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WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING

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

Social Housing

1. What has been the net increase in social housing stock since 30 June 2020?
2. How does the requirement for LAHC to be cost neutral impact social housing supply?
3. Title transfer programs from LAHC to CHPs have been effective at increasing social and affordable supply. What is the intention in relation to future transfers?
 - (a) Does LAHC have a target for title transfers to CHP?
 - i. How does LAHC make decisions about potential title transfers?
4. The LAHC's (draft) Consent to Secure CHP Debt Policy has been withdrawn and is being revised. How will the revised policy promote the growth of CHPs as partners in the delivery of more social and affordable housing?
 - (a) What is the timeframe for the revised Consent to Secure CHP Debt policy?
5. What percentage of the last social housing stock transferred from LAHC to CHPs was sub-standard (did not meet LAHC benchmark acceptable physical standard)?
 - (a) What was the cost of the repairs and maintenance to CHPs?
6. What is the plan for renewing the aging LAHC stock that is beyond its economic value?
 - (a) How many proposals have been approved under the renewal policies announced in 2020?
7. Other than Priority Pathways waitlist applicants, how many applicants have been housed off the waitlist?
 - (a) What is the projected demand for social housing?
 - (b) What is the plan to reduce the waitlist and how long will it take?
8. How many affordable rental homes have been built by private developers using the SEPP 70 regulation?
9. What impact will the ending of the Commonwealth's National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) have on affordable rental supply in NSW?

10. What evidence does the government have that increasing the supply and/or diversity of housing will result in an increased supply of affordable rental stock?
11. How much have CHPs contributed to the increase in social and affordable housing stock?
12. What is the average turnaround time for vacant properties for CHPs vs LAHC?
13. How does the Minister ensure she is achieving outcomes for the most disadvantaged people when responsibility for housing is spread across two ministers and two departments in different clusters?
 - (a) How do you achieve efficiencies with two sets of overheads?

Communities Plus

14. Given that the Communities Plus Program was announced in 2016 can the Minister confirm how many new social homes have been actually commenced under the program to date?
15. Can the Minister specify the current state of progress (e.g. pre-tender planning phase/development consortium appointed, works yet to begin/started on site) on the six large estates specified as part of Communities Plus and scheduled for demolition and replacement with good quality mixed-tenure housing, namely: Ivanhoe, Waterloo, Telopea, Riverwood, Villawood, Arncliffe.
 - (a) Which will be completed by 2026?
 - (b) Which will be started by 2026?
16. When Communities Plus was announced in 2016 it was stated that the program would generate 23,000 new social rental dwellings, 500 affordable rental dwellings and 40,000 dwellings for market sale, while 17,000 existing public housing dwellings would be demolished in the process. What are the currently estimated equivalent figures to those specified above?
 - (a) By what date is it now expected that these will be delivered, if at all?
17. How many new social rental homes have been commenced since 2016?
18. How many existing public housing dwellings have been sold on the open market?
 - (a) How many dwellings have been demolished over this period?
19. According to the most recently available data, what number and proportion of NSW public housing dwellings is compliant with the Land and Housing Corporation's benchmark acceptable physical standard?

- (a) What is the estimated cost of bringing non-compliant dwellings up to the standard?
- (b) Does the LAHC have a target for increase in compliance with the benchmark acceptable standard?
 - i. What is the target?
 - ii. When is it expected to be met?

Dungowan Dam

20. In relation to the Dungowan Dam:

- (a) Why has the Business Case been delayed again?
- (b) When is the Business Case now expected to be completed?
- (c) Will the detailed Business Case be released to the public?
 - i. If not, why not?
- (d) When is the construction of Dungowan Dam expected to begin?
 - i. Will construction contracts be signed before to March 2023 NSW election?
- (e) What is the current forecast cost for the construction of Dungowan Dam?
- (f) Will the NSW Government be increasing its commitment to fund this project in alignment with the increased cost forecast?
- (g) Has the NSW Government made further requests for contributions from the Commonwealth Government in anticipation of increased costs?
 - i. What was the response?
- (h) It was reported in Tamworth Media, (ABC New England North West, 29 October) that Minister Pavey had indicated that “the government is prepared to build the dam at whatever cost is necessary”. Is this an accurate report of the NSW Government’s financial commitment to the project?
 - i. Is there any upper-limit at which this dam would be considered uneconomical to construct?
- (i) Will the costs for the construction of Dungowan Dam be recovered from water users (consistent with the principles of the National Water Initiative (2004), a formal agreement

between the Commonwealth Government, the NSW Government and the other States and Territories)?

- (j) If the costs for construction of Dungowan Dam will be recovered from water users, how will this affect water bills for both irrigators and Tamworth Regional Council rate payers?
- (k) Will funding contributed by the Commonwealth Government be included in the costs to be recovered from water users?

LAHC

- 21. LAHC was charged under the Future Directions Policy, which includes Communities Plus developments, to deliver 23,000 new and replacement social housing dwellings. With five years to on the project:
 - (a) How many dwellings have been delivered to date?
 - (b) What is the number of dwellings now expected to be delivered by 2026?
 - (c) Of the dwellings delivered to date, what is the net increase in social housing (that is new dwellings less existing dwellings replaced) as a result of those developments?
- 22. LAHC has a significant amount of ageing housing stock, part of which requires significant repairs and maintenance work.
 - (a) How many dwellings in LAHC's portfolio are currently uninhabitable and therefore unavailable to social housing tenants?
 - i. How many of these dwellings are either below LAHC's benchmark standard or not meeting legislative requirements?
- 23. What is the current unfunded estimated repairs and maintenance liability for LAHC?
- 24. Does the LAHC have a goal for revenue generated through the sale of social housing for 2021-to-2022?
 - (a) Does Treasury provide LAHC with a goal or guidance for asset recycling in social housing?
 - (b) Do you have an estimation of how much revenue will be generated from the sale of social housing in 2021-2022?

Career Pathways Programs

25. How much has been spent to date of the \$60m allocated to new housing sector pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships and cadetships to provide career pathways for young people and social housing tenants?
- (a) How was this program advertised?
 - (b) How many pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships and cadetships have been completed under this program?

Macquarie Valley Approvals

26. Minister, in relation to recent flood work approvals in Macquarie Valley:
- (a) How many flood works on the Macquarie floodplain have been approved between 2018 and the gazettal of the Macquarie Floodplain Management Plan on 20 September 2021?
 - i. What type of works have been approved?
 - (b) What environmental assessment process was undertaken to assess these works?
 - (c) What level of community consultation was undertaken for the works approval process?
 - (d) How were objections to applications considered in the assessment process?
 - (e) How were impacts on downstream properties assessed?
 - (f) What feedback was received by objectors on the assessment process and final decision?
 - (g) How many of these works are capable of floodplain harvesting?

Macquarie Floodplain Management Plan (FMP)

27. Minister in relation to the Macquarie FMP:
- (a) Why is there a discrepancy of 73,600 ha of mapped protected areas between the 2018 draft Macquarie Floodplain Management Plan and 2021 gazetted Macquarie Floodplain Management Plan?
 - (b) How many of the unauthorised works on the Macquarie floodplain are being assessed for impact on downstream properties and environment?
 - (c) How many unauthorised works on the Macquarie floodplain occur on properties being assessed for floodplain harvesting licences?

- (d) How many unauthorised works have been included in the capability assessment for floodplain harvesting in the Macquarie Valley?
- (e) How many unauthorised works have been identified to be granted a water supply works approval for floodplain harvesting in the Macquarie Valley?

Flood works in NSW Northern Basin valleys

28. In relation to 'Hotspot' flood works in NSW Northern Basin valleys:
- (a) How many flood works on the NSW Border Rivers, Gwydir, Namoi, Macquarie and Barwon-Darling floodplains have been identified as 'hotspots' impeding critical flood flow paths?
 - (b) How many of these 'hotspot' flood works have been removed?
 - (c) What works program is in place to remove or modify 'hotspot' flood works?
 - (d) How many 'hotspot' flood works have been included in the capability assessment for floodplain harvesting on the NSW Border Rivers, Gwydir, Namoi, Macquarie and Barwon-Darling floodplains?

Menindee Lakes and Yanco Creek

29. Can we have an update on proposed scope of works for the Menindee Lakes and Yanco Creek SDL Adjustment Mechanisms?

Moratorium on Greenfield development

30. Given the moratorium on Greenfield developments along the Murray in Victoria, and the increasingly unreliable flow of water due to climate change and over extraction, will the NSW government also introduce a moratorium on greenfield developments along the Darling?

Floodplain Harvesting

31. Can you ensure connectivity along the Darling River by regulating Floodplain harvesting to sustainable limits and setting end of flow targets?

Macquarie Marshes

32. How does the NSW Government intend to meet its legal obligations under the Ramsar Convention and the Water Management Act to ensure the resilience of the Ramsar listed Macquarie Marshes should the proposed Macquarie River re-regulating storage project (recently renamed the Macquarie Water Security Scheme) go ahead?
33. What resourcing will the NSW Government invest in monitoring the condition of the vegetation in the Ramsar listed Macquarie Marshes in the coming NSW budget?

Executive Management LAHC

34. In relation to executive management for the LAHC, can the following be provided for FY 2019-20 and 2020-21 to date:
 - (a) The total number of executive management positions
 - (b) The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.
 - (c) The change in the number of executive manager positions.
 - (d) The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.

Executive Management DPIE – Water

35. In relation to executive management for the DPIE- Water, can the following be provided for FY 2019-20 and 2020-21 to date:
 - (a) The total number of executive management positions
 - (b) The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.
 - (c) The change in the number of executive manager positions.
 - (d) The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.

Executive Management Sydney Water

36. In relation to executive management for the Sydney Water, can the following be provided for FY 2019-20 and 2020-21 to date:
 - (a) The total number of executive management positions

- (b) The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.
- (c) The change in the number of executive manager positions.
- (d) The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.

Executive Management Water NSW

37. In relation to executive management for the Water NSW, can the following be provided for FY 2019-20 and 2020-21 to date:

- (a) The total number of executive management positions
- (b) The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.
- (c) The change in the number of executive manager positions.
- (d) The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.

Ministerial Functions

38. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 1 July 2020, can the following be provided:

- (a) List of functions.
- (b) List of all attendees.
- (c) Function venue.
- (d) Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).
- (e) Details of any food served.
- (f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.
- (g) Any available photographs of the function.
- (h) Details of any entertainment provided.

Executive Office Upgrades - LAHC

39. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the LAHC Chief Executive's office, or the offices of any Directors been upgraded since 1 July 2020. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST **inclusive**).

Executive Office Upgrades – DPIE – Water

40. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the DPIE Water Deputy Secretary office, or the offices of any Executive Directors or Directors been upgraded since 1 July 2020. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST **inclusive**).

Executive Office Upgrades – Sydney Water

41. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Sydney Water Managing Director's office, or the offices of any General Managers or Directors been upgraded since 1 July 2020. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST **inclusive**).

Executive Office Upgrades – Water NSW

42. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Water NSW CEO's office, or the offices of any Executive Managers or Directors been upgraded since 1 July 2020. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST **inclusive**).

Facilities Upgrades - LAHC, Minister's Office, DPIE-Water, Sydney Water, Water NSW

43. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies (LAHC, Minister's Office or DPIE-Water, Sydney Water, Water NSW) since 1 July 2018. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?
44. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive)?
45. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided?
46. How much money was spent on plants at any of the Departments or agencies (LAHC, Minister's Office or DPIE-Water, Sydney Water, Water NSW) for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 to date?

Travel

47. What is the total cost of the Ministers travel for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 to date?
48. What is the total cost of the Minister's staff travel for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 to date?
49. What is the total cost of staff travel for LAHC employees for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 to date?
50. What is the total cost of staff travel for DPIE-Water employees for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 to date?

Ministerial Travel

51. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Minister since 1 July 2020 be provided including:
 - (a) Flights for the Minister as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel.
 - (b) Ground transport for the Minister as well as any accompanying departmental officials.
 - (c) Accommodation for the Minister, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.
 - (d) Meals and other incidentals for the Minister as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.
 - (e) Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.

Executive Travel – LAHC, DPIE –Water

52. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Chief Executive of LAHC or the Deputy Secretary of DPIE –Water since 1 July 2020 be provided including:
 - (a) Flights for the Chief Executive or Deputy Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel.
 - (b) Ground transport for the Chief Executive or Deputy Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials.

- (c) Accommodation for the Chief Executive or Deputy Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.
- (d) Meals and other incidentals for the Chief Executive or Deputy Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.
- (e) Any available photographs documenting the Chief Executive or Deputy Secretary travel should also be provided.

Executive Travel – Sydney Water. Water NSW

53. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the CEO of Water NSW or the Managing Director of Sydney Water since 1 July 2020 be provided including:

- (a) Flights for the CEO or Managing Director as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel.
- (b) Ground transport for the CEO or Managing Director as well as any accompanying departmental officials.
- (c) Accommodation for the CEO or Managing Director as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.
- (d) Meals and other incidentals for the CEO or Managing Director as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.
- (e) Any available photographs documenting the CEO or Managing Director travel should also be provided.

Briefings

54. Has the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly. If so, can the following be provided:

- (a) The subject matter of the briefing.
- (b) The location and date of the briefing.

- (c) Who proposed the briefing.
- (d) Attendees of the briefing by level/position

Acting Minister Arrangements

- 55. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2020 to date.
- 56. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.

Ministerial staff allowances

- 57. Can a list of Ministerial staff allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.

Market research

- 58. Does the LAHC or DPIE –Water undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies?
 - (a) If so, can the LAHC and DPIE –Water provide an itemised list of:
 - i. Subject matter
 - ii. Company
 - iii. Costs
 - iv. Contract date period
- 59. Can the LAHC and DPIE –Water advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred?
- 60. Does Sydney Water or Water NSW undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies?
 - (a) If so, can Sydney Water and Water NSW provide an itemised list of:
 - i. Subject matter
 - ii. Company
 - iii. Costs
 - iv. Contract date period

61. Can the Sydney Water and Water NSW –Water advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred?

Advertising and information campaigns –LAHC

62. What was the LAHC’s total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for FY 2020-21 and for the current financial year to date.
63. What advertising and information campaigns did the LAHC run in each relevant period? For each campaign, please provide:
- (a) When approval was first sought.
 - (b) The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process.
 - (c) the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.
64. Can an itemised list of all eTenders offer notice ID numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.

Advertising and information campaigns –DPIE –Water

65. What was the DPIE –Water’s total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for FY 2020-21 and for the current financial year to date.
66. What advertising and information campaigns did the DPIE –Water run in each relevant period. For each campaign, please provide:
- (a) When approval was first sought.
 - (b) The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process.
 - (c) the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.
67. Can an itemised list of all eTenders offer notice ID numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided?

Advertising and information campaigns –Water NSW

68. What was the Water NSW’s total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for FY 2020-21 and for the current financial year to date?

69. What advertising and information campaigns did the Water NSW run in each relevant period?
For each campaign, please provide:
- (a) When approval was first sought.
 - (b) The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process.
 - (c) the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.
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Advertising and information campaigns –Sydney Water

71. What was the Sydney Water's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for FY 2020-21 and for the current financial year to date?
72. What advertising and information campaigns did the Sydney Water run in each relevant period?
For each campaign, please provide:
- (a) When approval was first sought.
 - (b) The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process.
 - (c) the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.
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Promotional merchandise - LAHC

74. What was the LAHC total expenditure on promotional merchandise for FY 2020-21?
75. Can an itemised list of all eTenders offer notice ID numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided?
76. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided?

Promotional merchandise – DPIE – Water

77. What was the DPIE-Water total expenditure on promotional merchandise for FY 2020-21?

78. Can an itemised list of all eTenders offer notice ID numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided?
79. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided?

Promotional merchandise – Water NSW

80. What was the Water NSW total expenditure on promotional merchandise for FY 2020-21?
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Promotional merchandise – Sydney Water

83. What was the Sydney Water total expenditure on promotional merchandise for FY 2020-21?
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85. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided?

Social media influencers – LAHC

86. What was the LAHC total expenditure on social media influencers for FY 2020-21 and 2021-22 to date?
87. What advertising or information campaigns did the LAHC use social media influencers to promote?
88. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided?
89. Can an itemised list of all eTenders offer notice ID numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided?

Social media influencers – DPIE – Water

90. What was the DPIE- Water total expenditure on social media influencers for FY 2020-21 and 2021-22 to date?
91. What advertising or information campaigns did the DPIE – Water use social media influencers to promote?

92. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided?
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Social media influencers – Water NSW

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97. Can an itemised list of all eTenders offer notice ID numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided?

Social media influencers – Sydney Water

98. What was Sydney Water's total expenditure on social media influencers for FY 2020-21 and 2021-22 to date?
99. What advertising or information campaigns did Sydney Water use social media influencers to promote?
100. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided?
101. Can an itemised list of all eTenders offer notice ID numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided?

Commissioned Reports and Reviews

102. Since 24 August 2018, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including:
 - (a) Date commissioned.
 - (b) Date report handed to Government.
 - (c) Date of public release.
 - (d) Terms of Reference.
 - (e) Committee members and/or Reviewers.

103. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost?
104. The background and credentials of the Review personnel?
105. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel?
106. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review?
107. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
108. What is the current status of each report?
109. When is the Government intending to respond to each report, if it has not already done so?

Board Appointments

110. Can the Minister provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members she had made since 30 June 2020?
111. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?
112. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid?
113. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors?
114. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors?

Appointments – briefs prepared

115. How many times has the LAHC or DPIE – Water prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level?
116. For each brief prepared, can the LAHC and DPIE – Water advise:
 - (a) The former member.
 - (b) The board or entity.
 - (c) Whether the request originated from the Minister's office.
 - (d) Whether the appointment was made.

Stationery

117. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 to date?

Communications staff

118. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:

By Department or agency:

- (a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location?
- (b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location?
- (c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location?
- (d) How many are graphic designers?
- (e) How many are media managers?
- (f) How many organise events?

119. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios.

- (a) If yes, why?
- (b) When was it established?
- (c) What is the set up cost?
- (d) What is the ongoing cost?
- (e) How many staff work there and what are their classifications?

Ministerial Staffing

120. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 15 October 2020?

121. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing?

122. How many redundancies have occurred in FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 to date?

123. How many were:

- (a) Voluntary?
- (b) Involuntary?

124. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff?

Credit Cards – Sydney Water

125. Please provide credit card statements for Sydney Water Executives from 1/1/20 to date for the following:

- (a) Chair
- (b) Managing Director
- (c) GM Customer, Strategy and Engagement
- (d) GM Asset Lifecycle
- (e) GM Customer Service
- (f) GM Customer Delivery
- (g) GM Governance and Assurance
- (h) GM Finance and Business Performance
- (i) GM Business Development

Consultants – LAHC, DPIE- Water, Water NSW, Sydney Water

126. Please provide for the following agencies LAHC, DPIE- Water, Water NSW, Sydney Water:

- (a) Total number and cost of consultants used for each agency/department
- (b) Itemised list of consultants used for each agency/department
- (c) Copies of the contract award notice IDs for each consultant used

Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

Housing support for older people

127. What specific measures are in place to support older people over 55 in regard to the housing system?

128. What specific measures are in place to support older women in relation to housing?

Minimum accessibility standards

129. Why has the NSW Government decided not to adopt the minimum accessibility provisions for residential housing and apartments under the National Construction Code 2022?
130. Will the Government be mandating the Silver Liveable Housing Design Standards on all new social and affordable housing?
 - (a) If no, why not?

Social Housing Investment Key to Recovery Roadmap

In the Government's Social Housing Investment Key to Recovery Roadmap released October 2021, there is no mention of allocation to older people.

131. Will a dedicated proportion be allocated to older people?
132. Will a dedication be allocated specifically to older women?

Together Home

The Government has emphasised in several housing and homelessness strategies that older women are experiencing an increased risk of homelessness.

133. Has the Government made specific allocations for older women to receive Together Home packages?
134. Of the people allocated Together Home packages in 2020-21, how many were men and how many were women?

Link2Home

135. What is the age and gender profile of people who interact with the Link2Home program?
136. Has the Government undertaken an evaluation of the effectiveness and reach of the Link2Home program?
 - (a) If yes, what were the findings of the evaluation?
 - (b) If no, does the Government have plans to do so?
137. Why does the Link2Home program not provide comprehensive support to older people who need assistance with navigating the system?

138. The Home at Last Model used in Victoria utilises specific measures of early intervention and crisis response designed for older people. Does the Government have plans to integrate similar measures?

Social and Affordable Housing Fund

139. In the Social and Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF), how much total funding is allocated for programs addressing social and affordable housing and homelessness in 2021-22?

140. How much funding is allocated for older people?

141. Since its inception in 2017, SAHF has returned an 8.2% yield. Considering its success, does the Government plan to expand this program?

142. What are the Government's projections for SAHF over 2022-23 to 2024-25?