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## PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

### Questions from Mr Jeremy Buckingham MLC

#### **Deregulating a number of new genetic modification techniques**

1. Last month the European Court of Justice ruled that new genetic modification (GM) techniques such as CRISPR pose similar risks to older GM techniques and need to be assessed for safety in the same way.
  - (a) Are you aware that regulation of these techniques in the EU will mean all products created using these techniques will need to be approved before being exported to the EU?
  - (b) Are you aware that deregulation means there will be no traceability mechanism or requirement in Australia?
  - (c) Have you assessed the market risks of allowing unregulated GMOs into the food chain in this way?
  - (d) Given the European Court of Justice ruling, is the NSW Department of Primary Industries reconsidering its support of the deregulation of these techniques?
2. Given the regulatory scheme the State Government has established for protecting aquifer levels and groundwater dependent ecosystems in the Maules Creek Groundwater Source from over extraction in times of drought, when there is no flow across the lower edge of Maules Creek at Elfin Crossing or low flow (less than 1 megalitre of surface flow at the Elfin Crossing surface water gauge), will the Minister commit today to implementing the Temporary Restrictions on the taking of water from the aquifer in the public interest?
3. Is the Minister aware that the no flow has existed since March 2018?
4. Is the Minister aware that local land holders have already deepened their bores or cleaned out their bores and they are still declining on a daily basis?
5. Is the Minister aware that the only major depletion of groundwater from Upper Maules Creek is believed to be coming from the Maules Creek coal mine?
6. Is the minister aware that State Significant Projects do not override Section 324 under the Water Management Act 2000?
7. Is the Minister aware that some Maules Creek land holders are carting water for stock and domestic, i.e. showers?

8. Is the Minister aware that the district is facing not only an intense drought with no drought breaking rain predicted and now facing a catastrophic fire season as well?
9. Does the Minister agree that due to the absence of any alternative water sources, the Public Interest will be served by protecting water levels and water quality in the aquifer and implementing a Section 324 restrictions as a mechanism to protect water levels for the purpose of fire fighting in these dry times?
10. Does the Minister agree that the Public Interest will be served by protecting water levels and water quality in the aquifer and implementing a Section 324 restrictions for as a mechanism to protect water levels and water quality in the aquifer for the purposes of critical human need in these dry times?
11. Will you order in writing, direct that within a specified area and until the drought breaks and the water flows across Elfin Crossing at least 1 megalitre per day that the taking of water from the Maules Creek ground water source aquifer, or from any other aquifer that is above, below or adjacent to this aquifer, is prohibited, or subject to specified restrictions, as the case requires...?
12. Are you aware that Whitehaven Coal was required to acquire water to offset passive take into the Maules Creek Coal mine as a condition of approval, and that this requirement was underpinned by an assumption that this would mitigate the groundwater losses caused by mine seepage?
13. In the alternative, if the Minister remains of the view that despite evidence to the contrary, passive mine seepage and pit pumping at Maules Creek mine is not impacting the Maules Creek Groundwater Source, will the Minister invoke the Precautionary Principle which prescribes that uncertainty of scientific evidence is not grounds for deferring preventive measures to stop serious or irreversible harm from occurring to Zone 11 and its users?
14. How have the operators of the Maules Creek Coal Mine assisted the Government in their investigations?
  - (a) How has this satisfied the NSW Government that the groundwater loss to the Maules Creek groundwater source is not linked to the mining operation?

### **Questions from Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC**

#### **Pest animals**

15. How many wild deer did amateur registered hunters kill in:
  - (a) 2016?

- (b) 2017?
  - (c) To date in 2018?
16. How many wild deer did amateur registered hunters kill in state forests in
- (a) 2016?
  - (b) 2017?
  - (c) To date in 2018?
17. How many wild deer did amateur registered hunters kill on private land in
- (a) 2016?
  - (b) 2017?
  - (c) To date in 2018?
18. How many wild deer did professional shooters kill in:
- (a) 2016?
  - (b) 2017?
  - (c) To date in 2018?
19. How many wild deer did professional shooters kill in state forests in
- (a) 2016?
  - (b) 2017?
  - (c) To date in 2018?
20. How many wild deer did professional shooters kill on private land in
- (a) 2016?
  - (b) 2017?
  - (c) To date in 2018?
21. How many wild deer did professional shooters kill in National Parks in
- (a) 2015?
  - (b) 2016?
  - (c) 2017?
  - (d) To date in 2018?

22. How many wild deer were killed in NSW in the following years broken down by LLS region and land use (state forest, National Park, private land, crown land etc):
- (a) 2015?
  - (b) 2016?
  - (c) 2017?
  - (d) To date in 2018?
23. How many feral pigs were killed in NSW in the following years broken down by LLS region and land use (state forest, National Park, private land, crown land etc):
- (a) 2015?
  - (b) 2016?
  - (c) 2017?
  - (d) To date in 2018?
24. How many foxes were killed in NSW in the following years broken down by LLS region and land use (state forest, National Park, private land, crown land etc):
- (a) 2015?
  - (b) 2016?
  - (c) 2017?
  - (d) To date in 2018?
25. How many feral goats were killed in NSW in the following years broken down by LLS region and land use (state forest, National Park, private land, crown land etc):
- (a) 2015?
  - (b) 2016?
  - (c) 2017?
  - (d) To date in 2018?
26. How many feral cats were killed in NSW in the following years broken down by LLS region and land use (state forest, National Park, private land, crown land etc):
- (a) 2015?
  - (b) 2016?

- (c) 2017?
  - (d) To date in 2018?
27. How many wild rabbits were killed in NSW in the following years broken down by LLS region and land use (state forest, National Park, private land, crown land etc):
- (a) 2015?
  - (b) 2016?
  - (c) 2017?
  - (d) To date in 2018?
28. How many European Starlings were killed in NSW in the following years broken down by LLS region and land use (state forest, National Park, private land, crown land etc):
- (a) 2015?
  - (b) 2016?
  - (c) 2017?
  - (d) To date in 2018?
29. How many Indian Mynas were killed in NSW in the following years broken down by LLS region and land use (state forest, National Park, private land, crown land etc):
- (a) 2015?
  - (b) 2016?
  - (c) 2017?
  - (d) To date in 2018?
30. How many Carp were killed in NSW in the following years broken down by LLS region:
- (a) 2015?
  - (b) 2016?
  - (c) 2017?
  - (d) To date in 2018?
31. How many wild horses were killed in NSW in the following years broken down by LLS region and land use (state forest, National Park, private land, crown land etc):

- (a) 2015?
- (b) 2016?
- (c) 2017?
- (d) To date in 2018?

32. How many Cane toads were killed in NSW in the following years broken down by LLS region and land use (state forest, National Park, private land, crown land etc):

- (a) 2015?
- (b) 2016?
- (c) 2017?
- (d) To date in 2018?

### **Biosecurity Education**

33. How much money is budgeted over the next 4 years for education programs related to responsibilities under the new Biosecurity Act?

- (a) What will these programs be and how much will be spent on each?
- (b) How will the success of these programs be measured?

34. How much money has been spent since the Biosecurity Act came into effect on education programs related to responsibilities under the new Biosecurity Act?

- (a) What were these programs and how much was spent on each?
- (b) How was the success of these programs measured and what were the outcomes?

### **Biosecurity authorised officers**

35. How many authorised officers under the biosecurity act are there employed by each local government in NSW?

36. How many authorised officers under the biosecurity act are there employed by each LLS region in NSW?

### **Biosecurity enforcement**

37. How many compliance activities, including audits and inspections, have been undertaken in the following years, broken down by offense type and compliance action type:

- (a) 2014/15?

- (b) 2015/16?
  - (c) 2016/17?
  - (d) 2017/18?
38. How many enforcement actions have been undertaken in the following years, broken down by offense type (Warnings, advisory letters, directions, orders, undertakings and penalty notices):
- (a) 2014/15?
  - (b) 2015/16?
  - (c) 2016/17?
  - (d) 2017/18?
39. How many investigations have been taken undertaken in the following years, broken down by LLS region:
- (a) 2014/15?
  - (b) 2015/16?
  - (c) 2016/17?
  - (d) 2017/18?
40. How many weed inspections were conducted on properties in each LLS region in the following years:
- (a) 2014/15?
  - (b) 2015/16?
  - (c) 2016/17?
  - (d) 2017/18?
41. How many inspections for emergency plant pests of disease were undertaken in the following years:
- (a) 2014/15?
  - (b) 2015/16?
  - (c) 2016/17?
  - (d) 2017/18?



42. How many licenses, accreditation and permits were issued in the following years:
- (a) 2014/15?
  - (b) 2015/16?
  - (c) 2016/17?
  - (d) 2017/18?

**Biosecurity Committees**

43. How many times has the State Weed Committee met in each of the following years:
- (a) 2015?
  - (b) 2016?
  - (c) 2017?
  - (d) 2018?
44. How many times has the State Pest Animal Committee met in each of the following years:
- (a) 2015?
  - (b) 2016?
  - (c) 2017?
  - (d) 2018?
45. How many times has the NSW Biosecurity Advisory Committee met in each of the following years:
- (a) 2016?
  - (b) 2017?
  - (c) 2018?
46. Will the NSW Biosecurity Advisory Committee continue to meet and be resourced now that the State of Biosecurity report has been delivered?
- (a) Will a Local Government representative be added to the Committee as recommended by the current committee in July 2017?
47. What education and advisory material to facilitate a greater understanding of obligations to support compliance has been developed by the NSW Biosecurity Advisory Committee?

## **Weed management**

48. What are the 1,750 exotic plant species naturalised in NSW and referred to in the 2017 State of Biosecurity report?
- (a) What are the 316 species for which risk assessments have been undertaken?
  - (b) What are the 266 species being managed to reduce environmental impacts?
    - i. Of these, how many have been added to the list in each of the past 5 years?
  - (c) What are the 316 species being managed to reduce agricultural impacts?
    - i. Of these, how many have been added to the list in each of the past 5 years?
49. How many risk assessments have been undertaken in each of the past 5 years?
50. How are decisions on whether to include weed species in eradication programs made?
51. Has the NSW Government received advice about the need to manage new species under eradication programs?
- (a) If so, which species and when will they program be implemented?
52. Of the 6 new exotic species detected in the wild over the past five years that are known to be invasive:
- (a) How many were detected and reported in each of the past 5 years?
  - (b) How many were detected and reported within months?
  - (c) How many were detected and reported between 1 and 5 years?
  - (d) How many were detected and reported longer than 5 years?
  - (e) How many were delimited with 3 months and eradicated?
  - (f) How many have been confined to the initial geographic area?
  - (g) How many have expanded in their geographic reach since introduction?
  - (h) Is the NSW Government taking action to eliminate these weeds?

## **Terrestrial vertebrate management**

53. What are the 64 Non-Indigenous animals naturalised in NSW and referred to in the 2017 State of Biosecurity report?
- (a) What are the 109 species for which risk assessments have been undertaken?

54. Of the 72 new exotic species detected in the wild over the past five years:
- (a) How many were detected and reported in each of the past 5 years?
  - (b) How many were detected and reported within months?
  - (c) How many were detected and reported between 1 and 5 years?
  - (d) How many were detected and reported longer than 5 years?
  - (e) How many were delimited within 3 months and eradicated?
  - (f) How many have been confined to the initial geographic area?
  - (g) How many have expanded in their geographic reach since introduction?

### **State of Biosecurity Report**

55. On what basis were the categories of performance in the *Rubric assessment of invasive species management in NSW (2016-17)* in the 2017 State of Biosecurity Report determined?
- (a) Was the criteria in the table agreed to by the NSW Biosecurity Advisory Committee?
  - (b) Were the results agreed to by the NSW Biosecurity Advisory Committee?
56. Regarding the NSW Government Weed Action Program funding, how much was spent in each LLS region in each year from 2010-11 to 2017-18?
- (a) How much is allocated for each of the next four years?
  - (b) How much is allocated to each LLS region for each of the next four years?

## **Questions from Ms Dawn Walker MLC**

### **NSW Integrated Forestry Operations Approval**

57. The Natural Resource Commission report accompanying the draft NSW Integrated Forestry Operations Approval cited advice given by the NRC to the NSW government on the risks of the five year contract extension provided to Boral as part of the north coast timber buyback overseen by Katrina Hodgkinson. Can the Primary Industry Minister provide that advice, and documentation relating to how it was acted upon?

## **Questions from Mr Justin Field MLC**

### **Marine Estate Strategy 2018-2028**

58. The NSW Marine Estate Strategy 2018-28 has been allocated \$45.7 million:

- (a) Was this included in the 2018-19 NSW Budget?
    - i. If yes, please indicate which in which budget papers and on what pages it is referred to?
    - ii. If not, where has this funding been allocated from, when was it allocated and over how many years will these funds be distributed?
  - (b) How much of this has been identified for projects associated with Phase 3 of the Hawkesbury Shelf bioregion assessment?
59. What is the breakdown of initiatives that will be funded under the \$45.7 million allocated under the NSW Marine Estate Strategy 2018-28 including:
- (a) The name of the initiative;
  - (b) The lead agency for implementation; and
  - (c) The amount allocated?
60. If specific initiatives haven't been determined in relation to the allocation of \$45.7 million under the NSW Marine Estate Strategy 2018-28, when will these decisions be made?
61. What is the process that has been used, or will be used for decision making on the funding of initiatives as part of the allocation of \$45.7 million under the NSW Marine Estate Strategy 2018-28?
62. If applications are going to be invited for funding as part of the allocation of \$45.7 million under the NSW Marine Estate Strategy 2018-28 please provide:
- (a) A timeline for applications, including opening and closing dates
  - (b) Criteria for funding
  - (c) Any community engagement plans to advise of the funding opportunities.
63. In regards to the \$45.7 million proposed allocation as part of the NSW Marine Estate Strategy:
- (a) How much will be directed to improving the health of the Richmond River?
  - (b) What are the water quality initiatives that will be piloted in the Richmond River as referred to in recent media statements about the funding?
  - (c) Will the community be invited to make applications for local projects to improve the health of the Richmond River?

- (d) Will any funding be directed to the impacts of clearing riparian and adjacent habitat as identified as a threat in the NSW Marine Estate Threat and Risk Assessment?

### **Richmond River**

64. In regards to the Richmond River:

- (a) What programs are currently in operation to improve the health and water quality of Richmond River?
  - i. Please list each program with the amount invested by the Government into each program for the last three years?
- (b) Are there any proposed programs to improve the health and water quality of Richmond River?
  - i. Please list each program with the amount to be invested by the Government into each program over the forward estimates?
- (c) Has there been any assessment of required funding and programs that will successfully improve the health and water quality of the Richmond River?
  - i. If so, how much funding and what programs?

### **NSW Marine Estate Threat and Risk Assessment**

- 65. The NSW Marine Estate Threat and Risk Assessment ranked climate change as the top risk to social and economic benefits of the marine estate. What is the Government's priority response to mitigate this risk to the marine estate across NSW?
- 66. In regards to the impacts of urchin barrens, specifically on the NSW South Coast:
  - (a) Was this identified as a risk in the Threat and Risk Assessment process?
  - (b) Has any funding or resources been allocated to research into the impacts and prevalence of urchin barrens?
    - i. If so, how much and what programs?
  - (c) Will the Batemans Marine Park management plan specifically aim to reduce the impacts and prevalence of urchin barrens?

### **Marine Park Management Pilots**

- 67. In regards to the marine park management pilots, when are the pilot programs expected to be finalised for:

- (a) Batemans Marine Park
  - (b) Solitary Islands Marine Park
68. What methods of community consultation does the Government plan to undertake between now and when the marine park management pilots are finalised?
- (a) Will the community be shown draft maps?
  - (b) Will the community be shown draft zoning plans?
69. For each of the six marine park advisory committees:
- (a) Are there currently any unfilled positions on the committees?
    - i. If so, what is the timeline for filling each position?
    - ii. For each unfilled position, will major decisions on reform processes, including consultation on proposed management plans, be delayed until the committee position is filled?

### **Hawkesbury Shelf Bioregion – Phase 3**

70. What is the economic value and catch volume of lobster and abalone commercial fishing that occurs in the conservation zones proposed as part of the marine park for the Hawkesbury Shelf marine bioregion?
71. Have any studies been undertaken to assess the projected economic benefit of a marine park for the Hawkesbury Shelf Bioregion?
- (a) If so, what is the economic value and is this information publicly available?
  - (b) If not, will the Government undertake any modelling to assess the economic value of a new marine park?
72. What is the status of the proposal for the artificial reef Port Kembla?

### **‘Shark Deterrents and Detectors: Review of Bather Protection Technologies’ report**

73. In regards to the ‘Shark Deterrents and Detectors: Review of Bather Protection Technologies’ was published by CARDNO in October 2015:
- (a) What steps has the Government taken to implement its recommendations?
    - i. Please provide a specific reference to each of the four recommendations.

- (b) Considering the report found that ‘of the shark detectors, the shark spotter program ranked the highest’, what assessment has been conducted to assess the adequacy of shark spotting at beaches and ways to improve shark spotting?

### **Shark spotting programs**

- 74. What engagement has occurred with both professional lifeguards and surf lifesaving lifeguards to improve shark spotting programs?
- 75. How much funding was dedicated to shark spotting programs in 2017-18?
  - (a) Please provide a breakdown into programs.

### **Senate inquiry into shark mitigation and deterrent measures**

- 76. In regards to the Senate inquiry into Shark mitigation and deterrent measures’ (12 December 2017) what specific programs has the NSW Government implemented to achieve the following recommendations:
  - (a) Recommendation 5 regarding research into effective shark mitigation and deterrent measures
  - (b) Recommendation 9 regarding ensuring personal shark deterrent devices are independently verified as being fit-for-purpose
  - (c) Recommendation 15 regarding developing a program to provide grants for specialised trauma kits at venues near beaches associated with the risk of human–shark encounters
    - i. Has any consideration been given to Sea Shepherd Australia’s Acute Shark Attack Pack (ASAP) or similar products?
  - (d) Recommendation 16 regarding reviewing and enhancing the water safety education programs and education about sharks generally that is provided in schools (particularly schools in coastal areas)
  - (e) Recommendation 18 that specifically recommended the New South Wales Department of Primary Industries improve its consultation and communication with animal rescue groups regarding marine wildlife caught in or injured by lethal shark control measures.
- 77. In regards to the Clever Buoy trial at Bondi Beach in 2016:
  - (a) Why has the Government not invested further in this technology?
  - (b) Does the Government plan to implement this technology in the future?

78. In regards to the installation of shark barriers:
- (a) Does the Government intend to introduce more shark barriers?
  - (b) Will there be a retrieval of shark barriers in NSW?
  - (c) What plans does the Government have to roll them out further along the coast line, particularly at popular beaches?

### **Shark Observation Grants Program**

79. Will the Shark Observation Grant Program that committed total funding of \$200,000 for the 2017-18 financial year be available in the 2018-19 financial year?
- (a) If so, when will applications be open?
  - (b) If not, what alternative funding programs are available for new observation towers and how much money will be available under these programs in the 2018-19 financial year?
80. In regards to training beach lifeguards as drone operators:
- (a) Has any funding been allocated, or are there any plans to allocate funding, to Surf Life Saving NSW to train their members?
  - (b) Has any funding been allocated, or are there any plans to allocate funding, to Australian Professional Ocean Lifeguard Association to train their members?
81. In regards to Lake Macquarie City Council receiving \$33,290 funding under the 2017-18 Shark Observation Grants Program to 'purchase drone and train staff to conduct a 14 week drone trial for shark observation and beach safety':
- (a) Should further funding of drone trials be subject to the results of this 14 week trial?
  - (b) If the trial is successful, will funding be made available for other coastal councils? Particularly those that have permanent, full-time, lifeguard services?

### **NSW Shark Management Strategy**

82. In regards to the NSW Shark Management Strategy that allocated \$16 million of funding over five years:
- (a) How much money was spent in 2015-16?
    - i. Please list each allocation of funding
  - (b) How much money was spent in 2016-17?
    - i. Please list each allocation of funding



- (c) How much money was spent in 2017-18?
    - i. Please list each allocation of funding
  - (d) How much money is planned to be spent in 2018-19 and 2019-20?
    - i. Please list each allocation of funding, where known.
83. In regards to funding the North Coast shark net trial:
- (a) How much of the \$16 million allocated to the NSW Shark Management Strategy was used?
  - (b) What other funding sources were used, if any?
  - (c) How much money was spent on the North Coast shark net trial from:
    - i. 2016-17?
    - ii. 2017-18?
  - (d) How much money was spent on contractors from:
    - i. 2016-17?
    - ii. 2017-18?
84. In regards to funding the NSW Shark Meshing (Bather Protection) Program:
- (a) How much of the \$16 million allocated to the NSW Shark Management Strategy was used?
  - (b) What other funding sources were used, if any?
  - (c) How much money was spent on the program from:
    - i. 2016-17?
    - ii. 2017-18?
  - (d) How much money was spent on contractors under the program from:
    - i. 2016-17?
    - ii. 2017-18?
85. In regards to funding the deployment of SMART drumlines:
- (a) How much of the \$16 million allocated to the NSW Shark Management Strategy was used?
  - (b) What other funding sources were used, if any?
  - (c) How much money was/will be spent on SMART drumlines from:
    - i. 2016-17?

- ii. 2017-18?
  - iii. 2018-19?
- (d) How much money was/will be spent on contractors from:
- i. 2016-17?
  - ii. 2017-18?
  - iii. 2018-19?
- (e) How much money was/will be spent on tagging sharks from (Please provide the breakdown in terms of tag type)
- i. 2016-17?
  - ii. 2017-18?
  - iii. 2018-19?

### **Shark nets**

86. In regards to responding to entanglements in the shark nets from Wollongong to Newcastle:
- (a) Will DPI Fisheries staff or contractors respond to all calls from community members that report marine animals entangled in the nets?
    - i. If not, list what species require an immediate response?
  - (b) Is there a policy on responding to entanglements in the nets?
    - i. Does this policy provide instructions around where community groups and marine rescue groups can respond to marine animal entanglements?
  - (c) What training is required to rescue animals entangled in the nets?
    - i. Do you think this training should be available to community groups?
87. The Shark Meshing (Bather Protection) Program 2017/18 Annual Performance Report listed 12 incidents where nets had been damaged from whales:
- (a) What measures are in place to alert DPI Fisheries to whale entanglements?
    - i. Is there a required response time for whale entanglements?
    - ii. If so, did DPI Fisheries meet this required response time on all occasions a whale was entangled in the nets?
  - (b) Was there any monitoring done on the whales that were entangled?

- (c) Is there a number of whale entanglements would trigger the removal of the nets?
88. In regards to the Shark Meshing (Bather Protection) Program 2017/18 Annual Performance Report that identified the ‘trigger point’ was tripped for several threatened species, what actions will you take to address the harm on the following:
- (a) Grey nurse sharks
  - (b) Great Hammerheads
  - (c) Hawksbill Turtles
89. In regards to turtles caught in shark nets:
- (a) Are all turtles tagged?
  - (b) How many turtles caught in nets in NSW were tagged over:
    - i. 2016-17
    - ii. 2017-18
  - (c) Is there a Government policy around this tagging? If so, is this publicly available?

### **SMART Drumlines**

90. Has the Government prepared, or is the Government preparing, a state-wide SMART drumline report?
- (a) If so, will this be made publicly available and where?
  - (b) If not, how does the Government intend to assess the success of the SMART drumline trial program?
91. In regards to the SMART drumline trial that has deployed 40 SMART drumlines in Coffs Harbour and Sawtell; Forster/Tuncurry; Kiama and Shell Cove; Ulladulla and Narrawallee:
- (a) When will a decision be made on any future deployment of SMART drumlines in these regions?
  - (b) Will the community be consulted before more SMART drumlines are deployed?
    - i. If so, what methods of consultation will this involve?
92. In regards to the SMART drumline trials on the NSW South Coast (Kiama and Shell Cove; Ulladulla and Narrawallee):
- (a) What community consultation occurred *before* the drumlines were introduced:

- i. From Ulladulla to Narrawallee?
  - ii. From Kiama to Shell Cove?
- 93. In regards to the SMART drumline trials on the NSW South Coast (Kiama and Shell Cove; Ulladulla and Narrawallee), what evidence, specific to the NSW South Coast, did the Government rely on that suggested there was a need to introduce SMART drumlines?
- 94. The SMART drumline trial results for the NSW South Coast showed that from November 2017 to May 2018 3 white sharks and 2 tiger sharks were caught from Ulladulla to Narrawallee and 1 white shark and 9 tiger sharks were caught from Kiama to Shell Cove:
  - (a) Do these results reflect a lower likelihood of shark interactions on the NSW South Coast?
  - (b) Will these SMART drumlines be redeployed as a result of this trial?
  - (c) Will any further SMART drumlines be deployed on the NSW South Coast?
- 95. What is the total number of sharks that have been recaptured from SMART drumlines since 2016?
- 96. How many sharks have been tagged in the SMART drumline program to date?
  - (a) Please list in terms of type of tag and how many of each tag has been used?
- 97. How many non-target marine animals have been caught on SMART drumlines in all locations to date?
- 98. Will the Government change their Shark Smart app information to include the tag number of the shark in the alert message?

### **Shark research programs**

- 99. How many SMART drumlines in total in NSW are deployed for the purpose of research?
  - (a) Please list their locations
- 100. In regards to the research being undertaken with SMART drumlines:
  - (a) Will the results of this research be made publicly available?
    - i. If so when is this expected?
  - (b) When is it predicted that this research will be used to inform the Government's shark management strategy?
  - (c) Does the research inform target shark movement patterns?

- i. If so, will this information be used in future shark management strategies?

101. In regards to Satellite linked (VR4G) shark listening stations:

- (a) How many are currently operating?
- (b) What is their location?

### **Handling whale carcasses**

102. What policies does the NSW Government have in place when it comes to handling whale carcasses to minimise the continued risk to ocean users?

### **Fish Farms in Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park**

103. In regards to the external investigation carried out by the Department of Planning and Environment into the accidental release of 20,000 farmed kingfish into the Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park, is the investigation report publicly available?

- (a) If so, where?

104. Were any other external investigations carried out?

105. Does the investigation assess the impacts on the Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park and the marine estate?

- (a) If not, will these impacts be assessed?

106. In regards to the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Huon Yellowtail Kingfish Research Project:

- (a) When will the test results from the project be made available?
- (b) Is there any current proposal to expand the footprint of the fish farms?
- (c) Has there been any testing on the impacts of the fish farm on the marine park?

- i. If yes, what is the nature of the testing, and what reporting is of the testing is made?

### **Containers Lost from YM Efficiency**

107. What are the contents of the containers lost from the YM Efficiency that are yet to be recovered?

108. Will there be an assessment carried out on the impacts from these lost containers on the commercial fishing industry?

### **Aboriginal Fishing Trust Fund**

109. In regards to the 2018 round of applications for funds to the Aboriginal Fishing Trust Fund:

- (a) How many applications for funds have been received?
  - (b) What is the breakdown into application numbers for:
    - i. Small grants
    - ii. Large grants
    - iii. Low interest loans
  - (c) What is the breakdown into application numbers for each of the state-wide regions?
110. Of the above applications, how many have been assessed and how many have been successful?
111. When and how will the successful recipients to the 2018 round of applications to the Aboriginal Fishing Trust Fund be publicly advertised?
112. Has the Government allocated any resources to support Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal fishing business to prepare and submit applications to the Aboriginal Fishing Trust Fund?

**DPI Fisheries Staffing**

113. In regards to DPI Fisheries staff:
- (a) How many Full Time Equivalent staff were/will be employed from:
    - i. 2016-17?
    - ii. 2017-18?
    - iii. 2018-19?
  - (b) How many contractors were/will be employed from:
    - i. 2016-17?
    - ii. 2017-18?
    - iii. 2018-19?
  - (c) How many compliance officers were/will be employed from:
    - i. 2016-17?
    - ii. 2017-18?
    - iii. 2018-19?
114. Please provide the breakdown of compliance officers per region.

### **DPI Fisheries Compliance**

115. In regards to fisheries compliance in 2017-18:
- (a) How many written warnings were issued?
  - (b) How many penalty notices were issued?
  - (c) How many matters were prosecuted?
  - (d) How many prosecutions were against an Aboriginal person?
116. How much funding will be put into on the water compliance activities by DPI Fisheries to manage the marine protected areas across the state?
- (a) How many compliance officers will this provide to each marine park, including the proposed new marine park for the Hawkesbury Shelf bioregion?
117. Will any of the \$45.7 million proposed allocation as part of the NSW Marine Estate Strategy be directed to compliance?

### **Ocean Trap and Line Fishery**

118. In regards to the Ocean Trap and Line Fishery:
- (a) How many tonnes of shark was caught in this fishery in 2017-18?
  - (b) How many grey nurse, hammerhead and white sharks died in this fishery in 2017-18?
119. In regards to the Ocean Trawl Fishery:
- (a) How many tonnes of shark were caught in this fishery in 2017-18?
  - (b) How many grey nurse, hammerhead and white sharks died in this fishery in 2017-18?

### **Fish aggregating devices**

120. Have there been any reports of marine mammals caught in fishing aggregating devices in NSW in the past 12 months?
- (a) If so, please list the animal type and location

### **Crab traps**

121. In regards to the use of hoop nets or witches hats for trapping crabs:
- (a) Has there been any research or monitoring of the impacts on bycatch from these traps?
  - (b) What evidence has been provided to the Government that these kinds of traps capture turtles?

122. Considering hoop nets and witches hats are banned in other jurisdictions, will the Government consider banning these methods in NSW?

(a) If not, will the Government consider banning these methods in marine parks in NSW?

### **PFAS Pollution**

123. In regards to the increased incidents of per-and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS) contamination in NSW rivers and estuaries:

(a) How many rivers, creeks and estuaries have been identified as being polluted by PFAS?

i. Please list every location

(b) What programs are in place to reduce the impacts and levels of PFAS pollution?

i. Is there any timeline provided to affected communities?

### **Food Authority – reusable plastic container**

124. Is there anything in the Food Standards Code that provides guidance to retailers around accepting reusable containers from customers?

(a) If not, will the Government look to providing guidance in this area, especially in light of the public push to phase out single-use plastics?

### **Seismic testing in NSW**

125. Has any testing occurred in NSW into the impacts of seismic testing for gas or oil reserves on:

(a) Commercial fishing operations?

(b) Whale migration patterns and health?

### **Marine plastic pollution**

126. Has the Government undertaken any research into the impacts of marine plastic pollution on:

(a) Water quality?

(b) Edible seafood consumed in NSW?

127. Will the Government advocate for a change to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code that introduces a level of plastic in seafood that is considered safe for human consumption?



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**Commercial fishing**

128. Minister, how many fishers have left the industry since your reforms
- (a) Is this a positive thing?
129. Minister – are you aware that many in the commercial fishing sector believe you and your Department are waging a war on their livelihoods?
- (a) What do you have against commercial fishers?
130. How many fishers have exited the industry under your reforms?
131. Do you believe the rules around commercial fishing are clear, transparent, easily to follow and easy to enforce?
132. Why are you proposing to link shares with this demerit scheme?
133. What do you think a 10 year suspension would do to the average fishing business?
134. Will you allow groups like Commfish to have a look?
135. Have you shown draft legislation to the industry?
- (a) If not why not?
136. Why has your Department released draft legislation marked cabinet in confidence to some fishers?
137. Have you already made your mind up?

**Recreational fishing**

138. Minister – why is your Department receiving a large share of money sitting with the Recreational Fishing Trust?
139. From last year's revenue – how much went back to funding DPI program, including DPI managed and partnered programs and projects?
140. Is this covering cuts you have made in your Department?
141. Are you aware of concerns amongst rec fishers that you are raiding their funds to make up for your own cuts?
142. How much went towards administration costs of the Recreational Fishing Trust?
143. Has the Recreational Fishing Trust been exercising the statutory annual reporting obligations?

- (a) Does it publish an annual report?
- (b) If not why not?

### **Eurobodalla rural lands strategy**

144. Minister, given concerns from a number of your agencies, including Fisheries and Local Land Services, over the draft Rural Lands Strategy prepared by Eurobodalla Shire Council, what have you done to defend the interests of the local oyster industry?

### **Wild Deer**

- 145. How many deer were culled in the Illawarra in 2017-2018 financial year?
- 146. What are the estimated numbers of deer in the Illawarra at present, indicated by the Autumn 2018 deer survey?
- 147. By how much have deer numbers in the Illawarra increased since the last survey of deer was conducted in 2015?
- 148. How much money was spent on the control of deer in the Illawarra in the 2017-2018 financial year?
- 149. What funding has been committed to the Illawarra Wild Deer Management Program for the control of wild deer in the Illawarra in:
  - (a) 2018-2019;
  - (b) 2019-2020?
- 150. When will the South East Local Land Services Regional Pest Animal Committee deliver the plan to outline pest animal management priorities for the South East, which was promised to be delivered in July 2018?
- 151. What funding has been committed to control wild deer in the Illawarra under this plan developed by the South East Local Land Services Regional Pest Animal Committee to identify pest animal management priorities in:
  - (a) 2018-2019;
  - (b) 2019-2020?

### **Efficiency dividends**

- 152. What is the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each agency within your portfolio in 2018-19?
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### **Agile Workspaces/Activity Based Working/Hot-desking**

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- (a) If not, are there plans to introduce activity based working practices in 2018-19?
174. How much has your department spent in the roll-out of the agile working environment Including laptops, furniture, lockers and other equipment?

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175. How much did your ministerial office spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2017-18?
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177. Do any Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities utilise the services of Labour Hire Firms? If yes, please advise in table form for 2017-18:
- (a) The names of the firms utilised
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### **Media and Public Relations**

178. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?
179. 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?
180. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?
181. Have you had media training or speech training?
- (a) If yes, who paid for it?

- (b) If paid by taxpayers, what was the amount paid in 2017-18?

### **Facebook**

182. How much did your ministerial office spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2017-18?
183. How much did your Department/agency spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2017-18?

### **Overseas Trips**

184. Were any of your overseas trips in the last financial year 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?
185. Have you undertaken any official overseas travel that was privately funded?
- (a) If so, what was the nature of these trips?
- (b) Who paid for these trips?

### **Department/Agency Travel**

186. What was the total expenditure in 2017-18 by Departments/agencies within your portfolio on:
- (a) Taxi hire
- (b) Limousine/private car hire
- (c) Hire car rental
- (d) Ridesharing services

### **Drivers**

187. Are any of the senior executives in the relevant Department provided drivers?
- (a) If so, can you please specify which positions are provided drivers?
- (b) In total, how many drivers are used by senior executives in the Department?
- (c) What is the total cost of drivers for senior executives in the Department?

### **Consulting**

188. How much did the Department/agencies under your portfolio responsibility spend in legal costs in 2017-18?
- (a) For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?

189. Have Department/agencies under your portfolio engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice in 2017-18:

- (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

### **Department/Agency Staffing**

190. How many redundancies were processed by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2017-18?

- (a) Of these redundancies, how many were:
  - i. Voluntary
  - ii. Forced

(b) What was the total cost of all redundancies?

191. 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?

192. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?

193. How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2017-18?

- (a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?

### **Smart Phone Accounts**

194. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have an iTunes account?

- (a) What was the total expenditure in 2017-18 on iTunes?
  - i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?

195. Do the Departments/agencies within your portfolio have an Android account?

- (a) What was the total expenditure in 2017-18 on Android?
  - i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android?

### **Merchant fees**

196. Please provide a list of all transactions where customers need to pay a merchant fee on credit and/or debit card payments in your Department/agency.

197. Please provide the percentage and/or amount of the merchant fees applied to all credit and/or debit card payments/transactions in your Department/agency.

198. What was the total amount paid in merchant fees on credit and/or debit card payments in your Department/agency in 2017-18?

### **Probity Auditor**

199. Has your office or department used a Probity Auditor or Probity Advisors, or similar, in the past five years? If so please list the company and/or individual, the project, the engagement dates, and their total remuneration in tabular format.

### **Domestic Violence Leave Policies, Awareness and Usage**

200. For each department, statutory agency and/or other bodies in the Minister's portfolio please report:

- (a) A copy of the entity's policy or web link to the entity's domestic violence leave policy;
- (b) Date of introduction of domestic violence leave into enterprise agreements/contracts of employment, awards as applicable;
- (c) Whether or not all employees and/or contractors are eligible for domestic violence leave;
- (d) Number of days of domestic violence leave that have been taken in each financial year since the introduction of such leave;
- (e) Number of days available for eligible staff to access domestic violence leave in each financial year;
- (f) Number of other personal days of leave that have been taken in each financial year since the introduction of domestic violence leave;



- (g) Number of sick days available for eligible staff to access domestic violence leave in each financial year;
  - (h) Whether or not all staff and/or contractors have access to Employee Assistance Programs?
201. What training has been undertaken with management and administration for those involved in approving and/or processing domestic violence leave on issues such as?
- (a) Privacy and confidentiality of information about domestic violence
  - (b) Access to emotional, psychological, financial and medical support which may be required
202. Who has provided training on domestic violence in the workplace?
203. What percentage of staff in each agency has undertaken domestic violence training?
204. What efforts have been made to ensure that perpetrators (or their accomplices) within the staffing profile are not able to access personal information of victims in order to identify their location, or other information which may assist in committing domestic violence against them, including changing or accessing records in such a way as to disadvantage them financially or legally?

**Sexual harassment and Anti-bullying training and awareness programs**

205. For each department, statutory agency and/or other bodies in the Minister's portfolio please report:
- (a) Date of introduction of sexual harassment and anti-bullying training and awareness programs and a copy of such documentation.
  - (b) Whether or not all employees and/or contractors have received such training?
  - (c) Is this course mandatory for all employees/ contractors?
  - (d) How long for each session, how many sessions?
  - (e) Who delivers it?
  - (f) Is the program tailored to take into consideration specific needs of LGBTQIA, ATSI and CALD or other at risk groups?
    - i. How?
  - (g) What percentage of staff in each agency has undertaken sexual harassment and anti-bullying training and awareness programs?
    - i. How many complaints have been initiated in relation to:

- ii. Sexual harassment
- iii. Bullying
- iv. Workplace violence

### **Participation of women in Government**

206. For each department, statutory agency and/or other bodies in the Minister's portfolio please report:

- (a) What number and percentage of women are employed within the agency?
- (b) What number and percentage of women are employed within the management levels of the agency?
- (c) What number and percentage of women are employed in the top ten leadership positions of the agency?
- (d) How is this data publicly reported on a regular basis?
- (e) What strategies does the agency use to encourage women in to management and leadership positions?
- (f) What is the gender pay gap within your agency?
- (g) Does the agency report participation of women figures to Women NSW on a regular basis?

### **Energy**

207. For each agency in your portfolio by name, how much electricity did it consume for each of:

- (a) 2014-15?
- (b) 2015-16?
- (c) 2016-17?
- (d) 2017-18?

208. What proportion of the electricity consumed by each agency in your portfolio by name for those years came from renewable sources? Please name each source of energy (coal, solar, wind, etc.) and the proportion of the total electricity used.

209. How much money was spent on electricity for each agency in your portfolio by name in each of the above financial years?

210. What was the name of the energy supplier to each agency in your portfolio by name for those financial years?
211. How much electricity is it estimated that each agency in your portfolio will consume in:
- (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22?
212. What proportion of that electricity is it estimated will come from renewable sources, for each year?
213. For each agency in your portfolio by name, please provide the estimated proportion of energy to be used from each kind of energy (coal, gas, solar, wind etc.)?
214. What is the name of the energy supplier to each agency in your portfolio for each of:
- (a) 2018-19?
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## REGIONAL WATER

<b>Questions from the Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC (on behalf of the NSW Labor Opposition)</b>
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### Monaro Water

215. In March 2018 the Member for Monaro announced that \$15 million out of the reserve fund will be allocated to resolving the issues of water quality in Bombala and Delegate
- (a) How much of the \$15 million commitment has been allocated to the Snowy Monaro Regional Council?
  - (b) Does the Department of Primary Industries have a 'Works' plan for the expenditure of the \$15 million commitment?
216. Has the Department of Primary Industries been involved in the consultation on Delegate's long term water solution?

### The Barwon-Darling River

217. Regarding water storage works in the Bourke Shire:
- (a) How many authorised works took place in 2016?
  - (b) How many unauthorised works took place in 2016?
218. Regarding the dams referenced in the article 'Dam Shame' in the Barrier Daily Truth in February 2016, to which the NSW Depart of Primary Industry (DPI) provided a response to the Barrier Daily Truth:
- (a) What is the storage volume capacity (ML) of the Dam(s)?
  - (b) How many channels, regulators, pipes, or pumps are associated with these dams?
    - i. What is the length (km or m) of each of the channels?
    - ii. What is the size (mm) of each of the pumps?
  - (c) How many on-site compliance inspections has DPI conducted regarding these dams?
    - i. What is the date of the last inspection that a DPI officer conducted?
    - ii. How many inspection were carried out between 1 August 2015 and 28 February 2016?
    - iii. Did the inspection(s) result in any enforcement or compliance action

- (d) How many on-site compliance inspections has DPI conducted on the property where these dams are located?
    - i. What is the date of the last inspection that a DPI officer conducted?
    - ii. How many inspection were carried out between 1 August 2015 and 28 February 2016?
    - iii. Did the inspection(s) result in any enforcement or compliance action
  - (e) What is the name of the property on which these dams were located?
219. What is the status of the Budvalt Pty Ltd application for retrospective approval of an existing work using the provision of the Flood Plain Management Plan?
- (a) What are the works on that Budvalt Pty Ltd has applied to have retrospectively approved?
  - (b) What is the storage volume capacity of any water storage works relating to this application for approval?
220. On how many occasion has a representative or associated individual of Webster, Bengorang or Budvalt contacted your office in the past 12 months?
221. Have you meet with any representative/employee of Webster Ltd or Bengorang Ltd between 1 July 2017 and 1 April 2018, whether or not they were meeting with you in their capacity as a representative of said entity or some other capacity?
222. Did you speak to a Mr Rob McBride at the MIMCo meeting on 18 December 2018?
223. Have you ever said to a Mr Rob McBride that you are “watching”, “monitoring”, or receiving “reports” about him, or any words to those effect?

### **Compliance**

224. Regarding breach reports by the Compliance, Investigation Reporting and Management (CIRAM) in 2017-18:
- (a) How many were there?
  - (b) How many were allocated for investigation?
  - (c) How many had no action taken?
  - (d) How many resulted in penalty notices?
  - (e) How many resulted in prosecutions?

225. Regarding compliance staff in 2017-18:

- (a) How many compliance and enforcement staff are currently employed by DPI Water?
- (b) How many compliance and enforcement staff hold a Certification IV in Government Investigations?
- (c) How many specialist investigators have been recruited?
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