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METROPOLITAN ROADS, WOMEN'S SAFETY AND THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

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

Core and Cluster funding

1. How many organisations registered their interest with the NSW Government in participating in the Core and Cluster EOI process?
 - (a) Did the NSW Government link them with government assets and Land and Housing Corp?
 - i. If not, why not?
 - ii. If so, how?
2. What steps did the NSW Government take to make land available for development as part of the Core and Cluster process?
3. What proactive assistance did the NSW Government offer services to identify available land (private or government owned)?
4. Were local councils consulted in relation to making land available for Core and Cluster developments?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, describe how each council in each region was consulted?
5. How were local councils consulted in relation to the development application process for proposed Core and Cluster developments?
 - (a) What support or information did the NSW Government offer local councils in relation to making the development application process smooth for Core and Cluster projects?
 - (b) What is the expected development application processing time for Core and Cluster projects?
 - (c) What consideration was given to making sure Core and Cluster designs fit within existing development application consent categories?
6. How did the NSW Government envision local domestic service providers would be able to engage in the process of forming relationships with housing providers to engage in the Core and Cluster EOI and tender?

- (a) Was information or guidance provided by the NSW Government to facilitate this process?
 - i. If so, did the NSW Government facilitate relationships between local domestic violence providers and housing specialists ahead of Tranche 2's EOI process?
 - ii. If so, how did the NSW Government facilitate these relationships?
7. The Department of Communities and Justice released indicative locations for where the 75 new refuges would be located. How were these locations determined?
 - (a) How was consultation carried out to determine areas of need for the funding?
 - (b) Provide details of which organisations were consulted.
 8. How many Aboriginal controlled organisations were consulted ahead of the roll out of the Core and Cluster funding?
 - (a) Which Aboriginal controlled organisations were consulted?
 9. There have been specific provisions for Aboriginal-led organisations to be represented as part of the Core and Cluster model, which is welcomed. How is the NSW Government ensuring that the needs of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities are also met?
 - (a) How will the NSW Government ensure there will be diversity in the offering of refuge and specialist domestic violence support following this process?
 10. In the lead up to the opening of Expressions of Interest for Core and Cluster's Tranche 1 funding, what work did the NSW Government do with stakeholders to facilitate their application?
 11. What support was offered to services that participated in the Core and Cluster Tranche 1 Expressions of Interest (EOI) process but did not progress to tender?
 - (a) How many of these services went on to submit EOIs for Tranche 2?
 - (b) How many have indicated they would not be participating further in the process?
 12. When will the first of the Core and Cluster refuges funded by Tranche 1 be open and operating?
 13. On what date were the Core and Cluster \$20,000 capacity building grants, designed to help providers engage in the EOI and tender process, announced to the sector?
 - (a) How many applications have been made for these grants?
 - i. How many have been approved?
 - (b) How were these grants advertised within the sector?

- (c) Were stakeholders directly contacted about the grants available?
 - i. How were relevant stakeholders identified?
 - ii. How were they proactively contacted?
- 14. What weight is being given to domestic violence service providers' existing connections to the community and proven record of service provision in the Core and Cluster funding process?
- 15. How many organisations registered for the Core and Cluster engagement workshops?
 - (a) How does this compare with the numbers that engaged in the EOI process?
- 16. How many applications were received for Tranche 1 of the Core and Cluster funding?
 - (a) How many have been determined?
 - (b) How much funding has been allocated to the successful projects?
 - (c) Where are the successful tender projects located?
 - (d) When will the projects be open and delivering services in their location communities?
 - (e) How many Aboriginal led services applied?
 - i. How many were successful in their application for Tranche 1 funding?
- 17. How many Expressions of Interest were received for Tranche 2 funding?
- 18. How much funding will be allocated in Tranche 2 of the program?
- 19. How much funding will be allocated in Tranche 3 of the program?
- 20. If services currently receiving DCJ funding to provide refuges are not successful or choose not to participate in the Core and Cluster program, will they continue to receive funding?
- 21. According to the May 2022 Core and Cluster discussion paper, LAHC was leading work to identify eight refuge refurbishment projects as part of the Core and Cluster funding. Where are these projects?
 - (a) What is the timeline to have these facilities operational?
- 22. Has any consideration been made to making accommodations built or refitted as part of the Core and Cluster model pet friendly?
 - (a) If so, how?

Coercive Control

23. Can the Minister provide an update of the actions undertaken by the departmental coercive control coordination group, which was set up to coordinate training and education needs?
24. What will be the makeup of the implementation taskforce, which comes out of Recommendation 1 of the Joint Select Committee on Coercive Control's report?
 - (a) When will it be in operation?
 - (b) What steps will be taken to ensure domestic violence support service providers and people with lived experience of coercive control are part of the education of police and the public service sector?
25. The NSW Government has previously stated a public awareness campaign will be created around Coercive Control. Has the public awareness campaign been designed?
 - (a) If so, when will it be rolled out?
 - (b) How will it be distributed?
 - (c) How will priority populations be targeted?
 - i. Will there be a specialised program for First Nations communities?
 - (d) Will stakeholders such as Domestic Violence NSW, No To Violence and Full Stop Australia be consulted in regards to its content and design?
26. Why was a definition of domestic abuse not created "as a priority" ahead of the release of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Coercive Control) Bill 2022, in line with Recommendation 2 of the Joint Select Committee on Coercive Control?

Death Review Team

27. When will the NSW Domestic Violence Death Review 2019-2021 be released?
28. What measures is the NSW Government undertaking to implement the recommendations from the Domestic Violence Death Review Team?
 - (a) What financial resources are being made available to progress these outcomes?

Flood aftermath

29. How has the Government provided domestic violence accommodation for people affected by the Northern Rivers flood disaster?

30. What additional resources have been allocated to the provision of emergency accommodation in the Northern Rivers region?
31. Stakeholders report a significant increase in need following the floods and pandemic. How are services being supported?
32. Considering services have been sharing facilities with other bodies due to damaged premises, why did the NSW Government cut funding for COVID-19 cleaning as Omicron numbers were surging?

Women's Safety Commissioner

33. Has the position of NSW Women's Safety Commissioner and Executive Director, Women, Family and Community Safety been filled?
 - (a) What particular policy / operational areas will the positions be targeting?
34. What authority will the Commissioner have to affect change or influence policy?
 - (a) How will the Women's Safety Commissioner be resourced in order to be successful, consult widely and be independent?
35. How will the new Women, Family and Community Safety directorate support the work of the NSW Women's Safety Commissioner?
 - (a) What is the structure of the directorate, and how many staff does it include?
 - i. To whom do the staff report?
 - (b) Does the directorate liaise with Non-Government Organisations in relation to domestic and family violence and sexual violence training?
 - i. If so, which organisations?
 - ii. If not, is the aim for this to occur in the future?

Men's Behaviour Change Program tender

36. How many organisations were awarded funding under the Men's Behaviour Change Program (MBCP) tender DCJ2022003?
 - (a) How many of those organisations were already delivering MBCP programs?
 - (b) How many organisations that applied were not allocated funding in the tender process?
 - (c) What was the term of funding offered?

37. Considering service providers estimate it costs \$14,000 to train a new worker in the MBCP space, what is the NSW Government's rationale for providing short term contracts which make staff retention difficult?

Sexual assault

38. What is the total Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) budget for programs targeting sexual assault / sexual assault victim-survivors?
39. What responsibility does DCJ have for the development of sexual assault policy and service provision?
40. How does DCJ and NSW Health coordinate their efforts to tackle the areas of domestic violence and sexual assault?
- (a) Are there any plans underway to improve this process?
41. As part of the National Partnership Agreement, the Commonwealth Government has committed funding to cover domestic violence and sexual violence service provision from 2021-2023. How much of this funding has the NSW Government allocated to specialist sexual violence service provision or prevention programs?
- (a) How much Commonwealth funding is being made available for programs targeting sexual assault in:
- i. 2022-2023?
- ii. 2023-2024?
42. What role does DCJ play in the administration of funds from the National Partnership Agreement?

Premier's Priorities

43. What measures were implemented as part of the bid to reach the Premier's Priority of a 25% reduction in the rates of domestic violence recidivism?
44. Is the Premier's Priority of a 25% reduction in the rates of domestic violence recidivism going to be changed, given that the target is unlikely to be reached by 2023?
- (a) If so, what new target will be adopted?
- (b) If not, what particular measures is the NSW Government undertaking over the next four months to achieve this target?

45. What proportion of the domestic and family violence budget is set aside to reach the Premier's Priority Target 13: to reduce the incidence of DFV experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women and Girls by 50% by 2031?

Staying Home Leaving Violence

46. In what locations is the Staying Home Leaving Violence program now operating?
- (a) How did the government identify these locations as areas of need?
 - (b) How many providers are included in administering the program?
 - (c) Can the Minister describe the current funding arrangements for each of the providers?
 - i. Have any of the providers been offered funding arrangements longer than 12 months?
 - ii. How will services be funded over the remaining years of the program?
47. Are there plans to increase the number of Aboriginal service providers delivering the program?
- (a) If so, what are they, and how will they cover rural, regional and remote areas of NSW?
48. According to the answers provided at the February-March 2022 Budget Estimates hearing, The Staying Home Leaving Violence program was evaluated by UNSW. Has this evaluation been completed?
- (a) If so, will the findings of the evaluation be made public?
 - i. When will the report be released?

Workforce strategy

49. In regional centres, such as New England, it takes months to recruit for roles for domestic violence service providers. Has the NSW Government had feedback from its service providers about the workforce problems affecting the sector?
- (a) If so, what is its immediate plan to rectify this issue?
 - (b) How is the NSW Government liaising with the sector on this issue?
50. Will the NSW Government develop a 10-year workforce strategy for the sector, as advocated by the domestic violence's peak bodies, including Domestic Violence NSW?
51. How many specialist domestic and family violence services are funded by the State Government?
- (a) How many Full Time Equivalent (FTE) jobs are funded?

52. How is the NSW Government helping to strengthen the trauma and violence-informed practice of its front-facing services?
53. Does the NSW Government have a plan in place to recruit more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander focused workers, particularly in regional, rural and remote areas?
- (a) If so, has it set a target to reach for Aboriginal and Torres Strait representation as domestic and family violence workers?
54. Is the NSW Government considering a scheme to incentivise working in regional and rural areas to ensure that training and career pathways into the Domestic and Family Violence sector are available?
- (a) If so, how would this scheme operate?
55. Do rural and regional domestic and family violence workers have opportunities for subsidised travel to access professional development?
- (a) If so, how is it supplied?
56. Domestic Violence NSW has advocated the creation of a Victim Survivors Advisory body for the NSW Government that includes members from rural/regional areas. Has the NSW Government committed to this?
- (a) If not, why not?
57. Does the NSW Government proactively seek out input from victim-survivors and implement into domestic and family violence prevention policy?
- (a) If so, how?
- (b) If not, why not?

Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service

58. The Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service was seeking \$850,000 for its police station co-location pilot project. What amount has been made available by the NSW Government?
- (a) What was the start date of the pilot?
- (b) In what locations is it running?
- i. How were these pilot sites determined?

59. Considering the pilot project was scheduled to run between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023, what was the official commencing date and what will be the end date of the pilot?
60. How will the success of the program be measured?

Children's workers

61. How many specialist children's workers have been funded by the NSW Government to work in refuges in 2022?
- (a) Are those specialists currently providing services in refuges?
 - (b) How many refuges are they each servicing?
 - (c) Which refuges are they servicing and for how many hours in each location?
62. How many additional specialist workers for children and young people will be funded in 2023?

Canterbury Road

63. How many complaints of potholes has the Minister's department received for Canterbury Road, between Belmore 2192 to Hurlstone Park 2193 from January to August 2022?
- (a) How many complaints were received in 2021?
 - (b) How many of these complaints included damage to a car as a result of running over the pothole?
 - (c) How many of these complaints included bodily harm to a driver/passenger of a vehicle as a result of running over the pothole?
64. How often is Canterbury Road, between Belmore 2192 and Hurlstone Park 2193, inspected for potholes?
- (a) In light of recent rain weather in 2022, have the number of inspections of Canterbury Road from Belmore to Hurlstone Park increased?
65. Does the Minister have any intention of ensuring that Canterbury Road from Belmore 2192 to Hurlstone Park 2193 is resurfaced?
66. Will the Minister commit to allocating funding to resurface Canterbury Road from Belmore to Hurlstone Park?

Mount Ousley Interchange Project

67. What preconstruction activities were completed for the Mount Ousley interchange project in 2021/22 financial year?
- (a) How much was spent on these activities?
68. What preconstruction activities for the Mount Ousley interchange project are planned to occur in 2022/2023?
- (a) How much will they cost?
69. Is the Mount Ousley interchange project on track for construction to commence in 2023?
- (a) If not, when will construction commence?

Picton Road Upgrade

70. What activities were completed in 2021/2022 towards the upgrade of Picton Road?
- (a) How much was spent on these activities?
71. What activities for the upgrade of Picton Road are underway or planned to occur in 2022/2023?
- (a) How much will these activities cost?
72. When will the strategic design of the upgrade of Picton Road be complete?
73. When will a preferred option for the upgrade of Picton Road upgrade be identified?

Toll charges per week for business and non-business customers

74. How much do the following highest paying percentiles of motorists pay per week and/or per year?
- (a) Top 15% of non-business E-Toll customers
- (b) Top 14% of non-business E-Toll customers
- (c) Top 13% of non-business E-Toll customers
- (d) Top 12% of non-business E-Toll customers
- (e) Top 11% of non-business E-Toll customers
- (f) Top 10% of non-business E-Toll customers
- (g) Top 9% of non-business E-Toll customers
- (h) Top 8% of non-business E-Toll customers

- (i) Top 7% of non-business E-Toll customers
- (j) Top 6% of non-business E-Toll customers
- (k) Top 5% of non-business E-Toll customers
- (l) Top 4% of non-business E-Toll customers
- (m) Top 3% of non-business E-Toll customers
- (n) Top 2% of non-business E-Toll customers
- (o) Top 1% of non-business E-Toll customers
- (p) Top 15% of business E-Toll customers
- (q) Top 14% of business E-Toll customers
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- (w) Top 8% of business E-Toll customers
- (x) Top 7% of business E-Toll customers
- (y) Top 6% of business E-Toll customers
- (z) Top 5% of business E-Toll customers
- (aa) Top 4% of business E-Toll customers
- (bb) Top 3% of business E-Toll customers
- (cc) Top 2% of business E-Toll customers
- (dd) Top 1% of business E-Toll customers

Western Harbour Tunnel/Beaches Link

75. Approximately 140,000 cubic metres of sea-floor sludge will need to be processed at White Bay in order to remove chemicals before it is buried in landfill,
- (a) where will the sludge undergo the cleaning and drying process?
 - (b) where will it be disposed of and stored after undergoing this treatment?

76. Testing has revealed samples of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in sediment located on the Harbour Floor. Has further PFAS testing been undertaken?
- (a) What are the results from these tests?
 - (b) What will be the cost to the NSW Government to handle the PFAS identified in samples from Middle Harbour?
77. The Federal Government has stated that there is no Federal funding allocated to any stage of the Western Harbour Tunnel-Beaches Link or Warringah Freeway Upgrade,
- (a) What are the funding sources of the Warringah Freeway Upgrade being undertaken now?
 - (b) What are the funding sources of the Western Harbour Tunnel?
 - (c) What are the funding sources for the Beaches Link?
78. In the 2019-2020 NSW Budget the Western Harbour Tunnel was noted as being funded by the Restart Fund (Rebuilding NSW Plan). Will the Western Harbour Tunnel and any associated stages continue to be funded by the Restart Fund?
79. The Environmental Impact Statement for Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link project assumes that emissions from transport will be reduced. Given that Infrastructure NSW have confirmed that electric vehicle transition will take longer than community expectations if the current trend in uptake continues, what more is being done by the NSW Government to close the gap between the expectations in the project's EIS, and the reality of Sydney's path to large emissions reduction from vehicles?
80. On several occasions, the Premier and other Ministers have announced that the Cahill Expressway can be closed if the Western Harbour Tunnel is built. However, the Western Harbour Tunnel has been justified on the basis of Sydney needing additional cross Harbour capacity for vehicles in future. What analysis has been done to assess the traffic, pollution and cost implications of the proposal to close the Cahill Expressway?
- (a) What re-assessment has been done for the effects that a closure of the Cahill Expressway would have on the viability and need for the Western Harbour Tunnel, and the entire project?
 - (b) Is the closure of the Cahill Expressway a proposal, or is it an intended outcome of the completion of the WHTBL project?

81. What was the value of each of the following?
- (a) Warringah Freeway Early Works Contract
 - (b) Cammeray Golf Course Reconfiguration Contract
 - (c) Western Harbour Tunnel Northern Tunnelling Early Works Contract
 - (d) Any property acquisition for the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link projects to date
82. Can you confirm that North Sydney Council's Crown Lands Manager was issued with a notice to occupy 7.5 Hectares of additional land at the Cammeray Golf Course on the 25th of March 2022, with 1 week to respond?
- (a) What response was provided in relation to North Sydney Council's objections to this occupancy?
83. Is the Cammeray Golf Club under a non-disclosure agreement in relation to the Cammeray Golf Course Reconfiguration Contract?
84. To date, how much has the Cammeray Golf Club been compensated for these works?
- (a) Now that the Beaches Link has been delayed, will Cammeray Golf Club receive further compensation?
85. How much total land has been acquired from Cammeray Golf Club, including land acquired for the additional golf course reconfiguration?
- (a) Will the land temporarily acquired for the 'Construction Work Site' be returned to the community as Crown Land?
86. Is it correct that some of the land being cleared, and infrastructure built, at the Cammeray Golf Club site is to accommodate facilities for the Beaches Link Motorway?
- (a) Given that the timeline of the Beaches Link is uncertain, why has the land been acquired and cleared?
 - (b) Would fewer trees have been cleared if the space for the Beaches Link was not required?
87. What community consultation has occurred in relation to the reconfiguration of the Cammeray Golf Course?
88. How many trees have been removed from the project footprint on Crown Land?

89. Is there a separate contract to re-configure the Cammeray Golf Course land?
- (a) What is the value of the contract?
 - (b) Who is the contractor?
90. Can you confirm whether asbestos or other harmful chemical contaminants have been found across the Cammeray Parklands site?

M1 Dapto Entry/Exit Ramps

91. Residents of Dapto, West Dapto and Kanahooka have limited access to and from the M1 via Kanahooka Road, Fowlers Road and Princes Highway. Dapto and West Dapto are experiencing rapid population growth which is increasing the necessity of M1 Entry and Exit ramps in the area. Community support for the development of these ramps is high, with a community petition in support having attained over 3000 signatures so far. Given this information, will the NSW Government construct Entry and Exit ramps at Dapto and West Dapto?
- (a) If the NSW Government will not support this, please explain why not.

Central Coast Domestic Violence Funding

92. Which organisations on the Central Coast receive domestic violence program funding?
93. How much did each organisation receive in:
- (a) 2019
 - (b) 2020
 - (c) 2021
 - (d) 2022
94. How many individuals were serviced by each of the organisations listed above in the years they received funding?
95. What is the breakdown of the postcodes of these clients?

Third-party contractors or consultancies

96. For every agency, department, or state-owned corporation within your portfolio, please provide the following:

- (a) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in communications services, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (b) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in PR services, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (c) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in marketing services, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (d) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in Government relations or lobbying services, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (e) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in industry or peak body membership, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,

- iv. Total cost paid
- (f) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in policy or strategy development, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (g) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in project management, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (h) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in accounting and audit, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (i) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in legal services, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (j) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in any other services, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,

- iii. Service provided,
- iv. Total cost paid

Questions from Abigail Boyd MLC

Western Harbour Tunnel/Beaches Link/Warringah Freeway Upgrade/Cammeray Golf Club

97. As part of the conditions of consent, TfNSW is required to prepare a Place, Design and Landscape Plan (condition E179) and commit to increase the amount of land, and the accessibility and useability of the land. Is the Warringah Freeway Upgrade, where it interacts with the Council land currently leased by Cammeray Golf Club, going to result in a net decrease in available open space?
98. Given that Berry's Bay is not 'in the vicinity', where is the proposed replacement open space located?
99. Why was an agreement entered into with the leasee's of the land, and not the owners of the land, as to what would be done with the affected land? Does the investment by Transport for NSW in reconfiguring and rebuilding a new golf course give the impression and raise the expectation that the lease will be renewed, without any consultation with the lessor?
100. Is it the intention to remove care and management of the land from North Sydney Council and grant a renewed lease directly to the golf club after 2026?
 - (a) If not, please provide details of intentions in relation to the renewal of the golf club lease.
101. What consultation was done with North Sydney Council and the local community when developing plans for the use of the land and final landform?
102. What is proposed for the 2.7Ha of land that is outside the service building compound and when will the public be consulted on the Place, Design and Landscape Plan (condition E179)?
103. Is precedence being given to condition E101 over E157?
104. A low estimate of land value in the area would be \$60M/Ha so the permanent loss of 1.5Ha represents the loss of a \$90m public asset. Where does \$90M of land value appear in the costing of the project?
105. Given the high demand for active recreation space in the local area will the government consider allowing for a budget of \$90M to be directed to the design and construction of a green roof natural turf playing field above the services buildings?
 - (a) Will there be a budget of \$90M to be directed towards improving real availability of open, public space?

106. Does the Minister consider the preferential treatment given to Cammeray Golf Club to instill confidence in the project decision making, considering past and present patrons and chairpersons of the club include Gladys Berejiklian, Trent Zimmerman, and Tim James?
107. What further analysis has been done to protect the harbour environment from the severe risks noted during an earlier parliamentary inquiry, due to sites being contaminated due to shipbuilding, petroleum and landfill?
108. What further has been done to protect the dozens of species assessed as at risk from the project - including wildlife that have nowhere to go due to the 1000 trees being cleared at Cammeray Park?
109. Has the design plan for the safe disposal of the contaminated sludge to be removed?
110. What has been done to protect the 20 significant aboriginal sites assessed as being at risk?