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Women, Seniors, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

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Women, Seniors, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Questions from the Hon. Chris Rath MLC (*on behalf of the Opposition*)

WOMEN

Woman of the Year Awards

1. The 2024 Woman of the Year Awards has no sponsors and Minister Harrison confirmed this during Budget Estimates.
 - (a) Were any sponsors approached to support the Woman of the Year Awards in 2024?
 - (b) If not, why not?
 - (c) What was the value of the sponsorships in 2023 and 2022?
 - (d) What is the cost of the Awards to the Government in 2024?

Regional Visits

2. Minister Harrison, you stated in Budget Estimates that you have been 'doing regional visits'.
 - (a) Which regional communities have you visited in your role as Minister since April?
3. According to your diary disclosures you have not yet met with the Country Women's Association of NSW.
 - (a) Is that correct?
 - (b) Have you requested a meeting with the CWA (NSW)?

SENIORS

Seniors & Housing

4. Is the NSW Government committed to investing in the construction of 5,000 social housing properties every year for the next 10 years, with specific allocation for older people aged 55 years and over?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If not 5,000 social housing properties every year with specific allocation for older people aged 55 years and over, how many is the NSW Government committed to constructing?

5. Will the NSW Government fund a specialist older person's housing information and support service that comprises both an early intervention and crisis response?
 - (a) If not, why not?
6. Will the NSW Government lower the priority age for social housing eligibility from 80 to 55 years as a matter of urgency?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Older Women & Housing

7. Will the NSW Government allocate a portion of Core and Cluster tranche 3 funding to pilot a crisis accommodation support service for older women who have experienced violence?
 - (a) If not, why not?
8. How will the NSW Government ensure suitability of crisis, transitional, and long-term housing built for older women, including trauma informed design, appropriate safety and privacy measures, noise control, proximity to public transport and health services, access to outdoor green areas, and additional space for exercise, work, study, and hobbies?
9. Will the NSW Government provide specific allocation for older women on low incomes in the shared equity housing scheme?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Ageing & Disability Commissioner

10. How much funding was allocated to the Office of the Ageing & Disability Commissioner in the 2023-24 Budget?
 - (a) Can you confirm if this is one-off funding?
 - (b) Will the funding continue in the forward years?
 - (c) If not, why not?
 - (d) How much was allocated to the Commissioner in the 2021-22 Budget?
 - (e) How much was allocated to the Commissioner in the 2022-23 Budget?
11. Has the Minister read the Statutory Review into the Ageing and Disability Commissioner Act 2019 Report?

12. Does the Minister agree that several of the submissions called for the appropriate funding of the Ageing and Disability Commission as a matter of priority to ensure the Commissioner can appropriately carry out his duties?
13. What is the Ageing Commissioner's current salary and operating budget?
14. Will the Minister commit to looking at an increase in funding?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Housing for Older People

15. Is the Minister aware of the report "Housing Issues for People with Disability, Older People and Carers in NSW?"
16. Did the Minister receive a briefing on this report?
17. As Minister for Ageing, what steps have you taken since becoming Minister to advocate for improved access to housing for older people?
18. "Ageing in Place" is preferred by the majority of older people in NSW. It is mentioned in the NSW Ageing Strategy, but this report recommends making it a priority. What is the Minister's view on "Ageing in Place?"
19. Will the Minister commit to making "ageing in place" a priority of its government?

Ageing and Disability Abuse Hotline

20. In 2022-23, the Ageing and Disability Abuse Helpline received 14,024 calls – a 12% increase in calls on the previous year (12,561).
 - (a) Has the hotline been able to handle the increase in calls?
 - (b) How many employees does the helpline have?
 - (c) Are all calls answered straight away?
 - (d) How many calls are going unanswered each day due to staffing levels being unable to meet demand?
 - (e) What are the qualifications of the staff answering the calls?
 - (f) What are you doing to increase employees or improve employee retention?
 - (g) Will the Labor Government increase funding to the hotline to ensure that everyone who calls the hotline can speak to someone immediately?

NSW Ministerial Council on Ageing (MACA)

21. Can you explain your understanding of the role of the MACA?
22. Does the Minister respect the opinions, judgements and advice given to you by the MACA?
23. Did the Minister consult with MACA when you scrapped the NSW Regional Travel Card, affecting over 1 million NSW Seniors?
24. Has the Minister tasked the group with specific programs or responsibilities?
25. How many of the members of MACA are living and working in regional NSW?

PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

Domestic & Family Violence Prevention Plan

26. Is the NSW Government committed to a 50% increase in funding to the specialist domestic and family violence sector to ensure all victim-survivors, vulnerable children and their families receive immediate, effective, high quality specialist support, including those who do not choose to seek redress via the criminal justice system?
 - (a) If not, why not?
27. Will the NSW Government allocate additional funding to implement the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Primary Prevention Plan due for release in late 2023, to change the culture of gendered violence in NSW?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) if yes, how much funding will be allocated?
28. Early childhood settings, primary and secondary schools, TAFEs, training colleges and universities all have a role to play in preventing violence in our community. What is the NSW Government doing to fund and support primary prevention initiatives in TAFEs, colleges and universities to address the underlying gendered drivers of sexual, domestic and family violence as identified in the Change the Story: A shared framework for the primary prevention of violence against women and their children in Australia (Our Watch, 2015, updated 2021)?
29. Will the NSW Government allocate additional funding to implement the NSW Domestic and Family Violence 10-year Workforce Development plan, due for release in 2024?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Services for Aboriginal and Torres Islander Communities

30. What is the NSW Government doing to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and organisations are involved in addressing the devastating impact of domestic and family violence on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in NSW?
31. The Aboriginal Women’s Advisory Network were established in 2022 to improve the safety and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children. They are an integral initiative to support Closing the Gap Target 13, yet the NSW Government has only provided short-term funding which will expire in June 2024. Will the NSW Government commit to ongoing funding for AWAN to continue to advance the rights and interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children?
32. Considering the impact of domestic and family violence in the Aboriginal community, does the NSW Government intend to fund primary violence prevention initiatives in New South Wales which align with Changing the picture: A national resource to support the prevention of violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and their children (Our Watch, 2018)?
 - (a) If not, why not?
33. What is the NSW Government doing to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who are experiencing violence can access specialist and culturally safe support?

Coercive Control Training

34. Is the NSW Government committed to substantially increasing investment in the ongoing education and training of police and the judiciary in how to effectively and appropriately police and prosecute domestic and family violence crimes, including non-physical abuse and coercive control?
 - (a) If not, why not?
35. During Budget Estimates Anne Campbell from DCJ stated in relation to NSW Police training for the coercive control legislation “That training was developed in collaboration with DV specialists.” Could you clarify what the Department meant by ‘developed in collaboration with the sector.’
36. What is the Government’s response to calls from the domestic and family sector for police to share a copy of the training content with sector and lived experts?
 - (a) Will this be provided?
37. What is the Government’s response to calls from the domestic and family violence sector for co-design and co-facilitation of police training on coercive control?

38. During Budget Estimates Minister Harrison stated that all police have received online training regarding the coercive control offence under phase 1.
- (a) Will all NSW police officers have completed this by July 1, 2024?
 - (b) On average how long does it take NSW Police Officers to complete this online training?
39. Anne Campbell elaborated that specialist police would receive further face-to-face training in phase 2.
- (a) How many police will receive phase 2 training?
 - (b) Does phase 2 training include General Duties Officers?
40. Given the complexity of coercive control, ongoing face-to-face training for all General Duties and Specialist Police Officers is vital. How often will this face-to-face training be provided for existing officers (ie in addition to the Constable development program)?

Domestic Violence and Misidentification

41. In May 2023, Domestic Violence NSW hosted a forum on the misidentification of the predominant aggressor, from which stemmed the following six calls to action:
- The Attorney-General commission the NSW Law Reform Commission or a special taskforce to undertake a broad review of the Crimes (Personal & Domestic Violence) Act looking at legislation and practice in order to address wide scale, systemic misidentification.
 - Ongoing investment in co-designed and co-delivered initiatives to deliver cultural and systems change to address and prevent misidentification.
 - Ensure transparency and accountability in the implementation of recommendations from the evaluation of the current Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service co-location pilot within Police Stations.
 - Investment of substantial, ongoing funding for coordination and delivery of state-wide prevention initiatives across sectors, to address public discourse and attitudes in workplaces and educational institutions, linked to the NSW primary prevention strategy (in development).
 - Fund the establishment of a working group from within existing structures, such as the Domestic Violence Reforms Consultation Group, to examine and make recommendations to address and prevent misidentification across all systems.

- Create oversight by an independent body to ensure the recommendations are implemented and examine appropriate opportunities for expansion.
42. What steps is the NSW Government taking to address these calls to action, as well as misidentification of the predominant aggressor in domestic violence matters in general?

Multicultural Communities

43. In November 2022, Domestic Violence NSW co-hosted a multicultural forum alongside Settlement Services International, Muslim Women Australia and Immigrant Women's Speak Out, from which stemmed the following [six calls to action](#).

- Ensure the NSW DFV and Sexual Assault Plans have targeted procurement and strategies to respond to DFV in multicultural communities, in line with the National Plan.
- Double funding for specialist DFV services and fund multicultural organisations to provide coordinated and tailored support for multicultural communities experiencing violence.
- Fund the DFV specialist sector to build the capacity of multicultural specialist workers to enhance responses for people experiencing DFV in multicultural communities.
- Increase support for primary prevention and early intervention strategies, ensuring they are co-designed, community-led and are inclusive of boys and men from multicultural and multifaith backgrounds.
- Universal access to support for temporary visa holders experiencing DFV including income, health care and housing, as per the recommendations of the National Advocacy Group for Women on Temporary Visa.
- Establish a DFV Multicultural Committee as part of the NSW DFV and Sexual Assault Council to inform whole-of-government strategies at the intersections of multiculturalism and DFV.

44. What steps is the NSW Government taking to address these calls to action?

Domestic Violence Regional Services

45. Considering the limited access to services in regional New South Wales, what commitment has the NSW Government made to urgently increase funding to rural and regional specialist domestic and family violence services to meet demand and ensure accessible services for all victim-survivors?

Disability and Violence

46. Following the Disability Royal Commission, will the NSW Government actively support the federal, state and territory governments develop a five-year Action Plan for Women and Children

With Disability to accompany the National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-2032?

(a) If not, why not?

47. Following the Disability Royal Commission, will the NSW Government amend its legislative definitions of family and domestic violence to include:

- All relationships in which people with disability experience family and domestic violence, including but not limited to carer and support worker relationships
- Disability-based violence and abuse
- All domestic settings, including but not limited to supported accommodation such as group homes, respite centres and boarding houses?

(a) If not, why not?

48. During Budget Estimates Minister Harrison said that “all of the recommendations that the Law Enforcement and Conduct Commission (LECC) have made are valid recommendations.” Will the Government commit to implementing all of the recommendations?

(a) If not, why not?

Women’s Safety Commissioner

49. During Budget Estimates Michael Tidball from DCJ indicated that 15 full time positions will report to Ms. Tonkin. Are these additional positions or existing positions within the Department?

(a) What will be the roles of these 15 positions?

Funding

50. During Budget Estimates Minister Harrison stated that “The NSW Budget for 2023-24 in relation to spending on domestic and family violence is on track for \$417.2 million. Can a breakdown be provided on how this \$417.2 million is allocated, specifying the dollar amount for each specific domestic and family violence service stream?

(a) How much is allocated for Staying Home Leaving Violence?

(b) How much is allocated for the Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services?

(c) How much is allocated for men’s behaviour change programs?

(d) How much is allocated for the Core and Cluster program?

(e) How much is allocated for Safer Pathways?

- (f) Can you clarify how much the Government is spending in 2023-24 on domestic violence programs and services?
51. During Budget Estimates Minister Harrison stated that “In the previous year when the Liberal-Nationals were in Government there was \$226.5 million.” What are the additional programs and services that are funded in 2023-24 that were not funded in the previous year or have been expanded compared to the previous year?
- (a) Can you clarify how much the previous Government spent in the 2022-23 financial year on domestic and family violence programs and services and where that was spent?
52. During Budget Estimates Minister Harrison referred to funding for 20 specialist children’s workers in refuges being extended for another 12 months in the 2023-24 budget. Will the Government commit to ongoing funding for these children’s workers, and expanding the specialist workers to all specialist domestic and family violence services in NSW?

Core and Cluster

53. The Liberals & Nationals in Government committed \$484.3 million over 4 years (\$77 million to be spent in the 2022-23 financial year) to deliver 75 new core and cluster refuges. How much of the \$77 million was spent in the last financial year?
54. Is there any additional funding in the 2023-24 Budget for the implementation of the Core and Cluster model?
55. Have concerns been raised with you from the domestic violence sector in relation to the confidentiality of the sites of the new refuges being delivered under the core and cluster model?
- (a) If yes, what have you done to address those concerns to ensure the safety and security of women and children using the new refuges?

Coercive Control Taskforce

56. It was stated during Budget Estimates that *‘there is a health representative on the taskforce, Ms Deborah Willcox, who is a Deputy Secretary in the Department of Health, who does play a very active role in the work of the Taskforce. Where Ms Willcox is unable to attend, there has always been a health representative. Within the Department of Health, from the Department of Health, there’s been very active engagement.’*
- (a) What knowledge and experience of coercive control and its health impacts does the representative have?

- (b) What knowledge and experience does the representative have of the community health sector?
- (c) We know that a large proportion of women disclose domestic and family violence in health settings and in particular with GP's. How are GP's being engaged for implementation?
- (d) How are GP's being supported to understand coercive control and how it might present?
- (e) Who are GP's directed to refer their patients who disclose domestic and family violence and/or coercive control to for support?
- (f) Given the health impacts of coercive control do you think one representative on the taskforce is adequate?

Sexual Assault in Aged Care

57. What actions has the Minister taken to reduce the assault of women in aged care facilities, noting that the evidence shows there are 52 reports of women being assaulted in aged care facilities each week across Australia?
- (a) Is there mandatory reporting of sexual assault in aged care facilities in NSW?
 - (b) If not, why not?

CARERS & VOLUNTEERS

Department Liaison Officers

58. Have any Department Liaison Officers (DLOs) in the Minister's office engaged or are engaging in party political work and/or activities?
59. Did the Minister or any Ministerial staff have any involvement in the recruitment or employment of DLO staff?
60. Have any DLOs in the Minister's office been included in meetings where party political matters were discussed?
61. Have any DLO positions been advertised publicly?
62. Have any recruitment services been engaged for the employment of DLOs?
- (a) If yes:
 - i. What companies were engaged?
 - ii. Were the positions advertised?

- iii. What was the cost of the recruitment services?
- iv. What was the cost of the advertising?
- v. Were any individuals interviewed by the Minister or staff within the Minister's office?
- vi. Were any DLOs subsequently employed?
- vii. Were any DLOs employed on a contract or fixed term basis or were they employed as on-going departmental employees?

Staffing

63. How many staff in the Minister's office advise on the following portfolios:
- (a) Women?
 - (b) Seniors?
 - (c) Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault?
 - (d) Carers?
 - (e) Volunteers?

Discretionary Fund

64. Does the Minister have any discretionary funds?
- (a) If yes, what is the total amount that has been made available to the Minister?
 - i. How much has already been expended?
 - ii. What is the dollar value breakdown on what the discretionary funds have been expended on?
65. Have any funds allocated to programs in the 2022-23 NSW Budget have been repurposed or redirected in the 2023-24 Budget?

Government Webpages

66. Are all government webpages relating to the Minister's portfolio responsibilities up to date and current?

2023-24 NSW Budget – Carers

67. In this year's Budget, how much has been allocated to carers?
- (a) What is the dollar value breakdown for each allocation?

Unpaid Carers

68. How many unpaid carers are there in NSW?
 - (a) How many unpaid carers are under the age of 25 years?
69. What work is being undertaken to identify young carers in the community?
70. What work is being undertaken to engage with young carers particularly those who are still at school to provide support and assistance?
71. How many schools participate in the “Being a Carer, Being a Student and Being a Kid”?
 - (a) Can you provide a list of these schools?
72. How many young carers participate in the “Being a Carer, Being a Student and Being a Kid”?

2023-24 NSW Budget – Volunteers

73. In this year’s Budget, how much has been allocated to volunteers?
 - (a) What is the dollar value breakdown for each allocation?

NSW Volunteer Recruitment Portal

74. How many organisations are registered on the portal currently?
 - (a) DCJ has partnered with SEEK Volunteer to deliver the Volunteer Recruitment Portal, why not LinkedIn or Indeed as well?
75. What is the total number of visits to the NSW Volunteer Recruitment Portal from January 2022 to December 2022?
 - (a) How many visits from January 2023 to date?
76. How many expressions of interest submitted for available volunteering opportunities from January 2022 to December 2022?
 - (a) How many expressions of interest from January 2023 to date?

NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards

77. How much is DCJ currently contributing to the Centre for Volunteering as sponsorship?

OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS

Merchant fees

78. Please provide a list of all transactions where customers need to pay a merchant fee on credit and/or debit card payments in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities.
79. Please provide the percentage and/or amount of the merchant fees applied to all credit and/or debit card payments/transactions payments in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities.
80. What was the total amount paid in merchant fees on credit and/or debit card payments made by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?

Website Usage

81. What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?
82. What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?

Ministerial disclosures

83. Did you make any updates to your Ministerial disclosure on or after 2 August 2023?
 - (a) If yes, what prompted this update to your disclosure?

Labour Hire Firms

84. Have any Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities utilised the services of Labour Hire Firms since 28 March 2023? If yes, please advise in table form:
 - (a) The names of the firms utilised.
 - (b) The total amount paid to each firm engaged.
 - (c) The average tenure period for an employee provided by a labour hire company.
 - (d) The longest tenure for an employee provided by a labour hire company.
 - (e) The duties conducted by employees engaged through a labour hire company.
 - (f) The office locations of employees engaged through a labour hire company.
 - (g) The highest hourly or daily rate paid to an employee provided by a labour hire company.

Hospitality

85. How much has your ministerial office spent on hospitality, including catering and beverages, since 28 March 2023?

86. How much have Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities spent on hospitality, including catering and beverages, since 28 March 2023?
87. Have you been the recipient of any free hospitality?
- (a) What was the total value of the hospitality received?
88. Have any staff members in your office been the recipient of any free hospitality?
- (a) What was the total value of the hospitality received?
- (b) Are these gifts of hospitality declared publicly?
- (c) Do staff declare their gifts publicly?

Departmental Credit Cards

89. For each department, statutory agency and/or other body in the Minister's portfolio please report:
- (a) How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff?
- i. Please provide a break-down of this information by grade.
- (b) What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card for the last year?
- (c) What was each largest reported purchase for?
- (d) What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period and what was the card holder's employment grade?
- (e) How many credit cards have been reported lost or stolen?
- i. What was the cost to replace them?
- (f) How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy?
- i. What was the total value of those purchases?
- ii. How many purchases were asked to be repaid on the basis that they were illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and what was the total value thereof?
- iii. Were all those amounts repaid?
- iv. If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?
- (g) What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and asked to be repaid, and what was the cardholder's employment grade?
- i. What amount was repaid, in full?

- ii. What amount was left unpaid?
- (h) Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes?
 - i. Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?
- (i) Can a copy of the staff credit card policy please be provided

Agency Invoices

- 90. How many invoices to suppliers or contactors from your portfolio agency were not paid on time since 28 March 2023, broken down by agency?
- 91. How many invoices to suppliers or contactors from your portfolio agency were paid over 30 days late on time since 28 March 2023, broken down by agency?
- 92. How many invoices to suppliers or contactors from your portfolio agency were paid over 60 days late on time since 28 March 2023, broken down by agency?
 - (a) What was the penalty for paying suppliers or contactors late, broken down by agency?

Car/Driver

- 93. Has your Ministerial car been subject to any traffic or parking fines?
 - (a) If so, please provide details of each fine?
 - (b) Who was driving the car at the time of each incident?
 - (c) Who paid any of the fines?
- 94. Has your Ministerial Car been pulled over by the police?
 - (a) If so, who was driving the car?

Complaints

- 95. Has the Minister been the subject of any workplace complaints, including bullying, harassment, and sexual harassment?

Consultants

- 96. How much did the Department/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities spend in legal costs since 28 March 2023?
 - (a) For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?

97. Have any Department/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice since 28 March 2023:
- (a) Social media?
 - i. What were the cost of these services?
 - (b) Photography?
 - i. What were the cost of these services?
 - (c) Videography?
 - i. What were the cost of these services?
 - (d) Acting training?
 - i. What were the cost of these services?
 - (e) Ergonomics?
 - i. What were the cost of these services?
98. Since 28 March 2023, how many consultancy contracts have been signed in your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?
- (a) What was the individual amount of each contract?
 - (b) What is the purpose of each contract?
 - (c) Who was the contract with?
 - (d) Did the contract go to a competitive tender?

Department/Agency Staffing

99. How many senior executive service employees were employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities on:
- (a) 28 March 2023?
 - (b) 23 October 2023?
100. What is the expenditure on senior executive service employees employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?
101. How many individuals were employed as internal legal counsel by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities on:
- (a) 28 March 2023?

- (b) 23 October 2023?
102. What is the expenditure on internal legal counsel employees employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities 28 March 2023?
103. How many redundancies were processed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?
- (a) Of these redundancies, how many were:
- i. Voluntary
 - ii. Forced
- (b) What was the total cost of all redundancies in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?
104. Is any former employee from your ministerial office now employed by any Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?
105. How many staff were dismissed from each Department/agency under your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?
- (a) Without identifying individuals, what were the reason(s) for each dismissal?
106. What was the total amount each of the Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities spent on stationery since 28 March 2023?
107. How many employees in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities are working in an 'acting' capacity?
108. What is the average number of days worked from home by employees in each Department/Agency within your portfolio responsibilities?
109. What was the total expenditure since 28 March 2023 by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities on:
- (a) Taxi hire?
 - (b) Ridesharing services?
 - (c) Limousine/private car hire?
 - (d) Hire car rental?
110. Do any senior executive service employees in any of the Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities have a driver that is paid for by the Department/agency?

- (a) If so, what is the number of senior executive service employees that have a driver, and which senior executive service employees have a driver?
 - (b) How much was spent on these drivers since 28 March 2023?
111. Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?
112. Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on domestic flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?
- (a) Of these, how many flights were taken in business class?
 - (b) Of these, how many flights were taken in first class?
113. Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on overseas flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?
- (a) Of these, how many flights were taken in business class?
 - (b) Of these, how many flights were taken in first class?

Efficiency Dividends

114. Was an efficiency dividend applied to any Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities in the 2023-24 NSW Budget?
- (a) If so, what was the efficiency dividend applied to each Department/agency?
 - (b) What measures are being considered to achieve this efficiency dividend?

GIPA Applications

115. How many GIPA Applications have been received by your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?
- (a) How many of these Applications have been accepted?
 - (b) How many of these Applications have been rejected?
 - (c) If so, what were the reasons provided?
 - (d) How many of these Applications were re-assigned?
 - (e) How many of these Applications had fees waived/reduced?
 - (f) Please provide in table form the following details of each Application received by your office:
 - i. Date received.

- ii. Date acknowledged.
- iii. Date responded.
- iv. The description provided for the information sought.

116. How many GIPA Applications have been received by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?

- (a) How many of these Applications have been accepted?
- (b) How many of these Applications have been rejected?
 - i. If so, what were the reasons provided?
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Media and Public Relations

117. How much has your ministerial office spent on advertising or sponsored posts since 28 March 2023 on the following social media platforms:

- (a) Facebook
- (b) Instagram
- (c) LinkedIn
- (d) TikTok
- (e) YouTube
- (f) WhatsApp
- (g) X (formerly known as Twitter)

118. How much has each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities spent on advertising or sponsored posts since 28 March 2023 on the following social media platforms:

- (a) Facebook
 - (b) Instagram
 - (c) LinkedIn
 - (d) TikTok
 - (e) YouTube
 - (f) WhatsApp
 - (g) X (formerly known as Twitter)
119. Have you had media training or public speaking training?
- (a) If yes, who paid for it?
 - (b) If paid by taxpayers, what was the amount paid since 28 March 2023?
120. How many media or public relations advisers are employed for each of your portfolio agencies and what is the total cost to employ these advisers?
121. What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities and their total cost?
122. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?

Office Administration

123. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS6 grade for the following months:
- (a) April
 - (b) May
 - (c) June
 - (d) July
 - (e) August
 - (f) September
 - (g) October

124. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS5 grade for the following months:
- (a) April
 - (b) May
 - (c) June
 - (d) July
 - (e) August
 - (f) September
 - (g) October
125. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS4 grade for the following months:
- (a) April
 - (b) May
 - (c) June
 - (d) July
 - (e) August
 - (f) September
 - (g) October
126. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS3 grade for the following months:
- (a) April
 - (b) May
 - (c) June
 - (d) July
 - (e) August
 - (f) September
 - (g) October

127. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS2 grade for the following months:

- (a) April
- (b) May
- (c) June
- (d) July
- (e) August
- (f) September
- (g) October

128. How many staff members were employed in your ministerial office at the MS1 grade for the following months:

- (a) April
- (b) May
- (c) June
- (d) July
- (e) August
- (f) September
- (g) October

129. What is the average salary for staff members in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?

130. How many DLOs were seconded to your ministerial office for the following months:

- (a) April
- (b) May
- (c) June
- (d) July
- (e) August
- (f) September
- (g) October

131. How many people are employed in your ministerial office as at 1 October 2023?
132. How many women are employed in your Ministerial office as at 1 October 2023?
133. How many staff employed in your ministerial office identify as culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) as at 1 October 2023?
134. How many staff employed in your ministerial office identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander as at 1 October 2023?
135. How many staff in your office are employed as media advisers or have responsibility for media/social media/communications?
136. How many staff in your office are employed as policy advisers or have responsibility for policy work?
137. How many staff in your office are employed as 'caucus liaison officers'?
 - (a) What are the responsibilities allocated to 'caucus liaison officers'?
 - (b) Have 'caucus liaison officers' been directed to only work with Government MPs?
 - (c) Do 'caucus liaison officers' contact members of the Australian Labor Party as part of their regular work duties?
138. How many staff members employed in your office under the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 have been seconded from a NSW Government Department/agency?
 - (a) Please list each Department/agency staff members have been seconded from.
139. What is your ministerial office budget for 2023-24?
 - (a) How much of this budget is allocated to staff?
140. How many iPhones/Smart Phones are assigned to staff in your ministerial office?
 - (a) For each phone, how much was each bill in 2022-23?
 - (b) How many phones have been lost or replaced due to damage in your office?
 - i. What is the cost of replacing those phones?
141. How many iPads or tablets are assigned to your ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
 - (a) What was the cost of providing iPads or tablets to your ministerial office in 2022-23?
 - (b) How many iPads or tablets have been replaced due to lost or damage in 2022-23?

- i. What was the cost of replacing these devices?
142. How many laptops has the Premier's Department or The Cabinet Office assigned to your ministerial office and to whom have they been issued?
 - (a) What was the cost of providing laptops to your ministerial office in 2022-23?
 - (b) How many laptops have been replaced due to lost or damage in 2022-23?
 - i. What was the cost of replacing these devices?
143. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?
 - (a) What is the cost of this?
144. Have any floral displays or indoor plants been hired or leased for display in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?
 - (a) If so, what was the cost of these items?
145. What was the total amount your office spent on stationery since 28 March 2023?
146. What brand of paper is used in your office?
 - (a) Is it recycled paper?
 - (b) Is it Australian made paper?
147. What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals, and periodicals since 28 March 2023?
 - (a) What are these services/newspapers/magazines/journals/periodicals?
148. What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by you and your office since 28 March 2023?
 - (a) What were the gifts purchased?
 - i. Who were they gifted to?
149. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
 - (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?
150. What is the total spend for your office since 28 March 2023 for:
 - (a) Taxi hire?
 - (b) Ridesharing services?
 - (c) Hire car rental?

(d) Limousine/private car hire?

151. Were any planes or helicopters chartered by you or your office and paid for with public money since 28 March 2023?

(a) If yes, please provide details of the trip including the date of the trip, purpose of the trip, the method of transport and the cost?

Overseas Trips

152. Have you had any overseas trips paid for using public funds since 28 March 2023?

(a) If yes, did any of your relatives or friends accompany you on these trips?

153. Have you undertaken any official overseas travel that was privately funded since 28 March 2023?

(a) If yes, what was the nature of these trips?

(b) Who paid for these trips?

Parliamentary Secretary

154. Does your Parliamentary Secretary have pass access to your ministerial office?

155. Does your Parliamentary Secretary have a desk in your ministerial office?

156. Has your Parliamentary Secretary spoken on any pieces of legislation on your behalf? If so which legislation?

157. What event/meetings has your Parliamentary Secretary attended on your behalf?

(a) Please provide in table form the date and the purpose of the event/meeting.

158. How often do you meet with your Parliamentary Secretary?

159. Has your Parliamentary Secretary travelled overseas since 28 March 2023?

(a) If so, when, and where?

(b) If so, what was the cost of:

i. Airfares?

ii. Accommodation?

iii. Food and beverage?

iv. Transportation?

v. Entertainment?

160. Has your Parliamentary Secretary travelled domestically since 28 March 2023?

- (a) If so, when, and where?
- (b) If so, what was the cost of:
 - i. Airfares?
 - ii. Accommodation?
 - iii. Food and beverage?
 - iv. Transportation?
 - v. Entertainment?

161. Has your Parliamentary Secretary received training?

- (a) If so, was it speech, voice, or media training?
- (b) If yes, who provided this training, on what date and at what cost

Probity Auditor

162. Has your office or department used a Probity Auditor or Probity Advisors, or similar, since 28 March 2023?

- (a) If so please list the company and/or individual, the project, the engagement dates, and their total remuneration in tabular format.

Qantas

163. Are you a Member of the Qantas Chairmans Club?

- (a) Have you ever previously been a member? When did you cease to be a member?
- (b) When did you initially become a member?
- (c) When was this declared on the Ministerial gifts register?

Training

164. Have you received any training since becoming a Minister?

- (a) If yes, please provide the details of what the training was.

165. Have you received any speech, vocal or performance training?

- (a) If so, what was the cost?
- (b) Was this cost covered by the taxpayer?

Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

ADVOs

166. How many recorded breaches have there been of ADVOs and AVOs in FY 2022-23?
- (a) How many of those breaches received a penalty or action?

Subsidies for social workers

167. NSW recently committed to providing [tertiary subsidies](#) for some healthcare workers. Social workers have to undertake 500+ hours of unpaid placement. Will you be advocating for the tertiary subsidisation of social workers?

Hospitalisations

168. How many admissions at NSW hospitals were recorded for domestic and family violence related incidents in:
- (a) FY 2018/19?
- (b) FY 2019/20?
- (c) FY 2020/21?
- (d) FY 2021/22?
- (e) FY 2022/23?
169. How many admissions at NSW hospitals were recorded for sexual violence in:
- (a) FY 2018/19?
- (b) FY 2019/20?
- (c) FY 2020/21?
- (d) FY 2021/22?
- (e) FY 2022/23?

Sex Workers DVDRT

170. Have you or will you host a sex worker roundtable as recommended by the Domestic Violence Death Review Team?

Offender stats

171. What are the reoffending percentages for perpetrators of domestic violence in:

- (a) FY 2018/19?
- (b) FY 2019/20?
- (c) FY 2020/21?
- (d) FY 2021/22?
- (e) FY 2022/23?

172. What are the reoffending percentages for perpetrators of sexual violence in:

- (a) FY 2018/19?
- (b) FY 2019/20?
- (c) FY 2020/21?
- (d) FY 2021/22?
- (e) FY 2022/23?

Workforce

173. Will you undertake to request the re-examination of the award for social workers?

174. Of the 148 new frontline workers, how many will be in the Hunter?

- (a) Will domestic and family violence (DFV) service providers in the Hunter be consulted to determine the number of workers, classifications, and locations?
- (b) Will these positions be permanent or fixed term contracts?

175. To maintain a highly skilled DFV workforce, can the existing free DCJ SHS Training - run by Chandler Macleod Managed Training Systems (MTS) - be made available to all DFV workers?

176. On the back of the success of the Primary Health Network pilot project on the Central Coast where women and children victims-survivors of DFV in refuge accommodation had access to health workers, will there be funding to implement similar Primary Health access in all Core and Cluster refuges?

Housing

177. Is the NSW Government committed to investing in the construction of new social and affordable housing, at the equivalent of 6,000 social housing properties every year for the next five years?

- (a) If not, why not?

178. Is it expected that the NSW Government will meet its original Core and Cluster refuge funding targets of a total of 75 refuges, and a total of 21 Aboriginal-led refuges?
- (a) If not, why not?
179. What is the current and projected number of dedicated domestic and family violence emergency accommodation general places available for women and children in NSW across the next 5 years? Please break down by postcode.

Children and Domestic Violence

180. What programs and services currently exist to specifically support children who have experienced domestic and family violence?
- (a) Are there any programs tailored to meet the needs of the child outside of what may be offered to the impacted parent?
- (b) Can you give details to the locations and capacities of these services?
181. How many Children's Specialist DFV workers are currently available across NSW?
182. What processes currently exist to ensure that the children of victims escaping domestic violence situations are assessed and/or provided with services to support their healing?

Domestic Violence and Family Violence Reform Project

183. In relation to the Domestic and Family Violence Reform Project established by NSW Police in 2022, please provide details on the suite of proposed strategies and policies expected to be delivered.
- (a) What is the timeline for the rollout of the Project?