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**DEPUTY PREMIER, REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, POLICE**

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## DEPUTY PREMIER, REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, POLICE

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

#### Floods

1. Has the flooding in northern NSW had an impact on NSW Police staffing?
2. How many police officers have lost their homes?
3. How many police stations have been affected?
4. How much police equipment has been destroyed including the number of vehicles?
5. Has the flooding had an impact on NSW Police budgets?
6. Will there be a long-term impact on NSW Police staffing or budgets?
7. Have there been any cases of looting as a result of the flooding?
8. Have there been any particular policing challenges associated with the floods and what, if any, learnings have you taken from them in relation to policing?

#### Urgent response times

9. What is the official definition of an urgent call?
10. What is the official definition of a non-urgent call?
11. How many different classifications are there for calls to police?
  - (a) Please list them; name the category and provide the number for the years:
    - i. 2018-19
    - ii. 2019-20
    - iii. 2020-21
    - iv. 2021-22
    - v. 2022 until May 1
12. What is the benchmark time for a non-urgent call?
13. What percentage of non-urgent calls in 2020-21 were not answered within the benchmark time?
14. What was the longest urgent call wait in 2021 for:
  - (a) Parramatta?

- (b) Campsie?
- (c) Liverpool City?
- (d) Leichhardt?
- (e) Cumberland?
- (f) Ryde?
- (g) Blacktown?
- (h) Blue Mountains?
- (i) Campbelltown?
- (j) Fairfield?
- (k) Hawkesbury?
- (l) Nepean?
- (m) Riverstone?
- (n) Auburn?
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**Operational staff**

16. As of May 9, 2022, how many sworn operational staff were there in NSW?
17. As of May 9, 2022, how many civilian operational staff were there in NSW?
18. What percentage of staff were female in 2020-21?
19. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander operational staff were there in 2020-21?
20. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander non-operational staff were there in 2020-21?
21. What was the proportion of total staff who were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander in 2020-21?
22. How many operational staff per 100,000 people were there in the 2020-21 period in NSW?
23. How many operational staff per 100,000 people were there for the same period in Queensland?
24. How many operational staff per 100,000 people were there for the same period in Victoria?
25. Would it be correct to say that NSW has the lowest number of operational staff per capita in Australia?

### **Russian influence in NSW**

26. Since the conflict in Ukraine, has NSW counter-terrorism turned its examination and approach to activists from that region?
27. Are you working with your federal counterparts in relation to that?
28. How long have Eastern European extremists been on your radar?
29. Have any arrests been made?
30. Has there been an increased threat from such extremists in recent years?
  - (a) What about in recent weeks?
  - (b) Has the Russian invasion of Ukraine seen an increase in extremist activity here?
  - (c) Are you concerned about such activity?
31. Are you aware of the “Australian Cossacks” who have been active in NSW, funded by a Russian Orthodox oligarch who may or may not be funnelling Russian state money to the group?
32. Is it true that the man known as “Aussie Cossack” recently called on his 50,000 followers to join a rally to support Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, claiming that Putin was “helping” Ukrainians from “Nazis” in a “peacekeeping operation?”

### **Gangs and Operation Hawk**

33. Operation Hawk was a two-day operation against organised criminals that began on the morning of January 27. There was a great deal of media fanfare where the Deputy Premier talked with much bluster just weeks after his elevation to Police Minister. How many arrests were made during that operation?
34. Of the arrests made during that operation, how many have been released from custody – without formal charges?
35. How many charges were laid as a direct result of Operation Hawk?
36. How many of those charges were dropped?
37. Outlaw motorcycle gang activity in NSW is now very concentrated in northern NSW. Is this correct?
38. Have these changes increased bikie gang activity in NSW?
39. What is your government doing to put further resources in bikie activity in these new areas?
40. What is your government doing to monitor these “feeder groups” and get them on the police radar?

## **Bail**

41. Has the Police Minister expressed his concerns about our state's lax bail laws?
42. If so, what has been expressed?
43. In response to a Question on Notice after last Estimates, it was revealed that Mostafa Baluch offered to be subject to electronic monitoring if he were granted bail – and was himself responsible for arranging his own ankle bracelet with a private company. Is this standard practice?
44. What is the policy for electronic monitoring?
45. Are all people who are bailed afforded the opportunity to rent their own ankle bracelets from private contractors?
46. How does the state monitor the quality of the offerings from these independent contractors?
47. Does the state not have funding to surveil bailed alleged commercial drug traffickers?
48. Since the multi-million dollar recapture effort for Baluch, has the government ensured that people on bail cannot simply make their own arrangements for electronic monitoring?
49. How many electronic ankle tagging bracelets are currently in use in NSW by the criminal justice system?
50. Where are these bracelets currently being used?
51. Who provides these bracelets?
52. Does the government have a contract or contracts with a company or companies providing these bracelets? If so:
  - (a) When were these contracts entered into?
  - (b) Was there a public tender for these contracts?
  - (c) When do the contracts conclude?
53. If not, how is the provision of these bracelets regulated?
54. What is the estimated cost per day of electronic ankle tagging bracelets met by the government or its agencies?
55. What is the estimated cost per day of electronic ankle tagging bracelets met by the person who wears the ankle bracelet?

56. What is the average duration that a person is required to wear such a bracelet?
57. What is the monitoring process for each electronic ankle tagging bracelet?
58. Have concerns been raised about malfunction or inadequate operation of these bracelets?
  - (a) When?
  - (b) By whom?
  - (c) What was the nature of the malfunction or inadequate operation?
  - (d) What steps have been taken to address these concerns?
59. How often do wearers of these ankle bracelets manage to remove them and abscond?
60. In what proportion of cases does this occur?

### **3D weapons**

61. Are current 3D-printing firearms laws sufficient to charge and convict such extremists?
62. How does the NSW legislation regulating the 3D printing of weapons compare with that in other jurisdictions in Australia and internationally?
63. How many finalised charges were there under s 51F of the Firearms Act in 2018-19?
64. How many finalised charges were there under s 51F of the Firearms Act in 2019-20?
65. How many finalised charges were there under s 51F of the Firearms Act in 2020-21?
66. Do these statistics reflect the true scope of the threat posed by 3D-printed firearms in NSW?
67. What are the challenges to bringing successful prosecutions against those who would illegally print 3D weapons?
68. What gaps are there in the current legislation?
69. Given the stalled Firearms and Weapons Legislation Amendment (Criminal Use) Bill 2020, what is your government doing to address the gaps in the current legislative framework?
70. What advice has NSW Police provided to the government on 3D weapons?
71. What do police advise their officers when they discover plans for 3D weapons?
72. What are the implications of weapons-grade 3D printers like the Markforged FX20 on criminal activity?

73. Could criminal gangs get their hands on products like the FX20?
74. Are you concerned about this kind of technology?
75. What is your government doing to make absolutely certain that violent criminals cannot get their hands on products like the FX20?

### **Crime during Covid**

76. We have been advised that crime in western Sydney has increased – petty crime, assault, robberies, break and enter. Do you have data on this?
77. Where has it increased?

### **Hizb-ut-Tahrir**

78. Have the police closed the case/investigations on Hizb ut-Tahrir rallies last year in Lakemba?
79. If yes, why have they closed them?
80. If not, what is the status of those investigations?

### **Jihadi terrorism**

81. Are you aware of the case of accused ISIS member Joseph Saadieh, who was found by the AFP to have bomb-making screenshots on one of his devices?
82. Was Saadieh released on bail despite police warning that they did not have the resources to monitor any accused people released with ankle bracelets?
83. Do you believe that there should be a presumption against bail for members of jihadi terrorist organisations?
84. Does the Saadieh case suggest that there ought to be more funding for monitoring of dangerous terrorists?
85. A 34-year-old man in Caringbah was arrested in December for allegedly belonging to Islamic State and police said he was preparing a terrorist attack. Was he in the known entity management system prior to his arrest?
86. How many individuals are presently being tracked in tiers one, two, three, and four respectively?
  - (a) Could you give us a breakdown?
87. What is the total number of individuals being tracked as of today in the known entity management system, or any other terrorist tracking systems you may have?
88. What are the proportions of people being tracked in terms of whether they are ideological or religious extremists?



- (a) That is, what is the proportion of far-right extremists versus jihadi extremists, for instance?
89. Are there any religious extremist organisations you would like to see the federal government list as terrorist groups?
90. Is the common database shared amongst state, territory, and federal governments?
91. Has COVID had an impact on the threat assessment and the number of individuals being tracked?
92. Are people being tracked in tiers three and four a potential threat?
93. How do you decide what tier of threat in which to place a particular individual?
94. How can NSW residents be protected from people in tiers three and four given that they are not under any meaningful surveillance?

### **Right-wing terrorism**

95. The Base was listed in December by the federal government as a terrorist group, the second right-wing extremist organisation to be designated as such in Australia after the Sonnenkrieg Division. Would you provide an update on the activities of these and similar right-wing extremist and/or white nationalist groups in NSW?
96. Have there been foiled attacks in NSW that you can reveal to the public?
97. Has the threat of right-wing extremism grown during the pandemic?
98. What kind of online activity have right-wing extremists been undertaking during the pandemic?
99. Are there any other ideological extremist groups you would like to see listed as terrorist organisations by the federal government?
100. Is there a particular right-wing extremist threat in rural and regional NSW that is not apparent in metropolitan areas?
101. Are you monitoring particular areas more closely than others?
102. There has been substantial anti-vaxx activity across the state, such as in Port Macquarie, Dubbo, Orange, and right outside parliament. Have the police been monitoring these extremists to determine whether they pose a terrorist threat?
103. Have terrorists been involved in 3D-printing weaponry?
104. The Nazi flag was flown in Wagga Wagga and the Christchurch massacre terrorist came from Grafton. To what extent has the threat assessment from right-wing and white nationalist

extremists escalated recently?

105. There was an individual with a Nazi flag in his bedroom arrested in September over plans to 3D-print a weapon.
- (a) Is he still in custody?
  - (b) What is the status of his case?
  - (c) Are current 3D-printing firearms laws sufficient to charge and convict such extremists?
  - (d) Is 3D printing a particular concern in terms of right-wing extremists?
106. There has been substantial anti-mandate activity in Port Macquarie. Have you been tracking potential violent right-wing extremist elements at such protests?

### **Report on Government Services 2022: sexual assault**

107. What was the reported increase in sexual assault reports to March 2021?
108. Of sexual assault investigations finalised in NSW in 2020, what proportion had proceedings begun against the offender?
109. Victoria brought proceedings against the offender in 46.2% of sexual assault investigations finalised in 2020; Queensland brought proceedings against the offender in 60% of sexual assault investigations finalised in 2020; and Tasmania brought proceedings against the offender in 77% of sexual assault investigations finalised in 2020. How does NSW compare when it comes to prosecuting sex offenders?

### **Confiscated Proceeds Fund**

110. How much was added to the Confiscated Proceeds Account in 2019-20 period?
111. How much was added to the Confiscated Proceeds Account in 2020-21 period?
112. What is the total amount sitting in the Confiscated Proceeds Account currently?
113. What are these funds meant to be used for? Please provide a list of those allocations.
114. How does the government ensure that these funds are being properly disbursed?

### **Social media breaches**

115. What are the broad outlines of the police force's social media policy?
116. Why is it important that officers comply with your code of conduct?
117. How many police officers have been investigated since the beginning of 2019 for breaches of your social media policy?

118. How many of these allegations were sustained?
119. How many officers resigned as a result of these investigations?
120. How many had to attend counselling?
121. How many were suspended without pay?
122. How many were restricted from duties?
123. How many received official warnings?
124. What consequences took place against the rest of the officers against whom allegations were found to have been sustained?

**Sod turnings**

125. Premier Perrottet turned the first sod at Bega's new \$16 million police station, which we have been hearing about for some years now. When will it start operating?
126. What has happened in the period since the first sod was turned at Bega?
127. You turned the first sod on Goulburn Police station, to be built at the Police Academy. When will it start operating?
128. What is your response to concerns that your promise to build the Singleton Police Station is not being fulfilled and that you have allocated funds to it but it is so low down the list of priorities that it won't get built within the two year deadline?
129. In the same visit as the Bega sod-turning, the first sod was turned on the new \$10 million police station in Jindabyne. When will that police station start operating?
130. The NSW Nationals in 2007 and again in 2019 promised a 24/7 police station in Murwillumbah with an additional 15 officers. When will this promise be fulfilled?
131. How much did the new police station at Gunnedah cost?
132. Does the police station at Gunnedah have capabilities for 24 hour policing?
133. Are police stationed at Gunnedah 24 hours per day?
  - (a) If not, why not?
134. Have you received a letter from Gunnedah mayor Jamie Chaffey saying that crime trends backed up the need for 24 hour policing at Gunnedah?

135. Will you promise that Gunnedah police station will be staffed 24 hours per day before the next election?

### **Guns**

136. In Operation Hawk, how many firearms were seized?

137. What is the trend in terms of illegal firearms held by gangs?

138. Is it on the increase or on the decline?

139. Hesham Naaman lost his son Mustafa last year in what was widely regarded as a case of mistaken identity – the killers were likely trying to kill Ibrahim Hamze, a high-profile member of the notorious Hamzy clan. Mr Naaman has called for anybody caught with a gun to receive a mandatory jail sentence. How do you respond to his call?

140. Should bail be granted to people who have been convicted of firearms crimes?

141. Will the government commit to toughening gun laws in NSW?

142. What is the status of the Firearms and Weapons Legislation Amendment (Criminal Use) Bill 2020?

143. When was that legislation introduced?

144. Why has the legislation seemingly stalled?

145. There are substantial holes in the legislative framework relating to the manufacture of firearms, including 3D-printed weapons parts, that that legislation sought to address. What is going to happen with that legislation?

146. Is there some other legislation the government is preparing to address the matter that that bill sought to address?

147. What are the advantages to criminals of electromagnetic guns?

148. What is the NSW government's position on magnetic weapons?

149. The Morrison government has banned the importation of these magnetic weapons. Will you move to ban their possession, sale, and so forth in NSW?

150. How many guns were stolen between 2007 and 2017?

151. How many murders took place between 2007 and 2017 using stolen firearms?

152. Is your government concerned about weapons theft and the use of stolen weapons in the commission of crimes?

153. What is your government doing to reverse this trend?

#### **Drug law reform**

154. Why has your government still not responded to the more than 100 recommendations handed down by the Ice Inquiry two years ago?

155. Is your government waiting until after the next election to make decisions that might leave you exposed to accusations of being soft on drugs?

#### **Ice inquiry**

156. In November last year in answering questions asked during the Estimates process, Minister Hazzard advised that the “government was committed to developing a meaningful and substantial response to the Inquiry’s final report.” When can the public expect to see this response?

157. Why has the government not responded in the more than two years since Commissioner Professor Dan Howard handed down his report?

158. Why is there still no Drug and Alcohol strategy for the state?

#### **Drug driving**

159. How many motorists were charged for drug driving in 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, and in the first six months of 2021-22? Please provide a breakdown by police area region, command and district.

#### **Elder abuse**

160. Does your government regard preventing elder abuse as a priority?

161. Did your government promise in 2018 that every police command would receive a specialist elder abuse prevention officer?

162. Has each and every police command received a specialist elder abuse prevention officer?

163. Out of the 56 police commands in NSW, how many currently have specialist elder abuse prevention officers?

164. When will the remaining police commands receive their specialist elder abuse prevention officers?

#### **Flood scams**

165. How many people have been charged with perpetrating fake charity and insurance schemes in the wake of the floods?

166. How will the government prevent such scams being perpetrated against innocent NSW residents in future?

**Police commissioner's former media adviser**

167. How long was Grant Williams employed as executive director of the Public Affairs Branch of the NSW Police Force?

168. Why did Grant Williams leave his position as executive director of the Public Affairs Branch of the NSW Police Force?

169. What was the total departure package paid to Mr Williams?

**Goulburn Police Academy**

170. Does the NSW police force have a contract with Charles Sturt University to provide higher education studies for NSW Police recruits?

171. Has Charles Sturt University breached any conditions of that contract?

172. How many breaches have there been?

173. Does the contract include grounds for termination?

174. What are the requirements for the delivery of classes at the academy?

175. What percentage must be delivered by Charles Sturt, and what percentage by the NSW Police Force?

176. What percentage of classes has Charles Sturt been delivering?

177. What is the financial penalty for Charles Sturt failing to deliver their contracted percentage of classes?

178. Has a formal "Improvement Notice" been issued to Charles Sturt from Work Safe NSW regarding psychological injuries to staff in the Academy work space?

179. Are there tertiary courses that must be completed before applying for the NSW Police Force?

(a) What is the name of this course/these courses?

(b) How much is the current cost of this course/these courses?

(c) Which universities offer this course/these courses?

(d) Is the requirement to take this course/these courses one of the reasons for the reduction in applications to join the NSW Police Force?

- (e) Are you considering abolishing the requirement to take this course/these courses as part of police recruitment?

### **Police numbers and staffing**

180. Your government promised an additional 1,500 police officers. Minister Toole told Estimates that around 650 must be rolled out by the next election in order to meet that election commitment. When exactly will these police officers be delivered by?

### **Teenage stabbings**

181. How many persons of interest last year aged 10-17 were there involved in knife attacks across NSW in 2021? By age group?
182. How many children aged 10-17 were victims of non-domestic assaults using a knife, screwdriver, or scissors in 2021? By age group?
183. How many teenagers (age 10 to 17) were charged for stabbing attacks in NSW in 2021? By age group?
184. How many teenagers (age 10 to 17) were charged for stabbing attacks in NSW in 2020? By age group?
185. How many teenagers (age 10 to 17) were charged for stabbing attacks in NSW in 2019? By age group?
186. How many teenagers (age 10 to 17) were charged for stabbing attacks in NSW in 2018? By age group?
187. How many teenagers (age 10 to 17) were charged for stabbing attacks in NSW in 2017? By age group?
188. How many teenagers (age 10 to 17) were charged for stabbing attacks in NSW in 2016? By age group?

### **Audit Office of NSW's report into Police Responses to Domestic Violence**

189. The report found that there is no monitoring of training or skills levels for domestic violence policing across the NSW Police Force. What evidence does the NSW Government have that the NSWPF workforce has the required skills and knowledge necessary to effectively police domestic violence incidents, particularly given that domestic violence survivors have often experienced trauma?
190. Has the NSW Government investigated the possibility of establishing standalone domestic and family commands, similar to those in Victoria and Queensland?
191. Will the NSW Government commit to immediately commencing work on the domestic and family violence component of the Integrated Policing Operational System (IPOS)?

192. How will the NSW Government improve its collaboration with stakeholders working in the domestic violence and sexual assault fields to ensure that the NSW Police Force gets the feedback it needs about survivor experience and improve domestic and sexual violence responses?
193. How will the Police Force improve its interactions with survivors of domestic violence who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander?
194. What training do all police officers undergo to inform the way in which they interact with domestic violence survivors and perpetrators?
  - (a) Does this include specialist training in liaising with people who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander?
  - (b) Is training available for and provided to police officers at all stages in their career?
  - (c) Are refresher courses available to all officers?
    - i. If so, are they mandatory?
195. Domestic violence service providers have indicated their support for co-location/responder models to improve domestic violence incident responses. Are there any co-location models currently in place?
  - (a) If so, where are they?
    - i. Are there plans to expand this model to other areas of the State?
  - (b) If not, why haven't the pilots which were to originally commence in five locations across NSW last May-June 2021, and were pushed back to 1 April 2022, begun?
196. Do all NSW police officers receive mandatory, regular, trauma and gendered-violence-informed training?
  - (a) Is this training delivered by sexual assault and Domestic Violence experts including people who have experienced sexual and/or domestic violence?
197. Is there a review underway into the effectiveness of the Domestic Violence Safety Assessment Tool (DVSAT)?
  - (a) If so, when will the review be finalised?
  - (b) If so, who has been consulted as part of the review?
198. The report states that the 'personnel dedicated to domestic and family violence policy do not reflect the volume or complexity of domestic and family violence work across New South Wales.' Does the current policy team of six have the capacity to oversee this significant area of demand?



- (a) Does the NSW Government plan to increase the number of people dedicated to domestic violence policy?
  - (b) If so, where will they be located?
    - i. How will their efforts be allocated to communities that have high Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations; are Culturally and Linguistically Diverse; and/or are rural and remote?
199. There are no formal reporting relationships between the centralised Domestic and Family Violence Policy Team and domestic violence specialist personnel in local commands. What are the processes for the NSW Government to ensure centralised policy advice is reaching all 57 local commands?
200. Why are system enhancements such as the Integrated Policing Operational System (IPOS) Domestic Violence framework scheduled for release in 2025?
- (a) Can this timeline be moved forward?
    - i. If not, why not?
201. Has the Professional Standards Command made recommendations to the NSW Police Force regarding updating investigation processes to mitigate concerns about conflicts of interest when the alleged offender in a domestic violence incidence is a current or former serving police officer?
- (a) If so, what are they?
    - i. When will they be implemented?
  - (b) If not, when is this expected to occur?
    - i. What steps are being taken in the meantime to ensure complaints are being properly and independently investigated?
202. What stakeholders were consulted as part of this process?

### **Liddell Power Station Closure**

203. What are the Government's estimates regarding how many direct jobs will be affected by the closure of the Liddell power station in 2023?
204. What are the Government's estimates regarding how many indirect jobs will be affected by the closure of Liddell power station in 2023, including contractors, associated coal mines and businesses across the supply chain?

205. What are the government's estimates regarding the difference in pay and conditions between the current jobs at Liddell power station and the new jobs forecast to be created on renewable projects?
- (a) What work has been undertaken to understand the impact of these differences across the regional economy?
  - (b) What steps will the government take to ensure that new jobs created within Renewable Energy Zones are secure and well paid?

### **Eraring Power Station Closure**

206. What are the Government's estimates regarding how many direct jobs will be affected by the closure of the Eraring power station in 2025?
207. What are the Government's estimates regarding how many indirect jobs will be affected by the closure of the Eraring power station in 2025, including contractors, associated coal mines and businesses across the supply chain?
208. What are the government's estimates regarding the difference in pay and conditions between the current jobs at Eraring power station and the new jobs forecast to be created on renewable projects?
- (a) What work has been undertaken to understand the impact of these differences across the regional economy?
  - (b) What steps will the government take to ensure that these new jobs created within Renewable Energy Zones are secure and well paid?
209. Does Minister Toole agree with Federal Energy Minister Angus Taylor that the proposed plan to install a 700 megawatt battery to replace the Eraring Power Station is "delusional"?

### **Bayswater Power Station**

210. How many more jobs will be affected if the closure of the Bayswater power station is brought forward again to 2030, as proposed by the Brookfield bid for AGL?

### **Managing Power Station Closures**

211. Will the Government commit to establishing a Hunter Valley Authority, similar to the Victorian Government's Latrobe Valley Authority, to manage the impact on jobs of early closures of power stations and associated coal mines?
212. Will the Government explore the creation of a job transfer scheme to facilitate movement of workers into jobs at remaining power stations?

213. What steps will the NSW Government take to prioritise workers displaced from the early closure of power stations for jobs on projects or in enterprises that receive public funding or NSW Government support?

### **NSW Strategic Statement on Coal Exploration and Mining**

214. What was the advice provided to former Deputy Premier John Barilaro from the Advisory Body for Strategic Release, regarding how to remove the Hawkins-Rumker, Ganguddy-Kelgoola, and Wollembi coal exploration areas, from the map of areas in NSW coal regions available and excluded from future coal exploration and mining?

### **Greenfield Coal Mine Development**

215. Do you agree with the following statement made by former Deputy Premier John Barilaro during his valedictory speech on 24 November 2021:

*“The reality is that no-one is going to start a coalmine in this state because it will not be approved for seven to 10 years—and by then the world will have moved on. Our policy should reflect that...”*

### **Hawkins-Rumker Preliminary Regional Issues Assessment**

216. How much did the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment spend on consultant reports relating to the Hawkins-Rumker coal exploration area?

### **Advisory Body for Strategic Release**

217. Why did the previous Chair of the Advisory Body for Strategic Release leave the position?
218. Has a new Chair of the Advisory Body for Strategic Release been appointed?
219. If so, who is it?

### **Mine Safety Technology Centre Closure**

220. Are you aware of the Deloitte review into the Mine Safety Technology Centre dated 26 November 2018?
221. Do you know how much that report cost to produce?
222. The Report states that the MSTC was exposed to perceived and actual conflicts of interests due to the fact that it was providing commercial services to the industry while also assisting the regulator to set requirements for industry. The report was completed in 2018. What was the Government’s response to the report?
223. What action was undertaken to mitigate those perceived and actual conflicts of interest?

224. What was the cost of Ernst & Young's engagement to undertake a further review?
225. Can you confirm that Coal Services will perform all of the safety and technical testing that was previously completed by MSTC?

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### Questions from The Hon. Robert Borsak MLC

#### NSW Firearms Registry – Internal Reviews

226. On what date will the applications for Internal Review by the following persons be undertaken and completed?

- i. Gould, S
- ii. Fitch, J
- iii. Stever, B
- iv. Taggart, A
- v. Richardson, T
- vi. Hockey, B
- vii. Regent, KA
- viii. Botros, B
- ix. El-Khoury, M
- x. Moy, M
- xi. Lloyd, G
- xii. Southall, L,
- xiii. Law, ZC
- xiv. Manos, C
- xv. Steinfeldt, T
- xvi. Hallowell, C
- xvii. Dykes, JP
- xviii. Alsaddik, R
- xix. McCulla, A
- xx. Kennedy, SD
- xxi. Mantzouranis, A
- xxii. Boujaoude, EF
- xxiii. Sawicki, LD
- xxiv. Arnold, D
- xxv. Finch, TR
- xxvi. Rhodes, PL
- xxvii. Morn, S
- xxviii. Rooke, M
- xxix. Khan, KA
- xxx. Keys, P

#### Withholding evidence at NCAT

227. In proceedings involving firearm matters before the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) where the Commissioner of Police was the respondent:

- (a) How times did the Commissioner apply for an order under section 64(1)(d) of the Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013 in calendar years 2020, 2021 and 2022 (to 30 March)?
  - i. How many applications were granted?
  - ii. How many applications were declined?
  
- (b) How many times did the Commissioner apply for an order under section 59 of the Administrative Decisions Review Act 1997 in calendar years 2020, 2021 and 2022 (to 30 March)?
  - i. How many applications were granted?
  - ii. How many applications were declined?

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### Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

#### Reasons for withdrawing or discontinuing claims of sexual assault

228. NSW is the only jurisdiction in Australia not to be able to produce data on why sexual assault claims are withdrawn or discontinued. It is understood that the new IPOS system will allow this data to be produced, but that it will be a number of years before that capability is implemented.
- (a) What is the expected date of such data being made routinely available?
  - (b) How will the NSW Police Force capture data in the meantime?
  - (c) What is being done to ensure that data on withdrawal or discontinuation of sexual assault claims prior to the new IPOS system being functional will be available for data analysis and comparison with data under the IPOS system?
  - (d) Why has this capability of the IPOS system not been prioritised and fast-tracked?

#### Mining consents and greenhouse gas emissions

229. What has the Department done to ensure that greenhouse gas emissions from coal mines are in line with what is being reported by coal mine operators?
- (a) Will the Department place enforceable greenhouse gas emissions conditions on existing and future mining consents?
  - (b) Will the NSW Independent Advisory Panel on Underground Mining be expanded to cover issues related to greenhouse gas emissions?
230. DPE recommended approval of the Narrabri Underground Mine Stage 3 Expansion based on the supposed financial benefits of \$599 million in net present value terms, as estimated by Whitehaven. DPE noted that this benefit is reduced 'significantly' when greenhouse gas emissions are properly accounted for but made no attempt to quantify the reduction. Why did the Department not quantify the significant reduction?