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PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES

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

Redundancies within the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster

1. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment from July 2020 to date?
 - (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised:

Redundancies of non-executive employees under the Managing Excess Employee Policy effective between 1 July 2020 to 30 March 2021 are indicated in the table below.

In total there were four redundancies, including one in Armidale, one in Dubbo and two in the Sydney Metro region. Total annual savings \$469,414.

DPIE Division (a)	Location (b)	Redundancy Date (c)	Savings (d)
Environment Energy & Science	Armidale	25/9/20	\$112,109
Environment Energy & Science	Dubbo	30/11/20	\$ 86,689
Planning & Assessment	Metro	5/3/21	\$148,578
Property and Development	Metro	30/3/21	\$122,038

2. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment?
 - (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
 - (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised of one proposed redundancy that will be finalised in May.

3. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the National Parks and Wildlife Service from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

4. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the National Parks and Wildlife Service?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
 - (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

5. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

6. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?

(e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

7. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Hunter Development Corporation from July 2020 to date?

- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
- (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
- (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

8. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Hunter Development Corporation?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
- (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
- (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
- (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

9. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Office of Local Government from July 2020 to date?

- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
- (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
- (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

10. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Office of Local Government?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?

- (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
- (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
- (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
- (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

11. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Regional Growth NSW Development Corporation from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised this is not applicable to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

12. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Regional Growth NSW Development Corporation?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
 - (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised this is not applicable to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

13. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the UrbanGrowth NSW from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised this is not applicable to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

14. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the UrbanGrowth NSW?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
 - (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised this is not applicable to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

15. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Ausgrid from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised this is not applicable to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

16. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Ausgrid?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
 - (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised this is not applicable to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

17. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

18. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
 - (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

19. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Heritage Council of NSW from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised this is not applicable to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

20. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Heritage Council of NSW?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
 - (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised this is not applicable to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

21. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?

- (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
- (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
- (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

22. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
- (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
- (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
- (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

23. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council from July 2020 to date?

- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
- (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
- (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised this is not applicable to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

24. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
- (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
- (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
- (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised this is not applicable to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

25. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the NSW Environmental Trust from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised this is not applicable to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

26. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the NSW Environmental Trust?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
 - (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised this is not applicable to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

27. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Parramatta Park Trust from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

28. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Parramatta Park Trust?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?

(e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

29. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at The Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust from July 2020 to date?

- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
- (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
- (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

30. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at The Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
- (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
- (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
- (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

31. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Taronga Conservation Society Australia from July 2020 to date?

- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
- (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
- (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

32. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Taronga Conservation Society Australia?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
- (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
- (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
- (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

33. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Western Sydney Parklands Trust from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

34. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Western Sydney Parklands Trust?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
 - (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

35. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Office of Planning and Environment – Alpine Resorts from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised this is not applicable to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

36. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Office of Planning and Environment – Alpine Resorts?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
 - (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised this is not applicable to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

37. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Office of Planning and Environment – Dubbo Regional Office from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised of one position in the Environment Energy & Science Division of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on 30 November 2020. A total annual savings of \$86,689.

38. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Office of Planning and Environment – Dubbo Regional Office?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
 - (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

39. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Office of Planning and Environment – Gosford Office from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?

- (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
- (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
- (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

40. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Office of Planning and Environment – Gosford Office?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
- (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
- (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
- (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

41. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Office of Planning and Environment – Grafton Office from July 2020 to date?

- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
- (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
- (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

42. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Office of Planning and Environment – Grafton Office?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
- (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
- (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
- (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

43. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Office of Planning and Environment – Metropolitan Region (Parramatta) from July 2020 to date?
- Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

Redundancies of non-executive employees effective between 1 July 2020 to 30 March 2021 are outlined in the table below.

In total there were two redundancies in the Sydney Metro region. A total annual savings of \$270,616.

DPIE Division (a)	Location (b)	Redundancy Date (c)	Savings (d)
Planning & Assessment	Metro	5/3/21	\$148,578
Property and Development	Metro	30/3/21	\$122,038

44. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Office of Planning and Environment – Metropolitan Region (Parramatta)?
- Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
 - What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised of one proposed redundancy that will be finalised in May.

45. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Office of Planning and Environment – Metropolitan Regional (CBD) from July 2020 to date?
- Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

46. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Office of Planning and Environment – Metropolitan Regional (CBD)?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
 - (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

47. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Office of Planning and Environment – Newcastle Regional Office from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

48. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Office of Planning and Environment – Newcastle Regional Office?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
 - (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

49. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Office of Planning and Environment – Queanbeyan Office from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?

- (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
- (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

50. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Office of Planning and Environment – Queanbeyan Office?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
- (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
- (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
- (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

51. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Office of Planning and Environment – Singleton Office from July 2020 to date?

- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
- (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
- (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

52. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Office of Planning and Environment – Singleton Office?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
- (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
- (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
- (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

53. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Office of Planning and Environment – Tamworth Office from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

54. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Office of Planning and Environment – Tamworth Office?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
 - (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

55. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Office of Planning and Environment – Wollongong Office from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

56. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Office of Planning and Environment – Wollongong Office?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?

(e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

57. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) NSW from July 2020 to date?

- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
- (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
- (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

58. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) NSW?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
- (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
- (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
- (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

59. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Lord Howe Island Board from July 2020 to date?

- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
- (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
- (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

60. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Lord Howe Island Board?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?

- (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
- (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
- (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
- (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

61. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Luna Park Reserve Trust from July 2020 to date?

- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
- (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
- (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

62. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Luna Park Reserve Trust?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
- (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
- (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
- (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

63. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Office of Strategic Lands from July 2020 to date?

- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
- (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
- (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

64. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Office of Strategic Lands?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
 - (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

65. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Office of the Valuer General from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

66. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Office of the Valuer General?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
 - (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

67. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Place Management NSW from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

68. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Place Management NSW?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
 - (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

69. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Property NSW from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

70. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Property NSW?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
 - (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

71. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Public Works Advisory from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?

- (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
- (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

72. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Public Works Advisory?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
- (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
- (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
- (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

73. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the State Records Authority (NSW) from July 2020 to date?

- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
- (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
- (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

74. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the State Records Authority (NSW)?

- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
- (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
- (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
- (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
- (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

75. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Sydney Living Museums (Historic Houses Trust) from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

76. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Sydney Living Museums (Historic Houses Trust)?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
 - (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

77. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been finalised at the Teacher Housing Authority NSW from July 2020 to date?
- (a) Which departmental areas were these affected position/s previously allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s were these affected position/s previously located within?
 - (c) What date/s were these redundancies finalised?
 - (d) What is the full monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

78. As you are the lead Minister for the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, how many redundancies have been proposed and/or announced but not yet finalised at the Teacher Housing Authority NSW Office?
- (a) Which departmental area/s are these affected position/s currently allocated to?
 - (b) Which geographical area/s are these affected position/s currently located within?
 - (c) What date/s are these redundancies proposed to be finalised?
 - (d) What date/s were these redundancies proposed and/or announced?
 - (e) What is the full projected monetary value of these redundancies in savings per annum?

Answer:

I am advised there have been nil redundancies.

Natural Shade in Public Spaces

79. Can the Minister explain the rationale behind the creation of a \$10 million park in the Gosford electorate, with almost no shade from natural or constructed sources?

(a) Why were so few large shade trees incorporated into the midst of the park at Leagues Club Field?

(b) Were smaller trees used instead due to budgetary concerns?

i. If so, why was the need for immediate shade not prioritised for the park's opening?

Answer:

I am advised the \$10 million development of the Leagues Club Park in Gosford provides for a unique and inclusive play space. The park incorporates existing mature trees, including the relocation of 12 mature palm trees, as well as dozens of new mature and less mature trees planted through the upgrade. Trees were selected having regard to the soil profile and salinity, and the risks and costs associated with transplanting mature trees onto site. Where areas were deemed to benefit from additional shading, including the slides and BBQ areas, shade sales and structures have been installed.

80. Given that the Central Coast has now been incorporated into the Greater Sydney Commission, will our region now receive similar funding to the Premier's 'Greening Our City' Program?

Answer:

I am advised the Premier's Priority (12) - Greening Our City is seeking to increase tree canopy and green coverage across Greater Sydney by planting 1 million trees by 2022. While the funding available under this priority is aimed at supporting urban greening across Greater Sydney, the policies and tools being developed to support the priority have broader applicability. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment will share relevant information with the Greater Sydney Commission to inform the Commission's development of the Central Coast Strategic Plan.

Little Bay Cove

81. Meriton lodged a Rezoning Review request on 30 April 2020 with DPIE and on 25 June 2020, Brendan Metcalf, Acting Director, Eastern and South District requested the South Eastern City Planning Panel review the proposal. Why has it taken 250 days for this Rezoning Review request to be determined?

(a) Did Transport for NSW communicate with the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment requesting deferral in the consideration of Rezoning Review

RR_2020_RANDW_001_00 / 1406-1408 Anzac Parade, Little Bay (Little Bay Cove) by the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel?

Answer:

I am advised the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's report for the rezoning review request needed to examine the initiatives proposed in the South East Sydney Transport Strategy and their implications for the Panel's assessment. The South Eastern City Planning Panel will decide whether the proposal has strategic and site-specific merit to progress to Gateway.

(a) Transport for NSW did not request the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to defer consideration of the rezoning review of the planning proposal for Little Bay.

82. How many times have departmental officials meet with Meriton relating to RR_2020_RANDW_001_00 1406-1408 Anzac Parade Little Bay (Little Bay Cove)?

- (a) Were minutes kept?
- (b) If so what are the titles of these documents?

Answer:

I am advised the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has met with Meriton on 7 occasions regarding a range of matters, including the specific Rezoning Review request. The dates and document titles are as follows:

- 21 January 2021 - Meeting Meriton
- 20 March 2020 - Meriton
- 12 June 2020 - Meriton - GDS and DS signed
- 27 September 2020 - DPIE meeting with Meriton
- 20 November 2020 - Meriton meeting - Jim Betts and Brett Whitworth
- 16 November 2020 - Meeting with Meriton
- 19 August 2019 - Meeting with Meriton

Long Bay Gaol

83. Has any investigation into changing the land-use at the Long Bay Correctional Complex been undertaken by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment?

- (a) If so, what is the nature of this investigation?

Answer:

No. I am advised following the release of the South East Sydney Transport Strategy, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has started to develop a process for the future investigation of development potential along the Anzac Parade corridor that could include the Long Bay Correctional Complex.

84. Has the Minister, ministerial staff or departmental staff met with, corresponded with, or discussed changing the land-use of Long Bay Correctional complex with any other minister or departmental staff
- (a) If so, what is the nature of this communication?
- (b) If written please provide the title of this correspondence.

Answer:

I am advised the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has been briefed by the Department of Communities and Justice on its Strategic Business Case and options analysis for correction precincts in Sydney. This work is Cabinet in Confidence and wasn't provided as correspondence. As follow up, an internal meeting was held in August 2020 regarding investigations with Corrective Services NSW of the potential regeneration of the Long Bay Correctional complex as part of a new correctional facility investigation for Greater Sydney.

(a) and (b) Department staff received the following:

- an email from Corrective Services NSW titled '1. Email dated 31 July 2019 from Corrective Services NSW to Meriton providing comments on the Little Bay Proposal';
- an email dated 28/08/2020 from Development and Transactions, DPIE titled 'Malabar/LB strategic document for Corrective Services, with attachments; and
- a letter and attachments from the Secretary of Community and Justice, CM9 reference is SF21/32004. This information is subject to legal privilege.

South Eastern Transport Strategy

85. The South Eastern Sydney Transport Strategy 2056 identifies various land use changes attached to a possible future extension of the Metro to South East Sydney.
- (a) What work has currently been undertaken to facilitate land use changes in this region?

Answer:

I am advised the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has started to prepare a project plan to investigate the development potential along the Anzac Parade corridor, consistent with the opportunities identified in the South East Sydney Transport Strategy.

86. Are there currently any state led planning proposals being developed relating to the Anzac Parade corridor or related to the South East Sydney Transport – Future – 2056?

Answer:

I am advised there are no State led planning proposals relating to the Anzac Parade corridor. Refer to answer provided in Question 85 for further information.

Low Rise Housing Diversity Code

87. Please list the Local Government Areas that have successfully sought exemption from the Low Rise Housing Diversity Code

Answer:

I am advised 27 Councils have amended, or are in the process of amending, their planning controls to limit the application of the Low-Rise Housing Diversity Code within their Local Government Areas, on the basis that their local planning controls adequately provide for more opportunities for low rise medium density housing.

88. Please list the Local Government Areas that have unsuccessfully sought exemption from the Low Rise Housing Diversity Code

Answer:

I am advised 27 Councils have amended, or are in the process of amending, their planning controls to limit the application of the Low-Rise Housing Diversity Code within their Local Government Areas, on the basis that their local planning controls adequately provide for more opportunities for low rise medium density housing. The 27 Councils include:

1	Bathurst
2	Burwood
3	Byron
4	Camden
5	Canada Bay
6	Canterbury Bankstown
7	Campbelltown
8	Central Coast
9	Cumberland
10	Georges River
11	Hilltops
12	Kiama
13	Lane Cove
14	Mid Western
15	Northern Beaches
16	Parramatta
17	Penrith
18	Ryde
19	Shoalhaven
20	Sutherland
21	The Hills
22	Tweed

23	Wingecarribee
24	Wollondilly
25	Woollahra
26	Yass Valley
27	Randwick

Hazardous Goods Route (Botany Industrial Park)

89. What instrument covers the Hazardous Goods Route?

- (a) What are defined as ‘hazardous goods’ under this regime?
- (b) What effect does the Hazardous Goods Route have on other planning instruments?
- (c) What development consents in the last 15 years have been conditioned, refused, or modified due to the Botany Hazardous Goods route?
- (d) When was the last time the Hazardous Goods Route was reviewed?

Answer:

I am advised the Hazardous Goods Routes are regulated under the [Dangerous Goods \(Road and Rail Transport\) Act 2008](#) and the [Dangerous Goods \(Road and Rail Transport\) Regulation 2014](#). These Acts are administered by the Environment Protection Authority.

- a. Examples of types of hazardous goods can be found in the [Australian Dangerous Goods Code](#) (ADG Code) and the [United Nations Manual of Tests and Criteria](#) (UN Manual). Examples of hazardous goods include liquid, solid or gaseous chemicals which are flammable, toxic or corrosive.
- b. As outlined, hazardous goods routes are regulated by the [Dangerous Goods \(Road and Rail Transport\) Act 2008](#) and the [Dangerous Goods \(Road and Rail Transport\) Regulation 2014](#). Under *State Environmental Planning Policy No 33 (SEPP 33)—Hazardous and Offensive Development*, potential impacts from hazardous goods routes can be assessed in a development application on case-by case basis.
- c. The Department is only aware of one consent which included conditions associated with a hazardous goods route near Botany. This was for the Vopak Bulk Liquids Terminal (Mod 2).
Further advice on this question may also need to be obtained from Bayside Council and any other consent authority.
- d. This question should be referred to the Environmental Protection Authority.

Local Strategic Planning Statements

90. Have any Local Government Areas currently not sought Gateway for their Local Strategic Planning Statement?

- (a) If not, what actions has the Department or Minister taken to rectify this?

Answer:

I am advised there is no current requirement for a council to undertake a comprehensive review to update their current Local Environmental Plans to give effect to their Local Strategic Planning Statements (LSPS). Consistency with the adopted LSPS of Council is one of the important considerations that every planning proposal is assessed against at Gateway.

91. Have any Local Government Areas currently been refused Gateway for their Local Strategic Planning Statement?

Answer:

I am advised a Gateway is not required for a Local Strategic Planning Statement.

92. Please list the Local Government Areas who were only granted conditional gateway for their Local Strategic Planning Statement?

Answer:

Refer to answer provided in Question 91.

Draft Design and Place SEPP and Active Transport Infrastructure

93. Has the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment conducted modelling on the impact of the Draft Design and Place SEPP on the development of pedestrian and cycling infrastructure?

Answer:

I am advised the intent of the draft State Environmental Planning Policy (Design and Place SEPP) is to improve the adequacy and connectivity of the walking and cycling infrastructure. Measures for testing adequacy and connectivity are being explored in the next phase of work.

94. Does the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment set goals or targets for the roll-out of pedestrian and cycling infrastructure?

Answer:

I am advised this is addressed through Principle 3 of the draft Design and Place SEPP. Targets include new housing within 5 minutes' walk of local public open space and 20 minutes' walk of local shops, a minimum intersection density and maximum block lengths. Further detail may be provided in the urban design guide, to be developed post-exhibition.

95. If so, what is the total amount of kilometres of new pedestrian infrastructure the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment expects will be built in the next five and ten years if the Draft Design and Place SEPP is adopted?

Answer:

I am advised no estimates are available.

96. If so, what is the total amount of kilometres of new cycling infrastructure the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment expects will be built in the next five and ten years if the Draft Design and Place SEPP is adopted?

Answer:

I am advised no estimates are available.

97. What new powers will the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment have to compel developers to construct infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists if the Draft Design and Place SEPP is adopted?

Answer:

I am advised that developers of precincts (generally sites over 10ha or 1000 people and subdivisions over 50 lots) will have to demonstrate the precinct contains safe, direct, accessible and comfortable walking and cycle routes, including continuous paths and crossings on key desire lines. This will be a mandatory consideration of the Design and Place SEPP (i.e. consent authorities must consider whether this has been adequately demonstrated before granting consent). All development will also have to demonstrate that it minimises car parking using site specific strategies such as adaptive travel plans.

98. What new powers will local councils have to compel developers to construct infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists if the Draft Design and Place SEPP is adopted?

Answer:

I am advised as with Question 97 this is a mandatory consideration for all consent authorities.

99. What new powers will the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment have to specifically compel developers to construct end-of-trip facilities for cyclists if the Draft Design and Place SEPP is adopted?

Answer:

I am advised the considerations referenced in Question 97 and 98 also require developers of precincts to identify locations for end-of-trip facilities, and the application requirements requires developers of precincts to propose draft controls for that precinct. The intent of the draft controls is that the consent authority may adopt those clauses in a DCP at the time of making the precinct, so that end-of-trip facilities and other obligations envisaged by the precinct plan are captured in subsequent lot development within that precinct.

Footpaths

100. What role does the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment play in the planning and construction of new footpaths in NSW communities?

Answer:

I am advised:

- State and Local Government have a range of interlinked roles and responsibilities, when planning and delivering pedestrian infrastructure such as footpaths in NSW.
- Government organisations work together in the use of public footpaths with a focus on improving access, walking space and urban realm attractiveness and activation.
- The relevant Road Authority such as Councils are generally responsible for the design, delivery and maintenance of footpaths and associated street furniture. For State roads this responsibility sits with Transport for NSW.
- The design, construction and operation of footpaths is undertaken in accordance with the NSW Roads Act 1993, the Safe System approach to road safety and Local Government and Austroads Standards and Guidelines.
- A need to balance the road environment for all road users from people, buses and taxis to delivery vehicles, to move around as easily and as safely as possible is important.
- Consideration is given to:
 - Physical allocation: The physical infrastructure of the kerb to boundary area that includes footpaths based on use, volume of pedestrian traffic and access for delivery and operational activities; and
 - Temporal allocation: The management of the footpath space through access, level of priority by user/use and the need for management of this by time of day, that is different user priority and use by the time of day.

101. How does the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment ensure the adequate planning and construction of footpaths as part of the NSW Movement and Place framework?

Answer:

Refer to answer provided in Question 100.

102. How does the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment monitor and evaluate the adequate planning and construction of footpaths as part of the NSW Movement and Place framework?

Answer:

I am advised:

- Responsibility for the design, delivery, operation and maintenance of footpaths rests with the relevant Road Authority. This may include Councils for local roads and Transport for NSW for state roads.
- The NSW Government has introduced the NSW Movement & Place Program which included a Movement & Place Framework.
- The NSW Government Movement & Place Program and its application are coordinated as a cross-government approach.
- This Framework considers the entire street environment – roads, footpaths, kerb-space etc and the places that are connected to these.

The Program includes governance, guidelines, policies and tools for use by practitioners involved in the planning, design, delivery, and operation of our transport networks and the areas around them. This includes both public and private sector decision-makers, planners, engineers, urban designers, and project managers. The framework is managed across government through the Movement & Place Implementation Board and is updated as required based on end-user feedback.

- This NSW Movement and Place Program seeks to provide a common structure for place-based transport and city and town planning across NSW, and to support built environment practitioners by explaining how to apply this approach.
- The design, planning, and management of roads and streets needs to consider potential impacts on the amenity of adjacent places – public spaces and land uses.
- Movement and Place distinguishes between movement supporting place (such as public transport connecting places), and movement that is best separated from places (such as long-distance travel).
- By considering the whole street, including footpaths, from property line to property line, and the interfaces with land use, Movement and Place takes into account the needs of all users, including people walking and cycling, making deliveries, and using public transport, as well as the broader community, people spending time in places, going to school, shopping, dining, exercising, or waiting for a bus.

NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program and active transport projects

103. Of the \$250 million in funding announced as part of the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program in August 2020, what is the total amount of funding allocated to councils that pertains to new cycling or pedestrian infrastructure?

Answer:

I am advised no funding has been allocated as an assessment of councils' project nominations is underway.

104. What specific guidelines or conditions were put in place to encourage applicants to construct new infrastructure for people who ride or walk?

Answer:

I am advised the Guidelines for the Public Space Legacy Program specifically promote projects that are focused on improvements to cycling and walking infrastructure. Specifically:

- 'The program will support the design and delivery of trails and strategic open space linkages'
- 'Councils are encouraged to put forward projects that (...) enable increased community access to public and open space'; and
- Public Spaces Legacy Program information sheet (February 2021) that was issued to all Program eligible Councils, clearly articulates the objectives of the Program and how councils could achieve the objectives. It is noted that 'Projects can achieve [the Program's] objectives by either creating new high-quality public and open spaces through land acquisition or unlocking underutilised land, connecting the network through new or improved trails and linkages or significantly enhancing the quality of existing public and open spaces'.

Opera House to Parramatta Walk

105. How will the \$500,000 allocated in the 2020-2021 State Budget for the Opera House to Parramatta Pathway be spent?

Answer:

I am advised Transport for NSW is investigating options.

106. As of 9 March 2021, how much of the above funding has been expended?

Answer:

Refer to answer provided in Question 105.

107. As of 9 March 2021, what work has the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment conducted to investigate:

- (a) A foreshore loop in the Blackwattle and Rozelle Bay and repairing and reopening the Glebe Island Bridge to become a key walking and cycling link to Sydney CBD?
- (b) A 10km foreshore loop around Canada Bay?
- (c) A new Connecting Canada Bay to the Homebush Bay Circuit?
- (d) Identifying missing links along the foreshore between Parramatta and Sydney?

Answer:

I am advised the Bays West Place Strategy was released for public comment on 22 March 2021 which identifies a 'world class harbour foreshore walk'. This is separate to the 'Opera House to Parramatta Pathway' initiative.

The Canada Bay loop is a matter for Canada Bay Council.

Principal Bike Network (PBN)

108. What engagement has the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment had with planning for the Principal Bike Network (PBN)?

Answer:

I am advised the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment was engaged on the development of the business case for the Principal Bike Network (PBN). This included discussion on the cycling program, potential funding opportunities, network and costings.

109. Has Transport for NSW formally sought advice or feedback from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on plans for the PBN?

Answer:

Refer to answer provided in Question 108.

110. What advice has the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment provided to Transport for NSW on plans for the PBN?

Answer:

Refer to answer provided in Question 108.

111. What is the total amount of funding spent in 2019-2020 by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on projects associated with the PBN?

Answer:

I am advised the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment provided \$11.73 million funding to Transport for NSW in 19/20. This funding was provided for planning and design of two arterial roads which are associated with the PBN. These projects are:

- Richmond Road Stage 3 Upgrade - \$6.43 million released in 19/20
- Elizabeth Drive Upgrade - \$5.3 million released in 19/20.

112. What were the projects and what was the amount spent on each project?

Answer:

Refer to answer provided in Question 111.

113. What is the total amount of funding allocated to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for projects associated with the PBN in 2020-2021?

Answer:

I am advised the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has not allocated any funding to projects associated with the PBN in 2020-21.

114. What are the projects to be funded and what is the amount to be spent on each project?

Answer:

Refer to answer provided in Question 113.

Streets as Shared Spaces

115. What was the total number of applications for the Streets as Shared Spaces grant program?

Answer:

I am advised there were 146 applications.

116. What was the total amount of funding requested for the Streets as Shared Spaces grant program?

Answer:

I am advised the Streets as Shared Spaces grant program budget is \$15m.

117. How much of the total funding in the Streets as Shared Spaces grant program has been expended as of 9 March 2021?

Answer:

I am advised \$10.2m has been expended as of 9 March 2021. The entire program budget is forecast to be spent in the current financial year.

118. Have all the successful projects in Category 1 of the Streets as Shared Spaces grant program been completed?

(a) If not, which projects have not yet been completed?

Answer:

I am advised that 22 out of 24 projects have been completed.

(a) Two projects are yet to be completed including:

- (1) 'George Street temporary road closure' project from the City of Sydney, and
- (2) 'Reclaim Hunter Lane' project from Hornsby Shire Council (This project is scheduled to be activated 1 April 2021).

119. Have all the successful projects in Category 2 of the Streets as Shared Spaces grant program been completed?

(a) If not, which projects have not yet been completed?

Answer:

I am advised No Category 2 projects have been completed to date. Category 2 projects are 12 month projects with completions due from October 2021 onwards.

120. Will the grant program be replicated given the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 on communities?

Answer:

I am advised the Streets as Shared Spaces program is a one-off grant funding program for local councils to test and pilot new and innovative ideas for streets as safe, shared public spaces. The intent of this program was to test and build the case for more permanent changes.

121. How is the success of the Streets as Shared Spaced grant program being evaluated?

Answer:

I am advised the Streets as Shared Spaces projects are evaluated against core success indicators. These are measurable outcomes that correlate with one or more of the program objectives.

Walking Space Guide

122. What initiatives has the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment introduced in 2020-2021 to increase the awareness and utilisation of the Walking Space Guide?

Answer:

I am advised that while the Guide was developed by Transport for NSW, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has been working to embed the Guide's principles into multiple policy initiatives.

123. What is the total amount of funding spent in the 2019-2020 financial year on developing, publishing, operating, monitoring or evaluating the Walking Space Guide?

Answer:

I am advised the Guide was developed and funded by Transport for NSW.

124. What is the total amount of funding allocated in the 2020-2021 State Budget on developing, publishing, operating, monitoring or evaluating the Walking Space Guide?

Answer:

Refer to answer provided in Question 123.

125. How is the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment measuring the uptake of the Walking Space assessment tool?

Answer:

Refer to answer provided in Question 123.

Greater Parramatta Olympic Peninsula Place-based Infrastructure Compact

126. The Greater Parramatta Olympic Peninsula Place-based Infrastructure Compact (GPOP Compact) pact was drafted in November 2019. On 23 December 2020, Government released a Response to the Recommendations Report. When will the GPOP Compact be finalised?

Answer:

I am advised the GPOP Place Infrastructure Compact was finalised by the Greater Sydney Commission by making a number of recommendations to Government. The Government has now considered and publicly released its response to these recommendations and will now prepare a GPOP Strategic Plan to embed the recommendations of the GPOP Place Infrastructure Compact into the planning system.

127. The Response to the Recommendations Report regarding the Greater Parramatta Olympic Peninsula Place-based Infrastructure Compact, published on 23 December 2020, indicates that Member for Parramatta had a *'Concern around the costs and method used for the PIC, particularly for the Camellia-Rosehill precinct'*, did the Minister have concerns regarding the costs and methods used?

(a) If so:

- i. Why did the Draft GPOP Compact proceed to publication?
- ii. Did the Minister or any member of the Department refute or raise concerns with the costs and methods used?
- iii. Were any concerns regarding the costs and methods used recorded prior to, or after publication?

Answer:

The Greater Sydney Commission is an independent planning authority. It released its draft Place Infrastructure Compact following consultation, noting two options in relation to Camellia Town Centre. Questions on the process of the preparation of the draft Place Infrastructure Compact and its impetus are best put to the Greater Sydney Commission.

(b) If not,

- i. Does the Minister reject the Member for Parramatta's *'Concern[s] around the costs and method used for the PIC, particularly for the Camellia-Rosehill precinct'*?
- ii. If the Minister does not doubt in the costing methodology, why has Camellia-Rosehill been carved out as a separate place based strategies?
- iii. Does the Minister have faith in Dr Sarah Hill who has a PhD in the Economics of City Planning?

Answer:

I am advised the GPOP Compact methodology highlighted the significant issues that need to be resolved to enable the Camellia-Rosehill precinct to transition to either higher order urban services, or a mixed use precinct. In this respect, the GSC identified two potential options for the Government to consider in Camellia in its recommendations. The Response to the GSC recommendations identified that a Place Strategy be prepared for the whole Camellia-Rosehill precinct commencing in 2021, drawing on the significant body of work that has already been undertaken to identify the economic and environmental opportunities of the precinct.

Camellia Prison

128. In December 2020, the *Sydney Morning Herald* reported that Government was planning a 1,000 inmate prison at Camellia. Is the Department of Planning aware of a planned prison in Camellia?

(a) If so,

- i. How advanced is the planning?
- ii. Has government assessed the remediation costs at a residential level, rather than the lower industrial or commercial remediation standard?
- iii. Has government consulted with landowners that are seeking to plan a town centre at Camellia?

- iv. Has government consulted with the Parramatta City Council or any other council on this matter?

Answer:

I am advised no application has been lodged in relation to a new prison site at Camellia and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has not carried out any consultation or assessment in relation to this matter.

129. Is seeking to 'socialise' land at Camellia, to avoid private developers and historic polluters from fitting the cost of remediation?

Answer:

I am advised the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is not considering an outcome where the Government pays for the cost of remediation on privately owned land. The cost of remediating land is the landowner's responsibility.

Contamination

130. The September 2015, the NSW Department of Planning and Environment commissioned the Camellia Precinct Contamination Remediation Study through Golder Associates Pty Ltd, is this study still being used to inform planning considerations and land acquisitions?

Answer:

I am advised the report, along with a suite of other previous studies on a range of matters, is being considered in the preparation of a place-based strategy for the Camellia precinct. Where a study is out of date, or more contemporary information exists, the draft Place Strategy process will ensure there is an update.

131. Can you confirm that the taxpayer will not be required to fit the bill for remediation on future acquisitions by DPIE?

Answer:

I am advised that the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has not been asked to acquire land in Camellia.

132. Has government since implemented any procedures that would stop a repeat of the acquisition of 6 Grand Avenue by Transport for NSW, which has left the NSW taxpayer liable for remediation?

Answer:

Refer to answer provided in Question 131.

133. Has the Minister been briefed on any other case where the NSW government has assumed the remediation liability for any other projects?

Answer:

No.

134. What is the financial liability for contaminated land in your portfolio?

Answer:

I am advised as at June 2019, for the Planning Ministerial Corporation, overall estimated financial liability due to legacy contamination within the Corporation's portfolio is \$40,367,400.

North Wilton – Landcom Acquisition

135. The Sydney Morning Herald published an article in March 2021 titled: 'Landcom pays \$100m more than seller's evaluation for site near Sydney'. The contracts were exchanged on 16 June 2020 and that the Board of Landcom and the Governments Executive Review Committee jointly approved the transaction. Did you sponsor the submission to the Expenditure Review Committee?

- (a) When did the Minister become aware that the property was valued at only \$155 million in 2019?
- (b) When did the Minister become aware that there was no probity plan or probity report accompanying the sale, is this considered normal practice?

Answer:

I did not sponsor the submission to ERC, and am advised Landcom has complied with its internal integrity framework and all policies which guide the probity requirements for such matters.

North Wilton Supporting Infrastructure

136. With regards to the \$950 million in infrastructure committed to supporting North Wilton, what is the logic behind committing close to a billion in infrastructure funding on land that government did not own intended to buy?

Answer:

I am advised the \$950 million investment is required to progress the North Wilton development and fund the delivery of infrastructure to support the development of the wider Wilton Priority Growth Area.

It will be used to provide infrastructure and services including open spaces, parks, community facilities, roads, footpaths, stormwater drainage and to carry out subdivision work.

This funding is a regular part of the major development process and comprises Local Infrastructure Contributions, Special Infrastructure Contributions, and an existing Voluntary Planning agreement with the Minister for Planning for the site. This approach ensures infrastructure and services are in place as the community requires it and, in many circumstances, in advance of major population growth.

137. Did the DPIE model the increased value of the land as a result of the \$950 million infrastructure commitment?

Answer:

No

138. What is the timeframe to implement the \$950 million in infrastructure funding?

- (a) How much of the \$950 million is road related?
- (b) How much of the \$950 million is transport related?
- (c) How much of the \$950 million is education related?
- (d) How much of the \$950 million is health related?
- (e) How much of the \$950 million is utility services related?

Answer:

I am advised the below table reflects the timeframe to implement the funding.

North Wilton Project type	Value	Timeframe for delivery and notes
Road infrastructure (major)	\$143,533,722	New Interchange before 300 lots (estimated 2026). Others as development rolls out. Includes cash contribution to Picton Road interchange upgrade.
Public transport	\$4,740,000	Cash contribution for each lot as development rolls out.
Education	\$7,500,000	As development rolls out adjoining school site. Estimated 2031. Note non-government school site for K-12 provided in first stage (2023).
Utilities (Lead Ins)	\$42,869,645	First works 2021. This includes sewer, recycled Water, potable water, electricity and NBN. Note it does not include reticulation in site.
Social Infrastructure (including open spaces, playing fields and community structures)	\$180,352,990	Includes Wilton Business Development Director and Social Infrastructure cash contribution to State Government as per Planning Agreement. Also includes Parks and Community Centre to Council including embellishment. As development rolls out, starting 2023.
Servicing reticulation	\$114,000,000	From 2022
Subdivision Works	\$320,100,000	From 2022
Monetary Contributions to Council and State Government for offsite works	\$142,000,000	First payment 2023.
Total	\$955,096,357	Please Note all dates are approximate and subject to change.

Landcom

139. Mr Brogden has previously indicated that he maintained a longstanding friendship with Mr Peter Brennan, CEO of Bradcorp. When did the Minister first become aware of this friendship?

Answer:

I am advised Mr Brogden has complied with the requirements specified by the Board of Landcom in relation to this matter.

140. Did Mr Brogden make a written or verbal declaration to the Minister regarding his friendship with Mr Brennan?

Answer:

I am advised Mr Brogden has complied with the requirements specified by the Board of Landcom. in relation to this matter.

ePlanning Portal

141. What is the Estimated Total Cost of the ePlanning Portal?

Answer:

I am advised Stage 4 of the Program will spend \$53,228,921 until 30 June 2023.

Financial Year	Budget
2020-21	\$16,900,000
2021-22	\$19,936,552
2022-23	\$16,392,369
Total	\$53,228,921

142. How much money has been incurred to date on the ePlanning Portal?

Answer:

I am advised over the eight financial years from 2013-2014 to 2019-2020 the program cost \$78,767,920.

143. What is the completion date for each stage of the ePlanning Portal?

Answer:

I am advised stages 1, 2 and 3 were assured as completed in December 2020. Stage 4 of the program will finish on 30 June 2023 as per the current business case.

144. How many stages are involved in the ePlanning Portal?

Answer:

I am advised 4.

145. Who developed the Planning Portal, was it developed by department officials or external consultants?

Answer:

I am advised the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment developed the NSW Planning Portal, using a combination of Department officials and external consultants.

146. Which company or companies developed the ePlanning Portal?

(a) If it was developed externally, was it open to an open tender process?

Answer:

I am advised ePlanning engaged Coforge Australia (Formerly Incessant Technologies), Infosys Australia, ADAPS BTRANSE Pty, XVT, E&Y, Pure Security, Capgemini Australia and Deloitte Australia for specific pieces of work. These engagements were done between January 2015 to December 2020 and complied with the NSW Government procurement rules.

147. How many complaints has the government received about the operation of the Portal?

Answer:

I am advised there are multiple channels for customer feedback:

1. The ePlanning Digital Services on the Portal each include a thumbs-up/thumbs-down widget on every screen.
2. ServiceNSW hotline, which receives calls from applicants
3. The ePlanning Support Team (phone calls and emails),
4. Correspondence via the Minister's Office.

The Digital Transformation Office (DTO) collects data on all feedback through multiple channels.

As example, for the week of 15-21 March 2021, the ePlanning Support inboxes received 452 emails. Of these, 412 were enquiries, 27 (6%) were complaints about the operation of the Portal, while the remaining 13 were absent other issues such as the requirement to use the portal for applications.

Since December 2018, the Portal has received in excess of 55,000 development applications. There have been more than 19,000 responses received from the thumbs-up/thumbs-down widget, with the current customer satisfaction thumbs-up score being 87.4%. This is the highest satisfaction score for any NSW Government digital service.

148. How are those complaints being addressed?

Answer:

I am advised the ePlanning Program considers all the feedback it receives in developing ongoing enhancements and improvements to the operation of the NSW Planning Portal.

149. What is the government doing to address the issues raised?

Answer:

I am advised the ePlanning Program logs issues raised by complainants and other users. It uses this information to inform improvements to the operation of the NSW Planning Portal. The ePlanning Program usually releases monthly system updates.

150. Has the government considered suspending the operation of the Portal until all these matters are addressed?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer:

I am advised no.

151. When is the project expected to be complete?

Answer:

I am advised the program is operational and will continue to deliver services to users.

152. Page 4-8 of the current budget papers indicates ‘This measure will support the rollout of Stage 4 of ePlanning, which will increase revenue from the sale of goods and services by \$44.0 million over the four years to 2023-24.’ In the mid-year budget that figure changed to \$92 million over four years, what prompted the change?

(a) Is the project to streamline the planning process or to derive revenue?

(b) Who is the revenue coming from, is it council or applicants?

(c) How much revenue is being generated?

(d) Is the revenue entirely captured by the NSW Government or is the private sector developer also generating revenue from each transaction?

Answer:

I am advised:

- a. The NSW Budget 2020-21 Half-Yearly Review does not project \$92 million in revenue for the ePlanning Program. The estimated revenue over the four years to 2023-24 remains at \$44 million.
- b. Applicants.
- c. No revenue has yet been generated.
- d. The revenue will be paid entirely to the NSW Government. The revenue is to fund the operating expenses of the system and depreciation of the asset, so that the revenue will match the expenses of operating the NSW Planning Portal.

Employees

153. Minister, for each department, agency, State-owned corporation or other body, and for each division of those bodies, if any, in your portfolio:

(a) What is the gender pay gap, both generally and across those employees in SEB or SEB-equivalent bands?

- (b) What is the highest remuneration for female employees– both generally and for SEB/SEB-equivalent employees?
- (c) What is the lowest pay received by female employees – both generally and for SEB/SEB-equivalent employees?
- (d) What is the average remuneration received by female employees – both generally and for SEB/SEB-equivalent employees?
- (e) What is the highest remuneration for male employees– both generally and for SEB/SEB-equivalent employees?
- (f) What is the lowest pay received by male employees – both generally and for SEB/SEB-equivalent employees?
- (g) What is the average remuneration received by male employees – both generally and for SEB/SEB-equivalent employees?
- (h) How many female and how many male SEB or SEB-equivalent employees are there?
- (i) What is the highest number of direct reports to female SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (j) What is the lowest number of direct reports to female SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (k) What is the average number of direct reports to female SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (l) What is the highest number of direct reports to male SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (m) What is the lowest number of direct reports to male SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (n) What is the average number of direct reports to male SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (o) What is the highest number of staff managed by female SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (p) What is the lowest number of number of staff managed by female SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (q) What is the average number of number of staff managed by female SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (r) What is the highest number of staff managed by male SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (s) What is the lowest number of number of staff managed by male SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (t) What is the average number of number of staff managed by male SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (u) In providing answers to questions (a) to (t), please provide the information for each SEB band or band equivalent.
- (v) What steps are you taking to eliminate the gender pay gap?
- (w) What timeframe have you set to eliminate the gender pay gap?

Answer:

I am advised the data reflects all the Department, Planning, Industry and Environment as at 28 February 2021, and references data on non-executive (general) staff and SEB staff. All SEB data only

includes ongoing and fixed term Public Service Senior Executive (PSSE) contracts. Acting arrangements are excluded from the analysis contained within this response.

- (a) Generally (non-executive) = -1.0%
SEB (Bands 1 – 4) = 3.7%
SEB (Bands 1 – 3) = 2.9%
- (b) b. Generally (for non-executive staff) = \$164,725
SEB = \$487,029 (Band 3)
- (c) Generally (non-executive) = \$42,460
SEB = \$192,602 (Band 1)
- (d) Generally (non-executive) = \$105,612
SEB = \$245,568
- (e) Generally (non-executive) = \$164,725
SEB = \$605,500 (Band 4)
- (f) Generally (non-executive) = \$42,460
SEB = \$192,600 (Band 1)
- (g) Generally (non-executive) = \$104,602
SEB = \$255,030
- (h) Female SEB = 226
Male SEB = 238
- (i) – (n). The Department of Planning Industry and Environment Establishment data is currently housed across 5 different Enterprise systems. As such direct report data is not consistently available or able to be accurately determined to this level of detail within the given timeframes.
- (a) – (t). The exact number of staff managed is unavailable given the timeframes for the same reasons as above.
- (u). Refer to (a) – (h).
- (v). I am advised the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has undertaken the following:
 - Recruitment of a remuneration specialist to develop principles and guidelines to undertake a review of consistency and monitoring of all salaries.
 - Developed a span of control around salaries and work within clearly defined a parity process.
 - Conducted a detailed analysis on pay parity principles to identify differences between salaries and work to bridge the difference in pay parity.
 - Reviewing recruitment processes and ensure salaries consistency for women and men, ensuring women are not disadvantaged when take leave to have children; and
 - Every role has a Mercer evaluation to determine work value points based on responsibilities and accountabilities of the role. Salary appointments are determined by these work value points
- (w). The Premier’s target of gender parity in senior leadership roles by 2025 is the target date that DPIE will align for gender pay parity.

154. Cluster Secretary- for each department, agency, State-owned corporation or other body, and for each division of those bodies, if any, in your Cluster:

- (a) What is the gender pay gap, both generally and across those employees in SEB or SEB-equivalent bands?
- (b) What is the highest remuneration for female employees– both generally and for SEB/SEB-equivalent employees?
- (c) What is the lowest pay received by female employees – both generally and for SEB/SEB-equivalent employees?
- (d) What is the average remuneration received by female employees – both generally and for SEB/SEB-equivalent employees?
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- (h) How many female and how many male SEB or SEB-equivalent employees are there?
- (i) What is the highest number of direct reports to female SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
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- (l) What is the highest number of direct reports to male SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
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- (n) What is the average number of direct reports to male SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (o) What is the highest number of staff managed by female SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
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- (t) What is the average number of number of staff managed by male SEB or SEB-equivalent employees?
- (u) In providing answers to questions (a) to (t), please provide the information for each SEB band or band equivalent.
- (v) What steps are you taking to eliminate the gender pay gap?
- (w) What timeframe have you set to eliminate the gender pay gap?

Answer: See responses to question 153.

Questions from the Hon Mark Banasiak MLC

Koala SEPP

155. What consultation was undertaken with rural land owners while making the changes to the new agreement over koala policy?

Answer:

I am advised a summary report of the engagement is available here:

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/-/media/OEH/Corporate-Site/Documents/Animals-and-plants/Threatened-species/koala-strategy-public-engagement-summary-report-170306.pdf>

156. What consultation was undertaken with private native forestry workers while making the changes to the new agreement over koala policy?

Answer:

Refer to answer provided in Question 155.

157. How many farmers will be affected by these changes, and to what extent?

Answer:

I am advised the Koala SEPP 2021 (like the previous Koala policies) applies if landholders require development consent to carry out activities on their land. It is not possible to provide an estimate.

158. How many private native forestry workers will be affected by these changes, and to what extent?

Answer:

I am advised for the same reason as explained in Question 157, it is impossible to quantify the number of native forestry workers affected by the Koala SEPP 2021. At this stage, consent requirements for private native forestry remain current in local environmental plans.

159. Will compensation be paid to land owners when new restrictions on their business are imposed?

Answer:

I am advised the Koala SEPP 2021 does not restrict or prohibit any type of activity. The SEPP ensures that Koala habitat is properly considered by activities which require development consent from councils. Most day-to-day activities carried out by rural and regional landholders do not require development consent and do not need to consider the SEPP.

160. Why are the existing codes not sufficient to protect a vulnerable classified species such as the koala?

(a) What species are next to get their own code?

Answer:

I am advised this matter should be referred to the Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW.

Questions from Mr Justin Field MLC

Natural Resources Commission review into post-fire harvesting

161. In regards to the Natural Resources Commission's review of post-fire logging and how to find a pathway back to the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (CIFOA):
- (a) Will the terms of reference for this review be made public?
 - (b) What is the timing for this review?
 - (c) What kind of options can be presented out of the review?
 - i. Are legislative changes, for example and amendment to the CIFOA, within the terms of reference?
 - (d) Will the updated 'Sustainable Yield in New South Wales Regional Forest Agreement Regions' report, recently finalised by the Department of Primary Industries as required under the CIFOA and Regional Forestry Agreements, be considered as part of this review?

Answer:

I am advised:

- (a) The terms of reference are Cabinet in Confidence.
- (b) The NRC will provide their advice to the Government in mid-2021.
- (c) While the terms of reference are Cabinet in Confidence, it is expected the NRC will provide comprehensive advice regarding the practical commencement of forestry in fire affected forests under standard Coastal IFOA conditions while satisfying the purposes of Part 5B of the Forestry Act 2012 and the objectives and outcomes specified in the Coastal IFOA.
- (d) All relevant information will be considered.

Sustainable Yield Report

162. Has the NRC been involved in, had access to, or provided any analysis of, the updated 'Sustainable Yield in New South Wales Regional Forest Agreement Regions' report, recently finalised by the Department of Primary Industries?
- (a) If so, please explain
 - (b) If not, is this something that the Minister for Planning considers should occur?

Answer:

I am advised:

- (a) The NRC has not been involved in that work.
- (b) All relevant information will be considered.

Timber supply issues

163. It is understood that in 2015 the NRC was commissioned by the former Minister for Primary Industries, Niall Blair, to assess options in regards to the North Coast Timber Industry supply issues. Has any further work been done by the NRC to address timber supply issues on the North Coast?
- (a) If not, is the NRC of the view that these timber supply issues would still be outstanding?
 - (b) If so, what options have been canvassed in response to this issue?

Answer:

I am advised no.

- (a) The NRC has not done any work on this issue recently to inform an opinion.
- (b) Not applicable.

164. Is the NRC aware of similar timber supply issues in other Regional Forestry Agreement Regions that were apparent before the 2019/20 bushfires?

- (a) If so, which regions?

Answer:

No.

- (a) Not applicable.

165. Is the NRC involved in, or aware of, renegotiations on wood supply agreements for non-Boral contracts which expire in 2023?

- (a) If so, what is the NRC's involvement?

Answer:

No.

- (a) Not applicable.

Land Management (Native Vegetation) Code 2018

166. Is the NRC involved in the review of the Land Management (Native Vegetation) Code 2018?

Answer:

I am advised the Natural Resources Commission is not involved in a review of the Land Management (Native Vegetation) Code 2018.

167. In regards to the NRC's July 2019 report 'Land management and biodiversity conservation reforms: Final advice on a response to the policy review point':

- (a) Is the NRC satisfied that the Government has responded to recommendations made in the report?
 - i. If not, please explain and refer to specific recommendations
- (b) Has the Government provided any further update on the achievement of recommendations beyond their initial response?
 - i. If so, please explain and refer to specific recommendations.

Answer:

I am advised:

- (a) The Government provided a response indicating whether each recommendation was noted, supported, supported in principle or not supported. A copy of the response is available on the NRC website:

<https://www.nrc.nsw.gov.au/Final%20report%20%20Biodiversity%20Reform%20Trigger%20Assessment%20-%20Government%20response.pdf?downloadable=1>

The views of the NRC in relation to the Government's response, are a matter for the NRC.

- (b) The NRC does not have any role in following up on implementation of the recommendations. DPIE-Environment, Energy Science Group and Local Land Services can provide further information regarding progress.

November 2020 ICAC report into water management

168. Recommendation 3 of the Independent Commission Against Crime November 2020 'Investigation into complaints of corruption in the management of water in New South Wales and systemic non-compliance with the Water Management Act 2000' refers to the adoption of changes the DPIE has proposed to the Barwon-Darling Water Sharing Plan (BDWSP). These changes were largely proposed as a result of the NRC's review into the BDWSP. Can the NRC provide an update on the status and quality of implementation of its recommended changes to the BDWSP, with specific reference to the recommendations listed in recommendation 3 of the ICAC report?

Answer:

I am advised this should be referred to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing for a full update on progress against recommendations. The NRC does not have a role in reviewing implementation of recommendations, outside its legislated responsibility to audit implementation of plans within the first five years, and review achievement of outcomes within the final five years of the Plans.

169. Recommendation 6 of the abovementioned ICAC report provided for DPIE to prioritise and seek to bring forward audits of any water sharing plans that have not, to date, been audited under section 44 of the Water Management Act 2000. Can the NRC please provide an update on:

- (a) What audits have been completed since 2019?
- i. Which of these have not been made public?
- (b) Which of these have been responded to by the Government?
- i. What audits are currently being carried out by the NRC?
- (c) What audits are yet to be completed by the NRC?

Answer:

I am advised this should be referred to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing.

170. The ICAC report found that DPIE had consistently failed to apply the hierarchy of water sharing as required in section 5 and 9 of the Water Management Act 2000. Has the NRC completed any analysis of whether current water sharing plans are consistent with the hierarchy?

(a) If so, please explain

(b) If not, does the NRC think it appropriate in light of recommendations 1 and 2 of the ICAC report to assess DPIE implementation of the water management hierarchy?

Answer:

I am advised this should be referred to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing.

NRC review of the Peel Valley Water Sharing Plan

171. In regards to the May 2020 NRC Review of the Water Sharing Plan for the Peel Valley Regulated, Unregulated, Alluvium and Fractured Rock Water Sources 2010:

(a) Has the Government responded to the recommendations?

(b) Is the NRC aware of any changes to the water sharing plan as a result of the review?

(c) Is the NRC aware of whether the draft changes to the Peel Valley water sharing plan that was submitted to the Murray Darling Basin Authority as part of the water resource plan development process incorporated any of the recommendations in the review?

Answer:

I am advised this should be referred to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing.