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## REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE

### Questions from the Hon Mark Banasiak MLC

#### **Narrabri gas “Beneficial use” of exploration gas by Santos and royalty loss to NSW**

1. How much gas has been sent to the Wilga Park power station from exploration and appraisal wells in PAL2 in the Pilliga near Narrabri since approval was granted to use the gas this way in 2008?
2. Does the Department keep records of how much gas is being produced from exploration and appraisal wells in PAL2 and PEL238 and used commercially by Santos? If not, why not?
3. Given the length of time exploration and appraisal has been underway on PEL238 and PAL2, how does the Department satisfy itself that the gas being beneficially used at the Wilga Park power station would otherwise be vented or flared?
  - (a) Has NSW received any royalties from this gas?
  - (b) What is the well-head value of the gas at PEL238 or PAL2 that is used to calculate royalties?
4. Perdaman’s proposed ammonium nitrate plant near Narrabri would use appraisal gas as well as Wilga Park power station.
  - (a) How much longer will Santos be permitted to continue commercially utilising exploration and appraisal gas from PAL2 and PEL238?
  - (b) Will the Department commit to not allowing any further expansion or extension in time of this program, given it is short-changing NSW of royalties and using a loophole to avoid the scrutiny and safeguards that would come if and when Santos applied for a full production licence?

#### **Expired petroleum licences**

5. Has there been any exploration activity or any community consultation on any of the expired petroleum exploration licences in the state’s north-west except for PEL 238 in the last six years?
6. Does the Deputy Premier consider that the holder of these eleven expired licences has met the minimum standards required for holders of gas exploration licences?

## Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

### Conditions enforcement

In relation to conditions placed on mining licences/approvals under the Mining Act,

7. How are fines for non-compliance with conditions determined?
8. What is the range of the dollar value of these fines?
9. What follow-up is carried out in relation to companies which have failed to comply with conditions to ensure future compliance?
10. Are independent investigations conducted by any government agency or department to monitor compliance?
  - (a) If no, how and when does non-compliance get notified?
  - (b) If yes, how many investigations have been conducted in the last 12 months?
    - i. How many incidents of non-compliance were discovered?
    - ii. What action was taken in relation to any non-compliance?

### Bond and securities

11. What have you or the Department done in relation to the Auditor General's 2017 recommendation that the way security and rehabilitations bonds are calculated be updated to ensure they are adequate?

### Loss of merit based appeals

12. Has there been any review of the impacts of the removal of merit-based appeal rights on granting of mining licences?
13. How many legal appeals have been filed against mining leases/licences/approvals since 2016?
  - (a) How many were granted and what reasons were cited?
14. How many appeals have been filed by mining companies in that time?
  - (a) How many have been granted and what reasons were cited?

### Mining Licences on the Illawarra escarpment

15. For how long can an expired mining licence remain suspended rather than revoked?
16. On revocation of a licence, what compensation is payable to the former licence holder?
17. What is the procedure for revoking a mining licence against the wishes of the licence holder?

### **Wilpinjong Coal Mine - ELA 5804**

18. Why is ELA 5804 being considered as an operational release rather than a strategic release?
19. Why does the market interest test for ELA 5804, which was open until 15 September 2019, only cover part of the unallocated EL 6676?
20. Will the Peabody Energy approval to mine coal until 2033 under the Wilpinjong Coal Mine Extension Project be considered when making a decision on ELA 5804?
21. How will the cumulative environmental, social and economic impacts of accessing additional coal resources in the Wollar district be considered when making a decision on ELA 5804?
22. Who makes up the Coal Resource Operational Allocation Committee?
23. Will the Coal Resource Operational Allocation Committee provide details of the application to the Advisory Body for Strategic Release to inform the Advisory Body's work? If not, why not?

### **Licensing of companies and assessments by Resources and Geoscience**

24. Why have concurrent licences been awarded for mineral exploration over land which has been identified as habitat for the critically endangered Thick Billed Grass Wren in Western NSW?
25. Why don't the Division of Resources and Geoscience adequately assess exploration licences in NSW on a continuum? Why do they instead consider works with minimal impact in isolation rather than the cumulative impact by multiple companies, despite the State Environmental Planning Policy framework requiring proper assessment?

## REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES

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

#### Regional NSW

26. How many different definitions are there for “regional NSW”?
- (a) What definitions are used in order for local councils, community organisations, small business, etc to access different forms of funding?
  - (b) What are the state electoral districts and local government areas that are included in each of the definitions for “regional NSW”?
27. How much extra funding, using 2018/19 budget figures as the base, has gone to regional NSW, and under what definition of “regional NSW” to help combat climate change?
- (a) Are there specific government plans across regional NSW on climate change?
    - i. If so, what are the specific plans across regional NSW?
    - ii. If not, why is this not the case?
    - iii. How is the government taking the local conditions into consideration when planning for climate change?
  - (b) Which departments, and/or clusters have responsibility for enabling and operationalising these plans?
  - (c) Do these plans include extreme weather events?
    - i. How is drought factored into these plans?
    - ii. How is water security factored into these plans?
28. How is the NSW government supporting regional NSW in getting to zero emissions by 2050?
- (a) Which departments, clusters and/or agencies have responsibility for this?
    - i. Is there are specific unit that will provide support for regional NSW in doing this?
  - (b) What is the plan to achieve this?
  - (c) How much funding, using 2018/19 as the baseline for this, is allocated to it in the budget?
  - (d) What are the reporting procedures in place to make sure the NSW government can reach this?

29. Does Essential Energy use tools to measure satisfaction with the workplace culture?
- (a) How those results from those tools to measure satisfaction reported?
    - i. How are those reports used to change, for the better, workplace culture?
    - ii. Have any of the results from those tools been disregarded?
    - iii. Why were they not taken into consideration?
  - (b) Is there a culture problem at Essential Energy?
  - (c) Is it the case that a recent poll of Essential Energy employees said that 69% had experienced bullying in the last 12 months?
  - (d) Why did the chair of the board (Patricia McKenzie) leave?
    - i. Where there any extenuating circumstances that led to her leaving?
30. How many jobs has the growing local economies program created?
- (a) How is this measured?
    - i. What metrics are used?
    - ii. How is it reported?
    - iii. How are the general and youth unemployment rates across regional NSW used?
    - iv. Where is this information publicly available?
    - v. If not, why is it not publicly available?
  - (b) How much of this funding has been spent in regional NSW communities?
    - i. What is the breakdown of that funding by state electoral district and local government area?
  - (c) How has this funding being used to reduce youth unemployment across regional NSW?
    - i. Are there specific programmes that have been funded to do this?
    - ii. If not, why not?
    - iii. If so, please detail what programmes have been funded?
31. Is there a specific funding stream, whether through consolidated revenue or Restart NSW is the \$8 million investment from the NSW government for regional air services announced on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2019 coming from?

32. What is the NSW Government's expected timeframe for the Narrabri Santos project go ahead?
- (a) Are there any limitations placed on the Government by any draft or finalised agreement by Santos in relation to this project?
    - i. Is the Government obligated to fund any part of the project?
    - ii. What involvement is there from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment in this project?
      - What does that involvement look like?
  - (b) What steps have been taken to support farmers in this consultation process?
  - (c) In the case of the great artesian basin, will that ground water be protected from Santos and CSG mining?
33. What plans have been put in place when towns across regional NSW run out of water?
- (a) With residents in Dubbo, Nyngan, Tamworth and Walgett likely to run out of water, what plans have been put in place to ensure there will be access to drinking water?
34. In the role as Minister for Regional NSW, what role do you see that portfolio having in relation to the review of the election reviews and the redistribution?
- (a) Does the Minister stand by the comments he made at Inverell in June 2019 to introduce a bill to change the Electoral Act to achieve, "real fairness and representation" for regional communities?
  - (b) Will the Minister's advocacy reflect the comments made at Inverell?
  - (c) What is the timeframe for this?

### **Rail Trails**

35. Does the NSW Government support rail trails in regional communities?
- (a) In all cases?
36. What was the total amount of the \$100 million promised to fund regional rail trails and airports has been dedicated to rail trails and airports respectively?
37. Has work on the pilot rail trail from Tumbarumba to Rosewood commenced?
38. If so, what is the progress and timeline for the project?
39. What are the conditions by which the Tumbarumba to Rosewood pilot be considered successful?

40. Considering that the pilot has seen work on other rail trails cease across the State, how is the Government working to ensure these projects do not stall?
41. How did the forced merger of regional councils impact plan for regional rail trails?
42. Does the NSW Government support the Crookwell to Goulburn Rail Trail project?

### **Benefits of a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle**

43. Is the Deputy Premier aware that the 2019 NSW Nationals Conference passed the following motion:

*"That conference call on the NSW Nationals to ensure:  
The removal of all obstacles facing the Newcastle Container Terminal Expansion Plans, including the cap on the number of containers and the State Government fee payable on container exports and The Port's development of a high intensity container terminal."*

44. Does the Deputy Premier support the motion passed by the 2019 NSW Nationals Conference?
45. What action has the Deputy Premier taken to implement this motion?
46. Has the Deputy Premier discussed this motion with the Premier or Minister for Transport and Roads?
  - (a) If so, what has been the outcome of these discussions?
  - (b) If not, why not?
47. Does the cap on containers at the Port of Newcastle drive up costs of farming exports?
48. Does the cap on containers at the Port of Newcastle drive up costs for Regional NSW exports?
49. Would a container terminal in Newcastle lower freight costs for western district farmers and primary producers exports?
50. Have any farmers contacted you to express concerns about the NSW Government's restrictions on the Port of Newcastle?
  - (a) If so, what action have you taken to address these concerns?
51. How many jobs would a container terminal in Newcastle deliver for Regional NSW?
52. Would a container in Newcastle reduce freight costs for businesses in Newcastle, the Hunter and Regional NSW?
53. What would be the economic benefit to Regional NSW of a container terminal in Newcastle?



### **Restart NSW/Go Equity NSW**

54. In the budget, will the proportion of Restart NSW expenditure to regional NSW over the life of the fund reach 30% at any point over the forward estimates?
55. Was Michael Lukin of ROC partners invited to attend the launch of the first investment from the Go Equity NSW fund, held in Ebor?
56. Was Michael Lukin of ROC Partners listed on the list of people expected to attend?
  - (a) If so, why was this fact not mentioned in responses to questions on notice regarding this matter previously?
57. Was this information edited from answers to questions on notice at any point as they were being supplied to the Parliament previously?

### **Deputy Premier**

In relation to the Deputy Premier's comment that "There are lots of things in government that we do not tell the public."

58. Is the Minister aware of any other plans to privatise NSW government assets that have not yet been disclosed to the public?
59. Is there a record of meeting of the Deputy Premier's meeting with Santos on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2019?
  - (a) If so, could it be supplied on notice?
  - (b) Why was a departmental official not present?
  - (c) What was discussed at the meeting?

### **Growing Local Economies Fund**

60. Was the Deputy Premier's office made aware of the pause in the Growing Local Economies Fund before it occurred?
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### **Murray Valley National Park**

62. In the trials of thinning performed in the Murray Valley national park, what has been the volume and class of timber produced on each occasion a trial has been conducted?

### **Jobs for NSW fund**

63. Of the 14,300 jobs created under the Jobs for NSW fund, how many of those jobs are attributable to each of the three streams of funding, that is: grants, loans and equity?
64. Of the 14,300 jobs created under the Jobs for NSW fund, how many of those jobs are attributable to each of the programmes associated with the fund? Please list them.

### **Agent General**

65. When is an Agent General expected to be appointed to London?
  - (a) Will this be before a possible Brexit?

### **Ministerial Travel/Meal Allowance**

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

### **Efficiency dividends**

70. What was the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio in 2018-19?
71. 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?
72. 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**

73. 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?
74. 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?
75. 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?
76. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2018-19?
- (a) What is the cost of this?
77. 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?
78. 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?
79. 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?
80. 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?
81. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?
- (a) What is the monthly cost of this?

82. How much did your ministerial office spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2018-19?
83. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
- (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?
84. 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?
85. 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?
86. 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**

87. 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?
88. 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**

89. 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**

90. 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**

91. 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**

92. 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**

93. 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**

- 94. How much did your ministerial office spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2018-19?
- 95. 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**

- 96. 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**

- 97. 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**

98. 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**

99. 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**

100. 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**

101. 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?

102. What was the total cost of all redundancies?

103. 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?

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

105. 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?

106. 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**

107. How many mobile phones are given to staff or board members?

(a) How many new mobile phones were purchased in the last year?

108. 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?

109. How many had to be replaced due to damage?

110. How many were reported as lost?

111. How many tablets are given to staff or board members?

(a) How many new tablets in the last year?

112. 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?

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

114. How many were reported as lost?

115. 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?

116. 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?

117. 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?
118. 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**

119. 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.
120. 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.
121. 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**

122. 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?
123. 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**

124. 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**

125. 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?
126. 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.
127. 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?
128. 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?
129. 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?

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

131. 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.)?

132. 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**

133. 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**

134. 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

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

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

137. 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**

138. 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**

139. 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**

140. 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**

141. 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**

142. 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?

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

**Consultant Costs**

144. 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?

145. 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**

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

147. 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?

148. 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?
149. 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)?
150. Has any GIPAs that appeared on the agency's disclosure log been taken down?
- (a) For what reason/s?

## INDUSTRY AND TRADE

### Questions from Mr Justin Field MLC

#### **Forestry Corporation overcutting**

In regards to questions in the hearing on 13 September relating to overcutting by the Forestry Corporation since 2014 when the Government bought back 50,000 cubic metres a year of high-quality saw logs from the wood supply agreement with Boral:

151. Is the Government, or Forestry Corporation, aware of any overcutting (above long-term Wood Supply Agreement commitments) that has occurred in North East NSW, particularly over the past three years?
152. Is the Government, or Forestry Corporation, aware of any overcutting (above long-term Wood Supply Agreement commitments) that has occurred elsewhere in NSW?
153. For North East NSW (Upper and Lower North East Regional Forestry Agreement regions) for each financial years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19 (separately):
  - (a) what has been the annual commitments in long-term Wood Supply Agreements for each of Large High Quality Logs and Small High Quality Logs (in cubic metres)?
  - (b) what have been the annual yields for each of Large High Quality Logs and Small High Quality Logs (in cubic metres)?
154. For North East NSW what have been the reasons for any overcuts (above long-term Wood Supply Agreement commitments) that have occurred in each of the past three years?
155. How has any overcutting over the past three years affected the availability of timber for the long-term Wood Supply Agreements until 2023, and overall volumes until 2050?
156. Does the Forestry Corporation consider that they have sufficient Large High Quality Logs and Small High Quality Logs to satisfy existing long-term Wood Supply Agreements until 2023? If not, what are the expected shortfalls for each year?
157. Does the Forestry Corporation consider that they have sufficient High Quality Logs to meet current long-term Wood Supply Agreement commitments if they were extended until 2050? If not, what are the expected shortfalls for each 4 year modelling period?
158. Have any additional timbers, in excess of Boral's wood supply agreement, been sold back to Boral in any of the years since the buyback?
  - (a) If yes, how much in each of the years?

159. In regards to any overcutting occurring over the past three years in North East NSW who was the overcut wood sold to and for how much for?

160. Where there new wood supply contracts entered into to sell the overcut wood?

### **Forestry Corporation - Wood Supply Agreements**

In regards to statements by Mr Roberts in the hearing of 13 September regarding the wood supply agreements including 'flexibility provisions' and 'swing volumes':

161. What do the flexibility provisions allow in the agreements?

162. What flexibility do the swing volume provisions apply?

163. What are other examples of flexibility provisions?

### **Forestry Corporation - Wood Supply Agreements - force majeure**

164. What is the nature of force majeure clauses in existing wood supply agreements? (ie. what conditions can lead to a force majeure clause being enacted?)

165. What WSAs include a force majeure clause?

166. If a force majeure clause was enacted in regards to any agreements in the last 5 years, for which agreements and which years was it enacted?

(a) how did this impact on wood supplied during the period?

(b) How did this change wood supplied in subsequent years?

### **North Coast Native Forest Yields**

Data obtained from the Forestry Corporation under the Government Information (Public Access) Act showed yields for North Coast Native Forests. The data provided that from 2017- 2077 there is an expected decline of High Quality large logs from 162,283 m<sup>3</sup> to 92,719 m<sup>3</sup> (42% decline) and an expected increase of High Quality small logs from 44,276 m<sup>3</sup> to 73,024 m<sup>3</sup> (65% increase).

167. Why is this expected to occur?

168. Is there any concern about the sustainability of forestry practices that are leading to this change in yield predictions?

### **Expression of Interest - north coast forestry**

In regards Forestry Corporation's 'Call for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Hardwood Logs from NSW, Australia - North Coast and Tableland Regrowth and Plantation Forests' that had a closing date of 16 March 2018 to supply more than 400,000 tonnes per annum of hardwood logs:

169. What is the status of the EOI?

170. Have any of the assumptions, particularly those regarding what will be available for sale, changed since the EOI was produced? If so, please provide the breakdown into different regional zones,

between native and plantation and then broken down again between pulp, residue logs and low-quality sawlogs.

171. What are the terms of the direct negotiations occurring as part of this process (noting some information may be commercial in confidence)?
- (a) What kind of companies are you negotiating with?
  - (b) Are any of these international companies?
  - (c) What are the volumes of wood being negotiated?
172. Will there be, or has there been, a competitive tender process? Will the details of this be publicly available?
173. Have any new wood supply agreements been signed as part of this process? Has there been any extensions to current wood supply agreements as part of this process?
174. Would new or extended wood supply agreements be required as part of this process? Will this information be publicly available?

In regards to the testimony of Mr Roberts in the hearing on 13 September 2019, where he stated regarding the EOI ‘some of it will be extra opportunities; some of it will be opportunities that are not being realised through the current harvesting operations. So there will be some log products which we are not currently recovering in the forest. There will be some incremental harvesting, particularly plantation products, which will be a part of this volume.’:

175. How much of the wood is expected to be exported? How much in weight?
- (a) What countries might the wood be exported to?
  - (b) How much of this will be for biomass?

### **Monthly reporting**

For 20 years, stakeholders received a ‘monthly report’ from each relevant Forestry Corporation regional office in the form of an excel spreadsheet that provided ~37 columns of information on each of the ~600 harvesting operations in one stage or other of planning or execution.

They have been told that this is to cease, and in its place, an online map in Forestry Corp’s new Plan Portal which gives very little detail, besides the status of an operations.

176. Is this ‘monthly report’ excel document still made available to other agencies such as the Environment Protection Authority?
177. Will it be made available again to stakeholders? Or will there be a commitment to provide the same level of information through the Plan Portal?

## **Plan Portal**

178. What is the Government doing to ensure data security in Forestry Corporations Plan Portal?

## **Biomass**

179. 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.

- (a) Is this exemption still in place?
- (b) Was any reporting undertaken as part of this exemption
- (c) If reporting was undertaken, will this information be made publicly available? If so, when?

180. Regarding the use of biomaterial from state forests for the purpose of energy production, in each of the financial years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19, please provide a table that identifies:

- (a) The geographical source location of the biomaterial
- (b) The specific source type. i.e. highway, plantation, etc.
- (c) The volume of wood taken from each specific location.

<b>Questions from the Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC (on behalf of the NSW Labor Opposition)</b>
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## **Resources for Regions**

181. What projects were funded under Round 6 of the Resources for Regions program, what are their proposed outcomes, when are they proposed to be completed, how much funding was allocated to each of them and what was the benefit-cost ratio for each funded project?

182. What was the basis for shortlisting the 17 applications invited to submit detailed applications by November 2, 2018?

183. What was the basis for Infrastructure NSW shortlisting a further 2 expressions of interest that were invited to provide detailed applications by 16 November 2018?

184. Were there any changes to the Guidelines between Rounds 5 and 6? If so, what were the changes and why were they made?

185. How many jobs will be provided by each of the 11 projects allocated funding in Round 6? What was the level of co-contributions for each of these projects?
186. How many Expressions of Interest for projects under Round 6 were incomplete or considered unable to be assessed?
187. How many Expressions of Interest for projects under Round 6 were assessed as ineligible for funding?
188. Which NSW Members of Parliament were consulted as part of the assessment process and on which projects were they consulted?
189. Please provide a list of completed projects from Rounds 1-5 which includes the amount funded, co-contribution provided and a comparison of actual versus expected employment and other outcomes be provided?
190. Have all previously funded projects been completed and the funding acquitted?

**Resources Regulator compliance blitz**

191. How many inspections took place during the Resource Regulators compliance blitz between 17 June and 21 June this year?
192. What was the basis for determining which sites were inspected?
193. Were sites which had been subject to previous unannounced inspections re-inspected this year? If so, how many and why were those sites selected for re-inspection?
194. The compliance blitz report indicated that 97 work health and safety notices and 12 mining act notices were issued – what has been the follow-up on compliance with these notices?
195. Have all the sites and operators issued with notices been re-inspected for compliance since the notices were issued? If not, will this be done and by when? If not, why not?
196. The compliance blitz report indicates that eight sites were potentially non-compliant with the mining laws –
197. At which sites were these potential breaches identified?
198. What was the nature of the potential breaches?
199. How long were the operators given to take corrective actions?
200. Have the sites been re-inspected or how has confirmation been provided that the corrective actions have been taken?



201. Does the Resource Regulator consider that the value of an unannounced inspection blitz that is over a week commencing on 17 June was diminished by the announcement of unannounced inspections at the start of the inspection period – doesn't this mean that operators were put on notice that they may receive an unannounced inspection?
202. What is the estimated cost of conducting the week long compliance blitz?
203. Does the Resources Regulator consider that an annual compliance blitz is sufficient or given the number of notices issued, particularly with respect of workplace health and safety matters, should the unannounced inspections be more frequent?
204. How many planned inspections of sites does the Resources Regulator undertake each year?
205. Does every site get a least one visit from the Resources Regulator a year?
206. How many targeted assessments were undertaken in the last year? Is this more or less than the year before? Why?
207. How are sites determined for targeted assessment?
208. What is the annual budget for inspections in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20? What are the reasons behind changes in the annual budget?
209. How many people or organisations have subscribed to the emailed safety bulletins? Is this number growing over previous years? Is this considered an effective way of communicating with the industry?

### **NSW Minerals Strategy**

210. How much of the \$16 million committed over the next 10 years to the MinEx CRC is allocated each year over the forward estimates?
211. Is the review of the GSNSW work program scheduled for completion in December 2019 on track? If not, what has delayed this schedule?
212. Is the project to make historic exploration data publicly available by June 2021 on track? On what date did this work start? If not, when will it start?
213. How has the release of the high-tech metal resources of NSW map been made accessible to the public?
214. What further inquiries has the Government received from the publication of these maps?
215. What has been the cost of producing the maps?

216. Has work started on the Future of Minerals Report scheduled for completion in December 2019? If not, why not? What resources have been made available for this work?
217. When did work start on completing Action items 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 to improve authorising services with completion dates scheduled for October 2019 and November 2019? If work has not started, when is it expected to do so?
218. What work has been done to complete Action 3.1 scheduled for completion in June 2019?
219. On what date did the launch of the NSW Minerals prospectus take place in July 2019? Is the prospectus public available and if so, where? If not, why not and what are the reasons for the delay in completion?
220. Has work begun on completion Action 3.4, and if not, why not? If so, what discussions have taken place with the Commonwealth in progressing Action 3.4? How will the completion of Action 3.4 be known: will a report be produced?
221. What information has the Government provided to the Commonwealth on the potential secondary industries in NSW?
222. What options has the Government presented to the Commonwealth on potential secondary industries in NSW?
223. Has work started on Action 4.1 on the review of the Mining Act 1992 and associated regulations? If not, what is the likely date for the start of this Action? Which specific parts of the Act and its regulations are likely to be reviewed?
224. Has work started on completing Action 4.2? If not, why not and what are the reasons for not doing so?
225. Has work started on Action 4.3? If not, why not and what are the reasons for not doing so?
226. What consultations have taken place with stakeholders on Action 4.3? What has been the response of stakeholders on Action 4.3?
227. Has Action 4.4 been completed as scheduled in July 2019? If not, why not and when will it now be completed? If so, when was the minimum standard policy released and where can it be found?
228. Has work commenced on Action 5.1?
229. What work was completed for Action 5.2? Which councils were consulted? What issues did the councils raise?

230. Has Action 5.3 been completed? How regularly will the performance reports be published?  
Where will the performance reports be published for accessibility?
231. What work has started on Action 6.1?
232. What work has started on Action 6.2?
233. What work has started on Action 6.3?
234. Has work started on Action 6.4?
235. Has the Government met its commitment to halve assessment times for state significant development projects? If not, why not? How does the Government plan on getting its objective back on track?
236. Is the Government on track to meet its objective that NSW's share of total Australian greenfield exploration expenditure averaging 9 per cent over the five years to 2025? If not, what is the Government doing to get its objective back on track?
237. Is the Government on track to meet its objective that the proportion of greenfield exploration relative to brownfield exploration done within NSW increase by 10% on 2018 levels by 2025? If not, what is the Government doing to get this objective back on track?

### **Mining conditions**

238. Of the 50,000 conditions attached to mining licences and exploration licences, can the conditions be categorised into specific areas, for example, how many of the 50,000 conditions relate to (a) mining licences and (b) exploration licences?
239. How many conditions relate to the categories of environment, water, safety, etc?
240. How are so many conditions monitored?
241. How often are the 50,000 conditions monitored?
242. How many of the 50,000 conditions have been breached in full and in part?
243. How did the Department enforce compliance of breached conditions?
244. What is the total number of staff involved in monitoring the 50,000 conditions?
245. How does the Department become aware of breaches or non-compliance of the 50,000 conditions?

### **New tools for mine worker safety**

246. Where, when and how many workshops were conducted by the NSW Resources Regulator following the Minister's announcement "New Tools for Mine Worker Safety" on 6 February 2018?
247. How many people attended each of the workshops?
248. Was any feedback sought from workshop participants on the new tools being provided by the NSW Resources Regulator?
249. Are these new tools now available to everyone in the sector?
250. What was the total cost of developing the new tools?
251. What was the total cost of conducting the workshops?
252. How frequently will these workshops be repeated? Annually? Bi-annually?
253. The Minister's media release indicated that "In addition to these new tools, the regulator will host a series of workshops tailored to various mines, both large and small, to ensure their health control plans meet current legislative requirements", how many of these workshops were held?
254. Where and when were they held?
255. Were all of the health control plans found to meet current legislative requirements? If not, how many did not meet current legislative requirements and what has been done to correct them?

256. Do all mines in NSW now have compliant health control plans? If not, how many mines do not have compliant plans and how long do they have to have compliant health control plans in place?
257. What are the current penalties for a mine operator for not having a compliant health control plan in place?
258. How frequently are health control plans checked for compliance?
259. How frequently do health control plans need to be revised and/or updated?
260. Do all mines in NSW undertake the correct health monitoring of their workers? If not, how many mines do not undertake correct health monitoring? How long do these mines have to comply with health monitoring requirements?
261. What are the current penalties for a mine operator for not having the correct health monitoring for your workers?

### **Wollongong Coal Fit and Proper Person Test**

262. What is the progress on concluding the 'fit and proper person' investigation into Wollongong Coal?
263. Why is the investigation taking so long to draw a conclusion?
264. What is the estimated timeframe for the conclusion of this investigation?
265. When the investigation is concluded, what is the process for implementing its decision in the event the investigation finds Wollongong Coal is not a 'fit and proper person' to hold a mining licence?
266. Will the NSW Resource Regulator publish its findings and how will it do so?

### **Mine Rehabilitation**

267. What directions did the Resources Regulator give to the owners and operators of the coal mines which had failed the audit on their rehabilitation works?
268. By what date are the directions of the Resource Regulator to be complied with?
269. How will the Resource Regulator check compliance with the directions given?
270. Has the Resource Regulator been in contact with the Muswellbrook Mayor, Martin Rush, to further investigate concerns expressed over the rehabilitation of the Old Drayton site, Mt Arthur and Bengall mines? If not, why not? If so, are those concerns under assessment and what has been required?

### **Mine Rehabilitation Discussion Paper**

271. How many submissions did the discussion paper receive?
272. Have the submissions been published? If so, where? If not, why not?
273. Has the Government considered the comments from the discussion paper process?
274. What issues were raised the submission process?
275. Has the Government published its response? If so, what is the response? If not, when will its response be published? If not, why has the discussion paper process taken so long?
276. If not, what explanation has been provided to stakeholders for the length of time taken to finalise the Government's response?

### **Mt Arthur Coal and Resources Regulator**

277. In relation to the incident at Mt Arthur Coal Mine which led to a worker being seriously burned, the Resources Regulator accepted an enforceable undertaking valued at \$1,090,750 which included \$890,750 of works required to meet statutory obligations. Some have claimed this meant the real penalty was around \$200,000 – is this a fair characterisation?
278. Why was a donation to Muswellbrook Rural Fire Service considered an acceptable part of the penalties for the mine operator in this case?
279. There is a claim that this decision has brought into question the independence of the Resources Regulator and that there has been “regulatory capture” – are decisions that are the subject of such strong criticisms independently reviewed? If so, has the Mt Arthur decision been referred for review or will it be?
280. Have there been other decisions of the Regulator that have been the subject of similar criticism in the past? If so, what consideration has been given to changing processes or providing additional information on the decision as a result?

### **Coal exports to China**

281. Has any coal exported from NSW been caught up in the customs procedures of China?
282. What is the value and tonnage of this coal?
283. What proportion of coal, exported to China and involved in this customs procedure, from thermal and metallurgical coal volumes?
284. What action has the Government taken to monitor the delay in the export of coal to China?
285. Have industry stakeholders raised their concerns with China's actions with the Government?

286. Has the Government sought any explanation for the customs processing delays of any coal generated in NSW from the Government of China? If so, what is the response from China? If not, why not?

### **COAG Energy Council**

287. Has the framework for regular benchmarking of policies and regulation referred to in the COAG Energy Council communique of 18 December 2018 been established? If not, why not?

288. What was the NSW Government's role in establishing this framework?

289. Has the collaborative new critical minerals work program to boost exploration and open up new basins and downstream value adding activity referred to in the COAG Energy Council communique of 18 December 2018 been established? If so, what is it, what is in the work program and where is it available? If not, when is it expected to be established?

290. Has the data strategy referred to in the COAG Energy Council communique of 18 December 2018 been established?

291. What data is/will be available through this strategy?

292. Is the data publicly available and if so, where?

293. Have the options to better leverage long-term cross-sectional research referred to in the COAG Energy Council communique of 18 December 2018 been established? If so, what is this? If not, when will it be established?

294. Has the comprehensive evaluation of current community engagement and benefit sharing practices by industry, government and other bodies referred to in the COAG Energy Council communique of 18 December 2018 been undertaken? If so, is this available? If not, when will it be completed?

295. Has the roundtable convened the roundtable to boost VET outcomes in the sector, referred to in the COAG Energy Council communique of 18 December 2018, been held? If so, when was it held and what were the outcomes? If not, when will it be held and who will represent NSW as part of the roundtable?

296. Has the membership of the Strategic Resources Advisory Group been announced? If so, can the names of the members and the organisations they represent be provided? If not, when will this be established?

297. How many representatives will NSW have on the Strategic Resources Advisory Group? How many members will the Advisory Group have?

298. How were the NSW representatives on the Strategic Resources Advisory Group selected?
299. What are the terms of reference for the Strategic Resources Advisory Group?

### **Productivity Commission Review into the Resources Sector**

300. Does the NSW Government support the Productivity Commission review into resource sector regulation?
301. Will the NSW Government lodge a submission as part of this review? If not, why not?
302. Will the NSW Government participate in any public hearing of the Productivity Commission as part of the review? If not, why not?
303. Was the NSW Government consulted by the Commonwealth Minister or Commonwealth Departments prior to the announcement of the Productivity Commission review? If so, what form did those consultations take?

### **Strategic Statement on NSW Coal**

304. Given the Strategic Statement on NSW Coal is 5 years old, does the NSW Government intend to publish an updated statement? If so, what would an updated statement say? If not, why not?
305. Has the NSW Government undertaken an (a) internal or (b) independent review of the Strategic Statement since it was published 5 years ago? If so, what was the outcome of the review? If not, why not?
306. Has the NSW Government met each of its objectives as outlined in 1-6 of the Strategic Statement on NSW Coal? If so, can the NSW Government provide a report or list of outcomes which confirm the implementation of each objective 1-6 from the Strategic Statement on NSW Coal? If not, why not?
307. What objectives still remain to be implemented from the Strategic Statement in NSW Coal?
308. What is the timeframe for implementing the remaining objectives?
309. Is the target to increase the value of mining production by 30% by 2021 on track?

### **Taxes, fees and charges imposed on NSW minerals industry**

310. What has been the revenue collected from the following taxes, fees or levies from the NSW Minerals industry from 2010-11 to 2019-20 and the rationale for the charging basis:
- (a) Mine Safety levy;
  - (b) Administrative Levy;



- (c) Annual Rent Fee;
- (d) Mine Rescue Levy;
- (e) Mine Subsidence Board Colliery Fee;
- (f) Coal Washery Rejects Levy
- (g) Development Applications
- (h) Royalties;
- (i) Payroll Tax and
- (j) Land Tax.

311. Are there still 80 different fee categories across 62 different fee types for the NSW minerals industry under the *Mining Act 1992*? If so, please list these fee categories and fee types? If not, which fee categories and fee types have been changed or abolished?
312. What was the outcome of the Department of Industry, Division of Resources and Energy, internal review of the different fees and categories in 2015-16, which is mentioned on page 8 of the Government's response to the Minerals Action Plan?
313. Can the review be provided to the Committee?
314. If the review was not undertaken, what was the reason for not doing so?
315. Has there been any further reviews of the taxes, fees and levies imposed the NSW minerals industry? If not, why not?

**Independent review of rail coal dust emissions management practices in the NSW coal chain**

316. What consideration has the Department taken in light of the reports by the NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer in this review?
317. What action has been taken on the report's recommendations?
318. Have all of the recommendations been implemented in full? If not, why not?
319. What recommendations have been implemented partially?
320. On what date are these recommendations in (5) due to be implemented in full?
321. In relation to the article published in the *Newcastle Herald* on 16 July 2019, does the NSW Government or the Department have a view on the conflicting accounts of air quality standards in the Upper Hunter between the IPC and Hunter New England Local Health District? If not, why not?

322. Has the Department modelled the impact on the NSW coal industry of requiring coal carriages to be covered? If not, why not?

### **Geological survey of NSW**

323. What types of mineral deposits is it hoped to find with this aerial survey?

324. What will be the level of depth of the aerial survey?

325. What is the financial contribution of each of the partners in this survey?

326. Which Australian universities are involved in the survey?

327. Will the results of the survey be made public? If not, why not?

### **Forestry Corporation**

328. How was the amount of \$24 million for the Government's equity injection determined?

329. How many hectares of new land for softwood plantation is expected to be purchased for \$24 million?

330. What has been purchased to date?

331. How much did the purchase of Glengarry near Bombala cost? What was the business case behind the purchase of this property?

332. From how many landholders, from which landholders, and at what cost has the 255 net hectares referred to on page 8 of the half yearly report been purchased?

333. Over what period does Forestry Corporation intend to acquire new lands for softwood plantations?

334. How is the Forestry Corporation dividend rate determined?

335. Is this higher or lower than the dividend rate for similar organisations in NSW or in other states and territories?

336. How many employees does Forestry Corporation have?

337. Can a breakdown of these employees by primary role (eg: production coordinator, manager, administration, etc) be provided.

338. What is the average on-cost per employee?

339. How many seasonal firefighters were engaged last bushfire season?

340. How many seasonal firefighters are expected to be engaged this bushfire season?

341. How many are employed in the following categories:
- (a) 3 months
  - (b) 4 months
  - (c) 5 months
  - (d) 6 months
  - (e) “call as needed” casual basis?
342. How many contracts in each category are renewed without a break in service?
343. What is the annual cost of recruitment of seasonal firefighters? How much is spent on advertising these roles? What mediums are used to advertise the roles? What is the advertising budget for each of these advertising mediums?
344. Were any seasonal firefighters sourced through Labour Hire Firms? If so, how many and at what total cost?
345. What is the average cost per seasonal firefighter to provide firefighter training?
346. What is the average cost per seasonal firefighter or providing protective clothing, safety boots, safety helmets and other personal protective equipment? Is this equipment returned at the end of the season? If so, what items, if any, can be re-used? What is done with the equipment that is not re-used?
347. Are there areas of the state in which recruitment of seasonal firefighters is more difficult?
348. How much does the extended fire season add to the total cost of seasonal firefighters and does this change the mix of contracts provided to seasonal firefighters in affected areas?
349. Does Forestry Corporation use social media influencers in its advertising and recruitment efforts? If so, how much is spent on social media influencers?
350. In 2018-19 how many permits were applied for in each of the following categories:
- (a) Firewood collection
  - (b) Fossicking
  - (c) Hunting
  - (d) Cattle grazing
  - (e) Apiary

- (f) Research
- (g) Filming
- (h) Other activities

351. How many applications in each of the categories in (23) were granted? How many permits are expected to be sought in 2019-20?
352. Can a list of external events, programs and organisations sponsored by Forestry Corporation, the dates sponsorship was extended, the amount of sponsorship, including in-kind sponsorship, for 2018-19 be provided?
353. How many applications for sponsorship were received in 2018-19?
354. Is the total sponsorship budget in 2019-20 higher or lower than 2018-19? Why?
355. How much did Forestry Corporation spend in 2018-19 on fire management activities?
356. How does Forestry Corporation determine its contribution to fire management activities when they are combined responsibilities with other levels of government or organisations?
357. How much is forecast to be spent on fire management in 2019-20?
358. The Half-Yearly statement records Safety Lost Time Incident Frequency (rate) as 10.6 against a half year target of 6.0 – what is the cause for the difference? What is being undertaken to address safety incident frequency?
359. Can details of the 6 Forest Management System Incidents in the half yearly statement be provided.
360. Have all of the 8.4 million radiata pine seedlings planted for the 2018 Age Class been planted yet? If not, how much longer will the planting process take?
361. What is the harvest plan and timeline for these seedlings?
362. Does Forestry Corporation have a view on the success, failure or suitability River Red Gum Ecological Thinning Trial in achieving its objectives?
363. Has Forestry Corporation been asked to provide advice to Government on the National Parks and Wildlife Amendment (Tree Thinning Operations) Bill 2019?
364. Does Forestry Corporation forestry management experts consider the implementation of the tree thinning operations proposed in this National Parks and Wildlife Amendment (Tree Thinning Operations) Bill 2019 will have a positive or negative impact on forest ecologies in the Murray Valley National Park and Pilliga National Park?

365. How much additional timber is expected to be sold as a result of current housing building activities in NSW?
366. Can this timber demand be met under existing timber supply contracts? If not, what plans are there to meet the supply shortfall?
367. Can all current timber supply contracts be met?
368. Does Forestry Corporation have a view on the remapping of the North Coast forests currently being proposed by the Natural Resources Commission? Does Forestry Corporation expect that this will result in more or less area being designated as old-growth forest?
369. How much of the \$4.6 million extended in the 2018-19 budget for contractor training and accreditation has been spent?
370. What programs, events and activities have been undertaken with this funding and how many contractors have been trained and accredited through these activities?
371. What will the contractors be trained in?
372. What accreditation will the contractors received?
373. How many contractors are expected to be trained and accredited through this funding?
374. Which types of contractors will be trained?
375. How much of the \$9.2 million extended in the 2018-19 budget for forest mapping and monitoring has been spent and on what?
376. Is this funding being used to fund the remapping of north coast old-growth forests?
377. Do any of the government's climate change mitigation programs involve forestry activities in which Forestry Corporation is involved?
378. Has Forestry Corporation proposed any forestry projects which could be used to mitigate climate change impacts?
379. Has Forestry Corporation been involved in any research activities about the impact of forestation and forestry management on climate change? If so, what were or have been the findings of this research so far?
380. What activities, projects, process, events or other activities are proposed for the \$2.4 million allocated to "...implement the private native forestry reforms to facilitate land holders to engage in forestry activities" (2019-20 Budget Paper No 3, p 4-3)

## **Forest Industry Innovation Fund**

381. How many applications were received under Rounds 1 and 2 of the Forest Industries Innovation Fund Loan Scheme?
382. How many proposals were assessed to go forward by the Technical Advisory Panel?
383. How many were assessed as financially unsound by the NSW Rural Assistance Authority?
384. What were the Review Assessment Guidelines against which projects were reviewed by the Review Assessment Panel?
385. Who was on the Rural Assessment Panel?
386. What qualifications were required of people to sit on the Rural Assessment Panel? Was a background in forestry or experience in the forestry industry required?
387. How many of the applications were successful?
388. How many loans were extended under each round to:
  - (a) Plantation operations
  - (b) Native forest operations
  - (c) Forest product processor or milling operation
  - (d) Silvicultural or forest harvest
  - (e) Hauling contracts
  - (f) For market development?
389. Provide a list of the organisations who received loans, the amount of the loan, loan terms, key objective, category of loan recipient and details of the project to which the loan was extended and the risks of the project identified in the project risk assessment.
390. What was the total value of loans extended to projects in Rounds 1 and 2?
391. What is the total value of loans available for projects in Round 3?
392. What performance measures are being used to judge whether the concessional loans scheme has been or is being successful? How often is this assessment taking place?
393. Are these measures being publicly reported?
394. What does the Department consider to be the most important measures of success of the concessional loans scheme?

395. When will the scheme be reviewed?

### **Forestry Industry Roadmap**

396. Have all actions under the Forest Industry Roadmap been completed?

397. If not, what actions are left to complete?

398. What are the next steps for the Roadmap?

### **Forestry logging – Buckenbowra State Forest**

399. Has the Deputy Premier's request for the cessation of logging in compartments 516 and 517 of Buckenbowra State Forest been implemented? If not, why not?

400. Was a review of the environmental impact and economic viability of these compartments undertaken as requested? Is that report available publicly and where?

### **Departmental and other reviews**

401. Can a complete list of all reviews commenced and completed by the Department, state owned corporations, statutory organisations or associated entities during the 2018-19 financial year be provided detailing:

- (a) Title of review
- (b) Program or process being reviewed
- (c) Purpose of the review
- (d) Expected completion date or completion date of the review
- (e) Whether the review is being conducted internally or externally
- (f) Whether the review sought public submissions and when
- (g) The cost or expected cost of the review
- (h) Whether the final report of the review will be published, where it has been or will be published, when it was published and if it has not been published why it has not been

402. Can a complete list of all reviews commenced, completed or proposed by the Department, state owned corporations, statutory organisations or associated entities during the 2019-20 financial year be provided detailing:

- (a) Title of review
- (b) Program or process being reviewed

- (c) Purpose of the review
- (d) Expected completion date or completion date of the review
- (e) Whether the review is being conducted internally or externally
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- (h) Whether the final report of the review will be published, where it has been or will be published, when it was published and if it has not been published why it has not been

**Port Kembla Community Investment Fund review**

- 403. Will the general public have an opportunity to provide submissions to the review? If so, when? If not, why not?
- 404. Will the Member for Wollongong be consulted prior to the recommendations of the review being developed? If not, why not?
- 405. Which members of the NSW Parliament have been consulted on the review of the Port Kembla Community Investment Fund and when were they consulted?
- 406. Provide a list of the stakeholders consulted as part of the review and the date(s) that the consultation took place and whether that consultation was requested by the Department and whether it was provided verbally or via written submission
- 407. How were stakeholders nominated to be consulted as part of the review identified?

**Port Kembla Community Investment Fund (PKCIF) Round 3**

- 408. The guidelines for PKCIF Round 3 indicated that funding announcements would be made in December 2018 (page 3 of Guidelines) but these were not made until February 2019 – what caused the delay?
- 409. When was the assessment of funding applications for PKCIF Round 3 completed?
- 410. How many enquiries for applicants or potential applicants for Round 3 of the PKCIF were received?
- 411. How many project proposals did not proceed to a formal application following discussions with departmental officials?
- 412. When was the list of projects recommended to be funded provided to the Minister for consideration and approval?



413. How were members of the Evaluation Panel selected? Are any specific qualifications required of members of the Panel? How were members nominated and how many nominations were considered?
414. Are any of the Evaluation Panel members residents or business owners in Port Kembla? If so, which members? If not, why not?
415. Were any Port Kembla residents or business owners considered for membership of the Evaluation Panel?
416. How frequently is the size and membership of the Evaluation Panel reviewed? When will the size and membership be next considered?
417. How many times did the Evaluation Panel meet when considering funding applications in Rounds 1, 2 and 3?
418. Are meetings of the Evaluation Panel catered? If so, what is the cost of catering for each meeting of the Panel?
419. Do Evaluation Panel members conduct site inspections on projects being considered for funding? If so, which sites were inspected during the assessment of projects under Rounds 1, 2 and 3 of the PKCIF?
420. How are conflicts of interest of Evaluation Panel members managed?
421. When was the community choice modelling (page 6 of Guidelines) as part of the assessment of funding applications under Round 3 of the Port Kembla Community Investment Fund undertaken?
422. How many people were asked to participate in the community choice modelling in (13)?
423. How many people engaged in the community choice modelling in (13)
424. as the ranking of project proposals under the community choice modelling made public? If not, why not?
425. Who conducted the community choice modelling and how much did it cost?
426. Will these underspent funds from Round 3 be added to the funds available for PKCIF Round 4?
427. When will the guidelines for Round 4 of the PKCIF be publicly available?
428. When will PKCIF Round 4 open for applications?
429. When will applications for Round 4 close?

430. When will successful projects under Round 4 of PKCIF be announced?
431. Have all of the projects from Rounds 1, 2 and 3 been completed? If not, can a list of incomplete projects be provided?
432. What action is the Department taking to make sure organisations awarded funds under Rounds 1, 2 and 3 are completed?
433. Will organisations that have not completed and acquitted their funding under Rounds 1, 2 or 3 be eligible for funding under Round 4? If so, why?
434. When and where will the reports, plans and reviews funded under the PKCIF be published and available to the Port Kembla community? If they are not going to be available, why aren't these reports, plans and reviews being published?

### **Chief Scientist's recommendations on CSG**

To the Deputy Premier:

In your evidence you stated that:

*'Fourteen of the 16 recommendations made by the Chief Scientist and Engineer are complete or complete and ongoing...'*

435. 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?
436. When was this recommendation implemented?
437. What was the cost of implementing recommendation 4?
438. If this recommendation has been implemented, where in the Budget Papers is the *'annual statement'* provided for in recommendation 4?
439. If it has not been implemented, when will it be delivered?
440. When and in what form was recommendation 6 carried out?
441. What was the cost of implementing recommendation 6?
442. When and in what form was recommendation 7 carried out?
443. What was the cost of implementing recommendation 7?
444. 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?
445. What was the cost of implementing recommendation 8?
446. 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?

447. Where can the documentation for the implementation of recommendation 9 be read?
448. What are the terms of the relevant insurance policy or policies?
449. Are these underwritten by the private insurance market or by government?
450. How many policies of insurance are now in place?
451. What are the premiums that are being charged?
452. When was the scheme of security deposits contained in recommendation 9 implemented?
453. What are the terms of the scheme of security deposits?
454. When was the rehabilitation fund contained in recommendation 9 implemented?
455. What are the terms of the rehabilitation fund?
456. What has been the cost to date of implementing recommendation 9? Please answer by referring to each separate part of recommendation 9.
457. If recommendation 9 has not been implemented, when will it be delivered?
458. Where is the Whole-of-Environment Data Repository with each of the features recommended by the Chief Scientist in recommendation 10?
459. When was recommendation 10 fully implemented?
460. What has been the cost of implementing recommendation 10 to date?
461. 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?
462. When was recommendation 11 fully implemented?
463. What has been the cost of implementing recommendation 11 to date?
464. When was the expert advisory body on CSG established, as recommended by the Chief Scientist in recommendation 12?
465. Who is on the advisory body?
466. When were they appointed?
467. What is the term of office?
468. How were the persons on the body selected?
469. What was the selection criteria?

470. Where and when were the positions advertised?
471. Are those serving on the advisory body remunerated? If so, how much?
472. What work has the advisory body done to date?
473. Where can that work be reviewed?
474. Where are the Annual Statements of the advisory body, as included in recommendation 12?
475. When was the formal mechanism (consisting of five parallel, interacting steps and contained in recommendation 13) implemented?
476. Where can the documentation be seen?
477. What has been the cost to date of implementing recommendation 13?
478. When was the mandatory training and certification requirements, contained in recommendation 14, implemented?
479. Where can the mandatory training and certification requirements contained in recommendation 14 be read?
480. Are these requirements legislative? What legislation are they made under? If they are not legislative, in what way has the government made them mandatory?
481. When was the plan to manage legacy matters associated with CSG, contained in recommendation 15, implemented?
482. Where can this legacy plan be read?
483. What has been the cost to date of developing and implementing this legacy plan?

#### **Ministerial Travel/Meal Allowance**

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

### **Efficiency dividends**

488. What was the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each department, statutory agency and/or other body within your portfolio in 2018-19?
489. 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?
490. 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**

491. 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?
492. 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?
493. 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?
494. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office in 2018-19?
- (a) What is the cost of this?
495. 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?
496. 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?
497. 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?
498. 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?
499. Do you purchase bottled water or provide water coolers for your office?
- (a) What is the monthly cost of this?
500. How much did your ministerial office spend on hospitality, including catering and beverages, in 2018-19?
501. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
- (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?
502. 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?
503. 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?
504. 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**

505. 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?

506. 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**

507. 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**

508. 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**

509. 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**

510. 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**

511. 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**

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

513. 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**

514. 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**

515. 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**

516. 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**

517. 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**

518. 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**

519. 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?

520. What was the total cost of all redundancies?
521. 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?
522. Are any staff formerly employed by your ministerial office now employed by departments, statutory agencies and/or other bodies under your portfolio responsibility?
523. 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?
524. 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**

525. How many mobile phones are given to staff or board members?
- (a) How many new mobile phones were purchased in the last year?
526. 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?
527. How many had to be replaced due to damage?

528. How many were reported as lost?
529. How many tablets are given to staff or board members?
- (a) How many new tablets in the last year?
530. 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?
531. How many phones and tablets had to be replaced due to damage?
532. How many were reported as lost?
533. 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?
534. 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?
535. 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?
536. 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**

537. 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.

538. 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.
539. 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**

540. 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?
541. 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**

542. 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

543. 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?
544. 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.
545. 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?
546. 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?
547. 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?
548. What proportion of that electricity is it estimated will come from renewable sources, for each year?
549. 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.)?
550. 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**

551. 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**

552. 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

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

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

555. 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**

556. 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**

557. 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**

558. 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**

559. 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**

560. 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?

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

### **Consultant Costs**

562. 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?

563. 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**

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

565. 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?

566. 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?

567. 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)?

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

- (a) For what reason/s?