

Budget Estimates

Portfolio Committee No 1 – Premier and Finance

**ENTERPRISE, INVESTMENT AND TRADE, TOURISM AND SPORT,
WESTERN SYDNEY**

Hearing: Tuesday 8 March 2022

PRESENT

The Hon. Stuart Ayres, MP
Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade
Minister for Tourism and Sport
Minister for Western Sydney

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

**ENTERPRISE, INVESTMENT AND TRADE, TOURISM AND SPORT,
WESTERN SYDNEY**

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

Unsuccessful grant applications

1. Please list the applicants and locations of the 34 applications to **Her Sport Her Way Program** 2020-21 and which were not successful? **Answer:**

A list of successful Her Sport Her Way 2020/21 applications are publicly available in the Office of Sport 2020/21 Annual Report (Appendix O Grants).

There were 35 unsuccessful applications.

Unsuccessful applicants are not published for reasons of protecting their commercial interests.

2. Please list the applicants and locations of the 170 applications to **Regional Sport Facility Fund** in 2020-21 and which were not successful? **Answer:**

A list of successful Regional Sport Facility Fund 2020/21 applications are publicly available in the Office of Sport 2020/21 Annual Report (Appendix O Grants).

There were 170 unsuccessful applications.

Unsuccessful applicants are not published for reasons of protecting their commercial interests.

3. Please list the applicants and locations of the 66 applications Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund in 2020-21 and which were not successful? **Answer:**

A list of successful Greater Cities Sport Facility 2020/21 applications are publicly available in the Office of Sport 2020/21 Annual Report (Appendix O Grants).

There were 66 unsuccessful applications.

Unsuccessful applicants are not published for reasons of protecting their commercial interests.

4. Please list the applicants and locations of the 40 applications to NSW ATP Tennis Legacy Fund and which were not successful?

Answer:

A list of successful NSW ATP Tennis Legacy Fund 2020/21 applications are publicly available in the Office of Sport 2020/21 Annual Report (Appendix O Grants). For 2020/21, there were 2 rounds undertaken

There were 38 unsuccessful applications.

Unsuccessful applicants are not published for reasons of protecting their commercial interests.

NSW 2022 UCI Road World Championships Wollongong Legacy Partnership Program

5. How many applications to the NSW 2022 UCI Road World Championships Wollongong Legacy Partnership Program were not successful?

- a) What are the reasons for why they were not successful?
- b) Which organisations were invited to apply by the Office of Sport?
- c) Which organisations were invited to apply by the Minister's office?
- d) Does the grant panel consider equity across local government areas when it determines successful applications for the grant?
- e) Was there any difference between the Round 1 grants recommended by the Panel and the grants approved by the Minister?
- f) Was there any difference between the Round 2 grants recommended by the Panel and the grants approved by the Minister?
- g) Were applications for Round 1 assessed by the Panel and ranked in order to be funded?
- h) Were all of the highest ranked projects funded?
 - i. What criteria were used to determine the ranking?
- i) If all of the highest ranked projects were not funded, why not?
- j) Were all assessments in Round 1 undertaken by the Panel in accordance with NSW Treasury Policy and Guidelines Paper TPP17-03 "NSW Government Guide to Cost-Benefit Analysis"?
- k) Were applications for Round 2 assessed by the Panel and ranked in order to be funded?
 - i. Were all of the highest ranked projects funded?
 - ii. What criteria were used to determine the ranking?
 - iii. If all of the highest ranked projects were not funded, why not?

- 1) Were all assessments in Round 2 undertaken by the Office of Sport in accordance with NSW Treasury Policy and Guidelines Paper TPP17-03 “NSW Government Guide to Cost- Benefit Analysis”?

Answer:

Ten applications received under the NSW 2022 UCI Road World Championships Wollongong Legacy Partnership Program Rounds One and Two were unsuccessful.

- (a) In competitive grant programs applications must meet all eligibility criteria and are then assessed on merit against the Fund’s criteria. Where eligible application funding requests exceed available funding, allocation of funding occurs based upon a project ranking formed through the merit assessment scoring.
- (b) The NSW 2022 UCI Road World Championships Wollongong Legacy Partnership Program was open to any eligible organisations located in the Illawarra region, which consists of the Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama, Wollondilly and Wingecarribee and Shoalhaven Local Government areas.
Eligibility requirements are published in the Grant Guidelines.
- (c) The NSW 2022 UCI Road World Championships Wollongong Legacy Partnership Program was open to any eligible organisations located in the Illawarra region, which consists of the Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama, Wollondilly and Wingecarribee and Shoalhaven Local Government areas.
Eligibility requirements are published in the Grant Guidelines.
- (d) No.
- (e) The Grant Assessment Panel made recommendations to the Wollongong 2022 Ltd Board. These recommendations were accepted. The Minister noted the recommendations but did not approve grants under this program.
- (f) The Grant Assessment Panel made recommendations to the Wollongong 2022 Ltd Board. These recommendations were accepted. The Minister noted the recommendations but did not approve grants under this program.
- (g) Yes
- (h) Yes
- i. The assessment criteria is published in the Guidelines.
- (i) Not applicable
- (j) The Grant Assessments were conducted as per the process documented in the published Guidelines.
- (k) Yes
- i. Yes ii. The assessment criteria is published in the Guidelines.

iii. Not applicable

- (1) The Grant Assessments were conducted as per the process documented in the published Guidelines.

6. How many applications to the NSW 2022 UCI Road World Championships Wollongong Legacy Partnership Program were received from the following LGAs? a) Wollongong?

- b) Shellharbour?
- c) Kiama?
- d) Wollondilly?
- e) Wingecarribee?
- f) Shoalhaven?

Answer:

- a) 13
- b) 5
- c) 2
- d) 0
- e) 0
- f) 4

7. How many applications to the NSW 2022 UCI Road World Championships Wollongong Legacy Partnership Program from the following LGAs were not successful? a) Wollongong?

- b) Shellharbour?
- c) Kiama?
- d) Wollondilly?
- e) Wingecarribee?
- f) Shoalhaven?

Answer:

- a) 5
- b) 3
- c) 0
- d) 0
- e) 0

f) 2

8. How many applications to the NSW 2022 UCI Road World Championships Wollongong Legacy Partnership Program were received from the following electorates: a) Heathcote?
- b) Wollondilly?
 - c) Keira?
 - d) Wollongong?
 - e) Shellharbour?
 - f) Goulburn?
 - g) Kiama?
 - h) South Coast?

Answer:

- a)0
- b)0
- c)4
- d)9
- e)2
- f) 0
- g)7
- h)2

9. How many applications to the NSW 2022 UCI Road World Championships Wollongong Legacy Partnership Program from the following electorates were not successful? a) Heathcote?
- b) Wollondilly?
 - c) Keira?
 - d) Wollongong?
 - e) Shellharbour?

- f) Goulburn?
- g) Kiama?
- h) South Coast?

Answer:

- a)0
- b)0
- c)2
- d)3
- e)1
- f) 0
- g)2
- h)2

Unsuccessful grant applications

10. How many applications to the Surf Club Facility Program were not successful?

- a) What are the reasons for why they were not successful?

Answer:

There were three unsuccessful applications for the 2020/21 Surf Club Facility Program.

- (a) Three of the applications were unsuccessful as they were ineligible for funding under the program guidelines.

11. How many applications to the Her Sport Her Way were not successful?

- a) What are the reasons for why they were not successful?

Answer:

There were 35 unsuccessful applications for the 2020/21 Her Sport Her Way Program

- (a) 15 of the applications were unsuccessful as they were ineligible for funding under the program guidelines.

20 of the applications were unsuccessful as in competitive grant programs, applications must meet all eligibility criteria and score higher than other applications in merit assessment. Where eligible application funding requests exceed available funding, allocation of funding occurs based upon a project ranking formed through the merit assessment scoring.

12. How many applications to the Regional Sport Facility Fund were not successful?

a) What are the reasons for why they were not successful?

Answer:

428 of the applications were unsuccessful from both rounds of the Regional Sport Facility Fund grant program (2020/21 and 2021/22).

(a) 99 of the applications were unsuccessful as they were late/ineligible for funding under the program guidelines.

329 of the applications were unsuccessful as in competitive grant programs, applications must meet all eligibility criteria and score higher than other applications in merit assessment. Where eligible application funding requests exceed available funding, allocation of funding occurs based upon a project ranking formed through the merit assessment scoring.

13. How many applications to the Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund were not successful?

a) What are the reasons for why they were not successful? **Answer:**

166 of the applications were unsuccessful from both rounds of the Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund grant program (2020/21 and 2021/22).

(a) 54 of the applications were unsuccessful as they were late/ineligible for funding under the program guidelines.

112 of the applications were unsuccessful as in competitive grant programs, applications must meet all eligibility criteria and score higher than other applications in merit assessment. Where eligible application funding requests exceed available funding, allocation of funding occurs based upon a project ranking formed through the merit assessment scoring.

14. How many applications to the 2019/2020 Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program were not successful?

a) What are the reasons for why they were not successful? **Answer:**

Three applications received under the program were unsuccessful. The applications did not meet the eligibility criteria for the program.

Her Sport Her Way

15. In 2018 you announced Her Sport Her Way with ambitions to improve women's participation. Have you met Lucy Small to discuss her concerns about unequal prize money in competitive sport?

Answer:

I am advised the former Minister for Sport met with Ms Small on 9 June 2021. Since being appointed as Minister for Tourism Sport in December 2021, I have responded to correspondence from Ms Small regarding the Equal Pay for Equal Pay for NSW campaign.

First Lap learn to swim vouchers

16. How many applications have been received for “First Lap” learn to swim vouchers?
a) Can a list be provided of the number of applications by LGA?

Answer:

There have been 181,340 vouchers created as at 17 March 2022.

(a) The number of vouchers created cannot yet be reported by LGA as the reporting system is still under development.

17. How many applications have been declined?
a) If applications have been declined, why?

Answer:

Applications are only declined when the applicant does not meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the program’s terms and conditions.

18. What communications have been undertaken in languages other than English to ensure Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities are able to apply?

Answer:

Translated flyers are available on the Office of Sport website and have been shared with stakeholders in our multicultural and preschool networks. Social media, both paid and organic, have also been undertaken in languages other than English.

National redress scheme and sports scientists/strength and conditioning coaches accreditation

19. The Office of Sport requires State Sporting Organisations to sign up to the National Redress Scheme in order to obtain any funding or any recognition. What ongoing measures are in place to ensure compliance with Working With Children Checks for Office of Sport employees and the sporting sector as a whole?
a) How many staff in the portfolio have WWCCs?

Answer:

The Office of Sport verifies Working With Children Checks (WWCC) prior to staff commencing employment where it is a requirement for the role. The Office has processes to ensure WWCC are updated prior to expiry and audits its processes.

The Office of the Children’s Guardian is the regulator of the WWCC Scheme and responsible for sector compliance activities.

- (a) 470 staff (including casuals) at the Office of Sport.

20. Due to the requirements of the Working With Children Check, it is not transferable between states. Given that examples have been reported of coaches working across borders, what mechanisms have the Office of Sport suggested to ensure the WWCC system remains robust and effective?

Answer:

The Office of the Children's Guardian is the regulator of the WWCC Scheme and responsible for sector compliance activities.

21. A national accreditation scheme for sports scientists and strength and conditioning coaches has been in place since 2018. At budget estimates previously the committee was advised NSWIS is 100% compliant. Is this still the case? **Answer:**

NSWIS is compliant with the necessary requirements.

All strength and conditioning coaches must have an Australian Strength and Conditioning Associations accreditation. Some also have an Exercise and Sport Science Australia (ESSA) accreditation, but this is not essential for strength and conditioning coaches.

NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS) strength and conditioning essential accreditation requirements are aligned with the Australian Institute of Sport minimum standards as far as degree and Australian Strength and conditioning Associations (ASCA) Professional Coach Accreditation Scheme Pro requirements. NSWIS further require ASCA Level 2 Accreditation or international equivalent.

NSWIS sport science essential requirements are aligned with the AIS minimum standards as far as relevant degree and ESSA level 1. NSWIS further require a degree with honours.

It is important to note that strength and conditioning coaches are not sport scientists and best practice accreditation requirements differ.

22. To ensure compliance with the requirement to be accredited, it was intended that an audit be undertaken, however, to date this has not occurred. Does NSW support the Federal Government completing the audit? (a) What conversations will NSW officers have with their counterparts in Canberra about this?

Answer:

The NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS) is not responsible for the implementation of the national accreditation scheme for sport scientists and strength and conditioning coaches in New South Wales.

Exercise and Sport Science Australia (ESSA) is a peak professional organisational that establishes the accreditation for exercise and sport science practitioners.

The Australian Strength and Conditioning Association (ASCA) provides strength and conditioning coach accreditation programs for all levels. These programs are registered with the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme, administered by Sport Australia.

It is important to note that strength and conditioning coaches are not sports scientists and best practice accreditation requirements differ.

23. As a condition of the Australian Sports Commission's Sport Investment Agreements, national sporting organisations were required to ensure all sport science and strength and conditioning staff have the relevant accreditation with Exercise and Sports Science Australia or Australian Strength and Conditioning Association by the end of 2018. Similarly, NSW requires state sporting organisations to sign up to the National Redress Scheme, has NSW considered a similar requirement to be tied to grants to State Sporting Organisations in relation to accreditation of sports scientists and strength and conditioning coaches ?

Answer:

The NSW Government prevents those sporting organisations named in the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse or in an application to the National Redress Scheme from receiving grants unless they have joined the National Redress Scheme or been assessed as being legislatively unable to meet the requirements to join the Scheme.

The eligibility criteria for being recognised as a State Sporting Organisation include policies relating to discrimination, bullying, child safety, complaints handling and anti-doping. The criteria is available at the Office of Sport website. The Office is not currently considering additional requirements.

24. Acting Sports Minister Lee previously said "Compensation will also be paid to the waterski club and Morisset Rotary Club, which were impacted by the unexpected closure of the [Myuna Bay sport and recreation] centre". Has compensation been paid?

Answer:

The Office of Sport continues to work with the waterski club on their permanent relocation plans.

25. What facilities will be available at the new Lake Macquarie sport and recreation facility?

Answer:

The scope of the new Lake Macquarie Sport and Recreation Centre will be informed by stakeholder consultation and an analysis of options that will provide for the best value to the sports and the local and regional communities.

Motor Vehicle Sports (Public Safety) Act

26. What is the status of the review of the Motor Vehicle Sports (Public Safety) Act 1985?

Answer:

There is no review. The Office of Sport has recently completed stakeholder consultation on potential amendments to the Act.

27. Will the submissions to the review be made publicly available?

Answer:

No submissions have been received.

28. When will the report of the review be finalised?

Answer:

There is no review. The Office of Sport has consulted with stakeholders on potential amendments to the Act.

29. How many licences for meetings for motor vehicle racing were issued under s4 of the Motor Vehicle Sports (Public Safety) Act 1985 in each of the past 5 years?

Answer:

I am advised that in the last five financial years the following number of licences for motor vehicle racing grounds were issued or renewed:

2016/17 - 207

2017/18 - 189

2018/19 - 178

2019/20 - 153

2020/21 - 141

Sport and Recreation Centres

30. What is the total number of FTE staff in Sport and Recreation Centres and at each of the following:

a. Berry sport and recreation centre?

Answer: 10.5

b. Borambola sport and recreation centre?

Answer: 12.4

c. Broken Bay sport and recreation centre?

Answer: 12

d. Jindabyne sport and recreation centre?

Answer: 19

e. Lake Ainsworth sport and recreation centre?

Answer: 13.5

f. Lake Burrendong sport and recreation centre?

Answer: 8.4

g. Lake Keepit sport and recreation centre?

Answer: 11.3

h. Milson Island sport and recreation centre?

Answer: 10

i. Point Wolstoncroft sport and recreation centre?

Answer: 15

j. Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation?

Answer: 33.3

31. How many staff who worked at the former Myuna Bay sport and recreation centre are still employed?

Answer: 6

32. How many staff who worked at the former Myuna Bay sport and recreation centre will be employed at the Lake Macquarie sport and recreation centre?

Answer:

Former Myuna Bay staff have a right to an ongoing re-assignment to an equivalent role at the new Centre once it is established and operational.

33. How many staff will be employed at the Lake Macquarie sport and recreation centre?

Answer:

This will be determined once the Centre is established and operational.

Community Sport Recovery Package 2020

34. Given that the total amount expended is not shown in the Annual Report of the Office of Sport:

a. How many applications were received from State Sporting Organisations (SSOs), State Sporting Organisations for people with disabilities (SSODs), and Regional Academies of Sport?

b. How many applications were successful?

c. How many applications were not successful?

d. Why were the applications in (c) not successful?

e. Please provide a spreadsheet listing the successful applicants in (b)?

- f. Please provide a spreadsheet listing the unsuccessful applicants in (c)?

Answer:

- a. 89 applications were received including 88 from State Sporting Organisations, State Sporting Organisations for people with Disability and 1 from Regional Academies of Sport Incorporated (on behalf of the 9 independent Regional Academies of Sport
- b. 89 applications were successful.
- c. None
- d. Not applicable
- e. Refer to the 2019/20 Office of Sport Annual Report (Appendix O Grants) f. Not applicable

COVID-19 Financial assistance for sporting organisations in 2021

35. How many inquiries were received from grassroots organisations for COVID-19-related financial support each month in 2021?

Answer:

The NSW Government regularly met and consulted with sporting organisations throughout 2021.

36. What is the total value of COVID-19-related financial support each month in 2021 provided by the Office of Sport? **Answer:**

The NSW Government has supported the NSW sport sector to recover from the impacts of COVID-19 in both 2020 and 2021.

In 2020, \$27.3 million was allocated to the Community Sport Recovery Package.

In October 2021, \$25 million was announced for the Sport and Recreation Recovery and Community Rebuild Package.

Sport and Recreation Recovery and Community Rebuild Package 2021

37. What is the total expended to date?
- a. How many applications were received from State Sporting Organisations (SSOs), State Sporting Organisations for people with disabilities (SSODs), and Regional Academies of Sport?
 - b. How many applications were successful?
 - c. How many applications were not successful?
 - d. Why were the applications in (c) not successful?
 - e. Please provide a spreadsheet listing the successful applicants in (b)?
 - f. Please provide a spreadsheet listing the unsuccessful applicants in (c)?

- g. What proportion of the \$7.8 million to support sporting organisations and peak bodies has been paid?
- h. Why didn't the government announce support for community sport before it restarted?

Answer:

Total expenditure as at 18 March 2022 is \$13,589,904. Some streams are yet to be finalised.

- a. 93 applications.
- b. 93
- c. All applications were successful
- d. Not applicable
- e. Successful applicants will be listed in the 2021/22 Office of Sport Annual Report
- f. Not applicable
- g. \$5,887,500 (as of 18 March 2022).
- h. The Sport and Recreation Recovery and Community Rebuild Package was announced on 23 October 2021. Community sport was expected to recommence from 25 October 2021 but pleasingly the target of 80 per cent of adults double vaccinated was reached sooner than expected.

38. Applications for the 2021 package close on 31 March. What support for community sport will be provided after then?

Answer:

The NSW Government will continue to provide opportunities for financial assistance to community sport after 31 March through a variety of Office of Sport grants and voucher programs.

39. The Australian Sports Foundation found that during COVID-19 43% of clubs reported reduced participation, most prominent among younger Australians. In the absence of ongoing financial support from the NSW Government how will you assist the sector to address the drop in participation?

Answer:

The NSW Government will continue to provide opportunities for financial assistance to community sport after 31 March through a variety of Office of Sport grants and voucher programs.

CommBank stadium

40. What work at the stadium is planned to ensure the stadium does need to postpone matches for bad weather in the future?

Answer

I am advised no works are planned.

41. What is the status of the proposal to build Parramatta PCYC on the land immediately to the north of the stadium?

Answer

After completing an Expression of Interest and market soundings Venues NSW will not be building on the site adjacent to CommBank Stadium at this time.

PCYC sold their previous property in Parramatta for a significant sum of money and I would encourage them to consider reinvesting it in Parramatta.

Stadium Australia

42. Did the NSW Government buy back ANZ Stadium for \$220 million in 2016?

Answer

I am advised this is detailed in the final report from the Legislative Council Public Works Committee inquiry into the Sydney stadium strategy.

43. What works are planned to maintain and upgrade the stadium?

Answer

The 2021/22 Budget included \$81.4 million over three years (FY21-23) for critical capital works.

44. Former Sports Minister Graham Annesley previously said “If we didn't invest in the former Olympic stadium by the time it came back to us in 2031, we would have been taking back an asset which was ready for the bulldozer.” What was the rationale of the buyback?

Answer

I am advised this is detailed in the final report from the Legislative Council Public Works Committee inquiry into the Sydney stadium strategy.

45. What plans does the Minister have for the future ownership of Stadium Australia?

Answer

Stadium Australia is owned by the NSW Government and is part of the Venues NSW network.

Swimming pools grants

46. For the years for which records are available, please list the location in regional areas, name of grant stream and grant value of swimming pools that were provided by NSW Government grants?

Answer:

Office of Sport has provided grants towards swimming pools projects but does not have information for the whole of the NSW Government.

| Office of Sport Grant Program | Number of Grants | Location | Grant Amount (\$) |
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|---------------------------|---|-------------|--------|
| Local Sport Grant Program | 1 | Kiama | 10,000 |
| Local Sport Grant Program | 1 | Nambucca | 8,559 |
| Local Sport Grant Program | 1 | Ballina | 10,034 |
| Local Sport Grant Program | 1 | Bega | 6,000 |
| Local Sport Grant Program | 1 | Cootamundra | 9,990 |

| Office of Sport Grant Program | Number of Grants | Location | Grant Amount (\$) |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Local Sport Grant Program | 1 | Cessnock | 5,542 |
| Local Sport Grant Program | 1 | Portland | 10,000 |
| Local Sport Grant Program | 1 | Dubbo | 13,350 |
| Local Sport Grant Program | 1 | Guyra | 10,822 |
| Local Sport Grant Program | 1 | Boorowa | 6,792 |
| Local Sport Grant Program | 1 | Toronto | 6,600 |
| Local Sport Grant Program | 1 | Denman | 6,303 |
| Local Sport Grant Program | 1 | Nambucca | 15,064 |
| Local Sport Grant Program | 1 | Orana | 18,000 |
| Local Sport Grant Program | 1 | Lambton | 6,310 |
| Local Sport Grant Program | 1 | Port Macquarie | 15,000 |
| Local Sport Grant Program | 1 | Crookwell | 15,000 |
| Local Sport Grant Program | 1 | Dapto | 20,000 |
| Local Sport Grant Program | 1 | Mingara | 12,000 |
| Regional Sport Facility Fund | 1 | Hay | 888,321 |
| Regional Sport Facility Fund | 1 | Moree | 999,358 |
| Regional Sport Facility Fund | 1 | Temora | 990,000 |
| Regional Sport Facility Fund | 1 | Moss Vale | 589,000 |
| Regional Sport Infrastructure Fund | 1 | Griffith | 10,000,000 |
| Election Commitment | 1 | Goulburn | 10,000,000 |
| Sport and Recreation Facility Program | 1 | Dorrigo | 19,668 |

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Sport and Recreation Facility Program | 1 | Brewarrina | 21,750 |
| Sport and Recreation Facility Program | 1 | Cobar | 7,160 |
| Sport and Recreation Facility Program | 1 | Coolamon | 17,907 |
| Sport and Recreation Facility Program | 1 | Cootamundra | 50,000 |
| Sport and Recreation Facility Program | 1 | Dubbo | 8,065 |
| Sport and Recreation Facility Program | 1 | Moruya | 7,500 |
| Sport and Recreation Facility Program | 1 | Forbes | 21,000 |
| Sport and Recreation Facility Program | 1 | Gosford | 20,750 |
| Sport and Recreation Facility Program | 1 | Forster | 12,900 |
| Office of Sport Grant Program | Number of Grants | Location | Grant Amount (\$) |
| Sport and Recreation Facility Program | 1 | Albion Park | 19,049 |
| Sport and Recreation Facility Program | 1 | Speers Point | 25,000 |
| Sport and Recreation Facility Program | 2 | Barellan | 50,000 |
| Sport and Recreation Facility Program | 1 | Narromine | 10,291 |
| Sport and Recreation Facility Program | 1 | Tamworth | 25,000 |
| Sport and Recreation Facility Program | 1 | Temora | 25,000 |
| Sport and Recreation Facility Program | 1 | Adelong | 50,000 |
| Sport and Recreation Facility Program | 1 | Walgett | 25,000 |
| Sport and Recreation Facility Program | 1 | Baradine | 10,000 |
| Regional Sport Facility Fund | 1 | Hilltops | 997,500 |

47. For the years for which records are available, please list the location in metropolitan areas, name of grant stream and grant value of swimming pools that were provided by NSW Government grants?

Answer:

Office of Sport has provided grants towards swimming pools projects but does not have information for the whole of the NSW Government.

| Office of Sport Grant Program | Number of Grants | Location | Grant Amount (\$) |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund | 1 | Liverpool | 165,000 |

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund | 1 | Balmain | 2,200,000 |
| Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund | 1 | Balmain | 2,200,000 |
| Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund | 1 | North Sydney | 5,000,000 |
| Local Sport Grant program | 1 | Springwood | 15,000 |
| Local Sport Grant program | 1 | Glenbrook | 17,500 |
| Local Sport Grant program | 1 | Marrickville | 15,000 |
| Local Sport Grant program | 1 | Mount Annan | 10,647 |
| Local Sport Grant program | 1 | Merrylands | 20,000 |
| Local Sport Grant program | 2 | Penrith | 34,800 |
| Local Sport Grant program | 2 | Botany Bay | 45,000 |
| Local Sport Grant program | 1 | Enfield | 25,000 |
| Office of Sport Grant Program | Number of Grants | Location | Grant Amount (\$) |
| Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund | 1 | Hornsby | 940,000 |

Australian national teams

48. In relation to the 2022 NSWIS Business Plan target of above 25% representation of national teams each year for the sport programs it supports,

- a. What new initiatives have been introduced?
- b. What sports have been prioritised?
- c. What additional funding has been made available?
- d. Why is the chosen target less than the 31.8% of the Australian population who live in NSW?

Answer:

At the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, NSWIS athletes made up 33.7% of athletes that represented Australia at the Games across NSWIS supported sports and 21.6% across all sports. At the Paralympic Games 24.6% of athletes that represented Australia were NSWIS.

The target established considers that NSWIS does not support all Olympic and Paralympic disciplines and therefore representative opportunities do not necessarily reflect population size. The target of 25% is determined by factors including historical performance data, the number of categorised athletes considered capable of Australian team selection, etc.

The Institute is part of a national system and every four years, led by the Australian Institute of Sport, the system undertakes a sport investment process. Aligned with the national system, the Institute assesses submissions from sports based on key criteria including AIS categorisation, international sport profile, pathway talent profile, potential impact of NSWIS investment, financial investment required and the available facilities and daily training environments.

In 2022, the Institute commenced new partnerships with archery (including para) and triathlon (including para) and provided investment to combat sports.

Organisation Support Program grants

49. Despite no details being available in Office of Sport annual reports, how many applications were received in 2019?
- a. How many applications were successful?
 - b. How many applications were not successful?
 - c. Why were the applications in (b) not successful?
 - d. Please provide a spreadsheet listing the successful applicants in (a)?
 - e. Please provide a spreadsheet listing the unsuccessful applicants in (b)?
 - f. What is the total amount of funding provided?

Answer:

- a. All applications received under the Organisation Support Program (previously the Sport Development Program) were successful and published in the 2019-2020 annual report (Appendix O Grants).
 - b. Not applicable.
 - c. Not applicable.
 - d. Please refer to Office of 2019-2020 annual report (Appendix O Grants).
 - e. Not applicable.
 - f. Please refer to Office of Sport 2019-2020 annual report (Appendix O Grants).
50. Despite no details being available in Office of Sport annual reports, how many applications were received in 2020?
- a. How many applications were successful?
 - b. How many applications were not successful?
 - c. Why were the applications in (b) not successful?
 - d. Please provide a spreadsheet listing the successful applicants in (a)?
 - e. Please provide a spreadsheet listing the unsuccessful applicants in (b)?
 - f. What is the total amount of funding provided?

Answer:

- a. All applications received under the Organisation Support Program (previously the Sport Development Program) were successful and published in the Office of Sport Annual Report for 2020-2021 (Appendix O Grants).
- b. Not applicable.
- c. Not applicable.
- d. Please refer to Office of Sport Annual Reports for 2020-21 (Appendix O Grants).
- e. Not applicable.
- f. Please refer to Office of Sport Annual Reports for 2020-21 (Appendix O Grants).

51. Despite no details being available in Office of Sport annual reports, how many applications were received in 2021?

- a. How many applications were successful?
- b. How many applications were not successful?
- c. Why were the applications in (b) not successful?
- d. Please provide a spreadsheet listing the successful applicants in (a)?
- e. Please provide a spreadsheet listing the unsuccessful applicants in (b)?
- f. What is the total amount of funding provided?

Answer:

The Organisation Support Program for 2021-2022 is not yet finalised.

52. What assessment has been undertaken about the appropriateness of the current levels of funding provided to State Sporting Organisations and State Sporting Organisations for people with Disability, Peak Bodies and identified organisations?

Answer:

State Sporting Organisations, State Sporting Organisations for people with a disability, Peak Bodies and identified Organisations are eligible for a range of grant programs in addition to the Organisation Support Program. The funding received by each organisation depends on the number of successful grant applications made to the various grant programs.

\$600,000 to support regional talent pathways in the lead up to the Brisbane 2032 Olympics

53. How will the \$600,000 be allocated for regional talent pathways?

54. Will similar funds be allocated for metropolitan talent pathways?

55. What targets are being set to measure the success of the \$600,000 to be allocated for regional talent pathways?

Answer:

This investment will support more NSW athletes to represent Australia and win medals at the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

This will require focused effort in unearthing and preparing the state's most promising athletes and coaches with a strong focus on regional talent identification and development. In partnership with Regional Academies of Sport and State Sporting Organisations, NSWIS will deliver a series of NSWIS Talent Unit Pilot Projects to identify and support Australia's next generation of sporting and coaching talent.

Improving athlete and coach development and pathways will have a number of positive effects on the NSW community (with a focus on regional NSW), including:

- More NSW athletes representing Australia and winning medals
- Improved health and wellbeing of our youth
- Increased job opportunities in high performance sport for people from a diverse array of backgrounds
- Increased high performance coaching capability and pathways

The \$600,000 investment will deliver projects that will impact both regional and metropolitan NSW. Project KPIs as well as lag indicators have been developed for each project and will be reported within the NSWIS Annual Report.

\$3.1 million to support participation initiatives focused on areas most affected by restrictions, including south-western Sydney and regional NSW

56. How will the \$3.1 million be allocated to support participation initiatives?

Answer:

The allocation of this stream under the 2021 Sport and Recreation Recovery and Community Rebuild Package is yet to be fully finalised.

57. Will specific participation initiatives be targeted for funding? **Answer:**

Yes, including but not limited to, Active Disability Inclusion Sport Days and Active Fest Sport Days which will be delivered from April 2022.

58. What proportion of the \$3.1 million will be allocated to Fairfield LGA, Cumberland LGA and City of Parramatta LGA in Western Sydney? **Answer:**

The allocation of this stream under the 2021 Sport and Recreation Recovery and Community Rebuild Package is yet to be fully finalised.

59. Will the funding for regional NSW be allocated only to those LGAs to which lockdowns applied? **Answer:**

The allocation of this stream under the 2021 Sport and Recreation Recovery and Community Rebuild Package is yet to be fully finalised.

60. Which organisations will be invited to apply for funding? **Answer:**

The allocation of this stream under the 2021 Sport and Recreation Recovery and Community Rebuild Package is yet to be fully finalised.

61. Will organisations which successfully apply for a grant to support participation initiatives also be able to apply for other grant streams which also encourage participation initiatives?

Answer:

Yes.

62. Will funding be provided through the Local Sport Grants program or will a new grant stream be established? **Answer:**

The allocation of this stream under the 2021 Sport and Recreation Recovery and Community Rebuild Package is yet to be fully finalised.

63. What targets are being set to measure the success of the \$3.1 million allocated to support participation initiatives?

Answer:

The objective is to provide financial support to a range of participation initiatives focused on areas that were most affected by restrictions including south-western Sydney and regional NSW.

Investment NSW Corporate Strategy

64. Can you provide a full copy of the recently-completed Investment NSW Corporate Strategy that was referred to by Investment NSW CEO Ms Amy Brown during budget estimates?

Answer:

The Investment NSW Strategy is being updated to incorporate Machinery of Government changes from 1 April 2022. The 2022-2023 Investment NSW Strategy will be published on the Investment NSW website.

65. What role did the Minister play in drafting and approving the Investment NSW Corporate Strategy?

Answer:

The Investment NSW Strategy was in 2021 in consultation with the Office of the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport and Minister for Western Sydney.

Salary and allowances of Agent-General and Tokyo-based Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner

66. In relation to remuneration for the Agent-General to the United Kingdom and the Tokyo-based Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner, was the decision to pay any amounts above a Public Service Senior Executives Band 3 salary as allowances made to avoid the need for a Statutory and Other Offices Remuneration Tribunal (SOORT) determination? (a) What was the reasoning behind this decision?

Answer:

The Agent-General and Senior Trade and Investment Commissioners' remuneration is compliant with the *Statutory and Other Offices Remuneration Act 1975*. Under this Act, salaries are set by the Statutory and Other Offices Remunerations Tribunal (SOORT).

As the roles are located offshore, in some cases, cost-of-living allowances are paid annually to candidates, in addition to their base remuneration. These cost-of-living adjustments are determined using independent data provided by global benchmarking firm Mercer.

Advanced Manufacturing Research Facility

67. For clarity, will the Government deliver the full-scale, 13,000-square-metre Advanced Manufacturing Research Facility?

(a) If not, why not?

(b) If so, when will the full-scale Advanced Manufacturing Research Facility be operational?

Answer:

The AMRF is subject to a final investment decision by the NSW Government.

68. Can you provide details on all contracts that have been awarded to prepare the business case for the full-scale 13,000-square-metre Advanced Manufacturing Research Facility, including the value of each contract, the dates covered by the contract, the name of the contractor and the work to be carried out under the contract?

Answer:

The contract to prepare the Final Business Case for the Advanced Manufacturing Facility was awarded to Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu for the value of \$164,945 (inc GST). The duration of the contract is from 2 August 2021 to 31 March 2022.

Other contracts awarded to inform the development of the Advanced Manufacturing Facility concept and the preparation of the Final Business Case included Accounting Services, Architectural Services, Business Plan development, Program Management, Quantity Surveying, and Technical Advisors. As required, the details of relevant contracts have been published on the NSW Government eTendering website at: www.tenders.nsw.gov.au/. Contracts which remain current are viewable on this website.

Agent-General to the United Kingdom

69. What date did the Agent-General arrive in London?

Answer:

The Agent General arrived in London on 31 January 2022.

70. Has the Agent-General hosted any events in the United Kingdom? (a) If so, how many events?

(b) For each event please provide a breakdown detailing:

- i. The date of the event;
- ii. How many people were invited;
- iii. How many people attended;
- iv. The names and positions of any Investment NSW staff who attended;
- v. The names of any NSW Government Ministers who attended;
- vi. The names of dignitaries who attended;
- vii. The total cost of the event?

Answer:

As at the 18 March 2022, the Agent General has not yet hosted any events in the United Kingdom.

71. Can you provide details on the diary entries for the Agent-General for the following months:
 (a) July 2021;
 (b) August 2021;
 (c) September 2021;
 (d) October 2021;
 (e) November 2021;
 (f) December 2021; (g) January 2022; (h) February 2022?

Answer:

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| <p>(a) July 2021 (b) August 2021</p> | <p>Commenced employment in Investment NSW based in Sydney on 26 July 2021.</p> <p>Induction to Investment NSW and training on NSW Government and Investment NSW legislative requirements, policies and procedures.</p> <p>Onboarding meetings with key NSW Government executives, Investment NSW and NSW Government teams about the State's trade and investment priorities.</p> |
| | <p>Meetings with Consuls General, international chambers of commerce, DFAT, Austrade, Heads of Mission and other key stakeholders.</p> |
| <p>(c) September 2021 (d) October 2021</p> | <p>Introductory calls with UK and European investors and NSW exporters.</p> <p>Participating in UK, Europe and Israel trade and investment promotion webinars to assist businesses access opportunities.</p> <p>Attending trade and investment initiatives with the Australian British Chamber of Commerce, Australia Israel Chamber of Commerce, and French Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.</p> <p>Visiting priority precincts, including the Western Parklands City, Western Sydney Aerotropolis, Tech Central and Westmead Health Precinct.</p> <p>Conducting interviews to recruit a full team of trade and investment staff in the UK.</p> |

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| <p>(e) November 2021</p> | <p>Regional roadshow to the NSW Hunter to learn about defence and hydrogen investment opportunities, including 20 separate meetings with industry and participating in business roundtables.</p> <p>Regional roadshow of Central Coast to meet NSW exporters and present new Investment NSW international growth strategy, including 10 separate meetings with industry and participating in business roundtables.</p> <p>Ongoing meetings with UK and European companies to explore investment opportunities in NSW.</p> <p>Ongoing government training and onboarding including Public Service Commission and media training.</p> |
| <p>(f) December 2021</p> | <p>Meetings in Canberra with federal government representatives, Heads of Mission for the UK and European nations, meetings with DFAT and Defence.</p> <p>Regional tour of the NSW North Coast to present NSW's international growth strategy to NSW exporters and regional business chambers. Conducted 15 separate meetings with industry.</p> |
| | <p>Regional Tour to visit critical minerals projects in the NSW Western region. Conducted 10 separate meetings with industry.</p> <p>Annual Christmas leave</p> |
| <p>(g) January 2022</p> | <p>Medical leave for 1 week to isolate.</p> <p>Meetings with UK and European investors in NSW to promote NSW capabilities and investment opportunities across the State.</p> <p>Travelled to the Australian National pavilion at Dubai World Expo enroute to London to host key NSW Government events and promote NSW capabilities event, including NSW's support for medical technology exporters, investors and university collaboration with overseas partners.</p> |

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| (h) February 2022 | <p>Relocation to London to finalise set up of the NSW Government's office.</p> <p>Introductory meetings with key stakeholders, including UK investors and partners.</p> <p>Visited Sheffield Advanced Manufacturing Hub to explore manufacturing opportunities and promote NSW capabilities.</p> <p>Participated in welcome events for the Agent General hosted by the Australian High Commissioner and relevant business chambers.</p> |
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Investment NSW CEO and Secretary of the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Ms Amy Brown

72. For clarity, what date was Ms Amy Brown approached to lead the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade?

Answer:

Ms Brown was appointed Secretary of the newly formed Department of Enterprise Investment and Trade on 27 January 2022. Ms Brown was approached to take the role of Secretary in January 2022.

73. Can you provide details on the diary entries for Ms Brown for the following months: (a) December 2021; (b) January 2022; (c) February 2022?

Answer:

Key events in Ms Brown's diary include the following:

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| 1 December | SPEAKING EVENT: Innovation Aus Awards for Excellence Gala Dinner |
| 2 December | SPEAKING EVENT: The Daily Telegraph Bradfield 2021 |
| 6 December | Meeting with Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney and Advisors |
| 7 December | Meeting with the Office of Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney |
| 8 December | SPEAKING EVENT: NSW Public Sector Women in Leadership Summit 2021 |
| 16 December | SPEAKING EVENT: Afterpay Memorandum of Understanding announcement |
| 16 December | MOU Signing event - Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney and universities' Vice-Chancellors |
| 22 December | Meeting with Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology |
| 24 January | Meeting with Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney and Advisors |

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| 24 January | Meeting with the Office of Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney |
| 31 January | Meeting with Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney and Advisors |
| 1 February | SPEAKING EVENT: Commission into the Future of Sydney CBD - Webinar launch |
| 4 February | Meeting with Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney and Advisors |
| 14 February | Meeting with Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney and Advisors |
| 16 February | Meeting with Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology |
| 16 February | SPEAKING EVENT: 2022 AmCham Global Leadership Academy Opening Ceremony |
| 18 February | SPEAKING EVENT: Hunter Global Summit |
| 21 February | Meeting with the Office of Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney |
| 23 February | Meeting with Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney and Advisors |
| 24 February | Meeting with the Office of Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney |
| 28 February | Meeting with Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing |
| 28 February | Meeting with Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney and Advisors |

74. What overseas travel is Ms Brown expected to do under her role as Investment NSW CEO?

Answer:

As at 22 March 2022, there are no current plans for Ms Brown to conduct any overseas travel for the remainder of 2022. However, from time to time, overseas travel will be required as part of her role to attract investment to NSW.

75. What process is required to approve travel by Ms Brown under her roles as Investment NSW CEO?

Answer:

Overseas travel undertaken by the Investment NSW CEO is subject to the approvals required under the NSW Travel and Transport Policy, which can be found at:

<https://buy.nsw.gov.au/policylibrary/policies/travel-and-transport-policy>.

76. What overseas travel is Ms Brown expected to do under her roles as Secretary of the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade?

Answer:

As at 22 March 2022, there are no current plans for Ms Brown to conduct any overseas travel for the remainder of 2022. However, from time to time, overseas travel will be required as part of her role to attract investment to NSW.

77. What process is required to approve travel by Ms Brown under her roles as Secretary of the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade?

Answer:

Overseas travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade is subject to the approvals required under the NSW Travel and Transport Policy, which can be found at: <https://buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/travel-and-transport-policy>.

78. Has Ms Brown travelled overseas in her capacity as Investment NSW CEO or Secretary of the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade during 2021 or 2022?

- (a) If so, can you provide details of:
- i. The dates of travel; ii. Each destination; iii. The purpose for each trip; iv. Who accompanied Ms Brown on each trip?

Answer:

Ms Brown has undertaken one overseas trip in her capacity as Secretary of the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade to pursue an opportunity for NSW. The opportunity is subject to Cabinet-in-Confidence.

Investment NSW Travel Policy

79. Can you provide a copy of the current Travel Policy for Investment NSW?

Answer:

The Travel Policy for Investment is an internal policy. It stands alongside but doesn't exclude or replace obligations within the NSW Government Travel and Transport Policy, available at: <https://buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/travel-and-transport-policy>, and the Code of Ethics and Conduct for NSW Government Sector Employees, available at: <https://www.psc.nsw.gov.au/cultureand-inclusion/workplace-culture/behaving-ethically>. It ensures travel-related expenditure is efficient, economical and ethical.

80. If a specific Travel Policy for Investment NSW is not yet finalised, what travel policy applies to senior executives and non-executives in Investment NSW? (a) Can you provide a copy of the travel policy?

Answer:

See answer to Question 79.

Ministerial diary

81. Can you provide details on the Minister's diary entries for the following months: (a) January 2022; (b) February 2022?

Answer:

Ministerial meetings are declared each quarter in accordance with M2015-05 – Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information.

82. Did the Minister travel overseas during 2021 or 2022? (a) If so, can you provide details of:

- i. The dates of travel; ii. Each destination; iii. The purpose for each trip; iv. Who accompanied the Minister on each trip?

Answer:

Details of Overseas Travel by all Ministers is available on the DPC website.

Investment NSW Senior Executive positions

83. In relation to promotions in Investment NSW in 2021 and 2022:
- (a) How many people were promoted from non-executive to senior executives?
 - i. For each position, what was the previous role and salary?
 - ii. For each position, what was the new role and salary?
 - (b) How many existing senior executives were promoted?
 - i. For each position, what was the previous role and salary?
 - ii. For each position, what was the new role and salary?

Answer:

(a) Six existing Investment NSW non-executives were promoted to Public Service Senior Executive roles within Investment NSW. Remuneration offered for these roles is in line with the NSW Public Service Senior Executive Remuneration Management Framework. (b) One senior executive was promoted. The senior executive was offered remuneration in line with the NSW Public Service Senior Executive Remuneration Management Framework.

Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment positions

84. What senior executive positions have been approved or appointed to the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment prior to the formation of the Department on 1 April 2022?
- (a) For each senior executive, can you provide a breakdown covering: i. Position title; ii. Position salary; iii. Previous position title and salary before appointment to the Department?

Answer:

(a) Two positions have been approved and appointed to the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment prior to the formation of the Department on 1 April 2022: i. Secretary; ii. Remuneration is in line with the NSW Public Service Senior Executive Remuneration Management Framework; iii. CEO, Investment NSW. Remuneration is in line with the NSW Public Service Senior Executive Remuneration Management Framework.

- i. Group Deputy Secretary; ii. Remuneration is in line with the NSW Public Service Senior Executive Remuneration Management Framework; iii. Group Deputy Secretary (DPC). Remuneration is in line with the NSW Public Service Senior Executive Remuneration Management Framework.

Investment NSW

85. The annual report says that Investment New South Wales is committed to becoming a workplace of choice:
- (a) Can you outline what strategies that have been put in place to develop pathways for Aboriginal Torres Strait Islanders?
 - (b) Do any of the current board members identify as Aboriginal Torres and Strait Islander?

Answer:

- (a) Investment NSW is strongly committed to a diverse, equitable and inclusive workplace. Under the Department of Premier and Cabinet cluster, Investment NSW was supported by cluster-wide initiatives promoting diversity and inclusivity. Work is underway to develop a diversity and inclusion plan for the new Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade, including in relation to Investment NSW.

Investment NSW has also issued an expression of interest for employees to register their interest in joining a new Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment Diversity and Inclusion Network. The network will promote and celebrate workplace diversity with the aim to drive initiatives that value, celebrate and promote respect for individual differences across the Department.

- (b) Investment NSW is not governed by a board.

86. People whose first language was other than English benchmark is 23.2% and is currently only tracking at 15.5%

- (a) Can you outline what strategies have been put in place to develop pathways for the people whose language first spoken was other than English?
(b) Do any of the current board members identify as people whose language first spoken was other than English?

Answer:

- (a) See answer to Question 85a.

- (b) See Answer to Question 85b.

87. The benchmark target is 5.6% and 2.8% for people with disability:

- (a) Can you outline what strategies have been put in place to develop pathways for people with disability?
(b) Do any of the current board members identify as people with disability?

Answer:

- (a) See answer to Question 85a.

- (b) See Answer to Question 85b.

NSW Global – Tech Central

88. How much of the \$48.2 million allocated to kick-start Tech Central has been spent?

- (a) How many square metres of affordable space does that equate to?
(b) When is additional space coming online?
(c) Who are the current partners in the Tech Central concept and have they signed agreements?
i. Do they have start dates for their operations?
ii. How many FTE is predicted?

Answer: Of the \$48.2 million allocated to the kick-start Tech Central, \$11 million has been allocated to the Tech Central Scale Up Accommodation Rebate program and the remaining amount is committed to provide affordable space for technology start-ups and scale-ups.

(a) The Quantum Terminal and the Tech Central Scaleup Hub will deliver 11,000 sqm of affordable space. The Scaling Accommodation Rebate will support up to 14,000 sqm of affordable space through direct rebates to high-growth technology companies leasing or subleasing commercial space in Tech Central.

(b) Additional space will be available online as technology companies are awarded funding through the Scaling Accommodation Rebate.

(c) The NSW Government is working with universities, enterprise, entrepreneurs, notforprofits, start-ups, scale-ups, unicorns and all other types of innovation companies to activate and grow the Tech Central community.

i. Work is ongoing.

ii. The NSW Government has committed to creating 25,000 innovation jobs in Tech Central.

Great Southern Nights

89. How many performances are scheduled in Western Sydney as a part of the Great Southern Nights program?

(a) Name the venues used?

Answer: Thirty-eight performances are scheduled to take place at: Abattoir Blues, Ribs and Rumps, The Brewery + Kitchen @ Novotel IBIS Sydney Olympic Park, Bankstown Sports Club, Workers Blacktown, The Mill Hotel, Granville Town Hall, Toongabbie Sports Club, Liverpool Catholic Club, Lone Pine Tavern, Sydney Coliseum Theatre, Albion Hotel, Riverside Theatres Parramatta, Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre, St Marys Band Club, St Marys RSL Club, The Winston Hotel.

Western Sydney Start-up Hub

90. The NSW Government announced the Western Sydney Start-up Hub in 2020, what is the current status of the project?

(a) Who is the operator?

(b) How many expressions of interest were received?

(c) How much of the allocated \$35million has been spent as of the 28th of February 2022? (d) When is the Western Sydney Start-up Hub due to open?

Answer: The NSW Government ran an expressions of interest process to partner with an organisation responsible for supporting start-up and technology companies in the Western Sydney Start-up Hub. The Western Sydney Start-up Hub is scheduled to open mid-2022.

(a) The operator will be announced following the completion of negotiations.

(b) A total of 12 expression of interest responses were received.

(c) The \$35 million does not refer to the Western Sydney Start-up Hub. (d) See answer to Question 90.

Driving Digital Skills Pilot Program

91. The Driving Digital Skills Pilot Program which consists of two pilots was announced in February 2022;

(a) When will the Pilot Programs run?

(b) How many expressions of interest have there been? (c) What is the total cost of developing the pilots?

Answer:

(a) Stage 1 of the Driving Digital Skills Pilot Program runs from 11 February to 4 May 2022 and focuses on upskilling existing workers. Stage 2 is planned to begin by June 2022 and will focus on new industry entrants.

(b) Nine companies are participating in Stage 1 of the Pilot Program. Stage 2 expressions of interest are currently being evaluated.

(c) The Driving Digital Pilot Program is funded by Training Services NSW.

Disability Employment

92. How many employees who identify with having a disability are employed by:

- a. Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade
- b. Create NSW
- c. Destination NSW
- d. Investment NSW Enterprise
- e. NSW Institute of Sport
- f. Office of Sport
- g. Venues NSW

Answer:

(a) Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade – As of 8 March 2022, there are two staff employed at the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade – the Secretary and Group Deputy Secretary. None have identified as having a disability.

(b) Create NSW – This question falls under the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Arts. (c) 0

(d) Investment NSW – As of 8 March 2022, 2.5 per cent of employees have identified as having a disability.

(e) 1

(f) 10 (as at July 2021)

(g) 11

93. How many senior managers who identify with having a disability are employed by:

- a. Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade

- b. Create NSW
- c. Destination NSW
- d. Investment NSW Enterprise
- e. NSW Institute of Sport
- f. Office of Sport
- g. Venues NSW

Answer

- (a) Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade – See answer to Question 92a. (b) Create NSW – Please see answer to Question 92b.
- (c) 0
- (d) Investment NSW – No senior managers have identified as having a disability. (e) Nil
- (f) Nil
- (g) 0

Soils and fines recycling

94. Have you had discussions with the Minister for Environment regarding the NSW EPA's changes to how soils and fines (like sand) are recycled?

- (a) If so, when did those discussions occur and what was discussed?

Answer:

My office has met with the office of the Minister for Environment to discuss concerns in relation to these changes and potential job losses in Western Sydney.

95. The waste industry estimates 500 jobs will be lost a result of the changes. Has anyone within the industry raised those concerns with you?

- (a) If so, who and when?
- (b) 400 of those 500 job losses are predicted to occur in Western Sydney. Has anyone within the waste industry raised those concerns with you?
 - i. If so, who and when?
 - ii. If not, given you are now aware of those potential job losses, what will you do to ensure 500 jobs – 400 of those in Western Sydney – are not lost as a result of the changes to how soils and fines are recycled?

Answer:

My office has met with members of the waste industry to hear concerns in relation to these changes and potential job losses in Western Sydney.

96. The waste industry has raised concerns that the changes will result increase the cost of companies – particularly those in construction – to dispose of waste that will in turn lead to more illegal dumping. Has this concern been raised with you by anyone within the waste industry or by councils?

- (a) Does the NSW Government record figures regarding the cost to clean up illegal dumping?
i. If so, what councils are most prone to illegal dumping?
- (b) What funding/support/resources does the NSW Government offer councils to assist with disposing of illegally dumped waste?

Answer:

This question falls within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Environment and Heritage and should be referred to him.

97. Representatives in the waste industry have said the NSW EPA failed to undertake an assessment prior to announcing the changes. Given there are 400 jobs in Western Sydney at stake, can you confirm that an appropriate assessment was undertaken prior to the changes being announced?

Answer:

This question falls within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Environment and Heritage and should be referred to him.

98. Have any Western Sydney councils contacted you about receiving a greater share of the funds collected as part of the Waste Levy?
(a) If so, what councils?

Answer:

This answer should be referred to the Minister for Local Government

The Ponds

99. Have any residents from The Ponds, or Blacktown Council, contacted you regarding the issues with mobile reception in The Ponds?
(a) If so, what representations have you made to any fellow Ministers of NSW Government departments regarding a resolution to the issue?

Answer:

This answer should be referred to the Minister for Local Government

100. Are you aware of any communications blackspots in Western Sydney? (a) If so, where are they?

Answer:

This answer should be referred to the Minister for Local Government

101. Are there any NSW Government process that can expedite applications for mobile phone towers to cater for blackspots? (a) If so, explain?

Answer:

The Mobile Black Spot Program is the responsibility of the Commonwealth Government. NSW responsibilities fall under the portfolio of the Minister for Local Government. The question should be referred to her.

102. Does the NSW Government have any policies in place to ensure residents in new estates have access to adequate communications (mobile phone reception and internet)?

Answer:

This question falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Local Government and should be referred to them.

103. How will the NSW Government ensure that all residents and businesses will have access to adequate internet and mobile phone connections?

Answer:

See answer to Question 102.

WestInvest

104. It was recently announced that \$400 million funding would be available to 15 councils with maximum grants between \$20 million and \$35 million available, depending on population size. What is the maximum amount the following councils could apply for?

- (a) Blacktown
- (b) Blue Mountains
- (c) Burwood
- (d) Camden
- (e) Campbelltown
- (f) Canterbury-Bankstown
- (g) Cumberland
- (h) Fairfield
- (i) Hawkesbury
- (j) Hills
- (k) Liverpool
- (l) Parramatta
- (m) Penrith
- (n) Strathfield
- (o) Wollondilly

Answer:

WestInvest has advised that the information on direct allocations to eligible local councils under the WestInvest Program is available at www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/westinvest.

Staff from the WestInvest Program Office have met with the local councils from each eligible Local Government Area to inform them of their allocation.

Local councils are also eligible to lodge as many applications as they wish in the Community Project Competitive Grants round. If successful, this funding will be in addition to the allocated amount identified for each Local Government Area.

105. Why did you not make it clear the maximum amount each council could receive when the announcement was made?

Answer:

See answer to Question 104

Western Sydney Airport

106. Is the Western Sydney Airport still expected to be open in 2026?
- (a) If so, can you provide a more definitive time – what month in 2026?
 - (b) Are there any aspects/features/sections of the airport or its construction that are running behind schedule?
 - i. If so, what?
 - (c) Are there any aspects/features/sections of the airport or its construction that are running over budget?
 - i. If so, what?
 - (d) Are there any aspects/features/sections of the airport of its construction that are running under budget?
 - i. If so what?

Answer:

Delivery of the Western Sydney Airport is not the responsibility of the NSW Government. Information on the Western Sydney Airport is available on the Western Sydney Airport website - <https://westernsydney.com.au/>.

107. Can you provide an update on whether flight paths have been finalised?
- (a) If they have, can you provide details? (b) If not, when will they be?

Answer:

Information regarding flight paths for the Western Sydney Airport is available on the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications website at www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au/about/flight-paths.

108. Can you provide a guarantee that the Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport will be fully operational by the time the airport opens in 2026?
- (a) Is the project on schedule?
 - i. Is the project on or under budget?

Answer:

Questions regarding the delivery of transport projects, including the Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport, are best directed to the Minister for Transport.

109. Can you provide an update on where construction on the new station at St Mary's is up to? (a) Have there been any significant problems that have arisen at the site?
- (b) Can you provide an update on where construction is up to on the Orchard Hills station?
 - i. Have there been any significant problems that have arisen at the site?
 - I Can you provide an update on where construction is up to on the Luddenham station?
 - i. Have there been any significant problems that have arisen at the site?
 - (d) Can you provide an update on where construction is up to on the site within the airport business park?
 - i. Have there been any significant problems that have arisen at the site? I Can you provide an update on where construction is up to on the site within the airport terminal?
 - i. Have there been any significant problems that have arisen at the site? (f) Can you provide an update on where construction is up to on the site within the 'commercial heart' of the aerotropolis?
 - i. Have there been any significant problems that have arisen at the site?

Answer:

Questions regarding the delivery of transport projects, including the Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport, are best directed to the Minister for Transport.

110. Can you provide an update on the M12 Motorway?

(a) The project was originally meant to begin in 2020, however that obviously did not occur.

What was the reason behind delay?

(b) Transport for NSW website updates show a section of Elizabeth Drive being closed for the construction of a temporary roundabout needed during construction. Has any actual construction on the motorway occurred yet?

Answer:

Questions regarding the delivery of transport projects are best directed to the Minister for Transport or the Minister for Metropolitan Roads.

Disability employment

111. How many employees who identify with having a disability are employed by the Western Parkland City Authority?

(a) How many senior managers who identify with having a disability are employed by the WPCA?

(b) Does the WPCA have a quota in terms on employing staff who have or identify as having a disability?

Answer:

The Western City Authority provided details regarding trends in the representation of Equal Employment Opportunity groups, including People with Disability, in its 2020-21 Annual Report (pages 69-70).