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Flood Recovery – Planning

1. There will clearly be a large task ahead of the local councils in northern NSW to process development applications, what role will DPE play in assisting these councils?
2. Has DPE determined what resources will be made available to flood affected councils?
 - (a) If so, please outline what those resources are and when they will be available to each local government area?
3. The Premier has vowed not to “...repeat the mistakes” made in the South Coast’s bushfire recovery in the recovery from the floods in northern NSW, what are the mistakes?
 - (a) What are the key lessons that DPE has taken from those mistakes as the Premier has described them?
4. On the South Coast during the bushfires up to 450 houses were damaged but only 50 houses have been rebuilt so far, will the residents of the north coast in Lismore have to suffer the same slow recovery process?
5. What will be done to make sure that the recovery process is as quick as possible for any issue within the jurisdiction of DPE?
6. There have been very diverse views expressed by senior ministers in the midst of the flood crisis. On 7 March 2022 in the Sydney Morning Herald (*Flood recovery will take years: Premier*), the Deputy Premier has called for “*a reassessment of where housing developments are permitted across the state*”, you are quoted in the same newspaper on 4 March 2022 (*NSW Premier promises review of flood response, admits failures*) saying, “*We can’t stop these people rebuilding because ... there might be a flood.*” When will senior ministers get on the same page so communities aren’t victims to another blame game and fight of personalities within the government?
7. The Sydney Morning Herald on 4 March 2022 (*NSW Premier promises review of flood response, admits failures*), says “*In 2017, the government estimated it would cost \$3.3 billion to purchase more than 6000 houses in the flood-prone valley, based on 2015 dwelling prices. It was found to have a benefit-cost ratio of just 0.21.*” Which department or agency is responsible for these conclusions?
 - (a) Is this a public document?
 - (b) Where can it be found?
8. Given that there was no indication of who would head the independent review announced by the Minister during Budget Estimates, at what time on Friday, 11 March 2022 was the final decision

made to appoint Professor Mary O’Kane, Chair, Independent Planning Commission to head this review?

9. What is the process for determining the terms of reference for this review?
10. When will the terms of reference be announced for this review?
11. Who are the other members of this review?
12. When will the report of the review be received and be made public?
13. Will the review conduct public hearings?
14. On what date will the review report be due to be provided to the Government?
15. How long after the review report is received by Government will it be made public?
16. What is the process for determining how the review’s recommendations, when published, will be implemented?
17. How much will this review cost?

Redundancies

18. During 2020 and 2021 the Department paid more than \$14 million in redundancies – why was the amount so high?
19. How many staff were made redundant during this period?
20. Are there more structural changes within the department coming, particularly at the senior executive level as foreshadowed by Mr Cassel’s evidence on Friday, 11 March 2022?
21. Please provide details of the changes and how this will lead to better planning outcomes for NSW?
22. What consultations with the Public Service Association and any other applicable employee representatives have taken place to discuss these details?
 - (a) If not, why not?
23. What was the process for appointing Mr Mick Cassel as Secretary, DPE?

Regional Housing Fund and Regional Housing Taskforce

24. How were the eligible Councils selected for the Regional Housing Fund?
25. Byron Shire has the highest median house value of any regional LGA at nearly \$1.84 million and Kiama recorded the largest increase in its median house value – an increase of 43.9 per cent to

more than \$1.63 million – yet neither of those local government areas are included in the list of eligible councils – why?

26. How many applications have been received?
27. Have all of the eligible councils indicated that they will be submitting applications?
28. Of the applications received, how many are for projects to deliver development infrastructure for housing development and how many are focused on social and recreational infrastructure?
29. How many applications have included part-funding from councils?
30. What will the Department's core indicators for these projects be?
31. How will you determine success – number of houses added, change in house prices in the area?
32. Can the committee be provided with a full list of applications, which includes summary of the project, the expected additional housing supply resulting from the project and part-funding contributed from councils?

Regional Flying Squads

33. At the NSW Local Government conference you announced that there would be \$1 million for “regional flying squads” to assist Councils.
 - (a) Is \$1 million enough to clear the backlog of 16,000 development applications completely?
 - (b) How many people will be in the flying squads?
 - (c) How many flying squads will there be?
 - (d) How will you or the department prioritise which councils get assistance and for how long the assistance of a flying squad will be provided?
 - (e) The flying squads will be preparing assessment reports for 11 weeks – given the claimed backlog of DA's is 16,000, how many assessments are the consultants in the flying squads be expected to complete?
 - (f) Will the consultants in the flying squads be required to visit the areas they are providing assessment reports for?
 - (g) Given your desire to increase the number of planners sourced from overseas, will the flying squads be flown in from overseas?
 - (h) Will councils be asked to contribute to the cost of having the help of a flying squad?
 - (i) How will DPE assess whether the regional flying squad approach has been successful?

(j) What are the Department's KPIs for this approach?

34. How many DA's are yet to be assessed among the 33 LGAs in the Greater Sydney area?

Housing Affordability

35. The Treasurer told Budget Estimates on 28 February 2022 that the Government is working through "...a number of options" on housing affordability including "...direct grants, stamp duty reductions, like building more supply, a whole range of things." – Can you outline what options are being considered by DPE?

(a) What input you are having to the development of the Government's housing affordability plan?

36. How much are you expecting housing supply to increase as a result of the Premier's stamp duty plans?

37. The Department's forecast of housing supply over the next 5 years suggests that up to 50,000 fewer houses could be built in Sydney compared to completions over the last 5 years – is the Government reviewing its housing forecasts and targets as part of its housing affordability plan?

38. When will the Greater Sydney Commission target of around 36,000 homes a year be met?

39. Will it be met consistently after that?

(a) If so, will this include a review of the geographic distribution of new housing?

40. Many commentators argue that supply is at least part of the problem contributing to the housing affordability crisis – do you agree with that characterisation?

41. Have all of the local government areas in Sydney had their housing targets approved?

(a) If not, which local government areas have not?

42. Will all of the local government areas with approved housing plans meet their targets this year?

(a) If not, why not?

43. What happens when they do not – apart from slipping further behind with housing supply?

44. The Government's proposed infrastructure contributions reform consultations were extended until later this month (March 25), in extending the deadline you said that "We won't make any changes until we are certain that this can happen [no impact on the ability of councils to deliver the infrastructure they are responsible for] and that the reforms will help us boost housing supply and affordability." – What are the measures or the test you will use to conclude whether there reforms will or won't boost housing supply and affordability?

45. One of the reasons the Government cited in 2019 when it commissioned the McNaughton Report on high speed rail was to increase access to more affordable housing options. The report has not been released and a number of attempts to obtain it have been refused on the basis that it is subject to Cabinet consideration –Do you have any idea when the report will be released?
46. Can you confirm whether the housing supply and affordability perspective is part of the reason for the report’s justification then and now?
47. Why was the special cabinet committee on housing supply issues terminated?
48. When was the decision made to discontinue this cabinet committee?

Appin Rezoning

49. Does the Minister have a response to Wollondilly Council’s request for the rezoning of land at Appin to be halted until the plans to provide water, sewerage and transport plans to the area have been developed?
50. Are there other parts of Sydney that have either been recently rezoned or are being considered for rezoning that are also experiencing delays in providing water and sewerage services?
 - (a) If so, where are they?
 - (b) How many housing lots face delays in being connected to the most basic of services?
51. The Appin rezoning is one of two sites that where a Technical Assurance Panel is being trialled – correct?
52. What is the purpose of the Technical Assurance Panel?
53. Who is on the Technical Assurance Panel?
54. Why have Council officers been asked to sign non-disclosure agreements if they are participating on the Technical Assurance Panel?
55. Why is a non-disclosure agreement required?
 - (a) What secrets is the NSW Government hoping to keep from Wollondilly Councillors?
56. At the NSW Local Government conference you spoke about the need to work together – how is having council officers sign secrecy agreements where they cannot discuss anything with their elected councillors working together?
57. How many other housing blocks are being delayed because Sydney Water cannot deliver water and sewer infrastructure?
58. How many housing blocks are being delayed because NSW Government departments and agencies cannot provide the infrastructure they need?

State First Home Buyers Equity Scheme

59. Can you explain how the first-home buyers state government equity scheme will work?
- (a) What will be the maximum amount of funds available to a first-home buyer under the scheme?
 - (b) Is it measured as a fixed dollar amount or proportion of the value of the property?
 - (c) Will the scheme be means tested?
 - (d) What restrictions, if any, will be placed on the types of properties able to be purchased under the scheme?
 - (e) When will it come into effect?
 - (f) What will be the terms of the repayment of the state government equity contribution?
60. There is an option in the report in the Sydney Morning Herald on 12 February 2022 that suggests that parents of first-home buyers could also hand over equity to the government to help their children buy a property – how is this proposed to work?
- (a) What are the terms that would make this more beneficial to parents than other financial instruments that might be available to them using the equity in their property?
61. What is the expected impact on homes from this scheme – does the Government’s modelling (if any has been done) indicate that this will have an impact on house prices?
62. AMP Chief Economist Shane Oliver described the share equity scheme as a “Band-Aid solution” at best and counterproductive at worst (SMH, Equity Scheme at risk of fuelling inflationary fire, 21 February 2022). Similarly, the Centre for Independent Studies suggests that it is wrong to boost housing demand before supply has been increased. How does the government respond to these criticisms?
- (a) Are they catered for in the design of the scheme?
 - (b) If so, how?
63. Does the Government expect this scheme to encourage housing supply – if so, how much additional supply is expected?
64. What dwelling types are expected to increase?

Determination Times for Development Applications

65. The previous minister for planning said that new councils were to be issued with a statement of expectations about dealing with planning matters – have these statements been issued?
66. Are the statements unique to each council or are they standard form?

67. If they are unique, what aspects vary between councils?
68. What do the statements contain?
69. What are the expectations with respect of planning that have been placed on incoming councils by the NSW Government?
70. If the statements have not been issued, why haven't the statements been issued?
71. Is it still government policy to issue statements?
72. What is the NSW Government's target for the reduction in DA processing times?
73. How many councils are meeting that benchmark?
74. Are councils that aren't meeting the benchmark required to explain why?
 - (a) If not, why not?
75. Councils near to one another can have widely differing results – for example, Lane Cove council has an average in 2021 of 45 days for determined applications while neighbouring Hunters Hill had an average of 132 – are councils near to each other with such differing results asked to explain why their determination times vary?
76. Is there are level of refused applications – either as a total number or proportion of applications – at which councils are required to provide the Department advice on why they have such a high level of refusals? For example, Hunters Hill council refused 20 per cent of applications in 2021 while the average across the metro councils was around 5 per cent.
 - (a) If not, why not?

Infrastructure Contributions

77. Is the Minister still concerned that landowners in North-west and South-west Sydney have expressed the view that they are still unaware of the Government's legislation and what is proposed in it?
78. When the Minister said in his press release dated 21 February 2022, "*We won't make any changes until we are certain that this can happen...*" what is meant by that statement?
79. When will the Government "be certain"?
80. When the Minister said in his press release dated 21 February 2022, "*we will only implement changes that stakeholders agree can help deliver this...*", what is meant by that statement?
81. What changes has the Government already made to the tabled Bill following the agreement of stakeholders?

82. Please list the consultations with stakeholders and the date of those consultations on the Bill as of today's date?
83. Of the consultations referred to above, how many has the Minister been directly involved with?
- (a) How many has the staff been directly involved with?
 - (b) Which specific stakeholders?

Minister's Planning Principles

84. Why have the Minister's Planning Principles been discontinued?
85. Did the Minister's Planning Principles add to the supply of housing?
- (a) If so, by how much?
86. Did the Minister's Planning Principles add to the cost of housing construction?
- (a) If so, by how much?
87. What was the total cost for DPE to develop the Minister's Planning Principles?
88. Will the Minister's Planning Principles ever be re-implemented?

Design and Place SEPP

89. Isn't it true that the Design and Place SEPP will not be implemented before March 2023?
90. How many submissions is DPE considering in relation to the Design and Place SEPP?
91. Of the submissions received so far, what are the main issues of substance that are raised by stakeholders?
92. How many submissions can be placed into the categories:
- (a) support for, in relation to the Design and Place SEPP?
 - (b) opposition to, in relation to the Design and Place SEPP?
 - (c) or neutral stances, in relation to the Design and Place SEPP?

Planning Concierge Services

93. The DPE annual report 2020-21, page 24, makes reference to the Planning Concierge providing "proactive case management services for more than 140 projects." Please provide a list of the projects and the type of case management services provided to each project?
94. How are "proactive case management services" determined for a project?

Planned Introduction of Legislation

95. What legislation is planned for introduction into the Parliament for the remainder of 2022?

Public Interest Disclosures

96. On page 62 of the 2020-21 DPE annual report, it states there were 21 public interest disclosures relating to corrupt conduct, is this:
- (a) an increase
 - (b) or decrease on those reported in annual reports since 2011/12?

Additional Housing Supply

97. On 26 November 2021, in evidence to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue, conducting a public inquiry into housing affordability and supply in Australia, the leaders of MJH Group, Mirvac, and Stockland each said that if the amount of supply was increased, house prices will not go down. Does the Government agree with these leading development and construction industry views?
- (a) If not, why not?
98. In evidence on 26 November 2021 to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue, conducting a public inquiry into housing affordability and supply in Australia, General Manager, Residential Development NSW, Mirvac, Mr Toby Long, told the Committee, *“Rezoning in New South Wales are now taking in excess of seven years. We’ve got development approvals for the civil works, which is a further 18 months or two years. Then there is the construction of roads, servicing and infrastructure, which is another six to nine months. Then there is building the house, which can take between nine to 12 months. Adding it up, it means that it’s more than 10 years to hand over the keys to a homebuyer.”* What are the specific reasons for the length of time it takes for New South Wales to supply land for housing construction?
- (a) Does the Government disagree with the sentiments Mr Long put in evidence to the federal inquiry?
 - (b) If no, why not?
99. Does DPE conduct any research on the workforce development and skills training requirements for the development and construction sector in New South Wales?
- (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, what does the research indicate?
 - (c) When was the research published?
 - (d) Is the research publicly available?
 - (e) If not, why not?
 - (f) If so, where is it available?
100. Does DPE conduct any research on the cost of housing construction in New South Wales?

- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If so, what does the research indicate?
- (c) When was the research published?
- (d) Is the research publicly available?
- (e) If not, why not?
- (f) If so, where is it available?

Social Housing

101. What is the number of new social housing dwellings constructed in:

- (a) FY 2011/12
- (b) FY 2012/13
- (c) FY 2013/14
- (d) FY 2014/15
- (e) FY 2015/16
- (f) FY 2016/17
- (g) FY 2017/18
- (h) FY 2018/19
- (i) FY 2019/20
- (j) FY 2020/21
- (k) FY 2021/22 (to date)

102. What is the number of new affordable housing dwellings constructed in:

- (a) FY 2011/12
- (b) FY 2012/13
- (c) FY 2013/14
- (d) FY 2014/15
- (e) FY 2015/16
- (f) FY 2016/17
- (g) FY 2017/18

- (h) FY 2018/19
- (i) FY 2019/20
- (j) FY 2020/21
- (k) FY 2021/22 (to date)

103. What is the number of new private dwellings constructed in:

- (a) FY 2011/12
- (b) FY 2012/13
- (c) FY 2013/14
- (d) FY 2014/15
- (e) FY 2015/16
- (f) FY 2016/17
- (g) FY 2017/18
- (h) FY 2018/19
- (i) FY 2019/20
- (j) FY 2020/21
- (k) FY 2021/22 (to date)

104. How many requests for maintenance to social and public properties were made in:

- (a) FY 2016/17
- (b) FY 2017/18
- (c) FY 2018/19
- (d) FY 2019/20
- (e) FY 2020/21
- (f) FY 2021/22 (to date)

105. How many requests for maintenance to social and public properties were fulfilled in

- (a) FY 2016/17
- (b) FY 2017/18
- (c) FY 2018/19

(d) FY 2019/20

(e) FY 2020/21

(f) FY 2021/22 (to date)

i. For each FY please also provide the average wait time for fulfilment

106. How many urgent requests for maintenance to social and public properties were made in:

(a) FY 2016/17

(b) FY 2017/18

(c) FY 2018/19

(d) FY 2019/20

(e) FY 2020/21

(f) FY 2021/22 (to date)

107. How many urgent requests for maintenance to social and public properties were fulfilled in:

(a) FY 2016/17

(b) FY 2017/18

(c) FY 2018/19

(d) FY 2019/20

(e) FY 2020/21

(f) FY 2021/22 (to date)

i. For each FY please also provide the average wait time for fulfilment

108. What does LAHC deem an acceptable time period for a tenant to wait for maintenance?

109. What does LACH deem an acceptable time period for a tenant to wait for urgent maintenance?

110. What is the current total value of the maintenance backlog?

111. Currently, how many maintenance requests remain unfulfilled?

112. Could the Minister please provide a breakdown of the top 10 most common complaint categories?

113. What was spent on social housing maintenance for the following years:

(a) FY 2016/17

- (b) FY 2017/18
- (c) FY 2018/19
- (d) FY 2019/20
- (e) FY 2020/21
- (f) FY 2021/22 (to date)

114. Currently, what percentage does social and public housing make-up of the total housing stock in NSW?

115. What percentage does social and public housing make-up of the total housing stock in NSW for the following years:

- (a) FY 2011/12
- (b) FY 2012/13
- (c) FY 2013/14
- (d) FY 2014/15
- (e) FY 2015/16
- (f) FY 2016/17
- (g) FY 2017/18
- (h) FY 2018/19
- (i) FY 2019/20
- (j) FY 2020/21
- (k) FY 2021/22 (to date)

116. Currently, what percentage does affordable housing make-up of the total housing stock in NSW?

117. What percentage does affordable housing make-up of the total housing stock in NSW for the following years:

- (a) FY 2011/12
- (b) FY 2012/13
- (c) FY 2013/14
- (d) FY 2014/15
- (e) FY 2015/16

- (f) FY 2016/17
- (g) FY 2017/18
- (h) FY 2018/19
- (i) FY 2019/20
- (j) FY 2020/21
- (k) FY 2021/22 (to date)

118. Could the Minister please provide the number of social housing dwellings constructed in FY 2021/22 (to date) per LGA?
119. Could the Minister please provide the number of social housing dwellings constructed in FY 2020/21 per LGA?
120. Could the Minister please provide the number of affordable housing dwellings constructed in FY 2021/22 (to date) per LGA?
121. Could the Minister please provide the number of affordable housing dwellings constructed in FY 2020/21 per LGA?
122. Currently, how many unoccupied LAHC properties are currently in NSW
- (a) Could a number please be provided per LGA?
 - (b) What is the average time these properties remain unoccupied?
 - (c) How many properties, unoccupied for more than 4 weeks, are later sold since April 2011?
 - (d) What are the reasons these properties remain unoccupied?
123. How many properties are currently unoccupied in the Glebe estate?

2022 Flood disaster

124. How many properties have been damaged due to recent flooding in:
- (a) The North Coast
 - (b) Sydney
 - (c) Other areas that have experienced flooding
125. How many properties have been destroyed due to recent flooding in:
- (a) The North Coast
 - (b) Sydney

- (c) Other areas that have experienced flooding

126. How many social housing tenants have lost their homes due to the floods in:

- (a) The North Coast
- (b) Sydney
- (c) Other areas that have experienced flooding

Housing Sales

127. How many social and public housing dwellings have been sold in the following years:

- (a) FY 2011/12
- (b) FY 2012/13
- (c) FY 2013/14
- (d) FY 2014/15
- (e) FY 2015/16
- (f) FY 2016/17
- (g) FY 2017/18
- (h) FY 2018/19
- (i) FY 2019/20
- (j) FY 2020/21
- (k) FY 2021/22 (to date)

- i. For each year please provide the total value of the dwelling sales

128. How many private dwellings (constructed by the NSW Government) have been sold in the following years:

- (a) FY 2011/12
- (b) FY 2012/13
- (c) FY 2013/14
- (d) FY 2014/15
- (e) FY 2015/16
- (f) FY 2016/17
- (g) FY 2017/18

- (h) FY 2018/19
- (i) FY 2019/20
- (j) FY 2020/21
- (k) FY 2021/22 (to date)

i. For each year please provide the total value of the dwelling sales

129. What is the total value of all social and public housing dwelling sales since April 2011?

130. What is the total value of all private dwelling sales since April 2011?

131. Where have the proceeds of the sale of social and public dwellings been directed to?

132. How much of the proceeds from the sale of social and public dwellings have been spent?

Communities plus

133. Could the Minister please provide the following:

- (a) The number of new social housing properties that have been constructed under this program?
 - i. The number of new social housing dwellings that have been upgraded under this program
- (b) The number of new affordable housing properties that have been constructed under this program?
 - i. The number of new affordable dwellings that have been upgraded under this program?
- (c) The number of private dwellings constructed under this program?
 - i. How many of these private dwellings have been sold?

Complaints and correspondence

134. How many complaints has the Minister's office received from tenants in social housing during the following months:

- (a) July 2021
- (b) August 2021
- (c) September 2021
- (d) October 2021

- (e) November 2021
- (f) December 2021
- (g) January 2022
- (h) February 2022
- (i) March 2022

i. How many of these complaints have been resolved?

135. How many complaints has LAHC received from tenants in social housing during the following months:

- (a) July 2021
- (b) August 2021
- (c) September 2021
- (d) October 2021
- (e) November 2021
- (f) December 2021
- (g) January 2022
- (h) February 2022
- (i) March 2022

i. How many of these complaints have been resolved?

136. What is the total number of correspondence from social housing tenants the Minister's office has received in 2022?

- (a) How many pieces of correspondence have been responded to?
- (b) What is the average wait time for a response?

LAHC Maintenance Satisfaction Survey

137. Could the Minister please provide a copy of the most recent tenant maintenance satisfaction survey or report?

- (a) Who was this report shared with?
- (b) When was the Minister briefed on this report?

Redundancies

138. How many Departmental staff redundancies occurred during or around the Ministerial changeover in late 2021?
- (a) How many were:
 - i. Forced
 - ii. Voluntary
139. What is the total cost of these redundancies?
140. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff?
141. Could the Department please provide a list of job descriptions corresponding to redundancy payouts if they occurred?
- (a) Could the Department please also provide a list of job descriptions corresponding to whether they were forced or voluntary?

DPIE

142. Could the Minister please provide the most recent copy of the Executive Organisation Chart for DPIE?
143. Could the Minister please provide the most recent copy of the Organisation Chart LAHC?
144. How many forced redundancies of executive members occurred during the financial year 2021/22?
- (a) Which executive members were made redundant?
 - (b) What was the total cost of these redundancies?
145. How many voluntary redundancies of executive members occurred during the financial year 2021/22?
- (a) Which executive members were made voluntarily redundant?
 - (b) What was the total cost of these voluntary redundancies?

Minister's Office

146. How many Ministerial staff redundancies occurred there during the Ministerial changeover in late 2021?
- (a) How many were:
 - i. Forced
 - ii. Voluntary

147. What is the total cost of these redundancies?
148. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff?
149. Could the Minister please provide a list of job descriptions corresponding to redundancy payouts if they occurred?
- (a) Could the Minister please also provide a list of job descriptions corresponding to whether they were forced or voluntary?
150. What was the total cost of the following from October 2021 – March 2021:
- (a) Office fit outs
- (b) Office Upgrades
- (c) Moving or relocation services
- (d) Plants
- (e) Business Cards
- (f) Stationary
- (g) Art
- (h) Book cases or other office furniture
151. Were any upgrades or alterations made to the office during or after the Ministerial changeover?
152. Were any office assets unaccounted for after the Ministerial changeover?
- (a) If so, could an itemised list please be provided with the costs of the assets
153. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 1 January 2022.
154. How many of these positions are:
- (a) on-going and
- (b) non-ongoing
155. Could the Minister please provide job titles for all current positions/employees in the Minister's office?
156. Could the Minister please provide total (incl. superannuation and other benefits) remuneration awarded to each member of staff and their corresponding job title?
157. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 to date.

158. How much did the Minister's office spend on Christmas Party Functions in 2021?
159. Does the Minister have a clothing allowance?
- (a) If so, what is it?
 - (b) Could an itemised list be provided and cost associated with each item
160. What requests have been made from the Minister regarding office upgrades or furniture?
- (a) Could details of these requests be provided?

Briefings

161. 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

Communications staff

162. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:
163. 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.
164. 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

Board Appointments

- 165. Can the Minister provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members that have been made since his appointment?
- 166. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?
- 167. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid?
- 168. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors?
- 169. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors?

Social media influencers – DPIE

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

Promotional merchandise – DPIE

- 174. What was the DPIE total expenditure on promotional merchandise for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22.
- 175. Can an itemised list of all eTenders offer notice ID numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.
- 176. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.

Advertising and information campaigns –DPIE

- 177. What was the DPIE total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for FY 2020-21 and for the current financial year to date.
- 178. What advertising and information campaigns did the DPIE 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.
179. Can an itemised list of all eTenders offer notice ID numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.

Ministerial Travel

180. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Minister since 21 December 2021 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.

Ministerial Functions

181. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 21 December 2021, 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 Travel – DPIE

182. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary and the CEO of LAHC since 1 July 2020 be provided including:
- (a) Flights for the Secretary or CEO as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel.
 - (b) Ground transport for the Secretary or CEO as well as any accompanying departmental officials.
 - (c) Accommodation for the Secretary or CEO 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 Secretary or CEO 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 Secretary or Deputy Secretary travel should also be provided.

Consultants – LAHC

183. Does LAHC engage with wellness consultants, performance coaches, laughing coaches, yoga coaches, corporate coaches, corporate team building consultants or services or any other services that aim to promote corporate wellness?
- (a) Could an itemised list of these please be provided?
 - i. Please be include who provided the service, the cost of the service, the ABNs of the service provider, when the service was used and a description of the service
 - (b) Please provide all invoices relating to the use of these consultants

Consultants – DPIE

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 - (b) Please provide all invoices relating to the use of these consultants

Incident in Redfern Social Housing

185. Is the Minister aware of a tragic incident involving a resident who passed away at 55 Walker St Redfern?
- (a) How long was the body left to decompose in the unit?
 - (b) At what date and time was LAHC first contacted about this incident?
 - (c) At what date and time was the Minister's office first contacted about this incident?
 - (d) At what date and time was LAHC made aware of the incident?
 - (e) At what date and time was the body removed from the apartment?
 - (f) At what date and time was the apartment completely cleaned?
 - (g) How many complaints did LAHC receive regarding this incident?
 - (h) How many complaints did the Minister's office receive regarding this incident?
 - (i) Which cleaning service was contracted to carry out the cleaning?
 - i. What PPE or other equipment was provided to cleaners?
186. Could the Minister please provide a copy of the standard operating procedures or LAHC policies regarding a deceased resident in LAHC housing?

Wickham Warehouse Fire

187. The Government's Greater Newcastle Metro Plan 2036 suggests moving the Newcastle Ampol Terminal to a more industrial setting, such as the Mayfield port precinct. Will the Annie Street, Wickham warehouse fire prompt the Government to move the Newcastle Ampol Terminal to the Mayfield port precinct?

Disability Employment

188. How many employees who identify with having a disability are employed by:
- (a) Department of Planning and Environment
 - (b) Independent Planning Commission
 - (c) Landcom
 - (d) Property NSW
 - (e) Natural Resources Commission
189. How many senior managers who identify with having a disability are employed by:
- (a) Department of Planning and Environment
 - (b) Independent Planning Commission

- (c) Landcom
- (d) Property NSW
- (e) Natural Resources Commission

PLANNING, HOMES

Questions from the Hon Mark Pearson MLC

Kamay Ferry Wharves

190. Community enquiries post-environmental impact statement (EIS) have repeatedly been met with letters stating the Submissions process is completed indicating no further input is acceptable. However, the Design Plan for the wharf; the Marine biodiversity offset strategy; the Contamination report Sampling and Analysis Plan; and a host of other critical documents were only made available post-EIS.
- (a) How can community or indeed Government experts assess or comment on documents that have been withheld until after the EIS submissions process has closed?
 - (b) Given both the New South Wales Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the NSW Department of Primary Industries commented they were unable to assess the project as appropriate documents had not been provided, does the Minister think that this is an appropriate assessment process?
191. The EPA in their submission has stated that Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) have not been met "as the nature and extent of contamination have not been fully assessed". They state that a Detailed Site Investigation, involving more testing, is required in order to assess impacts. In view of this advice will the Minister be putting the project on hold until this new investigation is completed so as to meet the contamination assessment requirements of SEARs?
192. The EPA also state that other critically important SEARs with regard to contamination has not been met "to identify mitigation and management measures to safeguard the environment and people during construction and operation". Would the Minister therefore agree with the EPA that this contamination report is inadequate and it is imperative that contamination is properly assessed and measures put in place to ensure the public are appropriately protected and to ensure SEARs are met before the determination?
193. A former EPA accredited site auditor, now retired, Dr Bill Ryall, has reviewed the Marine part of the Contamination report and has stated that "the few sampling locations and few sediment samples analysed for chemicals of potential concern were grossly inadequate to characterise the environmental condition of sediments across the Sites". Does the Minister think this is concerning that an independent site auditor also finds the TfNSW contamination report inadequate?
194. The proposed wharf is in an area recognized by the EPA as a potentially contaminated Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) site yet only one marine location was sampled for PFAS at La

Perouse and samples taken were at inappropriately deep depths where PFAS is unlikely to be found. Do these repeated deficiencies in the contamination report raise a red flag for the Minister and suggest that an independent assessor needs to be appointed, as originally suggested by the EPA, prior to an assessment determination to check this flawed report?

195. Can the Minister clarify why the biodiversity study area around the proposed Kurnell wharf was 600m whereas the study area to the South West of the proposed La Perouse wharf was only 200m when 220m away is the rich biodiverse area around Bare Island, the best shore dive in Sydney where the Endangered cauliflower soft coral can be found?
196. The Treasurer, Minister Stokes when he was Planning Minister has previously expressed his opinion that Yarra Bay is not a good place for a Cruise Terminal. In view of the number of major hazard facilities in the vicinity; plus the impacts on the port in terms of road traffic congestion; and in terms of impacting on container ships arriving; plus of course the height concerns due to the proximity to the end of the 3rd runway; do you agree with Minister Stokes that it is not a good place for a Cruise terminal, or are you in support of the Yarra Bay site?