

Portfolio Committee No.1 – Premier and Finance

ENTERPRISE, INVESTMENT AND TRADE, SPORT

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PRESENT

The Hon. Alister Henskens
Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade
Minister for Sport
Minister for Skills and Training
Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

I am advised the following answers to supplementary questions:

Combat Sports Act 2013

1. How many staff are employed by the Combat Sports Authority?
 - (a) Are these staff employed solely by the CSA?
 - (b) Do these staff undertake any work for other units of the Office of Sport?

Answer

The Authority does not employ any staff. The Office of Sport provides secretariat, administrative and regulatory services to the Authority through a service level agreement.

2. What was the total revenue of the Combat Sports Authority in each of the following years:
 - (a) 2018/19
 - (b) 2019/20
 - (c) 2020/21
 - (d) 2021/22

Answer

Information on revenue and expenditure for the Office of Sport can be found in their annual reports.

3. What was the total expenditure of the Combat Sports Authority in each of the following years:
 - (a) 2018/19
 - (b) 2019/20
 - (c) 2020/21
 - (d) 2021/22

Answer

Information on revenue and expenditure for the Office of Sport can be found in their annual reports.

4. How many combat sport contests were held in each of the following years:

- (a) 2018/19
- (b) 2019/20
- (c) 2020/21
- (d) 2021/22

Answer

(a) 2018/19 – 189

(b) 2019/20 – 121

(c) 2020/21 – 68

(d) 2021/22 – 75

5. Of the 68 permits granted by the CSA in 2020/21 to hold combat sport contests, how many were:

- (a) Promoted by private businesses?
- (b) National titles or national championships?
- (c) International titles or international championships?
- (d) Tournaments held in rural or regional NSW?

Answer

a) Only an individual is entitled to apply for registration as a promoter.

b) and (c) A combat sports contest, for which a permit has been issued, can be comprised of numerous individual bouts, some of which may be national or international titles or championships.

d) 8 events were held outside of the metropolitan areas of Greater Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong.

6. How many promoters were registered in the combat sport registration system as at:
- (a) 30 June 2018
 - (b) 30 June 2019
 - (c) 30 June 2020
 - (d) 30 June 2021
 - (e) 30 June 2022?

Answer

- a) 96
- b) 97
- c) 93
- d) 72
- e) 85

7. In relation to the Combat Sports Authority's complaint handling policy and identifying, addressing and resolving complaints about staff or service delivery, what administrative changes have been implemented to better regulate the combat sports industry?

Answer

In October 2021, the *Ringside Online* registration system was decommissioned and the Department of Customer Service (OneGov) *Combat Sports Registration System* was implemented. This initiative improved the customer experience and addressed complaints about the functionality of *Ringside Online*.

The Combat Sports Authority experienced an increase in the volume of registration applications and medical document lodgements in the first half of 2022 after the easing of COVID-19 restrictions. This resulted in increased processing times which were addressed by allocating additional Office of Sport employees to processing functions and prioritisation of time-sensitive applications.

8. How many complaints about the Combat Sports Authority were received and resolved in the following years:
- (a) 2018/19
 - (b) 2019/20
 - (c) 2020/21
 - (d) 2021/22?

Answer

- a) 5**
- b) 1**
- c) 8**
- d) 9**

9. In relation to the Combat Sports Act second stage review referred to on page 33 of the Office of Sport annual report 2020/21:
- (a) Which industry participants were consulted on recommendations to promote the health and safety of combatants?
 - (b) Which industry participants were consulted on recommendations to improve the regulation of combat sports in NSW?
 - (c) What legislative amendments to support the continued growth and maturity of the sector in NSW were supported by stakeholders?

Answer

(a) and (b) These issues were consulted collectively.

A survey was conducted in which we received 28 anonymous responses.

In addition to this, consultation sessions were held with:

- **Combat Sports Inspectors**
- **Attending Medical Practitioners**
- **League Boxing Inc – NSW**
- **World Boxing Council**
- **International Mixed Martial Arts Federation of Australia**
- **International World Kickboxing Federation**
- **World Association of Kickboxing Organisations**
- **Australian Mixed Martial Arts Sports Association**
- **International Mixed Martial Arts Federation Australia**

- Australian National Boxing Federation (NSW Branch)
- Australian National Boxing Federation
- Combat Sports Commission, Western Australia
- Sport and Recreation, Victoria
- Office for Recreation and Sport, South Australia.

(c) Stakeholders supported reforms relating to:

- Increased capacity for referees, doctors and Combat Sports Inspectors to suspend bouts to conduct concussion and serious head injury inspections, and to end bouts if necessary
- Improved training in how to recognise significant concussion and serious head injury and making this a registration requirement
- Appropriate medical equipment to be on hand and training to doctors in how to use it
- Improved rules around medical clearances and suspensions
- A reduction in registration categories
- Increased use of online systems for registration and the managing of medical records
- A public register of combatants to facilitate matchmaking
- Matchmaking guidelines
- Clarifying key regulatory terms such as: Professional, Amateur, exhibition contests and sparring
- Facilitation of participation by interstate or international combatants and referees.

10. In relation to Australian national boxing championships:

- (a) When was the last time NSW hosted the event?
- (b) Does the Office of Sport or Combat Sports Authority support the holding of the event in NSW in the future?
 - i. If yes, what support will be provided to the relevant hosting bodies?

Answer

- a) When issuing a permit for a combat sports contest the Office of Sport only records the date(s), identity of the promoter and location for the contest. It does not record any title or nature of the contest.

- b) The Office of Sport and Combat Sports Authority would welcome the Australian National Boxing Championships being held in NSW, however the event location is a matter for the event organiser.**

Statewide strategy

11. Does the NSW Government have a whole-of-state, whole-of-Government strategy for sport?
(a) If yes, is the strategy publicly available?
(b) If not, why not?

Answer

The Office of Sport has a strategic plan which defines its focus, goals and outcomes.

- (a) Yes, it is available on the Office of Sport website**
(b) Not applicable.

WIN Stadium business case (\$2.5m in 2022/23)

12. When will the business case be finalised?
(a) Is the business case being developed by Venues NSW; or an alternative body?
(b) If it is an alternative other body, which other body?
(c) What consideration has been given to the proposal developed in the "Illawarra Sports and Entertainment Precinct Final Report: January 2022"?
(d) What consultation will be undertaken during the process to develop the business case?

Answer

Please refer to the answer provided to question on notice LA 8360.

One stadium business case (\$8.0m in 2021/22)

13. The 2021/22 budget included “\$8.0 million to develop a final business case for the Suburban Stadia Strategy to enable the Government to commence the development of one stadium by 2023”.
- (a) When will the business case be finalised?
 - (b) Is the business case being developed by Venues NSW; or an alternative body?
 - (c) If it is an alternative other body, which other body?
 - (d) What consultation will be undertaken during the process to develop the business case?

Answer

This information is Cabinet in Confidence.

Hunter sport and entertainment precinct business case (\$6.7m in 2021/22)

14. When will the business case be finalised?
- (a) Is the business case being developed by Venues NSW; or an alternative body?
 - (b) If it is an alternative other body, which other body?
 - (c) What consultation will be undertaken during the process to develop the business case?

Answer

This information is Cabinet in Confidence.

Jubilee oval in Kogarah business case (\$3.0 million in 2020/21 and 2021/22)

15. When was the business case finalised?
- (a) What was the final cost to develop the business case?
 - (b) Will the final business case be made public?
 - (c) Was the business case being developed by Venues NSW; or an alternative body?
 - (d) If it was an alternative other body, which other body?
 - (e) What consultation was undertaken during the process to develop the business case?
 - (f) What was the Benefit Cost Ratio of each option considered in the business case?
 - (g) Why did the business case for a revitalised suburban stadium at Jubilee Oval in Kogarah fail to attract the support of the government?

Answer

This information is Cabinet in Confidence.

Penrith stadium business case and addendum

16. When was the final business case finalised?
- (a) What was the final cost to develop the preliminary and final business cases?
 - (b) What is the budget for the business case addendum?
 - (c) Given the final business case was completed in December 2021 what is the rationale for proceeding with a business case addendum?
 - (d) What options will be “re-prosecuted” in the business case addendum?

Answer

This information is Cabinet in Confidence.

Sport and recreation centres

17. What was total expenditure and total income at sport and recreation centres in 2019?

Answer

Information on revenue and expenditure for the Office of Sport can be found in their annual reports.

18. What was total expenditure and total income at sport and recreation centres in 2020?

Answer

Please see the answer to Question 17.

19. What was total expenditure and total income at sport and recreation centres in 2021?

Answer

Please see the answer to Question 17.

20. What is the total expenditure and total income estimated for sport and recreation centres in 2022?

Answer

Please see the answer to Question 17.

21. What is total expenditure and total income estimated for sport and recreation centres in 2023?

Answer

Please see the answer to Question 17.

State of volunteering in sport

22. Is the Office of Sport aware of the State of volunteering report?

(a) What is the Office of Sport doing to support volunteers involved in community sport to improve their capacity and capability in terms of governance and grant writing?

Answer

Yes

(a) The Office of Sport has a comprehensive range of resources to support State Sporting Organisations and volunteers in grassroots sport clubs with governance matters. These can be found on the Office of Sport website. The Office of Sport also provides funding to grassroots sports clubs under the Local Sport Grant program, which can be used for projects that build capability in governance.

Open Spaces program

23. Is the Office of Sport aware of the Open Spaces program?

(a) Does the Office of Sport believe that funding allocated through the Open Spaces program for Places to Swim, Places to Play and Places to Roam could contribute to increasing participation in sports?

(b) Is it the expectation of the Office of Sport that their advice will be sought when it comes to the assessment of applications?

(c) Does the Office of Sport believe the program's objective to "support community health and wellbeing for NSW residents" means that community sports groups and State Sporting Organisations (SSOs) and State Sporting Organisations for people with Disability (SSODs) would also have beneficial advice to give when applications are being assessed?

(d) What advice has the Office of Sport given to the Department of Planning and Environment about the program?

Answer

Yes

(a) The Open Spaces programs are aimed primarily at "active recreation", rather than sport.

- (b) The selection of panel members is a matter for the agency conducting the program.
- (c) The selection of panel members is a matter for the agency conducting the program.
- (d) The Office of Sport had representatives on the advisory panels of Places to Swim and Places to Play.

TG Millner Grounds, Marsfield

24. The Hon Victor Dominello MP, Member for Ryde called plans to build 132 terrace homes and a private park on the privately owned TG Millner Field in Marsfield totally unacceptable. He said "That's why we must fight to save TG Millner Field for future generations. If proponents of the plan don't think rugby is popular any more, then we should work together to accommodate other sports."

- (a) Do you agree with Mr Dominello?
 - i. If yes, what action/s will you take?
 - ii. If not, why not?
- (b) What meetings have you had to discuss this matter?

Answer

I am advised that TG Millner Field are privately owned and as a consequence, this is a matter for the Minister for Planning and Local Council, who ordinarily own and maintain sporting fields in any LGA.

Young pre-elite regional athletes

25. In relation "\$1.2 million in the 2022/23 Budget to "support young pre-elite regional athletes in the lead up to the 2032 Brisbane Olympic Games, what funding will be allocated to each of the "11 Regional Academies which support State Sporting Organisations and the NSW Institute of Sport to produce future champions in Regional NSW"?

Answer

When added to the existing on-going funding total funding for the network of 11 Regional Academies of Sport is \$3.715 million in 2022-23

26. What funding will be allocated to each State Sporting Organisation (SSO) and State Sporting Organisation for people with Disability (SSOD) to help produce future champions in Regional NSW?

Answer

The Government remains committed to providing funding to SSO's and SSOD's, of which each type of organisation do run programs.

27. What actions will be taken to support young athletes in Sydney in the lead up to the 2032 Brisbane Olympic Games?

28. What discussions has the Minister had with the NSW Institute of Sport concerning the funding required for preparations leading to the 2032 Brisbane Olympic Games?

- (a) Rugby League Nines World Cup
- (b) Men's ICC World T20

Answer to 27 and 28

The NSW Institute of Sport and Office of Sport are preparing their budget submissions for 2023/24.

Active Kids vouchers

29. How many Active Kids vouchers were redeemed in 2021 across NSW?
(a) How many vouchers were redeemed in each LGA?

Answer

A live dashboard with data on the performance of the Active Kids program is available on the Office of Sport website.

30. How many Active Kids vouchers have been redeemed in 2022 to date across NSW?

Answer

A live dashboard with data on the performance of the Active Kids program is available on the Office of Sport website.

31. How many staff are involved in administering the Active Kids program?

Answer

The Office of Sport employs 9.6 FTE staff that are dedicated to delivering both voucher programs (First Lap and Active Kids).

This does not include internal business service teams that work across all functions/programs delivered by the agency or staff employed by other agencies, e.g. Service NSW.

32. What is the annual cost of administering the Active Kids program?

Answer

The Active Kids program is administered within the Office of Sport budget.

33. What funds are transferred to other NSW Government agencies for services provided to administer the Active Kids program?

(a) Which agencies received those payments?

Answer

Administrative costs are managed in the normal course of the delivery of the program.

34. How does the Minister respond to criticism that additional costs, language difficulties and digital access were major barriers to low income households and are deterring a significant number of households in Western Sydney from applying for vouchers?

(a) How do you plan to address these concerns?

Answer

The Active Kids program was designed as a whole-of-population voucher scheme, to support all NSW children's participation in sport and active recreation regardless of socio-economic status.

Certain communities can face additional barriers to accessing vouchers. These include cultural and language barriers, lack of digital access and lower numbers of sport and recreation providers in some geographical locations.

(a) The Office of Sport is currently focused on targeted promotional and engagement activities in Western and South West Sydney to increase awareness of the benefits of the program and sport participation more broadly, and to address some of the barriers that these communities face in accessing vouchers.

First Lap vouchers

35. How many First Lap vouchers were redeemed in 2021 across NSW?
(a) How many vouchers were redeemed in each LGA?

Answer

22,260 First Lap vouchers were redeemed in 2021 across NSW.

36. How many providers are registered for the scheme?

Answer

499 providers are registered under the First Lap program as at 18 September 2022.

37. How many First Lap vouchers have been redeemed in 2022 to date across NSW?

Answer

153,476 First Lap vouchers have been redeemed in 2022 as of 11 September.

38. How many staff are involved in administering the First Lap program?

Answer

Please see the answer to Question 31.

39. What is the annual cost of administering the First Lap program?

Answer

The First Lap program is administered from within the Office of Sport budget.

40. What funds are transferred to other NSW Government agencies for services provided to administer the First Lap program?
(a) Which agencies received those payments?

Answer

Administrative costs are managed in the normal course of the delivery of the program.

Swimming lessons

41. How many swimming instructors are there in NSW?

Answer

The Office of Sport does not collect this data.

42. How many public pools are there in NSW?

Answer

Information regarding this can be found on the Royal Life Saving Australia website.

43. How many children learn to swim in classes through their school?

- (a) How many 7 year olds learnt to swim in classes through their school?
- (b) How many 8 year olds learnt to swim in classes through their school?
- (c) How many 9 year olds learnt to swim in classes through their school?
- (d) How many 10 year olds learnt to swim in classes through their school?
- (e) How many 11 year olds learnt to swim in classes through their school?
- (f) How many 12 year olds learnt to swim in classes through their school?
- (g) How many 13 year olds learnt to swim in classes through their school?
- (h) How many 14 year olds learnt to swim in classes through their school?
- (i) How many 15 year olds learnt to swim in classes through their school?
- (j) How many 16 year olds learnt to swim in classes through their school?

Answer

The matter falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Education.

Sport Election commitments

44. What commitments directly effecting young people were made in your portfolio?

Answer

Election commitments were published as part of the 2019/20 Budget.

45. Which of those election commitments have been implemented?

(a) Please list for each when it was implemented and the cost of implementation?

Answer

Election commitments were published as part of the 2019/20 Budget.

46. What election commitments have not yet been implemented?

(a) Please list for each why it is outstanding and the expected date of implementation?

I refer you to my answer to Questions 45 and 46

The Office of Sport continues to work with grant and election commitment recipients to progress projects.

Percentage of children (aged 5-14) participating in organised physical activity outside of school hours for at least 3.2 hours per week on average

47. Chart 7.3 in the Outcomes Statement in Budget 2020/21 indicated the percentage of children (aged 5-14) participating in organised physical activity outside of school hours for at least 3.2 hours per week on average increased and then stabilised at near 31 percent with a small increase observed in 2019.

(a) What percentage of children in 2022 are participating in community sport and active recreation?

(b) What targets has the NSW Government set to encourage children to participate in community sport and active recreation?

(c) What targets has the NSW Government set to encourage people across NSW to participate in community sport and active recreation?

Answer

a) 2022 AusPlay data will be available in April 2023.

b) N/A

c) N/A

NSW Motor Sport strategy

48. What was the total expenditure on the NSW Motor Sport Strategy?
- (a) What was the final cost of the motor sport centre of excellence?
 - (b) What was the final cost to install permanent lighting at the Sydney Motorsport Park?
 - (c) What was the final cost upgrade the Sydney International Dragway?

Answer

Information on expenditure on the NSW Motor Sport Strategy can be found in the Budget Papers.

Motor Vehicle Sports (Public Safety) Act 1985

49. What is the status of the review of the Motor Vehicle Sports (Public Safety) Act 1985 which commenced with the issuing of a Consultation Paper in October 2019?
- (a) How many submissions were received in response to the Consultation Paper?
 - (b) Have any decisions been made concerning the issues under consideration in the review, including the Objectives and purpose of the Act, Definitions and coverage of the Act or Regulatory framework, including licensing and compliance?
 - (c) In relation to the future regulatory framework, is it still the intention of the Government that “motor sport sanctioning bodies could be formally accredited to provide advice to the Office of Sport on whether a ground should be licensed and to ensure that race meetings are conducted safely”?

Answer

This information is Cabinet in Confidence.

Unsuccessful grant applications

50. How many applicants were there for the Centre of Excellence Fund (Round 1) and locations which were not successful?

Answer

There were 18 applications and six were successful, details of the unsuccessful applications cannot be disclosed as they may apply for round two.

Sports grants

51. When will the successful recipients of the following grant programs be announced:
- (a) NSW Football Legacy Fund
 - (b) 2022 Sport Infrastructure Recovery Fund- Sport Priority Needs Program
 - (c) 2022 Sport Infrastructure Recovery Fund- Essential Community Sport Assets Program
 - (d) Centre of Excellence Fund (Round 2)
 - (e) Female Friendly Sport Facilities and Lighting Upgrades Program
 - (f) Local Sport Defibrillator Program
 - (g) Safe Shooting Program

Answer

- (a) The grant program closes for applications on 14 October 2022. Outcomes are expected from December 2022 onwards.**
- (b) The grant program closed for applications on 23 September 2022. Outcomes are expected from October 2022 onwards.**
- (c) Details of the grant program are currently being finalised**
- (d) Details of the grant program are currently being finalised**
- (e) Details of the grant program are currently being finalised**
- (f) Details of the grant program are currently being finalised**
- (g) Details of the grant program are currently being finalised**

Sports facilities grants

52. In relation to “\$37.4 million in 2019/20 (\$130.7 million over four years) to increase the number and quality of sporting facilities, improving the use of existing facilities and meeting the needs of female participants” in Budget 2019/20 which facilities were upgraded?
- (a) What was the cost of each facility?

Answer

Grant commitments are listed in the Office of Sport annual report.

53. In relation to “\$23.8 million in 2019/20 (\$55.5 million over the next two years) to complete the NSW Centres of Excellence program to enhance community engagement, meet facility needs of female participants and support talent development pathways” in Budget 2019/20 which Centres of Excellence were completed?

(a) What was the cost of each facility?

Answer

Grant commitments are listed in the Office of Sport annual report.

Grants to agencies within the sport portfolio

54. In relation to \$23.5 million in grants to agencies within the sport portfolio in 2020/21 as identified in the Annual Report of the Office of Sport (2020/21) what agencies received grants?

(a) What amount of funding did each grant recipient receive?

Answer

NSW Institute of Sport	\$16.8m
State Sporting Venues Authority	\$5.6m
Combat Sports Authority	\$1.1m

Women’s participation

55. What total expenditure has been made by the NSW Government to support the participation of women in sport since 2019?

(a) What was the cost of each program?

(b) What was the cost of each facility?

Answer

The NSW Government has invested over \$450 million to support the participation of women in sport since 2019.

Income and expenditure

56. What was the income and expenditure of each of the following in the most recent year for which figures are available:

- (a) Sydney International Equestrian Centre
- (b) Sydney International Regatta Centre
- (c) Sydney International Shooting Centre
- (d) Southern Highlands Regional Shooting Complex
- (e) Accor Stadium
- (f) CommBank Stadium
- (g) McDonald Jones Stadium
- (h) Newcastle Entertainment Centre and Showground
- (i) Sydney Cricket Ground
- (j) WIN Sports Stadium and Entertainment Centres

Answer

The Office of Sport and Venues NSW publishes financial statements annually and can be found online.

Grants made to the organisations in the Penrith electorate

57. Please list all grants (organisation, date, value, project name) made to organisations in the Penrith electorate since 23 April 2014.

Answer

Information on grant programs is provided in the Office of Sport annual report.

Grants made to the organisations in the Drummoyne electorate

58. Please list all grants (organisation, date, value, project name) made to organisations in the Drummoyne electorate since 2 April 2019.

Answer

Information on grant programs is provided in the Office of Sport annual report.

Grants made to the organisations in the Parramatta electorate

59. Please list all grants (organisation, date, value, project name) made to organisations in the Parramatta electorate since 17 September 2019.

Answer

Information on grant programs is provided in the Office of Sport annual report.

Grants made to the organisations in the Ku-ring-gai electorate

60. Please list all grants (organisation, date, value, project name) made to organisations in the Ku-ring-gai electorate since 17 September 2019.

Answer

Information on grant programs is provided in the Office of Sport annual report.

Grants and Minister for Sport

61. What processes are in place to ensure probity concerning the assessment and approval of grants in the Minister for Sport's electorate?

Answer

The Office of Sport will comply with the draft NSW Grant Guideline.

Organisational structure

62. How many FTE are employed in:

- (a) Sport and Recreation Services (including the State Sporting Venues Authority and the Combat Sports Authority)
- (b) Sport Infrastructure Group
- (c) Sport Development Group
- (d) Sydney Olympic Park Authority
- (e) Venues NSW
- (f) Corporate Services
- (g) Grants Unit
- (h) Ministerial support
- (i) Policy development

Answer

This does not represent the current structure of the Office of Sport.

Office of Sport “focus areas”

63. In relation to the Office of Sport’s 2024 “focus areas”

- (a) What is planned to support Participation?
- (b) What is planned to support Sector sustainability?
- (c) What is planned to support Places and Spaces?
- (d) What is planned to support Partnerships and Investment?

Answer

The Office of Sport has a strategic plan that is available on their website.

Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils Regional Sportsground Strategy and Review

64. Is the Minister aware of the Regional Sportsground Management Strategy prepared in 2011 for the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils?

Answer

Yes

65. Is the Minister aware of the review of the Regional Sportsground Management Strategy undertaken in 2021?

Answer

Yes

66. What actions is the Government intending to take to close the gap between demand and supply of sportsgrounds in the NSROC area?

Answer

The NSW Government has provided funding for the upgrade of sport infrastructure, to increase their capacity in the NSROC area, and across Greater Sydney Metropolitan area from grant programs including (but not limited to):

- **Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund**
- **Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund**
- **Centre of Excellence Fund**
- **Multi-Sport Community Facility Fund.**

Lauren Jackson Sports Centre

67. Has the Minister met with Albury City Council to discuss the future of the Lauren Jackson Sports Centre?
- (a) If yes, what agreement was reached about the future NSW Government funding of the project?
 - (b) If not, why not?
 - (c) Is the Minister aware that the failure to secure NSW government funding will delay an \$11 million upgrade of the Centre?
 - (d) Is the Minister aware of concerns raised by Council about not being successful in applying for funding?
 - (e) Does the Minister support the provision of \$5 million in grant funding for the project to increase spectator capacity and upgrade flooring?

Answer

I am advised that the Office of Sport have visited the Lauren Jackson Sports Centre with the Albury City Council and continues to make the council aware of grant funding opportunities. Any grant funding opportunities for this site should be managed in the appropriate way, and the Office of Sport encourages all councils to submit projects for appropriate grant programs.

68. Have any officers of the Office of Sport met with Albury City Council to discuss the future of the Lauren Jackson Sports Centre?
- (a) If yes, what agreement was reached about the future NSW Government funding of the project?
 - (b) If not, why not?
 - (c) Is the Office of Sport aware that the failure to secure NSW government funding will delay an \$11 million upgrade of the Centre?
 - (d) Is the Office of Sport aware of concerns from Council about not being successful in applying for funding?
 - (e) Does the Office of Sport support the provision of \$5 million in grant funding for the project to increase spectator capacity and upgrade flooring?

Answer

I refer you to the answer given to Question 67.

Organisation Support Program

69. The Organisation Support Program (OSP) is designed to assist eligible State Sporting Organisations (SSOs) and State Sporting Organisations for people with Disability (SSODs), Peak Bodies and identified organisations to develop their sport and recreation activities at all levels in NSW; and aims to assist these bodies achieve performance outcomes detailed in their business plans. What does the NSW Government expect SSOs and SSODs to undertake as recipients of base funding grants?

Answer

SSOs and SSODs need to meet the expectations in the Office of Sport funding agreement.

70. Has the Minister, or the Office of Sport, been contacted by eligible State Sporting Organisations (SSOs) and State Sporting Organisations for people with Disability (SSODs), Peak Bodies and identified organisations concerning base level funding?

- (a) If so, what concerns have been raised?
- (b) How many bodies receive Category 1B level of base funding, and what is the total amount paid each financial year?
- (c) How many bodies receive Category 1A level of base funding, and what is the total amount paid each financial year?
- (d) How many bodies receive Category 2 level of base funding, and what is the total amount paid each financial year?
- (e) How many bodies receive Category 3 level of base funding, and what is the total amount paid each financial year?
- (f) How many bodies receive Category 4 level of base funding, and what is the total amount paid each financial year?
- (g) How many bodies receive Category 5 level of base funding, and what is the total amount paid each financial year?
- (h) How many bodies receive Category 6 level of base funding, and what is the total amount paid each financial year?
- (i) How does NSW base level funding compare to other jurisdictions?

Answer

The NSW Government remains committed to providing base funding.

71. In 2000, all sports were given a “ranking” which remains in place today. With some sports growing while other sports not performing as well, what are the KPIs to be considered for a re-ranking?

Answer

State Sporting Organisations recognised by the Office of Sport were categorised based on a range of criteria for the purposes of providing funding support.

72. What assistance is provided to smaller SSOs and SSODs to apply for grants?

Answer

The Office of Sport provides a range of guidance resources to assist grant applicants for various Grant Programs including Information Sessions, Frequently Asked Questions and Templates.

73. Since the introduction of the NSW State Sporting Organisation Recognition Program how many sporting organisations have sought to be recognised as a State Sporting Organisation (SSOs) and State Sporting Organisation for people with Disability (SSODs) in NSW?

(a) How many have been successful to date?

Answer

Five organisations have applied.

(a) Four have been successful to date.

Efficient dividend

74. Since the 2018-19 NSW Budget, there has been 4 years of 3% efficiency dividends required by each agency.
- a. How has the Office of Sport met the efficiency dividend requirements each financial year?
 - i. What position levels were made redundant?
 - ii. What location/s were these positions originally based in?
 - iii. What services were cut to comply with the efficiency dividend requirement each year?
 - iv. What grant funding was cut to comply with the efficiency dividend requirement?
 - (b) How has the NSW Institute of Sport met the efficiency dividend requirements each financial year?
 - i. What position levels were made redundant?
 - ii. What location/s were these positions originally based in?
 - iii. What services were cut to comply with the efficiency dividend requirement each year?
 - iv. What grant funding was cut to comply with the efficiency dividend requirement?
 - (c) How has Venues NSW met the efficiency dividend requirements each financial year?
 - i. What position levels were made redundant?
 - ii. What location/s were these positions originally based in?
 - iii. What services were cut to comply with the efficiency dividend requirement each year?
 - iv. What grant funding was cut to comply with the efficiency dividend requirement?
 - (d) What is the efficiency dividend required from the Office of Sport in 2022/23?
 - i. What position, services or grant funding will be cut to comply with the efficiency dividend?
 - (e) What is the efficiency dividend required from the NSW Institute of Sport in 2022/23?
 - i. What position, services or grant funding will be cut to comply with the efficiency dividend?
 - (f) What is the efficiency dividend required from Venues NSW in 2022/23?
 - i. What position, services or grant funding will be cut to comply with the efficiency dividend?

Answer

Any efficiency dividend is managed in the normal course of the Budget Processes each year.

Lake Macquarie Women's Sport Festival 2022

75. In relation to NSW Government funding to the inaugural Lake Macquarie Women's Sport Festival, what amount was provided?

Answer

This question should be referred to the Department of Regional NSW.

76. What funding support has been provided to other women's sport festivals?

Answer

Grant funding is reported in agencies annual reports.

Mental Health Sports program

77. In relation to the \$2.8 million Mental Health Sports program announced by Minister Ayres on 10 February 2022:

- (a) What is the role of the Office of Sport in the assessment process?
- (b) How many NSW-based sports bodies applied?
- (c) How many NSW-based sports bodies applications focused on Aboriginal people as a priority?
- (d) How many NSW-based sports bodies applications focused on Culturally and linguistically diverse people as a priority?
- (e) How many NSW-based sports bodies applications focused on LGBTIQ+ people as a priority?
- (f) How many NSW-based sports bodies whose applications focused on People with coexisting mental health, alcohol, or other drug issues as a priority?
- (g) When will successful recipients be announced?

Answer

(a) The Office of Sport participated in the assessment process as a member of the assessment panel.

(b) – (f) Oversight of the assessment process falls within the responsibilities of the Minister for Mental Health.

(g) The announcement of the successful recipients falls within the responsibilities of the Minister for Mental Health.

International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

78. In relation to the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace on 6 April 2022 promoted on yourhealthlink.health.nsw.gov.au:

- (a) What funding was allocated to promoting the international day?
- (b) What is the objective/s of promoting the international day?
- (c) What assessment was undertaken of the effectiveness of the promotion of the international day?

Answer

(a) None. Promotion by the Office of Sport consisted of a social media post.

(b) The Office of Sport promotes a selection of international days that align with its broader strategic values and objectives. This includes the International Day of People with Disability and International Volunteer Day.

(c) None.

Jump Rope for Heart

79. In relation to the Jump Rope for Heart program:

- (a) What funding was allocated to promoting the program?
- (b) What is the objective/s of promoting the program?
- (c) What assessment was undertaken of the effectiveness of the program?

Answer

Office of Sport did not fund this program.

Live Life Well @ School program

80. In relation to the Live Life Well @ School program in NSW primary schools to promote healthy eating and physical activity to students:

- (a) What funding was allocated to the program?
- (b) How many schools participate in the program?
- (c) How many students participate in the program?
- (d) What assessment was undertaken of the effectiveness of the program?

Answer

Office of Sport did not administer this program.

Premier's Sporting Challenge

81. In relation to the Premier's Sporting Challenge:
- (a) What funding was allocated to undertaking the program?
 - (b) What is the objective/s of operating the program?
 - (c) How many schools participate in the program?
 - (d) How many students participate in the program?
 - (e) What assessment was undertaken of the effectiveness of the program?

Answer

Office of Sport did not administer this program.

School sport

82. What funding has been provided to the following organisations to provide opportunities for students to participate in competitive sport at the state level and above in each of the past four financial years:
- (a) Independent Sporting Association
 - (b) NSW Combined Independent Schools Sports Council
 - (c) NSW Combined Catholic Colleges (NSWCCC) and/or NSW Catholic Primary School Sports Council and/or Catholic Schools NSW Sport
 - (d) NSW Primary Schools Sports Association
 - (e) NSW Combined High Schools Sports Association
 - (f) School Sport Australia

Answer

This is a matter for the Department of Education.

83. What meetings has the Office of Sport had over the last 12 months with the School Sport Unit of the Department of Education?
- (a) What was discussed?

Answer

The Office of Sport holds meetings with the School Sport Unit as required.

84. What funding has been provided to the following School Sports Associations to provide opportunities for students to participate in competitive sport at the state level and above in each of the past four financial years?

- (a) Hunter
- (b) North Coast
- (c) North West
- (d) Riverina
- (e) South Coast
- (f) Sydney East
- (g) Sydney North
- (h) Sydney South West
- (i) Sydney West
- (j) Western
- (k) Barrier
- (l) West Darling

Answer

This is a matter for the Department of Education.

85. What funding has been provided to the State Sporting Organisations or peak bodies to provide opportunities for students to participate in competitive sport at the state level and above in each of the past four financial years?

Answer

No specific funding has been provided for this purpose.

86. How many FTE in the Office of Sport are primarily focused on improving participation of students and other young people in sport and active recreation?

Answer

Participation is one of the four focus areas of the Office of Sport.

Sports High Schools

87. Given that the Targeted Sports Programs (TSP) of NSW Sports High Schools generally offer specialised coaching, strength and conditioning and umpiring, as well as education for off court high performance behaviours, how often does the Office of Sport meet with relevant Department of Education staff?

Answer

The Office of Sport is a member of the NSW Sports High Schools Advisory Group which meets regularly. The Office has also regularly presented to forums such as the Annual Sports High Schools Coach Development Conference.

88. What formal advice has the Office of Sport provided to NSW Sport High Schools and the Department of Education over the past 12 months?

Answer

No formal advice has been provided.

Allianz Stadium

89. Has Venues NSW, Infrastructure NSW, Destination NSW, Office of Sport, or the minister's office received any complaints about safety, or other matters, at Allianz Stadium?

(a) If yes, what action/s was taken to address those complaints?

Answer

The feedback from fans since the opening of Allianz Stadium has been overwhelmingly positive, however, Venues NSW has received a small number of complaints.

(a) **Venues NSW Customer and Member Experience team has responded to all complaints and resolved issues where possible.**

Wakefield Park raceway, Goulburn

90. Has the Minister met with Benalla Auto Club to discuss the future of Wakefield Park raceway?

- (a) If yes, what agreement was reached about the future of the raceway?
- (b) If not, why not?

91. Has the Minister met with Goulburn Mulwaree Council to discuss the future of Wakefield Park raceway?

- (a) If yes, what agreement was reached about the future of the raceway?
- (b) If not, why not?

92. Has the Minister met with the Member for Goulburn to discuss the future of Wakefield Park raceway?

- (a) If yes, what agreement was reached about the future of the raceway?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer to 90-92

The Office of Sport has convened meetings between Regional NSW, Planning NSW and with Council to look at all options, pathways and assistance to resolve the matter.

School Swimming and Water Safety program

93. How many schools were registered:

- (a) In the 2019-20 season?
- (b) In the 2020-21 season?
- (c) In the 2021-22 season?
- (d) In the 2022-23 season to date?
- (e) Are expected in the 2023-24 season?

Answer

This matter falls within the portfolio of the Minister for Education.

94. Has any consideration been given to extending the program to:

- (a) Catholic Schools?
- (b) Independent Schools?
- (c) High schools?

Answer

This matter falls within the portfolio of the Minister for Education.

95.How many swim staff are registered?

Answer

This matter falls within the portfolio of the Minister for Education.

96.Given that participating schools are required to meet pool entry and transport costs, what funding is available to registered schools to subsidise pool entry and transport costs?

Answer

This matter falls within the portfolio of the Minister for Education.

97.Does the Department believe Active Kids vouchers should be redeemable by students in rural, regional and remote NSW to offset the cost of travelling long distances to take up opportunities to participate in sport?

Answer

Guidelines for the Active Kids program, including eligible and ineligible activities, are available on the Office of Sport website.

98.What is the budget in 2022/23 to support the program?

Answer

This matter falls within the portfolio of the Minister for Education.

School Sport unit

99.What was the income and expenditure of the School Sport unit in each of the following years:

- (a) 2019/20
- (b) 2020/21
- (c) 2021/22
- (d) 2022/23

Answer

This is a matter for the Department of Education.

100. How many FTEs were employed in the School Sport unit on the following dates:

- (a) 1 July 2019

- (b) 1 July 2020
- (c) 1 July 2021
- (d) 1 July 2022

Answer

This is a matter for the Department of Education.

Office of Sport infrastructure projects

101. On 1 September in Budget Estimates, the CEO of the Office of Sport advised there are “about 400 infrastructure projects that we are managing” (Hansard, p68). Please provide a spreadsheet listing all projects, value of project, value of government grant, location, and current status.

Answer

The Office of Sport continues to work with grant recipients to progress projects and information on grants are provided in the Office of Sport annual reports.

Accor stadium

102. Why did the NSW Government buy back Accor stadium?

Answer

I refer you to statements made by Premier Baird in 2015.

103. What was the cost to taxpayers to buy back the stadium?

Answer

Information on this is available in the Public Works Committee report on the Sydney Stadiums Strategy.

104. Will Venues NSW release the profit and loss statements to operate the stadium since 1 July 2016?

Answer

Venues NSW publishes financial statements annually. They can be found at on its website.

105. In relation to \$5.0 million in the 2022/23 budget to develop a final business case for an operable roof at Stadium Australia when will the business case be completed?

(a) Will it be made public?

(b) Which organisation has been engaged to complete it?

Answer

This information is Cabinet in Confidence.

Budget for sport in NSW

106. What was the total amount expended by the NSW Government on sport in 2019/20?

Answer

Total expenses for the Office of Sport are available in the Budget Papers

107. What was the total amount expended by the NSW Government on sport in 2020/21?

Answer

Total expenses for the Office of Sport are available in the Budget Papers

108. What was the total amount expended by the NSW Government on sport in 2021/22?

Answer

Total expenses for the Office of Sport are available in the Budget Papers.

109. What was the forecast total amount to be expended by the NSW Government on sport in 2022/23?

Answer

Total expenses for the Office of Sport are available in the Budget Papers.

110. What is the total amount to be spent on sports in NSW in 2022/23?

Answer

Total expenses for the Office of Sport are available in the Budget Papers.

111. \$297 million of the original 2021-22 Budget for Office of Sport expenses was not spent. Almost all this underspend relates to an underspend of the allocated grants and subsidies funding. Please outline which grants and subsidies were underspent?

Answer

Any underspends are managed in the normal course of the Budget Process.

112. \$1.6 million of the original 2021-22 Budget for Office of Sport capital expenditure was not spent. The reasons for this capital underspend are unclear. Please outline which capital project/s were underspent?

Answer

There was no underspend in capital expenses.

113. \$160 million in sports grants funding under the Stronger Country Communities Fund is administered by the Department of Regional NSW. What involvement does the Office of Sport and Minister for Sport have in the assessment, ranking and approval of those projects?

Answer

This is a matter for the Department of Regional NSW.

114. What actions are being put in place to minimise future underspends in the sport portfolio?

Answer

I refer you to the answer provided to Question 111.

Lifelong sport

115. Health experts and Olympic athletes agree that mental and physical health benefit when you get active and participate in sport. What are you doing as Minister for Sport to set up today's young people to be able to access sport throughout their lives?

Answer

I refer you to the Office of Sport strategic plan that is available on their website.

Major sporting events

116. Including the cost of legacy grant funds, please provide an itemised breakdown of the costs of hosting or projected costs of the following major sporting events:

- (a) Rugby League Nines World Cup 2019
- (b) ATP Cup Group Stage (2020 – 2025) and Finals (2020-2023)
- (c) ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020
- (d) ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2020 postponed to 2022
- (e) UCI Road World Cycling Championships 2022
- (f) FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2022
- (g) World Athletics Cross Country Championships postponed to 2023
- (h) FIFA Women's World Cup 2023
- (i) Netball World Cup 2027
- (j) Rugby World Cups 2027 and 2029

Answer

Budgets for these events are managed by Destination NSW.

117. How many staff in Office of Sport, Venues NSW and Destination NSW are involved with hosting of major sporting events?

Answer

The Office of Sport Major Sport Events Branch currently consists of three FTE ongoing positions and three FTE temporary positions. Destination NSW is within the portfolio of the Minister for Tourism.

118. Does the NSW Government intend to bid for the Rugby League World Cup 2029?

Answer

In July 2018, the NSW Government announced its intention to support a bid for the Rugby League World Cup 2029 as part of the 10 World Cups in 10 Years initiative.

119. What major sporting events will be hosted by NSW in the next four years?

Answer

The Office of Sport is directly involved in coordination and delivery of events under the 10 World Cups in 10 Years initiative. This includes the UCI Road World Championships, FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup, ICC

Men's T20 World Cup, ATP Cup, World Athletics Cross Country Championships and FIFA Women's World Cup.

The Office of Sport also coordinates racing permitted under the *Motor Sport Events Act 2022*, including the Newcastle 500 and some motor sport events held at Mount Panorama.

2026 Commonwealth Games

120. Has the Office of Sport or Destination NSW or Venues NSW prepared a list of venues which could be official training venues for the 2026 Commonwealth Games?

- (a) If yes, which venues and which sports?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (c) How many FTEs of the Office of Sport, Destination NSW and Venues NSW are involved in 2026 Commonwealth Games preparation?

Answer

No information has been provided to the NSW Government regarding the requirements for the official training venues for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

Synthetic surfaces in public open spaces

121. In relation to the Synthetic turf study in public open spaces report prepared for the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (August 2021) was the Office of Sport consulted?

- (a) Does the Office of Sport agree with the preliminary recommendations?
- (b) Will the Minister for Sport be responding to the report?

Answer

- a) **The Office of Sport was consulted and is awaiting the report from the Office of the Chief Scientist.**
- b) **No report has been produced as of yet.**

Sports

122. What is the funding provided by the sport portfolio in 2021/22 to each sport represented in NSW by a State Sporting Organisation (SSO) and State Sporting Organisation for people with Disability (SSOD)?

Answer

Information on grants is provided in the Office of Sport annual report.

123. What is the funding provided by the sport portfolio in 2021/22 to each sport not represented in NSW by State Sporting Organisation (SSO) and State Sporting Organisation for people with Disability (SSOD)?

Answer

Information on grants is provided in the Office of Sport annual report.

124. 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

The NSW Government remains committed to providing State Sporting Organisations and other organisations with base funding.

COVID-19 Financial assistance for sporting organisations in 2021 (Sport and Recreation Recovery and Community Rebuild Package)

125. Given that the total amount expended is not shown in the Budget Papers or Office of Sport Annual Reports, what is the total value of COVID-19-related financial support provided by the Office of Sport's 2021 package?

- (a) Was the full allocation of \$25 million paid?
- (b) As at 8 March 2022 "Some streams are yet to be finalised". Have all streams now been finalised?
- (c) Has the full allocation of \$7.8 million to support sporting organisations and peak bodies now been paid?
 - i. If yes, what was the final cost paid?
 - ii. If not, why not?
 - iii. If not, when will the final payment be made?
- (d) Has the full allocation of \$12.45 million for grassroots sport fund been paid?
 - i. If yes, what was the final cost paid?
 - ii. If not, why not?
 - iii. If not, when will the final payment be made?
 - iv. Was any funding for grassroots sport refunded to the Office of Sport?
 - v. How many grassroots clubs received a grant?
- (e) Has the full allocation of \$50,000 for Cross Border Sport fund been paid?
 - i. If yes, what was the final cost paid?
 - ii. If not, why not?
 - iii. If not, when will the final payment be made?

- (f) Has the full allocation of \$1 million for Outdoor Active Recreation Marketing Support Fund been paid?
 - i. If yes, what was the final cost paid?
 - ii. If not, why not?
 - iii. If not, when will the final payment be made?
- (g) Has the full allocation of \$3.1 million for Participation initiatives focused on south-western Sydney and regional NSW been paid?
 - i. If yes, what was the final cost paid?
 - ii. If not, why not?
 - iii. If not, when will the final payment be made?
 - iv. What amount was allocated to each LGA?
- (h) Has the full allocation of \$600,000 for supporting regional athlete pathways been paid?
 - i. If yes, what was the final cost paid?
 - ii. If not, why not?
 - iii. If not, when will the final payment be made?
 - iv. What amount was allocated to each regional academy of sport?

Answer

Information on grants is provided in the Office of Sport annual report.

COVID-19 Financial assistance for sporting organisations in 2020 (Community Sport Recovery Package)

126. Given that the total amount expended is not shown in the Budget Papers or Office of Sport Annual Reports, what is the total value of COVID-19-related financial support provided by the Office of Sport's 2020 package?
- (a) Was the full allocation of \$27.3 million paid?
 - (b) Has the full allocation to support sporting organisations and peak bodies now been paid?
 - i. If yes, what was the final cost paid?
 - ii. If not, why not?
 - iii. If not, when will the final payment be made?
 - (c) Has the full allocation for grassroots sport fund been paid?
 - (d) If yes, what was the final cost paid?
 - (e) If not, why not?
 - (f) If not, when will the final payment be made?
 - (g) Was any funding for grassroots sport refunded to the Office of Sport?
 - (h) How many grassroots clubs received a grant?

Answer

Information on grants is provided in the Office of Sport annual report.

New Lake Macquarie Sport and Recreation Centre Project

127. In relation to \$40.0 million for “Construction of the new Lake Macquarie Centre at the old Morisset Hospital site, to replace the old Myuna Bay Centre and to support the needs of the local community” the 2022/23 Budget:

- (a) When will the tender for the project be issued?
- (b) When is construction expected to commence?
- (c) How many FTE will staff the centre?

Answer

The Office of Sport engaged a project director in July 2022 to lead the planning and design phases of the project.

Venues NSW EOI

128. In relation to Registration of Interest for Bankwest Stadium Precinct Development Site Opportunity (RFT 2021DPIE0076) which was advertised on 3 August 2021, has the tender been issued?

- (a) If yes, what information can be provided about the successful tender?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer

Seven parties expressed interest in the site, however due to the market at the time, no proposals were considered sufficient to maximise the commercial returns for Venues NSW and the State.

Grants administration

129. Are you aware that the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) has found that pork barrelling could constitute corrupt conduct in certain circumstances, and recommended that guidelines concerning grants funding be issued pursuant to a statutory regulation?

- (a) What response do you have to the ICAC findings?
- (b) What measures have you put in place to ensure transparency and probity in the delivery of sports grants in your portfolio?

Answer

The NSW Government has released the Review of Grants Administration and has developed guidelines for grants administration process across Government, to ensure that key principles of transparency, accountability and probity are embedded in the way NSW Government grants are delivered.

Penrith stadium

130. At the hearing on 1 September the Minister said, “The position with regard to the Penrith Stadium is that a final decision has not yet been made as to how we are going to deliver a sustainable, multi-use venue in Penrith” (Hansard, p24). Please list the proposed uses and users.

131. In relation to the option of keeping the stadium on the existing site, what is the total cost of this option?

Answer to 130 and 131

No final decision has yet been announced.

Metropolis of three cities

132. At the hearing on 1 September the Minister referred to a “three city vision for Sydney” (Hansard, p28). In addition to the proposed Penrith stadium what other projects are planned for central river city and western parkland city to deliver “the same level of infrastructure as the centre of Sydney and as the harbour city of Sydney”? (Hansard, page 28).

- (a) What is the total amount to be spent on sports in the eastern harbour city in 2022/23?
- (b) What is the total amount to be spent on sports in the central river city in 2022/23?
- (c) What is the total amount to be spent on sports in the western parklands city in 2022/23?
- (d) What is the total amount to be spent on sports in the Illawarra, the Hunter, and the Central Coast in 2022/23?
- (e) What is the total amount to be spent on sports in regional NSW in 2022/23?

Answer

Funding will be made available via Office of Sport grant programs and the final allocation will not be known until completion of the grant application process, which is a competitive merit based assessment.

Projects in Western Parkland City also have access to WestInvest.

133. The Western Sydney Aerotropolis Precinct Plan includes sporting fields in the context of Open Space. It appears to gloss over the health benefits of sport and appears to be no linkage into the planning process to ensure designing adequate sporting facilities are in the plan for the aerotropolis from the outset. What action will you take to ensure the Office of Sport works with Health and other agencies to bring their expertise into the planning process – and the future design of the aerotropolis?

Answer

The Office of Sport has been part of cross jurisdictional (between state and local governments) planning processes.

Brookvale oval business case

134. In relation to the final business case for Brookvale oval referred to by the Minister on 1 September (Hansard, page 30), when was the business case finalised?

- (a) What was the final cost to develop the business case?
- (b) Will the final business case be made public?
- (c) Was the business case being developed by Venues NSW; or an alternative body?
- (d) If it was an alternative other body, which other body?
- (e) What consultation was undertaken during the process to develop the business case?
- (f) What was the Benefit Cost Ratio of each option considered in the business case?
- (g) Why did the business case for an upgrade of Brookvale oval fail to attract the support of the government?

Answer

This information is Cabinet in Confidence.

Allianz stadium

135. At the hearing on 1 September the Minister said “I have asked for advice as to the addition of further athletes.” (Hansard, p46).

- (a) Which agency is preparing this advice?
- (b) When will the advice be provided?
- (c) Will the advice be made public?
- (d) Will the views of the public be sought concerning future options for the addition of further athletes?
- (e) Which agency is responsible for deciding which athletes will be named and for ensuring further athletes are named?

Answer

Further announcements will be made in due course.

Support for world-class NSW women athletes

136. At the hearing on 1 September the CEO of the Office of Sport said “I am more than happy to reach out to Ms Roberts to provide that information.” (Hansard, p46).

- (a) Has Ms Roberts been contacted?
- (b) What NSW Government funding is available for world-class NSW women athletes to travel overseas to compete in world championships?

Answer

(a) Yes

(b) Athletes, coaches and officials can contact the Australian Sports Foundation or their national/state sporting organisation who can help with fundraising to raise money to assist with travel costs.

Australian national teams

137. At the hearing on 1 September the CEO of the NSW Institute of Sport said “NSWIS runs programs for eight of the 19 [Commonwealth Games] sports” (Hansard, p54). Is it appropriate that less than half of Commonwealth Games sports are supported at NSWIS?

138. At the hearing on 1 September the CEO of the NSW Institute of Sport said “We have 15 sport programs that are all competed at the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.” (Hansard, p54). Given that there are over 40 Olympic sports, is it appropriate that only about a third of Olympic Games sports are supported at NSWIS?

Answer to 137 and 138

The NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS) undertakes a sport inclusion process each Olympic and Paralympic cycle aligned with the national high performance system sport investment process led by the Australian Institute of Sport. National Sporting Organisations are invited to provide a submission to NSWIS that is assessed against clear criteria. Individual scholarships are available for categorised athletes from sports outside of the sports included in each cycle.

Each NSWIS sport program requires a range of support services (coaching, sport science, sport medicine, program management) and operational support (training camp, competitions, access to daily training venues, equipment) which have to be managed within finite resources.

139. In relation to the NSWIS Business Plan target of 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?
 - (e) Will any additional sports be introduced at NSWIS?

Answer

(a)

- **National Archery Program (recurve & para)**
- **Combat Sports Program**
- **Narrabeen Sports Hub including a Triathlon development program**
- **Newcastle Swimming Hub**

- Talent radar pilot project (in collaboration with South East Sports Academy)
- National Generation 2032 Coaching Program
- Development of the National Snowsports Training Centre at Jindabyne

(b)

Every four years NSWIS undertakes a sport investment process. The outcome of this review determines which sports NSWIS will support, and partner with, in preparation for the next Olympic and Paralympic Games cycle.

Sports are invited to submit a partnership proposal to NSWIS that is then assessed based on current AIS Sport categorisation and clear criteria aligned with the national high performance system.

For the 2020-24 cycle NSWIS operates the following sport programs:

Athletics	Athletics Australia; Athletics NSW
Water Polo - Women's	Water Polo Australia; Water Polo NSW
Winter Sports	Olympic Winter Institute; Snow Australia; Perisher & Thredbo Ski Resorts; Jindabyne Sport & Recreation Centre/Office of Sport
Swimming	Swimming Australia; Swimming NSW; Performance Clubs,
Rowing	Rowing Australia; Rowing NSW; Pathway Clubs (UTS, Sydney University, Sydney Rowing and Mosman)
Cycling	AusCycling; AusCycling NSW, Dunc Grey Velodrome (OoS)
Diving	Diving Australia; Diving NSW; Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre
Canoe (Slalom and Sprint)	Paddle Australia

Sailing	Australian Sailing
Surfing	Surfing Australia/Surfing NSW
Triathlon	Triathlon Australia
Hockey- Women's	Hockey Australia, Hockey NSW
Hockey- Men's	Hockey Australia, Hockey NSW
Archery	Archery Australia
Combat Sport (Karate, Taekwondo, Boxing)*	Combat Australia
Individual Athlete Program	Various sports (see below)

*** Combat Sports is not formally classified as a sport program. NSWIS provides high performance services at a cost to the sport.**

NSWIS also supports the following sports under the Individual Athlete Program: Gymnastics, Trampoline, Weightlifting, Boccia, Goal Ball, Wheelchair Basketball, Equestrian and Skateboarding. These sports receive services on a fee for service basis and are not partner sports.

- (c) Budgeted revenue for NSWIS in 2022-23 is \$22.6m, this includes \$18.22m from NSW Government.**
- (d) The target is based on the projected number of categorised athletes within NSWIS sport programs and key performance indicators established within sport partnership agreements with national sporting organisations.**
- (e) The NSW Institute of Sport will review sport program inclusions in its strategic planning for the 2028 and 2032 Olympic and Paralympic cycles in alignment with the national high performance system sport investment process.**

140. What additional budget funding would be required to ensure that NSWIS delivers on its Business Plan target of 25% representation of national teams each year for the sport programs supports?

Answer

In 2021/22 NSWIS achieved 27% representation of national teams across NSWIS supported programs, exceeding expectations in an Olympic and Paralympic year.

141. What were the lessons learnt by NSWIS in terms of preparing NSW athletes for the 2018 Commonwealth Games in the Gold Coast?

(a) Have those lessons been incorporated into the NSWIS Business Plan?

(b) Does the “budget envelope” (Hansard, p55) referred to by the Group Deputy Secretary, Arts, Sport and Tourism include funding to respond to those lessons?

Answers

(a) NSWIS undertakes post campaign reviews and lessons learnt from these campaigns which are integrated into operations and, where relevant, NSWIS Business Plan.

(b) The NSWIS Corporate and Business Plans form the cornerstone of determining the Institute’s annual budgeted spending allocations. The annual Business Plan considers campaign review outcomes.

Sports Infrastructure Flood Recovery Fund

142. What is the total value of flood recovery-related financial support provided by the Office of Sport?
- (a) Was the full allocation of \$55 million paid?
 - i. If yes, what was the final cost paid?
 - ii. If not, why not?
 - iii. If not, when will the final payment be made?
 - (b) Was the full allocation of \$12 million for the Sport Priority Needs program paid?
 - i. If yes, what was the final cost paid?
 - ii. If not, why not?
 - iii. If not, when will the final payment be made?
 - iv. What amount has been paid to date in each of the eight eligible LGAs?
 - (c) When will applications for the Essential Community Sport Assets Program open?
 - i. When will payments be made to successful applicants?
 - (d) What other payments from the \$207 million 2022 Community Local Infrastructure Recovery Package was paid to sport and recreation groups?

Answer

The Sport Priority Needs Program opened on 24 August 2022 and closed on 23 September 2022 with an allocation of \$12 million.

The Essential Community Assets Program is expected to open soon with \$43 million available.

Final allocation to sport and recreation groups will be determined once successful applications have been approved.

Sports industry growth

143. The Sports Industry Economic Analysis for the Office for Sport – Commonwealth Department of Health Final Report (March 2020) found that the Australian sports industry generated approximately \$32.2 billion in sales in 2016/17, resulting in a contribution to gross domestic product (GDP) of approximately \$14.4 billion and supporting approximately 128,000 full-time equivalent jobs; and that between 2012/13 and 2016/17, the Sports Industry grew 17 per cent. What is the NSW Government doing to ensure that future growth in the Australian sports industry is not quarantined to other states hosting major international sporting events such as the Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games?

Answer

The NSW Government's 10 World Cups in 10 Years initiative has led to sustained economic opportunities for the sport industry. This includes establishment of Australian headquarters for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 in Sydney and hosting of world cups exclusively in NSW such as the UCI Road World Championships in Wollongong, and the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup in Sydney.

In addition, the NSW Government has invested in legacy initiatives aligned to world cups, designed to increase participation opportunities for grassroots clubs and associations.

Westinvest

144. One of the focus areas includes "Improved access to quality sport, recreation and other community facilities that bring people together and enable a diverse range of activities." What involvement does the Office of Sport, and Minister for Sport have in the assessment and approval of applications?

- (a) What consultation will be undertaken with State Sporting Organisations (SSOs) and State Sporting Organisations for people with Disability (SSODs) about relevant applications?
- (b) What consultation will be undertaken with the NSW Institute of Sport about applications that may assist in providing facilities for community and elite sport?
- (c) What proportion of successful grants are expected to be made to support the focus area?
- (d) How will the Minister for Sport ensure that successful applications contribute to improving participation in sport and active recreation?
- (e) How will the Minister for Sport ensure that successful applications contribute to improving participation by women in sport and active recreation?

- (f) How will the Minister for Sport ensure that successful applications contribute to improving participation by CALD communities in sport and active recreation?

Answer

This is a matter for the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet who lead administration of the program.

Senior Trade and Investment Commissioners expenses

145. For each of the five Senior Trade and Investment Commissioners, including the Agent General, what is the breakdown of claimed expenses to date?

- (a) How much was spent on gifts, entertaining, hospitality and catering?
- (b) How much was spent on events, networking and marketing?
- (c) How much was spent on parking and ground transport costs?
- (d) How much was spent on travel?
- (e) How much was spent on professional development?
- (f) How much was spent on miscellaneous expenses?
 - i. What is the breakdown of miscellaneous expenses?

Answer

Relevant information regarding operating expenses will be included in the financial statements of the 2021-22 annual reports for the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment and Investment NSW. The presentation of financial information is in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards which are subject to audit by the Audit Office of NSW.

146. In relation to the Agent General's travel to several regional NSW locations in 2021, what were the itineraries for each trip?
- (a) What was the breakdown of expenses for each trip?
 - i. How many flights were involved and did the Agent General fly first class, business class, premium economy or economy?
 - ii. What is the breakdown of airfares including any excess baggage charges and fees for changes to bookings?
 - iii. Did the Agent General accumulate any rewards points, such as Frequent Flyer, for the travel?
 - (b) At which hotel/ hotels did the Agent General stay during his time in Sydney and/ or other parts of NSW?
 - i. What is the breakdown of accommodation costs including nightly rate, number of nights and any expenses charged to the room?
 - ii. Did the Agent General accumulate any rewards points for the accommodation?
 - (c) Did the Agent General seek pre-approval for each trip?
 - (d) Who approved the travel and on what date was travel approved?
 - (e) Has the Agent General been asked to pay back any personal expenses claimed on the trip?
 - i. If so, what are the details?

Answer

In 2021, Mr Cartwright travelled to key regional locations in NSW to meet with local government, business groups, and exporters to promote the new UK and Europe Free Trade Agreements. The Agent General also visited key business sites to understand trade and investment opportunities in key sectors including the clean economy, food and agribusiness, and defence and aerospace.

Mr Cartwright's travel in regional NSW was pre-approved as per Investment NSW's travel policy. He travelled in economy class or self-drove. No excess baggage was claimed for domestic travel and no rewards points were reported as accumulated.

Mr Cartwright was not required to pay back any personal expenses claimed from this regional travel.

147. In relation to the Agent General's trip to Sydney in May 2022, did the Agent General seek pre-approval for travel?
- (a) Who approved the travel and on what date was travel approved?
 - (b) What was the total cost of the trip?
 - (c) Did the Agent General fly first class, business class, premium economy or economy?
 - i. What is the breakdown of airfares including any excess baggage charges and fees for changes to bookings?

- ii. Did the Agent General accumulate any rewards points, such as Frequent Flyer, for the travel?
- (d) At which hotel/ hotels did the Agent General stay during his time in Sydney and/ or other parts of NSW?
 - i. What is the breakdown of accommodation costs including nightly rate, number of nights and any expenses charged to the room?
 - ii. Did the Agent General accumulate any rewards points for the accommodation?
- (e) What was the purpose of the trip?
- (f) Has the Agent General been asked to pay back any personal expenses claimed on the trip?
 - i. If so, what are the details?
- (g) What was the Agent General's itinerary and diary entries during the trip?
- (h) What investment deals or export sales resulted as a direct result of the trip?

Answer

In March 2022, the then CEO of Investment NSW provided pre-approval for Mr Cartwright's travel to Australia in May 2022, as per Investment NSW's travel policy. The purpose of the trip was to accompany senior UK and European delegations to major trade conferences in Australia and meet with exporters and investors. The cost of the trip was in accordance with Investment NSW's travel policy.

Diary entries for Senior Trade and Investment Commissioners

148. For each of the five Senior Trade and Investment Commissioners, including the Agent General, what are the diary entries for the following months:
- (a) January 2022;
 - (b) February 2022;
 - (c) March 2022;
 - (d) April 2022;
 - (e) May 2022;
 - (f) June 2022;
 - (g) July 2022; and
 - (h) August 2022?

Answer

Attracting international investment and supporting NSW exporters is highly competitive amongst states and nations and the Department does not publicly disclose commercially sensitive information.

Agent General allowances

149. Given remuneration and allowance data provided by Mercer suggested a “Relocation/ Incidental Allowance” be capped at AUD\$10,000, why was the decision made to grant the Agent General a AUD\$60,000 relocation allowance?

(a) What relocation allowances were paid to each of the other four Senior Trade and Investment Commissioners?

Answer

Information regarding the remuneration of Senior Executives will be included in the 2021-22 annual report financial statements for the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade and Investment NSW. The presentation of financial information is in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards which are subject to audit by the Audit Office of NSW.

150. Given remuneration and allowance data provided by Mercer suggested monthly rent for a three-bedroom property in London was GBP£3100, why was the decision made to pay the Agent General’s annual rent at a cost of AUD\$101,111.11?

(a) How does the payment of rent arrangement compare to each of the other four Senior Trade and Investment Commissioners?

Answer

This was a decision of the then CEO of Investment NSW as the employer of Mr Cartwright and answers have been provided to similar questions in the Upper House Inquiry.

151. What was the reasoning behind Investment NSW agreeing to make good on the estimated AUD\$107,859 tax applicable to the payment of rent arrangement with the Agent General?

(a) Was this arrangement offered to any other Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner?

i. If not, why not?

(b) Will other Senior Trade and Investment Commissioners be offered payment of rent arrangements?

i. If not, why not?

ii. If so, what is the expected tax bill for each arrangement?

Answer

This was a decision of the then CEO of Investment NSW as the employer of Mr Cartwright and answers have been provided to similar questions in the Upper House Inquiry.

152. How many kilograms of air freight for the Agent General and each family member was paid for as part of the transportation of household goods?

(a) How does this compare to each of the other four Senior Trade and Investment Commissioners?

Answer

It is the responsibility of each Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner to manage their respective relocation allowance based on their individual circumstances. Relocation costs are reimbursed on the production of receipts up to an agreed limit.

153. What was the size of the sea freight container for the Agent General paid for as part of the transportation of household goods?

(a) How does this compare to each of the other four Senior Trade and Investment Commissioners?

Answer

It is the responsibility of each Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner to manage their respective relocation allowance based on their individual circumstances. Relocation costs are reimbursed on the production of receipts up to an agreed limit.

154. Has the Agent General expressed any concerns or feedback in relation to information on his expenses being released publicly?
- (a) Who did the Agent General express concerns or feedback to?
 - (b) What were the nature of the concerns or feedback?
 - (c) Were the concerns or feedback provided by email, text messages, WhatsApp messages, phone calls or a combination of communication methods?
 - (d) What was the outcome of those concerns or feedback?

Answer

Any complaints and concerns raised by any staff member within the Department are private and confidential as is normal practice.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

155. For each of the five Senior Trade and Investment Commissioners, including the Agent General, what were their KPIs in the 2021-22 financial year?
- (a) Did each Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner meet their KPIs?
 - i. What is the breakdown of KPIs met and not met for each Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner?

Answer

In 2021-22, STICs, including the Agent General, have been focused on establishing their office, teams, local networks, and operations.

They also conducted a broad range of promotional and profile-raising activities at key conferences and trade shows to promote that NSW is open for business and advancing both the interests of NSW businesses across the globe and building a pipeline of investors with an interest in NSW.

The Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade will report relevant results in its future annual reports, however the international network has assisted Investment NSW to directly support \$135 million in new exports from NSW.

156. For each of the five Senior Trade and Investment Commissioners, including the Agent General, what are their KPIs in the 2022-23 financial year?

(a) If KPIs are yet to be set for the 2022-23 financial year, what is the reason for the delay and when will KPIs be in place?

Answer

KPIs for the Agent General and the STICs for 2022-23 include achieving results specifically related to investment attraction and export outcomes.

157. How often are the Senior Trade and Investment Commissioners subjected to a performance review?

(a) Who conducts the performance reviews?

(b) What course of action is taken if KPIs are not met?

(c) Are there any incentives for KPIs that are met or exceeded?

i. If so, what are the details?

Answer

The Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade conducts annual performance reviews

Performance and Development plans are set between employees and their line manager.

The Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade does not provide incentives where KPIs are met or exceeded.

Overseas trade offices budgets

158. For each of the six regions of overseas trade offices what is the breakdown of expenses in the 2021-22 financial year?

(a) How much was spent on gifts, entertaining, hospitality and catering?

(b) How much was spent on events, networking and marketing?

(c) How much was spent on parking and ground transport costs?

(d) How much was spent on travel?

(e) How much was spent on professional development?

(f) How much was spent on miscellaneous expenses?

i. What is the breakdown of miscellaneous expenses?

Answer

Information regarding the operating expenses of the overseas trade offices will be included in the financial statements in the 2021-22 annual reports for the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade and Investment NSW. The presentation of financial information is in accordance with

generally accepted accounting standards which are subject to audit by the Audit Office of NSW.

159. For each of the six regions of overseas trade offices, what is the breakdown of expenses in the 2022-23 financial year to date?
- (a) How much has been spent on gifts, entertaining, hospitality and catering?
 - (b) How much has been spent on events, networking and marketing?
 - (c) How much has been spent on parking and ground transport costs?
 - (d) How much has been spent on travel?
 - (e) How much was spent on professional development?
 - (f) How much was spent on miscellaneous expenses?
 - i. What is the breakdown of miscellaneous expenses?

Answer

Relevant information regarding operating expenses of the overseas trade offices will be included in the financial statements in the 2021-22 annual reports for the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade and Investment NSW. The presentation of financial information is in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards which are subject to audit by the Audit Office of NSW.

Performance of overseas trade offices

160. In the 2021-22 financial year, how many NSW businesses made new export sales as a direct result of involvement or assistance from overseas trade offices for each of the following regions:
- (a) The Americas;
 - (b) ASEAN;
 - (c) India/ Middle East
 - (d) Greater China;
 - (e) North Asia;
 - (f) UK/ Europe?

Answer

As at 30 June 2022, a combined effort of NSW's international network with its domestic trade and investment teams has contributed to the following outcomes:

- **211 NSW businesses assisted via the Going Global program to access new export markets and international customers.**
- **89 NSW businesses reported export sales valued at more than \$135 million as a direct result of the assistance provided by Investment NSW.**

161. In the 2021-22 financial year, how much foreign investment into NSW businesses was attracted as a direct result of involvement or assistance from overseas trade offices for each of the following regions:

- (a) The Americas;
- (b) ASEAN;
- (c) India/ Middle East
- (d) Greater China;
- (e) North Asia;
- (f) UK/ Europe?

Answer

As at 30 June 2022, a combined effort of NSW's international network with its domestic trade and investment teams has contributed to the following outcomes:

- **Secured more than 30 investment projects, predominantly through the Jobs Plus program, contributing \$2.175 billion to the NSW economy creating 3,243 direct jobs and 12,382 indirect jobs.**
- **More than 575 new leads from foreign businesses seeking to set up or grow in NSW.**

162. In the 2022-23 financial year to date, how many NSW businesses made new export sales as a direct result of involvement or assistance from overseas trade offices for each of the following regions:

- (a) The Americas;
- (b) ASEAN;
- (c) India/ Middle East
- (d) Greater China;
- (e) North Asia;
- (f) UK/ Europe?

Answer

The Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade will report relevant results achieved in its future annual reports.

163. In the 2022-23 financial year to date, how much foreign investment into NSW businesses was attracted as a direct result of involvement or assistance from overseas trade offices for each of the following regions:

- (a) The Americas;
- (b) ASEAN;
- (c) India/ Middle East
- (d) Greater China;
- (e) North Asia;
- (f) UK/ Europe?

Answer

The Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade will report relevant results in its future annual report.

UK Wine Ambassador

164. Can you confirm that none of the funds provided to the NSW Wine Industry Association under the April 2021 Memorandum of Understanding have been used to fund the UK Wine Ambassador position?

- (a) If not, how much Government funding has been used to fund the position of UK Wine Ambassador?
- (b) Does the NSW Wine Industry Association report on the activities of the UK Wine Ambassador?
 - i. If not, why not?
 - ii. If not, how does the Government know it is getting value for money in helping to fund the position?
 - iii. If so, what activities has the UK Wine Ambassador undertaken to support NSW wineries?
 - iv. How many new wine export agreements or sales have been facilitated by the UK Wine Ambassador?

Answer

The decision to appoint a NSW Wine Ambassador to the UK was made by the NSW Wine Industry Association who conducted the search, recruitment, and appointment process.

165. In relation to the UK Wine Ambassador's visit to 22 wineries across NSW in April 2022, did the Government pay for any parts of the trip?
(a) If so, what is the breakdown of expenses paid?

Answer

This trip was consistent with the Government's MOU with the NSW Wine Industry Association.

Trade and Investment Commissioner in London office

166. When was the decision made to appoint a Trade and Investment Commissioner in the London office in addition to the Agent General/ Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner to Europe and Israel?
(a) Who made the decision?
(b) Why was the decision made, given the recommended organisational structure by Deloitte did not include a Trade and Investment Commissioner in London?
(c) Did Investment NSW receive any direction from a Minister or Minister's office to appoint a Trade and Investment Commissioner in the London office?
(d) What is the position description for the Trade and Investment Commissioner?

Answer

The Trade & Investment Commissioner for the UK was appointed in September 2021 and the successful candidate commenced in April 2022.

The appointment was a decision of the Investment NSW CEO under Investment NSW's employment delegations.

Investment NSW

167. When was the decision made to disband Investment NSW as a stand-alone agency?

Answer

The Administrative Arrangements (Administrative Changes – Miscellaneous) Order (No 6) 2022 was published on 1 June 2022.

168. What was the reasoning behind the decision?

Answer

Machinery of government changes are a matter for the Premier.

169. Who made the decision?

Answer

I refer you to the answer given to question 168.

170. What were the staff costs when setting up Investment NSW, including redundancies, short-term staff appointments, recruitment costs, salary increases, training, consultation with staff and transfer of leave entitlements?

Answer

No additional funding was provided to establish Investment NSW, which brought together groups from the Department of Premier and Cabinet, NSW Treasury and the former Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

Expertise and support services were required while the new executive agency established its own corporate support function, a framework for operating, and a suite of policies and procedures. Relevant consultant engagements relating to these matters were reported in Investment NSW's 2020-21 Annual Report.

171. What were the IT costs associated with setting up Investment NSW, including setting up new email addresses for staff and changes to records management?

Answer

No additional funding was provided to establish Investment NSW, which brought together groups from the Department of Premier and Cabinet, NSW Treasury and the former Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

IT costs associated with setting up the new executive agency was within existing budget allocations transferred across with relevant costs reported as part of operating expenses in Investment NSW's 2020-21 Annual Report.

172. What were the office leasing or relocation costs associated with setting up Investment NSW?

Answer

No additional funding was provided to establish Investment NSW. Accommodation related costs are captured as part of Investment NSW's 2020-21 Annual Report.

173. What was the cost of Investment NSW branded collateral, such as signage, pop-up banners and stationery, at each of the six hub trade offices in London, Tokyo, Singapore, New York, Mumbai and Shanghai?
(a) When was the signage installed in each office?

Answer

Marketing costs, including branded collateral and promotional banners for Investment NSW will be included as part of operating expenses in financial reports in Investment NSW's 2021-22 annual report.

Signage was installed in London, Tokyo, Singapore and Mumbai in June/July 2022.

174. What was the cost of Investment NSW branding, such as signage, pop-up banners and stationery, in each of the 16 spoke trade offices in Berlin, Paris, Seoul, Ho Chi Minh City, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur, San Francisco, Washington, Santiago, Toronto, Mumbai, Bangalore, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Guangzhou, Taipei and Hong Kong?
(a) When was the signage installed in each office?

Answer

Marketing costs, including branded collateral and promotional banners for Investment NSW will be included as part of operating expenses in financial reports in Investment NSW's 2021-22 annual report.

175. Are there any plans to install Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment branded collateral such as signage, pop-up banners and stationery in any of the overseas offices?
(a) If so, what are the details including costs estimates and timing?

Answer

No.

176. When will you decide whether you will issue an instruction for Investment NSW to have a separate CEO function?

Answer

The public sector senior executive role of CEO Investment NSW leads the Investment NSW Group within the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade.

Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade

177. What is the breakdown of the \$14.9 million in costs to establish the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade?

- (a) What were the staff costs including redundancies, short-term staff appointments, recruitment costs, salary increases, training, consultation with staff and transfer of leave entitlements?
- (b) What were the IT costs, including setting up new email addresses for staff and changes to records management?
- (c) What were the office leasing or relocation costs?
- (d) What was the cost of consultants, including specific details on the policies, procedures and advice acquired from consultants?

Answer

\$14.6 million is additional recurrent funding allocated to establish the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade. As a new Principal Department, funding is required to ensure compliance with essential operating requirements, including whole of government cluster policy and statutory requirements.

Relevant information regarding the establishment of the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade will be provided in the 2021-22 annual report.

178. In light of the Auditor General's December 2021 report titled "Machinery of government changes" that found that the anticipated benefits of machinery of government changes were not articulated in sufficient detail and the achievement of benefits had not been monitored in relation to the creation of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, what are the benefits of establishing the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade?

- (a) How are the achievement of benefits being monitored and reported?
- (b) What achievement of benefits have occurred to date?

Answer

Machinery of government changes are a matter for the Premier.

179. What is the total number of staff in the Department, broken down by agencies and divisions?

Answer

All relevant information relating to the Department's workforce will be provided in the appropriate annual reports.

180. What is the breakdown of positions per salary grade, including senior executives, listed by agencies and divisions?

Answer

All relevant information relating to the Department's workforce will be provided in the appropriate annual reports.

181. What is the breakdown of staff transferred from another Government agency or department?

(a) How many staff received salary increases or promotions when being transferred to the Department?

Answer

All relevant information relating to the Department's workforce will be provided in the appropriate annual reports.

Modern Manufacturing Commissioner

182. When is the Modern Manufacturing Commissioner due to start work?

Answer

The Modern Manufacturing Commissioner commenced work on 26 September 2022.

183. Who made the final decision to appoint the successful candidate?
(a) What involvement did any Minister or Minister's office have in the process?

Answer

The Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade Secretary, under public service delegations, made the final decision to appoint the successful candidate following a merit-based interview and selection process.

a) This appointment was made under the Secretary's delegations.

184. Is the position full-time or part-time?
(a) If part-time, how many hours per week?

Answer

Full-time

185. What is the remuneration or salary band for the Commissioner's position?

Answer

The Modern Manufacturing Commissioner position is a NSW Public Service Band 3 Senior Executive.

186. What is the position description for the Commissioner?

Answer

The position description was published with the job advertisement on the I work for NSW website.

187. To whom will the Commissioner report?

Answer

The Commissioner will report to the Managing Director, Trade and Investment.

188. What are the key performance indicators (KPIs) for the Commissioner?
(a) How often will the Commissioner be subjected to a performance review?
(b) Who will oversee the performance review?

Answer

Completion of an annual performance plan and review is mandatory for all Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade employees, including the Commissioner. Performance and Development plans are set between the employee and line manager. Performance discussions occur on an ongoing basis.

189. How many staff will the Commissioner be allocated?
(a) What is the breakdown of positions and salary bands?

Answer

This will be determined when the Commissioner commences employment and in consultation with the Commissioner.

190. What is the yearly operating budget for the Commissioner's office including office accommodation, IT, training, stationery, hospitality, networking, events, ground transportation costs, catering, marketing and professional development?

Answer

The Commissioner will work from the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade's offices. Relevant future operating budget and costs will be included in the Department's future annual reports.

Modern Manufacturing Taskforce

191. How were the taskforce appointees chosen?

Answer

Members of the Taskforce are prominent, NSW-based manufacturing experts from a range of backgrounds. They include CEOs of some of NSW's most successful manufacturing businesses, through to industry bodies and academia.

Members were identified through NSW Government's industry engagement on its manufacturing sector activities. Investment NSW compiled a list of possible members through an industry search across NSW.

Members were then selected from this list based on experience, equity, and cross sector balance.

192. What classification group has the taskforce been assigned under the Classification and Remuneration Framework for NSW Boards and Committees?

Answer

The taskforce is not considered a NSW Board or Committee.

193. What fees are being paid to appointees?

Answer

Remuneration of taskforce members is consistent with other taskforces and panels established by the Government.

194. Was Cabinet approval sought for the appointment of the taskforce?

Answer

No.

195. What was the reason behind the taskforce missing its deadline to deliver a report by 30 June 2022?

Answer

Comprehensive industry consultation was undertaken in the preparation of the report.

196. When will the report be made public?

Answer

The report will be made public following standard NSW Government processes.

197. When will the term of the taskforce expire?

Answer

Under its Terms of Reference, the Taskforce will operate until the delivery of its report and recommendations to Government.

NSW Trade Statement

198. What is the media monitoring report from when the NSW Trade Statement was released on 1 October 2021?

Answer

The daily media monitoring provided to the department on 1 October 2021 included two pieces of coverage associated with the launch of the NSW Trade Statement. This included an article and an op-ed in the Daily Telegraph.

199. Given emails released as part of the Upper House Inquiry into the Appointment of Mr John Barilaro as Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner to the Americas indicate the action plan under the NSW Trade Statement is being monitored on a quarterly basis, what are the quarterly reports or updates since October 2021?

Answer

- **The Department monitors and reports internally and quarterly against the actions identified in the Trade Statement to ensure continual improvement of support to businesses and the state's export performance.**
- **26 of the 30 actions outlined in the Trade Statement are either completed or in delivery, with the remaining four actions in planning.**

200. How much did it cost to produce the NSW Trade Statement including any consultant fees and graphic design?

Answer

Costs relating to the production of Investment NSW publications are provided in the appropriate annual reports.

201. Are there any plans to rebrand the NSW Trade Statement?

Answer

No.

Advanced Manufacturing Strategy

202. What is the status of the Advanced Manufacturing Strategy announced in the November 2020 budget?

- (a) How much has been spent on completing the strategy?
- (b) When will the strategy be released?

Answer

The development and release of a NSW Advanced Manufacturing strategy will be developed by the Modern Manufacturing Commissioner.

Defence Strategy

203. What is the status of the Defence Strategy announced in the November 2020 budget?

- (a) How much has been spent on completing the strategy?

Answer

The Defence and Aerospace Industry Strategy is being developed and will be launched in due course.

- (a) **Costs relating to the production of publications are provided in the appropriate annual reports.**

Third-party contractors or consultancies

204. For every agency, department, or state-owned corporation within your portfolio, please provide the following:

- (a) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in communications services, including:
 - I. Contractor name,
 - II. Contractor ABN,
 - III. Service provided,
 - IV. Total cost paid
- (b) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in PR services, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (c) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in marketing services, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (d) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in Government relations or lobbying services, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (e) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in industry or peak body membership, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (f) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in policy or strategy development, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (g) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in project management, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid

- (h) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in accounting and audit, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (i) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in legal services, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (j) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in any other services, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid

Answer

Information in relation to the procurement of contractors and consultants will be included in the relevant annual reports, as per the *Annual Reports (Departments) Act 1985*.

Aerotropolis precinct plans

205. The draft aerotropolis precinct plans contained information regarding maximum block sizes for certain zones. However they were not included in the final precinct plan published on the Department of Planning and Environment website. Can you confirm, as part of the final aerotropolis precinct plan, what the maximum block sizes are for: mixed use centre; employment zone centre; business uses; light industry enterprise; high density residential mixed use; community infrastructure and schools; agribusiness outside centres including local; and enterprise zone outside centres including local?

Answer

This question is most appropriately referred to the Minister for Planning.

206. Was any land identified for the following uses and if so, can you provide details regarding the location and size?

- (a) Public schools (excluding secondary)
- (b) Private schools (excluding secondary)
- (c) Public secondary schools?
- (d) Private secondary schools?
- (e) Public hospitals?
- (f) Private hospitals?
- (g) TAFEs?
- (h) Childcare centre(s)?
- (i) Fire stations?
- (j) Ambulance stations?
- (k) SES stations?

Answer

This question is most appropriately referred to the Minister for Planning.

Bradfield City

207. What was the process regarding the Name The Place (including consultation period start and end dates, submission dates, etc) in relation to the naming of the Bradfield city in the aerotropolis?

- (a) How many submissions were received regarding potential names?
- (b) Was there a shortlist regarding potential names?
 - i. If so, what were those names?
 - ii. Who was responsible for compiling the shortlist?
- (c) What authority/agency or Minister was responsible for ultimately choosing the name Bradfield?
 - i. What criteria was used to determine the name?

Answer

From 16 August to 20 September 2020, community members were invited to submit a suggested name for the first stage of the Aerotropolis Core Precinct.

The community was invited to submit suggestions for a name/s, which reflected one or more of the following themes:

- **Embrace themes of innovation, industry, science and technology**
- **Endeavour to be aspirational**
- **Reflect the vibrant and dynamic culture and society of the Western Parkland City**
- **Reflect the local heritage or history of the Western Parkland City**
- **Be of national significance**

- **Convey a strong connection to the unique natural environment of the Western Parkland City**
- **Recognise people who have contributed to the creation and promotion of NSW.**

Over 4,150 suggestions were received.

A Government Naming Committee was established to consider the community's suggestions. The Committee comprised the then Premier, then Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, then Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Chair of the Western Parkland City Authority.

The name 'Bradfield' was selected by the Government Naming Committee as the preferred name. It was considered that Bradfield best represented the aspiration for an innovative, world-class city focused on advanced manufacturing, technology, education and research.

The announcement of the preferred name was made on 16 March 2021.

208. Were there any objections following the decision to name the city Bradfield?

(a) If so, how many?

(b) Who lodged those objections?

Answer

I am advised that objections can be found on the public record such as through the media.

Western Parkland City Authority

209. The Western Parkland City Authority website states the authority is 'responsible for delivering, coordinating and attracting investment in the Western Parkland City'. What has the WPCA done specifically in terms of attracting investment in the following local government areas:

- (a) Wollondilly
- (b) Camden
- (c) Campbelltown
- (d) Fairfield
- (e) Liverpool
- (f) Penrith
- (g) Hawkesbury
- (h) Blue Mountains

Answer

Information about the services available from the Western Parkland City Authority's Investor Concierge Service is available online.

The Western Parkland City Authority has also released a strategic document – the draft Economic Development Roadmap – Phase 1 – which is an overarching strategy to maximise economic opportunities and attract investment, businesses, and talent to the Western Parkland City. More information on this document is available online.

210. What has the WPCA done specifically in terms of coordinating investment in the following LGAs:

- (a) Wollondilly
- (b) Camden
- (c) Campbelltown
- (d) Fairfield
- (e) Liverpool
- (f) Penrith
- (g) Hawkesbury
- (h) Blue Mountains

Answer

Information about the services available from the Western Parkland City Authority's Investor Concierge Service is available online.

The Western Parkland City Authority has also released a strategic document – the draft Blueprint for the Western Parkland City - which will assist to inform investment in infrastructure across the Western Parkland City. More information on this document is available online.

211. What has the WPCA done specifically in terms of delivering investment in the following LGAs:

- (a) Wollondilly
- (b) Camden
- (c) Campbelltown
- (d) Fairfield
- (e) Liverpool
- (f) Penrith
- (g) Hawkesbury
- (h) Blue Mountains

Answer

Information about the services available from the Western Parkland City Authority's Investor Concierge Service is available online.

The Western Parkland City Authority has secured funding to activate the Bradfield City Centre, deliver a multi-purpose First Building onsite, establish an Advanced Manufacturing Research Facility and rollout a New Education and Training Model. Each initiative has the opportunity for appropriate private sector engagement.

212. What has the WPCA done in the past 12 months in terms of promoting/boosting tourism through the entire Western Parkland City?

Answer

This question is best referred to the Minister for Tourism.

213. Can you provide specific examples?

Answer

This question is best referred to the Minister for Tourism.

Aerotropolis

214. In the third quarter of 2022 the WPCA was expected to brief and take market soundings regarding the new education and training model (NETM) and the call for proposals for training courses. How many organisations/institutions expressed their interest during this period?

(a) When will details for successful organisations/institutions be announced?

Answer

Details regarding the New Education and Training Model (NETM), including the course catalogue, opportunities for industry and learners, and information on the NETM Education and Training Providers Panel, is available online.

The WPCA is in ongoing discussions with potential industry partners regarding micro-credential proposals. As required, details of micro-credentials procured by the WPCA are made available on the e-Tender website.

215. In the third quarter of 2022 indicative tender opportunities also opened for: civil works and building contractors for the first building (procurement); as well as equipment for the first building (procurement of capital equipment packages). How many companies/firms expressed their interest?

(a) Was there any policies in place to prioritise businesses located in West and South West Sydney?

(b) If so, explain how.

Answer

The processes noted are procurement processes, which are ongoing.

Western Sydney City Deal

216. There were 38 commitments as part of the Western Sydney City Deal.

Commitment 3 was for a digital action plan. Can you explain exactly what the plan involved?

(a) When will the plan be fully implemented by?

Answer

Information regarding the Western Parkland City Digital Action Plan, including its status, is available on online in the 2021 Western Sydney City Deal Annual Progress Report.

217. Commitment 4 was for the Smart Western City Program. The aim of the program was to define smart place initiatives and solutions to ensure the Western Parkland City is a connected and digitally enabled future city. The commencement of pilot projects was due to occur in the last two quarters of 2021. Did this occur?

(a) Can you explain what the pilot projects were?

i. How is the success of the pilot projects being measured?

Answer

Information regarding the Smart Western City Program, including pilot initiatives, is available online.