence.gov.au/id/Williamtown/Documents.asp>.

**115. Can the EPA outline when the Commonwealth will provide a final report on off-site contamination at Williamtown RAAF Base?**

Advice from the EPA is as follows:

The Stage 2a report is now publicly available on the Defence website at <http://www.defence.gov.au/id/Williamtown/Documents.asp>.

The Stage 2b investigation, including further assessment of off-site contamination, will commence in October 2015.

**116. Can the EPA outline what other sites have used perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)?**

Advice from the EPA is as follows:

Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) are substances that were historically used in fire-fighting foams. As a result, they have historically been used at fire stations and training facilities, airfields, and major industrial sites where flammable liquids are stored and used. The Minister for the Environment has announced a review to be undertaken by Professor Mark Taylor, amongst other things, to report on the management of PFOS and PFOA contaminated sites and make recommendations.

**117. When did the Department of Defence begin to study the impact of PFOS and PFOA contamination at the Williamtown RAAF Base?**

This is a matter for the Department of Defence.

**118. Can the EPA outline how many residents use bore water in area surrounding Williamtown RAAF Base?**

Advice from the EPA is as follows:

Information in this regard is made available to the EPA by DPI. This question should accordingly be directed to DPI.

In keeping with a precautionary approach the NSW Government is advising potentially impacted residents -

- not to drink bore water
- not to eat fish caught in the nearby area
- not to eat eggs from backyard chickens that have been drinking bore water in the area.
- not to consume milk derived from cows or goats grazing in the area.

It should be noted that the standing health warning with respect to bore water, available at [www.water.nsw.gov.au/water-licensing/basic-water-rights](http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/water-licensing/basic-water-rights), has been and is, that water from an aquifer is not recommended for drinking or cooking without appropriate treatment.

There is also a precautionary closure of commercial and recreational fisheries and oyster harvest for up to one month in both Fullerton Cove and the Upper Tilligerry Creek.

**Biodiversity Legislation Review**  
**Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

**119. What is the total allocated cost for the review of the Biodiversity legislation review for 2015-16?**

The review was finalised in December 2014 with the release of the Independent Panel's final report on 18 December 2014.

**120. What resources have been allocated to Local Land Services to assist in the implementation of a new Biodiversity Conservation Act?**

The Government is currently considering the resourcing and capacity building needs within Local Land Services as part of the reform process.

**121. What resources have been allocated to local councils to assist in the implementation of a new Biodiversity Conservation Act?**

The Government is currently considering the resourcing and capacity building needs within local government as part of the reform process.

**122. What resources have been allocated to protecting native vegetation and fauna on private land in light of commitments to dissolve the Native Vegetation Act 2003?**

The Government has allocated an additional \$100 million to Saving our Species over five years from 2015-16. The Government is also considering the Independent Biodiversity Legislation Review Panel's recommendation to make additional investment in private land conservation.



## **NSW Marine Sanctuaries**

- 123. Can the Department provide a list of the 10 beaches revoked from NSW Marine Sanctuaries?**
- 124. Can the Department provide a list of the Marine Parks affected by this action?**
- 125. Can the Department outline the rationale for revoking these areas from the NSW Marine Park Sanctuaries?**
- 126. Can the Department outline any work that it has undertaken to assess the impact of revoking Marine Sanctuary status from these areas?**
- 127. Can the Department outline the rationale for going against the recommendations of the Government's scientific audit of marine parks?**

The Minister for the Environment is jointly responsible with the Minister for Primary Industries for the *Marine Estate Management Act 2014*. However, the Minister for Primary Industries (and his department) carry administrative responsibility for the marine estate. As such, this is a matter for the Minister for Primary Industries.



**Ministerial Office Administration**  
**Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

**128. 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?**

Ministers' staff numbers and salary bands as at 30 June 2015 are available on the DPC website.

**129. 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?**

There were 227 phones in use across all Ministers' offices in 2014/15. The total usage cost of these smart phones and other mobile devices was \$354,992, a 37 per cent reduction on 2008/09 expenditure of \$578,691. There were 10 lost devices (phones and iPads) across the Ministry in 2014/15. The cost of replacing any lost or stolen devices is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund.

**130. 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?**

There were 130 iPads in use across all Ministers' offices in 2014/15. There were 10 lost devices (phones and iPads) across the Ministry in 2014/15. The cost of replacing any lost or stolen devices is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund.

**131. 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?**

The total usage cost of mobile devices such as smart phones and iPads across all Ministers' offices including data charges was \$354,992 in 2014/15, a 37 per cent reduction on 2008/09 expenditure of \$578,691.

**132. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your office?**

- a. What is the cost of this?**
- No.

**133. 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?**

Floral arrangements purchased by the Ministry, including tributes such as to Martin Place siege victims, are managed within the office's budget.

**134. 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?

The cost of subscriptions is managed within the ministerial office budget and totalled \$229.27 in 2014-15.

**135. 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?

No.

**136. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?**

- a. What is the cost of this?

No.

**137. 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?

The Ministry did not engage any consultants during 2014/15. Information regarding the use of contractors was recently disclosed in response to a GIPA application and was published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's disclosure log.

**138. Details of the agreement between your office and any contractors/consultants engaged by your office?**

See question 137.



**Ministerial and Office Travel**  
**Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

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

No.

**(a) If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?**

Not applicable.

**140. Have you undertaken any official overseas travel that was privately funded?**

No.

**a. What were the nature of these trips?**

Not applicable.

**b. Who paid for these trips?**

Not applicable.

**141. 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**

Expenditure on taxies across the Ministry in 2014/15 was \$84,257. This compares with 2009/10 expenditure of \$175,776.

**142. Have you ever used Uber?**

No.

**a. If yes, were any of these occasions in an UberX vehicle?**

Not applicable.

**143. Have you or anyone in your office used Uber services travelling to or from work-related events, meetings or functions?**

No.

**a. Were any of those services in an UberX vehicle?**

Not applicable.

**144. Have you or anyone in your office sought reimbursement for using Uber services to travel to or from work-related events, meetings or functions?**

No.

**a. What is the value of those reimbursements?**

Not applicable.

**145. Have you used Airbnb?**

No.

**146. Have you or anyone in your office used Airbnb as an accommodation solution whilst travelling on official business?**

No.

**147. Have any planes or helicopters been chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money?**

No.

a. If yes, will you please detail each trip, the method of transport and the cost?  
Not applicable.

**148. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?**

None.

a. What is the cost of each non-standard feature?

Not applicable.

## **Labour Hire Firms**

**Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

**149. 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**

The Environment and Heritage agencies use Labour Hire firms, in accordance with NSW Public Service policies to cover temporary vacancies as required. There are no central records maintained, with operations authorised to make such arrangements, subject to their overall employment expense budget.



**Media and Public Relations**  
**Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

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

As at 25 September 2015:

- Environment Protection Authority = 5.4 Full Time Equivalent (FTE)
- Gardens and Parklands = 0.9 FTE
- Historic Houses Trust = 1 FTE
- Jenolan Caves Trust = 0 FTE
- Office of Environment and Heritage = 7.3 FTE
- Taronga and Western Plains Zoo = 5 FTE
- Western Sydney Parklands Trust and Parramatta Parklands Trust = 0.4 FTE

**151. 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?**

There is no anticipated change in the number of staff employed to provide public information during 2015/16.

**152. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?**

The NSW Government purchases all commercial media monitoring centrally through the Department of Premier and Cabinet which delivers significant savings through aggregated procurement. The total cost of the whole of government service in 2014/15 was \$1,775,042 compared to \$2,394,973 in 2009/10.

**153. Have you had media training or speech training?**

(a) If yes, who paid for it?

(b) If paid by taxpayers, what was the amount?

Not since becoming Minister.



**Consultants, Lobbyists And Former Parliamentarians**  
**Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

154. 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?
155. 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?
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156. 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?
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159. 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?
160. 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?
- (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?

**161. 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?**

- (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?

**162. 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?**

- (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?

154 – 162. Information regarding scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals are published in accordance with Memorandum 2015-07 Publication of Ministerial Diaries. The Government has disclosed 3,934 meetings since the policy commenced in July 2014.

**163. Has the consultancy company Premier State done any consultancy work for the Department? If so what projects was Premier State consulted on?**

No.

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

Not applicable.

**164. Does Premier State currently have any contract work with the Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?**

No.

- (a) If yes, what is their role in the project?

Not applicable.



**Consulting**

**Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

**165. How much have the Department/agencies under your portfolio responsibility spent in legal costs?**

**(a) For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?**

**166. Have Department/agencies under your portfolio engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice:**

**(a) Social media**

**i. And the cost of these services**

**(b) Photography**

**i. And the cost of these services**

**(c) Acting training**

**i. And the cost of these services**

**(d) Ergonomics**

**i. And the cost of these services**

165-166. Financial statements, including Legal Services expenditure and expenditure on consultants, are available in agency annual reports.



**Department/Agency Administration**  
**Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

**167. How many redundancies were processed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-15?**

181.

(a) Of these redundancies, how many were:

i. Voluntary

170

ii. Forced

11

(b) What was the total cost of all redundancies?

\$15,792,310

**168. 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?

Consistent with the NSW Managing Excess Employee Policy, employees who accept a voluntary redundancy in the Environment and Heritage portfolio cannot be re-employed or re-engaged in any capacity in any NSW public sector agency within the period covered by their severance payment, without first repaying the relevant proportion of their severance pay. This requirement applies to employment or engagement in any capacity as staff members, contractors, consultants or employees or principals of companies engaged in contracting to a public sector agency.

**169. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?**

No.

**170. How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2014-15?**

(a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?

Matters or inquiries of employee misconduct or underperformance are managed in accordance with the relevant employing legislation, Awards, policies and procedures. The *Government Sector Employment Act 2013* (GSE) provides the mechanisms for management of such matters under Section 68 and Section 69. In relation to matters of Fitness for Duty such matters are managed pursuant to Regulation 15 of the Government Sector Employment Regulation 2014.

It is not appropriate to disclose or make comment on any individual matter/s that could potentially identify any party or staff member subject to or a witness in such matters. The outcomes of these types of inquiries are and must remain confidential.

**171. How much was spent on corporate hospitality by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015?**

Corporate hospitality is managed in accordance with the OEH Gifts, benefits and hospitality policy.

**172. How much was spent on indoor plant hire and maintenance by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015 year?**

OEH and EPA do not separately aggregate indoor plant expenditure in the records of account.

**173. 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?**

Agency expenditure is in accordance with the whole of government travel and expenses policies.

**174. Were instances of internal fraud detected by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015?**

No fraud was detected in the Office of Environment and Heritage or the Environment Protection Authority.

**(a) What was the sum total of any such fraud and what was the result of any investigations?**

N/A.

**175. How large is the Department's vehicle fleet?**

951. This includes vehicles critical to operations such as fire fighting.

**(a) What is the composition of this fleet in terms of engine size?**

The engine size ranges from 1.3L to 15L.

**(b) How many of the fleet were involved in an accident during the year 2014-2015?**

320

**(c) What was the total cost of insurance claims and repairs?**

Insurance is provided under Treasury Managed Fund arrangements.

**176. How much did departments/agencies spend on newspaper and journal subscriptions during 2014-2015?**

The Office of Environment and Heritage and the Environment Protection Authority spent approximately \$227,000 during 2014-2015.

**177. 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?

Information regarding SES employees is available in agency annual reports.

**178. 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?**

Sick leave is managed in accordance with the Crown Employees (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Reviewed Award 2009 Section 6 - Leave. The process for management of leave is through our Human Resource Information System to ensure compliance with legislative provisions and proper compensation for staff.

**179. Do any of the departments/agencies under your portfolio area employ actors for staff training?**

Nil.

**(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?**

Not applicable.



**Department/Agency Travel**  
**Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

- 180. 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**
- 181. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have a policy on utilising Uber services for travel on official business?**
- 182. 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?**
- 183. Have staff in your Department/agencies either paid for with departmental funds or been recompensed for official travel using Airbnb services?**
- 180-183. Staff travel is in accordance with the whole of government Policy on Official Travel within Australia and Overseas.
- 184. 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?**
- In 2014/15 the Office of Environment and Heritage spent \$18.6 million on external aircraft hire. Flight operations are a key mechanism to deliver on core functions such as fire management and pest control.





**Departmental/Agency IT**  
**Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

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

Yes.

**(a) What was the total expenditure in 2014-15 on iTunes?**

\$500.

**i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?**

One account has a subscription fee, the account is used for development of educational tools.

**186. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have an Android account?**

Yes

**(a) What was the total expenditure in 2014-15 on Android?**

\$1197.

**i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android?**

Mapping applications and an iOS developer account.

**187. How many Department/agency mobile phones, tablets and laptops were replaced due to loss or damage during 2014-2015?**

58.

**(a) What was the total cost of replacing these items?**

\$31,516

**188. 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?**

No.

**(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?**



**The Department of Planning's draft swamp offsets policy (Policy Framework for Biodiversity Offsets for Upland Swamps and Associated Threatened Species)**  
**Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

- 189. Is the Government aware of the important water supply role played by the coastal upland swamps in the Special Areas of Greater Sydney's drinking water catchment, where the majority of these swamps are found?**

Potential impacts on water catchment areas are carefully considered in the environmental assessment process, which is a matter for the Minister for Planning.

- 190. Does the Government agree that the listing of the upland as Endangered Ecological Communities (EECs) under NSW and Commonwealth legislation and the listing of the coastal upland swamps on the IUCNs Red List has increased, rather than diminished, their environmental, social and economic importance?**

Listing decisions under the *NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* are made by the Scientific Committee on scientific grounds only.

- 191. Is the Government aware that in 2012 the OEH released guidelines for the assessment of upland swamps and that this work specifies identification criteria and protection from negative impacts for a sub-group of particular importance referred to as swamps of special significance?**

The 2012 draft assessment guidelines were not finalised or publicly released. However, they were used by OEH to assess mining proposals in the Southern Coalfields until they were superseded by more recent policies.

The draft *Policy Framework for Biodiversity Offsets for Upland Swamps and Associated Threatened Species* (Swamps Offset Policy) was released on exhibition as part of the Integrated Mining Policy until 9 July 2015.

The Government is currently reviewing the submissions received and will release a final Policy as soon as possible.

- 192. Is the Government aware that the OEHs guidelines build on prior work of the PAC and the Southern Coalfield Inquiry in recognising the need to identify and protect natural features of special significance and that offsets are not an appropriate option for swamps identified as being of special significance?**

Refer question 191.

Further to this, the draft *Policy Framework for Biodiversity Offsets for Upland Swamps and Associated Threatened Species* (Swamps Offset Policy) will align the assessment of longwall subsidence impacts on upland swamps with the NSW Biodiversity Offsets Policy for Major Projects.

The Policy will make offsetting requirements for upland swamps clear and consistent, and will support long term conservation outcomes.

- 193. Is the Government aware that Planning's draft offset policy treats all upland swamps equally and makes no mention of swamps of special significance?**

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.

- 194. Does the Government agree that Planning's swamp offsets policy effectively rejects the work of the OEH, PAC and Southern Coalfield Inquiry and returns the status of the upland swamps to that of 2008 or earlier?**

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.

- 195. Is the Government aware that Planning's draft swamp offsets policy allows the upland swamps, including those identified as being of special significance, to be pushed to the brink of being critically endangered before protection from further harm might be considered?**

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.

- 196. Does the Government agree that Planning's draft policy is inconsistent with ecologically sustainable development?**

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.

- 197. Does the Government agree that Planning's policy contradicts the recent commitment by the Government to restore balance to the assessment of coal mining in NSW?**

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.

- 198. Will the Government undertake, as a matter of importance, to adopt as policy the OEH's guidelines for swamps of special significance?**

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.

**Greater Metropolitan Groundwater Sharing Plan  
Hon Shaoquette Moselmane MLC**

- 199. Is the Government aware that the list of high priority groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDEs) to be protected as part of the Greater Metropolitan Groundwater Sharing Plan includes Wingecarribgee Swamp, the Blue Mountains Sedge Swamps, Budderoo National Park and Barren Grounds Nature Reserve Health Swamps and Long Swamp, but does not include the coastal upland swamps?**

This is a matter for the Minister for Lands and Water.

- 200. Noting that the groundwater dependence of the coastal upland swamps is recognised in their State and Commonwealth EEC listings, does the Government agree that there is no technical reason for not immediately including the coastal upland swamps in the list of GDEs as a matter of importance?**

This is a matter for the Minister for Lands and Water.

- 201. Does the Government agree that delaying the addition of the coastal upland swamps to the list of GDEs until the mapping and characterisation of other Sydney basin communities is completed is unnecessary and continues to leave the swamps vulnerable to mining impacts?**

This is a matter for the Minister for Lands and Water.



**Dendrobium Area 3B**

**202. On July 14 the NSW National Parks Association wrote to the Minister for Planning raising a number of concerns arising from the February 2013 approval of the mining currently underway in Area 3B of the Dendrobium mine. The letter included a number of consequential recommendations. What action has the Government taken in response to the letter and its recommendations?**

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.





**Regional Operations and Heritage  
(Budget Paper 3: 8 – 17 See 8 – 26)  
Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

**203. The number of FTE employees is set to decrease from 544 in 2014-15 to 529 in 2015-16, why?**

The decrease in the number of full time equivalent employees from 544 in 2014-15 to 529 in 2015-16 reflects whole-of-government savings.

**204. While the number of FTE is set to decrease the employee related expenses are forecast to increase from \$82, 154, 000 in 2014-15 to \$82, 269, 000 in 2015-16, why?**

The increase in employee related expenses is primarily due to a 2.5 percent increase in pay rates over 2014-15 year, partly offset by a reduction in staff numbers.



**Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust  
Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC  
(Budget Paper 3: 8 -39)**

**205. Why are there no figures for the number of FTE employees for the Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust in the Budget Papers?**

The number of FTE at the Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust is provided in Budget Paper 3 at page 8-28.

**206. Why are there no employee related expenses listed for the Botanic Gardens and Parks in the Budget Papers?**

RBGT employee related expenses are accounted for as "Personnel Services" in Budget Paper 3 at page 8-28.



**Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust**  
**(Budget Paper 3: 8 – 46)**  
**Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

- 207. The Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment is set to increase from \$116,000 in 2014-15 to \$7,000,000 in 2015-16, why?**

The \$7,000,000 is compensation from Transport for NSW, to offset lease revenues lost due to the Light Rail project.

- 208. Can the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trusts provide an itemised list of the property and plant equipment that is to be sold in 2015-16?**

For 2015-16 the only asset surrendered is the lease entered into with the Australian Turf Club.



**Western Sydney Parklands Trust**  
**(Budget Paper 3: 8 – 60)**  
**Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

**209. The value of Non Current Assets are forecast to increase from \$60, 157, 000 in 2014-15 to \$92, 854, 000 in 2015-16, why?**

The increase in Non-Current Assets in 2015/16 reflects proposed capital expenditure of \$34,782,000 minus estimated depreciation of \$2,085,000.





**Ministerial Office Administration**

**Ministerial Office Administration  
Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

210. 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?
211. 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?
212. 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?
213. Did any you 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?
214. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your office?
- a. What is the cost of this?
215. 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?
216. 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?
217. 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?
218. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?
- a. What is the cost of this?
219. 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?**

**220. Details of the agreement between your office and any contractors/consultants engaged by your office?**

For questions 210-220 see responses to 128-138.

**Ministerial and Office Travel**  
**Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

**221. 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?**

**222. 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?**

**223. 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**

**224. Have you ever used Uber?**

**a. If yes, were any of these occasions in an UberX vehicle?**

**225. 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?**

**226. 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?**

**227. Have you used Airbnb?**

**228. Have you or anyone in your office used Airbnb as an accommodation solution whilst travelling on official business?**

**229. 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?**

**230. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?**

**a. What is the cost of each non-standard feature?**

**221-230: See response to questions 139 to 148.**



**Labour Hire Firms**  
**Hon Shaoquett Moselmane**

**231. 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**

See question 149.



**Media and Public Relations**  
**Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

- 232. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?**
- 233. 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?**
- 234. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?**
- 235. Have you had media training or speech training?**  
**(a) If yes, who paid for it?**  
**(b) If paid by taxpayers, what was the amount?**

232 – 235 = See responses to questions 150-153.





**Consultants, Lobbyists and Former Parliamentarians**  
**Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

236. 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?
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  - (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
237. 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?
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  - (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
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- (a) Who attended those meetings?
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  - (c) What was discussed?
  - (d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
242. 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?
- (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?

**243. 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?**

- (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?

**244. 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?**

- (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?

**245. Has the consultancy company Premier State done any consultancy work for the Department? If so what projects was Premier State consulted on?**

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

**246. Does Premier State currently have any contract work with the Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?**

- (a) If yes, what is their role in the project?

See responses to questions 154 to 164.

**Consulting**

**Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC**

**247. How much have the Department/agencies under your portfolio responsibility spent in legal costs?**

**(a) For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?**

**248. Have Department/agencies under your portfolio engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice:**

**(a) Social media**

**i. And the cost of these services**

**(b) Photography**

**i. And the cost of these services**

**(c) Acting training**

**i. And the cost of these services**

**(d) Ergonomics**

**i. And the cost of these services**

247-248: See questions 165 and 166.

