

<b>QUESTION</b>
<p>Cost of living pressures</p> <p>1. What action is being taken by the Minister to ease the cost of living pressure on young people?</p>
<p><b>ANSWER:</b></p> <p>The Creative Kids program is designed to make it easier for school-aged children and young people to get involved in creative and cultural activities. Parents, guardians and carers can claim a \$100 voucher per year to put towards the cost of creative and cultural programs with registered Creative Kids Providers. There are a range of Providers participating in the program, including artists, cultural practitioners, arts, screen, cultural and creative organisations across NSW. This program creates opportunities for Providers to reach new audiences and grow business.</p> <p>Furthermore, people from all parts of NSW are encouraged to take advantage of free general admission to cultural institutions across NSW. This includes free entry to Sydney Living Museums and the Australian Museum, as announced as part of the NSW Government budget for 2022/23. This complements the existing free general admission available at the Art Gallery of NSW, Powerhouse Museum and the State Library of NSW.</p> <p>The Office for Regional Youth (ORY) consulted with almost 2,000 young people across all nine regions of NSW in 2022. These consultations included discussions around cost-of-living pressures. This consultation informed the Regional Youth Insights which is available on the NSW government website at: <a href="http://www.nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw/regional-youth/regional-youth-insights">www.nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw/regional-youth/regional-youth-insights</a>. The highlighted priorities will guide funding decisions as well as policy and program priorities for ORY.</p> <p>The ‘Our Region, Our Voice’ Regional Youth Investment Program is a \$40 million program that will fund programs and infrastructure upgrades that address the priorities identified by regional young people in the Regional Youth Insights Report. Initiatives that relieve cost of living pressures for regional young people around the nine investment themes of education, skills, health (including mental health), inclusivity, digital connectivity, transport connectivity, belonging, agency and housing by providing free services are able to be funded.</p> <p>The ORY’s Holiday Break program eases cost-of-living pressures by providing free and subsidised social and recreational programs for young people across regional NSW.</p>

<b>QUESTION</b>
<p>Youth housing and homelessness</p> <p>2. PropTrack’s November 2021 Regional Australia Report found that when it comes to the increase in housing values and growth in buyer demand, the regions have outperformed metropolitan areas. The Real Estate Institute of NSW’s data indicates that NSW regional rental vacancies rates varied between 0.5 and 2.2 percent in July 2022. Has the Office for Regional Youth briefed you on the content of the reports?</p> <p>(a) Which stakeholders have you met to discuss government actions to improve housing affordability and to reduce homelessness for regional youth?</p> <p>(b) Which of your ministerial colleagues have you written to or met formally to discuss</p>

government actions to improve housing affordability and to reduce homelessness for regional youth?

(c) Have you written to the Commonwealth to advocate and discuss government actions to improve housing affordability and to reduce homelessness for regional youth?

i. If not, why not?

**ANSWER:**

The Office for Regional Youth has provided the Minister for Regional Youth with briefings and advice on housing affordability and ways to reduce homelessness. These have informed the development of the 500 Nights pilot project with the Department of Communities and Justice, which will fund 500 nights accommodation to vulnerable young people requiring residential detox accommodation or at risk of homelessness or short-term remand.

(a) I have fortnightly meetings with The Office for Regional Youth (ORY) that advises me on issues faced by regional young people, including issues surrounding housing. The Office for Regional Youth (ORY) has consulted with stakeholders from *Aboriginal Affairs, Advocate for Children and Young People, Department of Communities and Justice, Customer Service, Office of Sport, Education, Training Services NSW, NSW Health, NSW Police Force, Transport NSW, Create NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Department of Regional NSW* and the Regional Youth Steering Committee has discussed government action to improve housing affordability and reduce homelessness for regional youth.

ORY has also consulted with the Regional Youth Taskforce and approximately 2,000 regional young people to inform the Regional Youth Insights Report which includes housing as a state-wide priority.

- (b) I am in constant communication with my ministerial colleagues and often discuss where we can work together to better support our regional young people.
- (c) I have met with the Federal Youth Minister Dr Anne Aly to discuss how the Commonwealth and State governments can work together to better support our regional young people.

**QUESTION**

Closing the gap

3. At the Budget Estimates hearing on 15 March 2022 the Minister said, “there is a ministry for regional youth because of the significant difference in everything from health issues to educational outcomes to employment opportunities between urban and regional youth”.

(Hansard page 19). How do you propose to close the gap in relation to:

- (a) Health issues?
- (b) Educational outcomes?
- (c) Employment opportunities?

4. What actions are you taking, as Minister administering the Advocate for Children and Young People Act 2014 to close the gap in Western Sydney in relation to:

- (a) Health issues?
- (b) Educational outcomes?
- (c) Employment opportunities?

**ANSWER:**

3. Closing the gap between urban and regional youth is a long-term project that will require ongoing efforts across the NSW Government with different approaches across regional NSW to account for the different challenges and opportunities in each community.

The Office for Regional Youth works closely with other NSW government agencies, not for profit organisations, peak bodies, regional communities and also consults with the Regional Youth Taskforce to address the challenges facing regional youth.

In November 2021, the Office for Regional Youth commenced the 'Youth Community Coordinator Program' which has recruited 10 Youth Community Coordinators across each region of NSW to broker community-led solutions. The Youth Community Coordinators are supported by Project Officers to provide extensive support for regional young people and their communities.

The Regional Youth Action Plan committed the government to 45 programs to benefit regional youth across our four pillars of Work-ready, Wellbeing, Connectivity and Community.

Office for Regional Youth has implemented a range of flagship and pilot programs designed to address education, health, and employment outcomes.

The Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative offers a range of grants (small grants of up to \$10,000 and large grants of between \$10,000 and \$50,000) to assist with wellbeing, recovery, and resilience for regional young people.

The Holiday Break program addresses geographical, financial and accessibility barriers that impact the ability of young people in regional NSW to enjoy recreational and social activities within their local communities. Holiday Break offers young people between the ages of 12-24 the opportunity to take part in free or heavily subsidised recreational activities such as sports, art, music and self-defence throughout school holiday periods across the year. The activities contribute to regional young people's wellbeing by offering improved social relationships between participants, increased creativity, imagination, and self-confidence as well as enhancing physical, social, cognitive and emotional strength and skills.

The Office for Regional Youth consulted with the 18 members of the Regional Youth Taskforce and approximately 2,000 young people across regional NSW and asked them what they needed from Government to improve education, employment and health outcomes. Feedback received informed the Regional Youth Insights Report which sets and identifies priorities for investment.

The 'Our Region, Our Voice' Regional Youth Investment Program will direct up to \$40 million in direct funding to Councils and non-government organisations to deliver programs informed by evidence-based strategies to improve education, employment, and health outcomes for regional young people.

4. As an independent Statutory Officer, administration of the *Advocate for Children and Young People Act 2014*, sets out clear instances where it would be appropriate for the Minister for Regional Youth, to direct the work of the Advocate.

The primary instance is to work 'in consultation' with the Advocate as they 'prepare, a 3-year strategic plan for children and young people in the State,' as per Part 3 Section 15 of their enabling legislation.

I launched the NSW Strategic Plan for Children and Young People 2022-2024 alongside Zoe Robinson, the Advocate for Children and Youth People. The launch was held on 1 April at the Julia Reserve Youth & Community Centre, Oran Park. Throughout the Plan, key focuses on health issues, education outcomes and employment opportunities can be seen across its core Commitment Areas, including: health and wellbeing, and hope for the future.

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In preparing this Plan, the Advocate was cognisant of the unique experiences and challenges faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people and includes work within the Plan to close the gap.

Details of the NSW Strategic Plan for Children and Young People 2022-2024 can be found at: [www.acyp.nsw.gov.au/strategic-plan-2022-2024](http://www.acyp.nsw.gov.au/strategic-plan-2022-2024)

## QUESTION

Advisory bodies

5. Have you met with the Youth Advisory Council?

(a) If yes, what was discussed?

(b) If not, why not and when do you intend to meet the Council?

6. Have you met with the Regional Youth Taskforce?

(a) If yes, what was discussed?

(b) If not, why not and when do you intend to meet the Regional Youth Taskforce?

7. Have you met with any other youth advisory groups or councils?

(a) If yes, what was discussed?

(b) If not, why not and when do you intend to meet with other youth advisory groups or Councils?

**ANSWER:**

5. I met with the 2021/2022 Youth Advisory Council on 14 May 2022, where the Members asked me questions about my role and my aspirations as Minister. It gave me an opportunity to hear directly from them about the issues of most concern to them and their communities.

I also attended the Young Achievers Award in May 2022, at the invitation of the 2021/2022 Youth Advisory Council, where we joined together to recognise and celebrate the achievements of all the nominees.

As the 2022/2023 Youth Advisory Council were recently appointed in July 2022 and held their first meeting in August 2022, my Office is currently working with the Advocate to find appropriate opportunities to meet with the Council during their term.

6. Yes, I have met with the Regional Youth Taskforce three times this year.

- (a) Our meetings focused on three of the four pillars of the Regional Youth Framework – Work Ready, Wellbeing and Connectivity. Summaries of these meetings are available on the Office for Regional Youth website at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw/regional-youth-taskforce/regional-youth-taskforce-meetings>. We are meeting to discuss the fourth pillar, Community, in November.

7. Yes, I have met with numerous youth advisory groups and councils, including:

- Tamworth Regional Youth Council
- Bathurst Regional Youth Council
- Maranguka Youth Advisory Council
- Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Youth Council
- Youth Advisory Council – Advocate for Children and Young People

- (a) At these meetings we discussed several issues relevant to young people and their peers in the local community and how the NSW government can support young people to live and thrive in rural and regional NSW.

## QUESTION

Youth Parliament

8. Have you met with the NSW Youth Parliament?

(a) If yes, what was discussed?

(b) If not, why not and when do you intend to meet the Members?

9. In relation to the following Youth Parliament bills from the 2021 NSW Youth Parliament, what is the Government's response to each:

(a) Aboriginal Affairs

(b) Education

(c) Energy and Environment

(d) Inclusion and Diversity

- (e) Justice
- (f) Mental Health
- (g) Rural and Regional Affairs
- (h) Transport, Roads and Infrastructure
- (i) Women's Affairs

**ANSWER:**

8. I met with the 2021 Youth Parliamentarians on 31 March 2022 and the 2022 Youth Parliamentarians on 14 July 2022 and 26 September 2022.

I attended the 2021 NSW Youth Parliament Presentation of Bills Ceremony on 31 March 2022.

I chaired the 2022 NSW Youth Parliament Education Debate on 14 July 2022 and attended the Presentation of Reports on 26 September 2022.

- (a) Each Bill/Report and how the NSW Government could support regional youth was discussed.

9. (a) - (g) The NSW Youth Parliament Bills cross over several ministerial portfolios, and it is outside of the remit of the Minister for Regional Youth to make a comment about overall Government support for each Bill.

**QUESTION**

Grants

10. What grants have been provided by the Office of Regional Youth over the last year to support young people in the following areas:

- (a) Bushfire-affected areas
- (b) Flood-affected areas
- (c) COVID-19 lockdown areas

**ANSWER:**

(a) In 2021-22 the following grants were provided to support Bushfire-affected areas

- Holiday Break - \$4.3 million
- School Alumni Program - \$35,193
- Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative - \$1,020,453
- Regional Youth Radio - \$203,000

- (b) All programs administered by the Office for Regional Youth are accessible to organisations in regional 2021 flood and storm effected areas.

The NSW Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery initiative has a sub stream for all local government areas declared impacted by 2021 storm and flood (AGRN 954 and 960) which is co funded by the Commonwealth Government.

In 2021/22 \$664, 000 was approved in large grants under this sub stream.

- (c) In 2021-22 the following grants were provided to support COVID-19 lockdown areas

- Holiday Break - \$4.3 million
- School Alumni Program - \$35,193
- Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative - \$1,020,453
- Regional Youth Radio - \$203,000

#### QUESTION

Youth employment

11. What support is provided by the Office of Regional Youth to ensure young people are aware of their rights at work and know what to do if they are underpaid or mistreated at work?

#### ANSWER:

The Regional Gap Year campaign website, created by the Office for Regional Youth has a page called 'Your rights at work' with links which to further information on:

- SafeWork NSW
- Advocate for Children and Young People
- Fair Work Ombudsman – horticulture showcase
- What is an award wage?
- Fair Work Ombudsman – Young workers and students
- What are the National Employment Standards?
- How the Fair Work Ombudsman can help.

#### QUESTION

Youth survey

12. Does the Office of Regional Youth conduct any surveys of young people?

- (a) If yes, what topics were surveyed over the past two years?
- (b) If yes, are the findings of the surveys publicly available?
- (c) If yes, what was the cost of the surveys?
- (d) If not, what resources are available so that the department understands what young people want the government to do?

**ANSWER:**

Yes.

- a) The Office for Regional Youth recently surveyed 1,316 young people from diverse cohorts across all nine regions of NSW. They completed a survey on topics related to education, skills, health, inclusivity, digital and transport connectivity, belonging, agency, and housing in 2022. There were a further 651 in person engagements to further examine the survey findings.
- b) Findings from this 2022 consultation were used to create the Regional Youth Insights report which is publicly available on the Office for Regional Youth website at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw/regional-youth/regional-youth-insights>.
- c) The total cost of the surveys, further analysis, follow up interviews and the final Regional Youth Insights report was \$355,869.
- d) N/A

**QUESTION**

Grants

13. What was the total amount of funding provided to youth organisations in 2021/22?
14. What is the total amount of funding estimated to be provided to youth organisations in 2022/23?
15. Of the grants provided by your agency over the past year, what proportion, and what amount, were provided to youth organisations in regional LGAs?
- (a) What proportion, and what amount, were provided to Western Sydney LGAs?
- (b) What proportion, and what amount, were provided to metropolitan LGAs?
- (c) What proportion, and what amount, were provided to Hunter LGAs?
- (d) What proportion, and what amount, were provided to Illawarra LGAs?

Aboriginal Affairs, Arts, Regional Youth, Tourism

16. What coordination does your department undertake within the Cluster to ensure maximum value for money from grants paid to support regional youth in NSW?
17. What coordination does your department undertake with other Clusters to ensure maximum value for money from grants paid to support regional youth in NSW?



**ANSWER:**

13. The Office for Regional Youth allocates funding for youth activities and programs to councils, not-for-profits and Government agencies. Data is not collated which shows which not-for-profits are specifically youth organisations.

In 2021-22 funding was allocated to youth activities and programs throughout NSW under the Holiday Break program, Regional School Alumni program and the Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative (CYPWRI).

- Holiday Break - \$4.3 million
- School Alumni Program - \$35,193
- Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative - \$1,020,453
- Regional Youth Radio - \$203,000

14. The following programs have allocated funds for youth activities and programs in 2022-23. Grants are accessible to eligible organisations providing youth services.

- 'Our Region, Our Voice' Regional Youth Investment Program - \$40 million
- Children and Young People's Wellbeing Recovery Initiative - \$7.3 million
- Holiday Break - \$5 million
- Regional Youth Radio - \$250,000
- Regional School Alumni - \$100,000.

15.

(a) Projects funded by the Office for Regional Youth must be in one of the 93 regional NSW Local Government Areas, Lord Howe Island or the Unincorporated Far West. Projects in Greater Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong are not eligible unless under the AGRN 954 and 960 sub stream of the Children and Young People's Recovery Wellbeing Initiative.

(b) Projects funded by the Office for Regional Youth must be in one of the 93 regional NSW Local Government Areas, Lord Howe Island or the Unincorporated Far West. Projects in Greater Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong are not eligible unless under the AGRN 954 and 960 sub stream of the Children and Young People's Recovery Wellbeing Initiative.

(c)

Region	Fund Name	Successful Applications	Total Approved Funding for FY 2022-23 (to date)	Total Funding Allocation for NSW FY 2022-23 (to date)	Total % of funding allocated to Hunter Region
Hunter	CYPWRI	6	\$85,387.65	\$1,349,048.15	6.33
	Youth Radio	1	\$20,000	\$203,416	9.83
	Holiday Break	25	\$182,169	\$2,368,098.15	7.69

(d)

Region	Fund Name	Successful Applications	Total Approved Funding for FY 2022-23 (to date)	Total Funding Allocation for NSW FY 2022-23 (to date)	Total % of funding allocated to Illawarra Region
Illawarra	CYPWRI	0	0	\$1,349,048.15	0
	Youth Radio	2	\$19,920	\$203,416	9.79
	Holiday Break	5	\$44,820	\$2,368,098.15	1.89

16. The Office for Regional Youth provides policy and program advocacy across the Department of Regional NSW to ensure maximum value for money from grants paid to support youth in regional NSW. This involves providing advice and consultation across government, supporting the programs of other agencies, providing a coordination role between existing programs and services, and serving as subject matter experts on grant programs that include a youth component.

17. The Office for Regional Youth provides policy and program advocacy across other Clusters through the Regional Youth Steering Committee. This involves providing advice and consultation across government, supporting the programs of other agencies, providing a coordination role between existing programs and services, and serving as subject matter experts on grant programs that include a regional youth.

**QUESTION**

Youth spending

18. Lockdown was particularly hard for young people, who are normally establishing their independence and developing important skills and lifelong friendships in education settings. What is the Government doing to support young people in the longer term?

19. The impacts of COVID-19 were very real and immediate during the lockdowns but the longer term effects are still unknown. What monitoring will the Government do to ensure that those kids who suffered so much during their HSC preparations in 2020 and 2021 are not forgotten in years to come?

**ANSWER:**

18. The Regional Youth Taskforce connects young people from regional NSW with the Minister for Regional Youth by providing insight and innovative ideas to address issues affecting regional young people including COVID-19 recovery efforts.

The Office for Regional Youth consulted with approximately 2,000 regional young people in 2022 and asked them what they need from government to support them to live their best lives in the longer term. The findings from this report have identified state-wide and regional priorities for investment.

The 'Our Region, Our Voice' Regional Youth Investment Program will direct up to \$40 million in funding to councils and non-government organisations to deliver programs to address the priorities raised by regional young people in the Regional Youth Insights.

The Holiday Break program delivers free or subsidised social and recreational opportunities for regional young people as part of the COVID-19 recovery strategy to support regional young people to reconnect and socialise after lockdowns.

Regional Youth Community Coordinators work in each region to connect young people and communities to enable localised and tailored support to address the challenges faced by young people in COVID-19 affected regional communities and co-design place-based strategies to improve social and economic outcomes for young people and assist with community recovery.

The Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative provides grants of up to \$50,000 for government and non-government organisations to deliver targeted wellbeing programs and events to support communities, children and young people recover post natural disaster and from COVID-19.

19. Questions related to monitoring of HSC students should be directed to the Minister for Education and Early Learning.

#### QUESTION

Newsletter

20. What is the cost to produce the Office of Regional Youth e-newsletter?  
21. How many young people receive the newsletter?  
22. What was the cost of promoting the newsletter to encourage young people to subscribe?

#### ANSWER:

20. There is no ongoing cost to develop the Regional Youth e-newsletter. The content is produced by a member of the Office for Regional Youth staff and support is provided by communications staff from the Department of Regional NSW. The newsletter is distributed via a subscription to an electronic mail distribution platform.  
21. The newsletter is distributed to nearly 3,000 email addresses, including more than 2,000 young people.

22. There was no cost to promote the newsletter subscription to young people. The distribution list incorporates stakeholder lists developed through Office for Regional Youth community engagement and Regional Youth Taskforce recruitment.

### QUESTION

#### Grants

23. At the Budget Estimates hearing on 5 September the Director, Department of Regional Youth advised “There's no formal process for the Minister's involvement in this current round of Stronger Country Communities Fund...There was, in the youth round—there was a role for the Minister.” (Hansard, p66) Please explain the role of the Minister?

24. While noting the advice that “All announced grants are listed online” (Hansard, p69) all rounds 1-4 are shown on a map. Please provide a spreadsheet of the 293 youth-related projects in round 3?

(a) How many youth-related projects in round 3 were not successful?

(b) What proportion, and what amount, were provided to organisations in metropolitan LGAs?

(c) What proportion, and what amount, were provided to organisations in Hunter LGAs?

(d) What proportion, and what amount, were provided to organisations in Illawarra LGAs?

(e) What proportion, and what amount, were provided to organisations in Central Coast LGA?

(f) What proportion, and what amount, were provided to organisations in regional NSW LGAs?

(g) What proportion, and what amount, were provided to each electorate?

### ANSWER:

23. Stronger Country Communities Fund Round three applications were assessed by an Assessment Panel. Suitable projects were provided to the Deputy Premier for final approval. The Deputy Premier consulted the Minister for Regional Youth given the focus of the round was on regional youth projects. The Deputy Premier was the final approver of Round three projects.

24. Successful projects are listed on the NSW Government website.

(a) 305 youth-related applications were unsuccessful in Round 3.

(b) The Stronger Country Communities Fund is not available in metropolitan LGAs.

(c) 25 projects (8.53%) with combined grant value of \$4,760,362.00 was provided to organisations in Hunter LGAs.

- (d) 13 projects (4.44%) with combined grant value of \$2,787,747.00 was provided to organisations in Illawarra LGAs.
- (e) 7 projects (2.39%) with combined grant value of \$1,571,999.00 was provided to organisations in the Central Coast LGA.
- (f) 293 projects (100%) with combined grant value of \$54,438,710.63 were provided to organisations in regional NSW.

(g)

<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Successful applications</b>	<b>Total approved funding</b>
Albury	15	\$2,905,966.00
Ballina	6	\$1,008,261.00
Barwon	33	\$6,860,090.00
Bathurst	13	\$2,792,038.00
Bega	6	\$878,188.00
Cessnock	3	\$551,971.00
Charlestown	2	\$552,100.00
Clarence	8	\$1,327,743.00
Coffs Harbour	4	\$539,475.00
Cootamundra	28	\$5,144,797.00
Dubbo	11	\$2,254,246.00
Gosford	2	\$532,314.00
Goulburn	8	\$1,195,446.00
Kiama	5	\$997,571.00
Lismore	12	\$1,644,286.00
Maitland	5	\$753,409.00
Monaro	8	\$2,273,543.00
Murray	27	\$5,524,222.18
Myall Lakes	2	\$314,867.00
Northern Tablelands	19	\$2,319,873.00
Orange	15	\$2,646,483.00
Oxley	10	\$1,370,419.00
Port Macquarie	5	\$619,109.00
Port Stephens	2	\$694,881.00
Shellharbour	6	\$803,413.00
South Coast	2	\$986,763.00
Swansea	2	\$218,889.00
Tamworth	6	\$1,010,120.45
Terrigal	2	\$555,984.00
The Entrance	3	\$483,701.00
Tweed	1	\$650,444.00
Upper Hunter	10	\$2,024,245.00
Wagga Wagga	11	\$1,697,238.00
Wollondilly	1	\$306,615.00

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>\$54,438,710.63</b>
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<b>QUESTION</b>		
Regional Youth Radio		
25. At the Budget Estimates hearing on 5 September the Director, Department of Regional Youth advised “The grants have been assessed and the projects are all listed on our website now.” (Hansard, p64). Please advise what amount was allocated to each successful project?		
(a) How many applications were not successful?		
(b) Were any decisions made by the Minister, which departed from the advice of the agency?		
<b>ANSWER:</b>		
The successful projects were funded as below:		
<b>Project</b>	<b>LGA</b>	<b>Funding amount</b>
2BOB Youth Find Their Voice The Manning Media Cooperative Ltd	Mid Coast	\$8,770
headspace Orange Podcast Project Marathon Health Ltd	Orange	\$5,865
Betoota to Broken Hill - Regional Youth Podcast Council of the City of Broken Hill	Broken Hill	\$15,720
Yarning on Country One Mob Radio (Bularri Muurlay Nyanggan Aboriginal Corporation)	Coffs Harbour	\$13,000
TDT Talk Lab The Disability Trust	Bega Valley Eurobodalla Snowy Monaro	\$15,725
Far West Youth Careers and Education Podcast Program Far West UC Ltd	Broken Hill	\$10,332
Youth Express Radio Project Tamworth Regional Council	Tamworth	\$19,200
Youth Cultural Identity (Y.Cult I.D.) North Coast Radio Inc (River FM)	Lismore	\$7,369
Young Sounds of the Shoalhaven Shoalhaven Community Radio Inc	Shoalhaven	\$3,800

#wehearyou Community Activities Lake Macquarie Incorporated	Lake Macquarie	\$20,000
KYS Youth Radio Project Kincumber And District Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated	Central Coast	\$20,000
Creative Education and Employment Pathways South West Arts Incorporated	Edward River	\$20,000
Listening on Country: Preserving Elders' and Indigenous leaders' stories Charles Sturt University	Wagga Wagga	\$7,851
Shoalhaven YouthLocal The Dunn & Lewis Youth Development Foundation Limited	Ulladulla	\$16,120
'Young Legends' Byron Youth Service Inc	Byron	\$19,664

(a) 39 applications were received for the Regional Youth Radio Program. Two applications were determined as ineligible and 37 were eligible for assessment, after which 22 were unsuccessful.

(b) The 15 applications which scored the highest during the panel assessment were recommended to the Minister for endorsement and funding. The Minister endorsed all panel recommendations with no changes.

### QUESTION

Regional Youth Community Coordinators

26. Since their appointment:

- (a) How many community networks to improve wellbeing and resilience have been built?
- (b) How many community and whole-of-government responses to improve social and economic outcomes have been facilitated?
- (c) How many schools, local councils, NSW Government agencies, services, and community organisations have they worked alongside to develop capability to support young people?
- (d) What has been the outcomes to date of working alongside schools, local councils, NSW Government agencies, services, and community organisations?
- (e) Which existing programs and services have been improved?

- (f) What is the status of the development of community-led Community and Youth Strategies/Actions and pilots of local youth projects and initiatives?
- (g) How many Community and Youth Strategies/Actions and pilots of local youth projects and initiatives have been released?
- (h) What is the status of any new programs identified for flood and COVID affected communities?
- (i) How many individuals have been provided with application assistance for funding under the Children and Young People Wellbeing Initiative, as referred to at the following:  
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw/regional-youth-community-coordinator-initiative?>
27. How many individuals applied to be employed as a Regional Youth Community Coordinator?
- (a) Which agency or company did the shortlisting of eligible candidates?
- (b) What is the salary range for each Regional Youth Community Coordinator?
28. Was total expenditure in 2021/22 for the Regional Youth Community Coordinator Initiative within the \$1,385,000 budget for it?
- (a) What proportion of this relates to salaries?
- (b) What other costs are budgeted within the \$1,385,000 budget?
- (c) What is the budget in 2022/23 for the Regional Youth Community Coordinator Initiative?
29. What role in the assessment and approval of the Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative is played by the Regional Youth Community Coordinators?

**ANSWER:**

26.

- (a) 11 new community networks have been developed by the Youth Community Coordinators (YCCs). Many of the communities that the Youth Community Coordinators are working in already have some form of network and in these contexts the YCCs are working to improve the wellbeing outcomes of these networks.
- (b) The Youth Community Coordinators (YCCs) have contributed to over 60 community and whole-of-government responses to improve social and economic outcomes for young people. These 'responses' range from directly facilitating community meetings to developing youth action plans through to participating in whole-of-government working groups across regional areas. YCCs have built strong relationships with many kinds of youth stakeholders in many communities and their role is flexible to support current programs, while also developing new initiatives where needed.
- (c) The Youth Community Coordinators have worked alongside 425 schools, 94 councils, 91 agency counterparts and 538 community and youth services. This stakeholder engagement includes supporting groups to apply for grants, make connections between services, and deliver more evidence informed training and workshops.



- (d) The outcomes of working alongside these agencies include the submission of 240 grant applicants through the Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative, and the development of 19 place-based projects. An evaluation of the Youth Community Coordinator initiative will occur in early 2023, and qualitative feedback indicates that many stakeholders feel well supported by the Youth Community Coordinators.
- (e) Each of the 134 approved wellbeing grants represents an improved program or service. These programs are running in schools, early childhood centres and youth centres and include mental health programs, sports activities and creative arts activities. Many of these grants have come about through discussion and support provided by the Youth Community Coordinators who are supporting the improvement of existing services.
- (f) This community led development work includes a broad range of activities in various stages of planning and delivery. The evaluation of the Youth Community Coordinator initiative will include a deep dive into the progress of these projects and initiatives.
- (g) 19 place-based initiatives supported by the Youth Community Coordinators have been endorsed and are in various stages of being delivered.
- (h) Flood and COVID affected communities are being supported to apply for grants through the Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative to deliver new programs. To date, 134 projects have been approved and are in various stages of planning and delivery, with all programs and activities will be completed by 30 June 2023.

There are an additional 22 programs supported by Regional Youth Community Coordinators in flood and COVID impacted communities. These programs are in various stages of planning and delivery.

- (i) There have been 370 Requests for Assistance received through the Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative. Each of these applicants has received assistance to apply for funding through the initiative.

27. A total of 172 applications were received for the Regional Youth Community Coordinator roles.

- (a) Shortlisting of candidates was completed internally by the Department of Regional NSW.
- (b) The salary range is \$113,343 to \$124,901.

28. Total expenditure for the Regional Youth Community Coordinator program in FY21-22 was \$1,539,353.

- (a) Of this, \$1,366,353 related to salaries.
- (b) Other costs within the budget include training, travel, pilot initiatives, contracting of probity services and strategic plan development.
- (c) \$6,045,453.

29. The Regional Youth Community Coordinators are not involved in the assessment and approval process for the Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative.

<b>QUESTION</b>
<p>Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative</p> <p>30. Of the \$10.3 million budget for the initiative, how much is earmarked for each of the following regions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) North Coast</li><li>(b) New England and North West</li><li>(c) Hunter</li><li>(d) Central Coast</li><li>(e) Orana Far West</li><li>(f) Central West</li><li>(g) Riverina Murray</li><li>(h) South East and Tablelands</li><li>(i) Illawarra and Shoalhaven?</li></ul> <p>31. What actions are being taken to ensure equality of access to grants for organisations from all regions?</p> <p>32. What funding has been paid out for young people in metropolitan storm and flood affected areas?</p>
<p><b>ANSWER:</b></p> <p>30. A maximum of \$150,000 is available per regional LGA, and an additional \$100,000 is available for 2021 flood and storm impacted LGAs (AGRN 954 and 960), until the total pool of funds is expended.</p> <p>31. Probity advisors have provided input into all stages of the grant application process and assessment to ensure organisations have equitable access to the program. The Regional Youth Community Coordinators and a support team are based across all regional areas and support and encourage groups to apply for the grants.</p> <p>32. As at 18 September 2022, grants to the value of \$324,802 have been approved across 7 metropolitan storm and flood affected LGAs.</p>

<b>QUESTION</b>
<p>Regional Youth Insights</p> <p>33. What was the cost to prepare Regional Youth Insights?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Which market research firm was engaged?</li><li>(b) Which firm was engaged to support the social media campaign?</li></ul>

(c) Which firm was engaged to assist with data analysis?

34. In relation to the proposed priority areas for investment:

(a) What funding will be allocated to boost skill development and information on career pathway options?

(b) What funding will be allocated to expand the availability and awareness of mental health services for young people?

(c) What funding will be allocated to expand affordable housing options for young people close to their work or study?

(d) What funding will be allocated to improve the availability, frequency, and reliability of public transport?

(e) What funding will be allocated to ease the cost of living pressure on young people?

(f) What funding will be allocated to boost the number and variety of recreational activities and events for young people?

**ANSWER:**

33. The cost to undertake the consultation and analysis needed to prepare the Regional Youth Insights Report was \$355,869.

a) Glow were engaged by Nous Group to deliver market research.

b) The social media campaign was managed in house by the Department of Regional NSW.

c) Nous Group assisted with data analysis.

34. The 'Our Region, Our Voice' Regional Youth Investment Program will direct up to \$40 million to fund projects that improve priority areas identified by regional young people including career pathway options, mental health services, housing, public transport, recreational activities and programs that address cost-of-living pressures on young people by providing free programs are encouraged.

**QUESTION**

Our Region, Our Voice - Regional Youth Investment Program

35. Of the \$40 million budget for the program, how much is earmarked for each of the following regions:

(a) North Coast

(b) New England and North West

(c) Hunter

(d) Central Coast

<p>(e) Orana Far West</p> <p>(f) Central West</p> <p>(g) Riverina Murray</p> <p>(h) South East and Tablelands</p> <p>(i) Illawarra and Shoalhaven?</p> <p>36. What actions are being taken to ensure equality of access to grants for organisations from all regions?</p>
<p><b>ANSWER:</b></p> <p>35. The \$40 million allocation has not been earmarked by region. Funding decisions will be merit-based on the assessment criteria of desirability, feasibility, and impact across the nine regions of NSW.</p> <p>36. Probity advisors have provided input into all stages of the grant application process and assessment to ensure organisations have equitable access to the program.</p>

<b>QUESTION</b>
<p>Bushfire Local Economic Recovery package</p> <p>37. Of the \$61 million budget for youth projects through the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery package, how much was expended in each of the following regions:</p> <p>(a) North Coast</p> <p>(b) New England and North West</p> <p>(c) Hunter</p> <p>(d) Central Coast</p> <p>(e) Orana Far West</p> <p>(f) Central West</p> <p>(g) Riverina Murray</p> <p>(h) South East and Tablelands</p> <p>(i) Illawarra and Shoalhaven?</p> <p>38. What actions are being taken to ensure equality of access to grants for organisations from all regions?</p>
<p><b>ANSWER:</b></p> <p>37.</p>

(a) \$3,857,714

(b) \$548,484

(c) \$401,001

(d) \$376,683

(e) \$0

(f) \$514,075

(g) \$594,000

(h) \$8,897,910

(i) \$927,840.

Note that the above does not include five projects that deliver services in multiple locations across New South Wales where expenditure is not able to be readily attributed to specific locations.

38. Probity advisors provide input into all stages of grant application processes and assessment to ensure organisations have equitable access to the program.

### QUESTION

Maayuma-Li GEM Lightning Ridge

39. What funding has been allocated to the project to date?

40. What are the objectives of the project?

41. What assessment has been made of the effectiveness of the project?

### ANSWER:

39. \$280,000 (\$200,00 from the Office for Regional Youth, and \$80,000 from Mining, Exploration and Geoscience Group in Department of Regional NSW). The Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) committed \$150,000 to work with the Lightning Ridge community to develop housing solutions to assist resolution of youth and community issues. AHO will engage an Aboriginal consultant to undertake a co-design project with the community.

40. The pilot objectives are:

- Establish a strong working relationship with local police, service providers, and youth within the community
- Provide activities to divert young people away from engaging in criminal or anti-social behaviour, in an environment that is safe, rewarding, challenging and age appropriate
- Develop leadership and pro-social skills

- Offer transportation to program participants
- Encourage young people to engage in social crime prevention programs through NSW Police Commissioner's RISE UP strategy
- Provide opportunities for participation in opal mining excursions, education, and training for potential future career paths
- Increase participation and engagement through sporting and creative activity
- Employ local/indigenous people to deliver programs.

41. There is good engagement in the community with PCYC reporting numbers of young people to be consistently over 30 for each of the afternoon activities which happen four times per week.

PCYC NSW will provide an evaluation report at the mid- program stage and end of program stage detailing activities and outcomes of the program. Program delays due to COVID-19, mean that PCYC NSW have not yet carried out these evaluations.

### QUESTION

Physical Activity Program with the Office of Sport in Eurobodalla, Kempsey, and Bathurst

42. What funding has been allocated to the project to date?

43. What are the objectives of the project?

44. How many young people participated in the following LGAs:

(a) Eurobodalla

(b) Kempsey

(c) Bathurst?

45. What assessment has been made of the effectiveness of the project?

### ANSWER:

42. Office for Regional Youth has allocated \$100,000 to date to fund the school residential camp component of the project. Office for Sport and Active Kids Vouchers provided \$106,000 for the project and Transport NSW provided \$12,000.

43. The pilot program is comprised of three components:

1. school outreach programs
2. after school programs
3. school residential camps.

The project is aimed at increasing the use of the Active Kids vouchers particularly for disengaged youth in 3 locations across NSW. The project has focused on Kelso High in Bathurst, Batemans Bay High in the Eurobodalla LGA on the South Coast and St Paul's Catholic Secondary College on the Mid North Coast.

Project objectives are to:

- Increase awareness of the benefits of physical activity in youth and influencers (e.g. parents and educators)
- Increase awareness of the Active Kids Voucher Program
- Increase engagement in 'Come and Try' programs
- Create new participation of inactive youth
- Maintain engagement in follow-up sessions
- Increase youth engagement in residential camps which provide a safe environment where young people can be challenged to develop social connections, self-esteem and motivation
- Change attitudes towards physical activity.

44.

- (a) 91 young people
- (b) 48 young people
- (c) 50 young people.

45. Office for Sport have engaged a Data and Insights team to evaluate program effectiveness. This assessment will be provided to the Office for Regional Youth once the project is completed.

### QUESTION

Office of Regional Youth

46. What are the achievements of the Office of Regional Youth in the North Coast region?

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48. What are the achievements of the Office of Regional Youth in the New England North West region?

49. What are the achievements of the Office of Regional Youth in the Hunter region?

50. What are the achievements of the Office of Regional Youth in the Far West region?

51. What are the achievements of the Office of Regional Youth in the Central West and Orana region?

52. What are the achievements of the Office of Regional Youth in the Central Coast region?

53. What are the achievements of the Office of Regional Youth in the Illawarra Shoalhaven region?

54. What are the achievements of the Office of Regional Youth in the South East and Tablelands region?

55. What are the achievements of the Office of Regional Youth in the Riverina Murray region?

56. In relation to the Work Ready pillar, how many young people has the Office of Regional youth prepared for regional jobs of the future?

57. In relation to the Wellbeing pillar, how many young people's mental and physical health programs of the Office of Regional Youth have been boosted?

58. In relation to the Connectivity pillar, how many young people's transport connectivity to training, work, services and recreational activities have been boosted by the actions and programs of the Office of Regional Youth?

59. In relation to the Connectivity pillar, how many young people's digital connectivity to training, work, services and recreational activities have been boosted by the actions and programs of the Office of Regional Youth?

60. In relation to the Community pillar, how many young people have explored their creativity, collaborated with others in teams, developed a sense of achievement or feel socially and culturally connected to and included in their communities and environment due to the actions and programs of the Office of Regional Youth?

61. What programs have been developed by the Office of Regional Youth specifically for the Hunter area?

62. What programs have been developed by the Office of Regional Youth specifically for the Central Coast region?

63. What programs have been developed by the Office of Regional Youth specifically for the Illawarra area?

64. What programs have been developed by the Office of Regional Youth specifically for the North Coast region?

**ANSWER:**

46. Achievements of the Office for Regional Youth in the Mid North Coast and Northern Rivers regions in FY2021-22 include:

- Establishment of a Youth Community Coordinator and support team, who are supporting flood and COVID impacted communities to apply for grants and develop projects to support young people
- 6 young people representing the region on the Regional Youth Taskforce
- 21 projects approved through the Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative



- 42 school holiday programs funded through the Holiday Break program in 2022 to date via the seasonal funding rounds.
- 7 pilot Youth Community Coordinator projects funded in this region
- 4 projects funded through the Youth Radio program.

47. No question - Nil response required

48. Achievements of the Office for Regional Youth in the New England and North West region in the FY2021-22 include:

- Establishment of a Youth Community Coordinator and support team, who are supporting flood and COVID impacted communities to apply for grants and develop projects to support young people
- 6 young people representing the region on the Regional Youth Taskforce
- 7 projects approved through the Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative
- 24 school holiday programs funded through the Holiday Break program in 2022 to date via the seasonal funding rounds
- 2 pilot Youth Community Coordinator projects funded in this region
- 1 project funded through the Youth Radio program.

49. Achievements of the Office for Regional Youth in the Hunter region in the FY2021-22 include:

- Establishment of a Youth Community Coordinator and support team, who are supporting flood and COVID impacted communities to apply for grants and develop projects to support young people
- 6 young people representing the region on the Regional Youth Taskforce
- 5 projects approved through the Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative
- 24 school holiday programs funded through the Holiday Break program in in 2022 to date via the seasonal funding rounds.
- 2 schools funded to deliver a School Alumni event.

50. Achievements of the Office for Regional Youth in the Far West region in the FY2021-22 include:

- Establishment of a Youth Community Coordinator and support team, who are supporting flood and COVID impacted communities to apply for grants and develop projects to support young people
- 6 young people representing the region on the Regional Youth Taskforce
- 15 school holiday programs funded through the Holiday Break program in 2022 to date via the seasonal funding rounds.
- 3 pilot Youth Community Coordinator projects funded in this region
- 2 projects funded through the Youth Radio program
- 1 school funded to deliver a Regional School Alumni event.

51. Achievements of the Office for Regional Youth in the Central West region in the FY2021-22 include:

- Establishment of a Youth Community Coordinator and support team, who are supporting flood and COVID impacted communities to apply for grants and develop projects to support young people
- 6 young people representing the region on the Regional Youth Taskforce
- 1 project approved through the Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative
- 33 school holiday programs funded through the Holiday Break program in 2022 to date via the seasonal funding rounds.
- 2 pilot Youth Community Coordinator projects funded in this region
- 1 project funded through the Youth Radio program
- 1 school funded to deliver a School Alumni event.

52. Achievements of the Office for Regional Youth in the Central Coast region in the FY2021-22 include:

- Establishment of a Youth Community Coordinator and support team, who are supporting flood and COVID impacted communities to apply for grants and develop projects to support young people
- 6 young people representing the region on the Regional Youth Taskforce
- 9 projects approved through the Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative
- 5 school holiday programs funded through the Holiday Break program in 2022 to date via the seasonal funding rounds.
- 2 projects funded through the Youth Radio program
- 3 schools funded to deliver a School Alumni event.

53. Achievements of the Office for Regional Youth in the Illawarra Shoalhaven region in the 2021-22 year include:

- Establishment of a Youth Community Coordinator and support team, who are supporting flood and COVID impacted communities to apply for grants and develop projects to support young people
- 6 young people representing the region on the Regional Youth Taskforce
- 11 projects approved through the Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative
- 5 school holiday programs funded through the Holiday Break program in 2022 to date via the seasonal funding rounds.
- 9 pilot Youth Community Coordinator projects funded in this region
- 2 projects funded through the Youth Radio program
- 8 schools funded to deliver a School Alumni event.

54. Achievements of the Office for Regional Youth in the South East region in the FY2021-22 include:

- Establishment of a Youth Community Coordinator and support team, who are supporting flood and COVID impacted communities to apply for grants and develop projects to support young people
- 6 young people representing the South East region on the Regional Youth Taskforce

- 7 projects approved through the Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative
- 27 school holiday programs funded through the Holiday Break program in 2022 to date via the seasonal funding rounds.
- 3 pilot Youth Community Coordinator projects funded in this region
- 1 project funded through the Youth Radio program
- 1 school funded to deliver a School Alumni event.

55. Achievements of the Office for Regional Youth in the Riverina Murray region in the FY2021-22 include:

- Establishment of a Youth Community Coordinator and support team, who are supporting flood and COVID impacted communities to apply for grants and develop projects to support young people
- 2 young people representing the region on the 2022 Regional Youth Taskforce
- 4 projects approved through the Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative
- 37 school holiday programs funded through the Holiday Break program in 2022 to date via the seasonal funding rounds.
- 3 pilot Youth Community Coordinator projects funded in this region
- 2 projects funded through the Youth Radio program.

56. The Office for Regional Youth provides policy and program advocacy across government and delivers valuable flagship and pilot programs to improve outcomes for regional young people along the pillars of work-ready, wellbeing, connectivity, and community.

Attendance and engagement numbers for flagship and pilot programs related specifically to the work-ready pillar include:

- The 2021-22 Regional Gap Year social media campaign reached 1.95 million people.
- *Youth Radio*: 15 projects have been funded across 17 LGAs targeting 306 regional young people to gain work ready and leadership skills by participating in youth-led broadcasting programs.
- *Birrany and Mulungan* delivers engaging work experience and cultural training for 20 disengaged Year 8 and 9 students each term.
- *Maayumi-Li Gem* delivers after school work ready and wellbeing programs to 158 students aged 10 to 18 years.
- *Regional School Alumni Program* has received 41 applications from schools across 22 LGAs to an expected audience of more than 1,000 regional young people.

All of the pillars are inter-related, and wellbeing, connectivity, and community are enablers in preparing young people for the regional jobs of the future and many initiatives aimed at these pillars have flow on effects towards boosting work readiness for regional youth. The Office for Regional Youth can't provide a definitive number of all young people whose work readiness have been enhanced by these initiatives.

57. The Office for Regional Youth provides policy and program advocacy across government and delivers valuable flagship and pilot programs to improve outcomes for regional young people along the pillars of work-ready, wellbeing, connectivity, and community.

Between November 2021 to August 2022, youth community coordinators have engaged with 2,886 regional young people. To date:

- 7,710 regional children and young people have participated or are expected to participate in activities funded by small Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative (CYPWRI) grants.
- 376 regional children and young people have participated or are expected to participate in activities funded by CYPWRI large grants.
- 3,405 regional children and young people have participated or are expected to participate in activities funded by CYPWRI Storm and Flood grants.

All of the pillars are inter-related, and work-readiness, connectivity, and community are enablers to physical and mental health many initiatives aimed at these pillars have flow on effects towards boosting physical and mental for regional youth. The numbers of all young people whose physical and mental health have been enhanced by these initiatives cannot be determined.

58. The Office for Regional Youth provides policy and program advocacy across government to improve transport outcomes for regional young people. This involves providing advice and consultation across government, supporting the programs of other agencies, providing a coordination role between existing programs and services, collaborating with different program and service providers to ensure a regional youth focus and identifying gaps where additional programs or services are needed. Achievements include:

- The Public Transport Network Service Improvement Program is an initiative under the Regional Youth Action Plan. So far, over 2,100 additional weekly services have been introduced to date equating to over 22 per cent increase to the existing bus network within the targeted 16 cities.

Much of ORY's work under this pillar is in advocacy support and policy reform. The numbers of all young people who have been impacted by these initiatives cannot be determined.

59. The Office for Regional Youth provides policy and program advocacy across government to improve digital connectivity outcomes for regional young people. This involves providing advice and consultation across government, supporting the programs of other agencies, providing a coordination role between existing programs and services, collaborating with different program and service providers to ensure a regional youth focus and identifying gaps where additional programs or services are needed. Much of ORY's work under this pillar is in advocacy support and policy reform. The numbers of all young people who have been impacted by these initiatives cannot be determined.

60. So far in 2022, 32,672 regional young people have participated in Holiday Break grant funded activities and Holiday Break program partners have delivered programs to over 4,000 young people.

The Office for Regional Youth provides policy and program advocacy across government to improve community connection for regional young people. This involves providing advice and consultation across government, supporting the programs of other agencies, providing a coordination role between existing programs and services, collaborating with different program and service providers to ensure a regional youth focus and identifying gaps where additional programs or services are needed. The numbers of all young people who have been impacted by these initiatives cannot be determined.

61. The Youth Community Coordinator in the Hunter is currently working with Hunter New England Health on a project to facilitate LGBTQIA+ inclusion training to allied health professionals in regional areas.

Work is also being undertaken in the Upper Hunter Shire to support young people in Merriwa who are having difficulty obtaining their driver's licence.

The Youth Community Coordinator is developing a pilot project in conjunction with the Central School and the council to enable young drivers to participate in a Safer Driving Course in Merriwa, while also accessing subsidised driving lessons

62. The Youth Community Coordinator is currently working with council and youth services to develop a community coordination project in the Umina peninsula area to support disengaged youth and support better collaboration between community groups.

The Youth Community Coordinator is also working with communities on the southern shores of Lake Macquarie to support the development of youth programs in under-serviced communities. Both of these projects are in planning and development stage.

63. The Youth Community Coordinator has been supporting a range of projects focusing on Aboriginal young people in the Shoalhaven area, including the possum skin cloak cultural camp, year 12 Aboriginal student graduation, the inclusion of a multi-sensory room at the Koori Knock Out event and support for the 2022 Corroboree event.

The Youth Community Coordinator for the Shoalhaven area has also been working to develop the Children Wellbeing and Anxiety Conference in conjunction with local service provider Big Fat Smile to support professionals and parents the care of children.

64. The Youth Community Coordinator has been actively supporting flood-impacted communities in the Northern Rivers to develop local youth networks and youth leadership opportunities.

Following the 2022 flood events, the Youth Community Coordinator was involved in the design and delivery of two Healing Hearts community events in Lismore to support children and young people impacted by the flooding.

The Youth Community Coordinator has also supported the North Coast Youth Action group to facilitate the North Coast Youth Leadership Summit in August 2022.

The Office for Regional Youth has funded a pilot of the Youth Action Meeting Coordinator program in Coffs Harbour, in partnership with NSW Police.

## QUESTION

Tourism

65. In relation to the Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan 2017 - 2020

(a) Can you provide examples of where Destination NSW leveraged opportunities to showcase Aboriginal culture at regional NSW events (Action 1.5)?

- (b) Can you provide one example of where an Aboriginal NSW cultural tourism experience was featured in visiting media programs run by Destination NSW (Action 1.6)?
- (c) Can you provide one example of where Aboriginal cultural tourism experiences have been included in partnership marketing programs with Trade Travel Partners (Action 2.2)?
- (d) Can you explain the nature of the dedicated resource at Destination NSW to identify, facilitate and communicate development opportunities to the NSW Aboriginal cultural tourism sector (Action 3.1)?
- (e) Can you provide details of the enhanced program of development and networking workshops to assist with the development and enhancement of Aboriginal experiences (Action 3.4)?
- (f) Can you outline the nature of the cultural awareness training for Destination NSW Staff and Destination Networks to assist in marketing and development activities being delivered in culturally accepted manner (Action 4.4)?

66. In relation to the NSW Regional Conference Strategy and Action Plan 2017 – 2021

(a) Can you indicate funding for the strategy?

- i. 2017/18
- ii. 2018/19
- iii. 2019/20
- iv. 2020/21

(b) Can you list regional conferences supported under the strategy?

- i. 2017/18
- ii. 2018/19
- iii. 2019/20
- iv. 2020/21

(c) In relation to Action 22 can you advise where the report on the outcomes of the NSW Regional Conference Strategy and individual destination performance was published?

(d) What is the current status of an updated NSW Regional Conference Strategy?

67. Does Destination NSW keep data on specific funding to Western Sydney events and marketing?

(a) If so, can funding be advised for the pre-covid period

- i. 2017/18
- ii. 2018/19

iii. 2019/20

68. In 2020/21 there were 14 trade mission and events according to the Destinations NSW Performance Indicators.

(a) Can you provide the details of these events?

**ANSWER:**

65. (a) During the implementation of the Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan 2017 – 2020, Destination NSW showcased On Country experiences through the NSW Aboriginal Cultural Tourism Experience Development Workshop Program including:

**2017:**

- In 2017, the following products attended Destination NSW New Product Workshop and Product Showcase events:
  - Bundyi Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge - Wagga Wagga
  - Wajaana Yaam Gumbaynggirr Adventure Tours – Coffs Harbour

**2018:**

- 9 – 10 November 2018 - Hunter Valley, Sydney Surrounds North
  - WUPA@WANARUAH Art Trail
  - Wollombi Aboriginal Culture Experiences
- 4 – 5 December 2018 - Shellharbour, Sydney Surrounds South
  - On Country Tour - Killalea State Park
  - Art Gallery Showcase – Guramaa Cultural Experience
- 10 – 11 December 2018 - Orange, Country and Outback NSW
  - Cultural Experience Wiradjuri Wajaldhaany Dancers
  - Bushtucker Talk – Indigenous Cultural Adventure

**2019:**

- 13 – 14 March 2019, Coffs Harbour, North Coast
  - Gurruuja Juun (Whale Tail) Tour – Unkya Cultural Eco Tours and Woven Dreaming
- 1 - 3 April 2019, Jindabyne, Southern NSW
  - Alpine River Adventures – Cultural Experience
- 6 – 7 May 2019 , Wagga Wagga, Riverina Murray
  - Bundyi Cultural Tour
  - Basket Weaving with Wagga Weavers Group
- 29 - 30 May 2019, Dubbo, Country and Outback NSW
  - First Lesson Cultural Tours
  - Native Secrets Essential Oil Farm Tour
  - Camp Oven dinner
  - Native Secrets – Breakfast
- 3 - 4 June 2019, Moree, Country and Outback NSW
  - Art Gallery Walking Tour - Dhiiyaan Aboriginal Centre
- 18 - 20 June 2019 – Broken Hill and Surrounds
  - Mutawintji Heritage Tour.

65, (b) in 2021/22, Destination NSW hosted a visiting media program resulting in a new content series for YouTube – Carry on with Curtis and Lindsay – Sydney to showcase Sydney’s top visitor experiences for first time and repeat visitors. This eight-part series features a range of experiences and operators including Aboriginal tourism experiences:

- Aboriginal Bush Tucker Tour through the Royal Botanic Gardens
- Bangarra Dance Theatre.

65. (c) Destination NSW has partnered with Welcome to Country, an online marketplace for showcasing and booking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander visitor experiences since its launch in 2019.

Due to delays in implementation associated with COVID-19, Destination NSW first worked with Welcome to Country in October 2020 to deliver a campaign that showcased 13 NSW operators with 28 experiences across NSW.

In 2021, a partnership campaign was delivered to encourage locals and domestic visitors to book and participate in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experiences in Sydney and NSW. Media channels included digital display, remarketing, social media and influencer content. This campaign showcased 14 NSW operators with 33 experiences across Sydney, Central Coast, South Coast, Pokolbin, Wollombi, Coffs Harbour, Scotts Head, Tweed Heads, Mullumbimby and Wagga Wagga.

Some of the featured operators also worked with the Destination NSW Product and Distribution Development team and completed the NSW First capability building program.

65 (d) Destination NSW employs a Product Manager, Aboriginal Experiences. This role leads the agency's engagement with the Aboriginal tourism sector statewide. Its focus is to build the capability of Aboriginal tourism businesses across the state and facilitate their inclusion in Destination NSW promotional channels including digital, social, marketing and PR. The Product Manager, Aboriginal Experiences leads the delivery of workshops across the state and provides business development assistance through the NSW First Program and via initiatives in partnership with the NSW Aboriginal Tourism Operator Council (NATOC).

65. (e) Please see response to 65 (a).

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in general and specifically the restrictions on engaging with vulnerable Aboriginal communities in regional NSW, the workshop program could not be delivered in 2020 and 2021.

65. (f) The impact of COVID-19 prevented Destination NSW from participating in Cultural Awareness Training (On Country Experience and formal cultural awareness training) in 2020/2021.

In May 2022, during National Reconciliation Week, Destination NSW staff undertook phase one of the cultural awareness program which included an On Country experience with Dreamtime Southern X, a 90-minute guided walking tour of The Rocks with an Aboriginal Elder.

66. In relation to the NSW Regional Conference Strategy and Action Plan 2017 – 2021

(a) Can you indicate funding for the strategy?

- i. 2017/18
- ii. 2018/19
- iii. 2019/20



iv. 2020/21

(b) Can you list regional conferences supported under the strategy?

i. 2017/18

ii. 2018/19

iii. 2019/20

iv. 2020/21

(c) In relation to Action 22 can you advise where the report on the outcomes of the NSW Regional Conference Strategy and individual destination performance was published?

(d) What is the current status of an updated NSW Regional Conference Strategy?

**ANSWER:**

66.

(a) \$6 million was provided over four years to support the implementation of the NSW Regional Conference Strategy and Action Plan 2017 – 2021 which was launched in August 2017. Operational funding for the Regional Conference Unit and Meet in Regional NSW, created as part of the Strategy outcomes was funded and delivered from Destination NSW's budget.

Grant funding via the Strategy included:

- 2017/18 - \$950,320 in grant funding delivered via the Regional Conference Grants Pilot Program.
- 2018/19 - \$697,500 in grant funding delivered via the Regional Business Event Development Fund.
- 2019/20 - The Regional Business Event Development Fund was not available in 2019/20.
- 2020/21 - \$935,200 in grant funding delivered via the Regional Business Event Development Fund.

66. (b) Details of regional conferences supported are published in Destination NSW's Annual Report, which is available online.

66. (c) Destination NSW reports on the outcomes and deliverables of the NSW Regional Conference Strategy and Action Plan 2017 – 2021 in its Annual Report for each year apart from 2020/21 as the sector continued to be impacted by the COVID-19 global pandemic.

An overview of the Strategy across 2017 – 2021 will be included in Destination NSW's Annual Report for 2021/22.

66. (d) The Visitor Economy Strategy 2030 includes updated action items for the NSW Regional Conferencing sector and is used as the key document for strategy delivery.

Actions 4.08 and 4.09 of the Visitor Economy Strategy 2030 actions focus on:

- Incentivising domestic and international conference organisers to undertake delegate pre- and post-touring to destinations outside Sydney and hold satellite meetings in regional NSW.

Securing and supporting conferences, incentive programs and corporate events for regional NSW to distribute the benefits of high yield business visitors across the state.

67. Does Destination NSW keep data on specific funding to Western Sydney events and marketing?

(a) If so, can funding be advised for the pre-COVID period

i. 2017/18

ii. 2018/19

iii. 2019/20

ANSWER:

Destination NSW has featured and promoted Western Sydney in marketing and promotion activity extensively between 2017 and 2021. This has been via direct marketing and promotional campaigns promoting Western Sydney, as well as within whole-of state marketing campaigns (e.g. featuring locations, events and experiences in Western Sydney).

Given the variety of activity and the complexity of separating out the Western Sydney portion of broader campaign activity, Destination NSW does not have exact marketing expenditure figures for Western Sydney.

Examples of marketing activities promoting Western Sydney from 2017 to 2021 with expenditure and results figures where applicable follow.

From 2017 to 2019, there were 17 partnership campaigns promoting western Sydney across domestic and international markets. These partnerships campaigns delivered over \$75 million in visitor expenditure.

Since 2017, a number of Greater Sydney campaigns have run both domestically and internationally, including the 'It's ON! In Sydney' campaign, 'Your Guide to Sydney in Summer' campaign and 'Love Every Second' campaign, all featuring Western Sydney in the communications and all driving to Sydney.com where there is a dedicated Western Sydney section with relevant content from the area promoted. This Western Sydney website content also serves to help drive awareness with visitors through organic and paid search.

A number of dedicated paid media campaigns have been developed for Western Sydney LGAs since 2017, including for Hawkesbury, Penrith and Blue Mountains.

Western Sydney destinations and experiences have played an important role in Destination NSW publicity activity, with these regularly featuring in a range of public relations activity including with the Destination NSW Media Centre and Uncovered inclusion, famils, story pitching and broadcast. Western Sydney has been among key destinations and experiences featured in high impact public relations campaigns such as 2020's 213 Ways to Reboot 2020 and Take a Sydney Playcay in 2020, as well as Destination NSW's Lockdown Media Mailer program in 2021. Western Sydney

has also received national and international profiling through Destination NSW broadcast activities such as via Channel Ten's Taste of Australia with Hayden Quinn – NSW edition in 2020, Taste of Australia with Hayden Quinn – Sydney edition in 2021 and weather cross segments on Australia's leading morning broadcast program, Weekend Sunrise.

In addition, Destination NSW maintains a 365-day program for lead generation for its consumer websites called 'Always On'. The 'Always On' program of digital marketing activity includes search engine optimisation, paid search, social media, native advertising and working to increase links via partners and publishers. As part of the 'Always On' program, Destination NSW promotes key destinations and experiences across Greater Sydney both domestically and internationally.

The "Always Open" campaign is structured to ensure all Sydney precincts are promoted throughout the year, with a large proportion of this investment focused on promoting Western Sydney experiences.

68. In 2020/21 there were 14 trade mission and events according to the Destinations NSW Performance Indicators.

(a) Can you provide the details of these events?

**ANSWER:**

68. (a) In 2020/21 Destination NSW Trade Mission Program pivoted to an online format to facilitate continued industry education during the COVID-19 global pandemic.

Trade Missions delivered in 2020/21 comprise:

South Korea – A three-part live Webinar Series in July 2020 captured 216 live viewers. This series showcased 10 NSW tourism operators through themed webinars:

- 1) Wildlife and adventure
- 2) History and culture
- 3) Sydney Luxury

UK/Europe – Webinar delivered in July 2020 captured 112 live viewers and more than 120 on-demand views. This webinar showcased three NSW accommodation and tourism operators.

Japan – A six-part live Webinar Series from September 2020 to March 2021 captured 774 live viewers and more than 200 on-demand views. This series showcased 30 NSW tourism operators through themed webinars:

- 1) Sydney Update
- 2) Sydney Suburbs
- 3) NSW Events
- 4) Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions
- 5) Regional NSW 1
- 6) Regional NSW 2.

New Zealand – A four-part live Webinar Series from September to February 2021 captured 182 live viewers. This series showcased 20 NSW tourism operators through themed webinars:

- 1) NSW Luxury
- 2) NSW Food & Wine
- 3) NSW Nature & Wildlife
- 4) NSW Love Sydney.

**QUESTION**

Roads to Home Program

69. Can you provide a breakdown of funding for each of the 11 communities identified in the 2021 tranche of projects?
70. What percentage of the contractors used were Aboriginal businesses?
71. What percentage of the workforce identified as Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander?
72. What percentage of the constituent communities gained employment through the expenditure of the Roads to Home Program?

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) who delivers the Roads to Home Program has achieved high levels of Aboriginal business engagement and local employment including funding Aboriginal Liaison Officers employed by Local Aboriginal Land Councils.

Requests for specific figures should be referred to the Minister for Planning for a detailed response.

**QUESTION**

Aboriginal Culture Heritage Reform Process

73. What is the current status of the ACH Information System Implementation Plan?
74. How much has been expended on the project to date?
- (a) 2019/20
- (b) 2020/21
- (c) 2021/22
75. Which company has been engaged to help build the new ACH Information System?

**ANSWER:**

73. The project is currently in its delivery stage, with early prototyping scheduled for November 2022. To date, the collaborative cross government, user, and Aboriginal community discovery and design work has been productive and informative.

74.

- a) Nil
- b) Nil
- c) Anticipated expenditure is \$680,000

75. The current body of work is being undertaken by the Digital NSW Accelerator, which is part of Service NSW within the Department of Customer Service. As part of the Culturally Centric design approach, Aboriginal communities from across NSW have been engaged to provide expert cultural input into the design.

### QUESTION

Closing the Gap

76. What is the current status of the Partnership Stocktake report?

77. How many Aboriginal businesses attended the business round table in:

- (a) October 2021
- (b) May 2022

78. How many distinct individual businesses in total attended the business round tables?

79. Who funded the business round tables

### ANSWER:

76. Aboriginal Affairs NSW and NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations (NSW CAPO) have developed a survey to capture existing partnerships between NSW Government and Aboriginal partners, and Local Government in NSW and Aboriginal partners. Aboriginal Affairs and NSW CAPO are currently collating the over 230 responses to the survey. These responses will inform a review of partnerships in 2023 as per the Closing the Gap National Agreement commitments.

77. (a) 35

(b) 31

78. 55

79. The Department of Premier and Cabinet.

### QUESTION

Aboriginal Languages Community Investment Program

80. In the 2021 program which groups or projects received funding?

### ANSWER:

**2020-2021 Aboriginal Languages Community Investments Program****In summary**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Grants</b>	<b>Total</b>
Aboriginal Languages Community Investments Program	19	\$860,602

**Recipient List**

<b>Name of Organisation</b>	<b>Nature and Purpose of Grant</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Incorporated	Birrugan-undi Mindalay Gumbaynggirr	\$16,367
Arwabukarl Cultural Resource Association Incorporated	Soundlines Aboriginal Language Podcast Channel	\$25,000
Birrelee Multifunctional Aboriginal Children's Service Aboriginal Corp.	Protecting community cultural IP and custodianship of Gamilaraay language in Tamworth region	\$50,000
Colly Gamilaraay Indigenous Corporation	Gallarinbaraay Language Program	\$18,480
Coota Girls Aboriginal Corporation	Coota Girls Languages Hub - With language we heal	\$20,000
Dhanggati Language Group	Guuyata Dhanggati Language Kit Development	\$49,500
Djuyalgu Wakulda	Gathang Djukalmal Dhanbaan (Growing language strong)	\$50,000
Gujaga Foundation Limited	Dharawal Language & Culture Tutors	\$89,788
Leeton and District Local Aboriginal Land Council	Leeton Wiradjuri Language Audio Visual Project	\$50,000
Moogahlin Performing Arts Inc.	Women's Business Language Ngurra (Ngurra- a term used for camp in the three languages: Murrawarri, Ngemba, Yuwaalaraay)	\$50,000
Mudyala Aboriginal Corporation	Yaygirr Dulbay Mudyala-Gu (Yaegl Language for Tomorrow)	\$47,535
Muurrbay Aboriginal Language and Culture Cooperative	Gathang Garuwaga	\$19,000

Newara Aboriginal Corporation	Project Officer - Anaiwan Language Teaching and Learning Resource Development	\$90,000
Taree Indigenous Development and Employment	Ngarrayn Birrbayga Barrayga - Learning on Biripi Country	\$20,000
Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council	Living Cultural Language Project	\$50,000
Waminda	Dhurga Yangga (Singing Dhurga): Reawaken Dhurga language through song – a Yuin Country Collaborative Approach	\$50,000
Winangakirri Aboriginal Corporation	Text to Tongue - Online Ngiyampaa Dictionary	\$69,300
Winanga-li Aboriginal Child & Family Centre Incorporated	Nguu Gamilaraay	\$50,000
Yarkuwa Indigenous Knowledge Centre Aboriginal Corporation	Wamba Wamba Language Expansion Project	\$45,632
	<b>Total number of grants: 19</b>	<b>Total: \$860,602.00</b>

<b>QUESTION</b>
<p>NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act</p> <p>81. How often does the Minister meet with the Registrar?</p> <p>82. How many Land Councils are currently suspended?</p> <p>83. How many Land Councils have improvement orders?</p> <p>84. What support is given to the Land Councils who are under investigation or suspended?</p> <p>85. What is the average time Land Councils are suspended for?</p> <p>86. What is the current budget of the Office of Registrar?</p> <p>87. How many FTE positions in the office of the Registrar?</p> <p>(a) How many staff are devoted to compliance?</p>
<b>ANSWER:</b>

81. Since appointed on 21 July 2022, the Interim Registrar has been in contact with the Minister or his Office at least every two weeks.

82. None - Aboriginal Land Councils are not “suspended” under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*

83. Two (Moree and Gugin Gudduba)

84. Appointed administrators and investigators appointed to Local Aboriginal Land Councils act independently in accordance with their instrument of appointment.

Administrators “step into the administrative shoes” of the council which includes liaison and support of members to see the council returned to community control.

Investigators only investigate matters and affairs outlined in their instrument of appointments, they do not intervene or have a role in the day-to-day affairs of councils during their appointment.

85. Aboriginal Land Councils are not “suspended” under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983

86. Budget for the current financial year is \$3,248,000

87. There are 16 FTEs (including the Registrar) currently working at the Office of the Registrar.

(a) Four.

QUESTION
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Culture and Heritage
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88. Where is the development of the Cultural and Heritage Bill currently up to?

89. How many Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permits (AHIP) have been issued in 2021/22 financial year?

<b>ANSWER:</b>
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88. The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill is currently being developed with key Aboriginal stakeholders, the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) and the Native Title Services Corp (NTSCorp). These groups broadly represent the extensive NSW Aboriginal land rights network as well as native title holders and Aboriginal leaders with cultural heritage management knowledge.

The NSW Government has committed to working closely with these key stakeholders to respect Aboriginal self-determination within the cultural heritage reform process.

89. I have been advised by the Minister for Heritage, the Hon. James Griffin MP that the number of AHIP’s issued this financial year is 217.

QUESTION
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Disability Employment
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90. What is the percentage and total number of people who identify as having a disability who currently employed by:

- (a) Aboriginal Affairs NSW
- (b) Art Gallery of NSW
- (c) Australian Museum
- (d) The State Library of NSW
- (e) Sydney Opera House
- (f) The State Archives and Records Authority of New South Wales
- (g) NSW Advocate for Children and Young People

91. What is the percentage and total number of senior managers who currently identify as having a disability employed by:

- (a) Aboriginal Affairs NSW
- (b) Art Gallery of NSW
- (c) Australian Museum
- (d) The State Library of NSW
- (e) Sydney Opera House
- (f) The State Archives and Records Authority of New South Wales
- (g) NSW Advocate for Children and Young People

**ANSWER:**

Agency	Total	Percentage
Aboriginal Affairs NSW	9	5.4%
Art Gallery of NSW	8	2.4%
Australian Museum	7	2.9%
The State Library of NSW	19	6.4%
Sydney Opera House	13	1.42%
The State Archives and Records Authority of New South Wales	4	3.35%
NSW Advocate for Children and Young People	1	7.14%

Senior Managers:

Agency	Total	Percentage
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Aboriginal Affairs NSW	2	4.7%
Art Gallery of NSW	0	0
Australian Museum	0	0
The State Library of NSW	N/A*	N/A*
Sydney Opera House	1	6%
The State Archives and Records Authority of New South Wales	1	9%
NSW Advocate for Children and Young People	0	0
<i>*SLNSW captures disability employment data regarding all staff, not specific to remuneration bands.</i>		

<b>QUESTION</b>
<p>Creative Capital grants</p> <p>92. When will successful applications to Round 2 of the Minor Works and Equipment Projects be announced?</p> <p>93. What percentage of funds awarded in Round 1 of the Minor Works and Equipment Projects went to:</p> <p>(a) Projects in regional NSW</p> <p>(b) Theatres</p> <p>(c) Museums</p> <p>(d) Performance spaces</p> <p>(e) Galleries</p> <p>(f) Aboriginal Cultural Centres</p>
<p><b>ANSWER:</b></p> <p>Applicants will be advised as to whether their application has been successful in October 2022. This is in accordance with the program set out in the published Creative Capital Guidelines. Public announcements of successful applications will follow in due course.</p> <p>(a) Projects in regional NSW - 78%</p> <p>(b) Theatres - 27% (may be classified under performing arts or art centre in CC Artform classification)</p> <p>(c) Museums – Museums and Galleries 8%</p>

(d) Performance spaces - Performing Arts (Music, Theatre, Dance, Circus) 63%, Live Music 4%

(e) Galleries – included in the percentage for museums and galleries above

(f) Aboriginal Cultural Centres – 22%.

**Breakdown by Artform**

	Number of Recipients	Funding Amount	%
Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Keeping Place or language centre	5	\$7,698,382	13%
Arts Centre	20	\$6,671,957	12%
Live Music	7	\$2,451,412	4%
Museum/Gallery	16	\$4,511,023	8%
Performing Arts (Music, Theatre, Dance, Circus)	35	\$36,428,510	63%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>\$57,761,284</b>	<b>100%</b>

**QUESTION**

Third-party contractors or consultancies

1. 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

**ANSWER:**

Information in relation to the procurement of contractors and consultants will be included in the relevant annual reports, as per the *Annual Reports (Departments) Act 1985*.