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PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES

## **BUDGET ESTIMATES 2024-2025**

### **Supplementary questions**

Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier and Finance

**Premier (Minns)**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS**

<b>Questions from Hon Mark Latham MLC</b>
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- (1) Mr Peter V'Landys has openly said in a letter dated 6 October 2023 that he buys influence from politicians and the media through hospitality in the Directors' Room at Royal Randwick. In fact, the freebies are so important that without them V'Landys believes the revenue available to Racing NSW would collapse. A major part of this influence-buying has involved the duchessing of media. Ben Fordham, Ben English and James Willis are attendees in the Directors' Room. Ray Hadley's son has been employed as the General Manager of Investigations in the Racing NSW Integrity Unit (even though he was run out of the NSW Police for cocaine abuse and is an obvious target for organised crime). Mr English has enjoyed an all-expenses-paid trip to the Kentucky Derby. Fordham and Willis have helped V'Landys in the pursuit of his perceived enemies in the racing industry through text message/media harassment. Given the extent of this influence-buying and the media protection racket it has facilitated, isn't it time for Racing NSW to publicly declare all its gifts and free hospitality and also for the organisation to come under the coverage of ICAC?
- (2) Since March 2023, on which occasions and concerning which matters has Ben English of the Daily Telegraph spoken to you lobbying you to support something Peter V'Landys wanted? What are the details?
- (3) Racing NSW is an example of an organisation that has deteriorated badly because would-be whistleblowers quite rightly feared retribution from Mr V'Landys and his associates, Graeme Hinton and Peter Sweney. Will your government now introduce whistleblower protection legislation, providing legal protections and immunities for whistleblowers, penalties for anyone outing whistleblowers and the means by which victims of retribution can claim compensation? Will you also require Racing NSW to establish a complaints policy and process for its staff?
- (4) In recent years Racing NSW has purchased 50 real estate properties at a cost of more than \$125 million, including inner-city apartments and land near Warwick Farm railway station. Nobody in the racing community can understand why this has occurred, when these funds are needed for the urgent upgrade of spectator facilities at several racetracks. A whistleblower close to the CEO has said that horse welfare funds (the 1.5% allocated from

prizemoney) has been misused for this real estate buying spree. The former NSW Auditor General Tony Harris has been critical of the presentation of the Racing NSW accounts, with the over-use of provisions and unspent hollow logs. Another credible source has said the accounts are doctored to hide funds and the true financial position of Racing NSW. Premier, will you now ask the NSW Auditor General to audit Racing NSW to get to the bottom of these serious allegations?

- (5) What discussions did you have with the Racing NSW CEO in November last year to arrive at a position where Mr V'Landys supported the sale of Rosehill racecourse and you supported an extension of the term of Russell Balding as the Chair of Racing NSW?
- (6) Given there are dozens of people in the NSW Racing industry with credible evidence of malpractices at Racing NSW, including the abuse of regulatory power; interference in stewards' inquiries to favour certain individuals and punish others; doctoring of financial reports; influence buying; and nepotism and favouritism, what does it say about your commitment to integrity in government that you have failed to order an investigation?
- (7) Far from "never interfering in a stewards' inquiry" as Mr V'Landys told Parliament under oath at the Rosehill Inquiry on 9 August, Mr V'Landys has now publicly said (in The Straight racing news) that he has a delegation from the Board of Racing NSW to run all aspects of the stewards' processes. Isn't this like politicians and the courts – there should be a separation of powers such that investigations and integrity hearings at Racing NSW are conducted independently and impartially, separate from the administrative arm of the organisation? What action will your government take to correct this major probity problem in NSW racing?
- (8) With regard to the Walker/Camilleri case at Mudgee, in which Mr V'Landys was the final decision maker (as per the transcript presented to you and Mr V'Landys' public statements on the matter) shouldn't Mr V'Landys have declared a conflict of interest, given that Julia Camilleri (the subject of Ms Walker's alleged offensive behaviour) worked for Mr V'Landys and was the daughter of his close friend John Camilleri ? Doesn't this again confirm, in the governance of Racing NSW, the need for a separation between the CEO (who gets to know and form working and social relationships with thousands of people in racing) and the stewards/integrity unit? In their code of conduct, racing stewards are not allowed to socialise with licensed persons (to keep them at arms-length), so why doesn't this rule apply to Mr V'Landys?

- (9) Given the serious, credible allegations against Racing NSW and Mr V'Landys, do you believe it is wise for King Charles to be personally hosted by Mr V'Landys at the Everest race day at Randwick on 19 October?
- (10) Why did you go to the Budget Estimates hearing with a deliberate tactic of requiring verification of everything said in a question (even in quoting to you your own words) as a way of not answering questions and wasting time? What does this say about the transparency and accountability of your government?
- (11) At the Estimates afternoon session with officials, the Chief Commissioner of ICAC, Mr Hatzistergos, answered questions about the pattern of favouritism you displayed in your dealings with your personal friend and Labor colleague, Steve McMahon, in organising an Unsolicited Proposal for the sale of Rosehill racecourse. Mr Hatzistergos replied, "I'm not going to tell you what matters we are looking at and what matters we are not looking at". He then distributed ICAC's "Direct Negotiations: Guidelines for Managing Risks" (August 2018), a document (henceforth referred to as DNG) also referred to in Will Murphy's 6 November 2023 "Project Wattle: Transaction Options Analysis". Following your meeting with Steve McMahon on 30 October, what instructions did you or your staff give Will Murphy in relation to the sale of Rosehill racecourse?
- (12) Why did Will Murphy's analysis exclude the obvious way in which the ATC could sell Rosehill: to use the provisions of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment (EPA) Act? Did you ask Mr Murphy to exclude this option?
- (13) Why did you ignore Will Murphy's assessment of a USP "Probity risk - perception that NSW Government is engineering an unsolicited proposal for a Government-driven transaction"?
- (14) This was more than perception, wasn't it? It was the reality of government officials in August and October 2023 telling Mr McMahon that 40,000 people needed to live at Rosehill (that is, the full sale and residential development of the site) to justify a Metro station, and then Mr Murphy's Project Wattle analysis suggesting a USP?
- (15) What was unsolicited about the ATC proposal given that Mr McMahon had never heard of a USP and at every stage of developing it, your government solicited the proposal?
- (16) Your Government's USP guidelines (page 6, dot point 5) specify the proposals that are NOT considered unique and are unlikely to be progressed as including "Proposals that do not contain a commercial proposition for the Government". Given that the full sale of Rosehill will cost your government billions of dollars in infrastructure and service provision, at

Estimates Mr Draper could not say what the commercial proposition might be for government in the ATC selling Rosehill racecourse. What do you consider it to be? With no commercial proposition evident, why did you progress it as a USP when it breached the USP guidelines?

- (17) At page 5 of ICAC's DNG (2018), "As a general rule, direct negotiations should be avoided unless they clearly fall within the government's legislative and policy framework". Why have you dealt directly with Steve McMahon and the ATC when there is no commercial proposition for government (breaching USP requirements) while the EPA Act was the logical way for the ATC to proceed?
- (18) At page 8 of ICAC's DNG, it states that "Before agreeing to direct negotiations the (government) agency should ensure that the 'unique' solution offered by a counterparty is the only viable solution to its requirements". How have you satisfied this ICAC requirement in your dealings with Mr McMahon and the ATC?
- (19) Did you tell Mr McMahon on 30 October that you would get the Cabinet Office to come up with a process for selling Rosehill?
- (20) When Mr Murphy produced his Project Wattle analysis, why didn't you require consideration of the option of using the EPA Act, the NSW planning laws? That is, the government first deciding if it wanted a Metro at Rosehill and the ATC then lodging a rezoning application?
- (21) At page 14 of ICAC's DNG, it states that direct negotiations should not proceed just because the counterparty "is known to the agency" and that "public officials should ensure the decision-making process is free of any actual or apprehended bias". At page 17 it warns against "familiarity bias", such that, "If staff members have previously worked with the counterparty, they may be favourably disposed to its interests". When Mr McMahon asked you for a meeting to discuss the sale of Rosehill, recognising your close, longstanding working and personal relationship with him (and that the ATC was only sending him to see you because of that relationship), why didn't you ask to meet instead with the ATC's actual decision makers and leaders, its Chair and CEO?
- (22) At page 15 of ICAC's DNG, "As a general rule, corrupt or unethical officials try to avoid making records that could be used to expose their conduct". Why did you list the 30 October Steve McMahon meeting as a "meet and greet" when it was actually a meeting to discuss the full sale of Rosehill racecourse?

- (23) Aren't 'meet and greet' meetings in politics actually first-time, courtesy-type meetings, not the discussion of the sale of major community-held assets?
- (24) On which occasions after 30 October 2023 have you spoken to or corresponded/messaged with Mr McMahon about the sale of Rosehill and what did those contacts involve? What are the details?
- (25) Why was Mr McMahon working with the Cabinet Office on 20 November to write a press release for you announcing the full sale of Rosehill? Did you ask him to do this? If not, who did?
- (26) On which occasions as Premier have non-government individuals or bodies worked directly on writing a press release for you? What are the details?
- (27) At page 16 of ICAC's DNG there's a requirement to conduct due diligence, in this case on the ATC Board. Given that you were dealing with an ATC line manager in Mr McMahon and not its Chair, Board or CEO, were you aware that the ATC Board a) did not consider the sale of Rosehill until 21 November; b) only authorised to examine the proposal (not to announce its *as fait accompli* on 6 December); c) never had a valuation on the site for \$5 billion, and d) now considers Rosehill's sale value to be \$1.6 billion (making it infeasible)? Why wasn't this due diligence conducted?
- (28) Why are Ministers in your Government continuing to accept gifts, travel, accommodation and hospitality from Peter V'Landys given his involvement in supporting the sale of Rosehill and organising this process and its due diligence through Racing NSW?
- (29) Page 17 of ICAC's DNG warns against the risks involved when proponents in direct dealings receive a finder's or success fee for their work. Have you checked with Mr McMahon on the bonuses he stands to receive from the ATC in this matter and what did these checks reveal?
- (30) At the Estimates hearing, Premier, you complained about "the amount of hoops that private capital has to go through in the planning system at the moment", indicating "it would blow your mind" and there are "about a thousand" of such hoops or routes "a proponent of a policy has to go through". As the head of government, why don't you fix the NSW planning system, reducing its cost and complexity, instead of engaging in the favouritism of direct dealing and a bogus USP with your close friend Steve McMahon?

<b>Questions from Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC</b>
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**McPhillamys Gold Mine**

- (31) Provide a list of all individuals or groups that the NSW Premier has met with (in person, online and by telephone) in relation to the McPhillamys Gold Mine since 1 January 2024 including the following information:
- (a) The date, time and length of the meeting;
  - (b) All persons present at each meeting (including in person and online);
  - (c) The organisation/organisations represented by each person; and
  - (d) A summary of what was discussed.
- (32) How many times has the NSW Premier met with the Minerals Council since coming into office, including the dates of each meeting.

<b>Questions from Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)</b>
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**Premier's Department – Return to office**

- (33) What percentage of full-time back-office employees in the Premier's Department are currently attending the office for work on three or more days each week?
- (34) When do they anticipate full compliance with the Premier's publicly stated demand that all full-time workers attend the office for work on three days a week or more?

**Cabinet Office – Return to office**

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- (36) When do they anticipate full compliance with the Premier's publicly stated demand that all full-time workers attend the office for work on three days a week or more?

**Funding of Integrity Agencies**

- (37) How much funding was sought by the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission in the leadup to the 2024-2025 budget?

- (a) Was this the same as the appropriation allocated to the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission in the 2024-2025 budget?
  - (b) Have they provided advice to the NSW Government that the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission should be independently funded, with funding determined by a parliamentary committee, rather than by the Treasurer or executive government?
- (38) How much funding was sought by the NSW Ombudsman in the leadup to the 2024-2025 budget?
- (a) Was this the same as the appropriation allocated to the NSW Ombudsman in the 2024-2025 budget?
  - (b) Have they provided advice to the NSW Government that the NSW Ombudsman should be independently funded, with funding determined by a parliamentary committee, rather than by the Treasurer or executive government?
- (39) How much funding was sought by the Independent Commission Against Corruption in the leadup to the 2024-2025 budget?
- (a) Was this the same as the appropriation allocated to the Independent Commission Against Corruption in the 2024-2025 budget?
  - (b) Have they provided advice to the NSW Government that the Independent Commission Against Corruption should be independently funded, with funding determined by a parliamentary committee, rather than by the Treasurer or executive government?
- (40) How much funding was sought by the NSW Electoral Commission in the leadup to the 2024-2025 budget?
- (a) Was this the same as the appropriation allocated to the NSW Electoral Commission in the 2024-2025 budget?
  - (b) Have they provided advice to the NSW Government that the NSW Electoral Commission should be independently funded, with funding determined by a parliamentary committee, rather than by the Treasurer or executive government?
- (41) How much funding was sought by the Audit Office in the leadup to the 2024-2025 budget?
- (a) Was this the same as the appropriation allocated to the Audit Office in the 2024-2025 budget?



- (b) Have they provided advice to the NSW Government that Audit Office should be independently funded, with funding determined by a parliamentary committee, rather than by the Treasurer or executive government?

### **Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Response**

- (42) Do you think the investment your government is currently making to prevent and respond to domestic and family violence is sufficient?
  - (a) Why?
- (43) Will the NSW Government provide a 50% baseline funding increase for all specialist sexual, domestic and family violence services in NSW in 2025-26?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (44) Why hasn't the NSW Government provided a funding increase for women's refuges established prior to, and operating outside of, the Core and Cluster funding stream?
- (45) Domestic Violence NSW has called for \$100 million over four years to be committed to the NSW Strategy for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence 2024-2027. The NSW Government has announced \$38 million for implementation of the plan plus a separate \$8 million for the All-In program. This is a \$54 million shortfall. Will the NSW Government invest a further \$60 million to ensure the effective implementation of the still unreleased Prevention Strategy and show real commitment to change?

### **Qantas Chairman's Club**

- (46) Are you a Member of the Qantas Chairman's Club?
  - (a) If no, have you ever previously been a member?
  - (b) If yes, when did you cease to be a member?
  - (c) If yes, when did you initially become a member?
  - (d) If yes, when did you make a declaration to The Cabinet Office?
  - (e) If yes, how many times since 28 March 2023 have you used the Qantas Chairman's Club?

### **Union membership**

- (47) Are you a member of a union?

- (a) If yes, what union?

**Union membership fees**

(48) What was the expenditure for you to join a union in:

- (a) 2022-23?  
(b) 2023-24?  
(c) 2024-25?

**CFMEU membership**

(49) Have you ever been a member of the Construction, Forestry and Maritime Employees Union (CFMEU)?

- (a) If yes, when?

**CFMEU meetings**

(50) Given ministerial diary disclosures do not include all meetings and provide exceptions to disclosures, since 28 March 2023, have you met with the CFMEU?

**ETU membership**

(51) Have you ever been a member of the Electrical Trades Union (ETU)?

- (a) If yes, when?

**ETU meetings**

(52) Given ministerial diary disclosures do not include all meetings and provide exceptions to disclosures, since 28 March 2023, have you met with the ETU?

**Paper shredder**

(53) Does your ministerial office have a paper shredder?

**Ministerial disclosures to The Cabinet Office**

(54) On what date did you last update/make a ministerial disclosure to The Cabinet Office?

**Department(s)/Agency(s) in Portfolio**

(55) What department(s)/agency(s) are included in your portfolio?

### **Department(s)/Agency(s) Employees**

- (56) How many senior executive service employees were employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities on:
- (a) 28 March 2023?
  - (b) 1 July 2023?
  - (c) 1 January 2024?
  - (d) 1 July 2024?
- (57) How many public servants within your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) were paid more than the Premier in 2023-24?
- (58) How many redundancies were processed by each Department(s)/agency(s) within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?
- (a) Of these redundancies, how many were:
    - i. Voluntary?
    - ii. Forced?
  - (b) What was the total cost of all redundancies in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?

### **Former Ministerial Employees**

- (59) Are there any former employee from your ministerial office now employed by any department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?
- (a) If yes, how many?

### **Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports**

- (60) In what month will the 2023-24 annual reports for each department / agency in your portfolio be published?
- (61) Will the 2023-24 annual reports for the department / agency in your portfolio include a printed copy?
- (a) If yes, how much is budgeted for printing in 2024-25?

### **State Records Act**

(62) Have you and your ministerial office had training and/or a briefing about the State Records Act from State Records NSW and/or The Cabinet Office and/or Premier's Department?

(a) If yes, when?

### **Consultants**

(63) Since 28 March 2023, how many consultancy contracts have been signed in your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?

(a) What was the individual amount of each contract?

(b) What is the purpose of each contract?

(c) Who was the contract with?

(d) Did the contract go through a competitive tender?

### **Legal Costs**

(64) How much did the Department/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities spend in legal costs since 28 March 2023?

(a) For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?

### **Advertising**

(65) How much has each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities spent on advertising or sponsored posts since 28 March 2023 on the following social media platforms:

(a) Facebook

(b) Instagram

(c) LinkedIn

(d) TikTok

(e) YouTube

(f) X (formerly known as Twitter)

### **Catering**

(66) How much of your ministerial budget was spent on catering in 2023-24?

(67) Was catering used for external stakeholders?

(a) If yes, who were these external stakeholders?

(68) Did any catering costs in 2023-24 include expenditure on alcohol?

### **Gin**

(69) Since 28 March 2023, have you or your ministerial office purchased 'gin' using your ministerial budget?

### **Stationery**

(70) How much of your ministerial budget was spent on stationery in 2023-24?

(71) Did your stationery expenditure include gifts for external stakeholders?

(a) If yes, what was the gift(s)?

(b) If yes, who received the gift(s)?

### **Ministerial Vehicles and Driving Offences**

(72) Since 28 March 2023, have you personally driven your ministerial vehicle?

(73) As a driver since 28 March 2023:

(a) Have you been pulled over by the NSW Police Force?

(b) Have you been fined for speeding?

(c) Have you been fined for school zone related offence?

(d) Have you been fined for red light related offence?

(e) Have you been involved in an accident that included the NSW Police attending the scene?

i. If yes to a) to e), did this include whilst driving your ministerial vehicle?

### **Speeches**

(74) Does your portfolio department(s) / agency(s) draft and write speeches for you?

(75) How many public servants have undertaken writing speeches in your portfolio department(s) / agency(s)?

### **Ministerial Staff – Local Government Councillors**

(76) As at 30 June 2024, how many of your ministerial staff were local government councillors?

(77) What local government(s) did they serve?

### **Ministerial Advisers**

- (78) How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office in 2023-24 FY?
- (79) What is the average salary for staff members in your ministerial office in 2023-24 FY?

### **Police Commissioner Gin**

- (80) Have you received gin from the Police Commissioner?

### **Cabinet Sub Committees**

- (81) What cabinet sub committees are you a member of?

### **E-Toll**

- (82) Does your ministerial vehicle have an E-Toll?
- (a) If yes, is expenditure paid by your by your ministerial budget?

### **Department(s)/Agency(s) Gifts and Hospitality Register**

- (83) Does your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) have a gifts and/or hospitality register?
- (a) If yes, is it available online?
- i. If yes, what is the URL?

### **Workplace complaints**

- (84) Have you been the subject of any workplace complaints, including bullying, harassment, and sexual harassment since 28 March 2023?
- (85) Has any member of your ministerial staff been the subject of any workplace complaints, including bullying, harassment, and sexual harassment since 28 March 2023?

### **Ministerial staff disclosure of gifts and/or hospitality**

- (86) Does your ministerial office keep a register of gifts and/or hospitality for staff to make disclosures?
- (87) Have any staff members in your office been the recipient of any free hospitality?
- (a) What was the total value of the hospitality received?
- (b) Are these gifts of hospitality declared?

## **Ministerial Code of Conduct**

(88) Since 28 March 2023, have you breached the Ministerial Code of Conduct?

(a) If yes, what was the breach?

## **Credit Cards**

(89) Have you ever been issued with a credit card by a NSW Government department(s) and/or agency(s) since 28 March 2023?

(a) If yes, under what circumstance?

(b) If yes, what items and expenditure was undertaken?

(90) For each department, agency and/or other body in the Minister's portfolio please report:

(a) How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff? (Please provide a break-down of this information by grade)

(b) What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card for the last year?

(c) What was each largest reported purchase for?

(d) What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period?

(e) And what was the card holder's employment grade?

(f) How many credit cards have been reported lost or stolen?

(g) What was the cost to replace them?

(h) How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy?

i. How many purchases were asked to be repaid on the basis that they were illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and what was the total value thereof?

ii. Were all those amounts repaid?

(i) Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes?

i. Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?

ii. Can a copy of the staff credit card policy please be provided?

## **Department(s)/agency(s) desk or office**

(91) Do you have a desk or office in your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) building(s)?

### **Senior Executive Drivers**

(92) How many senior executives in your portfolio department(s) / agency(s) have a driver?

### **Mobile phones**

(93) How many mobile phones has your ministerial office been allocated as at 1 July 2024?

(94) How many mobile phones in your ministerial office have been lost or stolen since 28 March 2023?

### **Efficiency dividends**

(95) Was an efficiency dividend applied to your portfolio department(s) / agency(s) within your portfolio responsibilities in:

(a) 2023-24?

(b) 2024-25?

i. If so, what was the efficiency dividend applied to each department/agency?

ii. What measures are being considered to achieve this efficiency dividend?

### **GIPA Applications / Standing Order 52 – Ministerial Office**

(96) Does your ministerial office have staff member(s) to undertake Government Information (Public Access) Act application(s) and/or Standing Order 52 requests?

(a) If yes, has that ministerial staffer(s) received formal training about their legal obligations?

(97) How many GIPA Applications have been received by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?

### **Land audit – Department(s)/Agency(s)**

(98) Has your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) undertaken a land audit of surplus government property in any of the following postcodes:

(a) 2077?

(b) 2079?

(c) 2080?



- (d) 2081?
- (e) 2082?
- (f) 2083?
- (g) 2117?
- (h) 2118?
- (i) 2119?
- (j) 2120?
- (k) 2121?
- (l) 2125?
- (m) 2126?
- (n) 2151?
- (o) 2154?
- (p) 2156?
- (q) 2157?
- (r) 2158?
- (s) 2159?
- (t) 2756?
- (u) 2775?

i. If yes to (a) to (u), how many properties have been identified?

### **GIPA Applications – Department(s)/Agency(s)**

(99) Since 28 March 2023, have you and/or your ministerial office given instructions to your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) in relation to Government Information (Public Access) Act application(s)?

### **Department(s)/Agency(s) Travel**

(100) As Minister, do you approve overseas travel for public servants in your portfolio department(s) / Agency(s)?

(a) If yes, how many overseas trips have you approved since 28 March 2023?

- (101) Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?
- (102) Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on domestic flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?
- (a) Of these, how many flights were taken in business class?
- (103) Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on international flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?
- (a) Of these, how many flights were taken in business class?
  - (b) Of these, how many flights were taken in first class?
- (104) What was the total expenditure since 28 March 2023 by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities on:
- (a) Taxi hire?
  - (b) Ridesharing services?
  - (c) Limousine/private car hire?
  - (d) Hire car rental?

### **TikTok**

- (105) Are you on TikTok?
- (a) If yes, do you access TikTok from a NSW Government device?

### **Signal**

- (106) Are you on Signal?
- (a) If yes, do you access Signal from a NSW Government device?

### **Training**

- (107) Since 28 March 2023, have you had training from an external stakeholder that included an invoice and payment paid for using your ministerial budget?
- (a) If yes, what is the description of training?
  - (b) If yes, how much?

### **Cabinet documents**

(108) Since 28 March 2023, have you shared Cabinet documents with your Parliamentary Secretary?

### **Parliamentary Secretary**

(109) Does your Parliamentary Secretary have pass access to your ministerial office?

(110) Does your Parliamentary Secretary have a desk in your ministerial office?

### **Website usage**

(111) What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?

(112) What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?

### **Ministerial visits**

(113) Since 28 March 2023, have you visited any of these postcodes:

(a) 2077?

(b) 2079?

(c) 2080?

(d) 2081?

(e) 2082?

(f) 2083?

(g) 2117?

(h) 2118?

(i) 2119?

(j) 2120?

(k) 2121?

(l) 2125?

(m) 2126?

(n) 2151?

- (o) 2154?
- (p) 2156?
- (q) 2157?
- (r) 2158?
- (s) 2159?
- (t) 2756?
- (u) 2775?

i. If yes to (a) to (u):

1. *What was the purpose of the visit(s)?*
2. *Did you make a funding announcement(s)?*

#### **Hard hats and/or vests**

(114) Do you have a hard hat and/or vest for visiting infrastructure sites?

- (a) If yes, was it paid from your ministerial budget?

#### **Camera, video recorder and microphones**

(115) Does your ministerial office have the following paid by your ministerial budget:

- (a) Handheld camera?
- (b) Handheld video recorder?
- (c) Microphone?

i. If yes to (a) to (c), how much is each worth when purchased?

#### **Media releases and statements**

(116) Are all the ministerial media releases and statements issued by you publicly available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases>?

- (a) If no, why?

<b>Questions from Ms Sue Higginson MLC</b>
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## Natural Resources Commission

(117) What is the name, or names, of the expert panel, or panels, of the Natural Resources Commission that is working on the business case associated with the Forestry Industry Action Plan?

- (a) What are the names and roles of the members of the panel, or panels?
- (b) How were the panel members selected?
  - i. Who made the decisions regarding this panel and its membership?
- (c) When was the panel, or panels, established?
- (d) What are the terms of reference for the panel, or panels?
  - i. If there are no terms of reference, what is the scope of work for the panel, or panels?
- (e) When is the panel, or panels, due to report?
  - i. Will the panel or panels be publishing a public report?
  - ii. Will the panel or panels be making public recommendations?
  - iii. Will the panel or panels be contributing to any of these processes on an iterative basis?
- (f) Will the Natural Resources Commission panel or panels be providing reports to the Independent Forestry Panel?
- (g) Will the Natural Resources Commission panel or panels be providing reports to any other Government entities?
  - i. What are the name of these entities?
  - ii. What are the names and positions of the people who are part of each of these entities?

(118) What is the name, or names, of any expert panel, or panels, of the Natural Resources Commission that is working on the business case associated with the Great Koala National Park, the improved native forest management method, or the?

- (a) What are the names and roles of the members of the panel, or panels?
- (b) How were the panel members selected?
  - i. Who made the decisions regarding this panel and its membership?

- (c) When was the panel, or panels, established?
- (d) What are the terms of reference for the panel, or panels?
  - i. If there are no terms of reference, what is the scope of work for the panel, or panels?
- (e) When is the panel, or panels, due to report?
  - i. Will the panel or panels be publishing a public report?
  - ii. Will the panel or panels be making public recommendations?
  - iii. Will the panel or panels be contributing to any of these processes on an iterative basis?

## **Forestry**

- (119) Is there a Government entity that is responsible for receiving reports or updates from the Independent Forestry Panel?
- (a) What is the name of this entity?
  - (b) What are the names and positions of people who are part of the Government entity that the Independent Forestry Panel will report to?
- (120) What other government and non-government entities will be tasked with providing information or services to the Independent Forestry Panel?
- (a) Will any assessments or reports be provided to the Independent Forestry Panel?
    - i. What is the subject matter for each assessment or report that will be provided to the Independent Forestry Panel?
- (121) What entities or stakeholders were consulted with in relation to the Forestry Industry Action Plan?
- (a) When did the development of the plan commence?
  - (b) When did consultation with entities commence?
  - (c) Will the scope of the Forestry Industry Action Plan change over time depending on:
    - i. The results of public consultation?
    - ii. Advice from the Independent Forestry Panel?
- (122) What entities were consulted with in relation to the Independent Forestry Panel?

- (a) When did the development of the panel commence?
  - (b) When did consultation with entities commence?
  - (c) What role did the Premier, Premier’s Office, or Premier’s Department have in the selection of the panel members?
    - i. Were any names for potential panel members submitted by the Premier, Premier’s Office, or Premier’s Department and who were they?
  - (d) What role did the Forestry Corporation have in the selection of the panel members?
    - i. Were any names for potential panel members submitted by the Forestry Corporation and who were they?
  - (e) Is it possible for the membership of the panel to change over time?
    - i. How will changes to the panel be considered and who is the decision-making authority in relation to the panel membership?
- (123) Will the Independent Forestry Panel and Forestry Industry Action Plan be managed separately from the Great Koala National Park process?
- (a) If there is overlap, what is the identified overlap?
  - (b) What entity is responsible for managing any overlap?
- (124) Is the Great Koala National Park process dependent on either the Independent Forestry Panel or the Forestry Industry Action Plan?

**Koalas**

- (125) On 3 November 2023, the Premier said “Inaction and neglect by the previous Coalition government saw the koala officially listed as endangered in NSW. Creating a Great Koala National Park will turn around the animal’s grim trajectory,”. Is the delay by the Government to establish the Great Koala National Park and stop logging within the proposed boundary causing koalas to become more threatened with extinction?
- (a) How is the Great Koala National Park plan currently protecting koalas?