

Budget Estimates: Supplementary Questions
 Treasurer
 Feb–Mar 2025

Questions from the Hon Mark Latham MLC

Topic	Covid emergency economic stimulus grants
Question 1	How many Covid emergency economic stimulus grants were issued in 2020 and 2021, and after checking, can the Treasurer report on which unspent monies have been reclaimed by the Treasury?
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The NSW Government provided COVID-19 economic grants as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2020 there were three COVID-19 Small Business Grants, with 91,518 business receiving payments. • In 2021, COVID-19 Business Support was provided to business through three grants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COVID-19 Business Grant was paid to 188,204 business as one-off payment ○ JobSaver was paid to 207,319 businesses in fortnightly payments ○ Micro-business Grant was paid to 63,009 businesses in fortnightly payments
Topic	Bathurst Race Club
Question 2	Given the \$2.7 million unspent in the \$3.7 million grant to the Bathurst Race Club in 2020 and the improprieties I detailed at the Racing Estimates on Tuesday, will the Treasurer now ask the Auditor General to follow the money and fully audit this grant and if need be, the entire program?
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Lands and Property as this grant was provided under the</p>

	Crown Lands COVID Stimulus program.
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Questions from the Hon Chris Rath (on behalf of the Opposition)

Topic	Working Regions Fund
Question 3	In the 2023/24 Budget you announced \$250 million for the Working Regions Fund. Did that come out of the former government's Regional Growth Fund?
Answer	I am advised: No.
Question 4	Has any additional funding been allocated to the Working Regions Fund since it was first announced?
Answer	I am advised: No. Details of programs supporting regional communities can be found in the budget papers.
Question 5	What is the aim of the Working Regions Fund? What kind of projects can be applied for?
Answer	I am advised: As announced in the 2023-24 NSW Budget, the Working Regions Fund will invest in infrastructure to support and benefit regional NSW, such as roads and housing, biosecurity measures to protect industries and ecosystems, and regional jobs and businesses. Projects funded from the Working Regions Fund are required to meet criteria established under the <i>Restart NSW Fund Act 2011</i> .
Question 6	Have there been any applications for funding through the Working Regions Fund? (a) If so, how many applications have been received? (b) If so, how many applications have been approved and what is the value of the approved applications?
Answer	I am advised:

	The Working Regions Fund is not subject to an application process.
Question 7	<p>Has any funding been allocated through the Working Regions Fund?</p> <p>(a) If so, where and how?</p> <p>(b) If no funding has been allocated, when do you expect funding will be available through this fund? 2</p> <p>(c) If no funding has been allocated, why have you held this fund, worth a considerable amount of money, for two years without allowing any of it to be spent in regional NSW?</p>
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>More than a third of the Fund has been allocated with the remainder subject to approval processes.</p>
Question 8	What is the current balance of the Working Regions Fund?
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Details can be found in the budget papers.</p>
Topic	Housing and Productivity Contribution
Question 9	<p>Will there be a Works in Kind model available under Housing and Productivity Contributions for developer led works?</p> <p>(a) If so, how do you propose to ensure that Works in Kind projects align with the fouryear budget cycle and Treasury-determined capital funding limits and do not interfere with the state's credit metrics?</p>
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Please refer this question to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.</p>
Question 10	Do you have any concerns that Works in Kind will allow infrastructure to be delivered outside of the state's planned sequencing, potentially bringing forward the need for related social infrastructure such as schools and parks. Have you undertaken any assessment of these risks?
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Please refer this question to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.</p>
Question 11	Have discussions taken place between Treasury and the Department of Education to ensure that schools will be delivered in areas where Works in Kind brings forward housing and population growth?

Answer	I am advised: The Government is regularly assessing the need for schools through our record school infrastructure program.
Question 12	It has been suggested that a housing-enabling capital fund could be created to integrate Works in Kind within current capital planning processes. Have you explored this option?
Answer	I am advised: Please refer this question to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.
Question 13	What is the current process for integrating Works in Kind contributions into long-term government planning, and how could a dedicated fund streamline this?
Answer	I am advised: Please refer this question to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.
Question 14	In 2023 the Government determined to waive State Infrastructure contributions to social and affordable housing providers. This of course would include the Housing and Productivity contribution. What other contributions are included in this exemption? (a) What is the value of the waived contributions (the exemptions) since that change was enacted with respect to both State Infrastructure Contributions and the Housing and Productivity contribution?
Answer	I am advised: Social and affordable housing delivered by a social housing provider is exempt from the Housing and Productivity Contribution (HaPC). The full list of HaPC exemptions is available in the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment (Housing and Productivity Contribution) Order 2024</i> , but exemptions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supportive Accommodation (within the meaning of <i>State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021</i>) • Specialist Disability Accommodation, and • Seniors Housing.
Topic	Great Koala National Park
Question 15	You have allocated \$80 million to the assessment and establishment of the Great Koala National Park. How much of that \$80 million has been spent?

	(a) Can you itemise that expenditure?
Answer	I am advised this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for the Environment.
Question 16	Have you planned for significant costs to the NSW Budget for the establishment of a new koala park, compensation paid in termination of sovereign contracts with NSW, the cost of skilled worker redundancies and all new costs in creating that park? (a) Are you confident that businesses and skilled workers in the area will be unaffected by the changes?
Answer	I am advised this question is more appropriately directed to the Ministers for the Environment and Agriculture.
Topic	Carbon Credits
Question 17	Has Treasury performed any work with or made any assumptions using carbon credits from the Improved Native Forestry Method to fund any or part of the proposed Great Koala National Park? (a) What did that advice say, or what were those assumptions?
Answer	I am advised this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for the Environment.
Question 18	Without carbon credits, does the NSW Government have the money to fund a 176,000 hectare park?
Answer	I am advised this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for the Environment.
Question 19	Will all future funding for the Koala Park be new funding? (a) Where will you allocate that funding from?
Answer	I am advised this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for the Environment.
Topic	Glebe Island Port
Question 20	Where is the review into the future of Glebe Island Port up to?
Answer	I am advised: The Government is currently reviewing the future of the Bays Precinct.
Question 21	Is the Government actively considering a hybrid model for Glebe Island port?
Answer	I am advised:

	The Government is currently reviewing the future of the Bays Precinct.
Question 22	When will you make a decision about the future of Glebe Island port?
Answer	I am advised: The Government is currently reviewing the future of the Bays Precinct.
Question 23	Have you considered the full economic impact of moving current operations at Glebe Island port including: (a) Increased truck movements in the order of hundreds and thousands? (b) The increase in costs for gypsum, sugar and cement?
Answer	I am advised: The Government is currently reviewing the future of the Bays Precinct.
Question 24	Does this consider the increased cost to government for the building of major infrastructure projects, for example the Metro?
Answer	I am advised: The Government is currently reviewing the future of the Bays Precinct.
Question 25	We understand that as the Treasurer, your priority is to ensure return on investment by building up around metro stations. Has the Government completed any modelling on what return on investment closing the Port would achieve for the government? (a) What assumptions or inclusions were made in the modelling?
Answer	I am advised: The Government is currently reviewing the future of the Bays Precinct.
Question 26	I bring to your attention the Daily Telegraph story dated Monday 24 February about congestion at Newcastle Port. Newcastle Port is already at capacity on critical berths, correct? (a) Does this rule out Newcastle port as a viable alternative to Glebe Island?
Answer	I am advised: The Government is currently reviewing the future of the Bays Precinct.

Question 27	Is Port Kembla a viable alternative to Glebe Island Port? (a) If so, is it a viable alternative for all users of Glebe Island Port?
Answer	I am advised: The Government is currently reviewing the future of the Bays Precinct.
Question 28	Does your modelling note the additional 220,000 additional truck movements on the road between Wollongong and Sydney required each year by moving the current users to Port Kembla? (a) Are these additional movements not a significant safety issue?
Answer	I am advised: The Government is currently reviewing the future of the Bays Precinct.
Question 29	We understand that users of Glebe Island have been put onto rolling leases with no guarantee of renewal. Can you provide more clarity for these businesses about those leases?
Answer	I am advised: The Government is currently reviewing the future of the Bays Precinct.
Topic	Bankstown Hospital Workers – Israeli Patient Comments
Question 30	Did you or any member of staff from your office draft the amendment to the Hon. Jacqui Munro's motion moved on 19 February 2025, in particular which removed point 5 of her motion which read <i>"That this House calls on the Government to:</i> <i>(a) review any funding arrangements or grants received by signatories to the "United Muslim Community" statement; and</i> <i>(b) revoke any funding for organisations that support the views in the "United Muslim Community" statement."</i> ? (a) Did you or any member of staff from your office review the amendment before it came before the Legislative Council?
Answer	I am advised: In relation to the NSW Government's views on the Hon. Jacqui Munro's motion, please see Minister Jackson's statement during debate in the Legislative Council Hansard of February 19, 2025.
Question 31	What prompted your office or the government more broadly to remove this call to action from the motion?

Answer	Please refer to answer to Question 30.
Question 32	Do you think it's acceptable for an individual who opposed the actions taken by the NSW Government against the former Bankstown nurses involved in the antisemitic incident to continue to be employed by the taxpayer?
Answer	Please refer to answer to Question 30.
Question 33	As a general rule, do you support the upholding of codes of conduct and social media policies among the public sector? (a) Do you believe taxpayer money should be spent on employees who flagrantly violate those codes or policies?
Answer	Please refer to answer to Question 30.
Question 34	Is it the NSW Government's position to continue financially supporting Sheikh Wesam Charkawi, who accused your government of "selective moral outrage"?
Answer	Please refer to answer to Question 30.
Question 35	Should taxpayer funds continue to flow to employees who so obviously breach those codes and policies to which they are bound?
Answer	Please refer to answer to Question 30.
Topic	Health Insurance Premiums
Question 36	There was a recent health insurance premium increase from April 2025, averaging 3.73 per cent. Have you spoken with the Albanese government on the matter of this above household-inflation increase? (a) Has Treasury ever been instructed to speak with the Albanese government on this issue?
Answer	I am advised: The Commonwealth was right to reject the health insurers bid to increase premiums by 6 per cent. (a) NSW Treasury has not spoken to the Commonwealth Government on this issue.
Topic	Gaming Reform and the Star
Question 37	It has been reported that The Star's financial challenges are a result of the "unfair playing field" between gaming venues in

	<p>New South Wales. The 2024 Independent Inquiry into The Star also recommended that there be a level playing field between casinos and other gaming and gambling venues for “reasons of commercial fairness” when it comes to harm minimisation measures, such as mandatory carded play. As a principle, does the government support the notion that there should be this ‘level playing field’?</p> <p>(a) Is the government’s lack of action on gaming reform in pubs and clubs a key reason why The Star is in financial trouble and so many jobs are at risk, since there is no such level playing field?</p>
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The Star’s financial circumstances are a matter for The Star.</p> <p>The regulation of casinos and other gambling venues is a matter for the Minister for Gaming and Racing.</p>
Question 38	<p>In a highly regulated space such as gaming and gambling, does the government aim for competitive neutrality between businesses selling the same product?</p> <p>(a) With regard to the Star example, relative to gaming at pubs and clubs, is it analogous to observing strict safety standards in one or two childcare centres but next to no regulations at hundreds of other childcare centres in the state?</p>
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The regulation of casinos and other gambling venues is a matter for the Minister for Gaming and Racing.</p>
Question 39	<p>It would seem that current regulatory arrangements financially disincentivise gaming and gambling venues from proactively implementing harm minimisation measures, correct?</p>
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The regulation of casinos and other gambling venues is a matter for the Minister for Gaming and Racing.</p>
Topic	Assets and Liabilities Committee
Question 40	<p>Can you provide a copy of all papers that have been provided to the Assets and Liabilities Committee in the last financial year?</p>
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The Assets and Liabilities Committee (ALCO) papers contain commercial-in-confidence and Cabinet-in-confidence information.</p>

Question 41	How often does the committee meet?
Answer	I am advised: The committee meets a minimum of four times per year.
Question 42	Who is on the committee?
Answer	I am advised: The ALCO member list comprises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Secretary, Financial Management and Services, NSW Treasury • Deputy Secretary, Commercial, NSW Treasury • Executive Director Climate Change and Balance Sheet, NSW Treasury • Chief Executive Officer, NSW Treasury Corporation • General Manager, Financial Markets, NSW Treasury Corporation • Chief Executive Officer, Insurance and Care NSW • Head of Investor Assurance, Infrastructure NSW • Chief Financial Officer, Transport for NSW.
Topic	NSW Master Fund
Question 43	Have any transfers been made between funds since the NSW Master Fund was created?
Answer	I am advised: No.
Question 44	If so, please provide details for each of these transfers
Answer	n/a
Question 45	If so, with reference to what governance framework were the funds transferred?

Answer	n/a
Question 46	What is the strategic asset allocation policy for the NSW Master Fund?
Answer	I am advised: NSW Treasury Corporation uses a Total Portfolio Approach (TPA) to manage the NSW Master Fund, focusing on risk contribution and overall portfolio performance and has implemented this approach since 2020.
Topic	Business Cases
Question 47	How many projects have not been required to have a business case since Treasury changed the governance of business cases?
Answer	I am advised: The updated business case guidelines came into effect November 2024. Data is not yet available at this time.
Question 48	Please provide a list of these projects.
Answer	n/a
Topic	Parameter and Technical Adjustments (PTAs)
Question 49	What was the quantum of requested PTAs for the 24/25 FY?
Answer	I am advised: This information is Cabinet-in-confidence.
Question 50	What was the quantum of approved PTAs for the 24/25 FY?
Answer	I am advised: Information about parameter and other budget variations are contained in the expenditure chapter of the Budget Statement (Budget Paper No. 1).
Question 51	How does the level of approved PTAs compare to historic levels of PTA approvals?
Answer	I am advised: Information about parameter and other budget variations are contained in the expenditure chapter of the Budget Statement

	(Budget Paper No. 1).
Question 52	Which agencies were the top three agencies for requested recurrent PTAs for 24/25 FY?
Answer	I am advised: This information is Cabinet-in-confidence.
Question 53	Which agencies were the top three agencies for requested capital PTAs for 24/25 FY?
Answer	I am advised: This information is Cabinet-in-confidence.
Topic	CFMEU meetings
Question 54	Given ministerial diary disclosures do not include all meetings and provide exceptions to disclosures, since 28 March 2023, have you met with the CFMEU?
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>In accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, all Ministers publish extracts from their diaries, summarising details of scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals.</p> <p>Ministers are not required to disclose details of the following meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meetings involving Ministers, ministerial staff, parliamentarians or government officials (whether from NSW or other jurisdictions) • meetings that are strictly personal, electorate or party political • social or public functions or events • meetings held overseas (which must be disclosed in accordance with regulation 6(1)(b) of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 and Attachment B to the Premier's Memorandum), and • matters for which there is an overriding public interest against disclosure. Ministers' diary disclosures are published quarterly on The Cabinet Office's website <p>(https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinet-office/accessto-information/ministers-diary-disclosures)</p>
Topic	ETU meetings

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Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>In accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, all Ministers publish extracts from their diaries, summarising details of scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals.</p> <p>Ministers are not required to disclose details of the following meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meetings involving Ministers, ministerial staff, parliamentarians or government officials (whether from NSW or other jurisdictions) • meetings that are strictly personal, electorate or party political • social or public functions or events • meetings held overseas (which must be disclosed in accordance with regulation 6(1)(b) of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 and Attachment B to the Premier's Memorandum), and • matters for which there is an overriding public interest against disclosure. Ministers' diary disclosures are published quarterly on The Cabinet Office's website <p>(https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinet-office/accessto-information/ministers-diary-disclosures)</p>
Topic	Ministerial disclosures to The Cabinet Office
Question 56	On what date did you last update/make a ministerial disclosure to The Cabinet Office?
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The Ministerial Code of Conduct (Ministerial Code) requires Ministers to make certain disclosures to the Premier and the Secretary of The Cabinet Office. I comply with my obligations under the Ministerial Code.</p>
Topic	Department(s)/Agency(s) Employees
Question 57	<p>How many redundancies were processed by each Department(s)/agency(s) within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?</p> <p>(a) Of these redundancies, how many were:</p> <p>i. Voluntary?</p>

	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?
Answer	I am advised: Redundancies are published in the respective Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports under employee related expenses. Published Annual reports can be accessed on respective Departmental websites.
Topic	Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports
Question 58	On what date were the annual report(s) from 2023-24 for each department / agency in your portfolio published?
Answer	I am advised: Annual reports were tabled last year and can be found on the Parliament of NSW website: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au
Question 59	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?
Answer	I am advised: Annual reports should be prepared in accordance with the NSW Treasury Policy and Guidelines TPG23-10 Annual Reporting Requirements. TP23-10 also requires that an agency's annual report contain the total external costs incurred in the production of the report, including printing costs.
Question 60	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?
Answer	I am advised: In accordance with the Treasury Policy and Guidelines TPG23-10 Annual Reporting Requirements, an agency's annual report must contain the total external costs incurred in the production of the report, including fees for consultants.
Question 61	In what month will the 2024-25 annual report(s) for each department / agency in your portfolio be published?
Answer	I am advised:

	The annual report of a reporting GSF agency is to be prepared, submitted and tabled in accordance with requirements under the Government Sector Finance Act 2018 and Treasurer's Direction 23-11 Annual reporting requirements.
Question 62	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?
Answer	I am advised: Annual reports should be prepared in accordance with the NSW Treasury Policy and Guidelines TPG23-10 Annual Reporting Requirements. TP23-10 also requires that an agency's annual report contain the total external costs incurred in the production of the report, including printing costs.
Topic	State Records Act
Question 63	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?
Answer	I am advised: The Ministers' Office Handbook provides guidance in relation to recordkeeping obligations under the State Records Act 1998. The Cabinet Office also provide guidance, advice, training and support on these obligations for Ministers' offices. Further information is available on State Records NSW's website (www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/dciths/state-records-nsw) I expect my office to comply with their obligations under the State Records Act 1998.
Topic	Advertising
Question 64	On what page is advertising published in the respective Department(s)/Agency(s) annual report(s)?
Answer	I am advised: Annual reports are published on the website of the relevant department or agency and are also held by the Parliamentary Library. Department and agency expenditure is also published at data.nsw.gov.au Agency expenditure must be reported in accordance with TD23-11 Annual reporting requirements and TPG23-10 Annual

	Reporting Requirements.
Topic	Department(s)/Agency(s) Gifts and Hospitality Register
Question 65	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?
Answer	I am advised: Treasury's gifts and benefits register is centrally managed and auditable in accordance with the relevant Public Service Commissioner Direction.
Topic	Ministerial staff disclosure of gifts and/or hospitality
Question 66	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?
Answer	I am advised: All Ministerial staff are required to comply with the Gifts, Hospitality and Benefits Policy for Office Holder Staff attached to the Ministers' Office Handbook and available on the NSW Government website.
Question 67	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?
Answer	I am advised: All Ministerial staff are required to comply with their disclosure obligations under the Gifts, Hospitality and Benefits Policy for Office Holder Staff and I expect them to do so. A breach of the Policy may be a breach of the Office Holder's Staff Code of Conduct. The Policy includes disclosure obligations for Ministerial staff in respect of gifts, hospitality and benefits over \$150. If a Ministerial staff member is required by their role to accompany their Office Holder at an event that the Office Holder is attending as the State's representative, or where the Office Holder has asked the staff member to attend, then attendance at that event would not constitute a gift or benefit for the purposes of the Policy.

Topic	Ministerial Code of Conduct
Question 68	<p>Since 28 March 2023, have you breached the Ministerial Code of Conduct?</p> <p>(a) If yes, what was the breach?</p>
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>All Ministers are expected to comply with their obligations under the NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct (Ministerial Code) at all times. The Ministerial Code sets the ethical standards of behaviour required of Ministers and establishes practices and procedures to assist with compliance.</p> <p>Among other matters, the Ministerial Code requires Ministers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disclose their pecuniary interests and those of their immediate family members to the Premier • seek rulings from the Premier if they wish to hold shares, directorships, other business interests or engage in secondary employment (known as ‘prohibited interests’) • identify, avoid, disclose and manage conflicts of interest • disclose gifts and hospitality with a market value over \$500. <p>A substantial breach of the Ministerial Code (including a knowing breach of any provision of the Schedule) may constitute corrupt conduct for the purposes of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988.</p>
Topic	Credit Cards
Question 69	<p>Have you ever been issued with a credit card by a NSW Government department(s) and/or agency(s) since 28 March 2023?</p> <p>(a) If yes, under what circumstance?</p> <p>(b) If yes, what items and expenditure was undertaken?</p>
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Ministers and Ministerial Staff are not eligible to receive Departmental credit cards except in the case of overseas travel. In cases of overseas travel short-term cards will be issued and returned at the completion of official travel together with a travel diary for fringe benefit tax purposes.</p> <p>Where a NSW Government-issued credit card is provided the credit card must only be used for official overseas business trips and official business purposes, this includes for transport to/from the airport when departing/returning from the trip. NSW Government-issued credit cards for official business trips overseas will be held with government contract bankers and used within credit limits imposed.</p>

	Credit cards are a useful means of expenditure control, but their use should never be for personal purposes. Costs associated with overseas travel are published on the NSW Government website in line with M2015-05.
Question 70	Do public servants in your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) been issued with department/agency credit cards? (a) If yes, what is the website URL of the credit card policy?
Answer	I am advised: The use and management of purchasing (credit) cards for official purposes is in accordance with standard procurement arrangements of the NSW Government. Treasury and Infrastructure NSW have formal policies on Purchasing Cards in line with these requirements. https://arp.nsw.gov.au/tpp21-02-use-and-management-of-nsw-govt-purchasing-cards/
Topic	Department(s)/agency(s) desk or office
Question 71	Do you have a desk or office in your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) building(s)?
Answer	I am advised: I make use of an office in 52 Martin Place and NSW Parliament. When travelling, Ministers may make ad hoc arrangements to work for periods in Departmental offices.
Topic	Senior Executive Drivers
Question 72	As at 1 February 2025, how many senior executives in your portfolio department(s) / agency(s) have a driver?
Answer	I am advised: No senior executive employed in Departments within my portfolios have a driver.
Topic	GIPA Applications – Ministerial Office
Question 73	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?
Answer	I am advised:

	GIPA statistics for Ministers' offices are published in the annual reports of the Department of Communities and Justice.
Topic	GIPA Applications – Department(s)/Agency(s)
Question 74	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)?
Answer	I am advised: Under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009: An agency is not subject to the direction or control of any Minister in the exercise of the agency's functions in dealing with a particular access application. The office of the Treasurer complies with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.
Topic	GIPA Act – Disclosure Log Website URL
Question 75	What is the website URL for the GIPA Act disclosure log each of your portfolio department(s) / agency(s)?
Answer	I am advised: Treasury's disclosure log is publicly available at www.treasury.nsw.gov.au Infrastructure NSW's disclosure log is publicly available at www.infrastructure.nsw.gov.au
Topic	TikTok
Question 76	Are you on TikTok? (a) If yes, do you access TikTok from a NSW Government device?
Answer	I am advised: The Circular DCS-2025-01 Cyber Security NSW Directive - Restricted Applications List advises how NSW Government agencies are required to appropriately manage risks to NSW Government information on government-issued devices, or personal devices that are used for government business.
Topic	Signal
Question 77	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?
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Like the former Coalition Government, a range of communications are used by the NSW Government.</p> <p>I comply with the State Records Act 1998 and I expect all staff members to comply with their obligations under the State Records Act 1998.</p>
Topic	Training
Question 78	<p>Since 28 March 2023, have you had training from an external stakeholder that included an invoice and payment paid for using your ministerial budget?</p> <p>(a) If yes, what is the description of training?</p> <p>(b) If yes, how much?</p>
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Ministers have undertaken a program of Ministerial induction training. Ministers have undertaken training on the Respectful Workplace Policy.</p> <p>Members of Parliament are provided with a Skills Development Allowance that may be used in a manner consistent with the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal Annual Determination.</p> <p>Ministerial Office Budgets are managed in accordance with the Ministers' Office Handbook.</p>
Topic	Cabinet documents
Question 79	Since 28 March 2023, have you shared Cabinet documents with your Parliamentary Secretary?
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The conventions and practice for access to Cabinet documents are outlined in Premier's Memorandum M2006-08 - Maintaining Confidentiality of Cabinet Documents and Other Cabinet Conventions.</p> <p>The Premier's Memorandum M2006-08 provides that the unauthorised and/or premature disclosure of Cabinet documents undermines collective ministerial responsibility and the convention of Cabinet confidentiality. It is essential that the confidentiality of Cabinet documents is maintained to enable full and frank discussions to be had prior to Cabinet making decisions.</p>

Topic	Parliamentary Secretary
Question 80	Does your Parliamentary Secretary have pass access to your ministerial office?
Answer	I am advised: Security passes for the parliamentary precinct and 52 Martin Place are required to be issued in accordance with the Parliament House Security Pass Policy and 52 Martin Place security procedures and the associated Privacy and Surveillance Statement.
Question 81	Does your Parliamentary Secretary have a desk in your ministerial office?
Answer	I am advised: No.
Question 82	Has your Parliamentary Secretary ever used your Ministerial Vehicle?
Answer	I am advised: The Ministers' Office Handbook provides that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Premier's Department will provide each Minister with a designated vehicle, which may be used by other drivers nominated by the Minister from time to time. the Premier's Department transport services may be used by Parliamentary Secretaries for official business trips in connection with their duties as Parliamentary Secretaries, with costs paid from the Ministers' office budget.
Topic	Media releases and statements
Question 83	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?
Answer	I am advised: The Department of Customer Service (DCS) is responsible for managing www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases and the publication of media releases.
Topic	Overseas Travel

Question 84	As Minister, do you approve overseas travel for public servants from your portfolio department(s)/agency(s)?
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The NSW Government Travel and Transport Policy provides a framework for NSW Government travelling employees and covers official air and land travel by public officials using public money. Section 2.1 of that Policy sets out approvals required in relation to overseas travel.</p> <p>NSW Treasury Policy and Guidelines – Annual Reporting Requirements (TPG-10) requires agencies to include information on overseas visits by officers and employees in agency annual reports.</p>
Topic	Data Breaches
Question 85	Does your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) keep a register of data breaches in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection (PPIP) Act?
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>NSW Treasury and INSW each keep an internal register of eligible data breaches as required by section 59ZE, Part 6A of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (PPIP Act). Agencies are required by section 59ZD to prepare, publish and make publicly available a data breach policy. The PPIP Act does not provide for the internal register to be made public. Under clause 17, of Schedule 1 to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, it is conclusively presumed that there is an overriding public interest against disclosure of information contained in a document prepared for the assessment of an eligible data breach under the PPIP Act, Part 6A, if the information could worsen a public sector agency's cyber security or lead to further data breaches.</p>
Question 86	If yes, what is the website?
Answer	<p>Treasury: https://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au</p> <p>INSW: https://www.infrastructure.nsw.gov.au</p>
Topic	Discretionary Fund
Question 87	<p>As Minister, do you have a discretionary fund?</p> <p>(a) If yes, what department(s) / agency(s) administer it?</p> <p>(b) If yes, what is the website URL detailing expenditure?</p>

Answer	I am advised: Details of the budget are contained in the budget papers.
Topic	Qantas Chairman's Lounge
Question 88	Are you a member of the Qantas Chairmans Lounge?
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The Constitution (Disclosures by Members) Regulation 1983 (Regulation) sets out Members' obligations to disclose relevant pecuniary and other interests in periodic returns to Parliament. The Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics Report on Review of the Code of Conduct, Aspects of Disclosure of Interests, and Related Issues (December 2010) notes that:</p> <p>"Advice has been received from the Crown Solicitor that use of the Chairman's Lounge by invitation is not a "gift" for the purposes of clause 10 of the Regulation, as it does not involve disposition of property. However, when the membership leads to an upgrade valued at more than \$250, it becomes disclosable as a contribution to travel, and should be reported under clause 11 of the Regulation."</p> <p>Clause 16 of the Regulation allows a Member to, at their discretion, disclose any direct or indirect benefit, advantage or liability, whether pecuniary or not. Relevant disclosures have been made to The Cabinet Office and to the NSW Parliament.</p>
Topic	Local Government Councillors
Question 89	How many of your Ministerial staff is a local government councillor(s)?
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Ministerial staff are employed by Ministers, on behalf of the State, in their capacity as "political office holders" under Part 2 of the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013.</p> <p>All Ministerial staff are required to comply with the NSW Office Holder's Staff Code of Conduct, including obligations to seek approval for secondary employment, and to take reasonable steps to avoid, and in all cases disclose, any actual or potential conflicts of interest (real or apparent).</p>

Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

Topic	Domestic and family violence funding
Question 90	Given the importance of responding to domestic and family violence perpetrated against animals, what funding is the NSW Government allocating to increase the capability of workers across the domestic and family violence, 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 domestic and family violence?
Answer	I am advised: This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.
Question 91	You previously noted that the 2024 emergency package for domestic and family violence was a first step, and that more needs to be done. Will there be additional funding to improve responses to domestic and family violence in this year's budget? If not, why not?
Answer	I am advised: The Government will consider funding opportunities as part of the upcoming budget.
Question 92	Specialist domestic and family violence services are at the frontline in the response to domestic and family violence in NSW with demand for support increasing and yet, these services have not received a substantial increase to baseline funding in years. Will the NSW Government provide a 50% baseline funding increase for all specialist sexual, domestic and family violence services in NSW in 2025-26? If not, why not?
Answer	I am advised: The Government will consider further funding opportunities as part of the upcoming budget to build on the uplift in funding for responding to family and domestic violence in recent years.
Question 93	Why hasn't the NSW Government provided a funding increase for women's refuges established prior to, and operating outside of, the Core and Cluster funding stream?
Answer	I am advised: The Government's funding decisions are outlined in its budget papers.

Question 94	Domestic Violence NSW has called for \$100 million over four years to be committed to the NSW Strategy for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence 2024-2027. The NSW Government announced \$38 million for implementation of the plan plus a separate \$8 million for the All-In program. Given that this is a \$54 million shortfall, will the NSW Government invest a further \$60 million to ensure the effective implementation of the strategy and show real commitment to change?
Answer	I am advised: The Government will consider funding opportunities as part of the upcoming budget.
Question 95	When will the NSW Government release the NSW Domestic and Family Violence 10-year Workforce Development Strategy? (a) How will the implementation of the strategy be supported? Will the NSW Government allocate funding to implement the strategy? If not, why not? If yes, how much funding will be allocated?
Answer	I am advised: This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.
Question 96	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? If not, why not?
Answer	I am advised: The Government will consider funding opportunities as part of the upcoming budget.
Question 97	How much National Partnership Agreement funding was allocated to domestic and family violence initiatives in NSW over the past 3 years?
Answer	I am advised: The <i>Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses 2021-27</i> Agreement is a public document. It contains a range of measures and joint initiatives. Specific questions about payments for individual initiatives in this agreement are more appropriately directed to the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.
Question 98	Has the National Partnership Agreement allocation to domestic and family violence initiatives changed from one year to the next?

Answer	Please refer to the answer to question 97.
Question 99	Does the NSW Government intend to continue to allocate the same amount of National Partnership Agreement funding to domestic and family violence initiatives in the coming years, or will there be an increase or a decrease?
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The Commonwealth and NSW Government announced a renewed five-year National Partnership Agreement on Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence (FDSV) Responses on 24 March 2025.</p> <p>Under the agreement, the Australian Government will provide \$110.6 million to New South Wales to bolster family, domestic and sexual violence services. Under the agreement, the NSW Government will match this funding. More information on the FDSV National Partnership Agreement is available on the Federal Financial Relations website.</p>
Question 100	To ensure transparency and accountability, will the NSW Treasury commit to clearly stated line items in the 2025-26 Budget Papers to ensure investment in domestic and family violence prevention and response in NSW can be clearly tracked over time? If not, why not?
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The Government will continue to work to improve access to information across programs.</p>
Topic	Cooler Classrooms program
Question 101	How much of the \$500 million allocated to the Cooler Classrooms Program has been spent so far?
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Education and Early Learning.</p>
Question 102	How many schools have been approved for funding but are still waiting for installation?
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Education and Early Learning.</p>
Question 103	How many schools are still waiting for confirmation on whether they will receive air conditioning?
Answer	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Education and Early Learning.</p>

Question 104	Has the program been paused or completely discontinued? (a) What is the cause for the delay?
Answer	I am advised: This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Education and Early Learning.
Question 105	Why has Balmain Public School (and others) which applied in 2018, still not received a formal determination?
Answer	I am advised: This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Education and Early Learning.