

Questions from Mr D. Shoebridge

1. What plans are there to make changes to current laws on Compulsory acquisition?

Nil.

2. Is the Government undertaking any consultation regarding changing compulsory acquisition laws to allow the Government to acquire private properties for the purpose of on-selling them to developers for profit?

No.

3. Does the Government support the Hands off Our Homes campaign run by Liberals in 2010?

Yes.

4. How does the Government estimate vacancy rates?

This question is non-sensical.

5. Given that vacancy rates in NSW are estimated to represent at least 127,000 empty dwellings, how are vacancy rates considered in population planning and projections for housing stock?

The ABS estimates that the number of vacant dwellings in Sydney is 118,801 (7.2%). These vacancy rates are considered in the dwelling projections for the State. The vacancy rates are applied at a local government level to reflect local conditions.

6. What percentage vacancy rate is assumed in new developments?

The Commonwealth Government's ABS determines that the proportion of unoccupied dwellings in new developments is assumed to be the same as for the entire local government area within which the development is located

7. What steps is the Government taking to encourage owners of vacant buildings to ensure that these are occupied by suitable tenants?

This question is non-sensical.

8. Will Strategic, Regional and Local Plans under the Government's new planning system, retain related development controls that currently exist in Regional Strategies, Regional Conservation Plans, Catchment Action Plans, Local Environment Plans and Ministerial Directives?

This is subject to community discussion/consultation.

9. What will be the legislative framework for making planning instruments and policies?

See answer to question 8.

10. Will Strategic Plans be consistent with existing environmental policies such as Regional Conservation Plans, Catchment Action Plans etc and related legislation such as the Water Act 1912 and the Coastal Protection Act 1979?

See answer to question 8.

11. Will all persons preparing environmental studies for a purpose under the planning act be accredited?

See answer to question 8.

12. Why weren't each of the following recommendations of the independent report not addressed fully in the Green Paper:

- a) Ecologically Sustainable Development as an overarching objective
- b) Decision making by Councils and a review of the role of Regional Panels
- c) The creation of a Concurrence Co-ordination Unit
- d) The need for a strong response to Climate Change
- e) Time limited consents for 90 years for areas affected by sea level rise
- f) Ways to ensure that cumulative impacts are adequately considered
- g) Amending the Commonwealth Copyright Act 1968 as it relates to DA exhibition
- h) The creation of a statutorily independent State Planning Commission?

The Green Paper is a broad strategic document. It is not intended to address detail which will arise from community consultation but biodiversity/ecological issues and protection of the environment will be a critical part of the new planning system.

13. What will be included in a planning authority's the "Public Participation Charter", what will be its guiding principles and who will be responsible for its creation?

See answer to question 8.

14. What compliance mechanisms will be put in place including what sanctions for non-compliance regarding any Public Participation Charter?

See answer to question 8.

15. What revenue source and resources available to Local Government be used to enable meaningful consultation under a Public Participation Charter?

See answer to question 8.

16. Will the Government commit to retaining the environmental and social protections be contained in the following under any new planning regime:

- a) SEPP (Building Sustainability Index: Basix) 2004
- b) SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004
- c) SEPP 71 – Coastal Protection
- d) SEPP 65 – Design Quality of Residential Flat Development
- e) SEPP 70 – Affordable Housing (Revised Schemes)
- f) SEPP 62 – Sustainable Aquaculture
- g) SEPP 55 – Remediation of Land
- h) SEPP 58 – Protecting Sydney's Water Supply
- i) SEPP 26 – Littoral Rainforests
- j) SEPP 10 – Retention of Low-Cost Rental Accommodation
- k) SEPP 44 – Protection of Koala Habitat?

It is intended that all environmental and social protections will be retained and possibly enhanced.

17. For 16a-k if not, why not?

See answer to question 16.

18. Why do the Government propose that Regional Planning Boards offer statutory representation for the development industry and only discretionary engagement with environmental and community groups?

See answer to question 8.

19. Will the Government's proposed Subregional Delivery Plans reflect the work done to date on local Council's new LEPs and DCPs which were developed in consultation with local communities?

See answer to question 8.

20. How will "local character" be preserved in new zones such as Enterprise Zones?

See answer to question 8.

21. What input will be available for local residents before their locality is rezoned as an Enterprise Zone?

See answer to question 8.

22. What are the proposed criteria for deciding what suburbs will be zoned Suburban Character Zones?

See answer to question 8.

23. What environmental studies, consultation and appeal rights will be given to the community when rezoning proposals are being considered?

See answer to question 8.

24. Why were the Planning Review Panels recommendations in regard to Councils and Councillors involvement in development assessments not adopted in the Green Paper?

See answer to question 12.

25. Why does the Green Paper support the continued use of privately chosen certifiers rather than the random allocation of certifiers from a list of appropriately qualified certifiers maintained by the department or the Building Professionals Board?

See answer to question 12.

26. Why does the Green Paper exclude the ability of councils to levy developers to provide for open green space?

See answer to question 12.

27. Why hasn't the Chief Executive of the Office of Environment and Heritage been included in Chief Executive Officer's Group?

See answer to question 12.

28. Why doesn't the Green Paper consider strategies to deliver greater levels of affordable housing in NSW and adopt clear affordable housing targets?

See answer to question 12.

29. What are the current estimated costs payable by the NSW Government for:

- a) The Barangaroo Pedestrian Link, originally estimated at \$100 million;
- b) The relocation of the cruise ship terminal, including the transport and roads infrastructure to and from the White Bay terminal, originally estimated at \$46 million;
- c) The Headland Park, originally estimated at \$177 million;
- d) Site remediation, originally estimated at \$112 million;
- e) Operating and finance costs, originally estimated at \$228 million; and
- f) Other projected expenditure, originally estimated at \$271 million?

These questions should be directed to the Premier.

30. What funding options are available if the currently estimated costs significantly exceed the payments anticipated to be made by Lend Lease?

These questions should be directed to the Premier.

31. Having regard to the stated objective of the previous Government to break even in respect of government costs for the Barangaroo public domain and infrastructure, and the improbability now of such an outcome, has consideration been given to renegotiating the agreement with Lend Lease?

- a) If not, what other steps are available to preclude the resultant deficit from being a further drain on the State budget?

These questions should be directed to the Premier.

32. What steps has the Government taken to manage the risks specified in the June 2011 Auditor-General's performance audit, including:

- a) Developer contributions to government being less than forecast;
- b) The public domain cost to Government being greater than estimated;
- c) Timely commencement of transport solutions necessitated by the increased commuter numbers?

These questions should be directed to the Treasurer.

33. What transport solutions are currently being considered for the site and what is the estimated cost of each solution?

These questions should be directed to the Premier.

34. Has the Government investigated whether Wynyard Station can be satisfactorily upgraded to cater for the anticipated additional commuter traffic, and if so, what is the estimated cost of such an upgrade?

These questions should be directed to the Premier.

35. When will the financial details of the grant of the 99 years lease of Barangaroo South to Lend Lease be publicly available?

These questions should be directed to the Premier.

36. What are the current reasons for not disclosing financial details of the lease?

These questions should be directed to the Premier.

37. In negotiating the Project Development Agreement with Lend Lease, did the BDA consider what was a fair market value of Barangaroo South as a private development site?

a) If so, did the BDA consider, as a comparable value, the terms pursuant to which Lend Lease was to receive a 99 years lease of Darling Quarter?

b) If so, why did Lend Lease receive a 99 years lease of Barangaroo South on terms that were far less financially beneficial to NSW than the terms pursuant to which Lend Lease acquired Darling Quarter?

These questions should be directed to the Premier.

38. What is the estimated impact on the NSW budget of the lease of this site not reflecting fair market value as a private development site?

These questions should be directed to the Premier.

39. What is the current status of the application by South East Fibre Exports Pty Ltd for a wood fired power station at the Eden woodchip mill?

I am advised this project was placed on public exhibition in March - April 2010. The Department is currently pursuing the Proponent to ascertain when a response to submissions will be received for the proposal and whether the project will be pursued.

40. What funds are currently allocated within Government for the development of a whole-of-government mapping / GIS system? Will Aboriginal heritage be included in this mapping system?

The costs are being borne by individual relevant agencies.

41. Can the Minister provide details on why heritage issues generally were not specifically included in the NSW Planning System Green Paper?

See answer to question 12.

42. Can the Minister provide an update on the development of the proposed 'Public Participation Charter', and specifically whether this will be incorporated into a new planning Act?

See answer to question 12.

43. How many comprehensive Standard Instrument LEPs in NSW have been developed in NSW that have included specific Aboriginal heritage studies?

LEPs are publically available documents.

44. Has the Local Planning Panel addressed or made recommendations / resolutions issues in respect to Aboriginal heritage in NSW?

The Panel's recommendations will be made public.

45. What is the timeframe for the development of strategic regional land use plans for all areas in NSW?

As soon as is practicable.

46. What consultation specifically occurred with Aboriginal organisations in the development of the draft strategic regional land use plans, specifically in reference to the Aboriginal heritage sections of the plans?

The Aboriginal Land Council was invited to the consultation meetings.

47. Will strategic regional land use plans be a legislated instrument? How will they be enforced?

Regulatory.

48. When will strategic regional land use plans be reviewed?

This information is publically available.

49. How will current and proposed strategic regional land use plans interact with the proposed new planning system?

See answer to question 12.

50. What mapping exercises/projects will take place in the development and implementation of strategic regional land use plans? What methodology will be used in the mapping exercise? Who will undertake the mapping projects? How will Aboriginal communities be involved?

Government agencies including the Department of Planning & Infrastructure will undertake mapping.

51. To date, what mapping exercises have occurred in respect to Aboriginal heritage? What consultation with local Aboriginal communities has taken place in relation to any such exercises? Will areas of land with high Aboriginal significance be set aside as part of the strategic regional land use plans?

Aboriginal heritage issues are the responsibility of the Minister for Environment and Heritage.

52. What is the status of the proposed '*Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment guidelines for state significant projects*' as identified in action 10.1 of the Draft Strategic Regional Land Use Plans.

See answer to question 51.

53. Draft Strategic Regional Land Use Plans released earlier this year identify that the Department of Planning and Infrastructure is completing a regional offsets database to identify Aboriginal heritage offsets associated with major projects, state significant development and state significant infrastructure approvals (see page 86, Draft SRLUP New England North West). Can the Minister provide an update on these initiatives and advise whether any Aboriginal organizations were consulted in the development of this database?

See answer to question 46.

54. When is the Government going to release a discussion paper into the Lower Hunter Regional Strategy?

When it is completed.

55. What is the expected population growth for the Hunter Region over the next:

- a) 5 years?
- b) 10 years?
- c) 20 years?
- d) 50 years?

This information is publically available through the Commonwealth Government's Australian Bureau of Statistics.

56. What is the current status of plans for the Newcastle Inner City Rail-line?

It is under review.

57. How does the government propose to meet the public transport needs of the Hunter?

This question should be referred to the Minister for Transport.

58. What compensation, if any, did Rozelle Village p/l receive for the cancellation of the Sydney Metro?

I had no role in this.

59. Since 1 April 2011 how many development applications for mining projects (including extensions of existing mines and coal seam gas projects) has the PAC approved?

This information is publically available.

60. Since 1 April 2011 how many development applications for mining projects (including extensions of existing mines and coal seam gas projects) has the PAC refused?

This information is publically available.

Questions from The Hon. P. Primrose

1. Before the removal of the moratorium on fracking, why was there:

- a) no methodology developed for measuring the cumulative impact of mining activities on local communities?
- b) no regional plans prepared addressing the potential impacts of coal seam gas mining, including fracking, on local water catchments, especially in areas that feed our drinking water supply?

These issues are considered as part of the Development Assessment process.

2. Why has the Aquifer Interference Regulation been downgraded to a policy and not enshrined in regulation?

The policy will be enforced – it is not a down grading.

3. Has the Premier ever had any meetings, conversations or correspondence with the Minister or his staff in relation to the redevelopment of the former Balmain Leagues Club site?

No.

4. Is it true that under the system of standard templates proposed in the Planning Green Paper, there will be nothing to prevent the construction of cemeteries or crematoriums in rural lands like Horsley Park?

The Green Paper is the strategic direction and is subject to further community consultation. It is intended that land planning will be in consultation with Local Government.

5. What date did you receive a recommendation for a decision on the Tralee development near Queanbeyan?

- a) Why haven't you announced a decision?

An announcement is expected shortly.

- b) Is it the case that the Department of Planning and Infrastructure has recommended that the development be approved?

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure's recommendation (if any) is Cabinet in confidence and commercial in confidence.

- c) Since March 2011 have you attended any Community Meetings in Queanbeyan or Jerrabomberra regarding the Tralee Development?

Yes.

6. How many times have you, your staff or officers of the Department of Planning met with representatives from Canberra Airport since March 2011?

a) If so, when?

I have met with them once.

7. I understand that the Sydney Canberra Strategy is being revised.

a) Please advise the status of this revision.

It is anticipated that the Sydney-Canberra Corridor Regional strategy will be completed in 2015.

8. What is the status of Government negotiations in relation to leasing office space in "The Landing" development in Gosford including expected costs and a current timeline?

I am considering the appropriate way forward on the Gosford Landing.

9. How many blackberries are assigned to your staff?

Phones are issued in accordance with Government guidelines.

10. For each phone, how much was each bill in the 2011/12 financial year?

The total expenditure on mobile phones by the Premier's office and Ministers' offices as represented in the Department's financial system is set out in the table below. Please note that this expenditure may include mobile phone purchase costs as the financial system does not separate the purchase costs and mobile usage charges.

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Premier's Office	\$103,152	\$76,457	\$68,475	\$27,570
Ministers' Offices	\$475,539	\$358,396	\$120,285	\$169,655
TOTAL	\$578,691	\$434,854	\$188,761	\$197,226

Note. 2010-11 figures are a combination of 9 months of Keneally Government and 3 months of O'Farrell Government.

11. How many have phones have been lost in your office?

For Premier's office and Ministers' offices, the number of phones lost was:

	2011/12
Premier	1
Ministers	5
Total	6

12. What is the cost of replacing those phones?

The cost is the normal contract price and this cost is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund.

13. How many iPads does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?

iPads are supplied by the Department of Premier and Cabinet and have not been purchased by Ministers' offices.

14. How many iPads have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?

For Premier's office and Ministers' offices the number of iPads issued was as follows.

	2011/12
Premier	10
Ministers	43
Total	53

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See answer to question 13.

16. How many iPhones have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?

See answer to question 10.

17. How many iPhones have been lost in your office?

See answer to question 11.

18. How many iPads have been lost in your office?

For Premier's office and Ministers' offices, the number of iPads lost or stolen was as follows.

	2011/12
Premier	1
Ministers	0
Total	1

19. What is the cost of replacing those phones or iPads?

The cost is the normal contract price and this cost is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund.

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

This information is publically available in annual reports.

21. What is the forecast for 2012-13 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?

See answer to question 20.

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

Information regarding Ministerial travel is available on the appropriate agency website, in accordance with Ministerial Memorandum M2009-10 "Release of Overseas Travel Information".

23. If so, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?

See answer to question 22.

24. What is the annual remuneration package for your chief of staff?

Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website at
http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers.

25. What is the annual remuneration package for your head media advisor?

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26. What is the annual remuneration package for each of your staff?

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27. What is the estimated expenditure for your office budget in 2012-13?

The total budget allocation for the Premier's and Ministers' offices in 2012-13 is \$40,103,650, with \$5,744,883 allocated to the Premier's office and \$34,358,767 to the Ministers' offices.

28. Have any office renovations or fit outs been undertaken in your ministerial office since April, 2011?

Information on the assets balances for leasehold improvements are available in the Department of Premier and Cabinet Annual Report.

29. If so, could you give details of contracted costs?

Please see answer to question 28.

30. What is your Ministerial office budget for 2012/13?

The budget allocations for the Premier's office and Ministers' offices are as follows.

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Premier	\$7,002,312	\$8,500,000	\$9,075,038	\$5,309,465	\$5,744,83
Ministers	\$39,673,567	\$40,334,000	\$40,978,962	\$31,516,017	\$34,358,767
TOTAL	\$46,675,879	\$48,834,000	\$50,054,000	\$36,825,482	\$40,103,605

Note. 2010-11 figures are a combination of 9 months of Keneally Government and 3 months of O'Farrell Government.

31. How many political advisors are in your office?

Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website at

http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers.

32. How many administration staff?

Ministerial staff numbers and salary bands are available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website at
http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/premiers_and_ministers_staff_numbers.

33. How many Department Liaison Officers are assigned to your office?

Number of Department Liaison Officers (DLOs)

	Number of DLOs as at 5/09/2012
Premier	1
Ministers	57
TOTAL	58

34. How many staff in the Department are assigned to Ministerial support duties?

See answer to question 33.

35. Are any contractors or consultants working in your ministerial office?

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

36. If so, in what capacities?

See answer to question 35.

37. How much did your Ministerial office spend on contractors or consultants?

See answer to question 35.

38. How much did your Ministerial office spend on taxi fares, including Cabcharge in the 2011/12 financial year?

Taxi expenditure by the Premier's office and Ministers' offices as represented in the Department's financial system is represented in the table below.

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Premier	\$26,418	\$32,525	\$27,600	\$15,485
Ministers	\$133,697	\$143,251	\$32,678	\$80,609
TOTAL	\$160,155	\$175,776	\$60,277	\$96,094

Note. 2010-11 figures are a combination of 9 months of Keneally Government and 3 months of O'Farrell Government.

39. Are any of your portfolio agencies undergoing a restructure?

Yes.

40. How many jobs are expected to be cut as a result of that restructure?

Restructures are designed to make agencies more effective and focussed.

41. How many people are expected to have their wages cut as a result of that restructure?

See answer to question 40.

42. How many voluntary redundancies were offered in your Departments since April 2011?

As outlined in the 2012/13 budget, the Government's 2011-12 program of voluntary redundancies remains on track to reach its target of 5,000 positions.

A labour expense cap has also been introduced as a new savings measure across the public sector with the target of a 1.2 per cent per annum reduction in labour costs growth.

Directors General will be given as much flexibility as possible to achieve the savings in the most appropriate way to meet the service requirements of their agencies. If it was solely achieved through headcount this would equate to up to 10,000 jobs over four years.

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

43. How many voluntary redundancies were accepted from employees in your Departments since April 2011?

See answer to question 42.

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45. How much did your Department(s) spend on catering in 2011/12?

Catering costs were in accordance with Government guidelines.

46. How much did your Department(s) spend on stationary in 2011/12?

Costs were in accordance with Government guidelines.

47. What is your Department's catering budget?

See answer to question 46.

48. What is your Department's stationery budget?

See answer to question 46.

49. Since April 2011 have any of the agencies in your Department(s) changed their branding?

No.

50. If so, how much was spent on rebranding the agency?

N/A.

51. How long is the average turnaround for responding to correspondence in your Department(s)?

The Department's recommended time frame for completing responses to correspondence from Ministers, Members of Parliament and members of the public is 20 working days from the Department's receipt of the correspondence.

However, it is not always possible to comply with this time frame for any number of reasons including: the nature and complexity of the matter; stakeholder consultation; or further information required from other Departments and sources.

52. How many pieces of correspondence have been outstanding for more than 60 days?

See answer to question 51.

53. In 2011/12 how many invoices has your Department(s) failed to pay a supplier or contractor for more than 30 days?

As the Premier stated in Parliament on 23 August 2012, the 30 day bill payment policy formally commenced on 1 January 2012. The first quarterly performance report is currently being finalised for release. In the first quarter almost 92 per cent of invoices were paid within 30 days, consistent with our policy and initiative. 31 small businesses have already been eligible to receive automatic interest charges on overdue accounts.

54. As a result of late payment, how much penalty interest has been paid to contractors since 1 January 2011?

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55. How many invoices have been outstanding for longer than 60 days?

Please see answer to question 53.

56. Does your department provide recurrent grant funds to non-government organisations?

This information is detailed in annual reports.

57. 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?

This information is detailed in annual reports.

58. How many contractors has your Department(s) retained since 1 July 2012 and at what cost?

See answer to question 57.

59. What is the current level of Aboriginal employment within your Department(s)?

2009, 2010 and 2011 data can be found as published in the annual Workforce Profile Snapshot Reports.

2012 data is due to be released when the State of the Public Sector Report is released, late 2012.

These reports can be found on the PSC website:

<http://www.psc.nsw.gov.au/pscinternet/informaiton.page>?

Additionally, NSW Treasury Circular 11/03 prescribes the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Disclosure Requirements, requiring that NSW public sector agencies include EEO data in their annual reports.

60. How has that changed since 1 July 2011?

See answer to question 59.

61. Since 1 July 2011, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your Department(s)?

All official travel within Australia and overseas is in accordance with M2009-04 "Official Travel within Australia and Overseas" available at www.dpc.nsw.gov.au. Details regarding travel costs are published in the Department's Annual Report.

62. 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?

As with previous NSW Governments, the Government undertakes feasibility studies, audits, taskforces and reviews to inform government decision making. A number of feasibility studies, audits, taskforces and reviews are currently being undertaken across the NSW Government.

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

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

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

See answer to question 63.

65. For what purpose has your Department engaged consultants?

See answer to question 63.

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

See answer to question 63.

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

See answer to question 63.

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

This information is provided in the annual reports.

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

This information is provided in the annual reports.

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

This information is provided in the annual reports.

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

This information is provided in the annual reports.

72. 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?

The Department of Premier and Cabinet's financial system does not show any record of speech, voice or media training for the Premier or any other Minister or Parliamentary Secretary.

73. Can you please list all travel related costs for your Parliamentary Secretary incurred in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2011

- a) kilometres travelled
- b) accommodation,
- c) air fares
- d) meals/entertaining

Travel related costs* for the Premier's and Ministers' Parliamentary Secretaries was as follows.

	2011-12
Premier's Parliamentary Secretaries	0
Ministers' Parliamentary Secretaries	\$19,609
TOTAL	\$19,609

****Flights, accommodation and hire car expenses as detailed in travel contractor report.***

- a. Information not available*
- b. The total cost of accommodation for travel by Ministers' Parliamentary Secretaries during 2011/12 was \$1,925.*
- c. The total cost of flights for Ministers' Parliamentary Secretaries during 2011/12 was \$17,477.*
- d. Information not available*

74. Can you please provide details of the following activities undertaken by your Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2011;

- a) meetings attended in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary?
- b) functions attended in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary?

Parliamentary Secretaries provide assistance to the Premier and other Ministers, including signing correspondence; receiving deputations; undertaking special tasks; officiating at functions; and relieving the Premier and Ministers of some of their duties.

75. How often do you meet with your Parliamentary Secretary?

- a) Are these meetings documented?
- b) Who attends these meetings?

I meet with my Parliamentary Secretary regularly.

76. Who provides instructions and direction to your Parliamentary Secretary, you or your Chief of Staff?

My Parliamentary Secretary works co-operatively with me and all members of my staff.

77. Has the Parliamentary Secretary been provided with Speech, Voice or Media Training since becoming Parliamentary Secretary? If so, then;

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