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Supplementary questions

Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

Questions from Hon John Ruddick MLC
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Sax Institute – *Evidence Check: Evidence for effective interventions for children and young people with gender dysphoria – update*, dated February 2024

- (1) Did the Sax Institute charge the NSW Ministry of Health a fee/charge/cost etc. for the production of the Evidence Check?
 - (a) If so, how much was the fee/charge/cost etc.?
 - (b) If so, has the fee/charge/cost etc. been paid?
- (2) Did the NSW Ministry of Health have any input whatsoever into the research and preparation of the Evidence Check?
 - (a) If so, what was that input?
- (3) Did the NSW Ministry of Health have any input whatsoever into reviewing and commenting on any drafts of the Evidence Check?
 - (a) If so, what was that input?
 - (b) If so, who within the NSW Ministry of Health undertook the reviewing and commenting on any drafts?
- (4) Did the Minister for Health, or anyone from the Minister for Health's Office have any input whatsoever into reviewing and commenting on any drafts of the Evidence Check?
 - (a) If so, what was the input from the Minister for Health?
 - (b) If so, what was the input for the Minister for Health's Office?
- (5) Regarding the conclusion in the Evidence Check found on page 164, it states in the first dot point headed "*Puberty suppression treatment*":

“However, the strength of **this evidence remains low.**”

- (a) In light of this clear statement made by the Sax Institute that “this evidence remains low”, how can the NSW Ministry of Health continue to offer puberty suppression treatment in its facilities to children and young people who may be or are gender dysphoric?

- (6) Regarding the conclusion in the Evidence Check found on page 164, it states in the third dot point headed “*Gender-affirming chest surgery*”:

“Updated evidence reported **generally positive** findings for chest surgery”

- (a) The phrase “generally positive” by definition implies that there are individuals who were not positive about their gender-affirming chest surgery.
- i. Regarding gender-affirming chest surgery being undertaken in NSW Ministry of Health facilities, what ongoing engagement, monitoring and care is provided to individuals who have negative experiences associated with their surgery?
- (7) Regarding the conclusion in the Evidence Check found on page 164, it states in the third dot point headed “*Gender-affirming chest surgery*”:

“Although this update provides some additional evidence that supports chest surgery, **methodological flaws**, particularly the confounding effect of concurrent gender dysphoria interventions, were reported.”

- (a) Regarding the reference to “methodological flaws” that have been expressed, what steps have been taken by the NSW Ministry of Health to establish the extent of “methodological flaws” relating to gender-affirming chest surgery evidence identified and considered in the 2020 Sax Institute report titled *Evidence Check: Evidence for effective interventions for children and young people with gender dysphoria*?

NSW Ministry of Health’s funding to headspace

- (8) Does the NSW Ministry of Health provide funding/grants/reimbursements/donations in kind etc. to headspace?
- (a) If so, and the funding/grants/reimbursements/donations in kind etc. to headspace is made on an annual basis either calendar year or financial year, what have been the amounts or donations in kind etc. for:
- i. 2022 calendar year or 2021/2022 financial year?
- ii. 2023 calendar year or 2022/2023 financial year?
- iii. 2024 calendar year or 2023/2024 financial year?
- iv. 2025 calendar year or 2024/2025 financial year?

Report on the Statutory Review of the *Abortion Law Reform Act 2019*, dated September 2024 and tabled in the Parliament on 11th February 2025

(9) In the Executive Summary found on page 3 of the Statutory Review report it states:

“In November 2023, the Minister for Health provided approval for the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) to commence the Review. The Review considered the operation of the Act since its commencement, with **particular consideration** given to the following:

- Eligibility and requirements of health practitioners to provide terminations, including:
 - who can perform a termination,
 - requirements to provide information about counselling, and
 - requirements related to conscientious objection.
- Notification requirements by health practitioners as outlined in section 15 of the Act.”

(a) When was it decided that these matters would be given “particular consideration” with respect to the Statutory Review?

(b) Who decided that these matters would be given “particular consideration” with respect to the Statutory Review?

(c) Did the Minister for Health, or anyone from the Minister for Health’s Office have any discussion, engagement or communication with the NSW Ministry of Health with respect to what would be the matters to be given “particular consideration” regarding the Statutory Review?

i. If so, what were the matters raised by the Minister for Health to be given “particular consideration”?

ii. If so, what were the matters raised by the Minister for Health’s Office to be given “particular consideration”?

(10) In Appendix 2 found on page 17 of the Statutory Review report, it lists the stakeholders who were engaged in the review of the operation of the Abortion Law Reform Act 2019.

(a) Who developed the list of stakeholders?

(11) With respect to the stakeholder list, why were the following individuals, organisations, NGOs and faith groups not invited to participate in the Statutory Review, given that they were significantly involved, through making submissions and/or providing oral evidence in the Legislative Council’s Inquiry into the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019?

- (a) Ms Bronwyn Melville, Newcastle Pregnancy Help?
 - (b) Ms Tiana Legge, Women and Babies Support (WOMBS)?
 - (c) Professor Anna Walsh, School of Law, University of Notre Dame, Sydney?
 - (d) Professor Margaret Somerville, School of Medicine, University of Notre Dame, Sydney?
 - (e) Mr Michael McAuley, St Thomas More Society?
 - (f) Mr Martyn Iles, The Australian Christian Lobby?
 - (g) Dr Rachel Carling, Right to Life NSW?
 - (h) Ms Terri Kelleher, Australian Family Association?
 - (i) Mr Rocky Mimmo, Ambrose Centre for Religious Liberty?
 - (j) Professor Bernadette Tobin, Plunkett Centre for Ethics?
 - (k) Ms Rachael Wong, Women's Forum Australia?
 - (l) Dr Simon McCaffrey, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist?
 - (m) Dr John Whitehall, Christian Medical and Dental Fellowship?
 - (n) Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney?
 - (o) Bishop Daniel, Bishop for the Coptic Orthodox Church, Diocese of Sydney?
 - (p) Rabbi Nochum Schapiro, Rabbinical Council of Australia?
 - (q) Archbishop Glenn Davies, Anglican Archbishop of Sydney?
 - (r) Reverend Joseph Azize, Maronite Eparchy of Australia?
 - (s) His Eminence Archbishop Haigazoun Najarian, Primate Diocese of the Armenian Church of Australia and New Zealand?
 - (t) Metropolitan Basilios Kodseie, Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia?
 - (u) Imam Hassan Elsetohy, Australian National Imams Council of NSW
- (12) Regarding the Report on the Statutory Review of the Abortion Law Reform Act 2019, dated September 2024 and tabled in the Parliament on 11th February 2025:
- (a) Was a copy of the report, its content and/or its recommendations (in draft or final form) shared by anybody employed or engaged with the NSW Ministry of Health before it was tabled in the Parliament?

- i. If so, with who?
- (b) Was a copy of the report, its content and/or its recommendations (in draft or final form) shared by the Minister for Health before it was tabled in the Parliament?
 - i. If so, with who?
- (c) Was a copy of the report, its content and/or its recommendations (in draft or final form) shared by anyone from the Minister for Health's Office before it was tabled in the Parliament?
 - i. If so, with who?

Palliative Care Spending

- (13) The NSW Health Annual Report 2023/2024 did not provide any information pursuant to the reporting obligations contained in Section 185 Annual report to include information about palliative care spending of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2022.
 - (a) Why not?
- (14) Will the NSW Health Annual Report 2024/2025 include all information that is required in the reporting obligations contained in Section 185 Annual report to include information about palliative care spending of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2022?

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

Goulburn Ambulance Services

- (15) In the Media Release on the 15th September 2023, The NSW Government announced 500 paramedics for regional, rural and remote NSW, and said that "additional paramedics will help improve ambulance response times for life-threatening callouts and medical emergencies, and therefore improved patient outcomes and experiences". Can you explain how prioritising the removal of on-call rosters, aligns with the announcement.
- (16) Can you confirm if there are any restrictions placed upon you in the distribution of the 500 paramedics in the regional 500 program, or if the allocation is up to the Commissioner's discretion?
- (17) The Bureau of Health Information data shows that the response times in the South Coast of NSW remains well above the state average despite a doubling of paramedics from 51 to 104 FTE. Considering the South Coast example, can you tell us how NSW Ambulance believes the removal of on-call has any bearing on improved patient outcomes?

- (18) Given that Mossvale, Colovale, and Bargo are significantly closer to Bowral (10, 15, and 25 minutes, respectively) compared to Crookwell (30 minutes from Goulburn) and that Crookwell (Goulburn's nearest station) operates with just one crew of two paramedics daily. Can you provide the specific data just that justified prioritising Mossvale and Colovale over Goulburn for significantly larger FTE resource allocation?
- (19) In Budget Estimates on the 27th of February, Commissioner Morgan said that consultation had occurred with regional communities regarding the 500 regional, rural and remote NSW paramedic rollout. Could you please advise when consultation took place with the regional community of Goulburn and its surrounding stations.
- (20) As it was established in budget estimates that the modelling data is completely transparent, can you provide the data that guided the NSW Ambulance to increase the FTE of paramedics at Goulburn to twenty-four (24) and Lithgow to thirty-six (36) FTE paramedics?
- (21) In estimates, you said that "if we were to introduce an afternoon shift rather than a night shift it would have left Goulburn with no ambulance". Can you please provide your explanations as to why there would have been no ambulance?
- (22) In budget estimates Commissioner Morgan said that "Goulburn is unique because of the way it supports other stations". Can you please provide the data to support this statement (i.e. the occasions when Goulburn was supported by other stations and when Goulburn supported other stations).
- (23) In regard to the above, can you please provide the committee with the 2022-2023 unmet demand data used by NSW Ambulance Workforce Planning, regarding Goulburn and its surrounding stations.

Pharmacists – Scope of Practice

- (24) On the 5th of September 2024, the Minister for Health announced expansions to the pharmacist's scope of practice. Including authorising pharmacists who had successfully completed the Queensland pilot training to deliver selected services in NSW from January 2025. For which conditions have Queensland trained full scope pharmacists been authorised to deliver services in NSW?
- (a) How does the treatment permitted under the authority for Queensland trained pharmacists differ from treatment that NSW pharmacists can already offer under existing arrangements?

- (b) What other conditions are the Queensland trained pharmacists authorised to treat in Queensland?
- (c) Are Queensland trained pharmacists working to different protocols in Queensland and NSW?
- (d) Are Queensland trained pharmacists working to protocols in NSW which differ from the therapeutic guidelines? If so, why has NSW Health chosen to break from national therapeutic guidelines?
- (e) How many Queensland pilot trained pharmacists have, to date, applied to be authorised by NSW Health to deliver the full scope of practice?
- (f) How many Queensland pilot trained pharmacists have, to date, been authorised to deliver the full scope of practice as announced by the Minister 175 days ago?
- (g) Since the announcement in September 2024 that Qld trained pharmacists would be authorised to deliver the full scope of practice from January 2025, has the Minister given the Department any revised timetable for the implementation of these reforms?
 - i. If yes to the above, what is it?
- (h) What is NSW Health's current estimate on when Qld trained pharmacists will be able to be authorised to deliver the full scope of practice they can treat for in Queensland?
- (25) How much money was budgeted for the pharmacy scope of practice trials which are underway. How much of that was spent? How much is left?

Mpox

- (26) How many doses of Mpox vaccine has NSW Health secured?
- (27) How many doses of Mpox vaccine have been delivered in NSW in the past 12 months?
- (28) What is NSW Health's plan to ensure that the population is sufficiently protected against Mpox?

Staff Specialist Psychiatrists

- (29) What is the cost of employing a year 1 staff specialists and senior staff specialists in comparison to employing a VMO or Locum on an annual basis?
- (30) Can you provide a breakdown of currently employed staff specialist psychiatrists by level (year)?
- (31) Can you provide the current number of vacancies in psychiatry staff specialists in NSW?

- (32) Can you advise the annual cost of running the virtual psychiatry hubs?
- (33) Can you provide a copy of the Mental Health Gap analysis which was requested by the Minister for Mental Health?
- (34) Can you advise the number of advance trainees in NSW who have completed fellowship in the past 3 years and the number who have been recruited into staff specialist positions?
 - (a) How many of them current remain in these positions?
- (35) Since January 21, 2025, can you advise the number of psychiatry patients spending more than 24 hours in emergency departments and the average ED length of stay of admitted psychiatric patients?

Nutrition Australia NSW

- (36) Why was Nutrition Australia NSW funding ceased?
- (37) What other nutrition-based programs for school children are being run by South Eastern Sydney Local Health District?
- (38) What measures are the Government taking to deliver healthy lunchbox programmes in schools?
- (39) In the past six months how many lunchbox programs were delivered to schools and how many planned for the commencement of Term 1 2025, and how many healthy eating and cooking sessions focused on healthy lunchboxes to parents/carers with children attending Supported Playgroup Services (aged 2-5 years) and Out of School Hours Care (aged 5-11 years)?
- (40) In the last six months how many face-to-face healthy eating and cooking sessions focused on healthy lunchboxes to parents/carers with children at primary school, Out of School Hours Care and early childhood education care services (ECECs) has been delivered?
- (41) How many partnerships forged with corporates to encourage development of a healthy food environment in the workplace aligned with NSW Health messaging?

Statutory Review of the Abortion Law Reform Act

- (42) The review appears to have received a small number of submissions (e.g. at 5.3 only 35 responses to the question about data collection). Is this a sufficient number of responses to allow adequate conclusions to be drawn, or does more work need to be done?
- (43) What are the issues which were identified with data collection?

- (44) Is any data collected about abortions for the purpose of sex selection?
- (45) The review appears to rely heavily on anecdotal evidence. Is that because other accurate data sources were unavailable?

NSW Voluntary Assisted Dying Board – First annual 2023-24

- (46) The report discloses that twice as many requests for VAD come from the regions, despite the population mix being 2/3 greater Sydney, 1/3 regional. This is a consistent pattern. What does it disclose about availability of primary health care in the regions?
- (47) And palliative care in the regions?
- (48) The median age at first assessment is 75 – and 5 cases of duress were identified during the reporting period. What training is being provided to doctors to detect elder abuse?
- (49) Please provide a copy of the guidelines required by s181(2) of the Act.

True Colours clinic

- (50) Is the new True Colours clinic providing cross sex hormone treatment to patients?
- (51) If yes, what are the consent protocols for patients who are 16 and 17?
- (52) Is the clinic relying on Gillick competence?
- (53) What legal advice have you obtained about actions for vicarious liability in negligence?
- (54) Have you had any discussions with SIRA to advise about possible negligence actions?

Regional Health

Regional Maternity

- (55) Can you tell me how many maternity services have closed in the last 12 months?
- (56) Is there plan for Muswellbrook to reinstate birthing services? (currently a level 1 non birthing maternity unit)
- (57) What birthing services exist at Parkes? Will Forbes continue to be the fallback for this catchment area?
- (58) How does the government plan to ensure rural NSW women and their families can birth in or close to their communities?
- (59) When will there be targets, timelines and accountability for health services to ensure rural and regional women and their babies have access to Midwifery Group Practice?

- (60) How many babies were born before arrival in 2024?
- (61) How many of those were in Regional NSW?
- (62) Do you have the statistics on how often Gunnedah Hospital is on bypass for maternity?
- (63) How many midwives have been hired in Tamworth since the September announcement of the sign on bonuses?
- (64) How many times in the last 12 months has Tamworth been bypassed for maternity services?
- (65) Can you provide those statistics for each hospital with maternity services in Regional NSW for the last 12 months?
- (66) How many midwives or obstetricians have been offered incentives under the Rural Incentives scheme?
- (67) How many were offered the full \$20,000?
- (68) How much of the Rural Incentive Scheme budget is remaining?
 - (a) When will it all be spent by?
 - (b) Will the scheme be renewed in the upcoming budget?
- (69) Has the registrar and gynaecology program from John Hunter been extended past Tamworth since the last hearing?
- (70) Next month, Gosford Private Hospital will close its maternity Unit - can you guarantee that Gosford Public Hospital won't go on bypass?

Tresillian

- (71) Has funding been renewed for the regional Tresillian Family Care Centres?
- (72) Tresillian are often the only supports in regional areas for new parents around breastfeeding, nutrition and settling baby, as well as mental health issues such as post-natal depression and anxiety - will you commit to funding their very important work beyond June 30 this year?

Ambulance Zones

- (73) Minister, what do you understand of the PAR system of rostering?
- (74) In the Mid North Coast, additional paramedics were funded – 6 across the zone which stretches 3 hours drive from North to South. These paramedics were added due to the need to have additional resources in Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie and Taree. Do you agree

with the practice of Ambulance NSW using these additional resources to fill gaps in the rosters rather than being an additional paramedic resource.

- (75) Do you know what the process is for advertising shortfalls in the paramedic roster?
- (76) After speaking with paramedics on the mid north coast, they insist that there are more than enough paramedics available to fill the rosters as they're supposed to be – if they're given enough notice of vacancies. Do you commit to reviewing the timeframes of when those roster shortfalls are advertised?
- (77) Minister – What do you deem to be an acceptable amount of time for a paramedic to be on the road on shift?
- (78) Minister, are you aware that paramedics in Taree and Tuncurry are spending 14+ hours on the road?
- (79) Minister – Why do you think it's appropriate for Taree Ambulances to be sent out of area when the median response time for a P1 emergency lights and sirens case is 14.9 minutes for Taree residents?
- (80) Minister, will you commit to directing NSW Ambulance to prioritise keeping taxpayer-funded paramedic crews in their allocated locations, instead of using them as a stopgap for staffing shortfalls elsewhere?

Key Health Worker Accommodation Program

- (81) Minister, housing is a key issue for workforce across Regional NSW. How were the locations chosen for this program?
 - (a) Some of the locations, like Grafton, have a site and a plan – have sites been selected for all of the announced locations?
 - i. Where is the site for Coffs Harbour?
 - (b) What is the eligibility and selection criteria for who will benefit from these homes?
 - i. Will the tenants be charged rent?
 - ii. Will the rents be market rate?
 - iii. Who will be on the selection panel?
- (82) At a cost of \$1.66 million per dwelling, this is about double the average cost of dwellings in Regional NSW – why is this so?

- (83) The project says 120 dwellings will house 500 health workers – will this mean health workers will be sharing dwellings?
- (84) What if the health workers have families?
- (85) Minister, will you commit to the building of key worker accommodation at the new Temora Hospital redevelopment?
- (86) Minister, will you advise how many key worker accommodation units will be available at the new Temora Hospital redevelopment?

RSV Vaccination Program

- (87) When does the NSW RSV Prevention Program expire?
- (88) Does the government plan to extend the program beyond this date?
- (89) What is the maternal uptake rate of the RSV vaccine under the program?
- (90) How successful has the program been in terms of uptake?

Griffith Hospital

- (91) If Griffith hospital can't remain open with safe staffing levels, or it can't operate 24/7 maternity cover, this would mean patients would need to be transferred to Wagga, which is two hours away.
- (92) Can you confirm Griffith maternity unit is operational 24/7?
- (93) How many midwifery vacancies are currently unfilled at Griffith Base Hospital today?

Cootamundra

- (94) The community of Cootamundra learned in May that the pathology, surgical and birthing units at Cootamundra Hospital would be discontinued under the Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) draft Health Services Plan, to make more space for the emergency department. If you can't birth in Cootamundra, it's a potential 2 hour journey to Wagga Wagga.
- (a) Is there a date we can expect the new draft plan to be released?
- (95) There are projections showing a significant expected increase in population, due to the expansion of the local meat works. Why would you remove maternity services for a growing population?

Ambulance

- (96) How many Intensive Care Paramedics are there across NSW? How many in each Ambulance Zone?
- (97) Of the governments commitment for 500 regional paramedics, how many will be Intensive Care Paramedics? Which zones will they be going to?
- (98) How many Extended Care Paramedics are there across NSW? How many in each Ambulance Zone?
- (99) Of the governments commitment for 500 regional paramedics, how many will be Extended care Paramedics? Which zones will they be going to?
- (100) What is the role of an ICP?
- (101) What is the role of an ECP?
- (102) What is the data that drives the placement?
- (103) What is the placement rationale?
- (104) Who makes the decisions?

Bellinger River Regional Hospital

- (105) Can you provide an opening date for Hartley House in Bellingen hospital?

Regional Ambulance Helicopter Bases

- (106) How much money was pledged by the Minns Labor Government to build three regional helicopter ambulance bases?
- (107) What are the sites for these three bases? How were they chosen?
- (108) The Government claimed it would build one base per year over the forwards. Where is this year's base up to? Is it on track for delivery by the end of this financial year?
- (109) At the election, Labor budgeted no money to operate these bases during the first term of government. How will that work?

Moree Hospital Upgrade

- (110) Why has the Moree Hospital redevelopment plans been downgraded?
- (111) Why is a helipad not part of the redevelopment?
- (112) When will the redevelopment be completed?

Manning Base Hospital Redevelopment

- (113) Minister, can you advise how many senior nursing managers are currently employed at Manning Base Hospital?
- (114) Minister, are you aware that Manning Base Hospital's Emergency Department has only 16 spaces, but based on current activity, it should have at least 30?
- (115) Minister, when will Stage 2 of the Manning Base Hospital redevelopment officially commence, and what has caused the delay in demolition works that were expected to begin in February?
- (116) When will the foster urgent care centre be operational?

Bombala & Delegate MPS

- (117) How many patients have been relocated from Delegate MPS to Bombala?
- (118) There previously were challenges attracting staff to Bombala and Delegate, how many have taken advantage of rural nursing incentives and scholarships such as the 'Rural Health Workforce Incentive Scheme'?
- (119) How many beds are currently available at Delegate MPS?
- (120) Will you commit to keeping Delegate MPS open once Bombala MPS' upgrades are complete?

Bathurst Hospital

- (121) Can you provide an update on the \$200 million redevelopment of Bathurst Health Service?
- (122) When will the tender be awarded for this project? When will this be publicly announced?
- (123) When will the final design for this project be made public?
- (124) The community has been promised another round of community consultation, when will this occur?
- (125) Are you aware of the community's concern for a lack of carparking at the health service?
- (126) Minister, in your response to the petition lodged to NSW Parliament about community concerns for more carparking as part of this redevelopment you responded with and I quote "There will be an increase in the number of car parking spaces on the campus" can you please explain this statement? Where will these parks be and how many?
- (127) What options have been looked at for further car parking? If the option is not suitable, please tell the committee why.

- (128) Is the \$200 million budget enough to complete this project in its entirety?
- (129) Will the Bathurst Hospital \$200 million upgrade will be designed, constructed and completed in full?
- (130) Will additional carparking be included?
- (131) Will all services outlined in the plans be completed and in use at the end of the project?
- (132) If there are budget blowouts, which can be common in projects of this size and calibre, will this government source extra funding to complete the project so the people of the Central West have access to the health services they need and deserve?
- (133) Can you provide an update on the \$200 million redevelopment of Bathurst Heath Service?
- (134) What was the criteria considered when choosing the successful construction tender for this project?
- (135) Has the decision been made? Can you tell us who the builder will be?
- (136) What options have been looked at for further car parking on site as part of this redevelopment? If the option is not suitable, please tell the committee why.
- (a) Has Vittoria Park been considered?
 - (b) Has Mitre Street been considered?
 - (c) Has underground parking been considered?
 - (d) Has a multi-story carpark been considered on the corner of Durham and Mitre Street been considered?
- (137) Are you confident you have the budget to complete this project in its entirety?
- (138) Will any services be scaled back or not completed due to budget constraints?
- (139) Have you or do you plan on seeking further funding for this redevelopment?
- (140) Can you provide assurance here today to the committee that the Panorama Clinic which is being moved to Orange, will be brought back to Bathurst at the end of the redevelopment?
- (141) Is this assurance without any parameters? Are there any cases where this would not be possible?

Grenfell MPS

- (142) Minister, will you commit to the building of a new MPS at Grenfell

(143) Minister, will you commit to the NSW State funding of a new MPS for the people of Grenfell?

(144) Minister will you be consulting with the people of Grenfell to preserve the history of one of the oldest Medical Facilities in Western NSW

(145) Minister will you be approaching the Federal Government in relation to the co-funding of Grenfell MPS?

General questions

CFMEU meetings

(146) Given ministerial diary disclosures do not include all meetings and provide exceptions to disclosures, since 28 March 2023, have you met with the CFMEU?

ETU meetings

(147) Given ministerial diary disclosures do not include all meetings and provide exceptions to disclosures, since 28 March 2023, have you met with the ETU?

Ministerial disclosures to The Cabinet Office

(148) On what date did you last update/make a ministerial disclosure to The Cabinet Office?

Department(s)/Agency(s) Employees

(149) How many redundancies were processed by each Department(s)/agency(s) 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?

(c) On what page are redundancies published in the respective Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports?

Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports

(150) On what date were the annual report(s) from 2023-24 for each department / agency in your portfolio published?

(151) Were the annual report(s) from 2023-24 for each department / agency in your portfolio printed?

(a) If yes, what was the printing cost(s) for each department / agency?

(152) Did the annual report(s) from 2023-24 for each department / agency in your portfolio use in part or full an external production / body / consultant to draft?

(a) If yes, what was the cost(s) for each department / agency?

(153) In what month will the 2024-25 annual report(s) for each department / agency in your portfolio be published?

(154) Will the 2024-25 annual report(s) for the department / agency in your portfolio include a printed copy?

(a) If yes, how much is budgeted for printing in 2024-25 for each department / agency?

State Records Act

(155) Have you and your ministerial office had training and/or a briefing about the State Records Act from State Records NSW and/or The Cabinet Office and/or Premier's Department?

(a) If yes, when?

Advertising

(156) On what page is advertising published in the respective Department(s)/Agency(s) annual report(s)?

Department(s)/Agency(s) Gifts and Hospitality Register

(157) Does your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) have a gifts and/or hospitality register?

(a) If yes, is it available online?

i. If yes, what is the website URL?

Ministerial staff disclosure of gifts and/or hospitality

(158) Does your ministerial office keep a register of gifts and/or hospitality for staff to make disclosures?

(a) If yes, what is the website URL?

(159) 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?

Ministerial Code of Conduct

(160) Since 28 March 2023, have you breached the Ministerial Code of Conduct?

- (a) If yes, what was the breach?

Credit Cards

(161) Have you ever been issued with a credit card by a NSW Government department(s) and/or agency(s) since 28 March 2023?

- (a) If yes, under what circumstance?

- (b) If yes, what items and expenditure was undertaken?

(162) Do public servants in your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) been issued with department/agency credit cards?

- (a) If yes, what is the website URL of the credit card policy?

Department(s)/agency(s) desk or office

(163) Do you have a desk or office in your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) building(s)?

Senior Executive Drivers

(164) As at 1 February 2025, how many senior executives in your portfolio department(s) / agency(s) have a driver?

GIPA Applications – Ministerial Office

(165) Has your Ministerial Office received a GIPA Application(s) since 28 March 2023?

- (a) If yes, how many?

- (b) If yes, what is the website URL of the disclosure log?

GIPA Applications – Department(s)/Agency(s)

(166) Since 28 March 2023, have you and/or your ministerial office given instructions to your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) in relation to Government Information (Public Access) Act application(s)?

GIPA Act – Disclosure Log Website URL

(167) What is the website URL for the GIPA Act disclosure log each of your portfolio department(s) / agency(s)?

TikTok

(168) Are you on TikTok?

- (a) If yes, do you access TikTok from a NSW Government device?

Signal

(169) Are you and/or your ministerial staff on Signal?

- (a) If yes, do you and/or your ministerial staff access Signal from a NSW Government device?
- (b) If yes, does Signal comply with the State Records Act?

Training

(170) Since 28 March 2023, have you had training from an external stakeholder that included an invoice and payment paid for using your ministerial budget?

- (a) If yes, what is the description of training?
- (b) If yes, how much?

Cabinet documents

(171) Since 28 March 2023, have you shared Cabinet documents with your Parliamentary Secretary?

Parliamentary Secretary

(172) Does your Parliamentary Secretary have pass access to your ministerial office?

(173) Does your Parliamentary Secretary have a desk in your ministerial office?

(174) Has your Parliamentary Secretary ever used your Ministerial Vehicle?

Media releases and statements

(175) Are all the ministerial media releases and statements issued by you publicly available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases>?

- (a) If no, why?

Overseas Travel

(176) As Minister, do you approve overseas travel for public servants from your portfolio department(s)/agency(s)?

Data Breaches

(177) Does your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) keep a register of data breaches in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection (PPIP) Act?

(178) If yes to 38, what is the website?

Discretionary Fund

(179) As Minister, do you have a discretionary fund?

(a) If yes, what department(s) / agency(s) administer it?

(b) If yes, what is the website URL detailing expenditure?

Qantas Chairman's Lounge

(180) Are you a member of the Qantas Chairmans Lounge?

Local Government Councillors

(181) How many of your Ministerial staff is a local government councillor(s)?

Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

Intellectual Disability Health Service (IDHS)

(182) What is the progress of the evaluation of the Intellectual Disability Health Service (IDHS), including its clinical roles and functions?

(a) When will it be completed?

(b) If it's been completed, has the report been published and what were its findings?

(c) Will the NSW Government be providing additional funding to expand the service?