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BUDGET ESTIMATES 2024-2025

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Women, Seniors, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
(Harrison)

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

Questions from Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)
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Women

- (1) What is the total budget for Women NSW?
- (2) How many FTE positions are funded in Women NSW?
 - (a) Are all positions filled?
- (3) What projects will Women NSW staff be working on in the 2024-25 financial year?
- (4) How will the NSW Women's Strategy be:
 - (a) monitored?
 - (b) Evaluated?
- (5) How will the NSW Government evaluate the overall success of its focus to increase women's life satisfaction in NSW?
- (6) For 2023-24 how many girls and women in NSW completed education and training?
- (7) What specific steps are being taken to increase the number of women in senior leadership positions in NSW?
- (8) How many women were in senior leadership position across all departments for:
 - (a) 2022-23
 - (b) 2023-24
 - (c) 2024-25
- (9) How will the NSW Government evaluate the overall success of its focus to increase women in senior leadership positions in NSW?
- (10) When will each Department set the formal target for women in leadership positions?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (11) Which government agencies have a gender equality action plan?
 - (a) Are these publicly available?
- (12) Which Departments have not prepared a gender equality action plan?
 - (a) Why not?
- (13) Does the Minister have a role in coordinating and advising on women's policy and programs across the NSW Government?
 - (a) If so, which policies and programs is the Minister responsible for?
- (14) How much has been allocated to Rural Women's Network for:

- (a) 2022-23
 - (b) 2023-24?
 - (c) 2024-25?
- (15) What is the role of the Women's Safety Commissioner?
- (16) What are the responsibilities of the Women's Safety Commissioner?
- (17) What are the powers of the Women's Safety Commissioner?
- (18) By whom is the Women's Safety Commissioner employed?
- (19) To whom does the Women's Safety Commissioner report?
- (20) What is the budget for the Office of the Women's Safety Commissioner for:
- (a) 2023-24?
 - (b) 2024-25?
- (21) How many staff are employed in the Office of the Women's Safety Commissioner for:
- (a) 2023-24
 - (b) 2024-25
- (22) What research projects has the Office of the Women's Safety Commissioner undertaken in:
- (a) 2023-24
 - (b) 2024-25
- (23) What research projects are planned for the Office of the Women's Safety Commissioner for 2025-26?
- (24) When will the NSW Women in Sport Strategy be released?
- (a) How much has been allocated for the development and implementation of the strategy?
 - (b) How will the NSW Government report on and evaluate this strategy?
- (25) How much has been allocated for the Investing in Women Funding Program for:
- (a) 2022-23
 - (b) 2023-24
 - (c) 2024-25
- (26) When will the next Investing in Women Funding Program round open?
- (27) Can the Minister guarantee the Investing in Women Funding Program will continue for the next three years?

Surrogacy

- (28) Section 17 of the Surrogacy Act requires that an application for a parentage order must be supported by a report prepared by an independent counsellor. The report must address matters including parenting capacity, best interests of the child, and:
- (f) whether any consent given by the birth parent or parents to the parentage order is informed consent, freely and voluntarily given,*
- (a) When an overseas commercial surrogate is the birth parent, how is an Australian counsellor to assess the consent of the birth mother?
- (29) If an overseas counsellor is to be used, at a commercial clinic, where we know women are often trafficked into surrogacy slavery, what is the mechanism in place to ensure that this counsellor is independent, as required by the Surrogacy Act?
- (30) If the birth mother has not given consent, freely and voluntarily, for example because she had been trafficked into surrogacy slavery, what happens to the child who was born as a result of that commercial and exploitative arrangement?

Prevention of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

- (31) Will there be a mid-term review of the NSW Sexual Violence Plan 2022–2027?
- (a) How will the NSW Government report on and evaluate this plan?
- (b) How much has been allocated for the development and implementation of the strategy?
- (32) How will the government evaluate and measure the overall success of sexual violence perpetrator programs in NSW?
- (33) What specific initiatives or programs has the government implemented to address different forms of sexual violence, such as technology facilitated sexual violence (TFSV)?
- (34) What strategies have been identified to address the role of pornography in contributing to harmful sexual behaviours and reinforcing stereotyped attitudes among children and young people?
- (35) What is the NSW Government's Framework for the prevention and response to children and young people with problematic and harmful sexual behaviours?
- (36) Who in the tertiary education sector has the government partnered with to develop and implement the whole-of-organisation approaches to preventing and responding to sexual violence?
- (37) Has the review of the service system for victim-survivors of sexual violence been undertaken?
- (a) If so, what gaps were identified?
- (b) What specific initiative or programs have been implemented to strengthening holistic, trauma-informed survivor support?

Additional Funding for Domestic Violence Regional and Rural Services

- (38) In the 27 February 2025 Budget Estimates hearing, the Deputy Secretary Ms Campbell agreed with Mrs Overall MLC that in fact there are higher service delivery costs to provide

domestic and family violence services in regional and rural NSW considering geography, distance, brokerage, higher heating and cooling, inability to attract and retain staff, etc.

- (a) Has the Minister factored in these considerations to funding allocated to regional and rural domestic and family violence specialist services?
 - (b) Is there currently a regional loading for all funding streams that provide domestic and family violence specialist services?
 - i. If no, why not?
 - ii. If yes, how is the loading calculated?
 - iii. If yes, will you consider allocating more funding due to cost-of-living increases in regional and rural NSW?
- (39) What is the timeframe for the implementation of the NSW Common Approach to Risk Assessment and Safety Framework (CARAS)?
- (a) Which organisations and government agencies re involved in the advisory group?
 - (b) Who has been consulted?
 - (c) Who undertook the literature review?
- (40) How much funding will be invested to support the implementation of the NSW Common Approach to Risk Assessment and Safety Framework?
- (41) Which sectors will be prioritised in the roll out of the NSW Common Approach to Risk Assessment and Safety Framework?
- (42) What specific steps are being taken to increase safe and stable housing for women in NSW and how will this be measured?
- (43) How will the NSW Government evaluate the overall success of its focus to increase the actual and perceived safety for women in NSW?
- (44) When will the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Outcomes, Monitoring and Reporting Framework be released?
- (45) What initiatives or programs have been implemented to amplifying the voices of children and young people who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing domestic and family violence?
- (46) What 'unique' needs have been identified for children and young people who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing domestic and family violence?
- (a) What supports are you providing to assist children and young people who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing domestic and family violence?
- (47) What are the primary prevention initiatives in early childhood settings and schools to address the drivers of sexual, domestic and family violence?
- (a) How much has been allocated for the implementation of these initiatives?

- (48) What specific initiatives or programs have been implemented to engage with businesses and the corporate sector to strengthen their capacity to identify, prevent and respond to DFSV among employees and customers?
- (a) How much has been allocated in the budget to support these initiatives?
 - (b) Who has the NSW Government partnered with to deliver these initiatives?
- (49) What categories of data will the government use to monitor and evaluate the success of the NSW Strategy for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence 2024–2028?
- (50) Will the NSW Government make the data collected as part of the NSW Strategy for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence 2024–2028 publicly available?
- (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, when will the data be made available?
- (51) Who is involved in the multi-code coalition of state sporting organisations and peak bodies?
- (52) Will funding be made available to sports clubs and organisations to support them to implement the NSW Strategy for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence 2024–2028?
- (a) If so, how much?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (53) Will funding be made available to councils to support them to implement the NSW Strategy for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence 2024–2028?
- (a) If so, how much?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (54) Which Minister will be responsible for the establish of the domestic, family and sexual violence primary prevention network across NSW local governments?
- (a) How much has been allocated for the implementation of the network?
- (55) When will the NSW Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Data Strategy be released?
- (a) How will the NSW Government report on and evaluate this strategy?
 - (b) How much has been allocated for the development and implementation of the strategy?
- (56) When will the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Workforce Development Strategy be released?
- (a) How will the NSW Government report on and evaluate this strategy?
 - (b) How much has been allocated for the development and implementation of the strategy?

- (57) What initiatives or programs have been implemented to recruit and support the Aboriginal domestic violence workforce?
- (58) When will the NSW Aboriginal Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Plan be released?
- (a) How will the NSW Government report on and evaluate this strategy?
 - (b) How much has been allocated for the development and implementation of the strategy?
- (59) How much has been allocated to NSW Domestic Violence Line for:
- (a) 2022-23
 - (b) 2023-24?
 - (c) 2024-25?
- (60) How many staff were employed at the NSW Domestic Violence Line during:
- (a) 2022-23
 - (b) 2023-24?
 - (c) 2024-25?
- (61) How many calls did the NSW Domestic Violence Line receive during:
- (a) 2022-23
 - (b) 2023-24?
 - (c) 2024-25?
- (62) What was the average waiting time for the NSW Domestic Violence Line during:
- (a) 2022-23
 - (b) 2023-24?
 - (c) 2024-25?
- (63) Domestic Violence NSW have called for a 50% increase in baseline funding for all specialist sexual, domestic and family violence services in NSW in 2025-26.
- (a) Does the minister support their call for increased funding?
- (64) The Pathways to Prevention: NSW Strategy for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence 2024-2028 notes the establishment of NSW Domestic and Family Violence Taskforce, NSW Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Board, NSW Primary Prevention Advisory Council.
- (a) NSW Domestic and Family Violence Taskforce
 - i. How are the members of these body selected?

- ii. What qualifications and selection criteria are required for members to be selected?
 - iii. How much has been allocated to each body?
 - iv. Who does it report to?
 - v. Will its reporting be made public?
- (b) NSW Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Board
- i. How are the members of this body selected?
 - ii. What qualifications and selection criteria are required for members to be selected?
 - iii. How much has been allocated to each body?
 - iv. Who does it report to?
 - v. Will its reporting be made public?
- (c) NSW Primary Prevention Advisory Council
- i. How are the members of this body selected?
 - ii. What qualifications and selection criteria are required for members to be selected?
 - iii. How much has been allocated to each body?
 - iv. Who does it report to?
 - v. Will its reporting be made public?

(65) What are the reporting dates for the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Plan 2022–2027 and the NSW Sexual Violence Plan 2022–2027?

Core and Cluster

- (66) The Macarthur regions covers Camden, Campbelltown and Wollondilly LGA, which is about 300,000 residents. According to BOCSAR the Macarthur region has seen some of the highest increases in domestic violence assaults. Over the past 2 years, Camden has seen a 50% increase and Campbelltown 31.1% and yet no increase in services. There is one SHS refuge in Camden and 2 in Campbelltown, how do you expect these services to cope with the increase in demand?
- (67) Why hasn't the NSW Government provided a funding increase to support women's refuges established prior to, and operating outside of, the Core and Cluster funding stream?
- (68) In the latest Homelessness Innovation Funding round only 2 SHS were funded that support women and children escaping domestic and family violence. Are you disappointed that the Minister for Homelessness is not priorities women and children?

Domestic Violence Workforce Strategy

- (69) A 2024 Workplace Sexual Harassment survey by Our Watch found that 40% of workplace leaders were not aware of their legal obligations to prevent workplace sexual harassment? What is being done to address this?
- (70) When will the NSW Government release the NSW Domestic and Family Violence 10-year Workforce Development Strategy?
- (71) Will the NSW Government allocate funding to implement the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Strategy?
- (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If yes, how much funding will be allocated?
- (72) What outcomes does the minister anticipate this strategy will deliver?

Disability

- (73) Following the Disability Royal Commission, will the NSW Government amend its legislative definitions of family and domestic violence to include:
- (a) all relationships in which people with disability experience family and domestic violence, including but not limited to carer and support worker relationships
 - (b) disability-based violence and abuse
 - (c) all domestic settings, including but not limited to supported accommodation such as group homes, respite centres and boarding houses?
 - i. If not, why not?

Multiculturalism

- (74) What additional funding is the NSW Government providing to address domestic and family violence in multicultural communities?
- (75) What additional steps is the NSW Government taking to support and build the workforce of multicultural specialist workers to address domestic and family violence in multicultural communities?
- (76) What initiatives have been co-designed and community-led to deliver primary prevention and early intervention to address domestic and family violence in multicultural communities?
- (77) What is the NSW Government doing to address domestic and family violence in multicultural communities to support people on temporary visas to access to income support, health care and housing?
- (78) Will the NSW Government 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 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 refugees to provide essential support to women on temporary visas including living allowances, medical costs, food, clothing, transport, English language classes, document translation, immigration legal support costs?

(79) What steps have been taken to support pregnant migrant worker visa-holders – who come here on temporary visas to pick fruit or work in abattoirs – who have no access to pregnancy care?

Seniors

Discretionary Fund

(80) In the 27 February 2025 Budget Estimates hearing, the Deputy Secretary Ms Campbell said the seniors state budget for 2024-25 is \$9.7 million with no discretionary funding and that there is discretionary funding for women.

(a) Has the Minister requested a discretionary fund for seniors?

i. If no, why not?

ii. If yes, when will the fund be available for the Minister to use?

iii. If yes, what will be the amount of discretionary funding and how will it be allocated?

iv. If yes, how does it compare to the amount and allocation of the women's discretionary fund?

Volunteers

(81) What specific initiatives or programs have been implemented to increase volunteering across NSW?

(a) How much has been allocated in the budget to support these initiatives?

(82) What specific initiatives or programs have been implemented to increase volunteering in rural and regional areas?

(83) Does the NSW Volunteering Taskforce still exist?

(84) When will the next Volunteering Action Plan be released?

(85) Has the Interim Evaluation Report on the NSW Volunteering Strategy commenced?

(a) If not, why not?

(86) What is the consultation process for the evaluation?

(a) What will be measure?

(87) When will the Interim Evaluation Report be released?

(88) When will the next NSW State of Volunteering Research Survey be released?

Carers

- (89) How many carers are there in NSW as of:
- (a) 1 January 2023?
 - (b) 1 January 2024?
 - (c) 1 January 2025?
- (90) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island carers?
- (91) How many student carers are there in NSW?
- (a) What is the breakdown by age and gender?
- (92) How many student carers provide care for more than one person?
- (93) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island?
- (a) What is the breakdown by age and gender?
- (94) How many Young Carer Awareness Training and other information sessions were held in the last year?
- (95) How many Young Carer Awareness Training and other information sessions have been held at schools, universities and organisations over the past year?
- (a) What is the breakdown of the sessions held in metropolitan and regional areas?
 - (b) What is the breakdown by local government area?
- (96) How many times has the Service NSW Carers Landing Page been accessed during:
- (a) 2023-24?
 - (b) 1 July 2024 – 1 March 2025?
- (97) Has DCJ commenced Level 3 Accreditation for the Carers + Employers Program?
- (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, has Level 3 Accreditation be achieved?
- (98) What program level of accreditation has each Department reached and what action has the Minister taken to ensure they participate in the program?
- (99) When did Carers Investment Grant Program for stage 1 and 2 open and close?
- (a) When will the successful applicants be announced?
- (100) The Carers Investment Grant Program Guidelines states the Minister would announce successful applicants in February 2025, why has there been a delay in announcing the applicants?
- (a) How much has been allocated for stage 1?
 - (b) How much has been allocated for stage 2?
- (101) What was the process for deciding successful applications Carers Investment Grant Program and was the final decision made by the Minister?

- (102) What specific carer information and supports have been provided to Multicultural NSW employees?
- (103) What carer information and supports have been provided to other Department employees?
- (104) What carer information and support resources have been provided to multicultural communities to raise carer awareness?
- (105) When will the NSW Carer Planning Hub be operational?
- (a) How much has been allocated in 2024-25 for the Hub?
- (106) What is the timeline for the implementation of the Strategy and Policy: Work and Care stage 1 and 2?
- (107) Will the work undertaken by Women NSW to measure the impacts of unpaid carer responsibilities across NSW be made public?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (108) What specific information and resources have been developed for carers and service providers to promote and support the safety of carers and the people they care for in the home and community?
- (109) Has the mid-term review of the NSW Carers Strategy commenced?
- (a) What is the consultation process for the review?
- (b) When will the report be released?

General questions

CFMEU meetings

- (110) 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

- (111) 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

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

Department(s)/Agency(s) Employees

- (113) 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

- (114) On what date were the annual report(s) from 2023-24 for each department / agency in your portfolio published?
- (115) 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?
- (116) 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?
- (117) In what month will the 2024-25 annual report(s) for each department / agency in your portfolio be published?
- (118) 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

- (119) 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

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

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

- (121) 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

- (122) 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?
- (123) 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

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

(a) If yes, what was the breach?

Credit Cards

(125) 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?

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

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

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

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

Senior Executive Drivers

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

GIPA Applications – Ministerial Office

(130) 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)

(131) 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

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

TikTok

(133) Are you on TikTok?

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

Signal

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

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

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

Training

(135) 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

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

Parliamentary Secretary

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

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

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

Media releases and statements

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

(a) no, why?

Overseas Travel

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

Data Breaches

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

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

Discretionary Fund

(144) 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

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

Local Government Councillors

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

Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

Regional loading

(147) Many domestic and family violence services in regional rural and remote areas do not receive any additional funding or loading despite the additional costs they incur to deliver services

across vast geographical areas. Will the NSW Government consider a regional loading for all funding streams that provide domestic and family violence specialist services?

Specialist children's workers

(148) Can you provide a breakdown of the \$48.1 million invested by the NSW Government to expand and extend the Specialist Workers for Children and Young People (SWCYP) program, including how much is for remuneration of the positions, how much is for the recruitment process, etc?

(149) In February 2025 in response to [QON 3324](#) you advised there were 57 specialist workers employed. Of these, how many new positions have been filled since September 2024?

(a) Noting that under the SWCYP program funding model, services often support several refugees or provide outreach across multiple LGAs, can you provide a breakdown per LGA in which each of the 57 specialist workers are primarily employed?

(b) Can you provide an estimated breakdown of the various surrounding LGAs that each worker may support?

People using violence strategy

(150) In relation to the 'people using violence' strategy currently being developed, can you provide an estimated timeframe for the finalisation, launch and implementation of the strategy?

(151) What funding will be allocated to implement the strategy?

(152) What outcomes do you anticipate this strategy will deliver?

Common risk assessment and safety framework (CARAS)

(153) In relation to CARAS, which sectors will be prioritised in the roll out?

(154) How much funding is the NSW Government investing to support the implementation of CARAS?

Lived experience advisory group

(155) Can you advise an estimated timeframe for when the group will be formed?

(156) What role will the group have and how will they function?

(157) How much influence will this advisory group have in determining the NSW Government's approach to domestic and family violence response and prevention?

NSW Aboriginal Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Plan

- (158) Are Aboriginal Affairs actively engaged in the development of the NSW Aboriginal Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Plan?
- (159) What is in the NSW Government's plan to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children who are experiencing domestic and family violence can access specialist and culturally safe services and support?
- (160) How much is the NSW Government investing in rolling this out?

Migrant and refugee supports

- (161) Will the NSW Government consider funding specific supports for migrant and refugee women experiencing violence as recommended in the Domestic Violence NSW Pre-Budget Submission:
- (a) \$12 million over two years for a pilot program 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 language classes, document translation, immigration legal support costs?
- (162) Will the NSW Government commit to establishing a Domestic and Family Violence Migrant and Refugee Committee as a sub-committee or working group of the NSW Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Council, to inform whole-of-government strategies at the intersections of migrant and refugee communities and domestic and family violence?
- (163) Has the NSW Government considered implementing a funding loading for women's refuges to support migrant and refugee victim-survivors, similar to the Victorian model which receives recurrent funding from the state government?

Core & Cluster

- (164) Why hasn't the NSW Government provided a funding increase to support women's refuges established prior to, and operating outside of, the Core and Cluster funding stream?
- (165) What supports, frameworks and training will be provided by the Department of Communities and Justice to those organisations who have been contracted to operate the

core and cluster refuges but have not previously operated specialist domestic and family violence services, and may not have the necessary expertise to meet good practice guidelines?

Disability and domestic and family violence

(166) Following the Disability Royal Commission, will the NSW Government actively support the development of a five-year Action Plan for Women and Children with Disability to accompany the National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-2032?

(167) When will the NSW Government amend its legislative definitions of family and domestic violence to include all relationships in which people with disability experience family and domestic violence, in all domestic settings, in line with Recommendation 8.24 of the Disability Royal Commission?

(168) In relation to People with Disability Australia's (PWDA) Building Access Project which works to improve access to domestic and family violence services for disabled victim-survivors, how much funding did the NSW Government provide in each financial year from 2017-18 to 2024-25?

(a) Given the project's success, will the NSW Government commit to providing additional funding to expand the project across the state?

Animals and domestic and family violence

(169) What data does DCJ collect or hold on the number of people who decline temporary, crisis, transitional or social housing, or who are turned away, due to it not being animal-inclusive?

(170) Does DCJ collect or hold data on the number of people with animals (and animals) who are being supported through SHS-funded services in NSW?

(171) Given the importance of responding to domestic and family violence (DFV) perpetrated against animals, what funding is the NSW Government allocating to increase the capability of workers across the DFV, homelessness, community, local council, health, child and family, legal, law enforcement, animal welfare, veterinary and animal management sectors to identify and respond to risk related to animal abuse as a form of DFV?

Questions directed to the Acting Ageing and Disability Commissioner

(172) DCJ has released the NSW Government's proposed framework for regulating the authorisation and use of restrictive practices, including to establish the role of a Senior Practitioner. Has the Commission had any involvement in the development of this proposed framework in the consultation paper?

(173) From the proposal as it stands, it's deeply unclear as to whether the Senior Practitioner will be established under DCJ, or as an independent statutory authority as was recommended by the Disability Royal Commission. Given the role of the ADC in NSW, it would make sense for the role to be established here so that it is truly independent from DCJ and under a statutory authority. Do you think this is likely to happen?

(a) If so, are you concerned that the government won't properly fund the commission to be able to do so?

(b) What kind of funding do you anticipate would be required to properly fund this kind of role?