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The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: Have the interviews now been completed for the two Chinese locations?

The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: Correct.

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: Were the positions advertised?

The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: Yes.

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: Where were they advertised?

The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: Internationally. We can give you a list.

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: For instance, were they advertised in Australia in the newspapers? If so, which newspapers, and when?

Mr BUFFIER: I do not think they were advertised in Australian newspapers, but we used a recruitment agency so it was search plus advertising. I cannot tell you exactly what those advertisements were, but we can give you a list of places where they were advertised.

**Response**

The position of Senior Representative - Guangzhou:

- Print ad South China Morning Post on Saturday 25 April and Saturday 02 May 2009
- Recruitment websites:
  - Jobs DB;
  - Seek;
  - My Career;
  - CareerOne;
  - Hudson;
  - Marketing Interactive;
  - and the NSW Public Sector Notices
- Websites of relevant organisations such as:
  - Advance;
  - Australian Chamber of Commerce South China;
  - Australia China Alumni Association; and
  - Australia China Business Council.

The position of Senior Representative - Shanghai:

- Recruitment websites:
  - Jobs DB;
  - Seek;
  - My Career;
  - CareerOne;
  - Hudson;
  - Marketing Interactive;
  - NSW Public Sector Notices; and
  - Chinese site Zhaopin.
- Websites of relevant organisations such as:
  - Advance;

AustChamShanghai;  
Australia China Alumni Association; and  
Australia China Business Council.

Hudson also sourced candidates from their own databases.

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The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: Previous Ministers and previous governments. For instance, many of them had been established by Coalition governments and are statutory based. A large percentage of them are in Acts of Parliament and I am obliged—

The Hon. MELINDA PAVEY: How many of them? Can you take that on notice?

The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: Absolutely.

The Hon. MELINDA PAVEY: So you do not know how many of them are statutory committees replete with legislation?

The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: Quite a considerable amount of them. I will get you the breakdown but I do not want to take any more of your time. A large number of them.

The Hon. MELINDA PAVEY: So you are not a member of any?

The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: No, I do not think so.

The Hon. MELINDA PAVEY: So you will check?

The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: I am not chair of any.

The Hon. MELINDA PAVEY: No, will you check?

The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: I will check but I am not on any.

The Hon. MELINDA PAVEY: So you will take that on notice?

The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: I will take it on notice but I am 99.999 per cent sure that I am not on any of them.

**Response**

The State & Regional Development and Tourism division of Industry & Investment NSW administers 12 committees of which five are statutory based.

The Minister is not a member of any of the committees administered by the State & Regional Development and Tourism division of Industry & Investment NSW.

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CHAIR: How many overseas trips have you taken in the past financial year as Minister for State Development?

The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: The last financial year, I think two.

CHAIR: How many as Minister for Primary Industries?

The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: It was both, just two trips.

CHAIR: Where did you go on those trips?

The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: I would have gone to China, Hong Kong.

CHAIR: Would you take on notice and provide the committee with costs for staff and costs that were incurred on those trips?

The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: Yes, absolutely.

**Response**

Costs incurred are subject to a comprehensive policy developed in accordance with Department of Premier and Cabinet requirements. From this financial year there is also a requirement to publish such information on the web.

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CHAIR: So every activity that you have undertaken has been a major financial injection?

The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: I have had the portfolio for three years. I do not think we have had any major disasters in that period of time—quite the contrary. We have had some very successful investment. I will take the question on notice because I think we need to let you know of some of the great successes that we have, other than what I have already rendered to you.

**Response**

In 2008-2009, State and Regional Development and Tourism secured 385 investment projects for our State. These projects represented \$2.194 billion of capital investment and are forecast to employ 8,092 people over the next few years.

For metropolitan Sydney, these projects represented \$1.184 billion of capital investment and 3,911 jobs.

In regional NSW, State and Regional Development and Tourism secured \$1.010 billion of investment and 4,181 jobs.

Some examples of business wins assisted by State and Regional Development and Tourism this year include:

- a \$9.3 million expansion by Peel Valley Exporters in Tamworth to create more than 200 jobs (February 2009)
- the acquisition of gearbox manufacturer Drivetrain Systems International (DSI) by Chinese company Geely Automobile Holdings to secure 132 jobs in Albury (March)
- support for the successful bid by Newcastle company Forgacs Engineering to win a major defence shipbuilding contract to build sections of hulls for the Navy's Air Warfare Destroyer project, creating about 200 jobs and injecting more than \$10 million investment into the region (May)
- assistance to secure 165 new solar energy jobs and \$30 million in investment over the next five years in Western Sydney after Silex Systems Limited agreed to buy the BP Solar manufacturing facility at Homebush and further develop the facility as a manufacturing base for solar cells (June)
- support for the World Rally Championship in the NSW Northern Rivers region in September, and then biennially until 2017, which is estimated to generate over \$100 million for the NSW economy
- support for REDiMIX Concrete to establish a state-of-the-art batching facility in Tamworth, creating eight new jobs; and
- support for a \$130 million industrial development at Tomago near Newcastle, including a state headquarters for global machinery company Caterpillar, creating about 400 new jobs as well as over 900 jobs during construction (September).

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CHAIR: Do you have any idea of the demographics of those people who attended the rally?

The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: They looked pretty young to me.

CHAIR: From where?

The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: No, not at this point.

CHAIR: Perhaps you can provide that at a later stage.

**Response**

The Review will also include crowd demographics.

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The Hon. MELINDA PAVEY: Have departmental liaison officers attended lunches with you and picked up the bill?

The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: I am not sure. I will take that on notice.

**Response**

No, the Department of State & Regional Development does not have a liaison officer attached to the Minister for State Development's office.

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The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: Could I go back to the committee review? I have heard what you have said already. What requests have been received from the Department of Premier and Cabinet in respect of the review?

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: Are you able to indicate when that review was sought?

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: Minister, I note that you have implied certain things. Can we just stick to the question? That is: when was the review sought? Do I take it that can be taken on notice and that an answer will be given?

The Hon. IAN MACDONALD: Yes.

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: What is the timeframe for a response to that review?

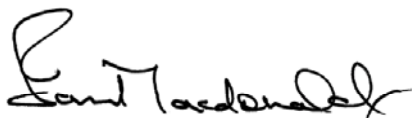
Dr SHELDRAKE: We are working to the timeframe. I cannot recall the exact date that it is due, but we are within the timeframe and we are working on it now.

The Hon. TREVOR KHAN: Dr Sheldrake, I am not being critical.

Dr SHELDRAKE: I will take it on notice.

**Response**

The Premier called for the review in June 2009 and all agencies are continuing to work on this task. It is expected that the departmental review will be completed shortly and information presented to the Premier by early November.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian MacDonald', with a stylized, cursive script.

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