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Questions from the Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC (*on behalf of the Opposition*)

Close captioning

1. Is the project to introduce close captioning services to NSW Parliament on budget?
2. When will the NSW Parliament introduce captioning in-line for coverage of Parliamentary broadcasts and events?

Staff statistics

3. Can you please provide statistics on the full-time equivalent numbers of middle and upper management from 2019 to present?
4. Can you provide the statistics for full-time equivalent people in front line roles, i.e. not middle or upper management, from 2019 to present?
5. Can you provide a list of all DPS employment grades by the number of staff in each grade?
6. What is the overall level of non-member full-time equivalent's employed by the NSW Parliament for the 2021 financial year compared to the 2020 financial year?

Disabilities

7. How many members of staff who work in the NSW Parliament in senior management identify as having a disability?

Auslan interpreters

8. When will the NSW Parliament provide regular Auslan interpreters to events, regular coverage and press conferences held in Parliament?

Special Constables Remuneration

9. Will the President make a commitment to make representations to the Minister regarding the remuneration of Special Constables?

eReturns

10. Will Members' staff be involved in the consultation process for the eReturns project?

Procurement

11. Is there a target for local procurement for items sourced for NSW Parliament?

Video on demand

12. In the answer to the following question on notice from the October 2021 Budget Estimates hearing for this portfolio regarding closed captioning, "Just on notice, is that going to be hard-coded into the video or is that going to be separately available?" it was said that chapter markers in videos and Hansard-like tables of contents would be introduced on Parliament's video on demand platform over the summer break. Currently when you select a past

Legislative Council sitting day, a section at the top says “Session chapters. No Data.” Are you able to confirm when session chapters will be added to the videos of Legislative Council sitting days?

Technological improvements

13. In the answer to supplementary question number 14 submitted for this portfolio for the October 2021 Budget Estimates, it was said that a formal request to deliver e-divisions would be made at the next meeting of the Digital Transformation Board. Was this request made to the Digital Transformation Board?
 - (a) Is there a timeline for when e-divisions can be delivered?
14. In the answer to supplementary question number 15 submitted for this portfolio for the October 2021 Budget Estimates, it was said that this financial year, works to renew and increase capacity of Parliament networks including wi-fi and connection to the internet are due to be completed. Are these upgrades on track to be completed by the end of the financial year?
15. Members have found it difficult to find charging ports to use for their laptops during committee hearings and Budget Estimates hearings. Will the Parliament ensure that there are permanent charging ports available for Members to charge their laptops during committee hearings and Budget Estimates hearings?