

## BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015-2016

### PREMIER MINISTER FOR WESTERN SYDNEY

#### SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – 3 SEPTEMBER 2015

##### QUESTION - Parramatta Female Factory Precinct

1. Has the NSW government estimated the potential loss of long term tourism revenue if the current North Parramatta Urban Renewal development proposal (including 30 storey buildings) prevented the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct from achieving National World Heritage listing like the much less significant Hobart Cascades Female Factory has had for years?
2. What advice has been received from the Federal government or the Federal Department of Environment and Heritage about the risk of the North Parramatta development project as currently proposed causing this loss of potential tourism revenue?
3. What financial allocation was made in the Budget for maintenance and renovation of the State Heritage listed assets of the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct (including the Female Factory, Catholic Orphan School, Gaol and Cumberland Hospital)?

##### ANSWER:

There is currently no proposal for the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct to be world heritage listed. The precinct cannot be nominated for world heritage listing without first achieving national heritage listing. National Heritage Listing for the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct is currently under consideration by the Wildlife, Heritage and Marine Division of the Federal Department of the Environment.

A rigorous conservation management plan is currently being developed that will require the approval of the NSW Heritage Council and will ensure that the Parramatta North Urban Transformation project will enhance the heritage values of the site.

The Parramatta North Urban Transformation program will generate funding which will be invested in conserving the significant heritage buildings.

##### QUESTION - Firearms

4. Has the government considered the cost to the NSW taxpayer of lever action buy backs, if re-classification were to occur, as is suggested by the Federal Police Working Group?
  - a) If so, how much would it cost; and
  - b) How many such firearms, of all types, would need to be bought back?
5. Regarding the *Martin Place Siege Joint Commonwealth NSW Review*, are you or your Department aware of any element of the facts in that terrible event that compels any review of the National Firearms Agreement and the introduction of greater restrictions on law abiding firearms owners in NSW?

6. Does the Premier support the creation of a national firearms registry and tracking system, and how would such a system keep track of unregistered or illegal firearms?
7. What effective strategy does the NSW government have to deal with illegal firearms, as opposed to legal firearms?
8. Will licensed firearms owners in NSW be part of the decision making process as part of the review of the National Firearms Agreement?

**ANSWER:**

4. The Commonwealth Government has decided to temporarily ban the importation of the lever action shot gun in to Australia.

NSW is working with other jurisdictions on a range of potential firearms reforms through COAG and any buy back scheme would need to be considered as part of this process.

NSW is represented on the Firearms Policy Working Group and will continue to contribute to discussions regarding the lever action shotgun and any risks it poses to the community.

5. All states and territories' firearms legislation is underpinned by the 1996 National Firearms Agreement (NFA) and all jurisdictions recognise that gun technology has evolved since the Agreement was first introduced.

The joint Commonwealth and NSW Martin Place siege Review Report recommended that Commonwealth, State and Territory governments consider updates to the technical elements of the NFA.

6. State and Territory Governments are working on introducing the National Firearms Interface (NFI). The NFI will provide a single, shared record for each firearm in Australia, and the ability to trace firearms from foundry to furnace. Most importantly, it will also increase the opportunity for jurisdictions to identify the movement of firearms to the illicit market.

In addition, the NSW Government is investing \$5 million to upgrade the NSW Firearms Registry. Specifically, this funding will be used to overhaul the IT systems of the Registry. The governance, systems and safeguards for securing the sensitive information the Registry holds on private ownership of firearms is also being strengthened as part of the upgrade.

7. On 28 August 2015 the Deputy Premier and I announced that additional restrictions on illegal firearms will be put in place in response to the joint Commonwealth-NSW review of the Martin Place Siege.

Public safety was the paramount concern in considering proposals to tackle illegal firearms.

The Government acknowledges that the majority of licensed firearms holders adhere to the strict legislative framework which regulates firearms in NSW. However, there are also individuals who use illegal firearms to commit violent crimes in our communities.

The NSW Government has announced measures to tackle illegal firearms. Specifically:

- A new offence will be created for the possession of a stolen firearm, which will carry a maximum penalty of 14 years imprisonment and
- Consistent maximum penalties of at least 14 years' imprisonment will be introduced for offences relating to unauthorised possession, use, supply, or acquisition of firearms where

the firearm involved is a pistol, a prohibited firearm, or is defaced, unregistered or stolen.

In addition, the Government will create an Illegal Firearms Investigation and Reward Scheme, which will offer rewards of up to \$10,000 for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of a person for possession of an illegal firearm.

Additional funding will also be provided for police investigations into the illegal firearms market, including undercover operations.

The NSW Government will also introduce a ban on the possession of digital blueprints that enable firearms to be manufactured using 3D printers and milling machines for anyone without an appropriate licence.

The NSW Government may consider additional reforms following any recommendations arising from the Coroner's inquest into the Martin Place siege.

8. The Commonwealth Government has taken steps to ensure that direct dialogue is undertaken with the firearms industry.

I am advised that direct consultation with those who represent licensed firearm holders is continuing. Consultation with victims groups and other stakeholders is also underway. NSW is participating in these discussions.

### **QUESTION – Climate Change**

9. Did the NSW Government prepare a submission for the national Post 2020 emissions goal?
- a) If yes, why was that submission never lodged?
  - b) If no, why did the NSW Government not make a submission to the national post 2020 emissions goal?
10. Did the Department of Premier and Cabinet receive a draft submission to the national post 2020 emissions goal from the Office of Environment and Heritage?
- a) If yes, what happened to that submission?
  - b) If yes, was that submission considered by the NSW Government?

### **ANSWER:**

The NSW Government did not make a submission on the national post 2020 emissions goal.

### **QUESTION – IPART and Ethanol**

11. IPART conducted an ethanol review this year. What was the cost of this review?
12. When did the review commence and when did it conclude? Under what part of the IPART Act was the ethanol review conducted?
13. Was a notice placed in a newspaper for the ethanol review? Which paper and on which date?
14. The IPART Act s19 states that IPART reports are to be made public and give details and

timings of how this is to be done. Why has this not been followed with the ethanol report?

15. Section 21 says that the IPART must hold public hearings when conducting an investigation. Why was this not done in respect of the ethanol report?

16. Section 22 says that IPART must make submissions and documents available to the public? Why was this not done in respect of the ethanol report?

17. Were any consultants engaged in the course of this review? If yes, full details.

18. Which stakeholders were consulted in the course of this review?

19. How were they selected to participate?

20. Why was there no invitation for public submissions?

21. Why has the Government not released the review?

22. What did the report recommend? What is the Government's response?

23. Manildra has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in NSW. Why will you not meet with the company to discuss the IPART ethanol report?

24. Has IPART conducted any other secret reviews since 2011? What were they? What did they recommend?

**ANSWER:**

IPART was asked to prepare a report on the Ethanol Mandate for the Department of Premier and Cabinet under Section 9 of the IPART Act earlier this year. Section 9 allows IPART to enter into arrangements to provide services that are within the Tribunal's field of expertise and relevant to its functions. The requirements referred to relate to investigations undertaken under Part 3 of the IPART Act.

Targeted stakeholder discussions were held as part of this work. IPART is currently in the final stages of the work. Once IPART completes the work, it will be subject to the Government's consideration.

**QUESTION – Women on boards**

From the election of the Coalition Government in March 2011 to March 2014, the percentage of boards and committees comprised by women fell as follows:-

Premiers Department - from 44 to 27 per cent.

Local Govt - 67 to 39 per cent

Community Services - 73 to 59 per cent.

Tourism and Racing - 32 to 18 per cent

Sport - 37 to 27 per cent

Trade - 30 to 23 per cent

Finance - 37 to 29 per cent

No women appointed to WestConnex Delivery Authority.

Only 1 woman appointed to each of Infrastructure NSW and UrbanGrowth NSW (which still has only 1 female board member).

During Estimates last week, Minister Goward stated that women's membership of government boards and committees has increased from 36.9 per cent at March 2011 to 39.1 per cent as at December 2014.

25. Are the figures provided by Minister Goward correct?

26. What was the percentage of the membership of government appointed boards and committees comprised by women, by each board/committee at December 2014? (Please name each board or committee in the answer)

27. What is the percentage of the membership of government appointed boards and committees comprised by women, by each board/committee at today? (Please name each board or committee in the answer)

28. How many of the women holding these positions were first appointed since March 2011, and how many held those positions (or predecessor positions) since prior to March 2011.

**ANSWER:**

Since December 2014 the percentage of women represented on NSW Government Boards and Committees has risen from 39.1 per cent to 39.5 per cent.

**QUESTION – Housing affordability**

29. Despite record takes in stamp duty, your government has included no assistance for first home buyers in the Budget this year. (In fact, next year the first home owners grant decreases from \$15,000 to \$10,000.) Why no initiative to help people get into their first home?

30. You have also provided no relief for older persons and couples who wish to down size. (For example stamp duty concessions or exemptions) Why not?

31. Why has there been no affordable housing measures in this year's Budget?

32. The Housing Acceleration Fund of \$400 million is less than 2 per cent of the stamp duty to be collected over the next four years. Why not a more significant investment in promoting housing affordability?

33. I refer to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Sydney and UrbanGrowth NSW, in particular clause 6.7. Where is the report of the 'joint project' investigating 'international experience in housing diversity outcomes and mechanisms'? Is there a 'whole of government' approach or report on housing diversity and how to promote it – in particular, affordable housing? If so, where is this up to?

**ANSWER:**

29. The Budget allocates \$122 million (an increase of 7% compared to the previous year) to support first home buyers. This funding provides stamp duty exemptions and concessions for eligible first home buyers, as well as grants for the construction and purchase of newly built homes or vacant land for homebuilding.

30. The single biggest thing the NSW Government can do to improve affordability is to increase the supply of houses (both infill and greenfield). The Government has implemented a range

of measures to increase housing supply, such as establishing the Greater Sydney Commission to oversee the implementation of A Plan for Growing Sydney, creating the Housing Acceleration Fund to provide critical infrastructure for new housing, and establishing 11 high growth 'Priority Precincts' across Sydney as well as a number of major urban renewal projects.

According to ABS data there were 61,057 building approvals in the 12 months to July in NSW, which is the highest result in more than 41 years.

31. The Government's immediate priority is increasing the supply of housing to accommodate the significant population growth over the next 20 years. To boost supply, the NSW government has dedicated an additional \$400 million to the Housing Acceleration Fund which is specifically designed to unlock land for new homes and jobs; released and rezoned land for more than 70,000 new homes across Sydney; and set aside \$77.6 million to support infrastructure for new homes in The Hills and Blacktown local government areas. In total the NSW Budget will invest \$1 billion over four years to enable the Department of Planning and Environment to plan for the homes, jobs and services NSW needs for the future and to help make the NSW planning system simpler and more efficient

The Government is also increasing the supply of affordable housing through a number of measures, including directly funding new housing projects. Through a range of programs like the National Rental Affordability Scheme, NSW is providing funding or support to deliver over 8,000 new affordable housing dwellings. The potential to increase private investment in social and affordable housing is a NSW priority. There are opportunities to do this through the Social Housing Policy Reform, Premier's Innovation Initiative and the \$1 billion fund for new social and affordable housing. These initiatives will build on previous investment for growing affordable housing.

32. The \$400 million allocated to the Housing Acceleration Fund in 2015-16 represents 5% of total property Transfer Duty revenue projected for the year. This is the latest instalment in the Government's significant HAF investment since 2012. As noted in the Budget, this is the windfall tax revenue from the current property boom.
33. In May 2015 UrbanGrowth released the initial findings of a Housing Diversity Study that will inform a package of initiatives aimed at improving housing affordability, to be rolled out across major urban transformation projects, including Central to Eveleigh and The Bays Precinct. The Housing Diversity Study is being undertaken for UrbanGrowth and the City of Sydney by HillPDA together with the University of Sydney. The study supports the NSW Government's commitment in the Plan for Growing Sydney to provide affordable housing in Government-led urban renewal projects.

#### **QUESTION – Lambert**

34. Did the NSW Government commission the Lambert Review into the NSW racing industry?
35. What were its terms of reference?
36. How much was paid to Mr Lambert for his review? What was the entire cost to Government for the review – including any secretarial and research support etc?
37. What did the Lambert report find and recommend?
38. How many recommendations has the Government accepted? What were they?

39. How many recommendations has the Government not accepted? What were they?
40. Has the Lambert Report been made public?
41. Why has the report not been made public?
42. When will the report be made public?

**ANSWER:**

Michael Lambert was engaged in mid-2014 to conduct a review of the NSW Thoroughbred Racing Industry for the Government's consideration. The Deputy Premier has since announced that tax rates on racing bets in NSW will be brought into line with Victoria to boost the industry's competitiveness and make NSW the premier racing state.

**QUESTION – Efficiency Dividend**

43. 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?
44. 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?
45. What is the efficiency dividend in dollar value required to be achieved by each agency within your administration for this financial year?
46. What savings and revenue generating strategies are you implementing this financial year and what do you expect to achieve for each strategy?
47. What reduction of staff occurred and at what cost as a result of each strategy in:
  - a) 2014/15 financial year
  - b) 2013/14 financial year
  - c) 2012/13 financial year?
48. For the 2015/16 financial year:
  - a) What savings measures will the Department save?
  - b) What is the expected saving to be achieved for each measure?
  - c) Will they require a reduction in staffing?
  - d) How many positions within the Department remain unfilled due to the imposition of savings measures?

**ANSWER:**

In the 2015-16 Budget, the Government has committed to deliver savings by implementing further efficiency and savings measures as well as policies to eliminate duplication in government operations and reduce procurement costs. Savings measures are detailed in the Budget Papers, including Budget Paper 1 Table A.1.

Voluntary redundancies are a component for agencies to achieve their efficiency dividends. The number of voluntary redundancies achieved by May 2015 was almost double the Government's original target of 5,000 positions by June 2015, as announced in the 2011/12 Budget. The Labour Expense Cap introduced in the 2012/13 Budget also continues to give Secretaries as much flexibility as possible to achieve these savings in the most appropriate ways to meet the service requirements of their agencies. Nurses, police

officers and teachers in schools have been quarantined from this measure.

### **QUESTION – Performance Management Software**

49. What is the cost to the NSW Government - by each agency in the budget sector and also each State Owned Corporation and each statutory authority - of performance management systems, including the cost of software?

### **ANSWER:**

Performance Management systems are an important part of ensuring the NSW Public Service continues to develop and retain quality staff. The cost of the Performance Management systems are managed within the budgets of the Public Service Commissioner, each agency, State Owned Corporation and statutory authority.

### **QUESTION – Severance payments**

50. In regard to the \$178,600.22 amount paid as severance to staff from the Premier's Office from 28 March, 2015 to 5 June 2015 please provide a breakdown of:
- a) Position/s held;
  - b) Amount/s paid.
51. In regard to the \$52,293.28 amount paid as severance to staff from the Office of Deputy Premier Grant from 28 March, 2015 to 5 June 2015 please provide a breakdown of:
- a) Position/s held;
  - b) Amount/s paid.
52. In regard to the \$26,789.91 amount paid as severance to staff from the Office of Treasurer Berejiklian from 28 March, 2015 to 5 June 2015 please provide a breakdown of:
- a) Position/s held;
  - b) Amount/s paid.
53. In regard to the \$76,426.89 amount paid as severance to staff from the Office of Minister Ajaka from 28 March, 2015 to 5 June 2015 please provide a breakdown of:
- a) Position/s held;
  - b) Amount/s paid.
54. In regard to the \$35,426.11 amount paid as severance to staff from the Office of Minister Barilaro from 28 March, 2015 to 5 June 2015 please provide a breakdown of:
- a) Position/s held;
  - b) Amount/s paid.
55. In regard to the \$85,253.15 amount paid as severance to staff from the Office of Minister Constance from 28 March, 2015 to 5 June 2015 please provide a breakdown of:
- a) Position/s held;
  - b) Amount/s paid.
56. In regard to the \$51,151.02 amount paid as severance to staff from the Office of Minister



Dominello from 28 March, 2015 to 5 June 2015 please provide a breakdown of:

- a) Position/s held;
- b) Amount/s paid.

57. In regard to the \$59,960.68 amount paid as severance to staff from the Office of Minister Gay from 28 March, 2015 to 5 June 2015 please provide a breakdown of:

- a) Position/s held;
- b) Amount/s paid.

58. In regard to the \$143,223.59 amount paid as severance to staff from the Office of Minister Goward from 28 March, 2015 to 5 June 2015 please provide a breakdown of:

- a) Position/s held;
- b) Amount/s paid.

59. In regard to the \$8,485.84 amount paid as severance to staff from the Office of Minister Hazzard from 28 March, 2015 to 5 June 2015 please provide a breakdown of:

- a) Position/s held;
- b) Amount/s paid.

60. In regard to the \$29,995.09 amount paid as severance to staff from the Office of Minister Perrottet from 28 March, 2015 to 5 June 2015 please provide a breakdown of:

- a) Position/s held;
- b) Amount/s paid.

61. In regard to the \$46,954.22 amount paid as severance to staff from the Office of Minister Piccoli from 28 March, 2015 to 5 June 2015 please provide a breakdown of:

- a) Position/s held;
- b) Amount/s paid.

62. In regard to the \$23,968.32 amount paid as severance to staff from the Ex-Office of Minister Rowell from 28 March, 2015 to 5 June 2015 please provide a breakdown of:

- a) Position/s held;
- b) Amount/s paid.

63. In regard to the \$90,945.40 amount paid as severance to staff from the Office of Minister Skinner from 28 March, 2015 to 5 June 2015 please provide a breakdown of:

- a) Position/s held;
- b) Amount/s paid.

64. In regard to the \$131,923.78 amount paid as severance to staff from the Office of Minister Upton from 28 March, 2015 to 5 June 2015 please provide a breakdown of:

- a) Position/s held;
- b) Amount/s paid.

**ANSWER:**

50 – 64: In 2014/15 severance payments to Ministers' staff totalled \$1.5 million. This compares with \$6.2 million paid to staff of the former government in 2010/11.

**QUESTION – Movies**

65. Which of the following films are banned from being shown during class time:

- a. Dante's Peak

- b. Harry Potter (1-8)
- c. Clueless
- d. Mean Girls
- e. Liar Liar
- f. Finding Nemo
- g. Good Will Hunting
- h. Supersize Me
- i. Remember the Titans
- j. 12 Angry Men
- k. The Sound of Music
- l. To Kill a Mockingbird
- m. Mulan
- n. The Wizard of Oz
- o. Casablanca
- p. Shawshank Redemption
- q. Citizen Kane
- r. The pursuit of Happyness
- s. Cool Runnings
- t. Schindler's List
- u. My Fair Lady
- v. The Breakfast club
- w. The Passion of the Christ
- x. Ferris Bueller's Day Off
- y. Dead Poets Society
- z. Grease
- aa. Bring It on
- bb. The Karate Kid
- cc. Crocodile Dundee
- dd. Gallipoli
- ee. Strictly Ballroom
- ff. Rabbit-Proof Fence
- gg. Chopper
- hh. The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert
- ii. The Castle
- jj. Babe
- kk. The Dish
- ll. Saw (1-7)
- mm. Crackerjack
- nn. Cloud Street
- oo. Aladdin
- pp. Ice Age
- qq. Shrek
- rr. Looking for Alibrandi
- ss. The Great Gatsby
- tt. Hamlet
- uu. Macbeth
- vv. Finding Nemo
- The Chronicles of Narnia
- ww. Wolf Creek
- xx. Romeo and Juliet
- yy. Australia

**ANSWER:**

The Audiovisual Material in Schools – Procedures for Use memorandum provides advice to

schools regarding the use of audio-visual material including films, videos, DVDs, internet content and computer games classified by the Classification Board and Classification Review Board in relation to the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995*.

The memorandum is available online at

[https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/curriculum/schools/cont\\_issue/implementation\\_2\\_PD20020045.shtml](https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/curriculum/schools/cont_issue/implementation_2_PD20020045.shtml).

## **QUESTION – Ministerial Office Administration**

66. 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?

67. 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?

68. 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?

69. 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?

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

- a) What is the cost of this?

71. 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?

72. 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?

73. 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?

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

a) What is the cost of this?

75. 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?

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

#### **ANSWER:**

66: Ministers' staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website.

67: 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.

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

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

70: Artwork in the Premier's office includes art donated at no cost by a local artist and artwork on loan from the Art Gallery of NSW for which the Gallery charges a nominal subscription fee.

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

72: The Premier's office subscribes to a modest number of publications, the cost of which is managed within the office's budget.

73: Gifts are presented to dignitaries during overseas missions and to dignitaries visiting NSW.

74: No.

75 - 76: 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.

#### **QUESTION – Ministerial and Office Travel**

77. 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?

78. 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?

79. 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

80. Have you ever used Uber?

- a) If yes, were any of these occasions in an UberX vehicle?

81. 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?

82. 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?

83. Have you used Airbnb?

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

85. 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?

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

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

**ANSWER:**

77 – 78: Details of overseas travel including costs are published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website.

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

80-84: No.

85: No. Expenditure on charter flights for the Ministry totalled \$33,270 in 2014/15. This compares with expenditure in 2009/10 of \$282,000.

86: N/A

**QUESTION – Labour Hire Firms**

87. 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

**ANSWER:**

The Premier and Cabinet Cluster uses 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 labour expense cap.

**QUESTION – Media and Public Relations**

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

89. 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?

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

91. Have you had media training or speech training?

- a) If yes, who paid for it?
- b) If paid by taxpayers, what was the amount?

**ANSWER:**

88: DPC staff numbers are included in the annual report.

89: There are currently no plans to increase the number of staff undertaking media or public relations activities.

90: 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.

91: No.

**QUESTION – Consultants, Lobbyists and Former Parliamentarians**

92. 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?
93. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Andrew Stoner in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- a) Who attended those meetings?
  - b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - c) What was discussed?
  - d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
94. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Tim Owen in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- a) Who attended those meetings?
  - b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - c) What was discussed?
  - d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
95. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Craig Baumann in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- a) Who attended those meetings?
  - b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - c) What was discussed?
  - d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
96. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Andrew Cornwell in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- a) Who attended those meetings?
  - b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - c) What was discussed?
  - d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
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102. 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?

**ANSWER:**

92 – 100: 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.

I note the Leader of the Opposition has recently disclosed 34 meetings over the six months from January this year. I look forward to the rest of the NSW Opposition frontbench following the Government's lead and disclosing any scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations and individuals.

101 – 102: No

**QUESTION – Consulting**

103. 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?
104. 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

**ANSWER:**

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

**QUESTION – Department/Agency Administration**

105. How many redundancies were processed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-15?
  - a) Of these redundancies, how many were:
    - i. Voluntary
    - ii. Forced
  - b) What was the total cost of all redundancies?
106. 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?
107. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?
108. How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2014-15?
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109. How much was spent on corporate hospitality by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015?
110. How much was spent on indoor plant hire and maintenance by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2014-2015 year?
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- b) How many of the fleet were involved in an accident during the year 2014-2015?
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114. How much did departments/agencies spend on newspaper and journal subscriptions during 2014-2015?

115. 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?

116. 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?

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

- a) If so, what is:
  - i. the size of the contract for the provision of actors for staff training in your departments?
  - ii. the term of the contracts for the provision of actors for staff training in your departments?
  - iii. the tender numbers for each of the contracts?

#### **ANSWER:**

105 – 108. Voluntary redundancies are a component for agencies to achieve their efficiency dividends. The number of voluntary redundancies achieved by May 2015 was almost double the Government's original target of 5,000 positions by June 2015, as announced in the 2011/12 Budget. The Labour Expense Cap introduced in the 2012/13 Budget also continues to give Secretaries as much flexibility as possible to achieve these savings in the most appropriate ways to meet the service requirements of their agencies. Nurses, police officers and teachers in schools have been quarantined from this measure.

109. Costs are managed within each agency's recurrent budget.

110. Information regarding maintenance expenditure is available in Agency Annual Reports

111. Costs for restaurant meals incurred by employees of the Department in the conduct of official business are managed within the agency's recurrent budget and are in accordance with the Department's Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality policy.

112. No.

113a. The Department of Premier and Cabinet leases vehicles in accordance with the NSW Motor Vehicle Policy to provide road transport services for approved users. Insurance is provided under Treasury Managed Fund arrangements. Approved users include, but are not limited to the

Governor, Ministry, Opposition Leader and the Presiding Officers.

113b. 31 accidents in 2014/15. This compares to 55 accidents in 2009/10.

113c. \$91,808 in 2014/15. This compares to \$147,173 in insurance claim costs in 2009/10.

114. \$118,541 in 2014/15.

115. Information regarding SES employees is available in Agency Annual Reports.

116. Nil days were attributed to workers compensation

117. Nil

### **QUESTION – Department/Agency Travel**

118. 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

119. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have a policy on utilising Uber services for travel on official business?

120. 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?

121. Have staff in your Department/agencies either paid for with departmental funds or been recompensed for official travel using Airbnb services?

122. 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?

### **ANSWER:**

118. All Department travel is in accordance with NSW Treasury and Finance Circular OFS-2014-07. In addition, taxi travel follows the Departmental Taxi Usage Policy

- (a) \$200,703 in 2014/15. This compares with \$466,745 in 2009/10.
- (b) \$972. This compares with \$10,000 in 2009/10.
- (c) \$56,207.

119: No

120: No

121: No

122: No

#### **QUESTION – Department/Agency IT**

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

#### **ANSWER:**

123 - 124: IT costs are managed within each agency's budget and are in accordance with the Government's Information Management Framework.

125: 15

125 a. \$16,540

126: No

## **Western Sydney**

#### **QUESTION – Staff Numbers**

127. How many staff does the Minister for Western Sydney have working on this portfolio?

#### **ANSWER:**

Ministers' staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website.

#### **QUESTION – Parramatta Female Factory**

128. Given the rich history of the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct with an unmatched 190 years of Australian women's continuous institutionalisation, what action has the Minister taken to seek adequate government funding for maintenance of the Precinct's state heritage

buildings to prevent them from falling into greater disrepair?

129. The Hobart Cascades Female Factory has been on the national and world heritage lists since 2007 and 2010 respectively. Minister, what actions have been taken to have such a critical Australian women's history and heritage site as the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct being not just state heritage listed but also national and world heritage listed like the Hobart Cascades Female Factory given its unmatched 190 year history?

**ANSWER:**

The Parramatta North Urban Transformation program will generate funding which will be invested in conserving the significant heritage buildings.

National Heritage Listing for the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct is currently under consideration by the Wildlife, Heritage and Marine Division of the Federal Department of the Environment.

**QUESTION**

130. Have you visited Lomandra School?
- If not, will you?
  - The students there with special needs should be funded to have continuing access to TAFE. Will you look into the issue for them?
131. There is no funding in the budget for the Mount Druitt Police Station, a commitment that you personally announced. Are you going to keep your undertaking? When will funding be provided?
132. Your Government promised to fund the stage 4 upgrade of the Nepean Hospital. But there is nothing in the budget. When are you going to fund it?
133. In the 'Dropping Off The Edge Report', Canley Vale, Yennora, Villawood and Carramar were identified as the most disadvantaged suburbs in NSW in relation to transport and infrastructure. Yet the Easy Access Programme has not been completed at any of the railway stations in these suburbs to assist the mobility impaired, elderly and parents with prams. When will the Programme be completed for these suburbs?
134. At Estimates in 2014, you undertook to meet with representatives of CAWB ('Community Action for Windsor Bridge'). The Minister for Finance and Services has met with the group, but you have not. What are the reasons you have not kept your undertaking? When will you do so?

**ANSWER:**

130. There has been no change in funding to Lomandra School for the Department of Education's School to Work Program.

Access to TAFE for students from Lomandra School is a school based decision.

Lomandra School is working in strong partnership with TAFE NSW to develop personalised course delivery to meet the needs of the Lomandra student cohort.

131. The Government will deliver on its election commitment to build a new police station at Mt Druitt.

132. The Government committed \$4 million to plan for the redevelopment of Nepean Hospital in this term of Government. The timing and funding for the redevelopment will be determined through the planning process.

133. The Transport Access Program is the responsibility of Transport for NSW.

134: I am always happy to meet with constituents.

#### **QUESTION – Ministerial Office Administration**

135. How many staff are in your ministerial office?

- d) What was the average salary for staff members in your office during 2014-15?
- e) What is the average salary for a ministerial staffer in your office based on current appointments?

136. 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?

137. 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?

138. 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?

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

- a) What is the cost of this?

140. 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?

141. 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?

142. 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?

143. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?  
a) What is the cost of this?
144. 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?  
ii. 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?
145. Details of the agreement between your office and any contractors/consultants engaged by your office?

**ANSWER:**

Refer to responses to Questions 66 to 76

**QUESTION – Western Sydney Arts Precinct**

146. Why was there a decision to use the Old Kings school site as a new school rather than a cultural precinct as indicated in INSW and other state government plans?
147. What is the commitment by the NSW State Government to the Parramatta Cultural Precinct (as outlined in various state gov policies)?

**ANSWER:**

146. The Government's commitment to redevelop the Old Kings School (OKS) site into a primary school will help cater for the expanding education need across Western Sydney. The Government's \$30 million investment in the new primary school on the OKS site will provide accommodation for up to 1,000 Kindergarten to Year 6 students. The adaptive reuse of this unique Parramatta heritage site as a new public school will greatly assist in meeting the anticipated growth in demand for education facilities around the Parramatta city centre.

The Government has acknowledged the potential for shared-use of the new school hall and oval with local arts groups and the public when not being used for school purposes.

147. The NSW Government has committed to relocate the Powerhouse Museum to Parramatta as part of the development of an arts and cultural precinct in Western Sydney.

**QUESTION – Ministerial And Office Travel**

148. Have any of your overseas trips in the past year been paid for in part or in full by using public money?  
b) If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?
149. 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?

150. What was the total bill for your office in 2014-15 for:

- c) Taxi hire
- d) Limousine hire
- e) Private hire care
- f) Hire car rental

151. Have you ever used Uber?

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

152. 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?

153. 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?

154. Have you used Airbnb?

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

156. 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?

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

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

**ANSWER:**

Refer to responses to Questions 77 to 86

**QUESTION – Labour Hire Firms**

158. 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



**ANSWER:**

Refer to response to Question 87

**QUESTION – Media and Public Relations**

159. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?
160. 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?
161. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?
162. Have you had media training or speech training?
- c) If yes, who paid for it?
  - d) If paid by taxpayers, what was the amount?

**ANSWER:**

Refer to responses to Questions 88 to 91

**QUESTION – Consultants, Lobbyists And Former Parliamentarians**

163. 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?
- b) Who attended those meetings?
  - c) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - d) What was discussed?
  - e) Were any records of those meetings kept?
164. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Andrew Stoner in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- a) Who attended those meetings?
  - b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - c) What was discussed?
  - d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
165. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Tim Owen in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- a) Who attended those meetings?
  - b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - c) What was discussed?
  - d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
166. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Craig Baumann in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- a) Who attended those meetings?

- b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - c) What was discussed?
  - d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
167. Have you, your office or your Departmental Officers had any meetings with former MP Andrew Cornwell in the time since he has left the Parliament?
- a) Who attended those meetings?
  - b) What was the nature of those meetings?
  - c) What was discussed?
  - d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
168. 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?
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  - d) Were any records of those meetings kept?
169. 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?
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Refer to responses to Questions 92 to 102

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**ANSWER:**

Refer to responses to Questions 105 to 117

**QUESTION – Department/Agency Travel**

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**ANSWER:**

Refer to responses to Questions 118 to 122

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**ANSWER:**

Refer to responses to Questions 123 to 126

**QUESTION – Efficiency Dividend**

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

**ANSWER:**

Refer to responses to Questions 43 to 48