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Questions from the Hon. R. Brown MLC

Environment

1. When did the waste levy review begin?
2. When is the waste levy review due to be reported to parliament?
3. What baseline studies have been done to determine the distribution and numbers of feral animals and weeds in our National Parks? If there have been none – how does the Service determine the success or otherwise of its eradication efforts?
4. How often do national parks get visits from Rangers or other Park staff? Is it a fact that some of the more remote Parks only get a weekly or monthly visit?
5. I note from the Building the Future – Budget Overview Document that \$71 million has been provided to manage pest animals and weeds and improve fire management in National Parks. Can you provide the Committee with a breakdown of how that money will be spent?
6. I note from the Building the Future – Budget Overview Document that there is an allocation of \$1 million per week (\$53m for the year) for programs to deliver energy efficiency and water savings for individuals, families and businesses. How much has been spent so far, and on what programs. How many of these programs are in rural and regional areas?
7. There is an allocation of \$890,000 for the upgrading of the Park and Wildlife Website this year, following on from \$1.2 million last year. When will the project be finished and what benefits have there been for the staff and public from this expenditure?
8. There is \$6.2 million in the budget to "buy land for parks across New South Wales". What land has already been purchased this year, and at what cost? What other properties are being considered for purchasing to be turned into National Parks?
9. In the budget Paper Number 3 at Page 7-14, under Parks and Wildlife there is an entry relating to "Participation in Discovery community education programs" in which roughly 300,000 people take part each year, and all but two per cent of them are "satisfied". Just what are these programs and why were two percent of people not happy?
10. Budget Paper Number 3 (page 7-15) – under Scientific Services has an entry relating to "ecotoxicological tests undertaken to inform NSW Government responses to impacts of chemicals on plants and animals". What exactly are these tests and why were there a total of 427 in 2010-11, but only 250 for the next two years?
11. In Budget Paper 3 at Page 7-12, I note that Agreements for private land in New South Wales to be managed by landholders for conservation outcomes, including wildlife refuges and voluntary conservation now total just over one thousand agreements. How much land is involved in those agreements, and how much of that land is situated in the western division under western land leases?

12. Budget paper Number 4 lists the value of Agencies Physical Assets, but Environment and Heritage doesn't seem to appear as a separate entity. What is the total value of the agencies "physical assets", including all National Parks and other national Estate land?
13. Exactly what is the Perisher Range Development, which seems to be a project running from 2005 until 2026, and will cost about \$40 million, of which about \$900,000 has been allocated for this year?
14. What specific visitor infrastructure improvements in National Parks will be funded by the \$2 million allocation in the budget?
15. How many projects for the private development of tourist/wilderness facilities in National Parks and Wildlife Service lands have been approved or are currently under consideration?
16. Can the Minister provide the Committee with a copy of the new organisational structure for the NSW Parks and Wildlife Service, and a list of all premises occupied and the staffing number in each of these premises?

End of questions from the Hon. R. Brown MLC

Questions from the Hon. C. Faehrmann MLC

Environment

Budget allocations, restructuring and strategic realignment

1. How many staff will be employed under the new OEH structure to specifically undertake work in relation to climate change?
2. How many staff will be employed under the new OEH structure to specifically undertake work on threatened species recovery?
3. How many staff will be employed under the new OEH structure to specifically undertake work on biodiversity protection?
4. How many staff will be employed under the new OEH structure to specifically undertake work in direct relation to wilderness protection?
5. What are OEH plans for deregulating wildlife licensing?
6. What precisely does reducing effort in biodiversity programs involve?
7. Will there be less money available for the development and implementation of recovery plans compared to last year and the year before?

8. What precisely will be cut to save costs in kangaroo harvesting programs?
9. How will wilderness and wild river assessments be reduced?
10. How exactly will soil and salinity research be scaled back? What pieces of research will no longer go ahead as a result of budget cuts or how else will the research be curtailed?
11. The budget papers for the Premier and Cabinet indicate that \$71 million will be spent managing pest animals and weeds and improving fire management in national parks.
 - a) How much of this will be expended in the 2012-13 financial year?
 - b) How much has been allocated to on-ground activities vs administrative costs?
 - c) How does this compare with on-ground expenditure in the 2011-12 financial year?
 - d) How will this be allocated across the state?
12. Have 15 of 65 area manager positions been made redundant?
13. How is removing area managers compatible with shifting to a more localised regional service?
14. Are you merging areas that are managed by area managers?
15. Please explain how removing area managers is compatible with shifting to a more localised regional service?
16. Can you guarantee that the work load for individual Area Managers and Field Supervisors is not increasing under your Government?
17. How much did it cost OEH to re-brand the logo from DECCW to OEH, including changes to web sites, signage, stationery and uniforms?
18. How much new funding has been allocated to the 'tourism and partnerships' branch of NPWS? a) What is their total allocation in 2012/2013?
19. How much new funding has been allocated to the branch dealing with conservation programs? a) Has the funding allocation to this branch been reduced in 2012/2013? b) What is its total allocation to the conservation programs branch in 2012/2013?
20. Which functional areas within OEH will be dismantled as a result of budget cuts and 'strategic alignment'.
21. Which Executive Director positions will be made redundant under the OEH restructure or 'strategic realignment'?

Hunting in National Parks

22. How did the Government determine the 79 national parks that the recreational hunting policy would apply to?
23. Prior to the announcement of the new policy to allow recreational hunters into 79 national parks, what assessments were undertaken of the feral animal problems in each of those national parks to determine whether recreational hunting would be sensible strategy to assist in their control?
24. Which national parks will be open for recreational hunting from 27 December 2012?
25. Will there be analysis before any each national park is declared open to hunting of the specific nature of its feral animal problem and whether recreational hunting will be able to assist a targeted professional pest control program?
26. Have you started such analyses for any of the national parks on the list of 79?
27. Will you be allowing recreational hunters into shoot specific feral animals according to a scientifically determined strategic feral animal control plan. Or will recreational shooters be allowed in to shoot which ever feral animals they like whenever they like?
28. What rules will be established to safeguard other recreational users and businesses using National Park estate at the same time as shooting is being carried out?
29. Will there be public consultation before a national park is declared open to hunting?
30. What is the total amount of money allocated to implement the recreational hunting in national parks policy?
 - a) Of this amount, how much is:
 - i. Staffing costs
 - ii. Training costs
 - iii. Signage costs?
 - iv. Publicity costs?
 - v. Other implementation costs?
31. What will be the cost of ensuring that recreational shooters are properly certified and trained, and safe to operate?
32. Will it be necessary to undertake proficiency training and a practical test to assess levels of skill?
33. Will these changes result in an increase in enforcement staff to deal with compliance by amateur hunters with the regulations?
34. What additional resources (dollars and staffing) have been negotiated for supervising the recreational hunters?

35. Which programs are these staff being drawn from?
36. Are there plans to allocate more funds to the National Parks and Wildlife Service to regulate/enforce the laws?
37. What investigation is being undertaken to address concerns raised about some shooters already entering national parks with firearms and undertaking hunting following the announcement of the law change?
38. What risk assessments have been conducted regarding access by recreational hunters to state forests in NSW?
39. What risk assessments have been conducted regarding access by recreational hunters to national parks in NSW?
 - a) Are these different to the risk assessments for shooting in State Forests?
40. What risk assessments are currently proposed regarding access by recreational hunters to National Parks in NSW?
 - a) What funding has been allocated for Risk Assessments regarding access by recreational hunters to National Parks in NSW?
41. What advice has been received regarding liability of National Park Rangers for accidents that occur while they are supervising recreational hunting in National Parks?
42. Is further advice being sought about liability issues?
 - a) If so, from who?
 - b) If not, why not?
43. What checks will be carried out at national parks to ensure that any recreational hunters that enter are appropriately licensed and have appropriate permits?
44. Does the existing National Park and Wildlife Service Public Liability Insurance cover the public, paid workers and volunteers in the park against being injured/killed by amateur hunters in National Parks?
 - a) If not, are changes being proposed to so that they are covered?
45. What monitoring will be carried out to assess the impact of hunting in National Parks on passive users of parks including bushwalkers and campers?
46. What notice will be provided to the public that a National Park, or part of a National Park, is open to hunters?
 - a) Will any such notice regime ensure that all practical entrances to the park are clearly marked with notices stating amateur hunters are or may be operating in the Park?
 - b) If not, why not?
 - c) What other measures will be used to ensure members of the public are on notice that hunting is or may be occurring in the National Park they are about to enter?

47. Will national parks be closed when hunting is taking place and how will the public and tourists be notified?

Native Vegetation Act compliance

48. What has been the outcome of an investigation into alleged illegal clearing on a property owned by Ron Greentree called Boolcarrol at Wee Waa?

49. Was vegetation cleared illegally and, if so, how much?

50. Were endangered ecological communities cleared?

51. Please can you provide copies of any PVP that applies to Boolcarrol.

52. Is a report of illegal vegetation clearing on the property Beefwood on the Newell Highway north of Moree being investigated?

53. On what date will you or have you informed the owners of Beefwood of their environmental obligations?

54. Please can you provide a copy of the PVP for the Beefwood property.

55. Please can you inform us how many reports of illegal clearing were made to the OEH Environment Hotline or OEH directly for each NSW catchment management area in the last 5 years.

56. Please can you inform us of the outcome of the investigations into each of those reports.

57. How many compliance officers do you have for the *Native Vegetation Management Act* in each NSW catchment management area?

58. Please can you supply the last 5 years of results from Satellite Monitoring Program (SLATS) for each catchment management area and the number of illegal vegetation clearing cases detected, the hectares involved and the outcomes of investigations.

59. When were proceedings for each of the two prosecutions and five convictions secured during this term of government initiated?

60. How many prosecutions for illegal land clearing have been initiated since the O'Farrell Government took office?

61. Is the SPOT5 vegetation map being produced to replace the current EOAM in the Native Vegetation Act and site assessment generally under planning laws?

Accredited ecological consultants

62. Following the recommendation in the government's Green Paper for reform of the planning system "that consultants that provide Environmental Impact Statements should be chosen from an accredited panel, and required to meet certain standards regarding the impartiality of quality of their work," , will you be introducing an accreditation scheme for ecological consultants and when?

63. If the answer to question to 1) is yes will it be a mandatory or voluntary scheme?

64. For how many years has OEH and its predecessors been in discussion with ecological consultant professional bodies over the development of a voluntary accreditation scheme?

65. Have there been discussions between OEH and the ecological consultants professional bodies over the development of an accreditation scheme since September 2011? Please provide information on the nature of those discussions.

66. Is OEH developing an accreditation scheme for ecological consultants? Or as the Planning Green Paper suggests when will you develop your own mandatory accreditation scheme for ecological consultants?

Private Native Forestry

67. How much native vegetation has been cleared across NSW for private native forestry in 2011-2012 financial year?

68. Have there been calculations of the carbon emissions involved either with each PNF operation or collectively and what have been the results?

69. Did the landholders with private native forest approvals at Mount Rae forest carry out any independent targeted surveys for threatened species well known in this forest prior to logging such as the Gang Gang cockatoo, Eastern Bentwing bat , or Greater broadnosed bat at the specific request of OEH?

70. Are Gang gang cockatoo, eastern bentwing bat and greater broadnosed bat included in the PNF prescriptions that apply to Mount Rae forest and, if not, why not?

71. How many applications for Private Native Forestry PVPs have there been in the 2011-2012 financial year?

72. Of the applications for Private Native Forestry PVPs in 2011 – 2012, how many were approved?

73. What was the average timeframe between submission of a PNF application and approval?
74. How many PNF applications that were approved 2011-2012 had engaged an independent ecological consultant to undertake an ecological survey?
75. How many applications for PNF PVPs in 2011-2012 involve a landholder sending a map and OEH signing off after a desk top assessment without an independent expert ecological survey of the wildlife at the property?
76. What percentage of PNF PVPs applications receive a site visit from OEH to undertake an ecological survey of the vegetation prior to approval?
77. What percentage of PNF approved PVPs receive a compliance visit from OEH or the EPA to ensure compliance within the first year of their operation?
78. How many audits have been carried out on PNF PVPs in 2011-2012?
79. Please can you provide all of the Ecological Harvesting Plans for all PNF operations involving Endangered Ecological Communities.

Hunter pollution and biodiversity issues

80. In light of the four major development proposals in the area, will OEH initiate a study to assess the historical biodiversity of the Hunter Estuary, to identify what has been lost so far?
81. Will OEH establish a critical threshold beyond which ecological impacts of development in the Hunter Estuary will not be tolerated?
82. Will OEH conduct a study on the drivers of current population decline of migratory shorebirds in the Hunter Estuary before any more development takes place in this area?
83. Hunter Development Corporation sold 242 hectares of land at Tomago to PWCS as offset for the T4 coal loader proposal? Has this site already been used as an offset by Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group and WesTrac for other developments in the area?
84. How will the government ensure that groundwater and the Hunter River will not be further polluted by toxic waste leeching as a result of the T4 proposal?
85. Will the EPA establish baseline limits to toxic pollution of the Hunter River and groundwater at Kooragang Island and when?

86. According to the OEH website Upper Hunter Air Quality monitoring stations, Singleton and Muswellbrook are the only two sites where PM 2.5 is monitored. Will you immediately ensure that every monitoring site measures PM 2.5.
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/aqms/uhunteraqmap.htm>
87. When will the EPA require that all coal train wagons are covered?
88. Was monitoring for the report October 2012 prepared by Environ Australia Pty. Ltd. for Australian Rail Track Corporation “PRP4 – Particulate Emissions from Coal Trains”
http://www.artc.com.au/library/particulate_report_final.pdf only undertaken at two sites and during wet periods in February and March
89. Is it generally considered preferable to monitor the potential for dust pollution from a source during dry times in order to arrive at reliable conclusions?
90. Will ARTC be required to put in place the following monitoring requirements:
- a) Continuous monitoring of PM1, PM2.5 and PM10 for a minimum of 12 months at various distances from the coal corridor
 - b) Recordings of the fine particles count and characterisation of particles in addition to the overall mass?
91. Why was the Environ Australia Pty study not peer reviewed?
92. NSW Health cautions that air quality in Newcastle and the Hunter valley regularly exceeds national standards. In its submission on the proposed fourth coal terminal (T4), NSW Health advises that the public interest and public health expectations are to reduce air pollution. How will the EPA ensure that all new developments in Newcastle and the Hunter Valley do not result in elevating the levels of particle pollution in the area?
93. Is the EPA satisfied that the T4 proposal will not create additional particle pollution levels in populated areas?

End of questions from the Hon. C. Faehrmann MLC

Questions from Mr D. Shoebridge MLC

Heritage

1. Has a decision been made to sell all or part of the Parramatta Female Factory?
 - a) If so, when was this decision made and by whom?
 - b) Which part is proposed to be sold?
 - c) Who is responsible for managing the sale?
 - d) Who is the consent authority for the sale?
 - e) What public consultation will occur prior to any sale?
 - f) What protection will there be in any sale terms for heritage value on the site?
 - g) What protection will there be in any sale terms for public access to the site?
2. On 2 December 2010, an Ausgrid contractor damaged an AHIMS listed rock engraving in Cromer NSW. The statutory time for commencing a prosecution runs out on 2 December 2012.
 - a) Has prosecution been commenced in relation to this damage? If not/why not?
 - b) What is the status of any prosecution commenced in relation to this incident?
 - c) Will a prosecuted be commenced in relation to this incident? If not/why not?
3. Will Knowledge Holders and Traditional Owners be the final decision makers in relation to the protection and/or destruction of Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW under any new legislation relating to Aboriginal cultural heritage?
4. Does the government stand by its commitment for Aboriginal cultural heritage legislation to be administered by a stand-alone commission? If not, why not?
5. Has the OEH provided a briefing to Premiers detailing potential savings to be made from not having a stand-alone body administering Aboriginal cultural heritage?
 - a) What potential savings were detailed?
 - b) Does the briefing consider the likely increased costs from litigation and community protest resulting from Aboriginal people not having decision making power in relation to their heritage. If not, why not?
6. Will the Minister reintroduce mandated annual reporting in relation to the destruction of Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW? If not, why not?

End of questions from Mr D. Shoebridge MLC

Questions from the Hon. A. Fazio MLC

1. In the Budget Estimates Hearing the Minister stated that 86 significant Aboriginal objects or sites had been protected recently. Could you please provide a list detailing all sites and objects protected from 2011 to the present. For objects please provide:
 - a) Object name/description
 - b) Where the object was found
 - c) Where it is stored
 - d) If it has been moved, how and when it will be made available to the community from which it was taken
2. Relics and objects held and moved under a Care and Control permit are owned by Government.
 - a) Is there a register of them?
 - b) Where they are being stored? Please provide details of objects and place of storage for the last financial year.
 - c) Do you have plans to undertake an audit on these items?
3. How many offsets signed off by OEH and Aboriginal communities were created in the last financial year? Please provide details as to location.
4. In the last two financial years please provide information about how many of these areas have had subsequent approvals to be re-mined? In each of these cases, how were Aboriginal groups consulted?
5. It appears that in the Upper Hunter Strategic Land Use Policy no land has been put aside for local Aboriginal communities? What are you doing about this?
6. Who is responsible at OEH to talk about sites now that Norman Lang has moved position? Has his position been filled?
7. Given the reduction of staff and district managers in the OEH how will the Minister ensure that experienced staff in Aboriginal culture and heritage are not lost?
8. Minister you advised that one of the options contained in the Wood Smoke Discussion Paper is for local councils to require the removal of open fireplaces by owners before the sale of a property. What safeguards would be put in place to ensure that the heritage values of properties with open fireplaces would not be adversely compromised by this measure?
9. Minister you advised that another of the options contained in the Wood Smoke Discussion Paper is for local councils to require the removal of older wood heaters by owners before the sale of a property. What safeguards would be put in place to ensure that the heritage values of properties with older wood heaters would not be adversely compromised by this measure?

10. Apart from the submission from the Heritage Council of NSW dated 28 February 2012 to the Joint Chairs of the NSW Planning System review, what involvement have you or any of your agencies had in the review of the planning system in NSW? Please provide copies of any correspondence or submissions that have been sent?
11. What meetings or discussions have you or your senior officers had with the NSW Minister for Planning in respect of the review of the NSW planning system? Please provide dates and minutes of these meetings?
12. Given that the "A New Planning System for NSW" Green Paper dated July 2012 only mentions "heritage" five times (at pages 18, 24, 37, 43 and 56) what have you done to ensure that heritage matters are fully considered in this review?
13. What action have you taken to ensure that the protections currently provided by Development Control Plans and other planning instruments, such as Castlecrag DCP 3 adopted by Willoughby Council in 1987 and the Willoughby Local Environment Plan (LEP95) adopted in 1995 to protect the Griffin Conservation Area, will remain in any new planning system for NSW?
14. Have you received representations from any conservation or heritage groups in respect of the potential impacts of the review of the NSW planning system on heritage conservation and protections? Please provide copies of these?
15. Will you and or any of your agencies be making submissions in response to the Government's Planning Green Paper on heritage matters? If not, why not?

Historic Houses Trust

16. How many FTE positions at the Historic Houses Trust are currently vacant?
17. What is the total expenditure on consultants engaged as part of the organisational restructure since March 2011?
18. How many FTE positions will be lost as a result of the restructure?
19. In 2011/12, what changes have been made to the hours properties' are open to the public?
20. The 2010/11 Annual Report of the Historic Houses Trust of New South Wales reports that a sum of \$890 000 was spent on "Redundancy termination payments". What is the expenditure for 2011/12?
21. How many staff positions within the Historic Houses Trust of New South Wales have been made redundant since 26 March 2011?

22. What expenditure was incurred by the Historic Houses Trust of New South Wales on consultants in 2011/12? Please provide a list of consultants engaged, the purpose of the engagement, and the amount paid to them.
23. Did any of the Historic Houses Trust of New South Wales properties reduce their public opening hours in 2011/12? If so, please provide details of the old and new opening hours for relevant properties.

Miscellaneous Questions

24. How many blackberries are assigned to your staff?
25. For each phone, how much was each bill in the 2011/12 financial year?
26. How many have phones have been lost in your office?
27. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
28. How many iPads does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
29. How many iPads have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
30. How many iPhones does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
31. How many iPhones have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
32. How many iPhones have been lost in your office?
33. How many iPads have been lost in your office?
34. What is the cost of replacing those phones or iPads?
35. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?
36. What is the forecast for 2012-13 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?
37. Have any of your overseas trips in the past year been paid for in part or in full by using public money?
38. If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?
39. What is the annual remuneration package for your chief of staff?

40. What is the annual remuneration package for your head media advisor?
41. What is the annual remuneration package for each of your staff?
42. What is the estimated expenditure for your office budget in 2012-13?
43. Have any office renovations or fit outs been undertaken in your ministerial office since April, 2011?
44. If so, could you give details of contracted costs?
45. What is your Ministerial office budget for 2012/13?
46. How many political advisors are in your office?
47. How many administration staff?
48. How many Department Liaison Officers are assigned to your office?
49. How many staff in the Department are assigned to Ministerial support duties?
50. Are any contractors or consultants working in your ministerial office? If so, in what capacities?
51. How much did your Ministerial office spend on contractors or consultants?
52. How much did your Ministerial office spend on taxi fares, including Cabcharge in the 2011/12 financial year?
53. Are any of your portfolio agencies undergoing a restructure?
54. How many jobs are expected to be cut as a result of that restructure?
55. How many people are expected to have their wages cut as a result of that restructure?
56. How many voluntary redundancies were offered in your Departments since April 2011?
57. How many voluntary redundancies were accepted from employees in your Departments since April 2011?
58. How many voluntary redundancies are expected to be offered in 2012/13?
59. How much did your Department(s) spend on catering in 2011/12?
60. How much did your Department(s) spend on stationary in 2011/12?
61. What is your Department's catering budget?

62. What is your Department's stationary budget?
63. Since April 2011 have any of the agencies in your Department(s) changed their branding?
64. If so, how much was spent on rebranding the agency?
65. How long is the average turnaround for responding to correspondence in your Department(s)?
66. How many pieces of correspondence have been outstanding for more than 60 days?
67. In 2011/12 how many invoices has your Department(s) failed to pay a supplier or contractor for more than 30 days?
68. As a result of late payment, how much penalty interest has been paid to contractors since 1 January 2011?
69. How many invoices have been outstanding for longer than 60 days?
70. Does your department provide recurrent grant funds to non-government organisations?
If yes,
- a) What are the names of all organisations in receipt of funding?
 - b) What is the total amount of funding received by each organisation including goods and services tax?
 - c) On what date was the funding advanced?
 - d) What was the purpose for each grant or funding advance?
 - e) Was any funding withheld or returned?
 - f) If so, what were the reasons for withholding or requiring the funding to be returned?
 - g) What is the indexation rate applied to non-recurrent grant funds in 2011/2012?
 - h) What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?
71. How many contractors has your Department(s) retained since 1 July 2012 and at what cost?
72. What is the current level of Aboriginal employment within your Department(s)?
73. How has that changed since 1 July 2011?
74. Since 1 July 2011, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your Department(s)?
75. In relation to feasibility studies, audits, taskforces and reviews:
Is your department currently undertaking any feasibility studies, audits, taskforces or reviews? If so; then;
- a) What are the terms of reference or details of each study, audit, taskforce or review?
 - b) Who is conducting the study, audit, taskforce or review?

- c) Was each study, audit, taskforce or review was publically advertised seeking expression of interest or competitive tenders?
- d) Is there a contract in place detailing terms of engagement for the study, audit, taskforce or review?
- e) What is the timeline of each study, audit, taskforce or review?
- f) What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?

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

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

78. For what purpose has your Department engaged consultants?

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

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

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

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

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

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

85. Has the Minister been provided with Speech, Voice or Media Training since becoming Minister? If so, then;

- a) Who conducted the training?
- b) When was it conducted?
- c) Where was it conducted what were the costs of the training?
- d) Who paid for the training?