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Roads

1. Of the 96 vehicles that have been fined for smoky emissions in the M5 East Tunnel how many have received a \$2000 fine?
2. For those vehicles who didn't receive a \$2000 fine what was the fine that they did receive?
3. What specific monitoring of pollution have you done of surrounding surface roads?
4. How was this conducted?
5. What dates was this monitoring conducted on?
6. Given the annual speed camera audit is now overdue, when will it be released?
7. Why has there been a delay?
8. In relation to the safety/red light camera on Parramatta Road Haberfield at the intersection with Sloane Street, on average for the last 6 months, how many hours per week has that camera been operational?
9. Since this camera was changed from a red light camera to a safety (red light/speed) camera has there been any change in the accident rates at that intersection? If so, please provide full details?
10. How does that compare to other speed cameras in a 5 kilometre radius?
11. Since becoming Minister for Roads and Ports, have you taken the time to drive from Sydney to the Queensland border on the Pacific Highway to personally inspect the road conditions?
12. If you have not, why not?
13. Given that the NSW Government provided a start-up of grant of \$250,000 for the goCatch taxi booking application for smartphones, will you guarantee to resist the calls from the taxi industry and CabCharge to act against goCatch?
14. Were any reviews or consultations undertaken by RMS on the safety impacts of changing the truck safety inspection laws to allow for inspections to be conducted by private inspectors rather than RMS inspectors?
15. Did you receive any representations from the trucking industry in relation to these changes?

16. Did any of these representations come from Roger Fletcher?
17. Can you provide copies of these representations?
18. Have you had any discussions with the NRMA about these changes which will weaken the strict safety regime introduced for heavy vehicle inspections after the deadly crash on Mount Ousley in 1979?
19. What will be the process for “government approval” of private safety inspectors and how frequently will their accreditation be reviewed?
20. How will the RMS determine which trucks are “high risk” and need to still be inspected by the RMS and which trucks will be deemed “low risk” and be allowed to be inspected by private safety inspectors?
21. What will be the penalty for having a “high risk” truck inspected by a private safety inspector?
22. Please provide copies of any guidelines that have been issued in relation to the approval process?
23. Will there be a review of this policy (comparing truck crash rates between vehicles inspected by the RMS and those that are privately inspected) and at what time?
24. If you cannot guarantee to have a review of this policy at a designated time, why not?
25. How many staff at the Tweed Heads Motor Registry lost their permanent positions when the registry was merged into a Service NSW Centre?
26. What are you doing to ensure that these staff are found other NSW Government jobs in the Tweed?
27. In response to a question regarding redundancies at the Public Passenger Services, The Minister stated in Budget Estimates in August 2013, that “No. There are some contractor positions there that will not continue, but the staff have all been reassured that they either have a position assigned or an expression of interest for a position.” (Page 7, Uncorrected Transcript).
 - a. Could the Minister please confirm if positions referred to in the answer are in fact permanent positions that have been filled by temporary contractors, not contractor positions as indicated in the minister’s answer?
28. Does the Roads and Maritime Service Customer and Compliance Area (referred to on Page 7 of the Uncorrected Transcript) have a medical section that undertakes medical assessments?
 - a. Does the Customer and Compliance Area have any trained doctors with occupational health and safety qualifications?
 - i. If yes, how many and in what areas?
 - b. Does the Customer and Compliance Area have any trained nurses?
 - i. If yes, how many and in what areas?

29. In the proposed restructure referred to on Page 7 of the uncorrected transcript; will there be any specialist medical units?
 - a. If yes, what areas and with how many staff?
30. In the proposed restructure referred to on Page 7 of the uncorrected transcript; will there be any medically trained staff conducting medical assessments?
 - a. If yes, how many and in what areas?
31. Will bus, taxi, hire car and tourist service drivers continue to have their medical assessments assessed by medically and appropriately trained staff.
32. What will the impact of the M5 extension be on the Wolli Creek Regional Park
33. Is widening of the M4 east of Parramatta to North Strathfield the first stage of the Westconnex project?
 - a. When is this expected to commence
 - b. Will a toll be placed on this motorway
 - c. How will the additional traffic be handled once it gets to North Strathfield?
34. Please provide the independent third party auditor report for the successful remediation of the site on the Herons Creek to Stills Road upgrade referred to on page 5 Herons Creek to Stills Road upgrade Report of May 2013.
35. Regarding the proposed extension from the M7 West to Bells Line of Road, referred to as the Castlereagh Freeway;
 - a. Is there land reserved for this extension
 - i. What is the total area of the reserved area?
 - b. Is any of the proposed road reservation public land?
 - i. How much?
 - ii. Which part of the Government owns it?
 - c. Will the road reservation pass through areas of native vegetation
 - i. If Yes, What is the total area of native vegetation
 - ii. What is the type of native vegetation
 - iii. Is any of this native vegetation listed under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 (TSC Act) or the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999?
 - iv. If yes, how much?
 - d. Does the Roads and Maritime Service require the clearing of any native vegetation to be offset as part of this proposal?
 - i. What is the formula for determining native vegetation offset
 - e. Does this road reserve provide habitat for any threatened flora or fauna species?
 - i. If Yes, what are those species
 - f. Will the road fracture connectivity impacting fauna movements and the exchange of genetic diversity?

- g. Will the road reservation pass through any Cumberland Plain Priority Conservation Lands?
 - i. If Yes, what areas
 - ii. If Yes who owns the land.
- h. Is the department aware of any plans to have land in the road reservation protected for nature conservation?
- i. Are any native vegetation offsets proposed for this road?
 - i. How much is this offset expected to cost?
- j. Have any alternative routes been investigated for this road?
 - i. What are these alternate routes?

36. Has the Bus Operator Accreditation Scheme been abolished?

- a. If yes, what risk assessment was undertaken before this decision?
- b. Will there be two bus safety officers engaged in the accreditation branch at Parramatta?
 - i. What qualifications will these bus safety officers have?
 - ii. Will these bus safety officers be undertaking roles previously done by staff of the Independent Transport Safety Regulator?
- c. Who will implement the requirements of the Passenger Transport Act 1990 in regards to accrediting public passenger bus drivers?

Miscellaneous

- 1. On how many occasions have you met with a lobbyist, and what were the dates of these meetings?
- 2. Which lobbyists have you met with, and what was discussed?
- 3. On how many occasions have you declined to meet with a lobbyist?
- 4. To deliver greater transparency and accountability, will you publish a monthly online diary of all meetings with lobbyists?
- 5. In order to deliver greater transparency and accountability, as promised by the Premier, will you commit to keeping a record of all lobbying activities and documentation and allow them to be subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act?
- 6. Since becoming a Minister, have you taken any interstate or intrastate trips involving overnight accommodation or flights?
- 7. Will you provide a list to the committee of the details of all travel?
- 8. Have you taken any trips intrastate or interstate to attend Liberal/National Party functions? What are the details of the trips including dates and costs?
- 9. Have you taken any trips intrastate or interstate to attend lobbyists' functions? What are the details of the trips including dates and costs?

10. Were these trips paid for by the taxpayer?
11. Were these trips booked through the government travel management system?
12. Since becoming a Minister, have you paid back money to the state because you booked unauthorised travel with the government travel management system? How much? When did you travel? When did you pay back the money? How many occasions has this happened?
13. Have you had meetings scheduled interstate or intrastate on Fridays or weekends which involved you staying overnight?
14. Did you take your spouse/partner on these trips?
15. Have any members of your staff made complaints to or raised concerns with you, your Chief of Staff or the Department of Premier and Cabinet about bullying in your office?
16. If so, have any members of your staff resigned or been removed from their position after making such a complaint or raising such concerns?
17. How many blackberries or smart phones are assigned to your staff?
18. For each phone, how much was each bill in the 2012/13 financial year?
19. How many have phones have been lost in your office?
20. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
21. How many iPads or tablet computers does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
22. How many iPads or tablet computers have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
23. How many iPhones or other smart phones does DPC assign to your Ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
24. How many iPhones or other smart phones have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?
25. How many iPhones or other smart phones have been lost in your office?
26. How many iPads or tablet computers have been lost in your office?
27. What is the cost of replacing those phones or iPads or tablet computers?
28. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies?
29. What is the forecast for 2013/14 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?

30. Have any of your overseas trips in the past year been paid for in part or in full by using public money?
31. If so, did any of your relatives or friends (if you have any) accompany you on these trips?
32. What is the annual remuneration package for your chief of staff?
33. What is the annual remuneration package for your head media advisor?
34. What is the annual remuneration package for each of your staff?
35. What is the estimated expenditure for your office budget in 2012-13?
36. Have any office renovations or fit outs been undertaken in your ministerial office since April, 2011?
37. If so, could you give details of contracted costs?
38. What is your Ministerial office budget for 2013/14?
39. How many political advisors are in your office?
40. How many administration staff?
41. How many Department Liaison Officers are assigned to your office?
42. How many staff in the Department are assigned to Ministerial support duties
43. Are any contractors or consultants working in your ministerial office? If so, in what capacities?
44. How much did your Ministerial office spend on contractors or consultants?
45. How much did your Ministerial office spend on taxi fares, including Cabcharge in the 2012/13 financial year?
46. Are any of your portfolio agencies undergoing a restructure?
47. How many jobs are expected to be cut as a result of that restructure?
48. How many people are expected to have their wages cut as a result of that restructure?
49. How many voluntary redundancies were offered in your Departments since April 2011?
50. How many voluntary redundancies were accepted from employees in your Departments since April 2011?
51. How many voluntary redundancies are expected to be offered in 2013/14?

52. How much did your Department(s) spend on catering in 2012/13?
53. How much did your Department(s) spend on stationary in 2012/13?
54. What is your Department's catering budget?
55. What is your Department's stationary budget?
56. Since April 2011 have any of the agencies in your Department(s) changed their branding?
57. If so, how much was spent on rebranding the agency?
58. How long is the average turnaround for responding to correspondence in your Department(s)?
59. How many pieces of correspondence have been outstanding for more than 60 days?
60. In 2012/13 how many invoices has your Department(s) failed to pay a supplier or contractor for more than 30 days?
61. As a result of late payment, how much penalty interest has been paid to contractors since 1 January 2011?
62. How many invoices have been outstanding for longer than 60 days?
63. Does your department provide recurrent grant funds to non-government organisations? If yes,
 - a. What are the names of all organisations in receipt of funding?
 - b. What is the total amount of funding received by each organisation including goods and services tax?
 - c. On what date was the funding advanced?
 - d. What was the purpose for each grant or funding advance?
 - e. Was any funding withheld or returned?
 - f. If so, what were the reasons for withholding or requiring the funding to be returned?
 - g. What is the indexation rate applied to non-recurrent grant funds in 2013/2013?
 - h. What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?
 - i. Have any provisions been included in grant agreements to prohibit these organisations from criticising the Government or any of its policies?
64. How many contractors has your Department(s) retained since 1 July 2013 and at what cost?
65. What is the current level of Aboriginal employment within your Department(s)?
66. How has that changed since 1 July 2012?
67. Since 1 July 2011, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your Department(s)?
68. Is your department currently undertaking any feasibility studies, audits, taskforces or reviews? If so; then;
 - a. What are the terms of reference or details of each study, audit, taskforce or review?
 - b. Who is conducting the study, audit, taskforce or review?

- c. Was each study, audit, taskforce or review was publically advertised seeking expression of interest or competitive tenders?
 - d. Is there a contract in place detailing terms of engagement for the study, audit, taskforce or review?
 - e. What is the timeline of each study, audit, taskforce or review?
 - f. What are the details of any costs involved in each study, audit, taskforce or review?
69. Can you please list all travel related costs for your Parliamentary Secretary incurred in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2012
- a. kilometres travelled
 - b. accommodation,
 - c. air fares
 - d. meals/entertaining?
70. Can you please provide details of the following activities undertaken by your Parliamentary Secretary since 1 July 2012;
- a. meetings attended in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary?
 - b. functions attended in their capacity as Parliamentary Secretary?
71. How often do you meet with your Parliamentary Secretary?
- a. Are these meetings documented?
 - b. Who attends these meetings?
72. Who provides instructions and direction to your Parliamentary Secretary, you or your Chief of Staff?
73. Has the Minister been provided with Speech, Voice or Media Training since becoming Minister? If not, why not? If so, then;
- a. Who conducted the training?
 - b. When was it conducted?
 - c. Where was it conducted what were the costs of the training?
 - d. Who paid for the training?
74. Has the Parliamentary Secretary been provided with Speech, Voice or Media Training since becoming Parliamentary Secretary? If so, then;
- a. Who conducted the training?
 - b. When was it conducted?
 - c. Where was it conducted what were the costs of the training?
 - d. Who paid for the training?