

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO.6
2015/16 Budget Estimates

Answers to Questions on Notice – 4 September 2015
Local Government Portfolio

Question 1

The Hon. PETER PRIMROSE: I refer to page 8-36 of Budget Paper No. 3 and specifically the revised figure for investment revenue for the last financial year of \$387,000. The amount listed for this year is represented by three dots. Can you please explain what this item is and why there is no revenue expected this financial year?

Answer

This relates to the bank interest received from Treasury for the OLG bank account. OLG will not receive interest on the bank account as a result of Cash Management Reforms introduced by Treasury.

Question 2:

The Hon. PETER PRIMROSE: Will the Minister provide to this committee within 21 days how much Saatchi and Saatchi will cost?

Answer:

Costs are published in the annual report.

Question 3:

CHAIR: Can you indicate to the Committee what action you will be taking about an individual councillor who has not put in a full disclosure of their funding for their election?

Answer:

The NSW Electoral Commission has advised its relevant policies are:

1. The Funding and Disclosure Compliance Policy;
2. The Funding and Disclosure Penalty Notice Guidelines; and
3. The Funding and Disclosure Caution Guidelines.

The policies are publicly available at http://www.efa.nsw.gov.au/about_us/policy_documents

Question 4:

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: Could you provide on notice what information you have about the number of occasions on which section 451 has been used since the 2012 amendments to allow councillors to vote where they have a pecuniary interest?

Answer:

The requested information is not collected or held by the NSW Government and is a matter for each Council.

Question 5:

The Hon. ERNEST WONG: Terrific. Given that the Fit for the Future process received one of the most substantial configurations of local government boundaries in the history of New South Wales, what additional funding resources are being provided to the Boundaries Commission? How much and where does it appear in the budget papers?

Answer:

None