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1	The NSW government has been consulting on SEPP 44 (koala habitat protection) since December 2016. Can the Minister for Planning please advise as to the status of the review, on a likely completion date and on future opportunities for community input?	OEH is developing a state-wide koala habitat information base. This is due to be completed in mid-2019. This information will inform the review of SEPP 44 and ensure that any changes to the SEPP align with the actions of the NSW Koala Strategy and the whole of government approach to the protection of koala habitat. The Department will progress finalisation of the SEPP when the information from OEH is available, including considering any further consultation opportunities.
2	How often does the Minister meet with: (a) Lucy Turnbull (b) Sarah Hill (c) John Brogden (d) Professor Mary O'Kane (e) Jim Betts (f) Philip Davies/Anna Chau	Ministerial diary disclosures are publically available.
3	When was the last meeting the Minister took with each of the above	Ministerial diary disclosures are publically available.
4	Have you or any of your staff taken meetings with Michael Photios in the past 12 months? (a) If yes, what was discussed at these meetings? (b) If no, has Mr Photios sought to meet with you or your staff in the past 12 months?	Ministerial diary disclosures are publically available. I note the Shadow cabinet continues to refuse to disclose diaries and the Leader of the Opposition has repeatedly breached his election commitment to disclose his diary every two months. Ministerial staff are approached by members of the public and stakeholders regarding issues of interest to NSW residents. I expect all staff to comply with the Code of Conduct at all times.
5	Have you or any of your staff met with Harry Hughes since he left your office? (a) If yes, what was discussed at those meetings? (b) If no, has Mr Hughes sought to meet with you or your staff in the past 12 months?	Ministerial diary disclosures are publically available. I note the Shadow cabinet continues to refuse to disclose diaries and the Leader of the Opposition has repeatedly breached his election commitment to disclose his diary every two months. Ministerial staff are approached by members of the public and stakeholders regarding issues of interest to NSW residents. I expect all staff to comply with the Code of Conduct at all times.
6	A Productivity Commission report in 2016 recommended that Australia publish a National Population Policy as a joint effort between the Commonwealth and the States. The report noted an "apparent lack of interest" from state governments and that the NSW Government didn't even both to lodge a submission. (a) Why did the Government decline to make a submission? (b) Has your Department subsequently prepared any briefing documents on this matter?	a) The Migrant Intake into Australia report was released in April 2016. The Federal Government is responsible for migration policy in Australia. b) No.
7	How many meetings did the Minister have with the former Minister for Urban Infrastructure and Cities Paul Fletcher? (a) Was population and immigration discussed? (b) Was federal funding of infrastructure? (c) Are you satisfied with the Federal Government's actions on these matters to date?	Ministerial diary disclosures are publically available.
8	Has the Minister met with the new Minister for Cities, Urban Infrastructure, and Population Alan Tudge? (a) If no, do you have a meeting scheduled? i. If not, why not? (b) If yes, did you raise any of the above issues with him? i. What was his response?	Ministerial diary disclosures are publically available.
9	Is the new Tweed Valley Hospital proposed as State Significant Infrastructure?	No.
10	Is the new Tweed Valley Hospital proposed as State Significant development	No.
11	Has the Minister made any declarations or approvals relating to the Government's proposed Tweed Valley Hospital site at Cudgen?	No.
12	In relation to the Government's proposed Tweed Valley Hospital project at Cudgen, has the Minister been provided with any of the following: (a) environmental assessment material related to that site (b) traffic assessment material related to that site (c) ecological assessment material related to that site (d) Aboriginal heritage assessment material related to that site (e) Bushfire standoff material related to that site	No. However, pre-application information has been provided to the Department by Health Infrastructure, including an overview of traffic, biodiversity, Aboriginal heritage, bushfire and ecological studies which have been undertaken for the site. This preliminary material is associated with the future SEPP amendment proposal.
13	If yes, will you make this material publicly available?	If an application is received by the Department, it will be made publicly available on the Department's Major Projects website: http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/
14	Will the Minister detail if any public authorities have been consulted in preparation of any environmental assessment, traffic assessment, and or ecological assessment material relating to the Government's proposed Tweed Valley Hospital project at Cudgen	This is a matter for the Minister for Health.
15	Will the Minister detail what specific matters have been investigated by any and all public authorities in preparation of any assessment material relating to the Government's proposed Tweed Valley Hospital project at Cudgen?	This is a matter for the Minister for Health.

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16	The following species are listed as a critically endangered, endangered or vulnerable species within schedules of the Commonwealth EPBC Act and may occur on the Government's proposed Tweed Valley Hospital project at Cudgen: (a) the Koala (<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>) (b) the Australian painted snipe (<i>Rostratula australis</i>) (c) the Grey-headed flying fox (<i>Pteropus poliocephalus</i>) (d) the Australasian bittern (<i>Botaurus poiciloptilus</i>) (e) the Mitchell's rainforest snail (<i>Thersites mitchellae</i>) (f) the Southern black-throated finch (<i>Peophila cincta cincta</i>) (g) the Wallum sedge frog (<i>Litoria olongburensis</i>) (h) the Water mouse (<i>Xeromys myoides</i>) (i) the Cattle egret (<i>Ardea ibis</i>) (j) the Great egret (<i>Ardea alba</i>) (k) the Magpie goose (<i>Anseranas semipalmata</i>) (l) the Painted snipe (<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>) (m) the White-throated needletail (<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>)	Noted.
17	Accordingly, has the Minister referred this development to the Commonwealth for assessment under the EPBC Act? (a) If yes, what response, if any, has been received? (b) If no, why not?	This is a matter for the Minister for Health.
18	Why has the NSW Government stripped powers from the GSC?	The NSW Government intends to increase the GSC's powers and return local planning to the Minister. The move into the Department of Premier and Cabinet was made by the Premier so they could provide advice directly to the Premier and ensure more effective collaboration across Government agencies to ensure the Government's vision becomes a reality.
19	Why does the Department insist on making plans for areas and imposing strategies on councils, but blames councils for issues with development applications and planning proposals?	Under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 the Minister for Planning or the Greater Sydney Commission are the responsible authorities for regional and district planning. While the relevant local council is the responsible authority for planning proposals and development applications.
20	Why are plans for the Wilton Growth Area continuing to progress while legal proceedings are taking place for South East Wilton by the council?	Wollondilly Council have discontinued legal proceedings against the Department.
21	Is the NSW Government concerned that Country Garden is looking to buy land at Wilton? (a) Has the Minister or Department had meetings with them regarding this or any area? (b) Did Daryl Maguire	No. a) - No. The Department did not meet with Country Garden about Wilton. The Department met with Country Garden regarding a site at Cawdor, St Leonards South, Bushels Factory Redevelopment - Concord, Dexus site - Gladesville. b) There is a current ICAC inquiry and it would be inappropriate to comment
22	Why did the Department ignore advice regarding OEH regarding koala protection at Wilton?	The Department worked with both the developer and the Office of Environment and Heritage to adjust the zoning plan for South East Wilton to protect koala habitat consistent with State Environmental Planning Policy No 44— Koala Habitat Protection.
23	How did the NSW come up with 16.8% tree canopy cover in Sydney?	The 16.8% tree canopy cover in Sydney was calculated with data obtained from the Office of Environment and Heritage.
24	Why did the Office of Open Space and Parklands give so much money to councils around the North Shore when these areas already have so much tree canopy cover?	No funds for tree canopy expansion have been granted to councils on the North Shore.
25	How much time and money did the NSW Government spend on planning Sydenham to Bankstown? (a) Why did the Government persist so long despite clear and constant objection from the community?	Refer to response to questions 375-379. There is considerable demand for housing in the corridor. The development pressure in these areas demonstrates a need for a corridor strategy to set a clear direction for the future to help plan for growth and infrastructure.
26	What is the Government's new plan for Sydenham to Bankstown? (a) Does the housing target of 35,400 homes along the corridor remain in place under the decision to return some planning controls to local councils? (b) Has the plan been scrapped	Refer to response to question 380.
27	Planning for the Planned Precincts has taken years. Why are the community still waiting?	Planning for growth in Planned Precincts is ongoing. The level of technical analysis required to evaluate the opportunities and constraints in each precinct is significant. Combined with extensive community engagement, these steps are required to achieve high quality outcomes and create inclusive, accessible, sustainable and resilient communities.
28	Given the state of the housing market, is now the time to be imposing massive costs on developers in the form of SICs? (a) Won't these new fees be passed onto homebuyers (including first homebuyers)?	The Special Infrastructure Contributions (SIC) is a cost borne by developers or landowners during the development process. Extensive feasibility modelling is performed for each SIC area that factors in developer costs and council levies to ensure that the charge does not impact development feasibility, housing supply and housing costs.
29	Don't SICs take money away from local councils?	No.
30	Why has the NSW Government strung developers and residents along for plans for Ingleside? (a) Why has a fire safety review only just happened recently when it should've been done years ago? (b) What input, if any, did the previous Minister have on this issue?	The draft Ingleside Land Use and Infrastructure Strategy, Structure Plan and supporting technical documents were released for a non-statutory exhibition from December 2016 to February 2017 to obtain early feedback from key stakeholders and the community. A Bushfire Assessment, as per the then statutory requirements i.e. Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006, was part of the suite of supporting technical documents exhibited. Based on the large number of submissions received (issues relating to bushfire among the major issues raised) and in response to the draft Planning for Bushfire Protection 2018 Policy, a new Bushfire Risk Assessment is being prepared. This is a new requirement under the draft Planning for Bushfire Protection 2018 Policy. The previous Minister (Min Stokes, Minister for Education), who is the Member for Pittwater where Ingleside falls, has been briefed on this study.
31	Why has growth in the North West exceeded NSW Government projections? (a) Were the official forecasts incorrect	Development in the North West has proved to be more efficient in utilising land for housing, based on greater uptake of small lot housing, townhouses and apartments around new town centres which has been largely driven as a result of housing affordability considerations by landowners.
32	Why have plans progressed for Sydney Olympic Park and Carter Street without guaranteed public transport upgrades?	The NSW Government is planning for the growth of Sydney Olympic Park and Carter Street to be delivered over the next 15-20 years. Significant public transport upgrades are being planned for the area including Sydney Metro West and Stage 2 of the Parramatta Light Rail.

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33	The RMIT liveability report suggested that 41% of lower income households in Sydney are experience housing affordability stress, what is the NSW Government going to do about this?	Since 2011, the NSW Government has provided more than \$1billion in assistance to first and new home buyers. In June 2017, the NSW Government released a \$4.3bn housing affordability package to help people own their own home. The housing affordability package includes providing financial assistance to first home buyers through incentives such as stamp duty relief, grants to first home owners purchasing new homes and increasing the foreign investor surcharge to minimise competition first home owners face from foreign investors. The housing affordability package has ensured there is greater supply and diversity of housing, with NSW recording record completions of 61 000 houses on average per year.
34	What conversations has the Minister or Department had with Ray Hadley? (a) What assurances has the Minister provided Mr Hadley about his property?	It is common for all members of Parliament to talk to both broadcasters and journalists on many matters and issues.
35	Regarding the purchase of Fernhill, was the NSW Government aware of the court case between Biofin Pty Ltd (tenant of Fernhill) and Angas Securities (the landowner)? (a) Was the NSW Government aware of alleged misconduct of Biofin with regards to hosting events able to be heard clearly by surrounding neighbours at Fernhill without the proper approval from Penrith City Council and the landowners?	Yes, the NSW Government was aware of the court case. The court case was settled before the settlement of the purchase of Fernhill by the Planning Ministerial Corporation. (a) Biofin Pty Ltd do not manage the property on behalf of the NSW Government.
36	What is the NSW Government doing to handle increasing density in Sydney?	The Greater Sydney Region Plan, A Metropolis of Three Cities, responds to the demographic and population projections prepared by the Department of Planning and Environment, for the next 40 years. One of the key challenges for strategic planning in Greater Sydney is the housing and infrastructure required to support this population growth. With substantial population growth comes the need for more housing and more types of housing, A Metropolis of Three Cities outlines the principles of making areas with higher density liveable. The Greater Sydney Commission is currently working with local Councils to review their Local Environmental Plan's.
37	Why is the NSW Government introducing a Planned Precinct at West Schofield when there is a severe lack of commuter car parking and insufficient public transport?	Commuter carparking is a matter for the Minister for Transport. West Schofields is well located to Schofields Railway Station and the future Tallawong Railway Station.
38	Why does the Sydney Metro West end at Tallawong Station and not at Schofields station where it connects to the main T1 line and a new suburb is being planned for the area? (a) Isn't this an example of the Government being short-sighted and not adequately planning for the future of the area?	This is a matter for the Minister for Transport.
39	Why is the NSW Government persisting with plans for Wentworth Point when there isn't an adequate provision of public transport to service the area?	The Wentworth Point precinct was rezoned in 2014 and most of the development is complete. The preferred route for Stage 2 of the Parramatta Light Rail travels through the area and will service the existing and future communities. The City of Parramatta Council are continuing to work with developers on remaining sites to ensure that bus services, including connections to existing rail service the area until the light rail is in place.
40	How many proposals for boarding houses and aged care homes have been approved, following receiving SEPP compatibility certification, despite the council opposing the proposal?	The State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 (ARHSEPP) contains provisions for boarding houses but does not provide for the issuing of site compatibility certificates (SCCs) for these. For seniors housing, this information is available on the NSW Planning Portal.
41	Why does the SEPP for Affordable Housing allow the NSW government to override council's planning controls? (a) What issue did this provision seek to address?	The aim of the AHSEPP is to provide a consistent planning regime across the State for a number of important forms of affordable rental housing which play an important role in contributing to diversity and affordability of housing supply.
42	Is the government considering amending or repealing the Affordable Housing SEPP to address concerns about boarding house developments that breach planning rules or are proposed in suburban areas of Sydney?	In June 2018, in response to community concerns, the Government amended the Affordable Rental Housing SEPP to increase car parking standards for boarding houses. The Department continues to review other boarding house provisions in the SEPP as part of its review of all housing-related SEPPs.
43	In an undated letter from Deputy Secretary Alison Frame to the General Manager of the City of Ryde, Ms Frame notes that the Department will 'consult directly with Ryde residents during [the two year deferral period of the Low Rise Medium Density Housing Code ("the Code") for the Ryde LGA]'. (a) What consultation has taken place already and what consultation is planned? (b) What form will this consultation take? (c) How long will this consultation run for? (d) Will public submissions be accepted during the consultation period? (e) Will the Department undertake consultation with residents of other LGAs subject to, or granted deferrals from, the Code? i. If not, why not? ii. If yes, would you kindly answer questions a) through d) above for each LGA	Ryde City Council has been advised that in receiving the temporary deferral until 1 July 2020 that they must demonstrate active engagement with their community about the housing requirements in Ryde LGA during the next two years. The Department will also consult with the Ryde residents during this time and following consultation make the findings available to Council and the public. The Department's consultation with Ryde residents will commence in September 2018.
44	When the Government advances a major project, particularly a transport project, what consultation is undertaken with the Minister and/or the department?	Proponents of major transport projects will liaise with the Department prior to, during and following determination of a project. The Minister for Planning is briefed as appropriate by the Department.
45	Does this consultation go to the viability of projects in terms of current, planned, and projected density for the proposed area?	The Department does not consider the viability of a project in its assessment. However consideration of strategic planning, growth, density and future land uses is considered.
46	What advice did the Department or the Secretary provide to the Minister regarding the second Harbour Crossing and the Northern Beaches Link tunnel?	The Department has provided preliminary briefings to the Minister for Planning regarding the current status of the proposals.

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47	What advice did the Greater Sydney Commission provide to the Minister regarding the second Harbour Crossing and the Northern Beaches Link tunnel?	The Commission has not provided advice to the Minister regarding the second Harbour Crossing and the Northern Beaches Link tunnel.
48	What advice did the Minister provide in relation to the second Harbour Crossing and the Northern Beaches Link tunnel to: (a) The Premier? (b) The Minister for Transport and Infrastructure?	None.
49	Do you think it is appropriate that Projects NSW, an arm of the independent statutory agency Infrastructure NSW, is being used as the applicant for the Allianz Stadium rebuild simply so the Government can avoid the scrutiny of the Independent Planning Commission? (a) Do you intend to use Projects NSW as the applicant for future major projects to avoid the IPC?	This is a matter for the Premier as the responsible Minister for Infrastructure NSW.
50	Does it concern you that the CBD and South East Light Rail received planning approval over four years ago and has been under construction for nearly as long and yet: (a) Six separate modifications to the project have been approved since then? (b) Some sections of the light rail are still being designed, as revealed last week by the Deputy Secretary, Infrastructure and Services, at Transport for NSW?	(a) The Department is legally required to assess all applications lodged in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. (b) This is a matter for the Minister for Transport
51	Why was Deputy Secretary Kylie Hargreaves asked to leave the Department last year? (a) Were there concerns that the Department was neglecting its role	This is a matter for the Minister for Resources.
52	What is the Government doing about Yancoal, which has seen some major incidents take place at its mine in the Hunter Valley?	This is a matter for the Minister for Resources.
53	Does NSW have enough bonds to cover the cost of mining rehabilitation across the state?	This is a matter for the Minister for Resources.
54	What provisions are in place to ensure that controversial mining activities are fit and proper for purpose?	This is a matter for the Minister for Resources.
55	Has the Government found any miners not fit and proper?	This is a matter for the Minister for Resources.
56	Is KEPCO fit and proper to hold a mining licence? (a) What steps have you taken to ensure they are?	This is a matter for the Minister for Resources.
57	Does the Minister still agree with the Premier that supply is the single biggest factor when it comes to improving housing affordability?	The NSW Government wants to make sure there is enough housing supply to meet population growth and to put downward pressure on housing prices. In June 2017, the Premier released the Housing Affordability Strategy with a key focus to boost housing supply. As a result, housing approvals and completions are at historical highs.
58	The Minister has stated previously that housing completions are their highest since the Second World War. If completions are so high, why has this alone not solved Sydney's affordability crisis?	Between 2000 and 2010, dwelling completions across NSW declined substantially. NSW Treasury's 2016 Intergenerational Report estimated there was accumulated undersupply of 100,000 dwellings by the end of 2015. Since 2011, the NSW Government has made housing supply a priority. However whilst there has been a significant recovery in building activity in these last few years, the years of low activity between 2000 and 2010, combined with a growing population, has resulted in demand for housing remaining strong. In addition to the undersupply, an extra 725,000 dwellings are estimated to be required in the Greater Sydney area over the next 20 years to cater for projected population growth.
59	Can the Minister assure the public that he does not intend to raid the Housing Acceleration Fund for unrelated purposes, as was done in 2016 with an allocation of \$140m from the HAF for a WestConnex off-ramp?	HAF projects must follow the Infrastructure NSW Infrastructure Investor Assurance Framework.
60	Why is the HAF being raided to top up infrastructure blow outs like the abovementioned offramp?	The HAF is not being used on infrastructure overspending.
61	When was the role of the Landcom CEO first advertised?	17 June 2017
62	How many applicants were there in response to that advertisement?	There were 11 relevant applications in response to this advertisement.
63	Was Mr Brogden one of the applicants?	No.
64	How many staff did Landcom trading as Urban Growth have prior to the restructure which saw two organisations result – L	As at 19 October 2017 total staff number was 236
65	How many staff remained with Landcom after Urban Growth Development Corporation was formed?	As at 20 October 2017 Landcom had 163 staff
66	How many of those staff have left Landcom since?	33
67	How many staff restructures have there been at Landcom since July 2017?	One company wide reorganisation in October 2017 and then one in March/April 2018 and one change to the structure within Corporate Affairs in May 2018.
68	How many staff were made redundant as a result of each restructure? (a) What was the cost of redundancy payments made to staff?	No redundancies were made in the first restructure in October 2017. 9 redundancies in March/April 2018 and 1 in May 2018. a) \$976,909.60
69	How many staff had their employment otherwise terminated after each restructure? (a) What was the resulting cost of payments made to staff?	3 staff were terminated after the October restructure. a) \$61,839.55
70	Will you provide a breakdown of that figure between long service and annual leave entitlements and other payments on termination?	Annual Leave \$16,370.38 Long service Leave Nil Termination Payment/In lieu of Notice \$45,469.17

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71	What areas were the redundancies/staff terminations in?	Redundancies: Corporate Affairs Terminations: Information Technology Strategy Sustainability Business Development
72	Can you confirm that there is no recruitment of new staff to these same areas? (a) Why then were these terminations made?	Staff have been recruited into these same areas in different roles. a) Significant change to requirements of the organisation in these areas.
73	How many consultants has Landcom engaged since October 2017? (a) What areas to these consultants work in?	6. a) These engagements assisted us in decision making for our sustainability framework, risk management, WHS, business separation and corporate strategy.
74	Have staff been made redundant or staffing levels reduced, while consultants have been engaged to do the same work/work in the same areas/fields?	No like for like consultants have been engaged into roles that were made redundant.
75	How much has Landcom spent on consultants since July 2017?	In FY18 Landcom's total expenditure on consultants was \$1,289,000
76	What actions have the Minister or any of his ministerial or departmental staff taken in relation to the publishing of alleged internal Budget Estimates preparation questions by Crikey on 6 August 2018? (a) Is the release of the questions being investigated? (b) Have external investigators been engaged? (c) What discussions has the Minister had in relation to the release of these questions with: i. The Secretary or nay Deputy Secretaries of the Department of Planning and Environment? ii. His ministerial staff? iii. His ministerial colleagues, including the Premier?	For a), b), c) i, ii & iii: Nil.
77	How much did the Department's Transitional Development Office spend on the Year of Communications for 2018?	The Transition and Development Office spent \$305,981 on the Year of Communication to 30 June 2018. The Year of Communication is an initiative from the Department's corporate plan to increase its commitment to extensively consult, collaborate and communicate with all our stakeholders particularly local communities.
78	How much did the Department's Transitional and Development Office spend on the Planned Precincts public awareness, communication and/or advertising campaign in 2017 and 2018?	The Transition and Development Office did not carry-out any Planned Precincts public awareness and/or advertising campaign in 2017 or 2018.
79	Did the Secretary offer to fund the Department's Transitional and Development Office \$6 million to work on the Department's internal communications campaign "The Year of Communications" and the Planned Precincts public campaign?	No.
80	Why was the Planned Precincts public communications campaign cancelled?	The Department's focus was on community consultation events and drop in sessions to ensure affected communities in the Planned Precincts were fully engaged and consulted.
81	Why has the Government permitted the Shepherds Bay development to proceed in Meadowbank when there is a critical shortage of car parking, traffic issues and increased density. By approving huge developments like Shepherds Bay has the Government failed the people of the City of Ryde Council area	The original application was approved in March 2013 by the independent Planning Assessment Commission. The Department is legally required to assess all applications lodged in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
82	Did the Department stage a staff event at the Sydney Opera House featuring an interpretative theatre group performing a "planning" show?	An annual all staff forum was held at the Sydney Opera House on 22 May. The forum's speakers included the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment, the Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Deputy Secretary for Arts, Screen and Culture, and Dr Bruce McCabe, speaking on the impact and challenges of technology on urban living. The forum did not feature an interpretative theatre group performing a "planning" show.
83	Is the Government ensuring best practice design is implemented at the Martin Place Metro over station development site?	All State Significant Developments are required to be referred to the State Design Review Panel (SDRP). Panel members represent a diverse range of expertise in the built environment and have a key role in assisting the Government Architect and the Department of Planning and Environment with design advice for State Significant Developments.
84	Why is the Minister determining the Macquarie Bank over station development proposal .Given the Liberal Party's close links to the company isn't this a potential conflict of interest?	The Martin Place over station development is State Significant Infrastructure related development and the Minister for Planning is the consent authority. The over station development proposed by Macquarie is integral to the delivery of the new Martin Place Metro Station, which is part of the approved Critical State Significant Infrastructure (CSSI 7400) for the Sydney Metro City & Southwest – Chatswood to Sydenham project. The design and construction of the station and the over station development is inextricably related and includes components such as external facades, services, structure, and access. An integrated approach to the design and construction between the over station development and the station is critical to the timely delivery of the Sydney Metro City and Southwest - Chatswood to Sydenham Corridor.

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85	Why is the Government pressing ahead with plans to build an extra 450 dwellings in Epping? Parramatta Council has raised density, traffic and available commercial floor space concerns which are being ignored by the Government.	Could you please provide more information so that the Department of Planning and Environment can identify the site and respond.
86	Why will the Port Stephens area receive little funding under the new Hunter Special Infrastructure Contribution?	The Hunter Region SIC seeks a contribution from development in greenfield urban and industrial release areas and helps fund the cost of development infrastructure benefiting the Hunter region. Most of the greenfield urban release areas are in Lake Macquarie, Newcastle, Cessnock and Maitland local government areas. The SIC proposes to collect a portion of funds for the upgrade of the MR302 Tomago Road/Cabbage Tree Road (Tomago connection to Williamstown) in Port Stephens.
87	What is the Government doing to address overcrowding and traffic concerns around Byron Bay Parklands during the annual festivals held in the area such as Splendour in the Grass?	Existing conditions of approval require the Applicant to prepare a traffic management plan (TMP) in consultation with the Department, RMS, Council and NSW Police for each festival. The Department will continue to work closely with the Applicant, Council, and key agencies to ensure each festival's TMP adequately addresses all traffic concerns. The Applicant also works closely with NSW Police to manage potential overcrowding at all festivals through the preparation and implementation of event management plans for each event (EMP).
88	Is the Government failing regional NSW towns like Bourke by not adequately planning or funding towns for the future?	No. Funding is not a matter for the Minister for Planning. The Far West Regional Plan 2036 aims to build capacity and resilience in rural communities to meet challenges of demographic change and service delivery, which includes the community of Bourke. The Regional Plan aims to support key economic growth opportunities, including supporting Bourke to become a leading international exporter of goat meat.
89	What is the Minister's response to ABC reports that the Department ignored advice from Department of Industry, Water in its assessment of the Bylong Coal Project?	None of the documents provided to the Department of Planning and Environment by the Department of Industry, Water included the statements quoted in the ABC report. The Department has carefully considered all the advice provided by DoI Water throughout the assessment of the project including advice on: o the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in November 2015; o the Response to Submissions Report, in May 2016; o the Supplementary Response to Submissions report in November 2016; and o the Response to the PAC report in February 2018. All advice provided by the Department of Industry, Water to the Department are publicly available on the Department's major projects website: http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/
90	The Sydney Football Stadium is being done in two stages, so how can the community comment on a concept it cannot see?	This is a matter for the Premier as the responsible Minister for INSW. The Department is legally required to assess all applications lodged with it, in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
91	The planning approval for the new stadium at Parramatta was also in two stages and took 10 months. On this timeline, demolition of the SFS should occur in April 2019. Why is the assessment process for this project being fast tracked?	The assessment of the Sydney Football Stadium has not been completed.
92	How many fines have been issued to trucks working on the WestConnex projects that are illegally using local roads	Since March 2017 the Department has issued 4 penalty notices to subcontractors for use of local roads contrary to approvals.
93	How many truck movements are involved in the WestConnex M4 widening and New M5 projects?	M4 East project has involved approximately 1,445 heavy vehicle movements per day, and the New M5 involves approximately 6,376 heavy vehicle movements per day during peak construction.
94	The Premier's top priority is housing affordability and has fast tracked tens of thousands of home approvals to increase supply. Why then are there more than 20,000 vacant apartments in Sydney?	The Department of Planning and Environment does not impose requirements to occupy a dwelling.
95	What is the Government proactively doing to address the growing problem of Sydney's shortage of available cemetery burial space?	The Minister for Planning and the Minister for Lands and Forestry have jointly requested an independent review of burial space in the Sydney metropolitan area to ensure there is sufficient capacity to meet the needs of a growing Sydney.
96	What is the Government's position on two current cemetery proposals for Wallacia and Varroville?	The Department is currently assessing the proposals and will make its recommendation to the Independent Planning Commission once it has completed its assessments.
97	Given available cemetery space is becoming a critical issue why isn't the Minister determining the projects? (a) Isn't this another example of the Minister avoiding controversial projects where he is the final decision maker?	Given the considerable public interest in the two cemetery proposals, the Minister for Planning delegated his functions in respect of the cemetery applications to the Independent Planning Commission. The Commission are the appropriate body to consider these proposals given they are an independent, expert decision making authority that can carefully consider technical issues in detail and appropriately balance the various interests.
98	Why has the Government reduced the minimum setback conditions for the Martin Place Metro over station development? (a) Is this because the applicant is Macquarie Bank?	There was a range of opinions about the appropriate tower setback. After considering all submissions, the Department obtained independent advice and a view analysis on potential view impacts to Martin Place resulting from the proposed envelope for the tower on the South Site. The advice received found that the proposed 8 metre setback for the tower, combined with the requirement for the development to be of high quality design, would neither impose on the public plaza of Martin Place nor impede key views to the GPO clock tower. In making this decision, the Department was aware of City of Sydney Council's decision to approve a new building at 60 Martin Place, which also reduced the setback of the tower to Martin Place (to approximately 5m).
99	Is the Government meeting its 2011 election commitment to the priority sewage program? (a) Which areas are not meeting that commitment?	The Government is meeting its 2011 election commitment.

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100	Following the appointment of John Brogden as interim CEP, was a new recruitment process for the appointment of a permanent CEO undertaken? (a) If yes: i. Who ran this recruitment process? ii. How many applicants were there? iii. How many people were interviewed? iv. What were the skills and qualifications of those interviewed? (b) If no: i. Why was a competitive recruitment process not undertaken? ii. Who made the decision to not proceed with a competitive recruitment process?	Yes. a) Spenser Stuart. a)ii As this was an executive search process rather than a candidate application process, the executive search firm actively considered 252 people (including from private and public sector, property and infrastructure, located intrastate, interstate and overseas). Of these people actively considered, the executive search firm spoke to 61 of those identified, 28 went on to participate in telephone screening before 12 were interviewed face to face by the executive search firm. Five of those interviewed went on to be interviewed by the Board of Landcom. a)iii Refer to answer 100(a)ii. a)iv Refer attached.
101	Why was a permanent chair not appointed to the Landcom Board prior to the appointment of the CEO?	A selection process was being undertaken to appoint the permanent chair. This process was being facilitated by NSW Treasury as the representative for the Shareholder Ministers.
102	Part 2, Section 8 of the Landcom Act requires that the Landcom Board consist of 7 directors. How long has it been since Landcom had 7 directors?	July 2017.
103	How many directors were on the Board at the time of Mr Brogden's appointment?	There were six Directors on the Landcom Board at the time of Mr Brogden's appointment as Interim CEO, including Mr Brogden who did not participate in this decision. There were five Directors on the Board at the time of Mr Brogden's appointment as permanent CEO.
104	How many directors have resigned or not sought reappointment since 1 July 2017?	Two directors have resigned prior to their term expiring (Karen Penrose resigned effective 31 July 2017, and Matthew Quinn resigned effective 27 April 2018), one director was not reappointed at the conclusion of their term (Prof Ken Maher in December 2017), and one director did not seek another term at the conclusion of her term (Gai McGrath in June 2018). Mr Brogden served two terms as Chair and his second term was extended by approx. four months whilst he was the Acting CEO. This term expired in APRIL 2018 and Mr Brogden no longer holds a directorship with Landcom.
105	Did the shareholder Ministers consult with the Planning Minister prior to the appointment of Ms Suzanne Jones as Chair in May 2018?	Yes.
106	Did the Minister for Planning have any discussions with Mr Brogden in relation to the appointment of Ms Jones as permanent Chair?	No.
107	How did the Landcom People Matters Survey results compare to the rest of the public service?	Landcom's engagement index was 1 percentage point above the public sector.
108	How many FTE staff were employed at the HDC for each of the following years: (a) 2011; (b) 2012; (c) 2013; (d) 2014; (e) 2015; (f) 2016; (g) 2017; & (h) 2018?	(a) 2011; - 20.0 (b) 2012; - 18.0 (c) 2013; - 17.0 (d) 2014; - 15.6 (e) 2015; - 14.6 (f) 2016; - 15.8 (g) 2017; - 12.8 (h) 2018 - 22.6
109	What is the cost of wages for the HDC for each of the following years: (a) 2011; (b) 2012; (c) 2013; (d) 2014; (e) 2015; (f) 2016; (g) 2017; & (h) 2018?	(a) FY2011; \$2,408,000 (b) FY2012; - \$2,498,000 (c) FY2013; - \$2,120,000 (d) FY2014; - \$2,168,000 (e) FY2015; - \$2,171,000 (f) FY2016; - \$2,095,000; NB: From (and including) FY2016, Long Service Leave was assumed by the Crown. It is no longer included in the cost of salaries and wages. (g) FY2017; - \$2,526,000 (h) FY2018 - \$3,447,000
110	How much has HDC spent on advertising for each of the following years: (a) 2011; (b) 2012; (c) 2013; (d) 2014; (e) 2015; (f) 2016; (g) 2017; & (h) 2018	(a) FY2011; \$805 (AAP) (b) FY2012; \$381 (AAP) (c) FY2013; \$315 (AAP) (d) FY2014; \$571 (AAP) (e) FY2015; \$311 (AAP) (f) FY2016; \$400 (AAP) (g) FY2017; \$1,663 (AAP) (h) FY2018; \$7,007 (AAP + Blaze)
111	What is the cost of consultants engaged by HDC for each of the following years: (a) 2011; (b) 2012; (c) 2013; (d) 2014; (e) 2015; (f) 2016; (g) 2017; & (h) 2018?	(a) 2011; Nil (b) 2012; Nil (c) 2013; Nil (d) 2014; Nil (e) 2015; Nil (f) 2016; Nil (g) 2017; Nil (h) 2018; Nil
112	When will the Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan be released? (a) What has been the delay in releasing the plan? (b) What changes have been made to the plan? (c) Who has the Government consulted with regarding changes to the plan?	The final Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan is expected to be released in 2018. The NSW Government has carefully considered submissions made and the draft Plan is being amended to respond to the issues raised by the community and stakeholders. The government has consulted on the draft Plan through public exhibition and consultation with key stakeholders including council, industry and the community.

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113	How many affordable housing property has the government delivered for each of the following years: (a) 2011; (b) 2012; (c) 2013; (d) 2014; (e) 2015; (f) 2016; (g) 2017; (h) 2018?	The NSW planning system facilitates diverse and affordable housing types through the State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 (ARHSEPP) and the State Environmental Planning Policy No. 70 - Affordable Housing (Revised Schemes) (SEPP70).
114	How many affordable housing property has the government delivered in the Newcastle electorate for each of the following years: (a) 2011; (b) 2012; (c) 2013; (d) 2014; (e) 2015; (f) 2016; (g) 2017; & (h) 2018?	The NSW planning system facilitates diverse and affordable housing types through the State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 (ARHSEPP) and the State Environmental Planning Policy No. 70 - Affordable Housing (Revised Schemes) (SEPP70).
115	Of the over \$2.4billion allocated to the Housing Acceleration Fund how much has been spent in the Newcastle electorate?	The Housing Acceleration Fund program has received \$1.566 billion in funding. Of this, \$44.2 million has been allocated to projects in the Newcastle electorate. HAF Round 5 is currently going through Gate 1 Strategic Assessment review of Infrastructure NSW's Infrastructure Investor Assurance Framework.
116	Residents who have purchased land and housing packages in a new Rose Corp development at Gwandalan have been demanding answers in relation to a park that was included on the original proposal and subsequently deleted. (a) How often are developers permitted to recategorise land set aside for public use and recreation in order to increase the retail value of the overall development? (b) Does the Minister accept that some developers view consent conditions imposed by approval authorities as flexible, and begin development with no intention of complying with those consent conditions? i. Does the Minister believe that the current safeguards against this sort of approach are sufficient to protect potential property buyers?	(a) Under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the EP&A Act) the Department must accept and consider applications to modify development consents. Each application is assessed on its merits against the relevant requirements of the EP&A Act. In the case of the Gwandalan modification, the Department approved the deletion of the park due to safety concerns because it was surrounded by roads and because the park did not meet Council's size requirements. However, the Department's approval requires the developer to make a local development contribution to Council towards the delivery of a district level play space at Tunkwallin Oval and a shared pathway linking the development site to the park. The modification request and the Department's assessment can be viewed on the Department's website. at: http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/ (b) No, for the reasons set out above.
117	Please note there has been an evacuation alert for East Heathcote in January this year with an out of control Bush Fire 8km away in the Royal National Park at Waterfall and Bundeena. (a) Planning Minister, are you aware that the Greater Sydney Commission, Southern Sydney Planning Panel is considering approving a development application of 55 apartments, at 5 levels, and the probability of a commercial interest in the Heritage Listed historic Heathcote Hall, in an isolated part of Heathcote East, surrounded by 15,000 hectares of the Royal National Park, with 1 road in and out, no evacuation procedures and a Council zoning of E4, due to it being a bushfire prone area? (b) Sutherland Shire Council, Local Emergency Management Committee, NSW RS and in turn the SSPP, have been compromised with unprofessional advice as witnessed at the Panel hearing and documented in Assessment Reports. i. Is the Minister prepared to intervene, meet with residents and community groups and their families, understand the issues and have this life threatening development reviewed before lives are put at risk in the event of a major fire? (c) Can the Minister explain why minutes are not made available from the SSPP meeting held with the East Heathcote Community on the evening of the 28th June 2018? (d) Is the Minister aware that due process was not given to the community attending the SSPP Hearings? Examples: Community Speakers were prevented from using a large photograph of the 2001 effects of the bush fires in the Royal National Park around the three sides of East Heathcote; they were also prevented from using the existing audio visual equipment in the room. The developers were permitted to make extensive use of their numerous drawings of the proposed development. Time limits for speakers (individuals and groups) were enforced but not for the Developer. They well and truly exceeded their time limit and with no consequence. Helen Lochhead Chairman of the SSPP failed to enforce her directions to the Developer's Architect Karla Castellanos when she addressed the SSPP and the community. The Chairperson twice requested the Architect to address the concerns of the residents – effects on amenities and significant bush fire threats. No attempt was made to enforce this request.	(a) Yes, I understand the independent Sydney South Planning Panel is the consent authority for this development application. (b) No. The Sydney South Planning Panel is an independent determining body, not subject to the Minister's direction or control. (c) The Panel's record of deferral requiring further information to be supplied to it is on the Panel's website and an audio recording of the meeting is also available on the website. These have been on the website since 5 July 2018. (d) The Chair has discretion in the time allocated for speakers and for allowing the presentation of visual materials.
118	In both 2017 and 2018, the Minister stated in the Estimates Hearing that local government 'is happy to bear the cost' of Local Planning Panels. Which specific councils have conveyed their appreciation to the Minister for having this additional cost put on to them and their ratepayers?	No council has written to the Department of Planning and Environment stating they are 'happy to bear the cost' of Local Planning Panels.
119	Does your Department support the Eurobodalla Rural Lands Strategy, which has been adopted by the local council despite the written concerns of five state government agencies and numerous community organisations? (a) If so, why? (b) If not, why not?	The Department has not received Eurobodalla Shire Council's Rural Lands Strategy for endorsement.
120	Will the cycleway along the waterfront at Wentworth Point be closed at any stage of the Sekisui Development along Hill Rd in Wentworth Point?	Sekisui House is a private developer. Landcom is not involved in this development.
121	Will the government be selling the last remaining RMS land adjacent to Peninsula Park at Wentworth Point? (a) If so, when? (b) Have any plans by any agency been formulated for this site? (c) Has RMS submitted a formal planning proposal for this land to City of Parramatta Council Parramatta Council? (d) Has the traffic section of RMS made any objections to development plans for this site?	Q121, a), b), c) & d) Questions about this landholding should be directed to the landowner Roads and Maritime Services.
122	What is the budget for Peninsula Park development for (a) 2018-19, (b) 19-20 (c) 20-21.	a) \$15m. b) \$40m. c) \$5m.

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123	When will work at Peninsula Park commence?	Subject to City of Parramatta approvals, construction is expected to start in late of 2018.
124	What is the budget for the new Marina development at Wentworth Point for 2018-19 (a) 19-20 (b) 20-21?	Q124, a) & b) This is not a Landcom project. Roads and Maritime Services are responsible for delivering this marina.
125	What is the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each agency within your portfolio in 2018-19?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: Savings from the NSW Government's efficiency dividend are outlined in the Budget Papers. LANDCOM: Not applicable to State Owned Corporations (SOCs).
126	What is the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each agency within your portfolio in 2019-20?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: Savings from the NSW Government's efficiency dividend are outlined in the Budget Papers. LANDCOM: Not applicable to State Owned Corporations (SOCs).
127	What is the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each agency within your portfolio in 2020-21?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: Savings from the NSW Government's efficiency dividend are outlined in the Budget Papers. LANDCOM: Not applicable to State Owned Corporations (SOCs).
128	What is the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each agency within your portfolio in 2021-22?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: Savings from the NSW Government's efficiency dividend are outlined in the Budget Papers. LANDCOM: Not applicable to State Owned Corporations (SOCs).
129	What was the total efficiency dividend that was achieved for each agency within your portfolio between 2011-12 and 2017-18 inclusively?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: Savings from the NSW Government's efficiency dividend are outlined in the Budget Papers. LANDCOM: Not applicable to State Owned Corporations (SOCs).
130	How many nights' travel were claimed by the Minister during the 2017-18 period?	In 2017/18, total expenditure by the Ministry on domestic travel was \$676,372 – compared with \$852,187 in 2009/10 under Labor. This is 20 per cent less than under Labor.
131	How many nights' travel were claimed by the Minister's spouse during the 2017-18 period?	In 2017/18, total expenditure by the Ministry on domestic travel was \$676,372 – compared with \$852,187 in 2009/10 under Labor. This is 20 per cent less than under Labor.
132	What was the total amount of travel allowances claimed by the Minister and their spouse (if applicable) during 2017-18?	In 2017/18, total expenditure by the Ministry on domestic travel was \$676,372 – compared with \$852,187 in 2009/10 under Labor. This is 20 per cent less than under Labor.
133	What is the total amount of meal allowances claimed by the Minister and their spouse (if applicable) during 2017-18?	In 2017/18, total expenditure by the Ministry on domestic travel was \$676,372 – compared with \$852,187 in 2009/10 under Labor. This is 20 per cent less than under Labor.
134	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?	Ministers' Office staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website. Refer to: https://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/publications/premiers-and-ministers-staff-numbers
135	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?	There were 303 smart phones allocated across the Ministers' IT Network in 2017-18. The total usage cost of these smart phones and other mobile devices (including iPads) was \$236,984, a 46% per cent reduction on the 2009-10 expenditure of \$434,854. There were 3 devices lost/stolen across the Ministerial Offices during the 2017/2018. The cost of replacing any lost or stolen devices is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund. Repairs are funded by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Corporate and Ministerial Services.
136	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?	There were 135 iPads in use across the Ministers' IT network in 2017-18. The cost of replacing any lost or stolen devices is claimed through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund. Repairs are funded by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Corporate and Ministerial Services.
137	Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2017-18? (a) What is the cost of this?	Artwork in the Premier's office includes art donated at no cost and artwork on loan from the Art Gallery of NSW for which the Gallery charges a nominal subscription fee.
138	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?	Floral arrangements purchased by the Ministry are managed within Ministerial office budgets.
139	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?	Floral arrangements purchased by the Ministry are managed within Ministerial office budgets.
140	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?	The Minister's office subscribes to a modest number of publications, the costs of which are managed within the office's budget.
141	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?	Gifts are presented to dignitaries during overseas missions and to dignitaries visiting NSW.
142	Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office? (a) What is the monthly cost of this?	No.
143	What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle? (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?	Ministers, the Leader of the Opposition, other nominated public office holders and certain former office holders are provided with official cars and drivers. During 2017-18 all costs associated with these vehicles were paid from the relevant office's budget.
144	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	Expenditure on taxis, hire cars and ride share services in 2017-18 across the Ministry was \$89,496. This compares with 2009-10 expenditure of \$175,776.
145	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?	Expenditure on charter flights for the Ministry totalled \$18,695 in 2017-18. This compares with expenditure in 2009-10 of \$281,567.
146	Has your department adopted "agile working environment/activity based working" practices – e.g. hot-desking?	DPE: No.

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147	If not, are there plans to introduce activity based working practices in 2018-19?	DPE: No.
148	How much has your department spent in the roll-out of the agile working environment Including laptops, furniture, lockers and other equipment?	DPE: Nil.
149	How much did your ministerial office spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2017-18?	Expenditure on hospitality across the Ministry totalled \$25,350 in 2017-18 – which includes catering for stakeholder meetings and courtesy calls with visiting dignitaries.
150	How much did your Department/agency spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2017-18?	Costs are managed within each agency's recurrent budget.
151	Do any Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities utilise the services of Labour Hire Firms?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: The Planning & Environment Cluster uses Labour Hire firms, in accordance with NSW Public Service policies to cover temporary vacancies as required. There are no central records maintained, with operations authorised to make such arrangements, subject to their overall labour expense cap. LANDCOM: Yes.
152	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	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: The Planning & Environment Cluster uses Labour Hire firms, in accordance with NSW Public Service policies to cover temporary vacancies as required. There are no central records maintained, with operations authorised to make such arrangements, subject to their overall labour expense cap. LANDCOM: (a) - (g) Refer attached.
153	How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: Staff numbers are included in the Annual Report. LANDCOM: 1.
154	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?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: Staff numbers undertaking media or public relations activities are commensurate with need and can go down or up as required. LANDCOM: One at \$158,387
155	What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: The NSW Government purchases all commercial media monitoring centrally through the Department of Premier and Cabinet which delivers significant savings through aggregated procurement. LANDCOM: In FY18 Landcom's total expenditure for social media monitoring was \$30,905.45.
156	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?	No.
157	How much did your ministerial office spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2017-18?	No taxpayer money has been spent on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts.
158	How much did your Department/agency spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2017-18?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: Where appropriate social media is used by agencies alongside other forms of advertising as a cost effective medium of communication. LANDCOM: \$88,558.43 for project sales and marketing
159	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?	Details of overseas travel including costs are published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website.
160	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?	Details of overseas travel including costs are published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website.

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161	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	<p>All Departments' travel in 2017-18 was accordance with NSW Treasury and Finance Circular OFS-2014-07. In addition, for DPE, travel accords with the Department's Taxi Use and Cabcharge Policy.</p> <p>a) taxi hire - \$176,168 b) limousine / private car hire - separate data not available c) hire car rental - \$100,460 d) ridesharing services - \$26,564</p> <p>OSL a) taxi hire - \$53 b) limousine / private car hire - separate data not available c) hire car rental - \$10,255 d) ridesharing services - separate data not available</p> <p>HDC a) taxi hire - \$785 b) limousine / private car hire - separate data not available c) hire car rental - \$0 d) ridesharing services - \$0</p> <p>CCRDC a) taxi hire - \$45 b) limousine / private car hire - separate data not available c) hire car rental - \$0 d) ridesharing services - \$0</p> <p>GSC a) taxi hire - \$15,909 b) limousine / private car hire - separate data not available c) hire car rental - \$0 d) ridesharing services - \$0</p> <p>LANDCOM (a) (d) In FY18, Landcom spent \$27,000 on fares, including public transport, taxi, tolls and car hire. Landcom does not split out fares between the categories.</p>
162	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?	<p>DPE: No, OSL: No, HDC: No, CCRDC: No. GSC: No. LANDCOM: No.</p>
163	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?	<p>DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: The Financial Statements, including expenditure on consultants, are available in agency annual reports. LANDCOM: Legal costs were incurred for general project advice, capital transactions, corporate governance and litigation. Of the \$1.6m spent, \$284,000 was incurred due to the Landcom/UGDC organisational separation and \$164,000 for projects that have now been transferred to UGDC.</p>
164	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	<p>DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: The Financial Statements, including expenditure on consultants, are available in agency annual reports. LANDCOM: a) Social Media - No, social media is managed in house b) Photography - \$180,398.73 (including \$100,106.36 for corporate photography, and \$80,292.37 for project sales and marketing photography) c) Acting training - \$Nil d) Ergonomics - \$5,854</p>
165	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?	<p>DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: Voluntary redundancies are a component for agencies to achieve their efficiency dividends. Redundancy figures across the sector for 2017/18 are anticipated to be in the order of 736, totalling 13,075 since July 2011. The Labour Expense Cap introduced in the 2012-13 Budget also continues to give Secretaries as much flexibility as possible to achieve these savings in the most appropriate ways to meet the service requirements of their agencies. Frontline staff such as, nurses, police officers and school teachers have been quarantined from this measure. LANDCOM: a): 11 a)ii: 0. b) \$1,103,848.10.</p>
166	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?	<p>DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: Voluntary redundancies are a component for agencies to achieve their efficiency dividends. Redundancy figures across the sector for 2017/18 are anticipated to be in the order of 736, totalling 13,075 since July 2011. The Labour Expense Cap introduced in the 2012-13 Budget also continues to give Secretaries as much flexibility as possible to achieve these savings in the most appropriate ways to meet the service requirements of their agencies. Frontline staff such as, nurses, police officers and school teachers have been quarantined from this measure. LANDCOM: No. a) Nil. b) Nil.</p>

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167	Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?	Robert Vellar is on secondment from the Department of Planning
168	How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2017-18? (a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: Voluntary redundancies are a component for agencies to achieve their efficiency dividends. Redundancy figures across the sector for 2017/18 are anticipated to be in the order of 736, totalling 13,075 since July 2011. The Labour Expense Cap introduced in the 2012-13 Budget also continues to give Secretaries as much flexibility as possible to achieve these savings in the most appropriate ways to meet the service requirements of their agencies. Frontline staff such as, nurses, police officers and school teachers have been quarantined from this measure. LANDCOM: 5. a) 4 staff had their contract terminated early. Staff was terminated in probation.
169	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?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: IT costs are managed within each agency's budget and in accordance with NSW Government's ICT and procurement policies and frameworks. LANDCOM: No. a) Nil. a)j Nil.
170	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?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: IT costs are managed within each agency's budget and in accordance with NSW Government's ICT and procurement policies and frameworks. LANDCOM: Landcom only has an Android administration account. In FY18 there has not been any expenditure on applications through Android.
171	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.	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: All NSW Government agencies are required to impose surcharges to recoup their merchant interchange fees, pursuant to Treasury Circular TC12/13. Staff only use their Pcards for the purchase of goods and services for official business purposes. If particular vendors elect to impose a merchant fee on card transactions, that is an unavoidable cost of doing business. It would not be possible to determine fees charges to Departmental cards, as these would either be embedded in the individual transaction cost, or if separately disclosed would require each monthly card statement for each user to be reviewed. LANDCOM: We only use credit facilities for taking reservation fees on lots. Customers are not charged a merchant fee.
172	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.	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: All NSW Government agencies are required to impose surcharges to recoup their merchant interchange fees, pursuant to Treasury Circular TC12/13. Staff only use their Pcards for the purchase of goods and services for official business purposes. If particular vendors elect to impose a merchant fee on card transactions, that is an unavoidable cost of doing business. It would not be possible to determine fees charges to Departmental cards, as these would either be embedded in the individual transaction cost, or if separately disclosed would require each monthly card statement for each user to be reviewed. LANDCOM: Customers are not on-charged a merchant fee.
173	What was the total amount paid in merchant fees on credit and/or debit card payments in your Department/agency in 2017-18?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: All NSW Government agencies are required to impose surcharges to recoup their merchant interchange fees, pursuant to Treasury Circular TC12/13. Staff only use their Pcards for the purchase of goods and services for official business purposes. If particular vendors elect to impose a merchant fee on card transactions, that is an unavoidable cost of doing business. It would not be possible to determine fees charges to Departmental cards, as these would either be embedded in the individual transaction cost, or if separately disclosed would require each monthly card statement for each user to be reviewed. LANDCOM: \$5,614
174	Has your office or department used a Probity Auditor or Probity Advisors, or similar, in the past five years? (a) If so please list the company and/or individual, the project, the engagement dates, and their total remuneration in tabular format.	In accordance with the NSW Procurement Board's Direction (PBD-2013-05), the Department of Premier and Cabinet has internal mechanisms in place to ensure that probity considerations are routinely taken into account in its procurement decisions, and the use of external probity advisers and auditors is the exception rather than the rule. The Department's Annual Report includes all consultancies including those involving probity advisers valued more than \$50,000.

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175	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?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC, GSC: (a) Section 6.18 of the Public Service Industrial Relations Guide provides guidance to staff and management on appropriate strategies for supporting a staff member experiencing domestic violence. This guidance further references Section 84A of the Award (leave for matters arising from domestic violence) and Treasury Circular 14-16 Support for Employees Experiencing Domestic Violence. (b) Section 84A was added to the Award in 2011. (c) All staff members employed under the Award in a cluster agency are entitled to be absent from the workplace due to an incident of domestic violence if required. Similar clauses apply to agencies covered by their own negotiated agreements. (d) It is not a separate leave type. (e)-(g) In accordance with the Award, staff may utilise all available Family and Community Service Leave, Sick Leave and Carer's Leave to assist with managing domestic violence circumstances. If this leave is unavailable special leave maybe granted up to five days per calendar year. (h) All staff, their families and contractors have access to the Employee Assistance Program. LANDCOM: a) Clause 54 in the Landcom Award. b) Landcom Award 2010 (Variation 2012) effective 1 July 2012. c) All employees eligible. d) 2012-2013 - Nil, 2013-2014 - Nil, 2014-2015 - Nil, 2015-2016 - 9, 2016-2017 - Nil, 2017-2018 - Nil. e) 5. f) 2015-2016 - 5 days. g) 15 days plus any accumulated sick accrued and not utilised from previous years. h) All staff and contractors have access to Employee Assistance Programs.
176	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	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC, GSC: None. a) DPE provides general Privacy and Personal Information Protection online training. Staff also have access to Employee Assistance Programs. b) Leave is available for those needing assistance, including family and carers leave. LANDCOM: Nil to date. This is being incorporated in Landcom's FY19 Employee Wellbeing strategy and implementation plan
177	Who has provided training on domestic violence in the workplace?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC, GSC: None. LANDCOM: Nil to date. This is being incorporated in Landcom's FY19 Employee Wellbeing strategy and implementation plan. The People & Culture team provide individualised coaching and support to management on an adds needs basis
178	What percentage of staff in each agency has undertaken domestic violence training?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC, GSC: None. LANDCOM: Nil to date. This is being incorporated in Landcom's FY19 Employee Wellbeing strategy and implementation plan
179	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?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC, GSC: The Department complies with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. LANDCOM: All records are under appropriate levels of access.
180	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?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC, GSC: Anti-bullying and harassment training is mandatory at the Department of Planning and Environment. Staff across all agencies undertake compulsory anti-bullying and harassment training. LANDCOM: a) Actions to review and address concerns with regards to bullying and inappropriate workplace behaviour began immediately following receipt of the Dec 2017 Employee Survey results. Awareness building commenced in April 2018. Updated policies and procedures launched on June 25. Education campaign commenced in July with dates scheduled for the remainder of 2018. b) This is underway. All ongoing, term and contingent employees will undergo training appropriate to their role. The training will be built into induction and ongoing compliance programs. c) Yes. d) This varies depending on the type of role and employment arrangements. e) Combination of Landcom and external partners including Elmo, Communicorp and IHR.
181	Is the program tailored to take into consideration specific needs of LGBTQIA, ATSI and CALD or other at risk groups? (a) How? (b) How?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC, GSC: Specific training modules address CALD, ATSI and LGBTQ groups. LANDCOM: Yes. a) Program will be custom designed to the requirements of Landcom, including our Diversity & Inclusion Policy.
182	What percentage of staff in each agency has undertaken sexual harassment and anti-bullying training and awareness programs? (a) How many complaints have been initiated in relation to: (b) Sexual harassment (c) Bullying (d) Workplace violence	(INSERT W-o-G/Govt-wide response) For a), b), c) & d) - DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC, GSC: Anti-bullying and harassment training is mandatory at the Department of Planning and Environment. All complaints relating to sexual harassment, bullying and workplace violence are managed in accordance with the Department's Prevention and Management of Bullying and Harassment in the Workplace Policy. LANDCOM: Actions to review and address concerns with regards to bullying and inappropriate workplace behaviour began immediately following receipt of the Dec 2017 Employee Survey results. Awareness building commenced in April 2018. Updated policies and procedures launched on June 25. Education campaign commenced in July with dates scheduled for the remainder of 2018.

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183	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?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: (a) - (d) This information is publicly available in each agency's Annual Report. (e) All agencies use gender balance on interview panels as well as offering flexible working arrangements to allow better management of work and home commitments. Agencies continue to promote diversity and inclusion strategies which promote a workplace free from social biases of any kind. (f) All equivalent positions determined by an objective assessment of their work value are paid the same salary within all agencies. The relevant distribution of women in each classification of work across the sector is reported by the Public Service Commission (PSC) but is also available in the agency's Annual Report. (g) The workforce profile data collected by the PSC is made available to Women NSW. LANDCOM: (a) 83 female, 49%. (b) People managers - 16 Females, 36%. (c) ExCo - a team of 8, 3 Females, 37.5%. (d) Annual Report. (e) Launch of Diversity and Inclusion Policy, creation of action planning group within the organisation, gender equity in our Future Leaders program and leadership in other development programs, inclusion of females to lead strategic priority outcome initiatives with mentoring/sponsorship of EGMs, proactively seek female applicants within recruitment for leadership positions. (f) Pay is based on value of position. Males and females are paid equally. (g) No.
184	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?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: NSW Government Agencies procure their energy supplies under whole of government Contracts 776 (small sites under 100,000 kwh per annum) and 777. Under these contracts the following suppliers are mandated: • 776 – Origin Energy Electricity Limited • 777 - ERMPower Retail Pty Ltd The NSW Government Resource Efficiency Policy was introduced in 2014 to reduce the NSW Government's operating costs and lead by example in increasing the efficiency of the resources it uses. This policy ensures NSW Government agencies: • meet the challenge of rising costs for energy, water, clean air and waste management • use purchasing power to drive down the cost of resource-efficient technologies and services • show leadership by incorporating resource efficiency in decision-making. The Policy's energy measures, targets and standards include: E1: Targets to undertake energy efficiency projects E2: Minimum NABERS Energy ratings for offices and data centres E3: Minimum standards for new electrical appliances and equipment E4: Minimum standards for new buildings E5: Identify and enable solar leasing opportunities E6: Minimum fuel efficiency standards for new light vehicles E7: Purchase 6% GreenPower NSW Government agencies are required to report on energy use under the Government Resource Efficiency Policy. The Office of Environment and Heritage publishes progress reports on compliance with the policy. LANDCOM: a) 2014-15 = \$177,186.64 with 47% renewable (source unknown), b) 2015-16 = \$192,511.72 with 51% renewable (source unknown), c) 2016-17 = \$208,430.62 with 39% renewable (source unknown), d) 2017-18 = \$169,610.18 with 50% renewable (source unknown).
185	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.	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: Refer to answer provided for Question 184. LANDCOM: a) 2014-15 = 47% renewable (source unknown), b) 2015-16 = 51% renewable (source unknown), c) 2016-17 = 39% renewable (source unknown), d) 2017-18 = 50% renewable (source unknown).
186	How much money was spent on electricity for each agency in your portfolio by name in each of the above financial years	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC & GSC: Refer to answer provided for Question 184. LANDCOM: 2014-15 = \$194,905.30, 2015-16 = \$211,762.89, 2016-17 = \$229,273.68, 2017-18 = \$186,571.20.
187	What was the name of the energy supplier to each agency in your portfolio by name for those financial years?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC, GSC: Refer to answer provided for Question 184. LANDCOM: 2014/2015 Energy Australia, AGL, ERM Power, Origin Energy; 2015/2016 ERM Power, Origin Energy, AGL, Energy Australia; 2017/2018 ERM Power, AGL, Energy Australia, Origin Energy.
188	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?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC, GSC: Refer to answer provided for Question 184. LANDCOM: For a), b), c) & d) \$60,000.
189	What proportion of that electricity is it estimated will come from renewable sources, for each year?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC, GSC: Refer to answer provided for Question 184. LANDCOM: 47% renewable.
190	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.)?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC, GSC: Refer to answer provided for Question 184. LANDCOM: Coal 53%, Renewable (solar, wind, etc.) 47%.
191	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?	DPE, OSL, HDC, CCRDC, GSC: Refer to answer provided for Question 184. LANDCOM: (a) - (d) Origin Energy.
192	What is the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each agency within your portfolio in 2018-19?	Repeat/similar to Question 125 – asked for different portfolio.
193	What is the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each agency within your portfolio in 2019-20?	Repeat/similar to Question 126 – asked for different portfolio.
194	What is the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each agency within your portfolio in 2020-21?	Repeat/similar to Question 127 – asked for different portfolio.
195	What is the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each agency within your portfolio in 2021-22?	Repeat/similar to Question 128 – asked for different portfolio.
196	What was the total efficiency dividend that was achieved for each agency within your portfolio between 2011-12 and 2017-18 inclusively?	Repeat/similar to Question 129 – asked for different portfolio.
197	How many nights' travel were claimed by the Minister during the 2017-18 period?	Repeat/similar to Question 130 – asked for different portfolio.
198	How many nights' travel were claimed by the Minister's spouse during the 2017-18 period?	Repeat/similar to Question 131 – asked for different portfolio.
199	What was the total amount of travel allowances claimed by the Minister and their spouse (if applicable) during 2017-18?	Repeat/similar to Question 132 – asked for different portfolio.
200	What is the total amount of meal allowances claimed by the Minister and their spouse (if applicable) during 2017-18?	Repeat/similar to Question 133 – asked for different portfolio.

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201	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 134 – asked for different portfolio.
202	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 135 – asked for different portfolio.
203	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 136 – asked for different portfolio.
204	Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2017-18? (a) What is the cost of this?	Repeat/similar to Question 137 – asked for different portfolio.
205	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 138 – asked for different portfolio.
206	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 139 – asked for different portfolio.
207	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 140 – asked for different portfolio.
208	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 141 – asked for different portfolio.
209	Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office? (a) What is the monthly cost of this?	Repeat/similar to Question 142 – asked for different portfolio.
210	What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle? (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?	Repeat/similar to Question 143 – asked for different portfolio.
211	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	Repeat/similar to Question 144 – asked for different portfolio.
212	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 145 – asked for different portfolio.
213	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 146 & 147 – asked for different portfolio.
214	How much has your department spent in the roll-out of the agile working environment including laptops, furniture, lockers and other equipment?	Repeat/similar to Question 148 – asked for different portfolio.
215	How much did your ministerial office spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2017-18?	Repeat/similar to Question 149 – asked for different portfolio.
216	How much did your Department/agency spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2017-18?	Repeat/similar to Question 150 – asked for different portfolio.
217	Do any Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities utilise the services of Labour Hire Firms?	Repeat/similar to Question 151 – asked for different portfolio.
218	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	Repeat/similar to Question 152 – asked for different portfolio.
219	How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?	Repeat/similar to Question 153 – asked for different portfolio
220	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 154 – asked for different portfolio
221	What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?	Repeat/similar to Question 155 – asked for different portfolio
222	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 156 – asked for different portfolio
223	How much did your ministerial office spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2017-18?	Repeat/similar to Question 157 – asked for different portfolio
224	How much did your Department/agency spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2017-18?	Repeat/similar to Question 158 – asked for different portfolio
225	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 159 – asked for different portfolio
226	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 160 – asked for different portfolio
227	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	Repeat/similar to Question 161 – asked for different portfolio
228	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 162 – asked for different portfolio

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229	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 163 – asked for different portfolio
230	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	Repeat/similar to Question 164 – asked for different portfolio
231	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 165 – asked for different portfolio
232	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 166 – asked for different portfolio
233	Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?	Repeat/similar to Question 167 – asked for different portfolio
234	How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2017-18? (a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?	Repeat/similar to Question 168 – asked for different portfolio
235	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 169 – asked for different portfolio
236	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 170 – asked for different portfolio
237	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.	Repeat/similar to Question 171 – asked for different portfolio
238	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.	Repeat/similar to Question 172 – asked for different portfolio
239	What was the total amount paid in merchant fees on credit and/or debit card payments in your Department/agency in 2017-18?	Repeat/similar to Question 173 – asked for different portfolio
240	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.	Repeat/similar to Question 174 – asked for different portfolio
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242	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	Repeat/similar to Question 176 – asked for different portfolio
243	Who has provided training on domestic violence in the workplace?	Repeat/similar to Question 177 – asked for different portfolio
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245	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 179 – asked for different portfolio
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247	What percentage of staff in each agency has undertaken sexual harassment and anti-bullying training and awareness programs? (a) How many complaints have been initiated in relation to: (b) Sexual harassment (c) Bullying (d) Workplace violence	Repeat/similar to Question 182 – asked for different portfolio

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249	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 184 – asked for different portfolio
250	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.	Repeat/similar to Question 185 – asked for different portfolio
251	How much money was spent on electricity for each agency in your portfolio by name in each of the above financial years?	Repeat/similar to Question 186 – asked for different portfolio
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257	What is the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each agency within your portfolio in 2018-19?	Repeat/similar to Question 125 – asked for different portfolio
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268	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 136 – asked for different portfolio.
269	Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2017-18? (a) What is the cost of this?	Repeat/similar to Question 137 – asked for different portfolio.
270	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	Repeat/similar to Question 138 – asked for different portfolio.
271	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 139 – asked for different portfolio.
272	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 140 – asked for different portfolio.
273	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 141 – asked for different portfolio.
274	Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office? (a) What is the monthly cost of this	Repeat/similar to Question 142 – asked for different portfolio.
275	What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle? (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?	Repeat/similar to Question 143 – asked for different portfolio.
276	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	Repeat/similar to Question 144 – asked for different portfolio.

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277	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 145 – asked for different portfolio.
278	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 146 & 147– asked for different portfolio.
279	How much has your department spent in the roll-out of the agile working environment including laptops, furniture, lockers and other equipment?	Repeat/similar to Question 148– asked for different portfolio.
280	How much did your ministerial office spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2017-18?	Repeat/similar to Question 149 – asked for different portfolio.
281	How much did your Department/agency spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2017-18?	Repeat/similar to Question 150 – asked for different portfolio.
282	Do any Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities utilise the services of Labour Hire Firms?	Repeat/similar to Question 151 – asked for different portfolio.
283	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	Repeat/similar to Question 152 – asked for different portfolio.
284	How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?	Repeat/similar to Question 153 – asked for different portfolio
285	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 154 – asked for different portfolio
286	What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities?	Repeat/similar to Question 155 – asked for different portfolio
287	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 156 – asked for different portfolio
288	How much did your ministerial office spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2017-18?	Repeat/similar to Question 157 – asked for different portfolio
289	How much did your Department/agency spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2017-18?	Repeat/similar to Question 158 – asked for different portfolio
290	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 159 – asked for different portfolio
291	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	Repeat/similar to Question 160 – asked for different portfolio
292	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	Repeat/similar to Question 161 – asked for different portfolio
293	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 162 – asked for different portfolio
294	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 163 – asked for different portfolio
295	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	Repeat/similar to Question 164 – asked for different portfolio
296	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 165 – asked for different portfolio
297	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 166 – asked for different portfolio
298	Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibility?	Repeat/similar to Question 167 – asked for different portfolio
299	How many staff were dismissed from Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2017-18? (a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?	Repeat/similar to Question 168 – asked for different portfolio
300	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 169 – asked for different portfolio
301	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 170 – asked for different portfolio
302	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.	Repeat/similar to Question 171 – asked for different portfolio
303	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.	Repeat/similar to Question 172 – asked for different portfolio
304	What was the total amount paid in merchant fees on credit and/or debit card payments in your Department/agency in 2017-18?	Repeat/similar to Question 173 – asked for different portfolio

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305	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.	Repeat/similar to Question 174 – asked for different portfolio
306	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 175 – asked for different portfolio
307	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	Repeat/similar to Question 176 – asked for different portfolio
308	Who has provided training on domestic violence in the workplace?	Repeat/similar to Question 177 – asked for different portfolio
309	What percentage of staff in each agency has undertaken domestic violence training?	Repeat/similar to Question 178 – asked for different portfolio
310	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 179 – asked for different portfolio
311	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 180 & 181 – asked for different portfolio
312	What percentage of staff in each agency has undertaken sexual harassment and anti-bullying training and awareness programs? (a) How many complaints have been initiated in relation to: (b) Sexual harassment (c) Bullying (d) Workplace violence	Repeat/similar to Question 182 – asked for different portfolio
313	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	Repeat/similar to Question 183 – asked for different portfolio.
314	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 184 – asked for different portfolio
315	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.	Repeat/similar to Question 185 – asked for different portfolio
316	How much money was spent on electricity for each agency in your portfolio by name in each of the above financial years?	Repeat/similar to Question 186 – asked for different portfolio
317	What was the name of the energy supplier to each agency in your portfolio by name for those financial years?	Repeat/similar to Question 187 – asked for different portfolio
318	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 188 – asked for different portfolio
319	What proportion of that electricity is it estimated will come from renewable sources, for each year?	Repeat/similar to Question 189 – asked for different portfolio
320	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.)?	Repeat/similar to Question 190 – asked for different portfolio
321	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?	Repeat/similar to Question 191 – asked for different portfolio

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322	How many staff currently employed by the Department of Planning and Environment identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?	The Department's Annual Report complies with the reporting requirements of Annual Reports (Departments) Regulation 2015. Schedule 1 of the Regulation requires each agency's Annual Report to include a statement setting out the workforce diversity achievements of the Department during the reporting year and the key workforce diversity strategies proposed by the Department for the following year, along with diversity statistics. This disclosure includes details in relation Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce participation and executive levels in the public sector. In addition, the Public Service Commission produce an annual report on public sector diversity. The latest report, published on 10 September 2018, highlight that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders represent three per cent of all NSW public sector employees. Further, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in senior leadership roles increased by 14% in 2017 to 71 leaders. The Sector's four key strategies to achieve greater Aboriginal leadership are also detailed in the report.
323	How many staff in total are employed by the Department of Planning and Environment?	Refer to answer provided for Question 322.
324	How many staff currently employed in the regional offices of the Department of Planning and Environment identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?	Refer to answer provided for Question 322.
325	How many staff in total are employed by the Department of Planning and Environment in regional offices?	Refer to answer provided for Question 322.
326	How many staff who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander are currently employed at the executive level in the Department of Planning and Environment?	Refer to answer provided for Question 322.
327	How many staff in total are currently employed at the executive level in the Department of Planning and Environment?	Refer to answer provided for Question 322.
328	What is the average remuneration for staff who do not identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?	Refer to answer provided for Question 322.
329	What is the average remuneration for staff who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?	Refer to answer provided for Question 322.
330	What is the Department of Planning and Environment doing to meet the Council of Australian Governments agreement to a target of 2.6% indigenous employment in the public sector by 2015 as part of the National Partnership Agreement on Indigenous Economic Participation?	Refer to answer provided for Question 322.
331	How many women are currently employed by the Department of Planning and Environment?	Agency Annual Reports are required to include staff gender statistics related to their staff as part of their Diversity Reporting. This includes a breakdown of total staff and also a sub category of executives by gender. The Sector has set a target of 50% of senior leadership being female by 2025, as part of the Premier's Priorities. The Public Service Commission also report on gender equity, which is publicly available.
332	How many staff in total are employed by the Department of Planning and Environment?	Refer to answer provided for Question 331.
333	How many women are currently employed in the regional offices of the the Department of Planning and Environment?	Refer to answer provided for Question 331.
334	How many staff in total are employed by the Department of Planning and Environment in regional offices?	Refer to answer provided for Question 331.
335	How many women are currently employed at the executive level in the Department of Planning and Environment?	Refer to answer provided for Question 331.
336	How many staff in total are currently employed at the executive level in the Department of Planning and Environment?	Refer to answer provided for Question 331.
337	What is the average remuneration for male staff?	Refer to answer provided for Question 331.
338	What is the average remuneration for female staff?	Refer to answer provided for Question 331.
339	Does the Department of Planning and Environment record gender diverse identities for their employees? (a) If yes, how many staff employed by The Department of Planning and Environment are gender diverse? (b) If not, why not?	Refer to answer provided for Question 331.
340	Does the Department of Planning and Environment have any targets regarding employment and remuneration of women? (a) If so, what are they and what is being done to meet them? (b) If not, why not and are there any plans to introduce targets?	Refer to answer provided for Question 331.
341	How many people with a disability are currently employed by the Department of Planning and Environment?	Agency Annual Reports are required to include statistics related to their staff with disabilities as part of their Diversity Reporting. The Public Service Commission's 2017 Workforce Profile Report, highlighted that 2.7% of NSW public sector employees identified as having disability. The Commission has developed several initiatives to create an equitable work environment for people with disability in the NSW public sector. These initiatives are detailed on the PSC website.
342	How many people with a disability are currently employed in the regional offices of the Department of Planning and Environment?	Refer to answer provided for Question 341.
343	How many people with a disability are currently employed at the executive level in the Department of Planning and Environment?	Refer to answer provided for Question 341.
344	How many staff in total are currently employed at the executive level in the Department of Planning and Environment?	Refer to answer provided for Question 341.
345	What is the average remuneration for staff with a disability?	Refer to answer provided for Question 341.
346	Does the Department of Planning and Environment have any targets regarding employment and remuneration of people with a disability? (a) If so, what are they and what is being done to meet them? (b) If not, why not and are there any plans to introduce targets?	Refer to answer provided for Question 341.
347	How was the date determine until which some councils will be exempt from the medium density housing code?	The NSW Government has granted a temporary deferral of the Low Rise Medium Density Housing Code (the Code) to 49 councils until 1 July 2019 and to Ryde City Council until 1 July 2020. The deferral period provides these councils with enough time to update their Local Environmental Plans (LEP) and complete their housing strategy.
348	How many councils have been granted a deferral?	50 councils.
349	How many councils requested a deferral?	50 councils.
350	Did any councils request a deferral and have it denied? If so which council, and why?	No councils were denied their request for a temporary deferral.

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351	Why was the decision made to exempt some councils from the medium density housing code until 100 days after the election? (a) Why was that date selected? (b) What's the difference between council implementing it now and mid next year?	A) the deferral is for 12 months from the introduction of the CODE B) The deferral period provides councils with enough time to ensure their LEPs are updated to reflect their housing strategy.
352	What criteria did the councils have to meet to be granted the exemption?	Deferral was granted to all councils who requested it.
353	How many councils have an "LEP so broken that they require assistance?" (a) Which councils are they?	The NSW Government granted a temporary deferral of the Code to 50 councils who requested it. The deferral period provides councils with enough time to ensure their LEPs are updated to meet the housing needs of their local communities. The councils are listed on the Department's website at https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/housing/medium-density-housing
354	Did any councils receive a longer deferral? (a) If so which ones, and why?	Following a request by Ryde Council to extend the temporary deferral to two years, the NSW Government granted a temporary deferral of the Code to Ryde City Council until 1 July 2020.
355	What is the carbon impact of the coal extracted annually from NSW coal mines?	This is a question for the Minister for Resources.
356	How is it that the planning minister does not have a transparent planning process to guide planning around issuing coal exploration permits?	This is a question for the Minister for Resources.
357	When will the Government introduce a sea level rise guideline that councils are required to follow?	The NSW Coastal Management Manual (2018) provides guidance to councils on the best sea level rise science and data. Councils use this information combined with local information to consider sea level rise in planning and management.
358	What steps is the Minister taking to implement greenhouse gas emissions targets in NSW planning laws?	The NSW Government has a Climate Change Policy Framework that outlines the long-term objectives to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. The Department of Planning and Environment is working with the Office of Environment and Heritage to achieve these objectives.
359	What liaison does the Minister have with local councils regarding the implementation of effective coastal planning guidelines and sea level rise planning benchmarks?	The NSW Government works closely with councils who are responsible for developing coastal management programs. These programs will include consideration of climate change and sea level rise. The Minister for the Environment certifies coastal management programs.
360	What consideration has been given to introducing binding tree canopy targets across Sydney?	A target of 40% has been identified in the GSC Greater Sydney Regional Plan.
361	What are the current canopy trends across NSW?	Canopy cover has been identified for Greater Sydney. Canopy cover across all of NSW has not been measured.
362	How does the department monitor trends?	Canopy trends are to be monitored, across Greater Sydney, using satellite imagery, machine learning and data processing enabling canopy cover of trees to be distinguished from shrubs, grasses and other vegetation.
363	If the department does not monitor this how can it accurately assess the impact of tree removal for development proposals?	See response to question 362.
364	Why has the Government not implemented comprehensive tree protection measures in the Planning Act?	Tree protection measures are within the State Environmental Planning Policy (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017, the Local Land Services Act 2013 and the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016. In addition the Government is committed to preserving and enhancing open green space across metropolitan Sydney and NSW, through initiatives like the Sydney green grid.
365	What guidelines does the department provide for suitable plantings considering the impact on tree cover, encouraging native flora and fauna and asset protection?	The NSW Government has established a tree selector on the Five Million Trees for Greater Sydney website to provide users in Greater Sydney with suitable planting options for their area.
366	How was the figure of 16.8% tree canopy cover in Sydney calculated?	See response to question 23.
367	How much funding was provided by the Office of Open Space and Parklands to councils on the North Shore? How does this compare to funding in other parts of the state, particularly the Western Suburbs?	No funds for tree canopy expansion have been granted to councils in Greater Sydney.
368	What strategies is the department implementing to greens parts of Sydney, especially in the Western Suburbs that lead to heat islands and threats to resident health?	The NSW Government is establishing funding and programs through the Five Million Trees for Greater Sydney program to address identified hotspots as a priority. Furthermore, the Greater Sydney Region Plan outlines measures to address the urban heat island effect in Western Sydney.
369	How many bowling clubs in NSW have been converted to seniors living/retirement villages since 2011?	The Department does not collect this data.
370	What consideration has the NSW Department of Planning Given to the cumulative impact of the loss of green open space from development of bowling clubs and golf courses in particular?	The NSW Government recently announced a new \$290 million Open Spaces and Greener Sydney package. This included \$100 million to secure strategic green space, \$20 million to build more than 200 new or upgraded playgrounds and \$30 million to open up 81 school ovals and playgrounds for public use during school holidays and \$37.5 million to support the "Five Million Trees" to increase Greater Sydney's canopy cover and reduce heat island effects.
371	Will you change the Seniors Living SEPP to prevent bowling greens being built on for seniors living?	The Department is not considering an amendment to restrict the development of seniors housing on bowling greens at this time. All proposals for seniors housing are considered on a case by case basis.
372	What is the impact of Government signalling rezoning for greater development on land prices generally?	The Department does not monitor this data. There are many variables that effect land prices.
373	What was the impact on land prices of the announced rezoning around the Sydenham to Bankstown corridor?	The Department does not monitor this data. There are many variables that effect land prices.
374	What is the anticipated cost impact on required infrastructure of these land price increases?	The Department does not monitor this data. There are many variables that effect land prices.
375	How much was spent on plans for the Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor?	Approximately \$1.25 million (ex GST) has been spent on technical studies for the Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor.
376	How much was spent on staffing costs related to plans for the Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor?	The Department oversees multiple projects concurrently including urban renewal. Departmental staff collaborate across different projects and multiple deliverables. A specific figure for staffing costs for the Sydenham to Bankstown cannot be provided.
377	How much was spent on publicity materials for plans for the Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor?	See response to question 378.
378	How much was spent on community consultation for plans for the Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor?	In the 2017/18 financial year, a total of \$117,000 (ex GST) was spent on community consultation activities and associated services relating to the Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor.
379	What is the Government's new plan for Sydenham to Bankstown?	The Department will undertake a high-level, principle-based planning strategy for Sydenham to Bankstown in collaboration with councils. The strategy is to ensure councils' vision and the community's aspirations will guide the future of their areas. The strategy will provide an overarching framework for further detailed planning. The Department will work in partnership with Canterbury Bankstown Council to undertake detailed planning for the Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore and Lakemba areas.
380	Does the housing target of 35,400 homes along the corridor remain in place	The Greater Sydney Commission has set housing targets in the Greater Sydney Region Plan and District Plans. The 35,400 homes proposed in the former corridor strategy was not a housing target.
381	What was the outcome of the investigation instigated in 2018 when the Premier asked the Planning Department to look into the feasibility of a buy back using the Coastal Lands Protection Scheme?	The NSW Government is continuing to negotiate with the landowner to purchase the lots.
382	We have been advised of substantial delays in the processing of GIPA applications by the department, does the department have sufficient staff to process requests?	In 2017/18 all access applications were decided within statutory timeframes. The Department provides access to information at the time a decision to grant access is made, so long as there are no third party review rights, there was no decision to defer access, no other timeframe provided by the NCAT, and any processing charges have been paid.

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383	What is the average time to provide documents in response to a GIPA request?	In 2017/18 all access applications were decided within statutory timeframes. The Department provides access to information at the time a decision to grant access is made, so long as there are no third party review rights, there was no decision to defer access, no other timeframe provided by the NCAT, and any processing charges have been paid.
384	What was the average time to provide documents in response to a GIPA request in the 2017/18 financial year?	In 2017/18 all access applications were decided within statutory timeframes. The Department provides access to information at the time a decision to grant access is made, so long as there are no third party review rights, there was no decision to defer access, no other timeframe provided by the NCAT, and any processing charges have been paid.
385	What is the NSW Government's plan to ensure affordable housing and affordable rental housing are viable options for women and children impacted by domestic and family violence across NSW	Reducing the impacts of domestic violence is a whole-of-government priority. The Department of Planning and Environment has a role to play in addressing this priority through managing legislation that facilitates housing such as transitional and affordable homes.
386	How many staff does the Department of Planning and Environment employ to investigate alleged breaches to project approval conditions? (a) How many of these related to Aboriginal heritage?	The Department of Planning and Environment employs 33 compliance officers to investigate alleged breaches of project approval conditions. The compliance officers monitor and enforce all conditions of approval including Aboriginal heritage requirements.
387	How many compliance actions did the Department of Planning undertake in 2017/18 relating to breaches to Aboriginal heritage conditions for State Significant projects?	The Department of Planning and Environment issued two penalty notices in relation to Aboriginal heritage issues.
388	What is the Department of Planning and Environment's budget for specifically enforcing conditions of consent for State Significant Developments (SSD)?	The DPE compliance unit manages the monitoring and enforcement of SSD and non-SSD approvals as part of a single budget line using a risk-based approach. The total expenditure for the compliance unit was \$3,474,442 for the 2017-18 financial year.
389	Why was the Special Infrastructure Contribution Levy not charged in Parramatta at the same time as the reduced 20% public value share rate and how much public revenue has been lost to the benefit of developers and land owners due to this delay?	There is currently no SIC operating in Parramatta.
390	How much revenue has been lost due to the delay in implementation of this SIC Levy in other areas of NSW and was all foregone SIC revenue included incorrectly in the 2016/17 and 2017/18 Budget Income statements?	No revenue has been lost due to the delay in the implementation of Special Infrastructure Contributions (SIC) as there is no SIC in place in Parramatta.
391	When will this SIC Levy now be imposed and how much loss of SIC revenue has been provided for in the 2018/19 Budget Estimates due to ongoing delay in charging the Levy?	The Parramatta SIC is anticipated to be released in 2018. There is generally a lag between the implementation of a SIC determination and revenue starting to be received by the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). Accordingly, the DPE has not anticipated significant amount of revenue to be collected from the proposed SICs in 2018/19 financial year.
392	How often do representatives from the Minister's office attend meetings with the Greater Sydney Commission?	As required.
393	What plans are there to change the current definition of ecologically sustainable development?	This definition sits in the Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991 which is administered by the Minister for Environment. The EP&A Act refers to the PoEA Act for the definition.
394	What consideration has been given to implementing climate impact statements as a core part of major project assessment?	Major projects cover a broad range of impacts. The environmental assessment requirements issued are based on the particular parameters of the proposed development, including greenhouse gas emissions and climate impacts where applicable. For example, indicative requirements for State significant mining projects includes a quantitative assessment and evaluation of Scope 1, 2 and 3 greenhouse gas emissions.
395	What plans are there to use the planning act to ensure assessment of coal mining in NSW is consistent with the 2 degree undertaking from the Paris Climate Commitment	The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 requires consideration of environmental, social and economic impacts for all coal mining projects. Each project application is assessed on its merits against current Government legislation and policy.
396	What has been the change in average size house footprint over the last 50 years? (a) What is the current trend predicted here?	The Department does not hold this data.
397	What are the greenhouse emissions per head of Edmondson Park compared to Rozelle?	This question is a matter for the Minister of Environment and Heritage.
398	How many times has the Minister or representatives from the Ministers' office met with representatives from the Property Council in the last year?	Ministerial diary disclosures are publicly available. I note the Shadow cabinet continues to refuse to disclose diaries and the Leader of the Opposition has repeatedly breached his election commitment to disclose his diary every two months. Ministerial staff are approached by members of the public and stakeholders regarding issues of interest to NSW residents. I expect all staff to comply with the Code of Conduct at all times.
399	How many determinations did the Planning and Assessment Commission make in 2017/18? (a) Of these determinations, how many recommended approval? (b) How many did not recommend approval?	In 2017/18 the Independent Planning Commission (formerly the Planning Assessment Commission) determined 46 projects - 41 approvals and 5 refusals.
400	How many gateway determinations were made in 2017/18? (a) Of these determinations, how many recommended approval? (b) How many did not recommend approval?	In 2017/18 the Department issued 310 Gateway determinations. (a) Of these, 301 were determined to proceed past the Gateway. (b) Of these, 9 were refused at the Gateway stage.
401	How many staff at the Department of Planning and Environment have expertise in Aboriginal heritage issues?	Aboriginal cultural heritage is a matter for the Minister of Environment and Heritage.
402	How much has the Department of Planning and Environment allocated in 2017-18 specifically to conserve and celebrate Aboriginal heritage?	Aboriginal cultural heritage is a matter for the Minister of Environment and Heritage. While specific funding has not been allocated to Aboriginal heritage in 17-18, the Department considers and engages with Aboriginal communities and stakeholders through our planning processes. This includes, but is not limited to, the extensive work of creating and implementing our Regional Plans across the states, as well as our extensive consultation around the Planned Precincts program. The department is also exploring Aboriginal cultural heritage initiatives through the Government Architect, mapping Aboriginal cultural significance across the state and aligning place-based design and planning with the State's rich history.
403	What powers have been removed from the Greater Sydney Commission?	The NSW Government intends to increase the GSC's powers and return local planning to the Minister. The move into the Department of Premier and Cabinet was made by the Premier so they could provide advice directly to the Premier and ensure more effective collaboration across Government agencies to ensure the Government's vision becomes a reality.
404	Why were these powers removed?	No amendments have been made to date to the Greater Sydney Commission's existing powers.
405	Why are plans for the Wilton Growth Area continuing to progress while legal proceedings are taking place for South East Wilton by the council?	Refer to response to question 20.
406	Has NSW Planning had meeting with Country Garden about land in Wilton?	No.
407	Do current plans for Wilton comply with OEH advice regarding koala protection?	Refer to response to question 22.

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408	Is there an RFS plan for the first stage of the development in Wilton South East? (a) If not, why not?	Bushfire management features of the first stage of South East Wilton subdivision need to be incorporated into the development application for subdivision and assessed by Council. The Department is not the consent authority for the development.
409	Is there a finalised infrastructure and staging plan and state and local contribution plan for the Wilton South East proposal? (a) If not, why not?	An infrastructure staging plan is being developed with input from Wollondilly Council. The approved rezoning for South East Wilton is accompanied by a voluntary planning agreement for the developer to provide infrastructure and works, as well as any additional State infrastructure contributions.
410	What is the current population in the North West of Sydney?	The ABS estimates that the combined populations of Blacktown, Hawkesbury and The Hills Shire were 577,531 people as at 30 June 2016.
411	How much does this exceed Government projections?	The Department's most recent population projection for the combined populations of Blacktown, Hawkesbury and The Hills Shire for 30 June 2016 was 582,435. This is greater than the ABS figure; the population estimate does not exceed the projection.
412	What is the reason for the inconsistency between projections and what actually happened?	The key reason for the difference between the most recent estimate from the ABS and the Department's projection is due to subsequent revisions in underlying source data from the ABS.
413	Why have plans progressed for Sydney Olympic Park and Carter Street without guaranteed public transport upgrades?	The NSW Government is planning for the growth of Sydney Olympic Park and Carter Street to be delivered over the next 15-20 years. Significant public transport upgrades are being planned for the area including Sydney Metro West and Stage 2 of the Parramatta Light Rail.
414	Across NSW how many proposals for boarding houses and aged care homes have been approved, following receiving SEPP compatibility certification, despite the council opposing the proposal?	Refer to answer provided for Question 40.
415	If planning NSW does not collate these numbers how can it assess the impact of the SEPP?	The Department collects information, through its Local Development Performance Monitoring program and other data is provided by councils, on development applications determined by councils, private certifiers and regional planning panels.
416	Why does the SEPP for Affordable Housing allow the NSW government to override council's planning controls?	Refer to answer provided for Question 41.
417	What issue did this provision seek to address?	Refer to answer provided for Question 41.
418	Is the government considering amending or repealing the Affordable Housing SEPP to address concerns about boarding house developments that breach planning rules or are proposed in suburban areas of Sydney?	Refer to answer provided for Question 41.
419	When is the building cladding register expected to come out?	A decision has not been made on the release of the cladding register.
420	Will the register be fully public? (a) If not, why not?	There is no intention to make the Cladding Register public at this time. The register will not be a list of 'high' risk buildings but rather buildings that may require further investigation by local authorities.
421	What community consultation was undertaken in setting up the Planning Panels?	Between January and March 2017, the updates to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 were publicly exhibited, this included provisions for voluntary local planning panels. Targeted consultation with key stakeholders was also undertaken in June 2017 on other models to encourage panels, including making them mandatory. Targeted consultation, was undertaken between November and December 2017 on the referral criteria, operational procedures and code of conduct of the mandatory local planning panel.
422	What are the approval rates for each panel?	Data sets for each panel are not yet complete. However, on average panels approve 69 per cent of development applications referred to them.
423	How many of the projects approved have been significantly in excess of local planning controls?	182 applications were referred to panels in the first quarter of IHAP operations because they varied from local development standards by more than 10%. This is consistent with previous arrangements where councillors approved applications with 10% or more variance from existing standards. Of the 182 referred, 149 were approved.
424	What oversight is there of the panel decisions?	Applicants may request a review of a determination or decision made by a panel. This review is determined by a Decision Review Panel, made up of different members to who made the original determination. Any complaints about the procedure of an IHAP meeting or the conduct of panel members are to be made to the relevant council or the NSW Ombudsman. The Department of Planning and Environment is also able to direct enquiries or complaints to the relevant authority for response and resolution.
425	How much did the Department's Transitional and Development Office spend on the Planned Precincts public awareness, communication and/or advertising campaign in 2017 and 2018?	Refer to answer provided for Question 78.
426	Why was the Planned Precincts public communications campaign cancelled?	Refer to answer provided for Question 80.
427	What steps are being taken to ensure sufficient car parking, traffic capacity and public transport for the Shepherd's Bay development at Meadowbank?	The Department's assessment of the original concept plan (in 2013) carefully considered car parking, traffic and public transport impacts. The former Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) approved the application after considering all relevant issues. The Department supported the proposal, subject to conditions requiring several intersection upgrades. In its assessment of Modification 1 (in 2014), the Department recommended a maximum car parking cap in response to concerns about traffic generation and car parking raised in public submissions. The PAC supported the cap and the modification was approved by the PAC following the public meeting. Car parking, traffic and public transport were also key considerations in the Department's assessment of two subsequent modification applications (in 2017 and 2018), where the Independent Planning Commission (previously the PAC) agreed with the Department's recommendation that the revised proposals would not have adverse impacts on car parking, traffic and public transport.
428	Is the Minister the decision maker for the Macquarie Bank over station development proposal?	Yes.
429	What steps are being taken to address the potential conflict of interest given the Liberal Party's close links to the company?	The Department will be engaging an external consultant to assist its assessment of the development applications for the over station development at Martin Place. The Stage 1 concept approval also endorsed a Design Excellence Strategy requiring an independent Design Review Panel (DRP) process chaired by the Government Architect and with representation from the City of Sydney. The DRP is providing advice on the detailed design of the development. The Department is not involved in the Government's assessment and decision on Macquarie's unsolicited proposal. Furthermore, the legislation requires applicant to disclose political donations or gifts when planning applications are made to minimise any perception of undue influence. Macquarie has not made a declaration of donations or gifts when lodging its applications for the Martin Place over station development.
430	Why has the minimum setback conditions for the Martin Place Metro over station development been reduced?	There was a range of opinions about the appropriate tower setback. After considering all submissions, the Department obtained independent advice and a view analysis on potential view impacts to Martin Place resulting from the proposed envelope for the tower on the South Site. The advice received found that the proposed 8 metre setback for the tower, combined with the requirement for the development to be of high quality design, would neither impose on the public plaza of Martin Place nor impede key views to the GPO clock tower. In making this decision, the Department was aware of City of Sydney Council's decision to approve a new building at 60 Martin Place, which also reduced the setback of the tower to Martin Place (to approximately 5m).
431	What funding will the Port Stephens area receive under the new Hunter Special Infrastructure Contribution?	Refer to response to question 86.
432	How many vacant apartments are there in Sydney?	No credible data set is available to measure this.

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433	How many vacant apartments are there across NSW?	No credible data set is available to measure this.
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436	What are the current plans for remediation at Nelson Road, Hunters Hill?	This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.
437	Is the Government planning on building a containment cell at the remediation site?	This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.
438	Does the site post a risk for contaminants including radium entering the Parramatta River/Sydney Harbour	This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property and Minister for the Environment.
439	What is the status of discussions about a treatment centre for the Hunters Hill contaminants?	This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.