

QUESTION p3

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Premier, I would just like to ask you a question, which is usually how we work here. You make the point that you don't seem to have much sympathy for his cost-of-living concerns, but Mr Cartwright succeeded in his campaign to obtain a better remuneration package. His campaign, which saw him contact Minister Ayres directly—which is outrageous—did result in a change in his arrangement. We're now paying for his accommodation, and we're also now picking up a fringe benefits tax in the United Kingdom to the tune of \$100,000-plus. A fifth-year nurse's wage is what we've now effectively agreed to cover for Mr Cartwright. Can you explain to me why it was in the public interest for the people of New South Wales to agree to an arrangement that would see Mr Cartwright benefit by effectively cutting his tax but with us picking up a tax bill of \$105,000 per year, the equivalent of a fifth-year nurse? What did we get out of that arrangement?

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: A couple of things. In relation to the fringe benefit tax matter, I'll take it on notice and come back to you. In relation—

ANSWER

This is a matter for the Secretary of the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade.

QUESTION p5

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Did you discuss with Mr Barilaro the potential appointment of Mr Cartwright to this role in January or February last year?

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: In terms of timing, I didn't bring my diary. I'll take it on notice.

ANSWER

Conversations I had with Mr Barilaro, in relation to the Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner role, are on the public record.

QUESTION p5

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: When did you come to the understanding that Mr Cartwright was interested in the role?

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: I'll have to take that on notice.

ANSWER

I have no specific recollection. However, I received periodic updates, in relation to the status of recruitment activity, from the then Treasury Secretary.

QUESTION p11

The Hon. MARK LATHAM: —and your commitment by your Minister to bring the prices down. You said that two years ago. Why have they gone up?

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: I will take advice on that and come back to you.

ANSWER

This is a matter for the Minister for Energy.

QUESTION p17

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Did Treasury provide you or your office with a brief around 10 February last year that informed your office that Paul Webster was the preferred candidate for the role and negotiations were being commenced with him?

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: Not that I'm aware. I'll take that on notice.

ANSWER

Documents in relation to the Senior Trade and Investment Commissioners and the UK Agent General, that are responsive to Standing Order 52 processes, have been provided to the Legislative Council.

QUESTION p17

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: You're telling me that Mr Pratt told you that he was interested in the role but he never told you that they were going to reopen the selection process to allow Mr Cartwright to apply. That's your evidence?

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: Yes. Let's get some clarity here. I was the Treasurer, the cluster lead, at that point in time. I would have weekly meetings with Mr Pratt, the then Treasury secretary, on a range of matters. I was aware that Mr Cartwright had applied or was applying for a job. I'm not aware of issues in relation to Mr Paul Webster. If you're saying that there was an advice, in relation to 10 February, that he was a preferred candidate, I will take that on notice. But that's not something that I was aware of.

ANSWER

I refer you to my answer above.

QUESTION p17

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Why was your office on 8 February 2021 asking Treasury for an update on the recruitment of the AG's position in London?

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: I'll take that on notice.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: To be clear here, no-one is suggesting that it's inappropriate for the secretary of the Treasury to be providing you updates. I'm interested in why your office was

asking for them on 8 February. Did your chief of staff get specific advice on 9 February 2021 that Mr Webster was the preferred candidate for the role on 9 February?

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: I'll take that on notice.

ANSWER

I refer you to my answer above.

QUESTION p20

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: But we also have Ms Brown telling us that she only made the decision to proceed with Mr Barilaro's appointment because Stuart Ayres had told the leadership group around May that he was the successful candidate and no-one raised any objections. Were you told in May that Mr Barilaro was the man for the Americas job?

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: I will have to check in terms of timing. What I know is—

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: When did you find out?

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: Well, I'll check the date for you.

ANSWER

I refer to the answer given by the Member for Penrith in Question Time on 22 June 2022.

QUESTION p23

The Hon. ROBERT BORSAK: I'll get to it. Why is the Government spending \$500 million, or half a billion dollars, on a knock down and build it higher development of the Powerhouse in Ultimo to turn it into an ill-defined Ultimo Creative Industries Precinct—yet another commercially driven, flaccid, State-subsidised infrastructure project? It is no longer going to be the Powerhouse Museum. All the big exhibits are in the process of being moved out of there now.

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: Yes, and my view, Mr Borsak—and I'll get some information for you specifically and take details on notice, but from an overarching perspective my view at the time, as you'd recall, was that in my former capacity as Treasurer I didn't see that there was merit in simply moving everything to Parramatta. Parramatta deserved a world-class museum, as did the city.

ANSWER

I believe Ultimo should continue to have a world class museum, and that our river city, Parramatta, should also benefit from a world class museum.

Further information can be sought from the Minister for the Arts.

QUESTION p23

The Hon. ROBERT BORSAK: —also will no longer be a museum. The word "museum" will be removed from its title; that's what's happening. Who made the decision that contradicts the announcement of the now Premier—that's you—on 4 July that the Powerhouse Museum in Ultimo

was going to be retained and renewed? Why is the word "museum" being removed from the project's title?

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: From my understanding—and I'll take the details of this on notice and come back to you, because my view was that we should have a world-class museum in Parramatta and a world-class museum in Ultimo. I made that commitment as Treasurer not just simply because I didn't like the concept of moving the collection from Ultimo to Parramatta, but there was so much in storage in those museums, particularly in the Castle Hill facility, that I believed that we should maintain a strong presence in Ultimo.

ANSWER

I refer you to my answer above.

QUESTION p25

The Hon. ROBERT BORSAK: The Catalina is being taken down in the next month or so and it will go to Castle Hill and, in my view, will never return.

The Hon. ROBERT BORSAK: It's not a conspiracy theory. The place is being dismantled prior to destruction.

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: I will take this on notice. I appreciate you raising it. My strong view has been and continues to be that there'll be a strong museum presence at Ultimo, and if that has changed, that's a deviation from Government policy.

ANSWER

I refer you to my answer above.

QUESTION p26

Ms ABIGAIL BOYD: I'm asking questions now. Premier, let's talk about something that perhaps you do see as being a little bit more important. Why is New South Wales one of only two States in Australia not to adopt the National Construction Code minimum accessibility standards?

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: I don't know; I'll look into it.

Ms ABIGAIL BOYD: So why on earth would your Government not adopt the minimum accessibility standards under the National Construction Code like the ACT, like Victoria and like Queensland? Why would we be the only State other than Western Australia to not provide the most basic minimum standards for new builds?

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: I will take that on notice. This time, in relation to the question—

Ms ABIGAIL BOYD: This is for new builds. This is really basic stuff. This is providing minimum standards to allow people—not just people with disability and other mobility needs—to age in place. This is new buildings with corridors wide enough to fit a wheelchair through; with bathrooms not that have railings but that are strong enough on the walls to have railings put in later. This is really basic stuff. Everyone else is doing it, and yet we are not doing it. The perfect time to do it was when we were bringing in the energy efficiency standards. Why did Minister Dominello turn up at that meeting a week and a half ago and say that his Government was not prepared to accept that?

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: I will get you a holistic response.

Ms ABIGAIL BOYD: These are minimum accessibility standards mandatory for new buildings. This is not the gold standard; this is just Silver standard, which is really those very basic things. We are not talking about having to have railings in showers and things. These are really things that you would probably want in any house that you are going to grow old in.

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: Okay. I will look at it. I commit to looking at it and more than just taking it on notice. I will speak to the relevant Ministers. I will get the advice. I will provide that to you in writing. I will even meet with you and we can have a further discussion once I have that information, and then we can take it from there.

ANSWER

The NSW Government supports improved disability access and continues to explore all options to ensure people with disability have housing that meets their needs.

There are a number of initiatives in NSW which focus on increasing the supply of accessible public and private housing. These include:

- all new social and affordable housing built by the NSW Government constructed to silver accessibility standards;
- at least 20% of all medium to high density dwellings developed by Landcom to meet or exceed the silver accessibility standard;
- the NSW Apartment Design Guide which encourages 20% of apartments within new residential apartment buildings to achieve a minimum silver level; and
- the NSW Government implementing initiatives to improve the supply of accessible public and private housing as part of the commitment to the National Disability Strategy.

The NSW Government also notes that NDIS participants in NSW may be eligible for funding to access Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) in NSW.

Further questions should be directed to the responsible Ministers.

QUESTION p30

The Hon. COURTNEY HOUSSOS: Premier, the Building Commissioner's resignation was announced internally to the Department of Customer Service on 25 July 2022. When did you first become aware that the Building Commissioner had resigned?

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: I'll take it on notice

ANSWER

I have already answered questions, in this regard, on the public record.

QUESTION p34

The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM: I'm familiar with the recommendations. I think you've indicated your view. Given your comments on donations, how many fundraisers have you attended this year?

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: I will take that on notice. Too many.

ANSWER

Summaries of scheduled meetings are published quarterly on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website in accordance with Premier's Memorandum M2015-05.

When will Labor do the same for all its Shadow Ministers?

QUESTION p37

Ms SUE HIGGINSON: Premier, the Auditor-General's report is damning. What is really concerning is your Minister's response is that there's "nothing wrong here" and there's "nothing to see here". It's really problematic, Premier.

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: I'll have a look at it. Obviously, I don't want species to become extinct. Particularly, I want to make that point today on—what day was it?

Ms SUE HIGGINSON: Will you please consider putting a moratorium on taking money when the biodiversity offset credits are not available? It's an immediate thing you can do until the problem is fixed.

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: I will read the Auditor-General's report—another Auditor-General's report—in relation to that and I will come back to you. I won't come back to you at the next estimates; I'll come back to you in the intervening period of time.

ANSWER

Preserving and protecting NSW's unique flora and fauna is a priority for the Government.

I have asked the Minister for the Environment to consider your questions and revert to you.

QUESTION p40

The Hon. ROBERT BORSAK: Pulled out the rug—"See you later. Goodbye." I don't believe you've actually had a meeting with TOSBA yet.

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: I met with the industry.

The Hon. ROBERT BORSAK: Who in the industry?

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: I'll check my diary and provide the diaries. I had a meeting with the Treasurer.

ANSWER

Summaries of scheduled meetings are published quarterly on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website in accordance with Premier's Memorandum M2015-05.

QUESTION p52

The Hon. ROBERT BORSAK: In budget estimates when we were talking to the police, it came out very clearly in the questioning of the police and also the Minister that no-one is actually going to be held responsible for John Edwards getting firearms and murdering his children and then

committing suicide. Have you got a response to that? This issue I questioned in budget estimates—in the last two budget estimates—and every time it gets put on the table, nobody seems to want to give a straight answer. Somebody other than law-abiding firearms owners in New South Wales must be held responsible for the Edwards murders. Is that actually ever going to happen?

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: I will seek advice and come back to you.

ANSWER

I have asked the Minister for Police to consider your questions and revert to you.

QUESTION p54

The Hon. ROBERT BORSAK: Premier, it came out recently that the New South Wales police have dumped their computer systems provider, the people that were contracted to provide the replacement to the COPS system. It was reported that there was a cost in that dumping of that contract of, I think, about \$177 million. I asked questions in relation to this at the budget estimates with the police Minister and the police and, of course, got nowhere. Can you please advise me what the current status of that contract is? What are the likely plans to replace the COPS system with something more up to date? How much do you think that will actually cost?

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: I wouldn't know what an IT system costs in relation to that, but I don't think anyone would expect me to. I am more than happy, though, to look into it. What are you saying the issue is?

ANSWER

This is a matter for the Minister for Police.

QUESTION p54

The Hon. ROBERT BORSAK: It's in that situation where John Edwards got a legal licence to buy two pistols and then killed his kids and himself. That's the situation. That has been used as an excuse to go after and change the whole system. Ex-Minister Elliot, when he was police Minister, signed off on the complete merging of the Firearms Registry as a police command; end of discussion. It has gone downhill ever since. Administration has gone downhill. It is a complete fiasco. Customer service doesn't exist. How can you have customer service when no-one knows where the service is being rendered from at all? I know you've got this belief that somehow computers are going to fix it, but guess what? They don't know anything about computer systems either. They can't even sign off and get a new COPS system, upgrade replacement system, put in place. This is the second time that the major systems have been dumped by the New South Wales police. It's a fiasco. Put someone in charge who actually knows what they're doing, Premier, please.

Mr DOMINIC PERROTTET: I accept the points you're making. I will look into those issues. I expect the highest standards when it comes to customer service and making sure that the proper IT systems are in place. There have obviously been challenges there. There are proceedings. It wouldn't be appropriate for me to comment, but I will look into it.

ANSWER

I have asked the Minister for Police to consider your questions and revert to you.

QUESTION p60

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Just to be clear here, did Ms Brown brief the Premier directly?

MICHAEL COUTTS-TROTTER: Yes, she did.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: When did she do that?

MICHAEL COUTTS-TROTTER: I don't know exactly. I can take that on notice and respond to you

ANSWER

Answer provided by Mr Coutts-Trotter:

This question is a matter for the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade and should be directed to the Minister for the Enterprise, Investment and Trade for a response.

QUESTION p64

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: With respect to Minister Ayres' departure, while I've got you here on this particular point—I was going to ask you this later; I may as well ask it now. What are the costs of us replacing Minister Ayres here?

MICHAEL COUTTS-TROTTER: I appreciate what you're asking. I'll have to take that on notice. I don't know.

ANSWER

Answer provided by Mr Coutts-Trotter:

A total of \$361,584 was paid in severance payments to seven staff following Minister Ayres' departure.

QUESTION p65

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Can I invite on notice—I understand that recommendations 1.3.2 to 1.3.9 are substantially regulatory or legislative, although there are some that are regulation.

MICHAEL COUTTS-TROTTER: Yes.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: We'll be in a position to ask the Public Service Commissioner as well about their response, but can we on notice just get the timetables—

MICHAEL COUTTS-TROTTER: Yes, of course, that's fine.

ANSWER

Answer provided by Mr Coutts-Trotter:

Work is underway to implement the recommendations made by Mr Graeme Head AO in his report entitled “DPC Inquiry: Appointment of Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner to the Americas” that are supported by the Government.

Implementing recommendations 1.3.2, 1.3.4, 1.3.6 and 1.3.7 requires amendment to the *Government Sector Employment Act 2013* (GSE Act).

Implementing other recommendations for regulatory reform, including recommendations 1.3.5, 1.3.8 and 1.3.9, requires amendments to the *Government Sector Employment Regulation 2014* or the *Government Sector (General) Rules 2014* made by the Public Service Commissioner.

QUESTION p66

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Incidentally, who's on this strategy committee? You can't tell me?

KATHRYN BOYD: We'll consult with the chair of Cabinet and provide that on notice if it's approved.

MICHAEL COUTTS-TROTTER: Yes.

ANSWER

Answer provided by Mr Coutts-Trotter:

As set out in the NSW Cabinet Practice Manual, the Premier establishes Cabinet Committees and may appoint Ministers as chairs and members of those Committees.

The Strategy Committee of Cabinet consists of the Premier, Deputy Premier, Deputy Leaders, and all cluster lead Ministers.

QUESTION p77

Ms ABIGAIL BOYD: Both, I think—actually, sorry, this is gifts of government property.

Ms ABIGAIL BOYD: That's right, of up to \$10,000 of government property without needing to disclose it.

KATHRYN BOYD: Do you mind if we take that on notice? I'm not sure that that's the intent. I can only speak to DPC's practice, and we disclose all gifts of government property to our audit and risk committee under that Treasurer's Direction.

Ms ABIGAIL BOYD: No, the direction commences on 5 September 2022. Yes, just before Christmas. I don't know where the twenty-third—sorry, I saw something before and now I don't know where it is. In any event, it does say that the direction commences on 5 September 2022. Yes, if you could come back to me.

MICHAEL COUTTS-TROTTER: We would be happy to.

Ms ABIGAIL BOYD: It says here, for example, in section 3 (1): The accountable authority for a GSF agency is required to maintain a written register of gifts of government property that a person handling government resources has made for or on behalf of the agency if the gift has a fair value of or over \$10,000 when it is gifted— whereas previously it was zero.

KATHRYN BOYD: We'll take that on notice and get you an answer as to why that policy change has occurred.

Ms ABIGAIL BOYD: But, again, if it's not in a register for us to look at, how do we know that it has complied with the rest of that direction? It's sort of the whole point of having the disclosure, isn't it?

KATHRYN BOYD: That's a fair point, so we'll take that on notice and seek advice from our colleagues in Treasury about the reasons for that and whether there are any other record-keeping requirements in relation to gifts under the threshold.

ANSWER

Answer provided by Ms Boyd later in the afternoon session:

KATHRYN BOYD: I do. I just want to acquit a question on notice. So I don't have to respond to it in writing.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Did Ms Dobbins find that information that she was looking for?

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: I think she didn't have it.

SAMARA DOBBINS: Sorry, I didn't have it with me.

KATHRYN BOYD: The \$10,000 threshold in the Treasurer's direction is a temporary threshold. Treasury are having discussions with the sector about the extent of gifting of government property across government in order to pick a more appropriate and potentially lower threshold for disclosure. DPC is about to speak to Treasury about that from DPC's perspective.

QUESTION p78

The Hon. COURTNEY HOUSSOS: Mr Coutts-Trotter, I asked about formal/informal complaints and anonymous disclosures about Ministers. Have you received any others under the policy?

SAMARA DOBBINS: I might have to take it on notice, but my recollection is one informal complaint.

ANSWER

Answer provided by Ms Dobbins:

The Government has indicated it will disclose information around formal, informal and anonymous complaints in May of every year.

QUESTION p81

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Fair enough. In that particular process, did DPC alert the then Premier or the Cabinet to the fact that that would lead to the termination of Ms West's candidacy?

KATHRYN BOYD: I think that was self-evident from the submission.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Okay, so it was so explicit that a reasonable reader would have reached that conclusion by themselves?

KATHRYN BOYD: I think that is the finding in Mr Head's report.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Was any advice sought from you, Ms Boyd, about whether that was legal?

KATHRYN BOYD: I would have to take that on notice. The practice is not usually for the Premier's office to seek specific advice; it's really just to seek DPC's views on a submission in general.

ANSWER

Answer provided by Ms Boyd:

No specific legal advice was sought from the Deputy Secretary, General Counsel of DPC.

As set out in the *Cabinet Practice Manual*, DPC provides the Premier with independent whole-of-government policy advice on Cabinet submissions. DPC may provide advice to the Premier on a submission to Cabinet either when this is requested by the Premier, or the Premier's Office, or when DPC considers advice is required to assist the Premier to make an informed decision on a matter in Cabinet.

QUESTION p85

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: How many ministerial staff are there altogether, not counting DLOs?

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: What I want to know, obviously, is how many of them have completed the training.

SAMARA DOBBINS: I'm happy to take that on notice

ANSWER

Answer provided by Ms Dobbins:

Ministers have completed the training. 205 staff have completed the training (inclusive of staff who no longer work in Ministerial Offices). New staff, and staff who have been on leave, are scheduled to attend at a future date.

QUESTION p89

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: When is the deadline for agencies to put bids in?

SARAH CRUICKSHANK: I think that might be September or October. I might have to take that on notice.

MICHAEL COUTTS-TROTTER: We will take that one on notice.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Okay. Because I don't think there is any public information available as to the larger component of this fund.

MICHAEL COUTTS-TROTTER: I'm happy to take that one on notice and give you information.

ANSWER

Answer provided by Mr Coutts-Trotter:

The NSW Treasury is the lead agency for the \$3 billion component of the WestInvest Program, the delivery of which is in accordance with established State budget setting processes. NSW agencies were required to submit a business case for potential WestInvest projects by early September.

QUESTION p89

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: What criteria has to be applied in respect to the distribution of the \$3 billion?

MICHAEL COUTTS-TROTTER: I'll take that one on notice.

ANSWER

Answer provided by Mr Coutts-Trotter:

The NSW Treasury is the lead agency for the \$3 billion component of the WestInvest Program, the delivery of which is in accordance with established State budget setting processes. The WestInvest Program Office will review each application against Transformational and Liveability criteria within the WestInvest Guidelines.

QUESTION p89

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: They lodge it with the Treasury, and the Treasury undertake an assessment. Is it a matter of discretion as to whether they seek your advice, Ms Cruickshank?

SARAH CRUICKSHANK: That's an interesting question. Yes, I think it is.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: So far, have they sought any advice from you?

SARAH CRUICKSHANK: I would have to take that on notice and check that with my executive director.

ANSWER

Answer provided by Ms Cruickshank:

The NSW Treasury is the lead agency for the \$3 billion component of the WestInvest Program, the delivery of which is in accordance with established State budget setting processes. The WestInvest Program Office will review each application against Transformational and Liveability criteria within the WestInvest Guidelines.

QUESTION p90

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: But there's nothing to stop the Treasurer or, for that matter, the ERC. But ultimately if it's the Treasurer who is the final decision maker, is he bound by the ERC decision or can he set it aside?

MICHAEL COUTTS-TROTTER: Let me take that one on notice.

ANSWER

Answer provided by Mr Coutts-Trotter:

Payments out of the Fund must be in accordance with section 14 of the *NSW Generations Fund Act 2018*.

QUESTION p90

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Is there any probity guidance whatsoever you can give us in terms of the \$3 billion?

MICHAEL COUTTS-TROTTER: I'm happy to respond on notice about the process and the governance of the process led by the Treasury.

ANSWER

Answer provided by Mr Coutts-Trotter:

Payments out of the Fund must be in accordance with section 14 of the *NSW Generations Fund Act 2018*.

QUESTION p90

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Can you take us through this? Apparently, this is a novel invention that's taken place after the report, which is a good thing, to be clear, and I'm supportive of it. But I'm just wondering can you describe it?

KATHRYN BOYD: We can take it on notice and provide you with an update on where we are at in terms of managing election-related activities, including the Parliamentary Budget Officer engagement.

ANSWER

Answer provided by Ms Boyd:

In accordance with the Government response to the last report of the Parliamentary Budget Officer on the 2019 General State Election, and specifically recommendation 3 of that report, clusters have nominated senior executives as Parliamentary Budget Officer liaison contacts.

These nominations have been coordinated by the Department of Premier and Cabinet and were provided to the Parliamentary Budget Officer on 13 September 2022.

QUESTION p91

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Again, it was one of the things that came through from his report— turns out it was the same PBO as before. There was a need for this coordination function. So, again, it is very welcome that it is being undertaken by DPC. What I'm interested in is have you had input into that operational plan or are you likely to have input into that operational plan in this respect?

KATHRYN BOYD: I believe that we have, but I'll need to take that on notice and check with the director in charge of that process.

ANSWER

Answer provided by Ms Boyd:

The Parliamentary Budget Officer provided a draft copy of a proposed Parliamentary Budget Office Operational plan to the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) on 8 September 2022. DPC provided feedback to the Parliamentary Budget Officer on 20 September 2022.

QUESTION p91

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: How much money did we spend on that process of reforming the ministerial driver arrangements?

SAMARA DOBBINS: I'll need to take it on notice, Mr Mookhey.

ANSWER

Answer provided by Ms Dobbins:

Associated costs to end of September 2022 include (excluding GST):

- Redundancy and outplacement costs: \$466,548
- Recruitment costs: \$166,498