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INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION

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Licensing

1. How many submissions (of the 400+ submissions) received to the Government's Easy and Transparent Trading consultation paper were in favour of scrapping home building licenses for the trades listed in section 1.6 of the discussion paper?
 - (a) How many were opposed to removing the home building licenses for trades listed in section 1.6 of the Government's Easy and Transparent Trading consultation paper?
2. When did the Minister meet with representatives from the Real Estate Institute on the Easy and Transparent Trading consultation paper's proposed reform to remove the requirement to hold an endorsed licence to be an auctioneer?
3. Did the Minister assure the Institute of Painters and Decorators and other representatives from the painting industry, including the Master Painters, that they would be exempt from any changes to licensing.
 - (a) Was this assurance given in writing?
 - (b) If not, was the assurance give in a meeting between industry representatives and the Minister after the consultation paper was released?

Residential tenancy act

4. What are the policy reasons the Minister and the Office of Fair Trading have identified in favour of allowing landlords to evict tenants with no-fault?
5. Does the Office of Fair Trading have the capacity to collect complete data on the number of no-fault evictions in NSW?
 - (a) If so, how many no-fault evictions have been issued in the past year to tenants in NSW?
 - (b) If not, does the Department have a plan to collect this data?
6. Does the Government plan to provide protection for tenants experiencing domestic violence, so they are able to immediately leave their rental property without financial or other consequences?
 - (a) Does the Office of Fair Trading intend to collect and analyse data of domestic violence and tenancy issues?

Short Term Holiday Letting

7. Does the Government have a plan to work with LGAs and short term holiday letting to administer the proposed 180 day cap?
 - (a) If so, what measures will the Government put in place to ensure properties cannot exceed the 180 day cap?
8. Will the Minister commit to introducing the code of conduct and registry before the Christmas holidays?
9. Can the minister explain how Fair Trading will work with short term holiday letting websites, such as Airbnb and Stayz, to ensure that data on party houses will be accurately recorded?
 - (a) What measures will the Government take to ensure that repeat offenders are unable to re-list properties?

Strata

10. How many strata plans are registered in NSW?
11. Of those strata plans, how many are made up of 75% or more as investors?
12. Of those strata plans, how many are made up of 75% or more owner occupiers?
13. Of those strata plans, how many are made up of 50% or more investors?
14. Of those strata plans, how many are made up of 50% or more owner occupiers?

Retirement villages

15. Will the Retirement Villages Ambassador be compelled to report back to the office of Fair Trading on all matters arising from villages?
 - (a) If so, will data from reports be made publicly available?
 - (b) What powers will the Ambassador have to personally crack down on retirement villages doing the wrong thing?
16. How will the Minister select the Ambassador?
17. What will the remuneration package be for the Retirement Village Ambassador?
18. What term will the Ambassador serve for?
 - (a) Will the ambassador be able to serve multiple terms?

Bio fuels

19. When did the Minister become aware of the declining use of biofuel amongst the public service since 2011?
20. On what date was the secretary asked to undertake a review on the use of biofuels in Government vehicles?

Cladding

21. How many buildings have had non-compliant cladding removed?
22. Of the buildings identified as having non-compliant cladding, how many are State Government owned buildings?
23. Are any of these public buildings schools or other education institutions?
 - (a) Is so, how many?
24. How many buildings reported to have cladding have not yet been inspected?
25. Does the Government have a plan to ensure these buildings are inspected as soon as possible?
26. How does the Government plan to assist local councils in identifying and inspecting buildings?

Ticketing

27. Has the Government through its legislative powers prevented ticket scalping activities (as defined under the legislation) taking place on websites such as Viagogo?
 - (a) If not, why not?
28. Does the Government have any plan to prevent such activities from taking place?

Efficiency dividends

29. What is the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each agency within your portfolio in 2018-19?
30. What is the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each agency within your portfolio in 2019-20?
31. What is the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each agency within your portfolio in 2020-21?
32. What is the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each agency within your portfolio in 2021-22?
33. What was the total efficiency dividend that was achieved for each agency within your portfolio between 2011-12 and 2017-18 inclusively?

Ministerial Travel/Meal Allowance

34. How many nights' travel were claimed by the Minister during the 2017-18 period?

35. How many nights' travel were claimed by the Minister's spouse during the 2017-18 period?
36. What was the total amount of travel allowances claimed by the Minister and their spouse (if applicable) during 2017-18?
37. What is the total amount of meal allowances claimed by the Minister and their spouse (if applicable) during 2017-18?

Office Administration

38. How many staff are in your ministerial office?
 - (a) What was the average salary for staff members in your office during 2017-18?
 - (b) What is the estimated average salary for a ministerial staffer in your office in 2018-19 based on current appointments?
39. How many blackberries/iPhone/smart phones are assigned to your staff?
 - (a) For each phone, how much was each bill in 2017-18?
 - (b) How many phones have been lost or replaced due to damage in your office?
 - i. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
40. How many iPads or tablets has DPC assigned to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
 - (a) What was the cost of providing iPads or tablets to your Ministerial Office in 2017-18?
 - (b) How many iPads or tablets have been replaced due to lost or damage in 2017-18?
 - i. What was the cost of replacing these devices?
41. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2017-18?
 - (a) What is the cost of this?
42. Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been hired or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2017-18?
 - (a) If so, what was the cost of these items?
43. Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been purchased for display in your ministerial office in 2017-18?
 - (a) If so, what was the cost of these items?

44. What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals in 2017-18?
 - (a) What are these services/newspapers/magazines/journals/periodicals?
 - i. Who is the subscriber for each of these?
45. What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office in 2017-18?
 - (a) What were the gifts purchased?
 - i. Who were they gifted to?
46. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?
 - (a) What is the monthly cost of this?
47. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
 - (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?
48. What was the total bill for your office in 2017-18 for:
 - (a) Taxi hire
 - (b) Limousine hire
 - (c) Private hire care
 - (d) Hire car rental
 - (e) Ridesharing services
49. Were any planes or helicopters chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money in 2017-18?
 - (a) If yes, will you please detail each trip, the method of transport and the cost?

Agile Workspaces/Activity Based Working/Hot-desking

50. Has your department adopted “agile working environment/activity based working” practices – e.g. hot-desking?
 - (a) If not, are there plans to introduce activity based working practices in 2018-19?
51. How much has your department spent in the roll-out of the agile working environment Including laptops, furniture, lockers and other equipment?

Hospitality

52. How much did your ministerial office spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2017-18?
53. How much did your Department/agency spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2017-18?

Labour Hire Firms

54. Do any Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities utilise the services of Labour Hire Firms?
55. If yes, please advise in table form for 2017-18:
 - (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

Media and Public Relations

56. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?
57. 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?
58. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?
59. 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

60. How much did your ministerial office spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2017-18?

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

Overseas Trips

62. 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?
63. 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

64. 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

65. 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

66. 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?
67. 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

68. 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?
69. 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?
70. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?
71. 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

72. 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?
73. 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

74. 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.
75. 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.
76. 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

77. 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

78. 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?

79. 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
80. Who has provided training on domestic violence in the workplace?
81. What percentage of staff in each agency has undertaken domestic violence training?
82. 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

83. 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?
84. What percentage of staff in each agency has undertaken sexual harassment and anti-bullying training and awareness programs?
85. How many complaints have been initiated in relation to:
 - (a) Sexual harassment
 - (b) Bullying
 - (c) Workplace violence

Participation of women in Government

86. 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

87. 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?
88. 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.
89. How much money was spent on electricity for each agency in your portfolio by name in each of the above financial years?
90. What was the name of the energy supplier to each agency in your portfolio by name for those financial years?
91. 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?
92. What proportion of that electricity is it estimated will come from renewable sources, for each year?
93. 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.)?
94. What is the name of the energy supplier to each agency in your portfolio for each of:
- (a) 2018-19?
 - (b) 2019-20?
 - (c) 2020-21?
 - (d) 2021-22?