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HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH

Questions from Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC

1. The 2019-2020 Budget provides for 1,060 additional medical staff and 880 allied health staff, can the Minister identify:
 - (a) How many of these additional staff will be psychiatrists?
 - (b) What proportion of the additional mental health nurses will be Registered Nurses?
2. At what rates are locums being used to cover psychiatrists in NSW public hospitals (by state average, and regional average)?
 - (a) How many psychiatry locums are engaged on a part-time, fly-in fly-out basis in NSW?
3. The 2019-20 Budget states that an additional 100 school counsellors or psychologists and 350 support officers will be funded. Can the Minister outline:
 - (a) How many total FTE school counsellors will there be in NSW by 2023? How many schools in NSW will not have access to a school counsellor?
 - (b) How many total FTE psychologists will there be in NSW by 2023? How many schools in NSW will not have access to a psychologist?
 - (c) What criteria is used when deciding what school is able to access these resources?
4. What was the rate of episodes of seclusion per 1000 bed days in the Sydney Local Health District?
 - (a) What was the average length of a seclusion event?
 - (b) How many people who are admitted for mental health reasons have at least one seclusion event?
5. How are Sydney LHD mental health services performing against their various KPIs including the use of seclusion and restraints?
6. What is the average rate of readmission of a mental health patient who had presented to an emergency department within 28 days?
 - (a) What is the average rate of 7 day community follow up of mental health patients who have presented to an emergency department?
7. What is the current rate of ED stays greater than 24 hours for mental health patients in South West Sydney Local Health District EDs?

- (a) how long has this been above ten percent?
 - (b) when was the minister first made aware of this rate?
 - (c) why is this rate much worse than any other district?
 - (d) What is the bed occupancy rate compared to other districts?
 - (e) How long has South West sydney been the worst performer?
 - (f) Has the minister or the ministry received any requests for funding from South West Sydney Local Health District to address this problem
8. Out of the \$2.1 billion allocated to mental health in the budget, how much has been allocated to local health districts?
- (a) How does the Ministry track that expenditure?
9. What is the unmet demand in NSW for beds and community services (in FTE)?

HEALTH

Questions from the Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC (on behalf of the NSW Labor Opposition)

Northern Beaches Hospital

10. How much is the land which NBH sits on valued at?
11. Who owns the land now and who will own the land once the contract finishes in 20 years?
12. Who owns the buildings now and who will own the buildings once the contract finishes in 20 years?
13. Have there been any amendments to the contract between NSW Health and private operators Healthscope since it opened?
14. Can the Minister guarantee that the contract will not be terminated early?
15. Are the Minister confident that the contract will be fulfilled until 2038?
16. Can the Minister guarantee that the NSW Government will not have to buy this hospital back?
17. What financial ramifications will be involved if the contract is terminated early?
18. In May this year a cancer patient had the wrong side of his colon removed due to an error in his pathology report supplied by a privately contracted laboratory. Minister is NBH still using this laboratory?
19. Has compensation been offered to this patient?
20. The investigation by the Health Education and Training Institute (HETI) shows there were inadequate staffing levels, how many additional staff have been employed at the hospital since this report was made public?
21. The investigation by the HETI showed there were delays in delivering abnormal test results to patients, what have the Minister done to address this?
22. The investigation by the HETI also showed that NBH had unreliable electronic records and paging systems, what upgrades have been implemented to eliminate this risk?

23. The **NSW Auditor General** said in her annual report on the NSW Health cluster dated 12 December 2018:

The Public Finance and Audit Act 1983 does not provide the Auditor-General with a mandate to provide independent assurance about service delivery outcomes and financial accountability in these arrangements ('follow the money' powers). As such, our audits can only consider the project management processes of the Ministry and the relevant health entities. We are unable to comment on any aspect of the performance or operations of that hospital.

Does the Minister think it is appropriate that the privatised Northern Beaches Hospital is not subject to the same scrutiny and held to the same standards as all other New South Wales hospitals?

24. GPs in the Northern Beaches area were previously able to refer patients to outpatient clinics for cardiology and neurology, which were available at Manly and Mona Vale Hospitals. Why are these services no longer available?
25. Is the Minister aware that Australian Clinical Labs have been sending invoices to patients rather than Private Health Insurers due to poor communication from NBH?
26. Local GP's have complained about poor discharge summaries from NBH. What is the problem with getting discharge forms to GP's as is common practice in other hospitals?
27. In relation to the discharge summaries, GP's were advised that the 'opt in' for summaries to be sent to GP's would be changed to an 'opt out'. Has that changed happened?
28. Dee Why General Practice were incorrectly sent hundreds of discharge summaries. Were the patients notified of the data breach?
29. On 5 November last year, a new mother came close the dying from a preventable error in ICU when her air ways were compromised and her oxygen levels dropped dangerously low after a shambolic emergency caesarean that left staff shaken. Has the Minister formally apologised to this woman?
- (a) Has this person sought compensation?
30. In October and November last year the hospital failed to keep its wards stocked with basic medical supplies and drugs including insulin, adrenaline antibiotics, IVs, body bags and wheelchairs. Can the Minister assure the community that this isn't still happening?
31. How many times have Ambulances been advised to take patients to Royal North Shore Hospital rather than the Northern Beaches Hospital?

32. The resignations of high-ranking senior staff has been incredible, including the chief executive officer, the head of medical services, at least two anaesthetists and other medical staff. Minister if the doctors and health workers don't have confidence in the hospital why should the community?
33. The Australian Salaried Medical Officers' Federation of NSW have written to NSW Health begging the Minister to properly staff the facility. Have additional staff been employed since the Minister received this letter?
34. How much does it cost a public patient to have an angiogram in a public hospital?
35. You have always claimed that NBH would treat public patients the same as at any public hospital. The first indication that this was false came 12 days after opening, with media reports of a patient refused an angiogram because NBH would not accept his private insurance with NIB. The patient was also told that if he entered the hospital as a public patient it would cost him \$4,945. Why was this patient facing a bill close to \$5,000?
36. What oversight from NSW Health is there to ensure NBH is meeting patient safety standards?

Outpatient waiting lists

37. Please provide a list of outpatient consultant clinics by speciality at the following hospitals:
 - (a) Nepean Hospital
 - (b) Prince of Wales Hospital
 - (c) Liverpool Hospital
 - (d) Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
 - (e) Westmead Hospital
 - (f) Goulburn Hospital
 - (g) Lismore Base Hospital
 - (h) Wollongong Hospital
38. Please provide the number of patients waiting for appointments at each speciality consultant clinic at each hospital listed above as at 1 July 2017, 1 July 2018, and 1 July 2019.
39. Please provide the median (50th percentile) and 90th percentile wait times experienced by patients who attended an appointment from an outpatient waitlist in 2017, 2018, and 2019 (to date) for each speciality consultant clinic at each hospital listed above.

40. Please provide the total number of appointments at each speciality consultant clinic at each hospital listed above for each of 2017, 2018, and 2019 (to date), disaggregated for both initial appointment and follow up appointment.

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital – new hospital site

41. Has the Minister, the NSW Ministry of Health or the South Western Sydney Local Health District have earmarked any land for the site of the redevelopment of Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?
- (a) If yes, can the Minister advise the location of the site for the new Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?
42. Can the Minister advise whether the Minister, the NSW Ministry of Health or the South Western Sydney Local Health District have considered redeveloping the Bankstown-Lidcombe hospital on the existing site at Eldridge Road, Bankstown?
- (a) If yes, will the Minister provide details of what has been considered?
- (b) If not, could the Minister provide reasons as to why this has not been considered?
43. If the redeveloped Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital is to be re-located from the existing site at Eldridge Road, Bankstown:
- (a) With respect to the commitment made by the Liberal candidate and now Liberal Member for East Hills Ms Wendy Lindsay, and the Liberal candidate for Bankstown, during the 2019 NSW election campaign to redevelop the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital on the existing site, can the Minister confirm the Government is not standing by this commitment?
- (b) Can the Minister explain what reasons are relied upon as to why the redeveloped Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital is to be re-located from the existing site at Eldridge Road, Bankstown?
- (c) In relation to the existing Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital site at Eldridge Road, Bankstown:
- i. Could the Minister provide details of the Government's plans following construction of the new Bankstown hospital?
- ii. Can the Minister advise whether the existing site will be retained for public health purposes?

- iii. If the site will not be retained for public health purposes, can the Minister advise whether the site will be sold for private development?
44. What negotiations have taken place to date between the Minister, the Minister's office, the NSW Ministry of Health or the South Western Sydney Local Health District and the Canterbury-Bankstown Council, with respect to the redevelopment of Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?
 45. Could the Minister provide details as to any assessments or documentation that the NSW Ministry of Health or the South Western Sydney Local Health District have prepared, with respect to choosing the site of the redeveloped Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?
 46. Will the Minister rule out the use of the existing Bankstown TAFE site as the location for the redeveloped Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?
 47. Will the Minister rule out the Bankstown CBD as a potential site for the redeveloped Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?
 48. The Minister has previously indicated In reference to the Minister's answer to LAQ128 printed in Question & Answer Paper No. 9 on 6 June 2019:
 "The site selection process will include comprehensive evaluation criteria and will be informed by assessments undertaken by expert independent advisers. The process will also be informed by clinical services planning which is underway to determine the future health needs of the community"

Could the Minister:

- (a) Provide particulars of the comprehensive evaluation criteria that will be included in the site selection process?
- (b) Confirm who will comprise the expert independent advisers that will undertake assessments?

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital – consultation and planning

49. In reference to the Minister's answer to LAQ139 printed in Questions & Answers Paper No. 9 on 6 June 2019, that:
 "Consultation with consumers and the local community will be part of the planning process to determine the range and type of services. This will include community information drop-in sessions, opportunities to participate in project user groups and other avenues to provide feedback with respect to consultation with consumers and the local community as part of the planning process to determine the range and type of services at the new Bankstown Hospital"
 Can the Minister:
 - (a) Provide a timeframe for this consultation?

- (b) Advise how many information drop-in sessions will be held?
- (c) Explain the process by which consumers and the local community will be able to participate in project user groups?
- (d) Advise the other avenues that will be available to consumers and the local community to provide feedback?

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital – funding

50. In reference to the Minister’s answer to LAQ152 printed in Question & Answer Paper No. 7 on 3 June 2019, that: “The Government has committed \$1.3 billion towards redeveloping Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital...” Could the Minister:

- (a) provide a breakdown regarding the allocation of the \$1.3 billion towards:
 - i. The acquisition and/or purchasing of land?
 - ii. The demolition of any existing structures?
 - iii. The planning and design of the new facility?
 - iv. Construction of the new facility?
 - v. Any other costs?
- (b) Confirm when funding will be allocated for the redevelopment?
- (c) Advise how much funding will be provided in the 2020-2021 budget for the redevelopment?

51. Will the Minister rule out privatising, at any time, any part of the redeveloped Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital – parking

- 52. Can the Minister advise what studies have been conducted with respect to the parking facilities that will be required to support the new Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?
- 53. Will the Minister explain why additional capital works funding was not allocated in the 2019-20 Budget for the expansion of the car park capacity at Bankstown Lidcombe Hospital?
- 54. Could the Minister confirm what strategies the Local Health District have explored to manage car parking capacity at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?
- 55. Can the Minister advise whether the Local Health District is still considering off-site parking options to address car parking limitations around Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital – emergency department redevelopment

56. In relation to the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital the emergency department redevelopment and the remaining \$12.1 million yet to be allocated, of the total estimated cost of \$25 million, can the Minister confirm what amount will be allocated in the 2020-21 Budget?
57. Can the Minister advise the expected date of completion of the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital the emergency department redevelopment?

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital – staffing

58. Can the Minister advise whether current staffing profiles and numbers are adequate to appropriately meet current operational needs at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?
59. Can the Minister advise what specialist nursing staff have been proposed for Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital, and in what specialist areas, over the next 12 months?

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital – security

60. Considering the incident at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital on 22 August 2019, where a worker was attacked after a patient became aggressive, can the Minister advise what immediate action has been taken by the Minister or the NSW Ministry of Health to ensure staff, patients and visitors at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital are kept safe from violent incidents?
61. Can the Minister confirm that the Minister will not wait until the finalisation of the review into security at New South Wales hospitals, announced by the Minister on 16 November 2018, before allocating additional resources to increase security for staff, patients and visitors at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?
62. Can the Minister advise what additional resources will be allocated in 2019-20 to Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital in order to increase security for staff, patients and visitors?
63. Can the Minister advise whether any consultation has been undertaken within the last 12 months with health workers at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital about ongoing security and safety concerns?
 - (a) If yes, could the Minister confirm with whom the Minister, the Minister's office, the NSW Ministry of Health or the South Western Sydney Local Health District have consulted at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital about ongoing security and safety concerns?
64. Can the Minister confirm whether additional staff have been provided to Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital since November 2018 to improve security and safety?

65. Is the Minister aware if any additional training has been provided to staff at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital since November 2018 to improve security and safety?
66. Is the Minister aware if any training programs to deal with difficult patients have been undertaken by staff at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital since November 2018?

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital – mental health services

67. Can the Minister confirm whether the Acute Adult Mental Health Unit (Banks House) will remain at its present location at Claribel Street, Bankstown or whether it will be incorporated into the redeveloped Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?
68. The Minister has previously advised that \$700 million was allocated in the 2018-19 Budget for the Statewide Mental Health Infrastructure Program. Could the Minister provide details about key projects that have been allocated funding from this \$700 at the Acute Adult Mental Health Unit (Banks House) at Bankstown?
69. Could the Minister advise what upgrades have been made and/or what works have been ongoing at the Acute Adult Mental Health Unit (Banks House) at Bankstown since June 2018?
70. Can the Minister confirm how many Arabic speaking interpreters were available to patients of the Acute Adult Mental Health Unit (Banks House) at Bankstown in each of the years from 2017 to 2018?

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital – elective surgery waiting times

71. Can the Minister advise what mechanisms and/or systems have been put in place to decrease waiting times for elective surgeries at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?
72. What reviews have been conducted by the Minister, the Minister's office, the NSW Ministry of Health or the South Western Sydney Local Health District into waiting times for elective surgeries at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?

Sydney Children's Hospital Network

73. Can the Minister guarantee that no patient has suffered adversely from the ongoing dispute within the Sydney Children's Hospital Network?
74. Does the Minister intend to discontinue paediatric cardiac surgery at the Sydney Children's Hospital in Randwick?
75. How long, on average, does it take to transfer a paediatric cardiac patient from the Sydney Children's Hospital in Randwick to the Children's Hospital at Westmead?

76. What modelling has been done to prove that this transfer time (as in question ii.) will not adversely affect patient outcomes, to any degree?
77. What is the cost of transferring a child from Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick to Westmead?
78. How much money is budgeted to the Sydney Hospital Network?
79. How is that money allocated between Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick and Children Hospital Westmead?
80. What percentage of the Sydney Hospital Network budget is allocated to Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick?
81. What is the Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick's budget?

Influenza, vaccinations, and pharmacies

82. The vaccine for meningococcal strains A, C, W, and Y was added to the National Immunisation Program in July 2017 but the vaccine for meningococcal strain B, the most prevalent strain, has not been.
Given Ministry of Health figures show that July this year was the second highest month for meningococcal B notifications in NSW in almost 5 years, can the Minister advise what discussions he has had with the Federal Health Minister around making meningococcal B vaccine available under the NIP?
83. Western Australia recently changed the age at which pharmacists can administer MMR, DTP, and meningococcal ACWY vaccines to patients aged 12 and up, and influenza vaccines to patients aged 10 and up.
Can the Minister advise whether similar changes are being considered in NSW?
84. Can the Minister outline the differences in state government vaccine subsidies for common vaccines provided through a GP compared to vaccines provided through pharmacies?
85. Does the Minister agree that, where appropriate, making the administration of vaccines available through trained pharmacists as opposed to solely through a general practitioner not only relieves burden on GPs and hospitals but also increases the likelihood of the average person being vaccinated, boosting herd immunity and decreasing the burden on the health system?
86. And does the Minister feel that the current mix is appropriate or should there be greater access to vaccines from trained pharmacists?

Emergency Departments

87. How long should a patient wait to see a doctor after a suspected heart attack?

88. Does the Minister think it is appropriate for a patient with a suspected heart attack after arriving at hospital, to wait to be seen by a doctor for 5 hours?
89. Will the Minister apologise to Charlestown constituent Merle Gorman, aged 86, who called an ambulance at 1.40pm for a suspected heart attack and after waiting more than 2.5 hrs for the ambulance and a further 5 hours once she arrived at hospital to be seen by a doctor?
90. Will the Minister apologise to Ms Gorman who while waiting in ambulance backlog area of John Hunter Hospital for 5 hours, was left in wet clothes and sheets due to not being taken to the toilet?
91. Does the Minister agree with his Parliamentary Secretary who said that that Ms Gorman received quote “timely and appropriate care”?
92. Last week there was a situation at Westmead Hospital where 60 patients were waiting in the emergency department, with high needs patients eventually deciding to leave rather than continue to wait. How does something like this occur?
93. How many dedicated mental health beds are there in NSW?
94. How many mental health admissions occur across the state each month?
95. How many patients are being admitted for treatment for mental health conditions above and beyond the capacity of mental health beds in the state?
96. RANZP has previously identified that there is an undersupply of 125 psychiatrists by 2030 requiring an increase of 3.3% of overseas trained doctors. What is the NSW Government doing to ensure a sustainable supply of psychiatrists and allied mental health services in NSW?

Staff

97. Please provide total numbers of staff across each classification (i.e. medical officer, staff specialist, CMO, etc.) at each hospital in NSW.
98. Please advise how many positions, by classification, are currently unfilled at each hospital in NSW.
99. Are you aware of any public hospitals looking at engaging VMOs on zero-hour contracts in lieu of salaried doctors?
 - (a) If so, which hospitals?
 - (b) Does/would the Minister support such a move?
100. Have any hospitals lost their training accreditation in the past 12 months?

- (a) If so, which hospitals, and could you please provide reasons for the loss of accreditation
101. Are you aware that the Australian Salaried Medical Officers Federation NSW president Tony Sara has previously said the obstetrics and gynaecology (and psychiatry) departments in regional and rural areas were struggling to attract the numbers of trainees they needed.
- (a) What action have you taken to address this?
102. Does the Minister support an independent, external investigation into unsafe rostering practices for junior doctors in NSW Hospitals?

Waiting lists

103. What is the average waiting time for an appointment for someone needing a knee replacement at John Hunter Hospital?
104. Is it appropriate for a resident living in Newcastle, the second largest city in NSW, to be sent to Tamworth Hospital for an appointment for a knee replacement?
105. What is the Minister doing to address the growing list of elective surgery waiting lists?
106. How many knee replacement surgeries in NSW have been postponed or cancelled in the last twelve months due reasons not caused by the patient?
107. Does the Minister think it is reasonable for 400 children to be waiting a period of two years to have an appointment for allergy testing at Campbelltown Hospital?
108. Can the Minister guarantee that children who are placed on the allergy waiting list today will not have to wait two years to be seen?
109. Why was a young male in the ED at Campbelltown Hospital left unseen by a doctor after attempting suicide for more than 12 hours on 13 August of this year?
110. Is that a reasonable waiting time given obvious mental health concerns of this young male?
111. Does the Ministry keep track of elective surgery cancellations or postponements?
- (a) If yes, how many elective surgery cancellations or postponements occurred across NSW last financial year?
- (b) If no, why not?
112. Are hospitals required to report elective surgery cancellations or postponements to any other body?
113. Do Local Health Districts keep statistics on these cancellations and postponements?

114. Can the Minister provide the number of elective surgery cancellations and postponements, grouped by Local Health District, for the past four financial years?

Yass Maternity

115. Is the Minister still opposed to restoring maternity services at Yass Hospital?

116. Does the Minister still maintain that the “risk” of such services is due to the fact that “it’s hard enough to get midwives into bigger practices associated with major hospitals and... [that] health specialists don’t believe they would be able to have a sustainable midwife practice”?

117. Given that Yass District Hospital’s emergency department has seen a 21% increase on the number of admissions in just 4 years, isn’t the solution to properly resource Yass Hospital rather than force parents in a growing part of the state to leave their community to access these vital services?

Wollongong Hospital

118. Does the Ministry of Health consider Wollongong Hospital to be under pressure?

(a) If so, what steps are being taken to address this so that pressure is reduced now and into the future?

(b) If not, why not?

119. How many staff vacancies are there currently at Wollongong Hospital?

120. Has Wollongong Hospital found it difficult to recruit staff? If so, why does the Minister think this has been the case?

121. Has the renovation of the Children’s Ward been completed? If not, when is this expected to be finished? Is it on time and on budget?

122. Has the upgrade of the maternity ward commenced? If so, when is this expected to be completed?

123. Are any further works, staffing or funds required to improve maternity services at Wollongong Hospital?

124. Has the recruitment of the cardio-thoracic surgeon been completed? If not, when is this expected to be completed by?

125. Is ambulance coverage in the Wollongong local government area sufficient to meet future demand?

126. Are there plans to expand or upgrade any of the ambulance stations in the Illawarra?

127. When was the last time that Warrawong ambulance station received a substantial upgrade?

Byron Central Hospital Fraud

128. Can the Minister clarify if three former managers at Byron Hospital embezzled public money?

129. Was there an investigation into this matter? What were the findings?

130. Does the Minister believe that the public has a right to know if their taxpayer money has been embezzled?

131. Did the three managers resign or were they sacked?

132. How can we have confidence that this won't happen again?

Hospital Parking

133. Why is there such a discrepancy between the parking fees charged at NSW Hospitals? For example a visitor to Bankstown Hospital will pay a maximum of \$16 per day while someone visiting a sick child at Sydney Children's Hospital will be charged \$29 for the day.

134. What does the Minister say to the family members visiting sick patients at St Vincent's Hospital who face a charge of \$50 for parking for the day?

135. How much revenue is raised from paid parking at NSW Hospitals?

(a) Please provide a breakdown by Local Health District for the past four financial years.

Cranebrook Community Health Centre

136. How many full time equivalent staff work at Cranebrook Community Health Centre?

137. How many full time equivalent staff are in non-administrative roles at Cranebrook Community Health Centre?

138. Does the Department keep records of appointment numbers at local community health centres?

(a) If yes, please provide a breakdown by year of the number of appointments per year at Cranebrook Community Health Centre, from 2010 to 2019.

(b) If no, why does the Department not keep appointment records?

139. Does the department keep records of the number of clients at each local community health centre?

(a) If yes, please provide a breakdown by year of the number of clients per year at Cranebrook Community Health Centre, from 2010 to 2019.

(b) If no, why does the Department not keep records about client numbers?

140. How many new community health centres have been opened since 2011 in NSW?

141. How many have been opened in Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District?

Bulli Hospital

142. Is the Minister aware that he will fail to meet the commitment to have Bulli Hospital upgrade completed and opened this year?

143. How will the Minister explain this to the people of the northern Illawarra?

Canterbury Hospital

144. Given the significant population growth in Canterbury Bankstown area, modelling indicates that the current 175 inpatient beds at Canterbury Hospital will need to increase to 291 beds by 2025/26 and 325 beds by 2030/31. Given this fact, why has the Minister failed to fund additional beds at the hospital?

145. The NSW Government is allocating additional funding for healthcare facilities in areas with less social disadvantage and lower population growth than what we see at Canterbury. Why is the Government refusing to sufficiently fund this hospital?

146. Similar sized metropolitan hospital with similar distance to larger teaching hospitals are receiving funding for redevelopment. Why is Canterbury Hospital being ignored?

147. Is the Minister aware that the Canterbury community has higher rates of smoking, obesity, type 2 diabetes, infectious diseases and asthma compared with the SLHD (Sydney Local Health District)?

148. Given these high risk factors, why is the Minister failing to get on with planning for the future of Canterbury Hospital?

149. Does the Government want to close Canterbury Hospital?

Lymphoedema Service

150. Can the Minister tell us how many hospitals in NSW provide a publicly funded Lymphoedema service?

151. Can the Minister tell us what publicly funded Lymphoedema services are available for patients in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs?

152. Does the Minister know how many patients presented to emergency departments in the Eastern Suburbs area, with symptoms related to Lymphoedema in the last year?

153. Can the minister explain why the Nelune Comprehensive Cancer Centre does not include a Lymphoedema specialist, when (the closest public lymphoedema service) RPA has x amount of people on their waiting list, and is only able to provide initial assessment but no ongoing care?
154. Can the minister tell us how much money was spend on the Agency for Clinical Innovation *Lymphoedema Implementation Workshop* in February 2019?
155. Of the 60 people that attended this training, can the minister tell us how many people had funded lymphoedema positions to be able to utilise this training?
156. Can the minister explain the reason for funding the *Lymphoedema Implementation Workshop*, but not funding active Lymphoedema positions across NSW?
157. Is the Minister aware that the cost of a lymphoedema therapist - \$111k – represents 0.00009 of the cost of the centre, yet would make an enormous difference to the physical and emotional wellbeing of patients, and would demonstrably reduce costs to the public health system?

Election promises

158. The Government made billions of dollars of health infrastructure promises in the last election campaign, and yet its glossy “Election Commitments” brochure released alongside the 2019-20 Budget lists dozens of projects with no commencement date, no completion date, and not a single cent of funding in this financial year.

Precisely how much money will be allocated to these projects in 2020-21? And in 2021-22? And in 2022-23?

159. Will the Minister guarantee that all of these projects will commence prior to the next election?
160. Can the Minister advise when construction will commence on the new Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?
161. And on Ryde Hospital?
162. And Shoalhaven Hospital?
163. And when will these works be completed?
164. Minister isn't it true that you've promised communities the world before the election only get to the Budget and instead tell them that what they rightly expected to see funded would *maybe* see scoping works take place in three years' time?

Tumut Hospital

165. What specific changes have taken place at Tumut Hospital to address the unconscious bias and racism concerns raised in the recent Coroners report into the death of Naomi Jane Williams?
166. Has the Minister met with the family of Naomi Williams?
167. What assurances has the Minister given them that these serious matters are getting addressed?

Miscellaneous

168. Can the Minister unequivocally deny that Local Health Districts receive any form of 'bonus' for low/nil number of workers compensation claims?
169. Who decides if a complaint is dealt with as 'grievance' rather than a 'workers compensation claim'?
170. Are claims of Bullying and Harassment dealt with by direct management or are they handled by Legal Counsel?
171. How many calls were received on the NSW Health employee confidential anti-bullying advice line?
172. Given the Dental Waiting Lists have continued to grow in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District, why is there more administration staff than dentists?
173. Given the extensive waiting list for dental services in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District, how many mobile dental clinics visits will be allocated to the Illawarra?
174. Has the Minister apologised to the family of James Dullege who was in a state of mental health crisis and presented to Royal North Shore Hospital emergency department on 11 June, was turned away from the Hospital and then committed suicide some 12 hours later?
175. Has this matter been the subject of an investigation?
176. How many patients are currently accessing medicinal cannabis treatment?
177. How many applications are currently active for patients wanting to access medicinal cannabis treatment?
178. How long does it take for the application to be processed and patients being able to obtain medicinal cannabis?
179. Were the Minister or the Ministry consulted on the scrapping of the "Improving Service Levels in Hospitals" Premier's Priority, which was to see 81 per cent of patients through emergency departments within four hours by 2019?

- (a) (If yes) what advice did the Minister provide? Will the Minister table it?
- (b) (If no) did the Minister seek an explanation from the Premier after finding out that the metric had been scrapped?

180. Was the metric dropped at the Minister's insistence or the Premier's?

181. Is the Minister aware that the result for this metric was 73 per cent in 2017-18? Is that why it was dropped?

John Hunter Hospital

182. How many people are on the waiting list for elective surgery at the John Hunter Hospital?

183. How many patients attended the John Hunter Hospital emergency department in each of the following years:

- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2012;
- (c) 2013;
- (d) 2014;
- (e) 2015;
- (f) 2016;
- (g) 2017;
- (h) 2018; and
- (i) 2019?

184. How many nurses were employed at the John Hunter Hospital Department in each of the following years:

- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2012;
- (c) 2013;
- (d) 2014;
- (e) 2015;
- (f) 2016;
- (g) 2017;

(h) 2018; and

(i) 2019?

185. How many nursers are employed on contracts at the John Hunter Hospital and how many are employed permanently?

186. How many security guards were employed at the John Hunter Hospital in each of the following years:

(a) 2011;

(b) 2012;

(c) 2013;

(d) 2014;

(e) 2015;

(f) 2016;

(g) 2017;

(h) 2018; and

(i) 2019?

187. How many staff or patients were assaulted at the John Hunter Hospital in each of the following years:

(a) 2011;

(b) 2012;

(c) 2013;

(d) 2014;

(e) 2015;

(f) 2016;

(g) 2017;

(h) 2018; and

(i) 2019?

188. What is the longest wait time (as reported to the Ministry of Health) for an appointment at each of the following speciality consult clinics at the John Hunter Hospital:

- (a) Colorectal;
- (b) Dermatology;
- (c) Ear Nose and Throat;
- (d) Gastroenterology;
- (e) General Surgery;
- (f) Immunology;
- (g) Infectious Diseases;
- (h) Nephrology;
- (i) Neurosurgery;
- (j) Ophthalmology;
- (k) Oral/Maxillofacial;
- (l) Orthopaedics;
- (m) Plastic Surgery;
- (n) Respiratory;
- (o) Rheumatology;
- (p) Urology; and
- (q) Vascular?

189. How many patients are waiting for appointments at each of the following speciality consultant clinics at John Hunter Hospital:

- (a) Colorectal;
- (b) Dermatology;
- (c) Ear Nose and Throat;
- (d) Gastroenterology;
- (e) General Surgery;
- (f) Immunology;

- (g) Infectious Diseases;
- (h) Nephrology;
- (i) Neurosurgery;
- (j) Ophthalmology;
- (k) Oral/Maxillofacial;
- (l) Orthopaedics;
- (m) Plastic Surgery;
- (n) Respiratory;
- (o) Rheumatology;
- (p) Urology; and
- (q) Vascular?

190. How many patients had appointments at each of the following speciality clinics at the John Hunter Hospital:

- (a) Colorectal;
- (b) Dermatology;
- (c) Ear Nose and Throat;
- (d) Gastroenterology;
- (e) General Surgery;
- (f) Immunology;
- (g) Infectious Diseases;
- (h) Nephrology;
- (i) Neurosurgery;
- (j) Ophthalmology;
- (k) Oral/Maxillofacial;
- (l) Orthopaedics;
- (m) Plastic Surgery;
- (n) Respiratory;

- (o) Rheumatology;
- (p) Urology; and
- (q) Vascular?

191. How many patients had an appointments cancelled each of the following speciality clinics at the John Hunter Hospital in 2018:

- (a) Colorectal;
- (b) Dermatology;
- (c) Ear Nose and Throat;
- (d) Gastroenterology;
- (e) General Surgery;
- (f) Immunology;
- (g) Infectious Diseases;
- (h) Nephrology;
- (i) Neurosurgery;
- (j) Ophthalmology;
- (k) Oral/Maxillofacial;
- (l) Orthopaedics;
- (m) Plastic Surgery;
- (n) Respiratory;
- (o) Rheumatology;
- (p) Urology; and
- (q) Vascular?

192. How many patients had an appointments cancelled each of the following speciality clinics at the John Hunter Hospital in 2019 (year to date):

- (a) Colorectal;
- (b) Dermatology;
- (c) Ear Nose and Throat;

- (d) Gastroenterology;
- (e) General Surgery;
- (f) Immunology;
- (g) Infectious Diseases;
- (h) Nephrology;
- (i) Neurosurgery;
- (j) Ophthalmology;
- (k) Oral/Maxillofacial;
- (l) Orthopaedics;
- (m) Plastic Surgery;
- (n) Respiratory;
- (o) Rheumatology;
- (p) Urology; and
- (q) Vascular?

Cardiac Surgery at the Sydney Children'

193. Children's cardiac surgery at SCH Randwick has an exemplary safety record. If the cardiac surgical program closes at SCH that will mean NSW will have only 1 program per 8 million compared to other first world nations like the UK, USA, Canada and Sweden which have 1 service per 3.5 to 5 million head of population.

- (a) How is closing down the cardiac surgical programme at SCH consistent with "world's best practice?"
- (b) Is the government happy to reduce the quality of NSW paediatric care to below the world standard?

194. SCH Randwick cardiac surgery outcomes are exemplary. For Surgical STAT categories 1-3, there has been 0% mortality for the last 7 years. This is unequalled internationally. Yet the State Government is planning on centralising surgical services to CHW to improve outcomes?

- (a) How does the government intend on achieving a fatality rate less than 0%

195. CHW is already operating over capacity, refusing 20% of paediatric intensive care retrieval requests. SCH Randwick accepts more than 70% of NSW's critically ill children needing to be retrieved to a paediatric intensive care bed. Not having an on-site comprehensive service that includes cardiac surgery at Randwick will subject these children to danger.
- (a) How is operating over capacity world's best practice?
 - (b) Why has the government failed to intervene and return NSW paediatric care to best practice?
196. When a child requires ECMO, it is often needed urgently and the chest needs to be surgically opened, requiring the expertise of a Paediatric cardiothoracic surgeon. If SCH Randwick's on-site Cardiac Surgical program is shut down, all requests for urgent cardiac surgery and urgent ECMO at Randwick will be dependent on the arrival of a team that is coming from Westmead, which takes hours to organise. In the last few months, 2 children at Randwick would have died waiting for the arrival of such a team.
197. The SCH Randwick and RHW Medical Staff Councils are opposed to this unsafe proposal.
- (a) Will the Hon Minister of Health take responsibility for a child's preventable death? In other words, will the Hon Minister of Health take responsibility for the life that could have been saved had Randwick's on-site cardiac surgical and ECMO program been allowed to continue?
 - (b) Will the Health Minister and Secretary of Health accept responsibility for a child that dies at Randwick waiting for ECMO, support that has successfully been operating at Randwick for 40 plus years, until dismantled by the current Government?
198. The government has stated innumerable times that it is committed to 2 fully functional children's hospitals in NSW. In 2013 there was an advertisement for 2 cardiac surgeons, 1 to be based at SCH-Randwick and 1 at Children's Hospital Westmead. Only 1 surgeon was hired to spend 100% of their time at Westmead. No surgeon has been hired to work at Randwick since, leaving Dr Peter Grant working a 1 in 1 roster. Sub-question one
- (a) Does this lack of investment in service on the Randwick campus show that the government had plans to close down cardiac surgery at Randwick as early as 2013?
 - (b) Why was the position at SCH never filled?
 - (c) Why were the reasons for this never communicated to staff at SCH?
 - (d) Where has the money allocated for the salary for the surgeon at Randwick gone?

199. In response to a 2017 Ray Hadley interview, and without any review, the Health Minister announced \$ 6 million dollars would be spent to create 6 high acuity beds at CHW along with employing 5 more full time intensivists at Children’s Hospital Westmead. Yet despite concerns of child safety being raised by senior clinicians at SCH, the cardiac department at Randwick is being neglected. No cardiologist or cardiac surgeon has been appointed full-time at Randwick for a decade.
- (a) For the cost of \$6 million, why won’t the NSW Government invest in a fully equipped cardiac surgical and medical department that is based at and dedicated to Randwick?
200. Two weeks ago an unstable critically ill 5 day old infant was transferred in the early hours of the morning from Randwick to Westmead in order to undergo a relatively straightforward surgical procedure that could have easily and safely been performed on the Randwick campus. Sub-question one
- (a) Why are we exposing our most unstable fragile patients to the risks of an hour long ambulance ride across town to receive care that is no different to that available at Randwick? Further multi-level list
201. Many departments at SCH and RHW are vitally dependent on an onsite cardiac surgical unit. Removing this unit affects 2 major hospitals on the biggest health precinct in Australia
- (a) How can the Minister even contemplate removing an essential service in a comprehensive children’s hospital after receiving a significant number of senior specialist submissions on the detrimental effects that removing such a service will have on SCH and RHW?
- i. Given that the Governance Review acknowledged that compared to other states, NSW paediatric health is chronically underfunded by 14%, when will proper funding be restored?
202. As recently as February this year, the Premier Gladys Berejiklian wrote to the Chair of the Medical staff Council at Sydney Children’s Hospital Randwick, Dr Susan Russell, stating that “Minister Hazzard has advised me that the Sydney Children’s Hospital Network is committed to continuing to deliver cardiac services, including surgery, at both the Sydney Children’s Hospital Randwick and the Children’s Hospital at Westmead through a “one service two sites” model and that a number of improvements have already begun.”

- (a) In light of this statement by the Premier, who authorised the Acting Chief Executive of the Sydney Children's Hospital Network, Chery McCullagh, to openly state at a Randwick Staff forum on 4th June that no cardiac surgery would be performed at Randwick for the next 12 months?

Canterbury Hospital

203. A recent quarterly report by the independent Bureau of Health Information has exposed the state of Canterbury Hospital. From January to March this year, there has been a 7.1% increase in arrivals to the emergency department by ambulance, and a 6.3% increase in all emergency department presentations compared to January-March 2018. With such an increase in patient numbers to Canterbury Hospital, why has the Government failed to invest any funding in the past 8 years?

- (a) The report by the Bureau of health Information has also exposed a 13.6% drop in emergency patients starting their treatment on time, from 73.2% of emergency patients starting their treatment on time in January-March 2018, to 59.6% in January-March 2019. With statistics like these, will the Government consider a significant funding injection into Canterbury Hospital?
- (b) The report has also elucidated that the median time to leave the emergency department is over three hours, with 25% of patients leaving the emergency department after four hours. In addition to this, the report also shows that more than 1000 patients are on the waiting list for elective surgery. Will the Government alleviate the pressure on doctors, nurses, and care staff by delivering an urgently needed and appropriate level of funding to Canterbury Hospital?

204. In the Governments 'NSW 2019-20 Elections Commitments Health' paper, significant funding grants were promised to hospitals from across Sydney and the state. Considering all the facts outlined in the Bureau of Health Information's quarterly report on the state of Canterbury Hospital, why was Canterbury Hospital overlooked?

- (a) In the Commitment paper, 8 300 additional frontline health staff were promised for NSW. How many of these additional frontline staff will go to Canterbury Hospital?
- (b) In the Commitment paper, \$45 million was promised to boost palliative care services. How much of this \$45 million will be given to Canterbury Hospital?

- (c) In the Commitment paper, \$76 million was allocated to fast tracking elective paediatric and cataract surgery. Will Canterbury Hospital receive any benefit from this \$76 million commitment?
- (d) In the Commitment paper, the Government has committed to ‘begin planning to deliver specialised mental health beds...in public hospitals’. What has so far been planned? How much will the Government pledge for this initiative? And how much of this funding will Canterbury Hospital receive?

205. As of February 2019, for over 12 months, there have been positions throughout the Canterbury Hospital that have remained vacant, putting strain on the remainder of staff by increasing their workloads. Will the Government invest in Canterbury Hospital to help fill these vacant positions?

- (a) Constituents in the Canterbury electorate have raised concerns about the effect of understaffing at Canterbury Hospital. I understand, These concerns include poor service management, clinical mistakes, and safety concerns. Will the Government address these concerns, and deliver them ease of mind and work by increasing funding and staff numbers at Canterbury Hospital?

206. Health Minister Brad Hazzard MP has on numerous occasions cited that ‘staffing and resources within Canterbury Hospital meet the standards required to care for patients’ as a reason not to increase funding in Canterbury Hospital. Will the Health Minister accept the facts laid down in the Bureau of Health Information’s quarterly report ? Accordingly, will the Government commit to a fair and urgent funding increase to Canterbury Hospital?

- (a) Will the Government accordingly deliver an appropriate funding boost for Canterbury Hospital?

207. The electorate of Canterbury is one of the most diverse in the state. Around two thirds of residents in Canterbury come from non-English speaking backgrounds. With that in mind, what strategies does NSW Health have to ensure that all patients in the Canterbury health district have unimpeded access to quality health?

- (a) A constituent in Canterbury has complained that their non-English speaking parent had difficulties while engaging with hospital staff and an interpreter at Canterbury Hospital. What strategies and funding does the Government have for interpreters in hospitals like Canterbury Hospital?
- (b) What oversight and regulations does the NSW Government have for employing interpreters in hospitals such as Canterbury Hospital?

208. Suburbs in the electorate of Canterbury are some of the fastest-growing areas in Sydney. This is reflected in the increase of patients in the emergency department at Canterbury Hospital. Will the Government recognise that the growing population is increasing demand on Canterbury Hospital? Accordingly, will the Government help staff at Canterbury Hospital keep up with demand with an appropriate funding boost?
- (a) The Government is planning to add approximately another 100 000 residents to the suburbs of Belmore, Campsie, and Canterbury over the next 20 years. With the Bureau of Health Information's quarterly report confirming that Canterbury Hospital is struggling to care for the local population as is, will the Government accept that 100000 will only add additional pressure on Canterbury Hospital? Will the Government respond sensibly by proactively investing in Canterbury Hospital?
 - (b) In response to overdevelopment in the seat of Canterbury, Ms Sophie Cotsis MP has envisioned a world-class health service precinct around Canterbury Hospital to ensure local communities are able to access key health services without having to travel away from the local area. The member for Canterbury's vision includes cancer services, aged care, research, health sector jobs, science jobs, increase in pathology, allied health services, and medical research services at the precinct. With the pressure of existing overdevelopment, and a future that includes an additional 100 000 people, will the Government work with Ms Cotsis vision for a world-class health precinct around Canterbury Hospital?

Tresillian Family Centre

209. Tresillian Family Centres offer vital services for families across NSW. Nurses in these centres provide assistance to new mothers by helping them settle their newborn babies. These centres also provide valuable education to families with young babies. How much funding does the Government contribute to this vital, non-for profit organisation?
- (a) Will the Government commit to maintaining this level of funding?
 - (b) Will the Government seek to increase the level of funding it provides Tresillian in future?
 - (c) Some of these centres are in densely populated multicultural and multilingual communities. Does the Government assist Tresillian in accommodating for diverse communities, please advise strategies ?

Ministerial Travel/Meal Allowance

210. How many nights travel were claimed by the Minister during the 2018-19 period?

211. How many nights travel were claimed by the Minister's spouse during the 2018-19 period?
212. What was the total amount of travel allowances claimed by the Minister and their spouse (if applicable) during 2018-19?
213. What is the total amount of meal allowances claimed by the Minister and their spouse (if applicable) during 2018-19?

Efficiency dividends

214. What was the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio in 2018-19?
215. What is the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio in
 - (a) 2019-20?
 - (b) 2020-21?
 - (c) 2021-22?
216. What was the total efficiency dividend that was achieved for each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio between 2011-12 and 2018-19 inclusively?

Ministerial Office Administration

217. How many staff are in your ministerial office?
 - (a) What was the average salary for staff members in your office during 2018-19?
 - (b) What is the estimated average salary for a ministerial staffer in your office in 2019-20 based on current appointments?
218. How many iPhone/smart phones are assigned to your staff?
 - (a) For each phone, how much was each bill in 2018-19?
 - (b) How many phones have been lost or replaced due to damage in your office?
 - (c) What is the cost of replacing those phones?
219. 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 2018-19?
 - (b) How many iPads or tablets have been replaced due to lost or damage in 2018-19?

- (c) What was the cost of replacing these devices?
220. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2018-19?
- (a) What is the cost of this?
221. Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been hired or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2018-19?
- (a) If so, what was the cost of these items?
222. Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been purchased for display in your ministerial office in 2018-19?
- (a) If so, what was the cost of these items?
223. What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals (including online services) in 2018-19?
- (a) What are these services/newspapers/magazines/journals/periodicals?
- (b) Who is the subscriber for each of these?
224. What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office in 2018-19?
- (a) What were the gifts purchased?
- (b) Who were they gifted to?
225. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?
- (a) What is the monthly cost of this?
226. How much did your ministerial office spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2018-19?
227. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
- (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?
228. What was the total bill for your office in 2018-19 for:
- (a) Taxi hire
- (b) Limousine hire
- (c) Private hire care
- (d) Hire car rental

(e) Ridesharing services?

229. Were any planes or helicopters chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money in 2018-19?

(a) If yes, will you please detail each trip, the method of transport and the cost?

230. 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 2018-19?

Agile Workspaces/Activity Based Working/Hot-desking

231. Have any of your departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies 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 2019-20?

232. How much have your departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies spent in the roll-out of the agile working environment including laptops, furniture, lockers and other equipment in 2018-19?

Hospitality

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

(a) How much was spent on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2018-19?

(b) Whether the department, statutory agency and/or other body has coffee machines? And if so:

i. How many?

ii. What was their purchase cost?

iii. What is their maintenance cost?

iv. Who has access to them?

v. Which staff have access to the machines?

Labour Hire Firms

234. Do any departments, statutory agency and/or other bodies within your portfolio responsibilities utilise the services of Labour Hire Firms? If yes, please advise in table form for 2018-19:

- (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
- (h) Who authorised the use of labour hire companies?
- (i) Do staff under these labour hire arrangements receive as much training and security clearance as permanent staff?

Stationary

235. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister’s portfolio please report:

- (a) What was the cost of stationary for the following financial years:
 - i. 2015-16
 - ii. 2016-17
 - iii. 2017-18
 - iv. 2018-2019
 - v. 2019-present
- (b) What brand of paper is used?
 - i. Is this paper Australian made?

Credit Cards

236. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister’s portfolio please report:

- (a) How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff?
 - i. Please provide a break-down of this information by grade.
- (b) What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card for the following financial years:

- i. 2015-16
 - ii. 2016-17
 - iii. 2017-18
 - iv. 2018-2019
 - v. 2019-present
- (c) What was each largest reported purchase for?
- (d) How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards for the following financial years:
- i. 2015-16
 - ii. 2016-17
 - iii. 2017-18
 - iv. 2018-2019
 - v. 2019-present
- (e) How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards for the following financial years
- i. 2015-16
 - ii. 2016-17
 - iii. 2017-18
 - iv. 2018-2019
 - v. 2019-present
- (f) What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period and what was the card holder's employment grade?
- (g) How many credit cards have been reported lost or stolen?
- i. What was the cost to replace them?
- (h) How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy?
- i. What was the total value of those purchases?

- ii. How many purchases were asked to be repaid on the basis that they were illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and what was the total value thereof?
- iii. Were all those amounts actually repaid?
- iv. If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?
- (i) What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and asked to be repaid, and what was the cardholder's employment grade?
 - i. What that amount actually repaid, in full?
 - ii. What amount was left unpaid?
- (j) Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes?
 - i. Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?
- (k) Can a copy of the staff credit card policy please be provided?

Media and Public Relations

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

- (a) How many media/communications/public relations advisers are employed?
 - i. What is the total salary cost for media/communications/public relations advisers in 2018-19?
- (b) What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media/communications/public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?
- (c) What is the total cost of media monitoring services?
 - i. Please provide a breakdown by department, statutory agency and/or other body.
- (d) Are any media or public relations advisers currently engaged as contractors?
 - i. Who are these contracts with?
 - ii. What is the value of these contracts?
- (e) How much was spent on media or public relations advisors in financial year:
 - i. 2015-16
 - ii. 2016-17
 - iii. 2017-18

iv. 2018-2019

v. 2019-present?

Facebook

238. How much did your ministerial office spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2018-19?

239. How much did your department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister's portfolio spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2018-19?

Overseas Trips

240. 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?

(b) Have you undertaken any official overseas travel that was privately funded?

(c) If so, what was the nature of these trips?

(d) Who paid for these trips?

Department/Agency Travel

241. What was the total expenditure in 2018-19 by departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies within your portfolio on:

(a) Taxi hire

(b) Limousine

(c) Private car hire

(d) Hire car rental

(e) Ridesharing services

(f) Chartered flights?

Drivers

242. Are any of the senior executives in the relevant department, statutory agency and/or other body 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, statutory agency and/or other body?
- (c) What is the total cost of drivers for senior executives in the department, statutory agency and/or other body?

Consulting

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

- (a) How much was spent in legal costs in 2018-19?
 - i. For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?
- (b) Have departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies under your portfolio engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice in 2018-19:
 - i. Social media
 - ii. Photography
 - iii. Acting training
 - iv. Ergonomics
- (c) What was the cost of these services?
 - i. Social media
 - ii. Photography
 - iii. Acting training
 - iv. Ergonomics

Web Content

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

- (a) What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed this year?
- (b) What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed this year?

Department/Agency Staffing

245. How many redundancies were processed by departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2018-19?
- (a) Of these redundancies, how many were:
 - i. Voluntary?
 - ii. Involuntary?
246. What was the total cost of all redundancies?
247. Have any staff who received a redundancy in the last two years undertaken any paid work or provided any paid services for the department, statutory agency and/or other body 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?
248. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies under your portfolio responsibility?
249. How many staff were dismissed from departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2018-19?
- (a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?
250. How much was spent advertising for recruitment for the following financial years:
- (a) 2015-16
 - (b) 2016-17
 - (c) 2017-18
 - (d) 2018-2019
 - (e) 2019-present?

Smart Phone

251. How many mobile phones are given to staff or board members?
- (a) How many new mobile phones were purchased in the last year?
252. What is the total cost of these phones for the following financial years:
- (a) 2015-16

- (b) 2016-17
 - (c) 2017-18
 - (d) 2018-2019
 - (e) 2019-present?
253. How many had to be replaced due to damage?
254. How many were reported as lost?
255. How many tablets are given to staff or board members?
- (a) How many new tablets in the last year?
256. What is the total cost of these tablets for the following financial years?
- (a) 2015-16
 - (b) 2016-17
 - (c) 2017-18
 - (d) 2018-2019?
257. How many phones and tablets had to be replaced due to damage?
258. How many were reported as lost?
259. How many people have both a smart phone and a tablet?
- (a) What is the lowest ranked official who has both a work smart phone and tablet?
260. How many staff or board members overspent on their phone or tablet data bill?
- (a) By how much?
 - (b) What was the average cost of data bills for tablets and mobile phones?
 - (c) What was the highest monthly cost?
261. Do the departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies within your portfolio have an iTunes account?
- (a) What was the total expenditure in 2018-19 on iTunes?
 - (b) What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?
262. Do the departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies within your portfolio have a Google Play Store account?

- (a) What was the total expenditure in 2018-19 on through the Google Play Store?
- (b) What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through the Google Play Store?

Merchant fees

- 263. Please provide a list of all transactions where customers need to pay a merchant fee on credit and/or debit card payments to a department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio.
- 264. Please provide the percentage and/or amount of the merchant fees applied to all credit and/or debit card payments/transactions to a department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio.
- 265. What was the total amount paid in merchant fees on credit and/or debit card payments to departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies within your portfolio in 2018-19?

Advertising and Sponsorships

- 266. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister's portfolio please report:
 - (a) How much was spent on advertising in the following financial years:
 - i. 2015-16
 - ii. 2016-17
 - iii. 2017-18
 - iv. 2018-2019?
- 267. Has your department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio engaged in any corporate sponsorships?
 - (a) Who were these sponsorships with?
 - (b) What was the purpose of these sponsorships?
 - (c) What was the value of these sponsorships, by case and year?
 - (d) What was the value of these sponsorships in the following financial years:
 - i. 2015-16
 - ii. 2016-17
 - iii. 2017-18

Probity Auditor

268. Has your office or department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio 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.

Energy

269. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body within 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?
- (e) 2018/19?

270. What proportion of the electricity consumed by each department, statutory agency and/or other body within 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.

271. How much money was spent on electricity for each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio by name in each of the above financial years?

272. What was the name of the energy supplier to each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio by name for those financial years?

273. How much electricity is it estimated that each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio will consume in:

- (a) 2019-20?
- (b) 2020-21?
- (c) 2021-22?

274. What proportion of that electricity is it estimated will come from renewable sources, for each year?

275. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio by name, please provide the estimated proportion of energy to be used from each kind of energy (coal, gas, solar, wind etc.)?
276. What is the name of the energy supplier to each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio for each of:
- (a) 2019-20?
 - (b) 2020-21?
 - (c) 2021-22?

General Costs

277. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister's portfolio please report:
- (a) Any gardening services used for indoor or outdoor pot plants/flowers maintenance?
 - i. Who are the contracts with?
 - ii. How much does each contract cost?
 - iii. How often do they visit?
 - iv. How much was spent on this service in financial year:
 - 2015-16
 - 2016-17
 - 2017-18
 - 2018-19?
 - (b) Any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants hired or leased for display in any offices?
 - i. Who were the contracts with?
 - ii. How much was each contract cost?
 - iii. How much was spent on this service in financial year:

- 2015-16
- 2016-17
- 2017-18
- 2018-19?

Domestic Violence Leave Policies, Awareness and Usage

278. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body 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?
- (i) What training has been undertaken with management and administration for those involved in approving and/or processing domestic violence leave on issues such as?
 - i. Privacy and confidentiality of information about domestic violence
 - ii. Access to emotional, psychological, financial and medical support which may be required

279. Who has provided training on domestic violence in the workplace?

280. What percentage of staff in each agency has undertaken domestic violence training?

281. What efforts have been made to ensure that perpetrators (or their accomplices) within the staffing profile are not able to access personal information of victims in order to identify their location, or other information which may assist in committing domestic violence against them, including changing or accessing records in such a way as to disadvantage them financially or legally?

Sexual harassment and Anti-bullying training and awareness programs

282. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body 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.
 - i. Whether or not all employees and/or contractors have received such training?
 - ii. Is this course mandatory for all employees/ contractors?
 - iii. How long for each session, how many sessions?
 - iv. Who delivers it?
 - v. Is the program tailored to take into consideration specific needs of LGBTQIA, ATSI and CALD or other at risk groups?
 - How?
- (b) What percentage of staff in each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio have undertaken sexual harassment and anti-bullying training and awareness programs?
- (c) How many complaints have been initiated in relation to:
 - i. Sexual harassment
 - ii. Bullying
 - iii. Workplace violence

Participation of women in Government

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

- (a) What number and percentage of women are employed within the department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio?

- (b) What number and percentage of women are employed within the management levels of the department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio?
- (c) What number and percentage of women are employed in the top ten leadership positions of the department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio?
- (d) What strategies does the department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio use to encourage women in to management and leadership positions?
- (e) What is the gender pay gap within your department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio?
- (f) Does the department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio report participation of women figures to Women NSW on a regular basis?

Professional Photography

284. How much has been spent on professional photography for the following financial years:

- (a) 2015-16
- (b) 2016-17
- (c) 2017-18
- (d) 2018-2019
- (e) 2019-present?

Unmanned Aerial Services

285. How much has been spent on Unmanned Aerial Services for the following financial years:

- (a) 2015-16
- (b) 2016-17
- (c) 2017-18
- (d) 2018-2019
- (e) 2019-present?

Seconded Staff

286. How many staff from your department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio have been seconded to your Ministerial Office, for the following financial years:

- (a) 2015-16

- (b) 2016-17
- (c) 2017-18
- (d) 2018-2019
- (e) 2019-present?

287. Please provide their names, their substantive work title, and their seconded work title.

Consultant Costs

288. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister’s portfolio please report, the total expenditure on consultants by financial year:

- (a) 2015-16
- (b) 2016-17
- (c) 2017-18
- (d) 2018-2019
- (e) 2019-present?

289. What are names and values of the five most expensive reports produced by consultancies for each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister’s portfolio by financial year:

- (a) 2015-16
- (b) 2016-17
- (c) 2017-18
- (d) 2018-2019
- (e) 2019-present?

GIPA Questions to the CEOs/ Department Secretaries

290. Since March 30, how many formal GIPAs have your cluster/ department received?

291. Out of the received formal GIPAs, how many have you determined to:

- (a) Grant full access to the information?
- (b) Grant partial access to the information?
- (c) Not grant access to the information?

292. Out of the GIPA where partial information or no information was granted, how many have decided to appeal?
- (a) Out of those who have decided to appeal, how many have decided to use:
 - i. The agency's internal appeals' mechanism?
 - ii. Review by the Information Commissioner?
 - iii. Review by NCAT?
 - (b) How many of those GIPAs have been overturned on appeal?
 - i. Internal appeals' mechanism?
 - ii. Review of the Information Commissioner?
 - iii. Review by NCAT?
293. GIPAs that have been granted full or partial access, how many appear on the agency's disclosure log?
- (a) What is the rationale for not putting GIPAs on the agency's disclosure log (excluding GIPAs asking for personal information)?
294. Has any GIPAs that appeared on the agency's disclosure log been taken down?
- (a) For what reason/s?

MEDICAL RESEARCH

Questions from Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC (on behalf of the NSW Labor Opposition)
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Medical research

295. Is the Minister aware of Queensland Crime & Corruption Commission Report from December 2017 entitled: *Australia's First Criminal Prosecution for Research Fraud: A case study from the University of Queensland*.
- (a) What vulnerabilities for the prevention of corruption and fraudulent research indicated in that report apply to NSW government grants and institutions?
 - (b) What action has the Government taken to prevent the use of fraudulent research in grant applications?
 - (c) Have Doctors Murdoch or Barwood received any grant monies from the NSW Government?
 - (d) If so, has it been paid back?
 - (e) If it hasn't been paid back, why not?
 - (f) Are any other doctors who are devotees of universal medicine been found to have received grant funding from the NSW Government?
 - (g) If so, what has happened to them?
296. How does NSW calculate the value of investment in medical research from overseas and other states?
297. What other metrics are collected on the operation of medical research trials in NSW?
- (a) Across the health system
 - (b) In public hospitals
 - (c) In private hospitals
 - (d) In public private hospitals
 - (e) In other non-hospital health facilities
298. Where is this reported?
299. How often is it reported?
300. How many clinical trials are undertaken in NSW public hospitals each year?

(a) Please disaggregate by hospital

301. Do CEOs have KPIs to encourage them to take advantage of clinical trials in NSW?

302. Is there a strategy to encourage more clinical trials in NSW?

303. What amount of money is invested in clinical trials by:

(a) Private for-profit companies

i. Based in NSW

ii. Based in Australia excluding NSW

iii. Based overseas

(b) Not-for-Profit companies

i. Based in NSW

ii. Based in Australia excluding NSW

iii. Based overseas

(c) NSW Government

(d) Federal Government

(e) Other entities

i. Based in NSW

ii. Based in Australia excluding NSW

iii. Based overseas

304. Is the Premier or any other Minister intending to attend the Biotechnology Innovation Organisation Convention in June 2020?

(a) If not, why not?

305. Is the Minister aware of the concept of value based health care versus outcomes health care?

306. What role does the Minister see for medical research in driving down the cost of the delivery of health care services other than reduction in bed days?

307. How is the NSW Government ensuring that patients in NSW hospitals receive best second round effects of their health care – psychosocial benefits, lower readmission rates?

(a) How is this quantified in the KPIs with CEOs?

308. How is the Government using medical devices such as negative pressure wound therapy to reduce hospital stays for patients?
309. What feedback if any is the government giving to the Commonwealth about the funding of health devices through private health funds in order to reduce hospital stays and readmissions?
310. How is the Department of health ensuring that all medical staff are able to operate medical devices?
- (a) What training is there for post-operative nurses on wound care, specifically negative pressure wound therapy?
311. How much money is spent on the development of medical research into drug therapies?
- (a) What percentage of the medical research budget is this?
312. How is commercialisation of pharmaceutical medical research encouraged in NSW?
- (a) What programs are there?
- (b) How are we keeping pace with other states in Australia and overseas?
- (c) How do we retain expertise in drug therapies?

Translational research grants scheme

313. How many applicants for these grants? Disaggregated by year since 2015, project name and amount applied and how many were successful.
314. Who assesses the grants?
315. What are the budgets for the grants?
316. What are the criteria?
317. Are these projects evaluated? Is it published and if so, where?
318. By what percentage has the funding to the health system increased each year over the last five years?
319. By what percentage has the funding to medical research increased each year over the last five years?

Diagnostics

320. What is the NSW Government doing to increase the funding of research into better diagnostics and screening for diseases such as cancer of the cervix?

321. How long does a patient have before they must undergo a Cervical Biopsy (which requires day surgery) after they receive a positive testing for the five yearly human papillomavirus (HPV) test?
322. What is the current waiting period for a cervical biopsy test?
323. Does it vary from area to area?
324. Is the Minister aware of women who have been unable to receive a Cervical Biopsy within six months?
325. What is the NSW Government doing to assist specialists participate in research programs to more quickly diagnose disease such as cancer?

New shingles vaccine

326. How much does shingles cost the NSW government each year?
 - (a) Is Shingrix available in Australia?
 - (b) If not, what is the government doing to encourage the availability of Shingrix in Australia?

NSW Health and Medical Research Sponsorship Program

327. How many applications have there been for these grants? Disaggregated by year since 2015, event name and amount applied for.
 - (a) How many were successful?
328. “Applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and against the eligibility and selection criteria by a Review Panel.” – Who is on the panel?
 - (a) How long has this program been going?

PhD Scholarships

329. How many applications have there been for these grants? Disaggregated by year since 2017, project name and amount applied for.
 - (a) How many were successful?
 - (b) Who assesses the grants?
 - (c) What is the estimated benefit of this program in cost or efficacy?
 - (d) Why are there no currently active Scholarship funding rounds?

Medical Devices Fund

330. How many applications have there been for these grants? Disaggregated by year since 2013, event name and amount applied for.
- (a) How many were successful?
 - (b) Who assesses the grants?
331. What is the estimated economic value to date of all medical devices and related technologies that have been developed in this program?
- (a) How is this evaluated?
 - (b) Does the economic benefit stay in Australia?
 - (c) How is this checked?

Early-Mid Career Fellowships

332. How many applications have there been for these fellowships? Disaggregated by year since 2013, Fellowship name and amount applied for.
- (a) How many were successful?
 - (b) Who assesses the grants?
333. What is the economic benefit of these fellowships to the NSW Health system?
- (a) How is this evaluated?
 - (b) Does the economic benefit stay in Australia?
 - (c) How is this checked?

Cell and Gene Therapy Grants

334. How many applications have there been for these grants? Disaggregated by year since 2018, Project name and amount applied for.
- (a) How many were successful?
 - (b) Who assesses the grants?
335. What is the economic benefit of these grants to the NSW Health system?
- (a) How is this evaluated?
 - (b) Does the economic benefit stay in Australia?
 - (c) How is this checked?

NSW Cardiovascular Senior Scientist Grants

336. How many applications have there been for these grants? Disaggregated by year since 2018, Project name and amount applied for.

- (a) How many were successful?
- (b) Who assesses the grants?

337. What is the economic benefit of these grants to the NSW Health system?

- (a) How is this evaluated?
- (b) Does the economic benefit stay in Australia?
- (c) How is this checked?

NSW Cardiovascular Research Capacity Building Grants Program

338. How many applications have there been for these grants? Disaggregated by year since 2018, Project name and amount applied for.

- (a) How many were successful?
- (b) Who assesses the grants?

339. What is the economic benefit of these grants to the NSW Health system?

- (a) How is this evaluated?
- (b) Does the economic benefit stay in Australia?
- (c) How is this checked?

Biospecimen Collection Grants

340. How many applications have there been for these grants? Disaggregated by year since commencement, project name and amount applied for.

- (a) How many were successful?
- (b) Who assesses the grants?

341. What is the economic benefit of these grants to the NSW Health system?

- (a) How is this evaluated?
- (b) Does the economic benefit stay in Australia?
- (c) How is this checked?

Medical Research Support Program

342. How many Medical Research Institutes (MRIs) are directly funded by the NSW Government?
- (a) Please indicate annual funding, disaggregated by year since commencement, institute name and amount awarded?
 - (b) Who assesses applications for funding by MRIs?
343. What is the economic benefit of these grants to the NSW Health system?
- (a) How is this evaluated?
 - (b) Does the economic benefit stay in Australia?
 - (c) How is this checked?

Medical Research Future Fund

344. How much funding has each NSW medical research institution, individual, government, or community received from the Medical Research Future Fund receive from the Federal Government over the last 10 years? (please disaggregate by year and by grant amount for each grant)
345. How does this compare to all other states and territories? (please disaggregate by year and by grant amount for each state or territory)

Ministerial Travel/Meal Allowance

346. How many nights travel were claimed by the Minister during the 2018-19 period?
347. How many nights travel were claimed by the Minister's spouse during the 2018-19 period?
348. What was the total amount of travel allowances claimed by the Minister and their spouse (if applicable) during 2018-19?
349. What is the total amount of meal allowances claimed by the Minister and their spouse (if applicable) during 2018-19?

Efficiency dividends

350. What was the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio in 2018-19?
351. What is the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio in
- (a) 2019-20?

(b) 2020-21?

(c) 2021-22?

352. What was the total efficiency dividend that was achieved for each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio between 2011-12 and 2018-19 inclusively?

Ministerial Office Administration

353. How many staff are in your ministerial office?

(a) What was the average salary for staff members in your office during 2018-19?

(b) What is the estimated average salary for a ministerial staffer in your office in 2019-20 based on current appointments?

354. How many iPhone/smart phones are assigned to your staff?

(a) For each phone, how much was each bill in 2018-19?

(b) How many phones have been lost or replaced due to damage in your office?

(c) What is the cost of replacing those phones?

355. 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 2018-19?

(b) How many iPads or tablets have been replaced due to lost or damage in 2018-19?

(c) What was the cost of replacing these devices?

356. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2018-19?

(a) What is the cost of this?

357. Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been hired or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2018-19?

(a) If so, what was the cost of these items?

358. Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been purchased for display in your ministerial office in 2018-19?

(a) If so, what was the cost of these items?

359. What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals (including online services) in 2018-19?

- (a) What are these services/newspapers/magazines/journals/periodicals?
 - (b) Who is the subscriber for each of these?
360. What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office in 2018-19?
- (a) What were the gifts purchased?
 - (b) Who were they gifted to?
361. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?
- (a) What is the monthly cost of this?
362. How much did your ministerial office spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2018-19?
363. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
- (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?
364. What was the total bill for your office in 2018-19 for:
- (a) Taxi hire
 - (b) Limousine hire
 - (c) Private hire care
 - (d) Hire car rental
 - (e) Ridesharing services?
365. Were any planes or helicopters chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money in 2018-19?
- (a) If yes, will you please detail each trip, the method of transport and the cost?
366. 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 2018-19?

Agile Workspaces/Activity Based Working/Hot-desking

367. Have any of your departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies 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 2019-20?

368. How much have your departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies spent in the roll-out of the agile working environment including laptops, furniture, lockers and other equipment in 2018-19?

Hospitality

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

- (a) How much was spent on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2018-19?
- (b) Whether the department, statutory agency and/or other body has coffee machines? And if so:
 - i. How many?
 - ii. What was their purchase cost?
 - iii. What is their maintenance cost?
 - iv. Who has access to them?
 - v. Which staff have access to the machines?

Labour Hire Firms

370. Do any departments, statutory agency and/or other bodies within your portfolio responsibilities utilise the services of Labour Hire Firms? If yes, please advise in table form for 2018-19:

- (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
- (h) Who authorised the use of labour hire companies?
- (i) Do staff under these labour hire arrangements receive as much training and security clearance as permanent staff?

Stationary

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

(a) What was the cost of stationary for the following financial years:

- i. 2015-16
- ii. 2016-17
- iii. 2017-18
- iv. 2018-2019
- v. 2019-present

(b) What brand of paper is used?

- i. Is this paper Australian made?

Credit Cards

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

(a) How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff?

- i. Please provide a break-down of this information by grade.

(b) What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card for the following financial years:

- i. 2015-16
- ii. 2016-17
- iii. 2017-18
- iv. 2018-2019
- v. 2019-present

(c) What was each largest reported purchase for?

(d) How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards for the following financial years:

- i. 2015-16
- ii. 2016-17

- iii. 2017-18
 - iv. 2018-2019
 - v. 2019-present
- (e) How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards for the following financial years
 - i. 2015-16
 - ii. 2016-17
 - iii. 2017-18
 - iv. 2018-2019
 - v. 2019-present
- (f) What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period and what was the card holder's employment grade?
- (g) How many credit cards have been reported lost or stolen?
 - i. What was the cost to replace them?
- (h) How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy?
 - i. What was the total value of those purchases?
 - ii. How many purchases were asked to be repaid on the basis that they were illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and what was the total value thereof?
 - iii. Were all those amounts actually repaid?
 - iv. If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?
- (i) What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and asked to be repaid, and what was the cardholder's employment grade?
 - i. What that amount actually repaid, in full?
 - ii. What amount was left unpaid?
- (j) Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes?
 - i. Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?
- (k) Can a copy of the staff credit card policy please be provided?

Media and Public Relations

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

- (a) How many media/communications/public relations advisers are employed?
 - i. What is the total salary cost for media/communications/public relations advisers in 2018-19?
- (b) What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media/communications/public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?
- (c) What is the total cost of media monitoring services?
 - i. Please provide a breakdown by department, statutory agency and/or other body.
- (d) Are any media or public relations advisers currently engaged as contractors?
 - i. Who are these contracts with?
 - ii. What is the value of these contracts?
- (e) How much was spent on media or public relations advisors in financial year:
 - i. 2015-16
 - ii. 2016-17
 - iii. 2017-18
 - iv. 2018-2019
 - v. 2019-present?

Facebook

374. How much did your ministerial office spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2018-19?

375. How much did your department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister's portfolio spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2018-19?

Overseas Trips

376. 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?

- (b) Have you undertaken any official overseas travel that was privately funded?
- (c) If so, what was the nature of these trips?
- (d) Who paid for these trips?

Department/Agency Travel

377. What was the total expenditure in 2018-19 by departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies within your portfolio on:

- (a) Taxi hire
- (b) Limousine
- (c) Private car hire
- (d) Hire car rental
- (e) Ridesharing services
- (f) Chartered flights?

Drivers

378. Are any of the senior executives in the relevant department, statutory agency and/or other body 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, statutory agency and/or other body?
- (c) What is the total cost of drivers for senior executives in the department, statutory agency and/or other body?

Consulting

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

- (a) How much was spent in legal costs in 2018-19?
 - i. For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?
- (b) Have departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies under your portfolio engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice in 2018-19:
 - i. Social media

- ii. Photography
 - iii. Acting training
 - iv. Ergonomics
- (c) What was the cost of these services?
- i. Social media
 - ii. Photography
 - iii. Acting training
 - iv. Ergonomics

Web Content

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

- (a) What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed this year?
- (b) What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed this year?

Department/Agency Staffing

381. How many redundancies were processed by departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies within your portfolio responsibilities during 2018-19?

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

382. What was the total cost of all redundancies?

383. Have any staff who received a redundancy in the last two years undertaken any paid work or provided any paid services for the department, statutory agency and/or other body 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?

384. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies under your portfolio responsibility?
385. How many staff were dismissed from departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies under your portfolio responsibilities in 2018-19?
- (a) What were the reason/s for each dismissal?
386. How much was spent advertising for recruitment for the following financial years:
- (a) 2015-16
 - (b) 2016-17
 - (c) 2017-18
 - (d) 2018-2019
 - (e) 2019-present?

Smart Phone

387. How many mobile phones are given to staff or board members?
- (a) How many new mobile phones were purchased in the last year?
388. What is the total cost of these phones for the following financial years:
- (a) 2015-16
 - (b) 2016-17
 - (c) 2017-18
 - (d) 2018-2019
 - (e) 2019-present?
389. How many had to be replaced due to damage?
390. How many were reported as lost?
391. How many tablets are given to staff or board members?
- (a) How many new tablets in the last year?
392. What is the total cost of these tablets for the following financial years?
- (a) 2015-16
 - (b) 2016-17

(c) 2017-18

(d) 2018-2019?

393. How many phones and tablets had to be replaced due to damage?

394. How many were reported as lost?

395. How many people have both a smart phone and a tablet?

(a) What is the lowest ranked official who has both a work smart phone and tablet?

396. How many staff or board members overspent on their phone or tablet data bill?

(a) By how much?

(b) What was the average cost of data bills for tablets and mobile phones?

(c) What was the highest monthly cost?

397. Do the departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies within your portfolio have an iTunes account?

(a) What was the total expenditure in 2018-19 on iTunes?

(b) What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?

398. Do the departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies within your portfolio have a Google Play Store account?

(a) What was the total expenditure in 2018-19 on through the Google Play Store?

(b) What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through the Google Play Store?

Merchant fees

399. Please provide a list of all transactions where customers need to pay a merchant fee on credit and/or debit card payments to a department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio.

400. Please provide the percentage and/or amount of the merchant fees applied to all credit and/or debit card payments/transactions to a department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio.

401. What was the total amount paid in merchant fees on credit and/or debit card payments to departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies within your portfolio in 2018-19?

Advertising and Sponsorships

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

(a) How much was spent on advertising in the following financial years:

i. 2015-16

ii. 2016-17

iii. 2017-18

iv. 2018-2019?

403. Has your department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio engaged in any corporate sponsorships?

(a) Who were these sponsorships with?

(b) What was the purpose of these sponsorships?

(c) What was the value of these sponsorships, by case and year?

(d) What was the value of these sponsorships in the following financial years:

i. 2015-16

ii. 2016-17

iii. 2017-18

iv. 2018-19?

Probity Auditor

404. Has your office or department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio 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.

Energy

405. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body within 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?

(e) 2018/19?

406. What proportion of the electricity consumed by each department, statutory agency and/or other body within 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.

407. How much money was spent on electricity for each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio by name in each of the above financial years?

408. What was the name of the energy supplier to each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio by name for those financial years?

409. How much electricity is it estimated that each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio will consume in:

(a) 2019-20?

(b) 2020-21?

(c) 2021-22?

410. What proportion of that electricity is it estimated will come from renewable sources, for each year?

411. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio by name, please provide the estimated proportion of energy to be used from each kind of energy (coal, gas, solar, wind etc.)?

412. What is the name of the energy supplier to each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio for each of:

(a) 2019-20?

(b) 2020-21?

(c) 2021-22?

General Costs

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

(a) Any gardening services used for indoor or outdoor pot plants/flowers maintenance?

- i. Who are the contracts with?
 - ii. How much does each contract cost?
 - iii. How often do they visit?
 - iv. How much was spent on this service in financial year:
 - 2015-16
 - 2016-17
 - 2017-18
 - 2018-19?
- (b) Any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants hired or leased for display in any offices?
- i. Who were the contracts with?
 - ii. How much was each contract cost?
 - iii. How much was spent on this service in financial year:
 - 2015-16
 - 2016-17
 - 2017-18
 - 2018-19?

Domestic Violence Leave Policies, Awareness and Usage

414. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body 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?
- (i) What training has been undertaken with management and administration for those involved in approving and/or processing domestic violence leave on issues such as?
 - i. Privacy and confidentiality of information about domestic violence
 - ii. Access to emotional, psychological, financial and medical support which may be required

415. Who has provided training on domestic violence in the workplace?

416. What percentage of staff in each agency has undertaken domestic violence training?

417. What efforts have been made to ensure that perpetrators (or their accomplices) within the staffing profile are not able to access personal information of victims in order to identify their location, or other information which may assist in committing domestic violence against them, including changing or accessing records in such a way as to disadvantage them financially or legally?

Sexual harassment and Anti-bullying training and awareness programs

418. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body 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.
 - i. Whether or not all employees and/or contractors have received such training?
 - ii. Is this course mandatory for all employees/ contractors?
 - iii. How long for each session, how many sessions?
 - iv. Who delivers it?
 - v. Is the program tailored to take into consideration specific needs of LGBTQIA, ATSI and CALD or other at risk groups?

- How?
- (b) What percentage of staff in each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio have undertaken sexual harassment and anti- bullying training and awareness programs?
 - (c) How many complaints have been initiated in relation to:
 - i. Sexual harassment
 - ii. Bullying
 - iii. Workplace violence

Participation of women in Government

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

- (a) What number and percentage of women are employed within the department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio?
- (b) What number and percentage of women are employed within the management levels of the department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio?
- (c) What number and percentage of women are employed in the top ten leadership positions of the department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio?
- (d) What strategies does the department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio use to encourage women in to management and leadership positions?
- (e) What is the gender pay gap within your department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio?
- (f) Does the department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio report participation of women figures to Women NSW on a regular basis?

Professional Photography

420. How much has been spent on professional photography for the following financial years:

- (a) 2015-16
- (b) 2016-17
- (c) 2017-18
- (d) 2018-2019

- (e) 2019-present?

Unmanned Aerial Services

421. How much has been spent on Unmanned Aerial Services for the following financial years:

- (a) 2015-16
- (b) 2016-17
- (c) 2017-18
- (d) 2018-2019
- (e) 2019-present?

Seconded Staff

422. How many staff from your department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio have been seconded to your Ministerial Office, for the following financial years:

- (a) 2015-16
- (b) 2016-17
- (c) 2017-18
- (d) 2018-2019
- (e) 2019-present?

423. Please provide their names, their substantive work title, and their seconded work title.

Consultant Costs

424. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister's portfolio please report, the total expenditure on consultants by financial year:

- (a) 2015-16
- (b) 2016-17
- (c) 2017-18
- (d) 2018-2019
- (e) 2019-present?

425. What are names and values of the five most expensive reports produced by consultancies for each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister's portfolio by financial year:

- (a) 2015-16
- (b) 2016-17
- (c) 2017-18
- (d) 2018-2019
- (e) 2019-present?

GIPA Questions to the CEOs/ Department Secretaries

426. Since March 30, how many formal GIPAs have your cluster/ department received?
427. Out of the received formal GIPAs, how many have you determined to:
- (a) Grant full access to the information?
 - (b) Grant partial access to the information?
 - (c) Not grant access to the information?
428. Out of the GIPA where partial information or no information was granted, how many have decided to appeal?
- (a) Out of those who have decided to appeal, how many have decided to use:
 - i. The agency's internal appeals' mechanism?
 - ii. Review by the Information Commissioner?
 - iii. Review by NCAT?
 - (b) How many of those GIPAs have been overturned on appeal?
 - i. Internal appeals' mechanism?
 - ii. Review of the Information Commissioner?
 - iii. Review by NCAT?
429. GIPAs that have been granted full or partial access, how many appear on the agency's disclosure log?
- (a) What is the rationale for not putting GIPAs on the agency's disclosure log (excluding GIPAs asking for personal information)?
430. Has any GIPAs that appeared on the agency's disclosure log been taken down?
- (a) For what reason/s?