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

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Planning Delivery Unit (PDU) will maintain weekly contact with the planning directors of councils in the Northern Rivers to understand their DA pressures. Flood impacted councils are also eligible to apply to participate in the Regional Flying Squad program, which will allow housing-related DAs to be assessed by a panel of expert planners. PDU will also monitor Planning Portal data to keep track of building DA backlogs and growing assessment timeframes in these areas. PDU provided grant funding to bushfire-impacted councils in 2020/21 that was used to bring on extra resources to work through the increased number of DAs to councils as a result of bushfire rebuilds. PDU will continue to monitor the needs of councils and seek funding and/or resources for new programs to support them.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

DPE has met with Northern Rivers councils to understand the level of flood impacts on homes and infrastructure, and the support required from a planning perspective. DPE is taking a bespoke approach to meet the individual needs of each council. DPE is also leading a multi-agency taskforce to deliver housing response and recovery initiatives. Councils are included in this process and will be supported to identify additional land for development so we can build back better.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

Relevant actions for flood recovery in northern NSW are outlined in other responses.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

Refer to answers 1 and 2 regarding support for councils.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

DPE will maintain weekly communications with the planning directors of Northern Rivers Councils to ensure that their needs are met. Councils are currently advising DPE of needed exemptions to the Exempt and Complying Development Codes SEPP, sites for short term temporary accommodation, and other required planning policies and controls to ensure that recovery and rebuild is as smooth as possible. DPE is also leading a multi-agency taskforce to deliver housing response and recovery initiatives. Councils are included in this process and will be supported to identify additional land for development so we can build back better.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

The NSW Government is committed to helping flood affected communities build back better and that is why we have commissioned an independent review, led by Professor Mary O’Kane and former NSW Police Commissioner Mick Fuller APM.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

Infrastructure NSW is the government agency who produced the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley Flood Risk Management Strategy as well as the Taskforce options assessment report, January 2019

- (a) Yes. The information referred to is taken from page 33 of the Infrastructure NSW, Resilient Valley, Resilient Communities Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley flood risk management strategy, January 2017.
(b) <https://www.infrastructure.nsw.gov.au/media/2855/infrastructure-nsw-resilient-valley-resilient-communities-2017-jan.pdf>.

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?

Answer:

Professor Mary O’Kane was appointed by the Department, not the Minister.

9. What is the process for determining the terms of reference for this review?

Answer:

I am advised:

The terms of reference were established to reflected current and future flood risk considerations and inform relevant operational and policy responses as appropriate.

10. When will the terms of reference be announced for this review?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Terms of Reference were published on 21 March 2022.

11. Who are the other members of this review?

Answer:

I am advised:

The NSW Independent Flood Inquiry is being led by Professor Mary O’Kane AC and Michael Fuller APM.

12. When will the report of the review be received and be made public?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Inquiry is required to report to the Premier on causation, land use planning and management, and related matters by 30 June 2022, and on all other matters by 30 September 2022.

13. Will the review conduct public hearings?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Review will travel to and consult directly with affected communities.

14. On what date will the review report be due to be provided to the Government?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Inquiry is required to report to the Premier on causation, land use planning and management, and related matters by 30 June 2022, and on all other matters by 30 September 2022.

15. How long after the review report is received by Government will it be made public?
Answer:
I am advised:
The Government will consider the Inquiry's recommendations and respond accordingly.
16. What is the process for determining how the review's recommendations, when published, will be implemented?
Answer:
I am advised:
The Government will consider the Inquiry's recommendations and respond accordingly.
17. How much will this review cost?
Answer:
I am advised:
The Inquiry will be supported by Government as appropriate to meet the Inquiry's terms of reference and the Independent members' requirements as appropriate. A final figure as to the cost of the Inquiry is not available at this time.

Redundancies

18. During 2020 and 2021 the Department paid more than \$14 million in redundancies – why was the amount so high?
Answer:
I am advised:
Redundancies are only applicable to award-based staff. During the stated period, true voluntary redundancies totalled \$1,302,696.28.
19. How many staff were made redundant during this period?
Answer:
I am advised:
12.
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?
Answer:
I am advised:
Yes.
21. Please provide details of the changes and how this will lead to better planning outcomes for NSW?
Answer:
I am advised:
Future structural changes will further enhance service delivery to ensure DPE can effectively serve the Government and the people of NSW by pivoting resources to where they are most needed, streamline support and remove duplication. Providing clear lines of accountability, decentralising decision-making and ensuring a focus on delivering outcomes will ensure DPE is

better placed to deliver on the government's objectives.

22. What consultations with the Public Service Association and any other applicable employee representatives have taken place to discuss these details?

- If not, why not?

Answer:

I am advised:

The PSA has been consulted on all changes that are relevant to their membership through various meetings and set forums, including Joint Consultative Committee meetings.

23. What was the process for appointing Mr Mick Cassel as Secretary, DPE?

Answer:

I am advised:

Mr Michael Cassel was appointed to the office of Secretary, Department of Planning and Environment on 22 December 2021. Mr Cassel was appointed by the Secretary of Department of Premier & Cabinet, under delegation from the Premier. Mr Cassel was directly appointed to this office, which is consistent with Government Sector Employment Rule 52.

Regional Housing Fund and Regional Housing Taskforce

24. How were the eligible Councils selected for the Regional Housing Fund?

Answer:

I am advised:

Councils must not have already received funding from the overarching fund – the Public Space Legacy Program. After this group of councils was excluded, eligibility was based on size, using the Australian Classification of Local Governments (determined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics) and Office of Local Government group categories.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

Byron Shire Council and Kiama Council were each allocated \$3m in funding under the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program and therefore ineligible to participate in the NSW Regional Housing Fund.

26. How many applications have been received?

Answer:

I am advised:

A total of 14 applications were received by the closing date on 11 March 2022. A further 7 councils were granted an extension by the Department to submit their application by 3 June 2022.

27. Have all of the eligible councils indicated that they will be submitting applications?

Answer:

I am advised:

Yes, all 21 eligible councils have indicated they will be submitting applications under the Regional Housing Fund program.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

Of the 14 applications received at 11 March 2022, 10 councils have requested funding for development infrastructure and 4 councils have requested funding for social and recreational infrastructure.

29. How many applications have included part-funding from councils?

Answer:

I am advised:

Councils are not yet required to advise if the proposed infrastructure project will be part-funded. Participating councils will submit a detailed project proposal including whether the project will be part-funded.

30. What will the Department's core indicators for these projects be?

Answer:

I am advised:

Infrastructure projects that receive funding under the program will need to demonstrate that they can service planned or proposed housing development/s or provide social and recreational infrastructure that will improve the community's access to nature, parkland and recreation that provides improved residential amenity.

31. How will you determine success – number of houses added, change in house prices in the area?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Department will report on the economic impact and housing supply benefits of the program.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

Council applications are under assessment. The department will publish information on each project in accordance with the schedule set out in the program guidelines.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

- (a) \$1m will allow for the assessment of up to 85 DAs. This is the component of the program that will be delivered by 30 June 2022.
- (b) We will have access to 12.5 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) planners through the flying squad consultants. Plus 2 FTE for the Department's program management staff.
- (c) There is one flying squad focusing on regional development applications. However, the program could be extended beyond 30 June if there is strong demand.
- (d) The Department has completed an expression of interest program for all regional councils to nominate their DAs to be assessed via the flying squad. The Department will prioritise which councils receive support by evaluating council-nominated DAs against the program criteria, which include: dwelling volume dwelling impact, DA status, council's support for approval of the DA, and geographic considerations (including considering whether a particular council has been flood impacted).
- (e) It is expected the Flying Squad will assess up to 85 DAs by 30 June 2022.
- (f) Consultants may be required to undertake site visits as part of the DA assessment, depending on the complexity of the DA.
- (g) No, all the consultants for the flying squad are based in NSW.
- (h) No, the program will be funded by the Department.
- (i) The flying squad's success will be evaluated by the number of DAs that are assessed through the program, the number of homes that are expedited in Regional NSW, the type of homes that are expedited by the program (social housing, affordable housing, Aboriginal housing, etc.), and the impact of the number of homes relative to the size of each LGA. There will be a program evaluation post 30 June 2022.
- (j) See (i).

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

Answer:

I am advised:

As at 25 March 2022, 14,232 DAs are under assessment.

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?

- What input you are having to the development of the Government’s housing affordability plan?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Department is currently considering housing affordability initiatives as part of its work program in line with the Government’s priorities.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Treasurer.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Department updates the Sydney housing supply forecast annually to take account of changes in market conditions; new rezonings and updates to State strategic planning across Sydney; and changes in the wider economic and market environment. The housing targets for councils are set by the Greater Cities Commission.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

The Department is forecasting between 132,800 to 171,200 new homes could be built in Greater Sydney over the next five years (2020–2021 to 2024–2025). The Department updates the forecast annually.

39. Will it be met consistently after that?

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

Answer:

I am advised:

The Department updates the Sydney housing supply forecast annually to take account of changes in market conditions; new rezonings and updates to State strategic planning across Sydney; and changes in the wider economic and market environment.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

There are many factors that impact on housing affordability. The NSW Government's clear objective for the planning system is boosting the supply of new homes and improving housing affordability.

41. Have all of the local government areas in Sydney had their housing targets approved?
(a) If not, which local government areas have not?

Answer:

I am advised:

The local council 6–10 year (2021–2026) housing targets were set by the Greater Sydney Commission (GSC).

The Department of Planning and Environment has been tasked with assessing and approving council local housing strategies (LHSs) for 33 Sydney councils. LHSs set out a council's plan for how housing targets will be achieved according to their own vision. The Department has approved LHSs for 32 metropolitan councils.

Fairfield Council has not submitted its LHS to the Department for approval. The Department is currently working with Fairfield Council officers with a view to submitting the LHS by end of April 2022. Of the 33 Councils, 13 councils met their 0-5 year targets.

42. Will all of the local government areas with approved housing plans meet their targets this year?
(a) If not, why not?

Answer:

I am advised:

Achievement of council 6–10 year housing targets is measured across a five-year period from 2021–22 to 2025–26. Housing targets are based on actual dwelling construction completions (keys in doors) and this will be known when completions data is available for FY 2025–26.

The Department provides the Sydney Housing Supply Forecast for 2021–22 by LGA which is publicly available on the Department's web site.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

As part of the requirements of Local Housing Strategy (LHS) approval, each council has been required to prepare and submit to the Department, an LHS implementation and delivery plan to document the steps it needs to take to ensure a supply of housing over the next 5 years. The Department is currently looking at ways to assist local councils on implementation and delivery of local 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 these reforms will or won't boost housing supply and affordability?

Answer:

I am advised:

New or better infrastructure is critical to unlock housing supply and support our growing communities. Submissions are still being reviewed.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

46. Can you confirm whether the housing supply and affordability perspective is part of the reason for the report's justification then and now?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

47. Why was the special cabinet committee on housing supply issues terminated?

Answer:

I am advised: Housing supply matters are regularly reported to the Cabinet Infrastructure Committee, a Standing Committee of Cabinet.

48. When was the decision made to discontinue this cabinet committee?

Answer: Refer to Question #47

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

There is currently no planning proposal to rezone land in Appin. The Department only supports the rezoning of land where there is infrastructure available to support the proposal, or mechanisms in place, such as contributions framework or planning agreements, to deliver the required infrastructure.

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?

- If so, where are they?
- How many housing lots face delays in being connected to the most basic of services?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for Sydney Water.

51. The Appin rezoning is one of two sites that where a Technical Assurance Panel is being trialled – correct?

Answer:

I am advised:

Yes, a site in Appin is one of the two TAP pilot sites.

52. What is the purpose of the Technical Assurance Panel?

Answer:

I am advised:

The program is a new way for state agencies, councils and landowners to work together to undertake strategic investigations for precincts. The TAP program aims to identify and require the proponent to address key local, state and strategic issues, which may then lead to the lodgement of a formal rezoning proposal. More information can be found at <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Plans-for-your-area/Technical-Assurance-Panel>.

53. Who is on the Technical Assurance Panel?

Answer:

I am advised:

The TAP has senior representatives from:

- Department of Planning and Environment;
- Transport for NSW;
- Environment, Energy and Science;
- Government Architect NSW;
- Sydney Water;
- Wollondilly Shire Council; and
- Campbelltown City Council.

54. Why have Council officers been asked to sign non-disclosure agreements if they are participating on the Technical Assurance Panel?

Answer:

I am advised:

To enable the sharing of information that has not yet been made public and commercial-in-confidence information.

55. Why is a non-disclosure agreement required?

- What secrets is the NSW Government hoping to keep from Wollondilly Councillors?

Answer:

I am advised:

To enable the sharing of information that has not yet been made public and commercial-in-confidence information.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

Council staff are able to discuss the TAP program with their Councillors, such as timeframes, objectives and status. However, certain information subject to the confidentiality is not shared, that is, information not yet in the public domain or that is commercial-in-confidence.

57. How many other housing blocks are being delayed because Sydney Water cannot deliver water and sewer infrastructure?

Answer:

I am advised:

This is a matter for Sydney Water.

58. How many housing blocks are being delayed because NSW Government departments and agencies cannot provide the infrastructure they need?

Answer:

This is a matter for other state agencies.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Government is currently considering a range of options with respect to the design of a shared equity scheme in NSW. As these options are currently under development, it would not be appropriate to comment on the operational details of any potential option at this time.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Government is currently considering a range of options with respect to the design of a shared equity scheme in NSW. As these options are currently under development, it would not be appropriate to comment on the operational details of any potential option at this time.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

The economic impacts of implementing a shared equity scheme will be influenced by the type of scheme implemented and this is being considered as part of options development.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Government will respond in due course.

63. Does the Government expect this scheme to encourage housing supply – if so, how much additional supply is expected?

Answer:

I am advised:

The potential impact on supply will be determined by the final scheme design which remains under development.

64. What dwelling types are expected to increase?

Answer:

I am advised:

The potential impact on dwelling types will be determined by the final scheme design which remains under development.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

Yes. It is available on the [NSW Planning Portal](#) and took effect when it was published on 15 December 2021.

66. Are the statements unique to each council or are they standard form?

Answer:

I am advised:

One Statement of Expectations has been issued to all councils.

67. If they are unique, what aspects vary between councils?

Answer:

See response to 66.

68. What do the statements contain?

Answer:

I am advised:

The statement sets out the Minister's expectations in relation to all councils' performance in dealing with various measures under three key planning and development areas - development assessment, planning proposals and strategic planning obligations. It provides some quantitative metrics that helps to summarise and denote the performance of a reasonable council's assessment process.

69. What are the expectations with respect of planning that have been placed on incoming councils by the NSW Government?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Statement detailing the expectations is available on the NSW Planning Portal.

70. The full list of expectations is publicly available on the NSW Planning Portal. If the statements have not been issued, why haven't the statements been issued?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Statement was published on 15 December 2021.

71. Is it still government policy to issue statements?

Answer:

I am advised:

Yes. See response to question 70.

72. What is the NSW Government's target for the reduction in DA processing times?

Answer:

I am advised:

The faster assessment program seeks for decisions on DAs for larger, regionally significant projects cut by 91 days from 366 days to 275 days (a 25 per cent time saving) by June 2023.

73. How many councils are meeting that benchmark?

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Answer:

I am advised:

An initial assessment of some existing data indicates that a large number of councils are generally meeting the expectation. Where issues are emerging that are slowing down planning processes, councils will be encouraged to work collaboratively with applicants to resolve these issues.

74. Are councils that aren't meeting the benchmark required to explain why?
(a) If not, why not?

Answer:

I am advised:

Councils will be encouraged and supported to meet their obligations. The Minister for Planning also has certain powers to deal with unsatisfactory council performance. Councils are given the opportunity to explain why action should not be taken before the Minister makes a decision.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Department is developing tools to regularly review the statement's timeframes to see how councils are tracking against the benchmarks. This information will be made available on the NSW Planning Portal so that councils and the community have transparent oversight of councils' performance.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

It should be recognised that one council has a greater number of refusals than another is not necessarily a sign of any issues, and in fact there may be good reasons why this has occurred. It is the Department's intention to regularly look at the number of refusals as part of cross-checking a council's performance against the statement. Where concerns arise, the Department will engage with the relevant council.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

We have engaged with landowner groups in North-west and South-west Sydney and extended the deadline for landowners to comment on the detailed policy settings from 10 December 2021 to 14 January 2022.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

Refer to question 44.

79. When will the Government “be certain”?

Answer:

I am advised:

Refer to question 44

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

Refer to question 44.

81. What changes has the Government already made to the tabled Bill following the agreement of stakeholders?

Answer:

I am advised:

In response to issues raised by local government amendments to the Bill were tabled in the Legislative Council in November 2021 to:

- (a) Allow councils that currently fund community infrastructure from section 7.11 contributions to continue to do so for three years from the commencement of the reforms;
- (b) Prevent a subsequent regulation reducing the maximum rate that councils can charge as section 7.12 levies from that specified in the first reform regulation; and
- (c) Ensure State contributions collected in a region are spent in that region.

82. Please list the consultations with stakeholders and the date of those consultations on the Bill as of today’s date?

Answer:

I am advised:

Consultation on the Bill was included as part of the broader consultation about the reform. Below is a summary of the broader consultation:

Pre-exhibition consultation

From 1 July to 27 October 2021 we have engaged and worked with stakeholders on how to best implement the recommendations:

- 76 formal stakeholder meetings were held:
- 46 involved LGNSW and councils

- 33 involved peaks and industry
- 1111 interactions with stakeholders occurred through meetings and roundtables
- 149 engagements with stakeholders were undertaken across 14 technical working group meetings
- 56,846 stakeholders updated through Newsletters, Outlooks and Bulletins (tailored communications for different stakeholder groups).

Exhibition consultation

The Exhibition ran from 28 October – 10 December 2021, however as required stakeholder meetings continued until 24 December and by exception extensions for submission were granted to some stakeholders.

- The department held 7 webinars with councils and 4 briefings with peak bodies, reaching a total of 696 stakeholders.
- Council ‘technical submissions’ were received until 24 December.
- Some resident groups were given extensions until 14 January to provide their submissions.
- Council ‘formal endorsed’ submissions will be received by 25 March 2021.
- Over 820 submissions have been received so far
- Approximately 90 submissions were from councils and additional submissions are expected to be received prior to 25 March 2021.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

Ministerial meetings are published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet’s website in accordance with Premier’s Memorandum M2015-05.

Minister’s Planning Principles

84. Why have the Minister’s Planning Principles been discontinued?

Answer:

I am advised:

Given new and emerging priorities in the planning portfolio, as well as the high volume of planning system changes already underway, the principles have been discontinued so that further consideration can be given to their potential application and alignment with other planning reforms and emerging priorities such as housing.

85. Did the Minister’s Planning Principles add to the supply of housing?
- (a) If so, by how much?

Answer:

I am advised:

The principles did not provide specific housing targets.

86. Did the Minister’s Planning Principles add to the cost of housing construction?
- (a) If so, by how much?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Department did not undertake any quantified analysis of the impacts on the costs of housing construction.

87. What was the total cost for DPE to develop the Minister's Planning Principles?

Answer:

I am advised:

\$9,369 in engagement facilitation and \$7,623 in editorial services. The cost to develop the principles was drawn from DPE's existing policy teams as part of its business-as-usual functions.

88. Will the Minister's Planning Principles ever be re-implemented?

Answer: No

Design and Place SEPP

89. Isn't it true that the Design and Place SEPP will not be implemented before March 2023?

Answer:

I am advised:

Yes.

90. How many submissions is DPE considering in relation to the Design and Place SEPP?

Answer:

I am advised:

All submissions have been posted to the Department's website.

91. Of the submissions received so far, what are the main issues of substance that are raised by stakeholders?

Answer:

I am advised:

All submissions have been posted to the Department's website.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

All submissions have been posted to the Department's website.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

Examples of proactive case management support are provided below. These provide a representative view of the ways in which DPE's Planning Concierge assists in resolving complex issues for projects entering or in the planning system.

Project	Planning Concierge Partner	Summary of Case Management Support
Bateau Bay Square Car Park DA	Charter Hall	Facilitated engagement with TfNSW regarding traffic impact assessment matters for Central Coast Hwy.
Cedar Mills Estate Morriset DA	Winarch Capital	Facilitated engagement with RFS regarding emergency evacuation requirements.
Cottonwood Crescent, Macquarie Park DA	Meriton	Supported WaterNSW to attain key information to enable release of referral advice.
The Gables, Box Hill PP	Stockland	Facilitated engagement with relevant DPE team to address SEPP drafting error.
Kings Central, Werrington DA	Lendlease	Facilitated negotiations with Penrith Council and TfNSW to enable Early Access Agreement to undertake construction works.
Glemore Park Stage 3 PP	Mirvac	Facilitated engagement with Schools Infrastructure NSW regarding needs analysis for educational establishment.
Schofield Town Centre Masterplan	Multiple	Facilitated engagement with TfNSW and Penrith Council to discuss masterplan and transport outcomes.
Tuggerah Town Centre PP	Scentre Group	Facilitated engagement with relevant DPE team and Central Coast Council regarding biodiversity matters.
Gindurra Way Facility, Mt Penang DA	Borg Group	Supported applicant and Central Coast Council attain advice from relevant DPE team regarding biodiversity matters.
Shell Cove Boat Harbour SSDA	Frasers Property	Facilitate engagement with EPA, DPE, and Shellharbour Council to resolve compliance matters.

94. How are “proactive case management services” determined for a project?

Answer:

I am advised:

Requests for Planning Concierge proactive case management support are received by DPE's

Planning Delivery Unit from councils, referral agencies, other consent authorities, or developers. The scope of these services depends on the issue(s) needs to be resolved.

Proactive case management services normally involve bringing a proponent, consent authority and/or key the government agency together to confirm the key issues to be resolved and agreeing next steps and timeframes to resolve them. The intention is to prevent unnecessary delays in projects progressing through the planning system.

Planning Concierge has no regulatory approval function, meaning the case management service provided is independent in nature and does not seek to change or overturn any decision made by consent authorities. By being independent, Planning Concierge can mediate and negotiate with all parties to ensure complex issues can be resolved and ensure sound planning decisions can be made.

Planned Introduction of Legislation

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

Answer: This is a matter for Cabinet.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

Machinery of Government changes prevent a meaningful comparison of figures in annual reports. The Department of Planning and Environment has a robust reporting framework which supports and actively encourages all staff to report any concerns in order that reports can be assessed, and appropriate action taken.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

There are many factors that impact on house prices and ultimately housing affordability. The NSW Government's clear objective for the planning system is boosting the supply of new homes and improving housing affordability.

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,

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“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?

Answer:

I am advised:

Based on the Department’s latest figures, the 6-month rolling average for rezonings across NSW is down to 360 days which is significantly below the Year 2 Planning Reform target of 502 days and represents a significant improvement in the rezoning of land across the state.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

Research on workforce development and skills training requirements is a matter for the Minister for Skills and Training, Science, Innovation and Technology

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

Yes. The Department does monitor housing market activity, including construction costs. Further information on input prices to housing construction can be obtained from the ABS at www.abs.gov.au/statistics/economy/price-indexes-and-inflation/producer-price-indexes-australia/latest-release.

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)

Answer:

I am advised:

New social housing completions for LAHC and AHO are:

- (a) FY 2011/12 1,697
- (b) FY 2012/13 608
- (c) FY 2013/14 566
- (d) FY 2014/15 588
- (e) FY 2015/16 686
- (f) FY 2016/17 572
- (g) FY 2017/18 814
- (h) FY 2018/19 421
- (i) FY 2019/20 194
- (j) FY 2020/21 501
- (k) FY 2021/22 LAHC data will only be available following the release of the 2022 audited financial statements; 42 for AHO (February 2022 year 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)

Answer:

I am advised:

Affordable housing is delivered by LAHC's development partners i.e. construction is not

undertaken by LAHC.

The numbers provided are indicative only as LAHC does not control construction on the site.

- (a-e) N/A. The NSW Government's Future Directions for Social Housing in NSW strategy commenced in July 2016
- (f) FY 2016/17 Nil
- (g) FY 2017/18 95
- (h) FY 2018/19 Nil
- (i) FY 2019/20 3
- (j) FY 2020/21 Nil
- (k) FY 2021/22 Data will only be available following the release of the 2022 audited financial statements.

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)

Answer:

I am advised:

Private housing is delivered by LAHC's development partners i.e. construction is not undertaken by LAHC.

Private dwelling numbers also include land lots which are part of the contractual obligations, on the assumption that a dwelling will be built on those private lots at some stage. The numbers provided are indicative only as LAHC does not control construction on the site.

- (a-e) N/A. The NSW Government's Future Directions for Social Housing in NSW strategy commenced in July 2016.
- (f) FY 2016/17 228
- (g) FY 2017/18 360
- (h) FY 2018/19 82
- (i) FY 2019/20 111
- (j) FY 2020/21 184
- (k) FY 2021/22 Data will only be available following the release of the 2022 audited financial statements.

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)

Answer:

I am advised:

The number of maintenance requests relating to public housing owned and managed by LAHC are:

- (a) FY 2016/17 303,214
- (b) FY 2017/18 384,008
- (c) FY 2018/19 379,741
- (d) FY 2019/20 393,938
- (e) FY 2020/21 352,300
- (f) FY 2021/22 Data will only be available following the release of the 2022 audited financial statements.

105. How many requests for maintenance to social and public properties were fulfilled in
- (a) FY 2016/17
 - (b) FY2017/18
 - (c) FY2018/19
 - (d) FY2019/20
 - (e) FY2020/21
 - (f) FY 2021/22 (to date) For each FY please also provide the average wait time for fulfilment

Answer:

I am advised:

See answer to Supplementary Question 104.

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)

Answer:

I am advised:

The number of urgent maintenance requests relating to public housing owned and managed by LAHC are:

- (a) FY 2016/17 31,513
- (b) FY 2017/18 37,829
- (c) FY 2018/19 37,554
- (d) FY 2019/20 40,387
- (e) FY 2020/21 32,313

- (f) FY 2021/22 Data will only be available following the release of the 2022 audited financial statements.

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)

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

Answer:

I am advised:

See answer to Supplementary Question 106.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

In accordance with the Asset Maintenance Services Contract, maintenance calls are assessed by the maintenance contractor using the Criticality Repairs Matrix (CRM). Under the CRM, maintenance is prioritised on safety and risk (frail aged and disabled, WHS /health and hygiene, security, major components failure etc).

LAHC expects that its maintenance contractors deliver the maintenance work within the established timeframes set by the CRM. If the contractor identifies any maintenance that should be included in LAHC's program of works, it will be referred to LAHC for assessment with supporting evidence. Such planned works are commonly non-urgent upgrades and component replacements in the property. Unless identified as critical, they are scheduled for completion in 6 - 9 months.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

See answer to Supplementary Question 108.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

There has been no reported required (backlog) maintenance by the Audit Office of NSW since 2015.

LAHC maintains public housing properties through responsive and planned maintenance programs to keep its properties in good condition and ensure they continue to align with the NSW Residential Tenancies Act 2010 clean, safe and habitable standard. Maintenance expenditure is directly based on priority and need.

A survey undertaken in 2020/21 showed that around 90 per cent of properties were either maintained or well maintained. The remaining 10% below LAHC's maintained standard are

prioritised for the forward program or works.

LAHC undertakes a range of property assessment surveys on an annual basis which assist in providing up to date knowledge of the asset condition.

The information gathered from all assessment surveys is used to develop planned maintenance programs and any required maintenance is reflected in each quarterly program as it is identified.

This approach provides LAHC with a cost effective and holistic life cycle maintenance approach to the portfolio.

Source: Maintenance PFN

111. Currently, how many maintenance requests remain unfulfilled?

Answer:

I am advised:

See answer to Supplementary Question 108.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

The most common maintenance issues reported in the period 1 July 2021 to 23 March 2022 were:

- Tree Removal/Pruning
- Mould
- Lawns and grounds servicing
- Roofing/Guttering
- Leaks
- Bathroom works
- Fencing/Gate
- Common area works
- Other (category includes complaint matters where there are multiple work types featured in the complaint)

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)

Answer:

I am advised:

LAHC has expended the following on repairs and maintenance:

- (a) FY 2016/17 \$584.2 million
- (b) FY 2017/18 \$608.5 million
- (c) FY 2018/19 \$452.5 million

- (d) FY 2019/20 \$513.8 million
- (e) FY 2020/21 \$517.0 million
- (f) FY 2021/22 Data will only be available following the release of the 2022 audited financial statements.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

The Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services (ROGS) contains information about social housing, including public housing, and is available at:

<https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services/2022/housing-and-homelessness/housing>.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics Census data contains information about the number of private dwellings in NSW and is available at:

https://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/UCL101001?opendocument.

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)

Answer:

I am advised:

Refer to the answer to question 114.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

Refer to the answer to question 114.

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
- (d) 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)

Answer:

I am advised:

Refer to the answer to question 114.

118. Could the Minister please provide the number of social housing dwellings constructed in FY 2021/22 (to date) per LGA?

Answer:

I am advised:

Refer to the answer to question 101.

119. Could the Minister please provide the number of social housing dwellings constructed in FY 2020/21 per LGA?

Answer:

I am advised:

LGA	Unit Completions
BAYSIDE	24
BLACKTOWN	20
CAMDEN	10
CAMPBELLTOWN	22
CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN	59
CLARENCE VALLEY	2
CUMBERLAND	57
FAIRFIELD	35
GEORGES RIVER	25
GRIFFITH	2
KEMPSEY	22
LANE COVE	13
LIVERPOOL	59
NEWCASTLE	8
QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGION	18
RICHMOND VALLEY	2

RYDE	14
SHOALHAVEN	6
WAGGA WAGGA	10
Grand Total	408

120. Could the Minister please provide the number of affordable housing dwellings constructed in FY 2021/22 (to date) per LGA?

Answer:

I am advised:

2021/22 data will only be available following the release of LAHC's 2022 audited financial statements.

121. Could the Minister please provide the number of affordable housing dwellings constructed in FY 2020/21 per LGA?

Answer:

I am advised:

LAHC did not construct any affordable housing dwellings in the 2020-21 financial year.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

As at 24 March 2022, there were 831 unoccupied properties undergoing maintenance in preparation to be relet/ occupied:

- 459 properties undergoing standard maintenance in preparation to be relet and
- 372 properties undergoing major maintenance or capital upgrade in preparation to be relet.

(a)

LGA	
Albury	11
Ballina	2
Bathurst	11
Bayside	13
Bega Valley	6
Blacktown	56
Bland	1
Bogan	1
Bourke	1
Burwood	1
Camden	3
Campbelltown	40
Canada Bay	5

CanterburyBankstown	76
Central Coast	23
Clarence Valley	5
Cobar	3
Cootamundra Gundagai Regional	2
Cowra	1
Cumberland	19
DubboRegional	10
Eurobodalla	3
Fairfield	22
Forbes	4
Georges River	9
Goulburn Mulwaree	9
Griffith	4
Hawkesbury	2
Inner West	24
Junee	1
Lachlan	2
Lake Macquarie	28
Leeton	2
Lismore	5
Lithgow	5
Liverpool	51
Narrabri	1
Narrandera	1
Narromine	2
Newcastle	35
Oberon	1
Orange	16
Parkes	1
Parramatta	29
Penrith	37
QueanbeyanPalerang Regional	5
Randwick	15
Richmond Valley	7
Shellharbour	7
Snowy Valleys	3
Strathfield	8
Sutherland	16
Sydney City	91
Tamworth	3
Temora	1
Tweed	10
Wagga Wagga	19
Warren	1
Warrumbungle	1
Waverley	6

Weddin	1
Wollongong	53
Grand Total	831

(b) Vacant restoration timelines currently are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the storm events across NSW. Unoccupied properties have been vacant for an average of 63.1 days. Timelines are also negotiated if there is significant damage to a property due to tenant behaviour, vandalism and/or fire.

(c)–(d) Unoccupied properties are considered for disposal in accordance with the Disposal of LAHC Properties Policy. Typically, the process exceeds 4 weeks and properties approved for sale or subject to a marketing campaign remain unoccupied until disposal. More information about the policy is available at <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/plans-and-policies/disposal-of-lahc-properties-policy>.

123. How many properties are currently unoccupied in the Glebe estate?

Answer:

I am advised:

Questions relating to tenancies should be directed to the Minister for Families and Communities as the responsible Minister.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

This question should be referred to the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience and Minister for Flood Recovery.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

This question should be referred to the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience and Minister for Flood Recovery.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

As of 25 March 2022:

(a) 70 LAHC properties and 7 AHO properties in Northern NSW

(b) Nil

(c) Nil

It is unclear exactly how many LAHC-owned, CHP-managed properties have been affected as assessments are ongoing.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

The number of public housing dwellings sold by LAHC in the following years are:

(a) FY 2011/12 861

(b) FY 2012/13 723

(c) FY 2013/14 470

(d) FY 2014/15 191

(e) FY 2015/16 322

(f) FY 2016/17 282

(g) FY 2017/18 454

(h) FY 2018/19 352

(i) FY 2019/20 302

(j) FY 2020/21 248

(k) FY 2021/22 Data will only be available following the release of the 2022 audited financial statements.

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)

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

Answer:

I am advised:

LAHC does not hold this information.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

The total sales for LAHC and AHO generated from the sale of LAHC and AHO owned properties between 1 April 2011 and 30 June 2021 is \$3,002.5 million.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

LAHC does not hold this information.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

LAHC is predominately self-funded. It sells properties which are not fit for modern use as social housing, with all proceeds funding new homes and capital maintenance.

Every dollar generated from a sale goes back to LAHC for more, and better, social housing.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

Refer to the answer to question 131.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

- (a) 2,393 social housing properties were completed under the Communities Plus program between 1 July 2016 and 31 December 2021.
- (a) i Not Applicable
- (b) 101 affordable houses under this program by the private sector.
- (b) i Nil
- (c) 1,030 private dwellings under this program by the private sector.
- (c) i LAHC does not hold this information.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

- a) July-December 2021 was in the remit of the former Minister for Water, Property and Housing, and

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this office does not hold that data.

b) Refer to Question 135.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

<p>a. July 2021 Received = 468, Resolved = 459</p> <p>b. August 2021 Received = 364, Resolved = 357</p> <p>c. September 2021 Received = 339, Resolved = 327</p> <p>d. October 2021 Received = 306, Resolved = 288</p> <p>e. November 2021 Received = 430, Resolved = 408</p> <p>f. December 2021 Received = 320, Resolved = 289</p> <p>g. January 2022 Received = 341, Resolved = 305</p> <p>h. February 2022 Received = 416, Resolved = 333</p> <p>i. March 2022 (As at 23/3/22) Received = 415, Resolved = 177</p>
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The number of complaints received in any given month and the number resolved may not correlate as some maintenance and repairs matters relating to, for example, property upgrades are included in the forward/planned program of works, which is generally developed on a quarterly basis. These matters will remain open until the works are completed. Regular updates are communicated to the tenant and other relevant stakeholders.

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?

Answer:

- A) Between 1 January 2022 until 23 March 2022, 1,178 pieces of written correspondence were received
- B) 817

- C) The average wait time is in line with the Department of Premier and Cabinet's policy, we endeavour to respond within 20 working days of receipt.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

A copy of the most recent tenant satisfaction survey reflecting the average score is attached.

- (a) The tenant maintenance satisfaction survey is independently produced by the Housing Contact Centre and provided to LAHC to assess and report the performance of the AMS Contractor. The average score of the survey results is shared with the AMS Contractor for performance improvement.
- (b) The Minister has not been briefed on the 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

Answer:

I am advised:

None.

139. What is the total cost of these redundancies?

Answer:

I am advised:

See 138.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

See 138.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

See 138.

DPIE

142. Could the Minister please provide the most recent copy of the Executive Organisation Chart for DPIE?

Answer:

I am advised:

See the Executive Organisation Chart at Attachment A.

143. Could the Minister please provide the most recent copy of the Organisation Chart LAHC?

Answer:

I am advised:

See the LAHC Organisation Chart at Attachment B.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

There were nil forced redundancies during the period in question. Senior Executive members are terminated under Section 41 of the *Government Sector Employment Act*.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

Voluntary redundancies are only applicable to award-based staff, not senior executives.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

Ministerial employees do not receive redundancy payments. They are entitled to severance payments pursuant to the Determination by the Premier of the Conditions for Employment for Political Office Holders' Staff.

This is a standard process that occurs with a new Ministry.

As a result of the Ministry reshuffle in late 2021, 31 severance payments have been paid as of 25 March 2022.

147. What is the total cost of these redundancies?

Answer:

I am advised:

\$1,385,708

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

Answer:

I am advised :

Refer to Question 147

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?

Answer: Refer to question 147

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

Answer:

I am advised:

From 1 October 2021 to date (23 March 2022), costs exclusive of GST (for the whole Ministry):

- (a) Office fit-outs - \$95,600.99
- (b) Office Upgrades - \$11,990
- (c) Moving or relocation services - \$16,944.80
- (d) Plants - \$272
- (e) & (f) Business Cards and stationery - \$55,639
- (g) Art – No new artwork was requested by the Ministry

Bookcases or other office furniture - \$20,848.73

151. Were any upgrades or alterations made to the office during or after the Ministerial changeover?

Answer:

I am advised:

Refer to question 150

152. Were any office assets unaccounted for after the Ministerial changeover?

- If so, could an itemised list please be provided with the costs of the assets

Answer:

I am advised:

No

153. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 1 January 2022.

Answer:

I am advised:

197.8

154. How many of these positions are:

(a) on-going and

(b) non-ongoing

Answer:

I am advised:

Refer to question 153

155. Could the Minister please provide job titles for all current positions/employees in the Minister's office?

Answer:

There are a number of positions in each Ministers' office to ensure it carries out its day to day functions and supports the Minister.

156. Could the Minister please provide total (incl. superannuation and other benefits) remuneration awarded to each member of staff and their corresponding job title?

Answer:

Ministers' office staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

Ministers' offices spent \$86,866 on stationery, business cards, and other basic office supplies in FY20-21.

Expenditure in FY21-22 to date (23 March 22) was \$64,881.

158. How much did the Minister's office spend on Christmas Party Functions in 2021?

Answer:

I am advised:

No expenditure for Christmas Party Functions was paid from Ministers' office budgets.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

The Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal does not provide Ministers with a clothing allowance.

160. What requests have been made from the Minister regarding office upgrades or furniture?

(a) Could details of these requests be provided?

Answer:

I am advised:

Refer to Question 150

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

Answer:

I am advised:

The Government regularly engages with all parties, and independents, across the Parliament.

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.

Answer:

I am advised:

- (a) A breakdown of DPE staff in the communications division as at March 2022 is:

Staff members <i>listed by Award classification</i>	Ongoing Staff	Non-Ongoing Staff	Contractors
SEB2	1		
SEB1	7		
Clerk 11/12	32	3	1
Clerk 9/10	52	4	
Clerk 7/8	33	4	2
Clerk 5/6	5	6	1
EO13	2		
EO11	1		
EO9	-		
EO8	2		
EO6	1		
Clerk 3/4	4		
Total: 161	140	17	4

The DPE Communications division delivers strategic communications content to support organisational objectives to create public value for all diverse communities, people and places across NSW. Types of work includes media communications, community engagement, and strategic content for key communication channels such as websites, social media and publications.

DPE supports flexible working and working from regional locations. Staff work across several locations, including Parramatta, Newcastle, Orange, Maitland, Sydney CBD and Lismore.

- (b) See (a).
- (c) See (a).
- (d) The DPE Communications division currently has four graphic designers.
- (e) The DPE Communications division currently has eight media managers.
- (f) The DPE Communications division currently has three event organisers.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

Yes, DPE has a media studio.

- (a) The media studio was established so DPE could achieve cost savings by no longer using external virtual event contractors.

- (b) The media studio began operation on 1 December 2021.
- (c) The set up cost was \$113,856.
- (d) There is no ongoing cost.
- (e) Two clerk grade 7/8 roles will operate the media studio.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

Nil.

166. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?

Answer:

I am advised:

Board	Male	Female
Board of Place Management NSW	3	4
Board of the Sydney Olympic Park Authority	3	4
Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust	4	4
Central Sydney Planning Committee	7	2
Greater Sydney Parklands Board	4	4
Hunter and Central Coast Regional Planning Panel	18	18
Independent Planning Commission	10	8
Northern Regional Planning Panel	17	19
Parramatta Park Trust	4	3
Placemaking NSW Advisory Committee	3	4
Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust	3	4
Southern Regional Planning Panel	18	17
Sydney Central City Planning Panel	18	17
Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel	19	16
Sydney North Planning Panel	19	17
Sydney South Planning Panel	18	18
Sydney Western City Planning Panel	19	17
Taronga Conservation Society Australia Board	4	4
Western Regional Planning Panel	14	16
Western Sydney Parklands Trust Board	4	4
Aboriginal Housing Office Board	5	3
Board of Teacher Housing Authority of NSW	4	3
Expert Housing Advisory Panel	7	1
Probity, Productivity and Performance Committee	3	2
Total	228	209
Percentage	52%	48%

167. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid?

Answer:

I am advised:

The PSC determines the remuneration for Board and Committees where the Minister or Governor makes the appointment.

Board Name	PSC classification	PSC Annual rate for Chair	PSC daily rate for Chair	PSC Annual rate for Chair	PSC daily rate for Member	Notes
Board of Place Management NSW	B3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Members of Place Management NSW, Sydney Olympic Park Authority and Placemaking NSW Advisory Committee are paid 1 sum through the board of SOPA.
Board of the Sydney Olympic Park Authority	B4	\$62,956.00	N/A	\$37,242.00	N/A	Members of Place Management NSW, Sydney Olympic Park Authority and Placemaking NSW Advisory Committee are paid 1 sum through the board of SOPA.
Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust	A1	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$220.00	Members of Centennial and Moore Park Trust, Parramatta Park Trust, Western Sydney Parklands Trust and Greater Sydney Parklands board are paid 1 sum through the GSP Board
Central Sydney Planning Committee	C3	N/A	N/A	\$22,368.00	N/A	
Greater Sydney Parklands Board	B4	\$60,000.00	N/A	\$30,000.00	N/A	Members of Centennial and Moore Park Trust, Parramatta Park Trust, Western Sydney Parklands Trust and Greater Sydney Parklands board are paid 1 sum through the GSP Board
Hunter and Central Coast Regional Planning Panel	D4	\$51,315.00	\$1,866.00	\$39,463.00	\$1,435.00	The Chair and members are only paid if they attend a panel. Each Panel consists of 1 Chair 2 State members and 2 council nominees
Independent Planning Commission	D5	\$265,000.00	N/A	\$30,000.00	\$2,000.00	
Northern Regional Planning Panel	D4	\$51,315.00	\$1,866.00	\$39,463.00	\$1,435.00	The Chair and members are only paid if they attend a panel. Each Panel consists of 1 Chair 2 State members and 2 council nominees
Parramatta Park Trust	A1	\$7,931.00	N/A	\$3,966.00	N/A	Members of Centennial and Moore Park Trust, Parramatta Park Trust, Western Sydney Parklands Trust and Greater Sydney Parklands board are paid 1 sum through the GSP Board
Placemaking NSW Advisory Committee	C3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Members of Place Management NSW, Sydney Olympic Park Authority and Placemaking NSW Advisory Committee are paid 1 sum through the board of SOPA.
Royal Botanic Gardens and	A1	\$20,000.00	N/A	\$3,675.00	N/A	

Domain Trust						
Southern Regional Planning Panel	D4	\$51,315.00	\$1,866.00	\$39,463.00	\$1,435.00	The Chair and members are only paid if they attend a panel. Each Panel consists of 1 Chair 2 State members and 2 council nominees
Sydney Central City Planning Panel	D4	N/A	\$1,866.00	N/A	\$1,435.00	The Chair and members are only paid if they attend a panel. Each Panel consists of 1 Chair 2 State members and 2 council nominees
Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel	D4	N/A	\$1,866.00	N/A	\$1,435.00	The Chair and members are only paid if they attend a panel. Each Panel consists of 1 Chair 2 State members and 2 council nominees
Sydney North Planning Panel	D4	N/A	\$1,866.00	N/A	\$1,435.00	The Chair and members are only paid if they attend a panel. Each Panel consists of 1 Chair 2 State members and 2 council nominees
Sydney South Planning Panel	D4	N/A	\$1,866.00	N/A	\$1,435.00	The Chair and members are only paid if they attend a panel. Each Panel consists of 1 Chair 2 State members and 2 council nominees
Sydney Western City Planning Panel	D4	N/A	\$1,866.00	N/A	\$1,435.00	The Chair and members are only paid if they attend a panel. Each Panel consists of 1 Chair 2 State members and 2 council nominees
Taronga Conservation Society Australia Board	A2	\$33,228.00	N/A	\$15,725.00	N/A	
Western Regional Planning Panel	D4	N/A	\$1,866.00	N/A	\$1,435.00	The Chair and members are only paid if they attend a panel. Each Panel consists of 1 Chair 2 State members and 2 council nominees
Western Sydney Parklands Trust Board	A1	\$65,000.00	N/A	N/A	\$220.00	Members of Centennial and Moore Park Trust, Parramatta Park Trust, Western Sydney Parklands Trust and Greater Sydney Parklands board are paid 1 sum through the GSP Board
Aboriginal Housing Office Board	C3	\$164,055.00	\$12,861.00	N/A	N/A	Chair remuneration is based on a fulltime SOORT determination. It is pro rata for part time Chair
Board of Teacher Housing Authority of NSW	B2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Expert Housing Advisory Panel	C3	\$25,000.00	\$10,000.00	N/A	N/A	

168. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors?

Answer:

I am advised:
\$9,648.71.

169. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors?

Planning, Home

Answer:

I am advised:

Nil.

Social media influencers – DPIE

170. What was the DPIE total expenditure on social media influencers for FY 2020-21 and 2021-22 to date.

Answer:

I am advised:

For FY 2020–21, nil.

For FY 2021–22 to March 1 2022, expenditure totalled \$1,914.40 on social media influencers. This expenditure was not remuneration paid directly to a social media influencer for services provided. The expenditure was for the delivery of a media kit to 18 social media identities.

171. What advertising or information campaigns did the DPIE use social media influencers to promote.

Answer:

I am advised:

Everyone Plant One.

172. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided.

Answer:

I am advised:

A copy is provided at Attachment C.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

There was no expenditure provided directly to any social media influencers for FY 2020–21 or FY 2021–22 up until 1 March.

Contracts and tendering processes were therefore not required.

Promotional merchandise – DPIE

174. What was the DPIE total expenditure on promotional merchandise for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22.

Answer:

I am advised:

For FY 2020–21, \$38,408.62 (excluding signage and banners).

For FY 2021–22, \$44,351.94 (excluding signage and banners).

175. Can an itemised list of all eTenders offer notice ID numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.

Answer:

Planning, Home

I am advised:

A tendering process was not required. Contract award notices for DPE are publicly available at www.tenders.nsw.gov.au/?event=public.home.

176. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.

Answer:

I am advised:

See Attachment D. Branded merchandise may assist DPE to create awareness of our projects and programs. Uniforms are commonly provided to identify our staff at community events.

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.

Answer:

I am advised:

For FY 2020–21, \$138,396.56.

For FY 2021–22, \$486,196.77.

This expenditure excludes routine public notice advertising.

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.

Answer:

I am advised:

For FY 2020–21:

Campaign	When approval first sought	Date approved	Independent Campaign Committee process	Timeline for campaign		Variation timeline
				start	end	Y/N
Fernhill Estate	28/9/20	2/10/20	N	16/10/20	13/12/20	N
Festival of Place	1/10/20	9/10/20	N	15/11/20	20/6/21	Y end date extended to June 21
Stand for your community	17/6/21	21/6/21	N	28/6/21	25/7/21	Y Campaign stopped 14/7/21

Solar for low income	1/4/21	6/4/21	N	28/5/21	30/6/21	N
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For FY 2021–22:

Campaign	When approval first sought	Date approved	Independent Campaign Committee process	Timeline for campaign		Variation of dates
				start	end	
Every One Plant One Outdoors	5/11/20	5/11/20	N	6/11/21	14/11/21	N
Every One Plant One	21/10/21	29/10/21	N	11/11/21	11/2/21	Y start date delayed
Infrastructure Contributions	7/10/21	7/10/21	N	28/10/21	25/11/21	Y 2 week delay in release
Stand for your community	25/10/21	26/10/21	N	29/10/21	2/11/21	Y start date delayed by 2 days
Short term rental accommodation - Byron	26/11/21	29/11/21	N	2/12/21	30/1/22	N
Short term rental accommodation - awareness	2/11/21	2/11/21	N	8/11/21	11/12/21	N
Short term rental accommodation - general	23/9/21	23/9/21	N	4/10/21	29/10/21	N
Water metering	29/10/21	2/11/21	N	4/11/21	1/12/21	N

179. Can an itemised list of all eTenders offer notice ID numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.

Answer:

I am advised:

DPE advertising media expenditure is publicly available at www.opengov.nsw.gov.au/publications/18967. This includes social media campaigns <\$5,000.

DPE is required to use specified media agencies for advertising procurement in accordance with [Media Agency Services Contract](#). This is managed by the Department of Customer Service Contract award notices for DPE are publicly available at www.tenders.nsw.gov.au/?event=public.home.

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.

Answer:

I am advised:

Details of Overseas Travel by all Ministers is available on the DPC website.

Details of Overseas Travel by Departmental Staff will be available in each Department's Annual Report.

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.

Answer:

I am advised:

Ministerial meetings are declared each quarter in accordance with M2015-05 – Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information.

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.

Answer:

I am advised:

DPE and LAHC's expenditure on travel is reported in the Annual Report.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

LAHC's expenditure in the 2020-21 financial year for coaching was \$185,394. The total cost of the overall assignments is \$381,980.

This expenditure included leadership and mentoring programs; senior executive management and business coaching; and Women's Leadership Network and wellness program.

Description	Vendor Name	ABN	2020/21 Expense
Financial Wellbeing for Women	CONVERGE INTERNATIONAL P/L	12113688627	14,300.00
Women Leadership Network Workshops	BUSINESS SUCCESS ASSOCIATES P/L	56163520376	16,500.00
Total			30,800.00

Consultants – DPIE

184. Does DPIE 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

Answer:

I am advised:

This information is publicly available at publicly available at www.tenders.nsw.gov.au/?event=public.home.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

Questions relating to tenancies should be directed to the Minister for Families and Communities as the responsible Minister.

186. Could the Minister please provide a copy of the standard operating procedures or LAHC policies regarding a deceased resident in LAHC housing?

Answer:

I am advised:

Questions relating to tenancies should be directed to the Minister for Families and Communities as the responsible Minister.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

Newcastle Council, the Port of Newcastle and the proponent would need to work together to relocate the Newcastle Ampol Terminal.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

- (a) This information is available in the Annual Report.
- (b) This information is available in the Annual Report.
- (c) This information is available in the Annual Report.
- (d) Property NSW has been absorbed by other Groups. The total provided for DPE (see (a)) encompasses the intended data.
- (e) This information is available in the Annual Report.

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

Answer:

I am advised:

- (a) This information is available in the Annual Report.
- (b) This information is available in the Annual Report.
- (c) This information is available in the Annual Report.
- (d) Property NSW has been absorbed by other Groups. The total provided for DPE (see (a)) encompasses the intended data.
- (e) This information is available in the Annual Report.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

(a) The proponent is required to respond to submissions received during the exhibition period in a Response to Submissions. The Response to Submissions was made publicly available on 22 October 2021.

The Department has received and has considered further feedback made on the Response to Submissions by the community and other stakeholders in consultation with government experts.

(b) The proponent was required to address agency comments and provide additional information through the Response to Submissions and through the Department's assessment of this information.

The Department has engaged further with both the EPA and DPI in its consideration of the Response to Submissions and in the preparation of the Assessment Report.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

Further information on contamination impacts was provided as part of the Response to Submissions. The Department's Assessment Report will address these issues and will be prepared with the advice of and in consultation with the EPA.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Department, with the advice of and in consultation with the EPA, will consider the information provided throughout the assessment process to determine whether contamination matters have been adequately assessed as part of the Assessment Report.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

Dr Bill Ryall’s comments are acknowledged. The Department will continue its assessment of contamination issues with the advice of and in consultation with the EPA.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Department, with the advice of and in consultation with the EPA, will consider these matters in the Assessment 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?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Department has considered the marine biodiversity assessment in consultation with both the Environment, Energy and Science Group and DPI Fisheries. Study areas reflect expected areas of impact.

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?

Answer:

I am advised:

The Department has not received an application for a passenger cruise terminal at Yarra Bay. Any questions should be referred to Transport for NSW and the Port Authority of NSW.

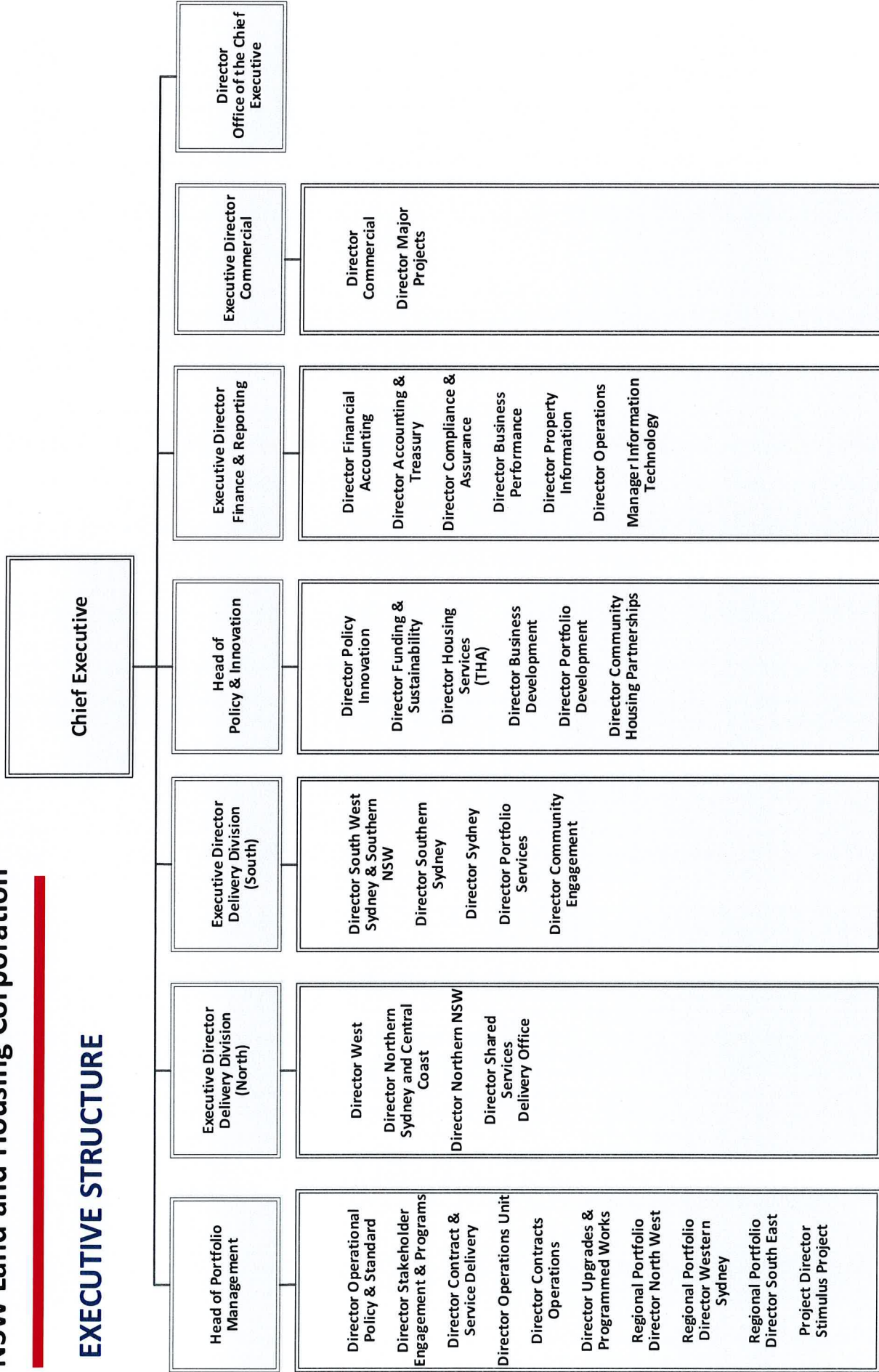
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dearindira This little #fingerlime grown by @indigrow is my new addition to #theediblebalcony supporting #EveryonePlantOne - #GreeningOurCity one tree at a time. Thank you @nswdpie .

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Can you let me know where I buy a #fingerlime plant?



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Happy plant 🌱 Happy planet



Let's green Sydney! 🌿

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Oh how wonderful! 🌿



1d 2 likes Reply



Have a freezer full of fingerlimes! Great but thorns are a killer, wear leather elbow length gauntlets when pruning!

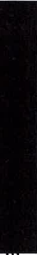


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lindous_secret_garden 12m

Everyone Plant One - tree delivery today!

Hi Linda,

I'm working on the Everyone Plant One campaign 🌳

Just getting in touch to let you know that your new tree is on the way! It is a finger lime.

We will include some more information about the campaign itself and all the amazing benefits trees have in a booklet.

Woohoo!! Get your free tree @nswdpi

While no obligation, we would love if you helped us spread the message, and encouraged any of your followers in Greater Sydney to plant a tree of their own and register it online to count towards our goal of 1 million new trees in Greater Sydney by 2022. It's all about working together for the benefit of the environment and the community!

If you do choose to post, it would be great if you referred people to www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/everyoneplantone

Please feel free to tag us on Instagram @nswdpi if you post on that platform and use #GreeningOurCity

That link has all the information about the campaign, and allows people in Greater Sydney to either pledge to plant a tree, or to register a tree if they've already planted one. We're already more than halfway to our goal with over 600k trees planted!

Reply to lindous_secret_garden...

If you have any questions please do let us know,





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 **raejohnston** · Follow ...

raejohnston Added an @indigigrow finger lime to my growing edible native plant collection courtesy of the "Everyone Plant One" @swdplc campaign 🌱

The initiative is all about encouraging everyone in Sydney to plant a native tree - even if it's just in pot like mine - so we can all benefit from a cooler, greener, healthier and safer environment for wildlife and people too 🍋

There's more info at the link in my bio if you're keen to find out more.

Can't wait to cook with its fruit!

#giftedbutnotsponsored #nativetrees #fingerlime #greeningourcity #overthis

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 What a cool campaign. 

PS Just a couple of casual Australian Games Awards left in shot... 🍋

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Trees have all kinds of benefits for communities and the people who live in them. You're planting shade and treehouses for your grandchildren, cool places for picnics, privacy for yards, and homes for wildlife. Planting trees helps fight climate change, grows fresh fruit, improves mental health, and creates beautiful environments for everyone to live and learn. So, join the Everyone Plant One campaign, and plant one tree whether it's in your backyard or on your balcony. Because, when everyone plants one, it's better for everyone. Go out and get your hands dirty and have some family fun planting and learning about all the amazing things trees can do for your home and your community. If everyone plants one, together we will create more tree canopy, cooler suburbs and reach the NSW Government's goal of one million trees by 2022. Will you join in and plant one to make the place you live even greater?

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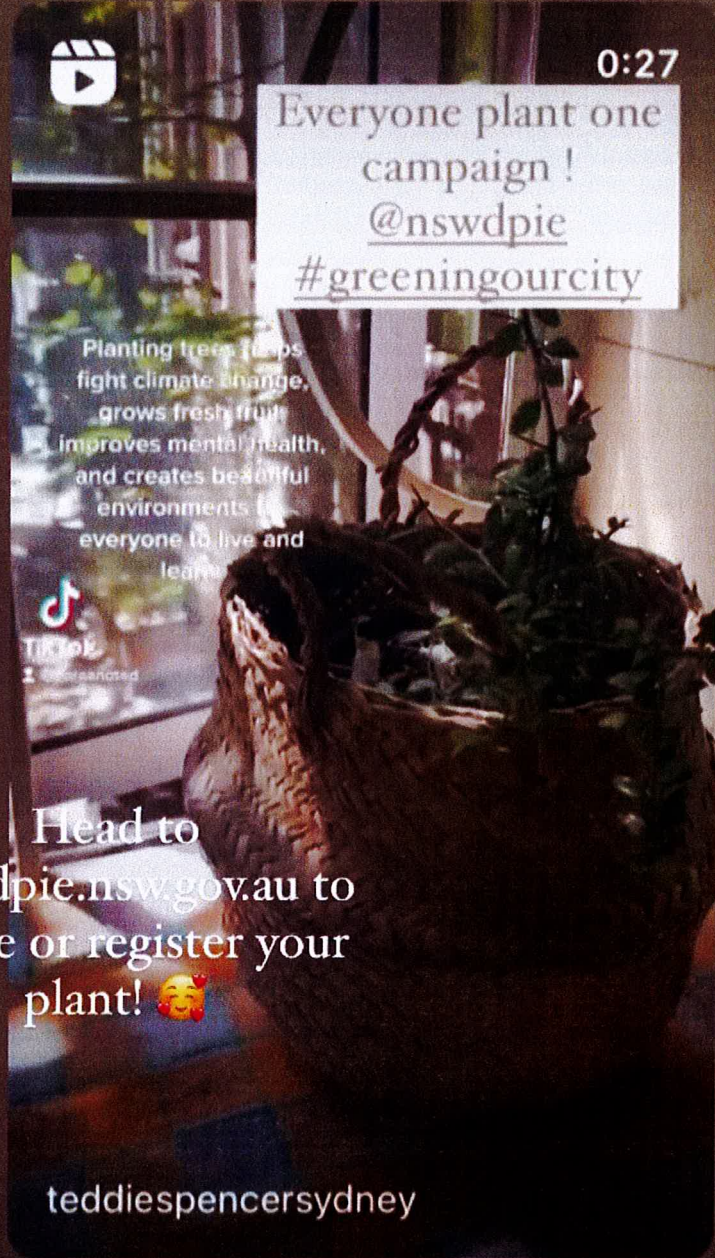




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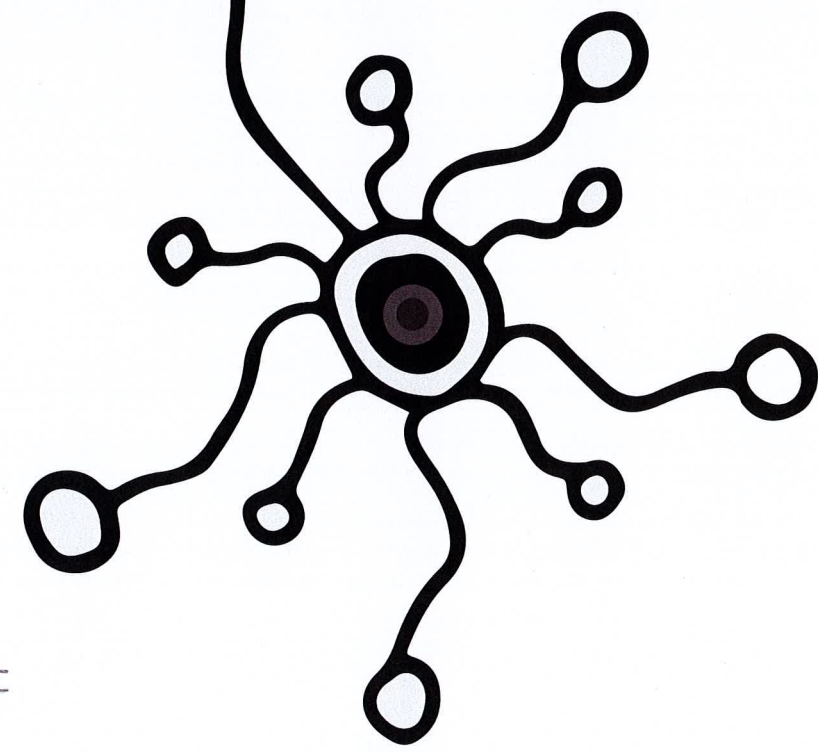


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August 2021



- Polo shirts 2
- Jacket 3
- Bucket hat 4
- Flags 5
- Sunblock 6
- Sprout plantable pencils 7
- Tablecloth 8
- Calico bag 9
- Notebooks 10
- USB 11
- Fridge magnet 12

Polo shirts

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Jacket

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Bucket hat

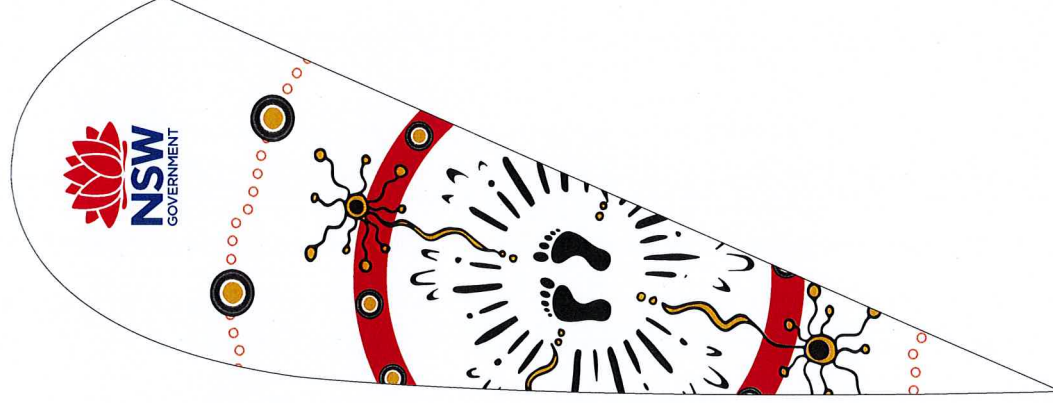
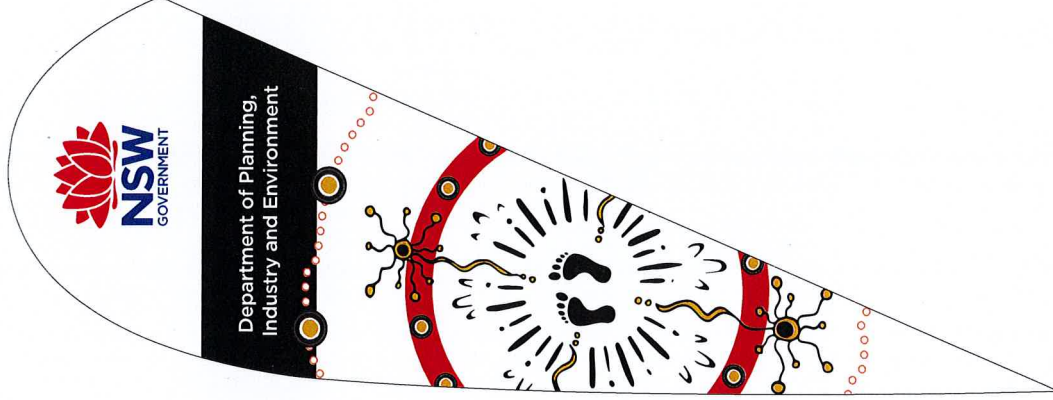
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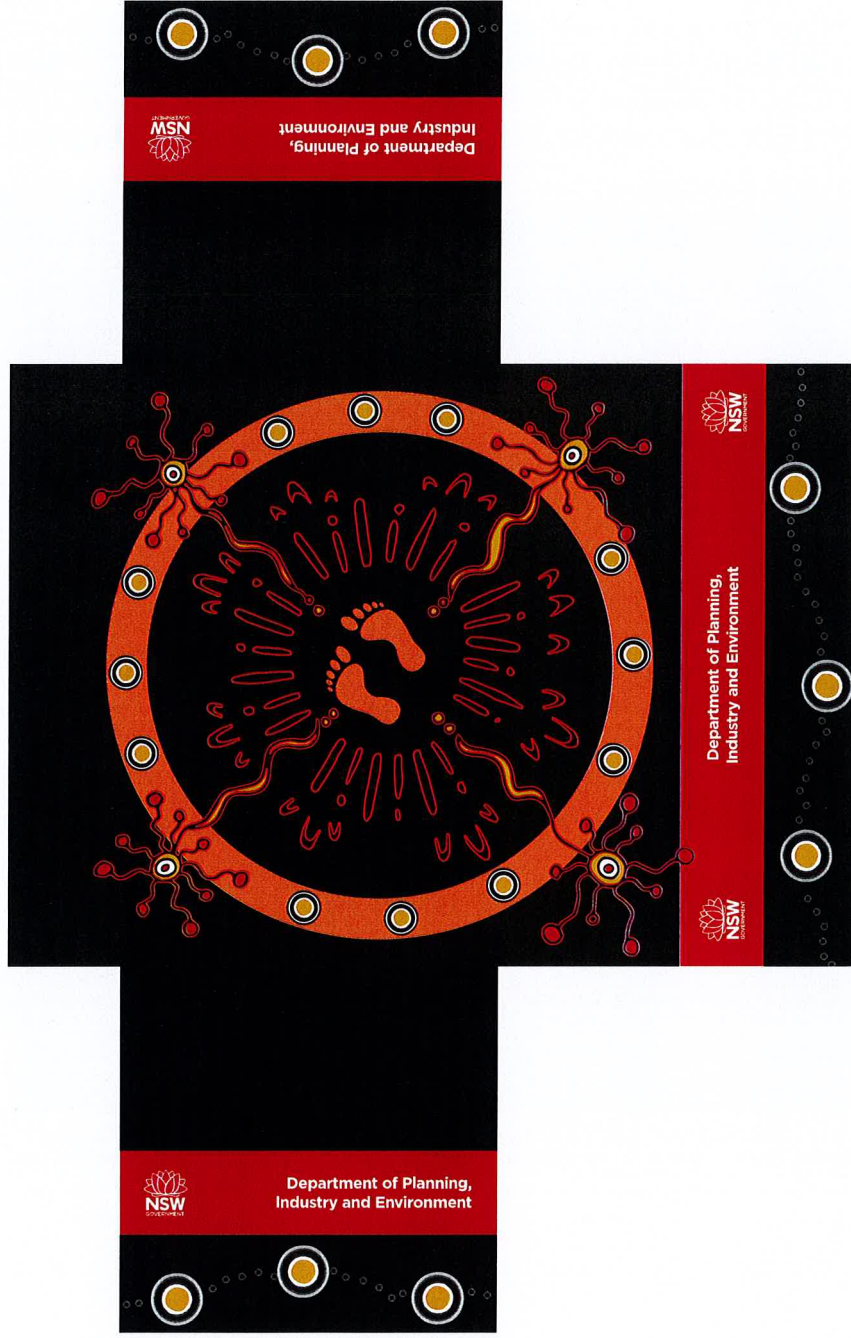
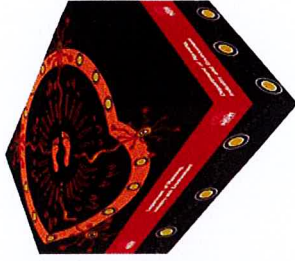


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Tablecloth

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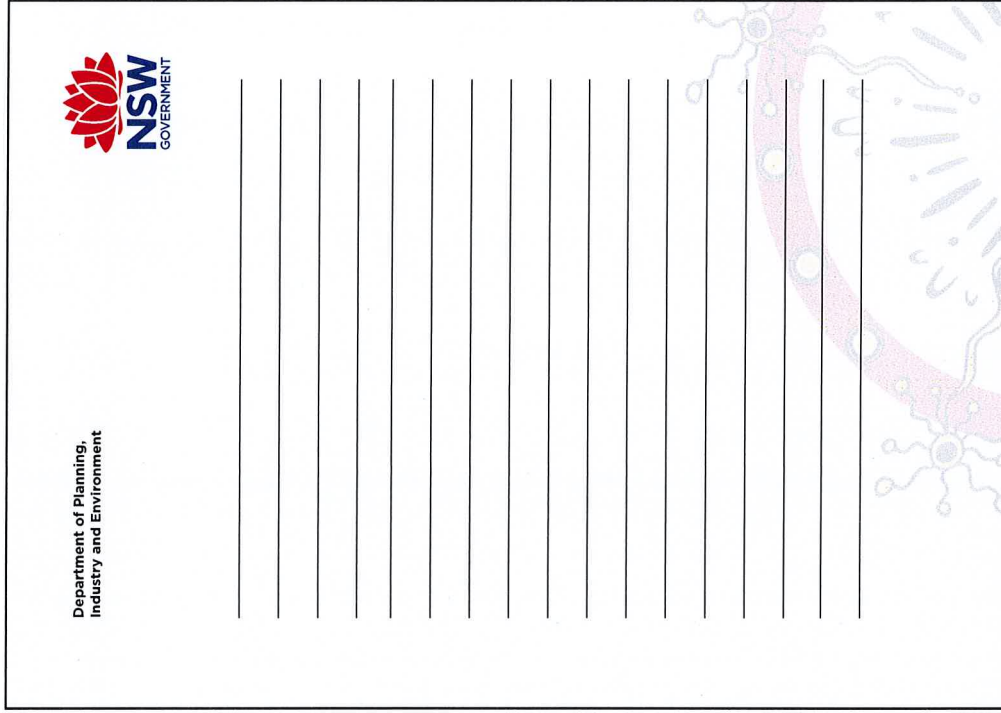
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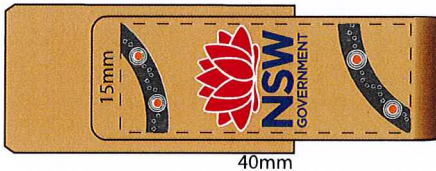


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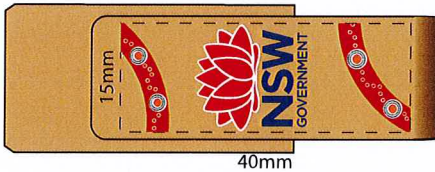
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