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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

Questions from Hon Tania Mihailuk MLC
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\$14.5 million grant to Macarthur FC and Western Sydney Wanderers FC

- (1) Did you approve the provision of a \$14.5 million “Football in Schools” grant to Macarthur FC and Western Sydney Wanderers FC?
 - (a) In the Office of Sport’s media release dated 15 September 2023 announcing the \$14.5 million ‘Football in Schools’ grant to Macarthur FC and Western Sydney Wanderers FC, it states that the program will reach “40,000 children”, does this include the footprint of the Southern Districts Soccer Football Association which is the governing body for football/soccer in the Liverpool and Fairfield LGAs?
 - (b) Is the Office of Sport overseeing this grant?
- (2) Can you provide a breakdown of the financial amount (by financial year) distributed to the following organisations under the Football in Schools grant:
 - (a) To Macarthur FC
 - (b) To Western Sydney Wanderers FC
 - (c) To any schools (please name them)
 - (d) To any other organisations
- (3) Did the grant contain a proposed budget to expend \$14.5million dollars?
 - (a) What was the breakdown for each item of expenditure in the grant proposal stage?
- (4) Can you please advise:
 - (a) How much of the funding received by Macarthur FC and Western Sydney Wanderers FC has been expended to date for each of the previous three financial years?
 - i. Including itemised lines of expenditure if it has been reported to the Office of Sport.
 - (b) The name of each school which has participated in Football in Schools, the date of the school visit, and how much each visit cost.
 - (c) The number of employees/contractors allocated by Macarthur FC and Western Sydney Wanderers FC to deliver Football in Schools

- i. How many of these people are:
 - Casual employees
 - Full time/part time
 - (d) The number of Office of Sport staff with responsibility to oversee/project manage the delivery of Football in schools.
- (5) Has the Office of Sport evaluated how the funding provided to Macarthur FC and Western Sydney Wanderers has been expended?
 - (a) If yes, when?
 - i. What was the outcome of the evaluation?
- (6) When did you in your capacity as Minister or the Office of Sport become aware of the following donations made by Macarthur FC, Western Sydney Wanderers FC, and the Southern Districts Soccer Football Association?:
 - (a) Southern Districts Soccer Football Association (SDSFA) donated:
 - i. \$5720 to NSW Labor
 - ii. i\$3300 to Nathan Haggarty
 - iii. \$3300 to Charishma Kaliyanda
 - (b) Macarthur FC donated:
 - i. \$4460 to NSW Labor
 - (c) Western Sydney Wanders FC donated:
 - i. \$3960 to Stephen Bali
 - ii. \$990 to Hugh McDermott
- (7) If you as Minister were aware of these political donations prior to the Office of Sport, did you disclose this knowledge to the Office of Sport?
 - i. If not, then why not?
- (8) Did you in your capacity as Minister request the Office of Sport to prepare the \$14.5 million grant to Macarthur FC and Western Sydney Wanderers?

- (9) When did the Office of Sport become aware of the NSW Labor election commitment announced on the Macarthur FC website of \$8 million dollars, which included quotes from then candidates Charishma Kaliyanda and Nathan Haggarty?
- (a) Please provide a copy of any minutes or briefings provided to/by the Office of Sport regarding the implementation of this \$8 million election commitment to Macarthur FC.
- (10) Did Macarthur FC and Western Sydney Wanderers FC disclose to you or the Office of Sport prior to receiving their grant that they were both reportable political donors to the NSW Labor Party?
- (a) If yes, when did this disclosure happen?
- (b) If no, did you in your capacity as Minister, or the Office of Sport, request this information from Macarthur FC and Western Sydney Wanderers FC?
- (11) Did you sign a brief in your capacity as Minister for Sport approving the provision of \$14.5 million dollars to Macarthur FC and Western Sydney Wanderers FC?
- (a) Did this brief refer to the fact that Macarthur FC and Western Sydney Wanderers FC were reportable political donors to NSW Labor and Labor candidates?
- (12) What consultation did you as Minister or the Office of Sport undertake with Football NSW prior to the disbursement of the \$14.5 million dollar grant to Macarthur FC and Western Sydney Wanderers?
- (a) Was information sought from Football NSW on which geographical region had the highest need to receive a discretionary grant?
- (13) Were football clubs or associations that were not reportable political donors to NSW Labor and Labor candidates provided with the opportunity to receive funding to deliver Football in Schools?
- (a) If yes, please advise the date and name that consultation was undertaken with:
- i. Other football clubs;
 - ii. Other football associations based in a different geographical region which is not in the footprint covered by the Southern Districts Soccer Football Association.

- (14) Does the Office of Sport have minutes of meetings between Macarthur FC, Western Sydney Wanderers FC, and the Office of Sport, prior to the disbursement of the \$14.5 million grant?
- (a) If yes, will you make the minutes of any meeting publicly available?

Office of Sport grants to reportable political donors

- (15) Have you issued a directive to the Office of Sport on how it should manage the provision of grants to reportable political donors such as the Southern Districts Soccer Football Association?
- (a) If not, then why not?
- (16) Can you please outline:
- (a) How many reportable political donors in NSW have received grants from the Office of Sport over the past 2 financial years?
- i. The amount of funding provided to each organisation;
 - ii. The name of the political party or candidate who received a political donation;
 - iii. Whether a conflict of interest was declared by the grant applicant;
 - iv. Whether the Office of Sport was aware of the grant recipient's status as a reportable political donor;
 - v. Whether the Minister for Sport approved each grant application
- (17) Have the Members for Leppington and Liverpool ever requested or made recommendations to you as Minister or the Office of Sport to support funding or grant applications from any organisations within their electorates who are reportable political donors or constituent members of a reportable political donor?
- (a) If yes, which organisations?
- (b) How much funding was provided?
- (c) Did the Members for Leppington or Liverpool disclose a conflict of interest?
- (18) Has the Office of Sport been advised by, or liaised with, any other Government Department/Agency/Office, including the Premier's Department/Office and the Department of Education, to support the provision of public funding to reportable political donors to the NSW Labor Party?

- (a) If yes, please provide the details of each project including the funding recipient and amount of funding recommending for approval.

Prioritisation of grant funding by Office of Sport to Football Associations

(19) Please outline:

- (a) The name of each Football Association affiliated to Football NSW or Northern NSW Football that has received funding from the Office of Sport in the past two years;
- (b) Whether each of those Football Associations is a reportable political donor to any political party or candidate in NSW;
- (c) The total value of funds received by each of those Football Associations in the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date.

(20) Football NSW's Infrastructure Strategy "[NSW-Football-Infrastructure-Strategy-2020-web.pdf](#)" notes the significant infrastructure gap for football facilities in our state and how Football NSW aligns its plans with the Office of Sport's Strategic Plan 2020-2024. The Football NSW Infrastructure Strategy highlands a problem faced by the Sutherland Shire Football Association and other local Football Associations in NSW – children and adults who want to experience the health and social benefits of playing football are turned away due to "Training space availability, accompanied by greater provision of playing field lighting are seen as the key facility issues to address" (pg18):

Given that Football NSW has recognised that community football infrastructure in the Electorates of Cronulla, Miranda, Heathcote and Holsworthy (Sutherland Shire Football Association) is inadequate, is it the case that Sutherland Shire Football Association can only get prioritised for funding by your Government if they start donating their portion of soccer registration fees to Sussex Street and their local Labor candidates?

Multiculturalism

Ministerial referrals

(21) Section 13 (1)(c) of the Multicultural NSW Act 2000 states that you as Minister have the power to refer matters to Multicultural NSW for further research and investigation. Have you made any referrals to the statutory authority under this provision of the Act since you've been the Minister?

- (a) Please list each referral and provide an update on where each matter is at as of 28 February 2025

Multicultural NSW Strategic Plan data collection

- (22) Multicultural NSW's Strategic Plan 2021-2025 states as a priority that decision making and services will meet the needs of culturally diverse communities through the implementation of data, evidence and research – monitoring and measuring the state of relations as affected by cultural, religious and linguistic diversity.
- (a) What data and evidence has been collected in accordance with the 2021-2025 strategic plan when it comes to supporting different faith communities?
- i. How does this data and evidence support s3(1)(c) of the Multicultural NSW Act 2000 - “free to profess, practise and maintain their own religious and ancestral heritage”?
- (23) In the past two years while you've been the Minister, what data, evidence, and research have you instructed the department to collect regarding interfaith communities?
- (a) Have you discussed this data, evidence, and research with the Faith Council reporting to Multicultural NSW?
- (b) If not, then why not?
- (24) Has the Faith Council provided you with any data, evidence, and/or research affecting their faith communities and interfaith relations in NSW?
- (a) If yes, what did they say?
- (25) It is now 2025 and we don't have an updated Strategic Plan for Multicultural NSW, will the updated plan include specific ways to strengthen inclusion and equity when it comes to NSW's diverse interfaith communities?
- (a) When will the updated Strategic Plan be released?
- (b) Please advise the amount of funding from the 24/25 Budget that was provided to Multicultural NSW to develop their new strategic plan

Faith Affairs Council

- (26) What issues have you referred to the Faith Council?
- (27) What issues were considered at the most recent meetings of the Faith Council?
- (28) Did you consult with the Faith Council about the ramifications the Crimes Amendment (Inciting Racial Hatred) Bill 2025 would have on religious freedom, prior to my amendment

being included to add the words 'or discussion' after 'teaching' in Schedule 1, proposed section 93ZAA(2), line 20?

- i. If not, then why not?
 - (b) What issues did the Faith Council raise relating to the bill?
 - (c) Prior to ramming the bill through Parliament, did you or any of the members of your office pick up the phone to the Faith Council to discuss the accelerated time frame?
 - i. If yes, what did they say to you?
 - ii. If not, then why not?
 - (d) Did the members of the Faith Council express any opinion to you on the speed with which the hate speech laws were rammed through Parliament?
- (29) How many recommendations has the Faith Council made to date?
- (30) Will you make these recommendations public?
 - (a) If yes, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (31) Have you asked the Faith Council to make any recommendations to you?
 - (a) If yes, what about?
- (32) Have you applied any recommendations the Faith Council made to you?
 - (a) If yes, which ones?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Questions from Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of Opposition)
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Land and Property

Land Audit

- (33) The land audit commenced in 2023 with the directive to audit government-owned land for the suitability of housing. As of today, how many total sites have been identified as suitable for housing development?
- (34) Minister, the ROI campaign for developing 22 surplus NSW Government sites was open from 23 November to 14 December 2024. How many registrations of interest were received during this period?

- (35) How were these sites selected for inclusion in the campaign, and what makes them suitable for expedited housing development?
- (36) When does the government anticipate finalizing the shortlist of developers or parties for these sites?
- (37) Will any of these sites start construction in 2025?
- (38) Will land be leased, sold, or allocated under a joint venture model? What conditions apply to each option?
- (39) What criteria will be used to evaluate submissions from developers and the public?
- (40) What criteria will be used to select private partners, and how will the government ensure that these partnerships deliver quality housing that meets community needs?
- (41) How will the government ensure that selected proposals align with objectives to maximize dwelling yield, minimize delivery time, and support affordable housing?
- (42) What infrastructure assessments have been conducted to ensure that the selected sites can support the proposed housing developments?
- (43) Will you guarantee a minimum percentage of affordable and social housing in these developments?
- (44) Is there a mandated percentage of affordable or key worker housing units that developers are required to include in their proposals?
 - (a) If it varies per site, explain, per site, how it varies.
- (45) What is the estimated timeline from site allocation to the first shovel in the ground?
- (46) Have developers been given a deadline to commence construction once sites are allocated? What penalties are in place if they fail to meet milestones?
- (47) What percentage of projects are expected to be completed within the next three years?
- (48) Have developers been given flexibility on what types of housing they build, or are there strict requirements on dwelling types?
- (49) Can you please provide updates on the following sites, including how many ROI's there were for each site, what the proposed mix of housing density is on each site (in homes) and the projected timeline for home delivery is on each site:
 - (a) 11-13 West Botany Street, Arncliffe

- (b) 28-30 West Botany Street, Arncliffe
 - (c) 92-98 West Botany Street, Arncliffe
 - (d) 33-37 Regent Street, Chippendale
 - (e) Cnr Wisdom Lane and Palmer Street, Darlinghurst
 - (f) Stanley Street, Darlinghurst
 - (g) 16-18 Bayview Avenue, Earlwood
 - (h) 422, 424 and 426 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield
 - (i) 595-597 Warringah Road, Frenchs Forest
 - (j) 164 Talavera Road, Marsfield
 - (k) 6-10 Pembroke Road, Minto
 - (l) 8 Yambo Street, Morisset
 - (m) 52 McLaren Street, North Sydney
 - (n) 129-133 Sale Street, Orange
 - (o) 832-842 Windsor Road, Rouse Hill
 - (p) 870 Windsor Road, Rouse Hill
 - (q) Windsor Road & Annangrove Road, Rouse Hill
 - (r) 5-17 Clavering Road, Seaforth
 - (s) 5-9 Cardigan Street, Stanmore
 - (t) 1334 and 1340 Pacific Highway, Turramurra
 - (u) 56-58 Richards Road, Wakeley, 60A Box Road, Prairiewood, 479 Smithfield Road, Wakeley
 - (v) 117 Sparks Road, 680 and 680A Bruce Crescent, Wallarah
- (50) Are any of the above sites located on areas of trunk drainage land, any areas with 1-in-100 year flood risks, or classified as “bushfire prone land” according to DPHI definitions?
- (a) If so, which sites?
- (51) The 19.4-hectare site at 26 Kissing Point Road and 266 Victoria Road, Rydalmere is slated for rezoning to deliver approximately 2300 homes.

- (a) How was the projection of 2300 homes reached? Explain the methodology?
 - (b) What is the anticipated timeline for the completion of these homes, and how will they be allocated among different housing categories (e.g., social, affordable, private)
 - (c) Additionally, what range of housing types (e.g., apartments, townhouses) is being considered for this development?
- (52) It has been revealed a number of surplus government land sites have been sold to private developers - why did Homes NSW and Landcom deem these sites not appropriate for them to build housing on?
- (a) Will the condition of any sale agreements for these parcels of land be that there is housing on the site? Instead of another commercial purpose?
 - (b) How much revenue is expected to be generated from the sale of these government-owned properties?
 - (c) Will 100% of the funds be reinvested into housing, or will it be used to plug budget shortfalls elsewhere?
 - (d) Has the Government ring-fenced these funds specifically for housing projects, or is there no guarantee that the money will go towards addressing housing supply?
 - (e) How many more government-owned properties identified in the land audit are under review for potential sale rather than being used for housing?

Parramatta North Precinct

- (53) The proposal mentions new recreational green spaces.
- (a) Will City of Parramatta Council be expected to deliver these open spaces?
 - (b) Will an NSW Government agency be expected to deliver these open spaces, and if so – who?
 - (c) What funding will be given to the Council to deliver these open spaces?
- (54) The public consultation period for the Parramatta North Precinct rezoning proposal closed on 10 February 2025. When does the Government expect to finalise the planning instrument changes following this consultation?
- (55) Will the Government be releasing a summary of community feedback received during the exhibition period? If so, when can the public and stakeholders expect to see it?

- (56) How many submissions were received during the exhibition period, and what proportion of them were supportive, opposed, or sought amendments?
- (57) What weight will the Government give to community feedback, particularly concerns about density, heritage protection, and infrastructure capacity?
- (58) Can you confirm whether the rezoning and planning controls will be finalised via ministerial decision alone, or will there be further parliamentary or public scrutiny?
- (59) Does the Government anticipate any delays in finalising the rezoning due to community objections, infrastructure constraints, or other factors?
- (60) The Minister's media release suggests the plan will "unlock Parramatta North's potential." How soon after the finalisation of the plan does the Government anticipate development applications will begin?
- (61) Will there be any further rounds of consultation or modifications to the plan before it is officially adopted, or is the Government committed to proceeding with the current proposal as exhibited?

\$54.6 Million Investment to Clean Up Contaminated Sites

- (62) The government has known about many of these contaminated sites for years. Why has it taken until now for some of these clean-ups to begin?
- (63) What is the estimated timeframe for completing all site remediations, and what contingencies are in place if further delays occur?
- (64) Can the government provide a clear breakdown of how the \$54.6 million is being allocated across the different contaminated sites?
- (65) How much of this funding is being used for actual clean-up works as opposed to administrative and consultancy costs?
- (66) The Truegain site has been abandoned since 2016, and work is still ongoing in 2024. Why has it taken so long, and what is being done to prevent similar delays at other sites?
- (67) How will the government ensure transparency and keep the public informed? Will there be regular public reporting on clean-up progress?
- (68) Once these sites are remediated, will they be retained as public land, or does the government intend to sell them for commercial or residential development?

- (69) Will all remediated sites undergo independent environmental assessments before any redevelopment occurs to guarantee they are safe for future use?
- (70) What enforcement actions will be taken against companies responsible for contamination so taxpayers are not left to cover the costs?
- (71) The NSW Land and Environment Court ordered the former Truegain director to pay \$1.2 million in clean-up costs. How much has been recovered, and what is the plan if the funds are not paid?

Coffs Harbour Jetty Foreshore Precinct Revitalisation

- (72) The government has committed to a 20-year shared community vision. What are the firm delivery timelines for each stage of this project?
- (73) With the Coffs Bypass set to open in 2027, when can the community expect to see tangible progress on the foreshore revitalisation?
- (74) The government claims this will be a self-sustaining, cost-neutral project—can the government outline the financial model ensuring all funds generated are reinvested into the precinct?
- (75) What is the total estimated cost of the revitalisation, and will additional state or federal funding be required to complete the project?
- (76) The government has promised that no foreshore land will be developed for profit. Can the government confirm how this aligns with plans for additional housing and expanded tourism and hospitality offerings?
- (77) How will the government ensure that promised public space improvements, such as better parklands and recreational facilities, are prioritised and not delayed in favour of commercial development?
- (78) What planning controls will be in place to ensure any housing and commercial development respects the character of the Coffs Harbour foreshore and does not compromise public access?
- (79) The government claims this project will increase local jobs and economic growth. How will job creation be tracked and measured to ensure real benefits for the Coffs Harbour community?
- (80) What guarantees are in place to ensure that new housing in the precinct will address affordability concerns rather than becoming short-term holiday rentals?

Old Grafton Gaol Redevelopment

- (81) What is the expected timeline for selecting a successful bid from the Expressions of Interest (EOI) process, and when will redevelopment begin?
- (82) Are there any deadlines for when the successful bidder must commence work on the site, or could it sit vacant for years after being sold?
- (83) Will there be any progress reporting requirements for the successful bidder to ensure the redevelopment stays on track?
- (84) How much revenue is the government expecting to generate from the sale or lease of the site, and how will those funds be allocated?
- (85) What financial incentives will businesses or organisations receive to redevelop the site?
- (86) Will the government provide any funding or subsidies for heritage restoration as part of this redevelopment?
- (87) The government has stated that heritage and community outcomes are at the heart of this EOI. What measures will be in place to ensure these commitments are upheld by the successful bidder?
- (88) Can the government guarantee that the site's redevelopment will not lead to the demolition of key heritage structures?
- (89) What lessons has the government learnt from previous heritage site redevelopments to ensure this process is transparent and beneficial to the community?
- (90) Will there be any restrictions placed on the type of development allowed on the site, or could it be turned into private residential housing?
- (91) What planning controls will ensure that the new use of the site aligns with State and Local Planning Strategies, as claimed by the government?
- (92) What community consultation will be required before final planning approvals are granted for the redevelopment?
- (93) How will the government ensure that the redevelopment creates lasting economic benefits for Grafton, rather than just a one-off sale?
- (94) What job creation targets have been set for the project, and will local tradespeople and businesses be prioritised in the redevelopment process?

- (95) How will the redevelopment integrate with the surrounding community to ensure it delivers social as well as economic benefits?
- (96) What safeguards will be in place to ensure the site does not become a derelict or underutilised space after sale?

Crown Lands Staffing, Disputes and Aboriginal Land Claims

- (97) How many Crown Land Claims remain unresolved as of today?
- (98) How many Crown Land Claims were resolved in FY 2023-24?
- (99) How many Crown Land Claims were granted in FY 2023-24?
- (100) How many Crown Land Claims have been resolved in FY 2024-25?
- (101) How many Crown Land Claims have been granted in FY 2024-25?
- (102) How many Aboriginal Land Claims remain unresolved as of today?
- (103) How many Aboriginal Land Claims were resolved in FY 2023-24?
- (104) How many Aboriginal Land Claims were granted in FY 2023-24?
- (105) How many Aboriginal Land Claims have been resolved in FY 2024-25?
- (106) How many Aboriginal Land Claims have been granted in FY 2024-25?
- (107) How many staff are currently employed by Crown Lands?
- (108) How many of FTE staff are assigned to work on Crown Land Claims?
- (109) How many of FTE staff are assigned to work on Aboriginal Land Claims?
- (110) How many Crown Lands Claims remained unresolved on 30 June 2024
- (111) What are the 20 longest land claims still on the books? (take on notice)

Land Leaving the Crown Estate

- (112) How much land (by area and value) has left the Crown Estate in the last financial year? Can a breakdown be provided of the purpose of each transfer? Under what mechanisms did these vestings or transfers occur (excluding the Roads program). Can a breakdown be provided for each category including the following:
 - (113) Sales Programs
 - (a) One off vestings
 - (b) Transfers to government agencies, including Property NSW

- (c) Transfers to local councils under the Crown Lands Management Act
- (d) Transfers to non-government agencies
- (e) Aboriginal Land Rights transfers
- (f) Native Title transfers

Griffith City Council-Argyle Housing Affordable Housing

(114) In February 2024, in order to acquire two small parcels of Crown land for an affordable housing initiative in partnership with Argyle Housing, to gain an exemption from the market value determination requirement, Griffith City Council were given an eight-step process involving the development of a business case, two Ministerial sign-offs, and the Treasurer's approval for a budget allocation to offset the value of the land.

- (a) What progress toward the transfer of title of the two plots of land has occurred to date?
- (b) Is the Government taking any steps to streamline exemptions to the market value determination requirement for transfer of title for affordable housing projects?

Crown Reserves Improvement Fund Assessment Criteria

(115) How many grant applications for the Crown Reserve Improvement Fund 2024-2025 round were received and how does this compare to previous years?

(116) Have details of the Crown Reserve Improvement Fund strategic emergency grants been finalised?

- (a) When will details become available including application process and assessment criteria?

(117) Can you give an example of the type of project or expenditure that would be considered a strategic emergency for a crown reserve manager?

(118) Illabo Showground Land Manager need \$40,000 for a storage room to provide security for equipment and protect it from the elements. Could they receive a strategic emergency grant for this? If not, what funding options are available?

Crown Road Enclosure Permit Fees

(119) Since the progressive removal of concessions for Crown road enclosure permit fees began on 1 July 2024, has there been an increase in the number of landholders who have relinquished or decided not to renew their permits?

- (120) If so, can you quantify this in either number of landholders, number of enclosures, or in revenue terms?
- (121) Has there been an increase in the number of landholders converting enclosure permits to freehold title since the removal of concessions began?
- (122) Since 1 July 2024, what additional resources and funding has been dedicated to land management activities such as bushfire mitigation or weed and feral pest management normally undertaken by enclosure permit holders?
- (123) Have any additional staff been engaged regionally for land management activities in response to changes resulting from the removal of concessions?

Independent Review into Statutory Framework for Small Scale Titles in New South Wales

- (124) In response to recommendation 11.4 of the Review into Statutory Framework for Small Scale Titles, what additional work has been undertaken by the Lightning Ridge Area Opal Reserve Manager to improve safety within the preserved fields at Lightning Ridge?
- (a) Has this or will this result in any increase in the Environmental Levy paid by mineral claim holders?
- (125) In response to recommendation 15.4, what additional income streams has or is the Lightning Ridge Area Opal Reserve Manager implementing to reduce reliance on landholder compensation payments?
- (a) What is the amount of additional income the Government anticipates the Lightning Ridge Area Opal Reserve Manager can achieve through new income streams?

Multiculturalism

Safe Places for Faith Communities Grants

- (126) Regarding the Safe Places for Faith Communities Grants:
- (a) Which peak religious organisations received the largest share of the funding?
- (b) Can you provide a breakdown of which regions of Greater Sydney and regional and rural NSW received funding and how much?
- (c) Will the NSW Government increase the amount total amount committed for these grants beyond the original \$15 million commitment?

Hate Speech Laws

- (127) Regarding the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Racial and Religious Hatred) Bill 2025:

- (a) Apart from the Faith Affairs Council how did the Minister other cultural communities that are also going to be impacted by this bill?
- (b) Which cultural communities did the Minister consult?

Multicultural Media Funding

(128) Regarding the NSW Government's spend on advertising with Independent Multicultural Media:

- (a) How much did the NSW Government spend in the last 12 months, please provide breakdown of this figure by language?

(129) Regarding the Multicultural and Aboriginal Advertising Policy:

- (a) Has the 9% spend target been reached?
- (b) What was the actual spend since July 2024?
- (c) Of the percentage spent, how much was provided specifically to Independent Multicultural Media outlets?

(130) Can the Minister provide the dates when he has met with the Independent Multicultural Media Association since becoming Minister?

Multicultural Capital Partnerships Fund

(131) Regarding the Multicultural Capital Partnerships Fund:

- (a) How much additional funding has the Melkite Catholic Eparchy of Australia received to complete their project?
- (b) What is the status of their project?
- (c) Does MNSW have compliance measures in place to ensure that projects remain on time and on budget, please specify?

(132) Can the Minister provide a status update on each of the Multicultural Capital Partnerships Fund projects?

- (a) Can the Minister note if any have experienced cost overruns and how much additional funding has been requested by each project?

MNSW Staff

(133) How many full-time or full-time equivalent staff does MNSW currently have?

- (a) Does MNSW currently possess sufficient staff to meet the demands of the agency's program and initiatives, and what benchmarks or criteria are used to assess this adequacy?
- (b) In terms of a percentage, how much has the MNSW workforce grown from 2019-20 to 2023-24 FYs?
- (c) According to MNSW's annual report from 2022-23 FY to 2023-24 FY MNSW's staff increased by 13 positions. Can the Minister explain the specific operation or strategic factors that necessitated raising the staff count from 105 to 118, and what measurable needs justified this increase?
- (d) With the 13-position increase, what performance indicators will be used to evaluate whether these additional roles are effectively enhancing service delivery and meeting the agency's objectives?

Translation Services

(134) Regarding the Service NSW Business Bureau's free in-language support:

- (a) How much is being spent on the contracted independent advisors who speak a second language?
- (b) What languages are available other than Mandarin, Vietnamese and Arabic?
- (c) Are there plans to expand the number of languages available, if so, which languages?
- (d) Noting that the Service NSW Business Bureau website can be translated into 70 languages are there plans to expand this considering more than 238 languages are spoken in NSW?

Domestic and Family Violence in Multicultural Communities

(135) What additional steps is the NSW Government taking to address domestic and family violence in multicultural communities, particularly in relation to:

- (a) Funding?
- (b) Building a workforce of multicultural specialists workers?
- (c) Codesigned and community-led primary prevention and early intervention?
- (d) Access to income support, health care and housing for people on temporary visas?

(136) Will the Minister advocate for the establishment of a Domestic and Family Violence Multicultural Committee as part of the NSW Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual

Assault Council to inform whole-of-government strategies at the intersection of multiculturalism and domestic and family violence?

- (137) Will the Minister advocate to Minister Harrison for the NSW Government to consider funding specific supports for migrant and refugee women experiencing violence as recommended in the Domestic Violence NSW Pre-Budget Submission such as:
- (a) \$12 million over two years for a pilot program by DVNSW to provide victim-survivors from migrant and refugee backgrounds with increased access to culturally and religiously responsive support?
 - (b) \$3.45 million over two years for a pilot program for all funded women's refuges to provide essential support to women on temporary visas including living allowances, medical costs, food, clothing, transport, English classes, document translation, immigration support legal costs?
- (138) Will the Minister advocate to Minister Jackson for the extension of eligibility for women on temporary visas to the broader NSW housing and homelessness system, including access to social and affordable housing and temporary accommodation?

Stockroute Park and the Discobolus Monument at Sydney Olympic Park

- (139) What is the status of Stockroute Park and the Discobolus Monument at Sydney Olympic Park, considering the potential impact of the Sydney Olympic Park Master Plan 2050?
- (140) If the relocation of the Discobolus Monument proceeds, what are the estimated costs, which parties would be responsible for funding this move?
- (141) How do you address concerns regarding the proposed removal of the Discobolus Monument, and concerns regarding the loss of this vital green space?
- (142) When can the public expect a definitive decision regarding the future of Stockroute Park and the Discobolus Monument?
- (143) What measures are being taken to involve the Greek Australian community in the decision-making process regarding the future of this significant cultural landmark?
- (144) What is the expected timeline for a final decision on the future of the site?

Sport

Local Sport Defibrillator Program

- (145) How many applications were received for the last round of the Local Sport Defibrillator Program?
- (146) How many applications were received from organisations not eligible on postcode criteria but able to demonstrate financial hardship?
- (147) How was this financial hardship measured or assessed?
- (148) How many of the successful applicants were not eligible on postcode criteria but able to demonstrate financial hardship?
- (149) How many successful applicants were there announced in January through the Local Sport Defibrillator Program?
- (a) Of these successful applicants, how many qualified due to financial hardship?
- (150) How many enquiries did the Office of Sport receive from organisations in ineligible postcodes wanting to apply for defibrillators or complain about the inability to access the program?

Local Sport Grants Program

- (151) When will the review into the Local Sport Grant Program be completed?
- (a) What were the reasons for this review being undertaken?
- (152) Have funds been set aside for the program to be offered for the 2024/25 financial year should this review be completed in time?

Learn to Swim Program

- (153) When establishing your Learn to Swim Program, how was it determined which communities would have access to program?
- (154) How many organisations applied to be a part of the new Learn-to-swim program?
- (a) Of those organisations how many were successful?
- (b) Of those organisations that were unsuccessful, how many were based or planned to offer programs in areas with high numbers people born overseas and those living in the most disadvantaged areas of NSW?
- (155) Under this program can a young person residing in the Bayside Local Government Area access the Learn-to-Swim program at the Sutherland Leisure Centre?

(a) What steps is the Government undertaking to ensure access to this program is available to those in most need?

(156) What support is the NSW Government providing those in areas that cannot easily access the swim program the Learn-to-Swim program in receiving life-saving swim lessons?

Dunc Gray Velodrome

(157) As at July 2024, what was the number of cyclists participating in the NSW Institute of Sport's high performance track cycling program?

(158) Given the NSWIS track cycling program can no longer be supported after 31 March, what support is being provided to track cycling athletes based in NSW?

Penrith Whitewater Stadium and Sydney International Regatta Centre

(159) Have the measures outlined by Leon Walker on Page 74 of the uncorrected transcript also been implemented at the Sydney International Regatta Centre

(a) If so, when were these measures first implemented at:

i. The Penrith Whitewater Stadium?

ii. The Sydney International Regatta Centre?

Closed Grant Funding

(160) What was the total allocated under the Organisation Support Program 2023-2024?

(a) Were these funds fully deployed? If not, what was the total the amount left undeployed?

(b) If funding has not been fully deployed, were these undeployed funds spent elsewhere in the Office of Sport or were they returned to Treasury?

(161) What was the total allocated under the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program for 2023/24?

(a) Were these funds fully deployed? If not, what was the total the amount left undeployed?

(b) If funding has not been fully deployed, were these undeployed funds spent elsewhere in the Office of Sport or were they returned to Treasury?

(162) What was the total allocated under the Surf Club Facility Program for 2023/24?

- (a) Were these funds fully deployed? If not, what was the total the amount left undeployed?
 - (b) If funding has not been fully deployed, were these undeployed funds spent elsewhere in the Office of Sport or were they returned to Treasury?
- (163) What was the total allocated under the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program for 2023/24?
- (a) Were these funds fully deployed? If not, what was the total the amount left undeployed?
 - (b) If funding has not been fully deployed, were these undeployed funds spent elsewhere in the Office of Sport or were they returned to Treasury?
- (164) What was the total allocated under the Level the Playing Field Program for 2023/24
- (a) Were these funds fully deployed? If not, what was the total the amount left undeployed?
 - (b) If funding has not been fully deployed, were these undeployed funds spent elsewhere in the Office of Sport or were they returned to Treasury?
- (165) What was the total allocated under the Local Sport Grant Program for 2023/24
- (a) Were these funds fully deployed? If not, what was the total the amount left undeployed?
 - (b) If funding has not been fully deployed, were these undeployed funds spent elsewhere in the Office of Sport or were they returned to Treasury?

Budget

- (166) The 2024-25 Budget provided a revised 2023-24 figure of \$400,446,000 in expenses, however \$594,542,000 was budgeted. What is the reason for this discrepancy?
- (167) The 2024-25 Budget provided a revised 2023-24 figure of \$59,243,000 in employee related operating expenses. However, \$61,07,000 was budgeted, please outline the reason for this discrepancy.
- (168) The 2024-25 Budget provided a revised 2023-24 figure of \$282,052,000 in Grants and Subsidies, however \$477,638,000 was budgeted for 2023-24. What is the reason for this discrepancy?

(169) The 2024-25 Budget provided a revised 2023-24 figure of \$106,396,000 in Total Current Assets but only \$84,801,000 for 2024-25. What is the reason for this discrepancy?

(170) The 2024-25 Budget provided a revised figure of \$180,121,000 in Land and Building Assets. Please provide a list of these assets including street address, suburb and facility name.

Please provide a detailed list of Right of Use assets for the 2024-25 year.

Small Business

Business insolvency

(171) NSW tourism remains 10.4% below 2019 levels yet the government continues to highlight an 8.6% rise in recent months. Why is the focus on selective figures instead of addressing the ongoing challenges facing businesses?

(172) NSW recorded more hospitality business closures than any other state between July and December 2024. What targeted financial relief has been provided to support restaurants cafés and venues struggling with rising costs?

(173) NSW accounted for 42% of all business insolvencies in 2023-24 despite making up just 31% of the population. Why has there been a failure to implement sufficient support measures for small businesses?

(174) Between October and December last year only one meeting on small business was held despite widespread closures and financial distress. Why has engagement with struggling businesses been so limited?

(175) Construction and hospitality insolvencies continue to rise. What urgent relief measures have been introduced to prevent further closures and support businesses at risk?

(176) Business NSW has shown NSW's hospitality sector is experiencing a sharp rise in insurance premiums, making it even harder for small businesses to remain viable. What action has been taken to address the rising cost of business insurance?

Workplace shortages

(177) Access to skilled workers remains a major issue for construction businesses, with ongoing staff shortages. What measures have been put in place to improve workforce retention and training in these industries?

Toll Relief

(178) With the NSW Toll Relief Rebate Scheme set to conclude on 30 June 2025, what measures are being considered to assist small businesses with toll costs beyond this date? Will the government introduce a replacement program to continue easing cost-of-doing business pressures?

Business Bureau and Business Charter

(179) Now that the Charter for Small Business has been in place for a year what practical actions have resulted from it? The Charter commits to developing and applying performance metrics to NSW Government agencies. What are those specific metrics and which agencies are they being applied to?

(180) The Charter for Small Business also speaks of “streamlining regulation and providing targeted financial support.” What specific examples can the government provide from the past year where these commitments have been implemented?

(181) What services does Service NSW Business Bureau now provide that were not being provided by ServiceNSW before the Bureau came into existence?

(182) How has the government measured the effectiveness of the Business Bureau in reducing regulatory burdens or simplifying business operations?

(183) The Charter for Small Business pledged to boost procurement opportunities for small businesses. What percentage of NSW Government contracts have been awarded to small businesses in the past year and how does this compare to previous years?

General questions

CFMEU meetings

(184) 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 meetings

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

Ministerial disclosures to The Cabinet Office

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

Department(s)/Agency(s) Employees

(187) 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?

(c) On what page are redundancies published in the respective Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports?

Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports

(188) On what date were the annual report(s) from 2023-24 for each department / agency in your portfolio published?

(189) Were the annual report(s) from 2023-24 for each department / agency in your portfolio printed?

(a) If yes, what was the printing cost(s) for each department / agency?

(190) Did the annual report(s) from 2023-24 for each department / agency in your portfolio use in part or full an external production / body / consultant to draft?

(a) If yes, what was the cost(s) for each department / agency?

(191) In what month will the 2024-25 annual report(s) for each department / agency in your portfolio be published?

(192) Will the 2024-25 annual report(s) for the department / agency in your portfolio include a printed copy?

(a) If yes, how much is budgeted for printing in 2024-25 for each department / agency?

State Records Act

(193) 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?

Advertising

(194) On what page is advertising published in the respective Department(s)/Agency(s) annual report(s)?

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

(195) 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 website URL?

Ministerial staff disclosure of gifts and/or hospitality

(196) Does your ministerial office keep a register of gifts and/or hospitality for staff to make disclosures?

- (a) If yes, what is the website URL?

(197) 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

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

- (a) If yes, what was the breach?

Credit Cards

(199) 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?

(200) Do public servants in your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) been issued with department/agency credit cards?

(201) If yes, what is the website URL of the credit card policy?

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

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

Senior Executive Drivers

(203) As at 1 February 2025, how many senior executives in your portfolio department(s) / agency(s) have a driver?

GIPA Applications – Ministerial Office

(204) Has your Ministerial Office received a GIPA Application(s) since 28 March 2023?

(a) If yes, how many?

(b) If yes, what is the website URL of the disclosure log?

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

(205) 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)?

GIPA Act – Disclosure Log Website URL

(206) What is the website URL for the GIPA Act disclosure log each of your portfolio department(s) / agency(s)?

TikTok

(207) Are you on TikTok?

(a) If yes, do you access TikTok from a NSW Government device?

Signal

(208) Are you and/or your ministerial staff on Signal?

(a) If yes, do you and/or your ministerial staff access Signal from a NSW Government device?

(b) If yes, does Signal comply with the State Records Act?

Training

(209) 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

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

Parliamentary Secretary

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

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

(213) Has your Parliamentary Secretary ever used your Ministerial Vehicle?

Media releases and statements

(214) 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?

Overseas Travel

(215) As Minister, do you approve overseas travel for public servants from your portfolio department(s)/agency(s)?

Data Breaches

(216) Does your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) keep a register of data breaches in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection (PPIP) Act?

(217) If yes to 38, what is the website?

Discretionary Fund

(218) As Minister, do you have a discretionary fund?

(a) If yes, what department(s) / agency(s) administer it?

(b) If yes, what is the website URL detailing expenditure?

Qantas Chairman's Lounge

(219) Are you a member of the Qantas Chairmans Lounge?

Local Government Councillors

(220) How many of your Ministerial staff is a local government councillor(s)?

Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

Public land audit

(221) In relation to the ongoing audit of public land for the purposes of identifying “surplus” land suitable for use as housing, how many properties, by local government area, have been assessed through the audit?

- (a) How many properties, by local government area, have been deemed suitable for use as housing?
- (b) How far is the audit from completion in terms of months/weeks?
- (c) How far is the audit from completion in terms of the number of properties yet to be assessed?
- (d) Will Homes NSW and LAHC be required to purchase land identified as suitable for use as housing at market value?
 - i. What policies or legislation determine how the property is purchased, sold and/or transferred?

(222) In relation to the 11 publicly owned properties that will be sold at a group auction on 2 April 2025, what is the address of each of these properties?

- i. Which agency currently owns each of these properties?
- ii. What is the current use of these properties? (Eg - privately leased residence, meanwhile use, vacant block, etc)
- (b) Were each of these properties offered for sale to LAHC?
- (c) Were each of these properties offered for sale to Homes NSW?
- (d) Were other agencies provided with the option to purchase these properties?
 - i. If so, which agencies?
 - ii. What was the process for how these offers were made? UP TO HERE
- (e) If the properties were offered to LAHC and Homes NSW, what were the respective dates of these offers?
 - i. When did these agencies decline to purchase the properties; and
 - ii. On what basis did they decline to purchase the properties?
- (f) Were additional properties offered to LAHC and/or Homes NSW that they did agree to purchase as part of this audit?
 - i. If so, how many?

- (g) What portion, if any, of the proceeds from the sale of the 11 properties will be made available to LAHC for the purposes of increasing housing supply?
- (h) What portion, if any, of the proceeds from the sale of the 11 properties will be made available to Homes NSW for the purposes of increasing housing supply?