



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 1 – PREMIER AND FINANCE

## **BUDGET ESTIMATES 2024-2025**

### **Supplementary questions**

Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Premier and Finance

**The Legislature**  
**(Franklin)**

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### **SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS**

<b>Questions from Hon Dr Sarah Kaine MLC</b>
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#### **Cleaners**

- (1) Has the Chief Executive or his team met with the Cleaning Accountability Framework? If so when did he meet with them and what was the outcome of the meeting?
- (2) How many casual cleaners are there currently engaged by DPS ?
  - (a) How many casual cleaners have been directly engaged by DPS?
  - (b) How many casual cleaners have been engaged through a third party e.g. cleaning contractor or labour hire firm?

#### **Local Procurement**

- (3) Can you please provide an update on the sourcing of items made in Australia and/or NSW for the Parliament Gift Shop?
  - (a) Do we still have products that have not been sourced from Australia/NSW?
- (4) I note stickers in the lift indicated they were produced in the European Union. Was there an attempt to source locally first?
  - (a) If not why not?

#### **Special Constables**

- (5) Can you please provide the timetable for the refurbishment of the Special Constables facilities including the Control Room, lockers and bathrooms?

#### **Sustainability**

- (6) I'd like to recognise the support of the NSW Parliament for various sustainability initiatives, and in particular thank the President and Julie from Mark Webb's Office for their support and assistance in organising for a Vinnies bin to be placed in the library. Given the other sustainability initiatives, could Parliament look into organising a recycling option for difficult to recycle office stationery items like pens and binders?

<b>Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC</b>
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**Disability access**

- (7) In August 2024 Budget Estimates in response to my supplementary questions regarding Parliament's website meeting compliance with digital access guidelines under the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG), you advised there was an evaluation being undertaken in relation to this. What is the progress of this?
  - (a) How compliant is the website?
  - (b) Have you evaluated this against each of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)?
- (8) What work is currently underway in relation to making the public galleries of both the LA and LC chambers accessible?
- (9) Of the funding from the 2024-25 Budget allocated for Parliament's accessibility upgrades, how much has been spent to date, and how much has yet to be delivered?
- (10) Can you provide an update in relation to accessibility works at the entry and exit from Macquarie Street, specifically in relation to improving access to the security entrance which is still inaccessible for wheelchair users?
- (11) Can you provide an update in relation to the accessibility upgrades being undertaken at the Level 9 garden?
- (12) What work is currently underway in relation to ensuring wheelchair accessible entrances are actually accessible, not locked and not obstructed at all times?
- (13) Are you requesting additional funding for any specific projects or upgrades ahead of the 2025-26 Budget?
- (14) Given that NSW Parliament's current DIAP is dated from 2022 to 2024, when will an updated DIAP be delivered?
  - (a) Has the Disability Inclusion Action Plan Steering Committee conducted a review and evaluation of the current DIAP in relation to NSW Parliament's progress in achieving its outcomes, actions and goals?
  - (b) Which outcomes, actions and goals have been fulfilled, and which have not?
- (15) How many times has the Disability Inclusion Action Plan Steering Committee met in this term of parliament?

### **Security passes**

- (16) Please provide a breakdown of the number of security passes currently on issue by category, including details of any access restrictions applicable.

### **Women's toilets on Lvl 11**

- (17) I have raised with you previously in Budget Estimates the lack of women's toilets in the building, and particularly the need to consider the timing of parliamentary sittings and committee hearings, and how that impacts on demand at particular times of the day. Despite assurances, the experience is of continued pressure on women's bathroom facilities, particularly at peak times. In relation to Level 11, although having more LC women elected and more women working as staff is a very welcome development, it does mean that the 4 cubicles available are insufficient to accommodate us all, and women from Level 11 going to other floors is often not possible due to lack of availability on those levels too. What is being done to increase the number of cubicles women have access to on Lvl 11, particularly given the lack of availability of women's cubicles on other floors?

### **Late sitting**

- (18) How much did it cost to enable the Legislative Council and then the Legislative Assembly to sit late on 20 February 2025, including expenses for parliamentary staff and other additional extra resources required?