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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Questions from Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC

Carbon Sequestration Plantings

1. How many national parks currently have tree planting programs for carbon offsetting?
 - (a) How many are scheduled to commence over the next 12 months?
 - (b) How many are scheduled to commence over the next four years?
2. How many hectares of carbon sequestration plantation have been established in NSW national parks?
 - (a) How many hectares will be planted in the next 12 months?
 - (b) How many hectares is anticipated over the next four years?
3. How is the estimated revenue the NSW Government expects from the carbon sequestration plantings over the next decade?
4. What environmental impacts assessment have been conducted in relation to the carbon sequestration program?
 - (a) What public comment and review processes have been conducted?
 - (b) Have any other public processes been conducted?
 - (c) Have the program been subject to review through the park management plan process under the National Parks and Wildlife Act?
5. What funds were allocated to the NPWS to undertake an environmental impact assessment for the carbon sequestration program?
6. What scientific assessments or compliance audits have been undertaken into the carbon forest plantations established to determine the extent of compliance with the nature conservation objects and management principles of the National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1974?
 - (a) Where carbon sequestration plantations demonstrate non-compliance, what remedial works or other intervention will be undertaken to ensure compliance with the Act?
 - (b) What scientific assessments, such as background monitoring of site-specific attributes prior to the commencement of future tree planting programs, will be done to ensure future carbon sequestration plantation programs in national parks achieve habitat restoration?

St Mary's Woolworths Oil Spill

7. In relation to the underground fuel storage tank contamination at the Woolworths Petrol Station on Forrester Road in St Marys, on the 25th of March 2016, what contaminants and in what quantities were found to be present at the site by the EPA's investigation?
 - (a) What quantity of benzene was detected at the site?
 - (b) What other BTEX chemicals were detected at the site, and in what quantities?
8. What was the basis for the EPA's determination that no remediation was required?
9. Why did the EPA refuse to share the site contamination report with the landowner?
10. Did the report sent by Woolworths to the EPA in 2009 mention the presence of benzene at the site?

Climate Change

11. What proportion of NSW total electricity use by 2030 will be from renewable sources?
12. Assuming no change in other emissions reduction activities, what proportion is necessary to achieve NSW's aspirational target of net zero emissions by 2050?
 - (a) What actions will NSW government take to ensure the target is achieved?
13. How much have emissions from government operations reduced by since the Climate Change Policy Framework was announced in 2017?
14. Given the Government's aspirational long-term objectives of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050, what are NSW's anticipated emissions in:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2025?
 - (c) 2030?
 - (d) 2040?
15. Given the Government's aspirational long-term objectives of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050, what is the projected proportion of emissions by sector/activity in:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2025?
 - (c) 2030?

(d) 2040?

Biodiversity Conservation Trust

16. In relation to the Conservation Tender Expression of Interest assessment process, the BCT uses a biodiversity value score (BVS) methodology to compare bids. Has the BVS methodology been expert-reviewed?
17. The review by the Audit Office found that four of the bids that were nominated by the tender evaluation panel were rejected by the Board. Why were these bids rejected?
 - (a) Why were the three bids not recommended by the tender evaluation panel funded, despite having a lower BVS?
 - (b) What was the explanation for the deviation from the published methodology in the determination of bids?
18. In what other ways has the BCT has varied from its published methodology for determining successful bids?
19. The largest proportion of money to date has been invested in the Central West region, however this region has the lowest biodiversity value scores. The BCT Board rejected several agreements in the Northern Inland region with higher BVI values than agreements in the Central West. How do you explain this?
20. How does the BVS methodology ensure that adequate resources are provided to regional and underrepresented landscapes?
21. What is the timeline for the monitoring compliance procedures for conservation agreements?
22. How will you demonstrate net benefit of the conservation investment?

Waste - Container Deposit Scheme

23. Under the CDS, what proportion of eligible containers are being recovered from the total recyclable waste stream?
 - (a) What is the Government's target for recovery of eligible containers?
 - (b) What is the projected trend?
24. Given that local government kerbside recovery systems, including trucks, fuel, labour, MRF operation and landfill levies, depend on the sale of recyclate, what has been the cost of the CDS to local governments?
 - (a) What has been the overall impact of the CDS on local government recycling programs?

25. What measures are in place to ensure the viability of Council kerbside collection and materials recovery facilities given the increasing diversion of the most valuable recycle streams?

Waste - Landfill

26. The Draft NSW Waste and Resource Recovery Needs Report 2017-21 sets an ambitious 2021 resource recovery diversion target of 75%. It notes that should the 75% target for resource recovery diversion not be met, NSW will have insufficient existing, planned or approved landfill capacity, and demand for landfill will increase. Given changes to global recycle markets, what contingency landfill sites have been identified?
- (a) What planning or assessment work has been conducted to date to determine contingency landfill sites?
 - (b) What engagement has the Government had with local governments in relation to identified contingency landfill sites?
27. Has the 75% target for resource recovery diversion been revised in light of changes in the global recycle market?

ENERGY

Questions from Mr David Shoebridge MLC

28. Given that the State government's Climate Change Policy Framework targets zero net carbon dioxide emissions by 2050, what have been the actual climate change fund's renewable energy annual expenditures since \$214 million in 2014/15 and what are future allocations for renewable energy?
29. When will the government's climate change action plans to achieve the 2050 target be released (originally planned to be released in early 2018)?

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

Electricity Prices

30. Notwithstanding the privatisation of electricity assets and the slashing of some 5,000 electricity worker jobs over a 5 year period, electricity prices have gone up since the Liberals and Nationals came to power in 2011.
 - (a) Can the government explain what they are doing to address high retail prices?
 - (b) Does the government still stand by its pledge that power prices would be lower under a privatised network?
 - (c) Does the government rule out further privatisations?
31. Do you think that this is a market characterised by real competition?
 - (a) Do you accept that the unregulated sectors of the electricity market – the generation and retail sectors – are essentially characterised by monopoly pricing behaviour at the cost of higher electricity prices to the NSW consumer?
 - (b) Why did your government abolish the regulated price on what retailers should charge?

Consultants

32. How much has Essential Energy spent on consultants, external advisors and contractors in the last 3 years?
 - (a) How much has Essential Energy spent on consultants, external advisors and contractors in the last 12 months?

- (b) How much of this work was previously done in-house?
33. How much was spent on Essential Energy's transformation project?
- (a) Over how many years was this money spent?
 - (b) Was this project implemented?

Senior Managers

34. How much have senior managers or contract employees spent on entertainment on company credit cards in the past 2 years?
- (a) How much have senior managers or contract employees spent on alcohol?

Port Macquarie Re-fit

35. How much did Essential Energy spend on a coffee machine for the Port Macquarie office?
- (a) What was the rationale for this purchase?
 - (b) How much is being spent on the new office fit-out in Port Macquarie?
 - (c) How much of this is being contributed by the landlord?
 - (d) How much directly from Essential Energy's budget?

Vegetation tasks

36. How many vegetation tasks have been cancelled by Essential Energy in the last 12 months?
- (a) How many vegetation tasks have been cancelled by Essential Energy in the last three years?
 - (b) How many of these cancelled vegetation tasks were in high risk bushfire zones?
 - (c) Would the government regard this as a safety concern for regional areas, coming up to bushfire season?
 - (d) Can the Government guarantee that none of these vegetation tasks are essential to protecting communities from fires or other accidents?

Staffing and bullying & harassment

37. There have been allegations of bullying and harassment at Essential Energy – do you agree that there is a culture problem at EE?
- (a) Why did the chair of the board (Patricia McKenzie) recently leave Essential?
38. How many of the executive team have electricity experience prior to working with Essential Energy?

- (a) Do you think it's vital that the executive have a good knowledge of the industry to ensure the efficient management of the company?
39. Have Essential Energy done any studies or collated any statistics in relation to mental health issues manifesting among employees and possible causal effects in the context of job insecurity and Essential Energy disciplinary processes?

Renewables

40. In Budget Estimates on 31 August 2018 (transcript p23), the former Energy Minister Mr Harwin indicated that over 1,250 megawatts of renewable energy projects were then under construction in NSW.
- (a) How many of those projects have now been completed? Can you name them, their nameplate capacity, type of energy and dollar value? Which ones have firming or storage, how much, and of what kind?
- (b) How many renewable energy projects are currently under construction in NSW? Can you name them, their nameplate capacity, type of energy and dollar value? Which ones have firming or storage, how much, and of what kind?
41. In that same evidence, the former Energy Minister, Mr Harwin, indicated that over 8,400 megawatts were then seeking approval in the planning system.
- (a) How many have since received planning approval? Can you name them, their nameplate capacity, type of energy and dollar value? Which ones have firming or storage, how much, and of what kind?
- (b) What was the consent authority for each project?
- (c) At what stage(s) in the planning system are the other projects? What is the consent authority for each project? Which ones have firming or storage, how much, and of what kind?
42. The former Energy Minister, Mr Harwin, also indicated that over 5,700 megawatts of renewable energy projects already had planning approval.
- (a) What is happening with each of those projects?
- (b) Is there any intention to move to construction?
- (c) How many renewable energy projects in total now have planning approval?
- (d) Can you name them, their nameplate capacity, type of energy and dollar value?

- (e) Which ones have firming or storage, how much and of what kind?
43. Again, referring to former Energy Minister Harwin's evidence at last year's Budget Estimates on 31 August, what has the NSW Government done over the last twelve months to ensure there is the transmission capacity to link these projects to the grid?

Going It Alone

44. In your CEDA speech in June you indicated that the NSW Government's policy remains the National Energy Guarantee? If that is correct, what steps are you now taking to implement this policy?
45. You have indicated that the NSW Government is prepared to '*go it alone*' on energy policy, if necessary. At what point would it be necessary? What circumstances?
46. Are we not at that point now, given the inability or unwillingness of the Commonwealth Government to develop a coherent energy policy?

Chief Scientist's recommendations on CSG

Questions to Minister Kean

47. Where is the regulatory framework proposed by the Chief Scientist in recommendation 4, to ensure the regulation of the CSG industry is at no cost to NSW taxpayers?
- (a) When was this recommendation implemented?
- (b) What was the cost of implementing recommendation 4?
- (c) If this recommendation has been implemented, where in the Budget Papers is the '*annual statement*' provided for in recommendation 4?
48. When and in what form was recommendation 6 carried out?
- (a) What was the cost of implementing recommendation 6?
49. When and in what form was recommendation 7 carried out?
- (a) What was the cost of implementing recommendation 7?
50. When and in what way did the NSW Government carry out the '*target and outcomes focused regulatory system*' with the three key elements outlined in recommendation 8?
- (a) What was the cost of implementing recommendation 8?
51. When did the NSW Government implement recommendation 9 of the Chief Scientist, for a robust and comprehensive policy of appropriate insurance for the CSG industry?

- (a) Where can the documentation for the implementation of recommendation 9 be read?
 - (b) What are the terms of the relevant insurance policy or policies?
 - (c) Are these underwritten by the private insurance market or by government?
 - (d) How many policies of insurance are now in place?
 - (e) What are the premiums that are being charged?
 - (f) When was the scheme of security deposits contained in recommendation 9 implemented?
 - (g) What are the terms of the scheme of security deposits?
 - (h) When was the rehabilitation fund contained in recommendation 9 implemented?
 - (i) What are the terms of the rehabilitation fund?
 - (j) What has been the cost to date of implementing recommendation 9? Please answer by referring to each separate part of recommendation 9.
 - (k) If recommendation 9 has not been implemented, when will it be delivered?
52. Where is the Whole-of-Environment Data Repository with each of the features recommended by the Chief Scientist in recommendation 10?
- (a) When was recommendation 10 fully implemented?
 - (b) What has been the cost of implementing recommendation 10 to date?
53. Where is the centralised Risk Management and Prediction Tool for all extractive industries in NSW, with the risk register, database of event histories and the archive of Trigger Action Response Plans recommended by the Chief Scientist in recommendation 11?
- (a) When was recommendation 11 fully implemented?
 - (b) What has been the cost of implementing recommendation 11 to date?
54. When was the expert advisory body on CSG established, as recommended by the Chief Scientist in recommendation 12?
- (a) Who is on the advisory body?
 - (b) When were they appointed?
 - (c) What is the term of office?
 - (d) How were the persons on the body selected?
 - (e) What was the selection criteria?

- (f) Where and when were the positions advertised?
 - (g) Are those serving on the advisory body remunerated? If so, how much?
 - (h) What work has the advisory body done to date?
 - (i) Where can that work be reviewed?
 - (j) Where are the Annual Statements of the advisory body, as included in recommendation 12?
55. When was the formal mechanism (consisting of five parallel, interacting steps and contained in recommendation 13) implemented?
- (a) Where can the documentation be seen?
 - (b) What has been the cost to date of implementing recommendation 13?
56. When was the mandatory training and certification requirements, contained in recommendation 14, implemented?
- (a) Where can the mandatory training and certification requirements contained in recommendation 14 be read?
 - (b) Are these requirements legislative? What legislation are they made under? If they are not legislative, in what way has the government made them mandatory?
57. When was the plan to manage legacy matters associated with CSG, contained in recommendation 15, implemented?
- (a) Where can this legacy plan be read?
 - (b) What has been the cost to date of developing and implementing this legacy plan?
58. If any of the recommendations of the Chief Scientist on CS have not been implemented, when will they be delivered? Please provide timeframes for each recommendation.

Energy switch and rebates

59. How many people have taken up the Self-funded retiree rebate since it became available on July 1?
60. What is the Government's target take-up by the end of the year and are you on track?
61. How much money has the Government spent on promoting the self-funded retiree energy rebate?

62. With reports that some households will see average increases in electricity prices of \$320 for households and \$920 for small businesses in the next year, will the self-funded retiree rebate really help?
63. How did the Government arrive at the subsidy amount?
64. How many people have used the online “one click energy switch?”
65. How many users have switched to lower cost energy plans after using the service?
66. What is the total cost to the Government of managing the “one click energy switch?”
67. Given the Premier herself has said she is “too busy” to sign up for the Energy Switch program, how does the Minister expect working households to do so?

Self-funded retiree energy rebate

68. Has the Minister been involved in the design and implementation of the self-funded retiree energy rebate?
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Ministerial Travel/Meal Allowance

73. How many nights travel were claimed by the Minister during the 2018-19 period?
74. How many nights travel were claimed by the Minister’s spouse during the 2018-19 period?
75. What was the total amount of travel allowances claimed by the Minister and their spouse (if applicable) during 2018-19?
76. What is the total amount of meal allowances claimed by the Minister and their spouse (if applicable) during 2018-19?

Efficiency dividends

77. What was the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio in 2018-19?
78. 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?
79. 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

80. 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?
81. 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?
82. 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?
83. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2018-19?
- (a) What is the cost of this?
84. 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?
85. 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?
86. 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?
87. 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?
88. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?
- (a) What is the monthly cost of this?
89. How much did your ministerial office spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2018-19?
90. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
- (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?
91. 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?
92. 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?
93. 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

94. 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?
95. 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

96. 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

97. 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?

Stationery

98. 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

99. 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

100. 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

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

102. 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

103. 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

104. 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

105. 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

106. 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

107. 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

108. 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?

109. What was the total cost of all redundancies?
110. 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?
111. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies under your portfolio responsibility?
112. 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?
113. 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

114. How many mobile phones are given to staff or board members?
- (a) How many new mobile phones were purchased in the last year?
115. 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?
116. How many had to be replaced due to damage?

117. How many were reported as lost?
118. How many tablets are given to staff or board members?
- (a) How many new tablets in the last year?
119. 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?
120. How many phones and tablets had to be replaced due to damage?
121. How many were reported as lost?
122. 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?
123. 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?
124. 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?
125. 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

126. 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.

127. 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.
128. 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

129. 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?
130. 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

131. 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

132. 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?
133. 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.
134. 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?
135. 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?
136. 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?
137. What proportion of that electricity is it estimated will come from renewable sources, for each year?
138. 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.)?
139. 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

140. 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

141. 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

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

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

144. 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

145. 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

146. 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

147. 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

148. 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

149. 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?

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

Consultant Costs

151. 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?

152. 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

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

154. 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?

155. 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?

156. 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)?

157. Has any GIPAs that appeared on the agency's disclosure log been taken down?

- (a) For what reason/s?

ENVIRONMENT

Questions from Mr Justin Field MLC

Narrabri Gas Project

158. On the basis of what advice or research did the Minister make the claim in budget estimates hearings that: "The best technology available to support and firm up renewable energy is, at this stage, gas."
159. Is the Minister aware of public statements by energy company AGL that renewable energy fired with storage is likely to be cheaper given the high price of domestic gas?

Clearing of native vegetation

Please provide the following information for each of the local government areas of Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama, Shoalhaven, Eurobodalla and Bega Valley (separately), and based on the most up to date information available:

160. How many hectares of native vegetation are covered by a residential zoning?
161. How many hectares of native vegetation are covered by a commercial or industrial zoning?
162. Since 2010, how many hectares of native vegetation have been cleared for residential development?

Land clearing amnesty

In regards to the Government's announcement on 1 August 2019 that committed to no new land clearing investigations being initiated under the old Native Vegetation Act 2003 after 31 August this year, a winding back of automatic remediation orders and no penalties for activities that would have been legal under the new Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016:

163. How many investigations under the old Native Vegetation Act 2003 had commenced before the deadline of 31 August 2019?
164. How many investigations have been discontinued as a result of finding that the activities would not have breached the new Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.
165. How many prosecutions under the old Native Vegetation Act 2003 had commenced before the deadline of 31 August 2019?
166. How many prosecutions have been discontinued as a result of the 1 August announcement?

167. For existing cases of illegal clearing for which investigations are underway under the old Native Vegetation Act 2003, how many have been or are likely to be found to have breached the new Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016?
- (a) How many hectares of illegal clearing is this likely to apply to?
 - (b) For these cases of illegal clearing, what are the alternatives to remediation orders that will be available to landholders?
168. Will the announcement allow remediation orders already made to be expunged?
- (a) If yes, what is the process for landholders to seek to have orders expunged?
 - (b) How many hectares of land subject to existing remediation orders could have the order expunged as a result of this announcement?
169. Will the announcement allow previous set-asides as a result of Private Vegetation Plans or other approvals for clearing, allow landholders to seek to modify set-aside provisions if they believe as a result of the introduction of the new Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 they would not have been required to commit to such set-asides?
170. How many investigations into illegal land clearing under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 have been commenced since that Act came into effect?
171. How many hectares of potential illegal clearing do these investigations apply to?
172. How many prosecutions are underway or have been finalised as a result of investigations under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.

Review of the Land Management (Native Vegetation) Code 2018

In relation to the review of the Land Management (Native Vegetation) Code 2018 being undertaken by the Natural Resources Commission and referred to in the hearing on 13 September 2019 by Mr Wilde:

173. What involvement did the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) or Environment, Energy & Science (EES) group have in this review?
174. Who are the three members of the 'external panel' mentioned by Mr Wilde in the hearing and what are their qualifications?
175. What process was undertaken to identify the experts used in the review?
176. What was the trigger for the review and how was this trigger established?
177. What were the terms of reference for the review?

178. What agencies contributed to the review?
179. Will the review report be made public?
180. When will the Government respond to the review?
181. Are there statutory or other requirements that set out what the Minister for Environment must consider before providing concurrence for a new native vegetation code?

New regional native vegetation codes

Regarding the testimony of Mr Witherdin, Chief Executive of Local Land Services, in Minister Marshall's hearing on 10 September 2019 where he mentioned the development of a "large area code", "pilot projects" and "consultative group":

182. What is/was the level of involvement by Environment, Energy & Science (EES) group/Office of Environment and Heritage in:
- (a) developing the new regional code/s
 - (b) the pilot program
 - (c) the consultative group
 - (d) the community panel?

Local Land Services Act 2013 and Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 reviews

183. When is a statutory review required under the:
- (a) Local Land Services Act 2013 and regulation
 - (b) Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and regulation?
184. Is there any other trigger to review the Local Land Services Act 2013 or the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 or their respective regulations? Is there any other planned review?

Auditor General's 'Managing Native vegetation' report

185. What is the Government doing to implement the findings of the Auditor General's 'Managing Native vegetation' report dated 27 June 2019 as it relates to recommendations specific to the Office of Environment and Heritage, now Environment, Energy & Science?
186. Will each of the recommendations be implemented by Environment, Energy & Science in full and on time (as per the recommended timeline)? If not, why not?

Barwon-Darling Water Sharing Plan - modelling report

187. Was a report prepared by the Office of Environment for the Water Reform Taskforce that compared modelled annual total flows to actual total flows from gauges in the Darling River? If so, will the Government make this report publicly available?

Old growth remapping – timeline

Regarding the testimony of Dr Keniry in the hearings on 13 September 2019 where he responded to the Hon. Penny Sharpe regarding the timeline of old growth remapping as a result of ‘additional protections’ under the Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals and the ‘first instance of looking at remapping some old-growth forest’ (see page 66 of transcript):

188. When did the NRC first consider remapping old growth forest?

189. Was this a direction of the Premier? If so, what was the specific direction?

190. When were the first pilot trials conducted? When were they reported on?

191. What was the involvement of OEH/EPA/EES in this work

Dr Keniry’s testimony further provided (see page 67 of transcript) that after the pilot trials, there were additional terms of reference:

192. When were these terms of reference provided to the NRC?

193. What were these additional terms?

194. What additional work was conducted by the NRC as a result of these new terms of reference?

195. What was the involvement of OEH/EPA/EES in this work

Dr Keniry’s testimony then provided (see page 67 of transcript) that the NRC was advised from Forestry Corporation ‘that it was in the process of re-looking at its ability to supply its wood supply contracts’:

196. When was this advice received?

197. Was there a justification provided by Forestry Corporation for undertaking this work?

198. What is the scope of this assessment?

199. Will the NRC verify this assessment? If so, how will this be done?

Regarding the testimony of Ms Levy in the hearings on 13 September 2019 where she indicated towards the involvement of environment groups if the old growth remapping work does continue (see page 67 of transcript):

200. What level of involvement will this be? Will environment groups be involved in ground-truthing the methodology?

Old growth forest remapping – Office of Environment and Heritage submission

In regards to a submission titled ‘Submission to the NSW Environment Protection Agency on the Draft Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval Remake’ by the New South Wales Office of Environment and Heritage, Conservation and Regional Delivery Division, North-East Branch, dated 23 July 2018 obtained under freedom of information:

201. Was this submission made on behalf of the Office of Environment and Heritage at the time?

202. Were any directions given to regional branches to enable them to provide individual submissions? If so, what were these directions?

203. What was the highest level of bureaucrat that approved, or noted, this submission?

204. Was the submission sent to the Minister’s office in advance of being submitted?

205. Does the Environment, Energy & Science (EES) group support the content of the submission and does it maintain the concerns raised? If not, how has the view of the EES group changed since July 2018?

206. Have regional branches on the North Coast in the EES group, or previously Office of Environment and Heritage, been consulted on the process to remap old growth forest?

(a) If so, what is the level of involvement?

(b) Have any formal submissions been made?

Forestry snapshots

207. When was the 2016/17 Forestry Snapshot report provided to the Forestry Corporation?

208. Has the Forestry Corporation responded to the 2016/17 Forestry Snapshot?

(a) If yes, when?

209. When will the 2016/17 Forestry Snapshot be published?

210. Has the 2017/18 forestry snapshot been provided to the Forestry Corporation?

(a) If yes, when?

211. Has the Forestry Corporation responded to the 2017/18 Forestry Snapshot?
- (a) If yes, when?
212. When will the 2016/17 Forestry Snapshot be published?
213. What input does the Forestry Corporation provide into the process of preparing the Forestry Snapshots?

Kosciusko National Park - feral horses

214. What is the timeline for the completion of the survey and assessment of feral horse numbers in Kosciusko National Park?
215. Will the survey results be made public?
216. How many horses are expected to be captured as a result of trapping to be conducted for the remainder of 2019?

PFAS contamination

217. What work has the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) done to reduce, assess and remediate the impacts of PFAS contamination in the Shoalhaven?
218. What work has been undertaken in relation to HMAS Albatross?
219. Has any work been undertaken in relation to HMAS Creswell and impacts on surrounding communities and river systems within the NSW jurisdiction or on the Jervis Bay Marine Park?
220. Has there been any health support, similar to that in Williamstown, provided to communities affected by PFAS from HMAS Creswell?

NSW National Parks System Directions Statement

221. When will the NSW National Parks System Directions Statement be publicly released?

Biomass

On 29 May 2014 the Sugar Milling Co-Operative Ltd and Cape Byron Management Pty Ltd were given an exemption to the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (Gazette notice 6 June 2014) to allow them to use native forest biomaterial that had been cleared for other purposes. The exemption required monthly reporting on volume, source and type of native forest used. The exemption applied for 5 years, expiring in May 2019. Regarding this exemption:

222. Is the exemption still in place?

223. Was the monthly reporting as required under the exemption completed?

(a) If yes, is the reporting publicly available?

i. If no, can the reporting be provided?

(b) If no, why not?

EES and water questions

224. Broken down by catchment (Gwydir, Macquarie, Lachlan, Murrumbidgee and Murray-Lower Darling), how many gigalitres of Environmental Water Holdings along the Murray-Darling River system were purchased in each year from 2010/11 to 2018/19 and since 1 July 2019? For each catchment:

(a) What was the average price realised each year?

225. Broken down by catchment (Gwydir, Macquarie, Lachlan, Murrumbidgee and Murray-Lower Darling), how many gigalitres of Environmental water holdings along the Murray-Darling River system were sold in each year from 2010/11 to 2018/19? For each catchment:

(a) What was the average price realised each year?

226. What has happened to the money OEH/DPIE makes from the sale of environmental water allocations? (For example, is the money held for future purchases of environmental water? Is it held within the OEH/DPIE budget for other purposes? Or it is transferred to consolidated revenue?)

227. How much money in total has OEH/DPIE made from sales of environmental water allocations since 2010/11?

228. How much money in total has OEH/DPIE spent on environmental water purchases since 2010/11

229. Why was 15GL of environmental water was sold in 2018/19 in the middle of a drought rather than used to benefit the environment?

230. What was the environmental benefit of selling 15GL of environmental water in 2018/19?

231. What process does the OEH/DPIE use to determine whether to sell water?

232. What factors do OEH/DPIE consider when selling environmental water?

233. Given the average sale price of sold environmental water by OEH/DPIE was at or above the market average for at least each of the proceeding six years, why was the average sale price of

\$349/ML for the 15GL of sold environmental water in 2018/19 significantly less than the market average of about \$420/ML in 2018/19?

234. How does OEH/DPIE ensure they are getting value for money in sales of environmental water?
235. Are sales of environmental water agreed to by the Environmental Water Advisory Groups in each catchment?
236. Who signs off on decisions to sell environmental water?
237. Has DPIE been asked by the government to sell environmental water in the past 2 years? If so what was the nature of the request, when was it made and can you provide a copy of any request to the committee?
238. Has DPIE provided advice to government about the environmental impact of selling 15GL of environment water allocations in 2018/19? If so what was the advice, when was it provided and can you provide a copy of any advice to the committee?

NPWS bushfire management

239. Given the NPWS strategy for managing bushfires (Living with fire) is set to expire in 2021, what is the timeframe for reviewing and updating this strategy?
 - (a) Has work on an updated strategy begun?
 - (b) Has there been any consultation with stakeholders to date? If so, which agencies, organisations or individuals have been consulted?
 - (c) What will be the consultation process be for the review?
240. How much federal government funding did NPWS receive from the commonwealth government for bushfire management in each of the past 5 years?
241. How much federal government funding is NPWS expecting to receive from the commonwealth government for bushfire management over the forward estimates?
242. Given the expected impacts of climate change, has there been or will there be a review of whether the current NPWS resources, assets and budget for bushfire management are sufficient?
 - (a) If so, what was the conclusion of that review? Can a copy of the review be made available to the committee?
 - (b) If not, will you commit to such a review?
243. Has there been an assessment of the cost effectiveness of investments in Remote Area Fire Fighting Teams and Remote Area Rapid Response Teams?

- (a) If so, what was the conclusion of this assessment? Can a copy of the review be made available to the committee?
 - (b) If not, will you commit to such a review?
 - (c) How much has been committed over the forward estimates to fund these teams?
244. Funding for the Enhanced Bushfire Management Program is set to run out by 2022. Will the Government commit to maintaining or increasing this funding beyond 2022?
245. When there is an active bushfire, what level of prioritisation is given to the protection of rainforest, threatened species and/or threatened ecological communities?
246. How is the government ensuring the protection of rainforest, threatened species and/or threatened ecological communities from bushfires?

New Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (IFOA)

247. What rate of koala feed tree retention rate was proposed by the Expert Faunal Panel for the draft coastal IFOA?
248. What is the scientific basis for the tree retention rates for koalas under the new coastal IFOA?
249. What impact will increased logging intensity under the new coastal IFOA have on feed and shelter tree resources for koalas?

Koala Strategy

250. Regarding the “more than 24,000 hectares” of state forests set aside under the Koala Strategy:
- (a) How many koala hubs does this protect?
 - (b) How many hectares are Areas of Regional Koala Significance?
 - (c) What criteria was used to select these 24,000 hectares?
251. Did the former Office of Environment and Heritage provided any advice and/or recommendations to government on the effectiveness of the koala strategy before it was approved?
- (a) If yes, what was this advice? Please provide a copy of all relevant advice for the committee.
252. Has the EES or former Office of Environment and Heritage provided any advice and/or recommendations to government on the effectiveness of the koala strategy since it has been approved?
- (a) If yes, what was this advice? Please provide a copy of all relevant advice for the committee.

253. Did the former Office of Environment and Heritage provide any advice and/or recommendations to government on areas that should be protected under the koala strategy?
- (a) If yes, what was this advice? Please provide a copy of all relevant advice for the committee.
254. Will the NSW Koala Strategy be successful in stabilising and increasing the population of koalas across the state?

Landclearing

255. Is it still the case that less than 1% of identified koala habitat on private land in NSW is protected from clearing under the Land management (native vegetation) code?
256. How much mapped koala habitat has been cleared in each of the past 4 years, broken down by cause of clearing?
257. How much koala habitat has been cleared under the code since the Land management (native vegetation) code was introduced?
258. Has the government done any modelling on the expected amount of koala habitat that will be cleared under Land management (native vegetation) code?
- (a) If yes, how much is expected to be cleared in the next five years? Please provide a copy of all relevant advice for the committee.
- (b) If not, why not?

Compliance and enforcement

259. How many compliance audits and investigations of FCNSW did the EPA conduct in each of the financial years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?
260. What was the overall compliance rate for those audits and investigations of FCNSW in each of the financial years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?
261. How many action plans has the EPA asked FCNSW to provide in relation to breaches in each of the financial years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?
262. How many code red non compliances has the EPA identified by FCNSW in each of the financial years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?
263. How many code orange non compliances has the EPA identified by FCNSW in each of the financial years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?
264. How many code yellow non compliances has the EPA identified by FCNSW in each of the financial years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?

265. How many non compliances by FCNSW relating to damage to or failure to retain, protect or properly mark trees as required has the EPA identified in each of the financial years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?
266. How many non compliances by FCNSW relating to conditions relating to koalas has the EPA identified in each of the financial years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?
267. How many penalty notices has the EPA issued to FCNSW in each of the financial years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?
268. How many prosecutions has the EPA commenced against FCNSW in each of the financial years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?
269. What is the total value of the fines that FCNSW has had to pay for compliance breaches in each of the financial years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?
270. Is the EPA confident that FCNSW will meet the koala tree retention requirements under the new coastal IFOA?
- (a) If yes, what is this confidence based on?
 - (b) If no, what do you intend to do about it?

Questions from the Hon Mark Pearson MLC

National Parks and Wildlife Service activity reports and returns submitted by landholders with non-commercial kangaroo licences.

271. Can the Minister's office provide the details of how many kangaroos have been killed by NSW land holders with non-commercial kangaroo licences for the period:
- (a) 8th August 2018 to the latest figures available
 - (b) 1st January 2018 to 7th August 2018
 - (c) 2017
 - (d) 2016

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

Cooks River

272. What role does your Department (DPIE) play in improving the health of the Cooks River?

Container Deposit Scheme

273. How does DPIE ensure there is no windfall gain to manufacturers as a result of the Container Deposit Scheme when manufacturers are only charged for containers returned yet IPART shows all container prices have risen?

Koalas

274. What is the current population of wild koalas understood to be in NSW?

275. What was the population estimate of wild koalas in NSW in:

- (a) 2015/16
- (b) 2016/17
- (c) 2017/18
- (d) 2018/19

276. Can the Minister please provide a list of identified 'koala hubs' on public land, including location and their approximate area?

277. Can the Minister please provide a list of identified 'koala hubs' on private land, including location and their approximate area?

278. How many 'koala hubs' on public land have been cleared, logged or otherwise impacted since being identified?

279. How many 'koala hubs' on private land have been cleared, logged or otherwise impacted since being identified?

280. Which 'koala hubs' on public land are scheduled for clearing, logging or other impacts in:

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

281. Which 'koala hubs' on private land are scheduled for clearing, logging or other impacts in:

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

PFAS Contamination

282. Has the Government identified PFAS chemical contamination on sites currently or formerly owned or operated by the state government?
- (a) If so, please provide a list of sites
283. What actions are being taken to identify PFAS contamination emanating from public land or as a result of government activities?
284. Is the Government involved with any PFAS remediation trials?
- (a) If so, please indicate the basis of the trial and the support being offered
285. How many properties contaminated with PFAS chemicals are contained within the government's proposed Special Activation Precinct in Williamstown?
286. How much money has the NSW Government spent on PFAS identification, analysis, monitoring, remediation, and associated capital works in:
- (a) 2015/16
- (b) 2016/17
- (c) 2017/18
- (d) 2018/19
- (e) The current financial year
287. How many waste disposal sites or similar facilities in NSW are licenced to receive and store PFAS waste?
288. Which businesses hold a licence to receive and store PFAS waste?
289. How many fines have been issued for offences related to PFAS contamination or incorrect storage in:
- (a) 2015
- (b) 2016
- (c) 2017
- (d) 2018
- (e) 2019

290. How many prosecutions have been initiated for offences related to PFAS contamination or incorrect storage in:
- (a) 2015
 - (b) 2016
 - (c) 2017
 - (d) 2018
 - (e) 2019
291. Has the NSW Government issued any demands to the Commonwealth Government related to PFAS contamination identification, monitoring or remediation?
- (a) If so, for which sites?
292. Has the NSW Government provided the Commonwealth Government any advice whatsoever regarding expected actions related to PFAS contamination identification, monitoring or remediation?
293. Is the NSW Government able to take legal action against the Commonwealth Government regarding the contamination of private land and public waterways outside the boundaries of Commonwealth land?
- (a) If not, what legal principle prevents such action?
294. Hunter Water Corporation suspended the trade waste permit for Truegain in Rutherford in February 2016 following multiple contamination breaches. Following this action by Hunter Water, how many days did it take for the EPA to suspend Truegain's EPA licence?
295. On what date was Truegain's EPA licence revoked?
296. When did the EPA become aware of discharge of PFAS into:
- (a) Fishery Creek, Maitland
 - (b) Stoney Creek, Maitland
297. Did the EPA take any action to secure hazardous chemicals stored on-site at Truegain following the revocation of its licence?
- (a) If so, what actions were taken?
298. When did the EPA become aware that chemicals were being discharged from the Truegain site following the revocation of its licence?

299. Does the EPA know where each of the waste chemicals were sourced before being stored at the Truegain facility?
- (a) If not, were any laws or regulations broken with respect to adequate record keeping?
 - (b) Were any fines issued or enforcement actions undertaken with respect to inadequate record keeping?
300. When did the EPA first become aware that the source of PFAS chemicals being stored at the Truegain facility were from the former Bradmill/National Textiles site?
301. Why was the decision taken to partner with the former Truegain owners in the clean up of the site, considering the EPA acknowledged their “poor history of compliance with environmental protection legislation” in their licence revocation?
302. What action is the Government taking to monitor and remediate the Bradmill/National Textiles site, considering it is the probable source of PFAS chemicals transported to the Truegain facility?
303. Do hazardous chemicals remain on the Bradmill/National Textiles site?
- (a) If so, what chemicals remain and in what quantity?
304. Is the EPA confident that the Truegain site will no longer leak hazardous chemicals into the surrounding environment?

Old Grown Forest Remapping

305. Will the Minister support the suspension of the old growth forest remapping process if the Forestry Corporation of NSW is unable to prove a timber supply shortfall?
306. How many sites were involved in the Natural Resources Commission’s remapping pilot study?
307. How many supposed old growth forest mapping errors were found by the Natural Resources Commission?
308. How many of these supposed old growth forest mapping errors were due to the Natural Resources Commission identifying evidence of logging activity?

National Parks

309. What was the total budget for the National Parks and Wildlife Service in:
- (a) 2015/16
 - (b) 2016/17
 - (c) 2017/18

- (d) 2018/19
- (e) The current financial year

310. How many FTE staff were employed in the National Parks and Wildlife Service:

- (a) As at 1 July 2015
- (b) As at 1 July 2016
- (c) As at 1 July 2017
- (d) As at 1 July 2018
- (e) As at 1 July 2019

311. How many FTE Park Rangers were employed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service:

- (a) As at 1 July 2015
- (b) As at 1 July 2016
- (c) As at 1 July 2017
- (d) As at 1 July 2018
- (e) As at 1 July 2019

312. How many FTE Field Officers (excluding trainees) were employed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service:

- (a) As at 1 July 2015
- (b) As at 1 July 2016
- (c) As at 1 July 2017
- (d) As at 1 July 2018
- (e) As at 1 July 2019

313. How many Field Officer Trainees were employed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service:

- (a) As at 1 July 2015
- (b) As at 1 July 2016
- (c) As at 1 July 2017
- (d) As at 1 July 2018
- (e) As at 1 July 2019

314. How many FTE administration staff were employed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service:
- (a) As at 1 July 2015
 - (b) As at 1 July 2016
 - (c) As at 1 July 2017
 - (d) As at 1 July 2018
 - (e) As at 1 July 2019
315. At the time of the reservation of Murray Valley National Park, there was a legislative requirement under the Act to review the Park and its associated spending and programs. Has that review taken place?
- (a) If yes, when did that review take place?
 - (b) If no, was there legislation passed to avoid the required review?
 - (c) If there was legislation passed to avoid the required review, what was the rationale behind that change?
316. Which businesses received more than \$50,000 in the restructure package following the reservation of Murray Valley National Park?
- (a) What was the purpose of each grant?
317. Under the current thinning trials in the Murray Valley National Park, are individuals or businesses permitted to receive timber for the purposes of sale or production?
318. Is the Government aware of any individuals or businesses receiving timber from the Murray Valley National Park thinning trials for the purposes of sale or production?
- (a) If so, has any action been taken against these individuals or businesses?
319. Does the Government intend on allowing individuals or businesses to receive timber from the Murray Valley National Park thinning trials for the purposes of sale or production?
320. What is the size of the area within the Murray Valley National Park subject to the current thinning trial?
321. What is the maximum volume of timber that could be derived from the areas subject to the thinning trial in Murray Valley National Park?
322. Will the Minister rule out aerial culling of feral horses in Kosciuszko National Park?

323. Current regulations prohibit the use of adaptive e-bikes above 250 watts in NSW national parks. Unfortunately the National Parks and Wildlife Service does not distinguish between general e-bikes and adaptive e-bikes which are used to assist people with disability. Specifically, e-bikes tailored for the safe use of people with disability can be up to 750 watts. Will the Minister review the current regulations and investigate the possibility of allowing adaptive e-bikes above 250 watts in national parks, in order to facilitate greater inclusion and engagement within our national parks estate?
324. Will the Minister and Department investigate the current United States Secretary of the Interior's Order Number 3376 which provides an example of best practice to encourage, increase and facilitate recreational opportunities in national parks for people with disability?

Gosford Dumping

325. Is the EPA aware of illegal landfill/dumping activities on Mangrove Mountain on the Central Coast?
326. What role does the EPA currently have in monitoring the Mangrove Mountain landfill site?
327. When was the last time the EPA conducted water testing in the area of the Mangrove Mountain landfill site?
328. What pollutants were identified in the last water testing in the area of the Mangrove mountain landfill site?

Air Quality

329. Has a new air quality monitoring station been commissioned near the Riverstone Sewerage Processing Plant, Vineyard, following the decommissioning of the old monitoring station in November 2016?
330. Please provide a list of air quality monitoring stations that have been decommissioned in:
- (a) 2015
 - (b) 2016
 - (c) 2017
 - (d) 2018
 - (e) 2019
331. Please provide a list of air quality monitoring stations that have been commissioned in:
- (a) 2015

- (b) 2016
- (c) 2017
- (d) 2018
- (e) 2019

332. Does the Minister agree that nitrogen dioxide, sulphur dioxide and atmospheric ozone are responsible for significant community health impacts in New South Wales, causing asthma, reduced lung function, pre-term and low-weight birth, and cardiorespiratory mortality?
333. What is the current Sulphur Dioxide 24-hour standard under the National Environment Protection Measures?
334. Is the Government aware of any exceedances of the current Sulphur Dioxide 24-hour standard in NSW?
- (a) If so, when and where did those exceedances occur?
335. A proposal to vary the National Environment Protection Measures will be considered by the COAG National Environment Protection Council, following the commissioning of a Regulatory Impact Statement. The Regulatory Impact Statement has proposed varying the Sulphur Dioxide 24-hour standard to 20 parts per billion. Will the Government support this proposal, or will the Government push for greater protections?
336. Is the Minister aware of the criticisms that have been made against the Regulatory Impact Statement's cost-benefit analysis methodology, particularly by the Australia Institute?
337. Has the NSW EPA provided the Minister with advice regarding the proposal to vary the National Environment Protection Measures?
338. Will the Minister meet with independent health experts in the process of determining the NSW Government's position on the National Environment Protection Measure variations?
339. Is the Government aware of any exceedances of Sulphur Dioxide using a 24-hour 20 parts per billion standard in the past ten years?
- (a) If so, when and where did those exceedances occur?
340. Is the Government aware of any exceedances of Sulphur Dioxide using a 24-hour 8 parts per billion standard in the past ten years?
- (a) If so, when and where did those exceedances occur?

341. Will the Government be supporting the Regulatory Impact Statement proposals to vary the National Environmental Protection Measures, or will the Government be proposing its own standards?

Walking Tracks in the Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area

342. Will the Minister commit to increasing funding to maintain and improve walking tracks in the Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area?

(a) Specifically in relation to the Mt Keira Ring Track?

(b) In relation to walking tracks in the Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area?

343. Is the Minister happy with the current state of disrepair and underdevelopment of the network of walking tracks in the Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area?

(a) Specifically in relation to the Mt Keira Ring Track of which large sections are closed due to the need for maintenance?

(b) In relation to the walking tracks available in the Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area?

344. Can the Minister provide details of any planned investment that will be to upgrade and maintain the Mt Keira Ring Track

(a) In 2019-20?

(b) In 2020-21?

345. What proportion of the \$25.2 million allocated in this year's budget will be spent on extending, upgrading and improving walking trails and visitor facilities in the Illawarra?

346. What proportion of the \$149.5 million investment over four years announced in this year's budget for improving NSW national parks will be spent on national parks and walking trails in the Illawarra?

347. Will the Minister commit to funding a continuous walking experience along the Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area, including:

(a) a connection with Royal National Park at Otford in the north;

(b) a continuous walking trail to Mount Kembla in the South, in line with plans developed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service (The Illawarra Escarpment Walking Track)?

GIPA

348. Since March 30, how many formal GIPAs have your cluster/ department received?
349. 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?
350. 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?
351. 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)?
352. Has any GIPAs that appeared on the agency's disclosure log been taken down?
- (a) For what reason/s?

Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment

353. What public affairs and/or public policy is the Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment connected to?
- (a) What special tasks has the parliamentary secretary been asked to provide assistance?
 - (b) What duties of the Minister has the parliamentary secretary been asked to provide relief?
354. What activities associated with the public policy/public affairs have been undertaken?

355. What specific Acts or other legislation will the parliamentary secretary role be officially connected?
356. For what matters of public administration will the parliamentary secretary be responsible?
357. In what publication and/or on what website will the activities of the parliamentary secretary be officially recorded?
358. Since their appointment on the 24th April, what are the total number of meetings with stakeholders the parliamentary secretary has had?
359. In terms of those meetings, who did the parliamentary secretary meet with, and what was the topic of discussion?
360. How many times has the parliamentary secretary used DPC's road transport services?
- (a) What duties has the parliamentary secretary been required to perform for each time of use?
361. How much of the Minister's office budget has been spent on supporting the parliamentary secretary?
- (a) Has alternative office accommodation apart from Parliament House been provided to the parliamentary secretary?
- (b) Have extra staff been provided?
- (c) Have other kinds of assistance been provided?
362. Which staff positions within the department have worked with the parliamentary secretary to undertake their duties/ public affairs/ public policy role/s?
363. Since his appointment on April 24, have any departmental staff accompanied the parliamentary secretary to meetings with stakeholders?
364. Has the department been required to prepare/ provide briefing information for the parliamentary secretary prior to any stakeholder meetings and/or in the undertaking of their duty and/or public policy role?

Carbon Sequestration

365. Is the Government currently supporting any carbon sequestration projects?
- (a) If so, please provide a list of the projects, including their location, means of government support, scale of sequestration, and the status of the project.

366. Is the Government supporting, or has the Government supported, any carbon sequestration research projects?

(a) If so, please provide a list of the research projects.

Coal Ash Dams

367. Which power stations in NSW have operational coal ash dams?

(a) Are any of those coal ash dams lined?

368. Which coal ash dams in NSW are currently contaminating groundwater?

369. Which coal ash dams in NSW have an operations management plan?

370. Which coal ash dams in NSW have a rehabilitation or closure plan?

371. Are there any coal ash dams in NSW that are no longer operational?

372. How is the Munmorah coal ash dam monitored?

373. Do the EPA licences for Vales Point and Munmorah allow discharge from the coal ash dams into Lake Macquarie?

(a) If so, are there any restrictions on the amount of heavy metals that are released into Lake Macquarie from the power station?

374. Does the NSW EPA have any regulatory responsibilities under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 for surface water pollution, groundwater pollution and air pollution from dams in NSW?

375. Did the EPA's audit of coal ash dams in 2017 include any audit of seepage from the dams into groundwater?

(a) If not, why not?

376. Does the Government hold any bond or impose any obligation on power station operators to rehabilitate coal ash dams on closure of the power station, or to stop groundwater contamination?

377. What is the approximate size of each coal ash dam in NSW?

378. What percentage of coal ash waste produced in NSW annually is recycled?

379. Which power stations in NSW recycle coal ash, and to what extent?

380. Is the Structural integrity of Eraring coal ash dump in question?

- (a) Is yes, what information has been provided to local residents who might be impacted if the dam was to fail, and when was that information relayed to them?
- (b) If no, why was the Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre closed?

381. Does the EPA have any plan to manage or further regulate coal ash waste in the future?

EPA Fines, Compliance and Enforcement

382. How many warning letters were issued by the EPA in:

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2016
- (c) 2017
- (d) 2018
- (e) 2019

383. How many penalty notices were issued by the EPA in:

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2016
- (c) 2017
- (d) 2018
- (e) 2019

384. How many fines were issued by the NSW EPA in:

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2016
- (c) 2017
- (d) 2018
- (e) 2019

385. What was the fine revenue from fines issued by the NSW EPA in:

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2016
- (c) 2017

(d) 2018

(e) 2019

386. How many enforceable undertakings were entered into by the EPA in:

(a) 2015

(b) 2016

(c) 2017

(d) 2018

(e) 2019

387. How many prosecutions were launched by the EPA in:

(a) 2015

(b) 2016

(c) 2017

(d) 2018

(e) 2019

Mixed Waste Organic Outputs

388. Has the Government modelled the financial impact on Local Councils of banning the use of Mixed Waste Organic Outputs?

389. Has the Government modelled the increased waste levy revenue as a result of banning the use of Mixed Waste Organic Outputs?

390. Will the Minister review the current ban and work with the waste industry to increase the standard of Mixed Waste Organic Outputs, reduce landfill, and ease cost pressures on Local Councils?

Botanic Gardens

391. How are regional botanic gardens funded by the NSW Government?

392. How much funding has been provided to the Royal Botanic Garden in Sydney in:

(a) 2015/16

(b) 2016/17

(c) 2017/18

(d) 2018/19

(e) 2019/20

393. How much of the Royal Botanic Garden's budget was passed along to regional botanic gardens in:

(a) 2015/16

(b) 2016/17

(c) 2017/18

(d) 2018/19

(e) 2019/20

Land Clearing Amnesty

394. How many investigations or prosecutions have been abandoned as a result of the Government's recently announced land clearing amnesty?

395. In total, what is the size of land subject to abandoned land clearing investigations or prosecutions as a result of the Government's recently announced land clearing amnesty?

Warragamba Dam Wall Raising

396. Does the Minister support the proposal to raise the Warragamba Dam Wall?

397. Has the Minister reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement for the Warragamba Dam Wall Raising project?

398. When will the EIS be released regarding the Warragamba Dam Wall Raising project?

399. Regarding the Warragamba Dam Wall Raising project, how many formal draft Environmental Impact Statements were authored before the final was submitted?

Biodiversity Offset Scheme

400. How many sites does the NSW Government own which currently carry biodiversity offset credits?

401. Which government agencies currently hold biodiversity offset credits?

402. How much revenue did the Government make from the sale of biodiversity offset credits, by agency, in:

(a) 2015/16

- (b) 2016/17
- (c) 2017/18
- (d) 2018/19
- (e) 2019/20

Ministerial Office

- 403. What is the budget for Minister Matt Kean's ministerial office in 2019/20?
- 404. What is the number of FTE staff positions in Minister Matt Kean's ministerial office as of 17 September 2019?
- 405. What are the position titles for all staff positions in Minister Matt Kean's ministerial office as of 17 September 2019?

Wastewater Treatment Plants

- 406. How many wastewater treatment plants in NSW are legally allowed to pump untreated sewerage into waterways or the ocean?
- 407. Please provide a list of wastewater treatment plants in NSW that are legally allowed to pump untreated sewerage into waterways or the ocean.
- 408. Is the Government aware of any wastewater treatment plants in NSW which have discharged untreated sewerage into waterways or the ocean against their operating licence?
 - (a) If so, what action was taken in each instance?

Ministerial Travel/Meal Allowance

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

Efficiency dividends

- 413. What was the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio in 2018-19?

414. 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?
415. 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

416. 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?
417. 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?
418. 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?
419. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2018-19?
- (a) What is the cost of this?
420. 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?
421. 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?
422. 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?
423. 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?
424. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?
- (a) What is the monthly cost of this?
425. How much did your ministerial office spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2018-19?
426. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
- (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?
427. 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?
428. 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?
429. 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

430. 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?

431. 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

432. 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

433. 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?

Stationery

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

- (a) What was the cost of stationery 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

435. 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

436. 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

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

438. 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

439. 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

440. 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

441. 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

442. 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

443. 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

444. 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?

445. What was the total cost of all redundancies?

446. 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?
447. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies under your portfolio responsibility?
448. 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?
449. 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

450. How many mobile phones are given to staff or board members?
- (a) How many new mobile phones were purchased in the last year?
451. 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?
452. How many had to be replaced due to damage?
453. How many were reported as lost?
454. How many tablets are given to staff or board members?

- (a) How many new tablets in the last year?
455. 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?
456. How many phones and tablets had to be replaced due to damage?
457. How many were reported as lost?
458. 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?
459. 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?
460. 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?
461. 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

462. 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.

463. 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.
464. 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

465. 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?

466. 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

467. 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

468. 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?
469. 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.
470. 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?
471. 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?
472. 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?
473. What proportion of that electricity is it estimated will come from renewable sources, for each year?
474. 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.)?
475. 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

476. 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

477. 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

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

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

480. 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

481. 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

482. 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

483. 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

484. 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

485. 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?

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

Consultant Costs

487. 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?

488. 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

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

490. 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?

491. 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?

492. 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)?

493. Has any GIPAs that appeared on the agency's disclosure log been taken down?

- (a) For what reason/s?