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**Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Gaming and Racing, Veterans, the Central Coast,
Medical Research**

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ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND TREATY

Aboriginal Land Claims

1. How much is budgeted for the operation of the Office of the Registrar (Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 NSW) in 2023-24 and in the forward estimates?
2. One of the activities of the Office of the Registrar has been updating the process for making Aboriginal Land Claims – could you please provide an update on this?
3. How many land claims have been determined since April this year?
4. Have you discussed this issue with the Minister responsible for crown lands?
5. How often have you raised this with him?
6. What is your target for how many land claims you would like to see determined each year?

LECC Report

7. Will the government provide a formal response to the LECC Report “XX”
 - (a) Will you, as Minister for Aboriginal Affairs & Treaty, contribute to the Government’s response?
 - (b) Will the report be made public?
 - (c) When will the report be made public?

Budget

8. What money is allocated in the 2023-24 Budget and the forward estimates for the operation of the Aboriginal Affairs division of the Premier’s Department?
9. What money is allocated in the 2023-24 Budget and the forward estimates for the operation of the Office of the Register?
10. Why weren’t Aboriginal people referenced in the Regional NSW Budget Papers, given that the majority of Aboriginal people in NSW live outside of greater Sydney, including the top five communities with the greatest proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people residing exclusively in regional NSW?

11. What operations have been cut within Aboriginal Affairs to fund the \$5m treaty consultation process, given the money came was taken from the existing budget?

Closing the Gap

12. Minister did you get a charter letter from the Premier when you were appointed as a Minister?
13. If yes, - what were your specific directions in relation to Closing the Gap?
14. If no – what discussions have you had with the Premier about what you should prioritise in terms of Closing the Gap?

Economic empowerment

15. Minister, will you be contributing to the NSW Treasury's review of the NSW Aboriginal Procurement Policy?
16. Minister, will you be contributing to Investment NSW's Aboriginal Employment and Enterprise Strategy?

GAMING AND RACING

Declaring restricted alcohol areas

17. What is the process for declaring restricted alcohol areas in recognised Aboriginal communities under clause 116(b)(iii) of the Liquor Act 2007 No 90, given your dual responsibilities as Minister for Gaming and Racing and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty?

Cashless Gaming

18. What was the process for appointing the three-person executive to that panel?
19. How many times have you met with the panel?
20. How many times have you met with chair Michael Foggo?
21. What actions have you taken to prevent money laundering in pubs and clubs while we await the findings of the 16-member panel?
22. Are you abdicating your responsibility as the Minister responsible for preventing money laundering in pubs and clubs?
23. On the 4th of April, you attended a cashless gaming demonstration at Club York. What about this demonstration left unanswered questions about the implementation of cashless gaming?

24. If the demonstration was successful, why can't you implement a cashless gaming trial today, or better yet, back in May?
 - (a) When can the people of NSW expect to know the findings of a trial?
 - (b) What is the timeline?
 - (c) When will the trial commence and finish?
 - (d) How long after receiving a report will your government respond?
 - (e) Will your government make the full findings of the trial public?
 - (f) And the government response?
25. Wesley Mission have said that they are not convinced that this process is genuine- Minister what do you say to that and why would they say that?
26. Minister, Section 37A of the Gaming Machine Act allows the Regulator to approve up to 150 machines for a club being established in a "new development area", with no community benefit fund payment required.
 - (a) In the last 5 years, how many clubs have received gaming machine entitlements under this provision, and how many entitlements were given to each club?
 - (b) Assuming that some entitlements have been approved under s37A, what is the foregone community benefit fund payment, given this special provision which requires no contribution by the successful club, even if it is a subsidiary of another existing club.

Greyhound Racing NSW

27. What are you doing for greyhound racing participants at Wauchope and Kempsey since those tracks have been closed?
28. What was the result of the independent safety assessment on the Tamworth Greyhound track after several dogs were killed there recently?
29. Given the Tamworth track is in poor condition - why has the new proposed \$5m Tamworth Greyhound track been delayed again after countless promises to the community and the so-called partnership with Harness Racing NSW cancelled.
30. Why hasn't the \$6m Goulburn greyhound track upgrade commenced after being announced in August 2022?
31. Is this another example of the industry promising but not delivering?

32. There are so called plans to move greyhounds off Wentworth Park – there have been significant delays and no one seems to know what’s going on – do you know what is going on Minister?

Point of Consumption Tax

33. Taxes from wagering operators make a big contribution to the industry in NSW, and rightly so as these operators are making big dollars from the racing industry – do you know how much from the Point of Consumption tax went to industry last financial year?
34. Do you think the 15% tax rate is where we should be considering QLD is at 20%?
35. Have you had any discussions with industry about this?
36. The recent High Court decision which slapped down the Victorian electric vehicle road user charges – you’re aware generally of this case?
37. Have you, your department or Treasury formed a view on whether the Point of Consumption tax in NSW may be unconstitutional considering the High Court ruled States do not have the power to impose excise taxes on consumption?
38. Given the increase in revenue from the increase to the point of consumption tax, will the government be increasing spending on the responsible gambling fund from \$5m?

Thoroughbred Racing NSW

39. Racing NSW has 4 properties to house retired racecourses under a program called Team Thoroughbreds – how many racehorses are actually being rehomed under this program?
40. What are you doing to protect the interests of Racing in NSW against the move by other states to form a breakaway rebel organisation and leave NSW out?

Kempsey Macleay Greyhound Racing Track

41. Minister will you commit to keeping Kempsey Macleay Greyhound race track open over the next 4 years?
42. To GRNSW – Why has Kempsey not been given a greyhound race meet in this years calendar?
43. To GRNSW – What investment will you make into the Kempsey Macleay greyhound racing community to continue uptake of the sport?

Wauchope Greyhound Racing Track

44. Minister will you commit to keeping the Wauchope Greyhound race track open over the next 4 years?

45. To GRNSW – will you return a Saturday race to a track in the Mid-North Coast?

VETERANS AND MEDICAL RESEARCH

Veterans Affairs

46. Have you travelled around NSW and visited RSL sub-branches?

47. Who have you met with in relation to veterans affairs?

(a) What are their priorities?

(b) What are your plans to deliver on those priorities?

Medical Research

48. What decisions are you making as Minister for Medical Research?

49. How often are you meeting with the Minister for Health?

50. What does it mean that you've been given two portfolio responsibilities that don't consist of any legislative oversight?

51. What's your vision for the role of Medical Research in NSW?

(a) What are your priority areas?

52. Are you collaborating with other Ministers to achieve this vision?

53. How much money has been budgeted for you to achieve your vision?

54. How many staff in your office are dedicated to working on Medical Research matters?

(a) Do you have a DLO in your office from the Dept of Health?

(b) Do you have an adviser in your office who looks after medical research exclusively?

55. Was there any funding for medical research in the budget this year?

56. How much and what will it be used for?

CENTRAL COAST

Central Coast – Regional Minister responsibilities

57. What are your primary responsibilities as the Minister for Central Coast?

58. What department supports these responsibilities?

59. How many departmental staff are allocated specifically to this portfolio?

60. How many hours per week would you say you spend on the portfolio of Central Coast?
61. How many briefs as Minister for Central Coast would your office receive per week, on average?
62. Why was funding for a brand-new TAFE in Gosford not committed in the 2023-24 Budget despite the Central Coast Council agreeing to transfer the required land to TAFE NSW for the project?
63. Could you please provide an update on the Central Coast Council's governance and when the people of the Central Coast will be able to elect representatives once more?
64. How many seniors in your electorate benefited from the Regional Seniors Travel Card, before its abolition by the Minns Labor Government?
65. Did the State Government ever intend to provide funding for free parking at Gosford Hospital as per the election commitments made by Labor and re-affirmed by yourself, Minister Harris?
66. Why was funding for a road study on Ward Hills Road and Empire Bay Drive intersection not committed in the 2023 Budget despite the Labor candidate campaigning on the issue?
67. Will the Government deliver the following commitments in the Stronger Country Communities Fund?
- \$1.3 million for Sun Valley Regional Play Space in Green Point
 - \$250,000 for upgrade of Brendan Franklin Oval
 - \$500,000 for new toilets at Wamberal Beach
 - \$850,000 for an outdoor waterpark at the Peninsula Leisure Centre
 - \$818,000 for The Retreat, wellbeing studio for vulnerable people
 - \$850,000 for Niagara Park Stadium upgrade
 - \$908,616 for upgrade to amenities at Adelaide Street Oval in Killarney Vale
 - \$520,000 for Harry Moore Oval at Noraville for drainage and irrigation
 - \$995,700 Shared footpath/cycleway at Bungary Road, Norah Head
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If yes, please provide the current status of these projects, including estimated timeframes for delivery.
68. Why was funding for the Regional Seniors Travel Card not provided in the 2023 Budget despite the program's overwhelming success on the Central Coast?

69. Can the Minister please provide the most recent number of users of the Regional Seniors Travel Card, before its abolition by the Minns Labor Government, in the following state electorates:
- (a) Gosford
 - (b) Swansea
 - (c) Terrigal
 - (d) The Entrance
70. Can the Minister please provide the total value of the Regional Seniors Travel Card, before its abolition by the Minns Labor Government, in the following state electorates:
- (a) Gosford
 - (b) Swansea
 - (c) Wyong
 - (d) Terrigal
 - (e) The Entrance
71. Is the Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act 1996 still on track to be fully repealed in February?
- (a) What actions have you taken to ensure that the Central Coast Council will have prepared and implemented business and operations plans and local planning controls to address the airport's future operations and any changes proposed for the airport?
 - (b) Do you expect that the Central Coast Council will have prepared and implemented business and operations plans and local planning controls to address the airport's future operations and any changes proposed for the airport?

Local small commitments allocation

72. In relation to the Local Small Commitments Allocation and your electorate of Wyong, how many local projects did you commit to fund?
- (a) On notice, are you able to provide a list of those projects, including how much was allocated to each?
 - (b) Were you personally responsible for the allocation of these projects or were others involved?
73. What was the total amount of taxpayer money that you personally committed would be spent on local projects in your electorate of Wyong?

- (a) Did you spend the entire amount you were allocated?
 - (b) Who told you the amount you were allocated?
74. What was the process for recording these commitments to ensure that they would be honoured if Labor won Government?
- (a) Who did you seek approval from when it came to these announcements?
 - (b) Who kept records of these projects?
 - (c) Someone needed to track the commitments being made, who was responsible for that in your electorate?
75. Did you declare a conflict of interest in relation to any of these projects?
- (a) If so, who did you declare it to and how as the conflict of interest managed?
 - (b) Are you aware of any conflict of interest provisions or rules in relation to this scheme?
 - i. Did you ask about the process or any obligations that you had?

OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS

Agency Invoices

76. How many invoices to suppliers or contactors from your portfolio agency were not paid on time since 28 March 2023, broken down by agency?
77. 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?
78. 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

79. 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?
80. Has your Ministerial Car been pulled over by the police?
- (a) If so, who was driving the car?

Complaints

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

Consultants

82. 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?
83. 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?
84. 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?

Departmental Credit Cards

85. 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?

Department/Agency Staffing

- 86. 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?
- 87. What is the expenditure on senior executive service employees employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities since 28 March 2023?
- 88. 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?
89. What is the expenditure on internal legal counsel employees employed by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities 28 March 2023?
90. 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?
91. Is any former employee from your ministerial office now employed by any Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?
92. 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?
93. What was the total amount each of the Departments/agencies under your portfolio responsibilities spent on stationery since 28 March 2023?
94. How many employees in each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities are working in an 'acting' capacity?
95. What is the average number of days worked from home by employees in each Department/Agency within your portfolio responsibilities?
96. 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?

97. 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?
98. Since 28 March 2023, how much has been spent on charter air flights by your portfolio agencies, broken down by agency?
99. 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?
100. 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

101. 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

102. 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.
103. 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?
 - (c) How many of these Applications were re-assigned?
 - (d) How many of these Applications had fees waived/reduced?
 - (e) 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.

Hospitality

104. How much has your ministerial office spent on hospitality, including catering and beverages, since 28 March 2023?
105. How much have Departments/agencies within your portfolio responsibilities spent on hospitality, including catering and beverages, since 28 March 2023?
106. Have you been the recipient of any free hospitality?
- (a) What was the total value of the hospitality received?
107. 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?

Labour Hire Firms

108. 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.

Media and Public Relations

109. 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)

110. 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)

111. 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?

112. 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?

113. 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?

114. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by each Department/agency within your portfolio responsibilities?

Merchant fees

115. 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.

116. 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.

117. 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?

Ministerial disclosures

118. 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?

Office Administration

119. 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

120. 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

121. 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

122. 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

123. 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

124. 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

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

126. 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

127. How many people are employed in your ministerial office as at 1 October 2023?
128. How many women are employed in your Ministerial office as at 1 October 2023?
129. How many staff employed in your ministerial office identify as culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) as at 1 October 2023?
130. How many staff employed in your ministerial office identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander as at 1 October 2023?
131. How many staff in your office are employed as media advisers or have responsibility for media/social media/communications?
132. How many staff in your office are employed as policy advisers or have responsibility for policy work?
133. 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?
134. 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.
135. What is your ministerial office budget for 2023-24?
 - (a) How much of this budget is allocated to staff?
136. 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?

137. 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?
138. 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?
139. Has any artwork been purchased or leased for display in your ministerial office since 28 March 2023?
- (a) What is the cost of this?
140. 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?
141. What was the total amount your office spent on stationery since 28 March 2023?
142. What brand of paper is used in your office?
- (a) Is it recycled paper?
 - (b) Is it Australian made paper?
143. 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?
144. 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?
145. What non-standard features are fitted to your ministerial vehicle?
- (a) What is the cost of each non-standard feature?

146. 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?
147. 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

148. 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?
149. 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

150. Does your Parliamentary Secretary have pass access to your ministerial office?
151. Does your Parliamentary Secretary have a desk in your ministerial office?
152. Has your Parliamentary Secretary spoken on any pieces of legislation on your behalf? If so which legislation?
153. 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.
154. How often do you meet with your Parliamentary Secretary?
155. 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?

156. 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?

157. Has your Parliamentary Secretary received training?

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

Probity Auditor

158. 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

159. 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

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

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

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

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

Website Usage

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

Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

Gaming & Racing, Medical Research, Central Coast

PoC Tax

164. The 2022/23 Budget stated it would increase PoC tax to 15% from 10% for online betting. Has this been reversed?

165. Please provide an explanation for the below difference in forecast revenue in racing taxation:

2022-23 Budget

	2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Revised	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Forward Estimates	2024-25 Forward Estimates	2025-26 Forward Estimates	% Average growth p.a. 2021-22 to 2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
Gambling and betting taxes							
Racing	215	259	452	506	555	599	23.3
Club gaming devices	842	647	879	909	937	966	10.5
Hotel gaming devices	1,021	861	1,147	1,264	1,356	1,454	14.0
Lotteries and lotto	501	575	535	520	535	554	(0.9)
Casino	132	125	231	280	301	312	25.6
Other gambling & betting	16	12	19	20	22	23	18.7
	2,727	2,479	3,262	3,499	3,706	3,907	12.0

2023-24 Budget

	2021-22 Actual	2022-23 Est. Actual	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Forward Estimates	2025-26 Forward Estimates	2026-27 Forward Estimates	% Average growth p.a. 2022-23 to 2026-27
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
Gambling and betting taxes							
Racing	256	371	395	418	439	459	5.5
Club gaming devices	633	939	921	947	973	999	1.6
Hotel gaming devices	824	1,293	1,337	1,445	1,555	1,670	6.6
Lotteries and lotto	578	561	516	530	544	558	(0.1)
Casino	129	195	235	249	254	265	8.0
Other gambling & betting	10	17	18	19	20	21	6.4
	2,431	3,374	3,421	3,608	3,784	3,972	4.2

Genuine Whole of Life Tracking

166. Why has NSW chosen not to introduce genuine whole of life tracking for racing greyhounds, which gives GWIC oversight to properly track all greyhounds before and after they leave the industry, including puppies before they're microchipped, greyhounds that are transferred interstate, greyhounds retired outside the industry by industry participants (without the oversight of an adoption agency) and greyhounds dumped at pounds?

Rob MacAuley ICAC referral

167. Is the GRNSW Board currently investigating its own conduct after the CEO was referred to ICAC?

168. Why was it written in a PR statement issued on August 5, the day of Mr Macaulay's CEO appointment, that Chairman John Williams declared Mr Macaulay's appointment had been "unanimously" approved by the board following "an extensive and stringent eight-week recruitment process" for which "an external recruitment company was engaged" when this has been stated to be categorically false?
169. Is an internal or external evaluation of the Board taking place?
170. Has PTW law been removed as legal counsel for GRNSW? Are they currently undertaking any legal work for GRNSW? Have they undertaken any since July 2023?
171. Is the GRNSW whistleblower hotline still being managed by an employee from PTW Law

Surgical Artificial Insemination

172. The UK has banned surgical artificial insemination (SAI) of racing greyhounds. What is the State Government's position on banning this procedure?

Euthanasia and Injury of Greyhounds

173. For the financial years 2022 and 2023, please advise the number of dogs that died or were killed by euthanasia, following an injury at a race meeting,
- (a) at the track,
 - (b) in the days after the injury was sustained.
174. For each greyhound registered in NSW which is listed in a steward's report as having been stood down for 90 days during financial years 2022 and 2023 and is no longer racing, please advise whether this dog is
- (a) still alive,
 - i. and if so, whether it was adopted by an industry participant or by a non-industry participant,
 - (b) and if not still alive, what is the reason recorded for its death?
 - i. where is this information held?
175. Please advise for financial years 2022 and 2023:
- (a) how many dogs were injured in trials,
 - (b) how many injured dogs were then euthanised (either at the track or in the days afterwards).
 - (c) at which tracks these injuries and deaths occurred,

- (d) the names of the dogs injured or killed.
176. Please list the greyhound industry injury rebate schemes operating in this state/territory and advise how many greyhounds with injuries were treated under each of those schemes during financial years:
- (a) 2022?
 - i. What percentage of these then returned to racing?
 - ii. What percentage of these were adopted?
 - iii. What percentage died or were euthanased?
 - iv. What was the total amount paid out under each scheme?
 - (b) 2023?
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177. Please advise for financial years 2022 and 2023:
- (a) how many dogs were injured in trials,
 - (b) how many injured dogs were then euthanised (either at the track or in the days afterwards),
 - (c) at which tracks these injuries and deaths occurred,
 - (d) the names of the dogs injured or killed,
 - (e) whether such tracks are required to keep records and if so list which rule requires this and provide a URL link to that rule,
 - (f) what vet service each of these tracks has available at meetings (if any),
 - (g) the total figure for how many greyhounds were injured during the last calendar year at these tracks
 - i. including a breakdown of injury categories as used in this jurisdiction, e.g., major, minor, etc. Please list a sub-total figure for each injury category used in this jurisdiction, i.e., minor, major, etc). For each major injury, please list the greyhound's name and unique ID number, as well as whether it has raced since the injury,

- ii. if it is no longer racing, please advise the last time it raced and whether it is still alive.

178. Regarding the GWIC Race Injury Reduction Action Plan:

- (a) What are the expected detailed outcomes of the plan?
- (b) How much money is budgeted to implement the plan?
- (c) What is the progress of the plan and interim outcomes?

179. There were 15 greyhounds euthanased for behavioural reasons in 2021/22 which GWIC said it investigated, but no further info was provided. Given euthanasia due to behavioural reasons is not permitted under GWIC's Greyhound Rehoming Policy , please advise for FY 2021/22 and FY2022/23:

- (a) how many euthanasias of this type occurred,
- (b) how many breaches of the policy have occurred,
- (c) what penalty was allocated in each case,
- (d) and if a financial penalty was allocated, has it been paid?

180. CEO Macaulay has said no dogs have been killed on-track. Is the euthanasia of He's Hot Today a break in the new policy?

- (a) Will participants be penalised?
- (b) Are too many dogs being treated in Care 2.0 such that more dogs with broken legs can't be accepted?

181. Do you believe that with rising injuries and deaths on tracks that GWIC is ensuring the welfare of greyhounds?

Interstate Transfer

182. For each greyhound registered, how many were transferred interstate during financial years-

- (a) 2022?
 - i. who was the transferred dog owned by?
 - ii. which state/territory did each dog go to?
 - iii. who is the dog owned by in the state/territory to which it was transferred?
 - iv. if the dog is no longer alive, what was the cause of death?
 - v. if the cause of death is not known, why is this so?

vi. where are these records held?

(b) 2023?

i. Who was the transferred dog owned by in this state/territory?

ii. which state/territory did each dog go to?

iii. who is the dog owned by in the state/territory to which it was transferred?

iv. if the dog is no longer alive, what was the cause of death?

v. if the cause of death is not known, why is this so?

vi. where are these records held?

183. For each greyhound transferred into this state, how many were transferred during financial years -

(a) 2022?

i. Which state/territory did the dog come from?

ii. Who owned the dog in that state/territory?

iii. Who owns the dog in this state/territory?

iv. If not currently racing, is the dog still alive?

v. If not alive now, what was the cause of death?

(b) 2023

i. Which state/territory did it come from?

ii. Which state/territory did it come from?

iii. Who owned the dog in that state/territory?

iv. Who owns the dog in this state/territory?

v. If not currently racing, is the dog still alive?

vi. If not alive, what was the cause of death?

Rehoming

184. How many greyhounds were rehomed in this state/territory during financial years 2022 and 2023

(a) by GAP,

(b) by community-run rehoming groups,

(c) to industry participants,

- (d) by industry participants to third parties,
- (e) to other organisations (such as labs, research facilities, blood banks, etc.)?
 - i. please list these organisations by name.

185. During financial years 2022 and 2023, how many greyhounds were:

- (a) rejected by GAP,
- (b) euthanised by GAP.

Breeding

186. As part of the National Greyhound Welfare Strategy (GA), national breeding rules were introduced in July 2015, which have been adopted by all states:

- (a) the licensing of all breeders,
- (b) registration of all dams,
- (c) breeding females over the age of eight years must obtain a veterinary certificate of breeding soundness, and obtain permission from the relevant authority to breed the dog,
- (d) a maximum of three litters can be bred from any one bitch and permission to breed a fourth litter must be obtained from the state racing authority. A certificate of breeding soundness must be obtained before the fourth breeding can occur,
- (e) no breeding females may have more than two litters in any 18 month period,
- (f) all pups have a compulsory C3 and C5 vaccinations,
- (g) all dogs must receive C5 vaccination prior to being named or commencing racing
 - i. Please explain how:
 - (i) these rules are enforced,
 - (ii) where the racing industry's local rules impose higher standards, please list the relevant standard and then explain how this is enforced.
 - i. Please advise of:
 - (i) any breaches detected,
 - (ii) what the penalties were,
 - (iii) if fines were levied,
 - (iv) whether these were paid.

187. Will NSW introduce caps on greyhound breeding?
- (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?
188. As a member of Greyhounds Australasia (GA), did GRNSW support the following initiative listed in Greyhounds Australasia's Strategic Plan 2020-2022, p10 - "Agreement of nationally sustainable quality breeding targets as part of a strategy to manage the national greyhound racing population"?
- (a) If not, why not?

Penalties

189. How many penalties were given by the state/territory greyhound regulatory body for infractions by industry participants were:
- (a) the maximum penalty allowable?
 - (b) drug-related offences?
 - (c) cruelty offences?
 - (d) failing to socialise greyhounds for which they are responsible?
190. For financial years 2022 and 2023, please provide a list of cases (and details of those if available) that GRNSW have referred/sought further charges by NSW Police (regardless of outcome)
191. For financial years 2022 and 2023, please provide a list of how many cases (and details of these if available) that GRNSW or GWIC have referred/sought further charges by RSPCA (regardless of outcome).
192. How many charges and prosecutions has GWIC led against racing participants in FY22/23 and this financial year to date?

Polling

193. Has Greyhound Racing NSW commissioned any polling of the general public or of greyhound racing industry participants?
- (a) If yes, please provide a copy of the polling.
194. Why has Greyhound Racing NSW undertaken a consultation survey for the proposed Dapto Greyhound Centre for Excellence?
- (a) What is the purpose of obtaining the survey results?
 - (b) Will the survey results be submitted as a part of the DA?

Exports

195. Given one greyhound has already died during export to the USA to be rehomed there by GRNSW, can the Minister please:
- (a) explain how the greyhound that died was cleared as sufficiently healthy to travel in this way, but then unexpectedly died,
 - (b) explain what were the "natural causes" due to which this ex-racing dog died,
 - (c) explain at what point in the route travelled by this greyhound it was found to have died,
 - (d) release the veterinary report about this greyhound's death,
 - (e) explain what action the Minister has taken to ensure that GRNSW's screening process for greyhounds chosen to fly to the USA does not result in further deaths enroute?
 - (f) provide full details of the crate size or sizes used to transport GRNSW's ex-racing dogs to the USA, plus what weight greyhound is transported in each crate size,
 - (g) provide full details of the routes undertaken by greyhounds transported to the USA by GRNSW and what oversight checks occur during transit and upon arrival,
196. Can the Minister please advise:
- (a) how many greyhounds have been shipped to the USA by GRNSW to date,
 - (b) how many have survived the journey,
 - (c) how many have died enroute,
 - (d) how many have been rehomed,
 - (e) how many are still waiting to be rehomed,
 - (f) how long each of these dogs were waiting in kennels during transport,
 - (g) the locations of dogs while waiting in transport,
 - (h) the care received on a daily basis at each location by each dog?
197. Is the Minister aware of any information which is publicly available which would help demonstrate that the welfare and fate of these dogs is safeguarded?
- (a) Who is responsible for the selection of these dogs to be used as support animals?
 - (b) What are the qualifications of the person doing the selection assessment?

- (c) What are the criteria which need to be met?
- 198. What specific training do these dogs receive as support animals prior to being exported?
 - (a) Who delivers this training?
 - (b) What are their credentials?
- 199. Who receives the animals upon arrival into the US and who undertakes follow ups to monitor their care and treatment and their fate?
- 200. What guarantees are in place to ensure that these greyhounds are not further exported to countries and used for racing?]
- 201. It was previously indicated that matters surrounding GRNSW bred and exported dogs such as 'Turbo Thoma's would be investigated. Is this not GWIC's intention with all these NSW greyhounds in China?
- 202. Has GWIC undertaken investigation for each NSW greyhound found to have been exported to China?
- 203. Has GWIC undertaken disciplinary action for each greyhound found to have been exported to China?
 - (a) If GWIC does not have this information, why not? Will GWIC be seeking this information from Greyhounds Australasia as the NSW regulator?

Track Safety Standards

- 204. Please outline which NSW tracks meet GRNSW's track safety standards and which don't?
 - (a) Please indicate the reason a track does not meet safety standards
- 205. Please provide a list of new tracks currently being built and those undergoing construction or renovations

Greyhound Capital Grants Program

- 206. How much of the funding for upgrading track safety as a part of the Greyhound Capital Grants program has been spent out of the \$30 million fund?
 - (a) Please provide a breakdown by track
- 207. Is the program still current and how much has been allocated on which tracks?
- 208. Has the program been independently audited?

209. Have the actual projects been reviewed from an independent animal welfare-perspective, i.e. RSPCPA?
210. Which tracks have not been upgraded and can therefore be considered unsafe?
- (a) Where a track has had funds spent on upgrading the track itself (as opposed to kennelling or attendee amenities), has the injury/death rate at that track declined?
 - (b) If the injury/death rate has declined, please provide the pre-upgrade and post-upgrade injury data to support this decline?

Funding

211. For FY 2021-22 and 2023, which groups/individuals have received funding under GRNSW's Greyhound Rehoming Organisation Grant Scheme?
- (a) How much has been given to each group, and, what is the total sum paid out under the scheme?
212. For FY 2021-22 and 2023, which groups/individuals have received funding under GRNSW's Homing Assistance Scheme?
- (a) How much has been given to each group/individual, and, what is the total sum paid out under the scheme?

NSure

213. Is Nsure still being contracted to have oversight over greyhound racing venues in NSW?
214. Does the Department or GRNSW have any current contracts with NSure?
- (a) If so, please provide a breakdown of these contracts

eTrac

215. Has the 2021 \$3.59 million grant to GWIC to develop and implement a world-first e-Tracking system to help monitor the location and welfare of all greyhounds registered in NSW) been spent, or has this GWIC tracking system exceeded this \$3.59 million amount?
216. What are the penalties for not checking in, sighting and scanning a greyhound?
217. Has the program been assessed for risk of fraud, including the false provision of information by participants?
- (a) What measures have been taken to eliminate the use of recycled images of false check-ins?

218. Owners can provide a retirement notification of a dog, how will the industry then protect greyhounds or have oversight once this has taken place?

Ballina Horse Racing

219. As reported in the Echo 'Racing NSW inquiry into animal abuse investigates Ballina horse trainer' where two horses sustained fractured skulls, can the Minister please provide details of the investigation and its findings?
- (a) What are the names of the horses?
 - (b) What is the name of the trainer involved?
 - (c) How did the horses sustain these injuries?

Gerry Harvey

220. What is the status of the RNSW investigation into Gerry Harvey following his admission about his broodmares had been sent to Merramist for slaughter?
221. What is the status of similar enquiries made to RNSW about Gerry Harvey and other broodmares in his care and custody who were reported as missing?
222. What is the status of the Kim Waugh horse 'Tarsus' ?

Race Horses

223. How many race horses have died on tracks or as a result of a race:
- (a) FY 19/20
 - (b) FY 20/21
 - (c) FY 21/22
 - (d) FY 22/23
224. Does Racing NSW track the outcomes of unraced foals?
225. Does racing NSW track the outcomes of retired racehorses?

Gaming and Racing

Electronic Gaming Machine Load-Up Limits

227. How many gaming machines have been fitted with the new load-up limit of \$500?
- (a) Have any projections been prepared in relation to the transition of all electronic gaming machines from a load-up limit of \$5000 to \$500?
 - i. If not, why not?
 - ii. If so, please provide a detailed breakdown

Liquor and Gaming Compliance Checks order for papers

228. When did the Minister become aware of a letter from Phillip Crawford to Victor Dominello dated 30 November 2021 relating to the anti-money laundering project?

Independent Panel on Gaming Reform

229. Please provide a detailed breakdown of the \$3.4 million budgeted to the Independent Panel on Gaming Reform.

Electronic Gaming Machines (City of Sydney LGA)

230. How many electronic gaming machines are there in the Star Casino?
231. How many electronic gaming machines are there in the Crown Casino?
232. How many electronic gaming machines are there in the City of Sydney Local Government Area?
233. How many electronic gaming machines are there in NSW?
234. How many electronic gaming entitlements are held by Star Casino?
235. How many electronic gaming entitlements are held by Crown Casino?
236. How many electronic gaming entitlements are held in the City of Sydney Local Government Area?
237. How many electronic gaming entitlements are there in NSW?

Gambling revenue to the NSW Government from the Star and Crown casinos

238. What was the revenue for the NSW Government from electronic gaming machines, from the Star Casino:
- (a) In 2021-22?

(b) In 2022-23?

239. What was the revenue for the NSW Government from electronic gaming machines, from the Crown Casino:

(a) In 2021-22?

(b) In 2022-23?

240. What is the total estimated tax or other revenues paid to the NSW Government from the Star Casino:

(a) In 2021-22?

(b) In 2022-23?

241. What is the total estimated tax or other revenues paid to the NSW Government from the Crown Casino:

(a) In 2021-22?

(b) In 2022-23?

Fines issues to the Star and Crown Casinos

242. What fines or penalties have been issued to the Star Casino:

(a) In the ten years of operations 1998-2007?

(b) In the next ten years of operations 2008-2017?

(c) In 2017-18?

(d) In 2018-19?

(e) In 2019-20?

(f) In 2020-21?

(g) In 2021-22?

(h) In 2022-23?

243. Please provide a detailed breakdown of the reason for each fine or penalty.

244. Are any of these fines or penalties still unpaid? Please provide details.

245. What fines or penalties have been issued to the Crown Casino:

(a) In 2020-21?

(b) In 2021-22?

(c) In 2022-23?

246. Please provide a detailed breakdown of the reason for each fine or penalty.

247. Are any of these fines or penalties still unpaid? Please provide details.

Licence conditions on Star and Crown Casinos

248. What licences or other approvals from the NSW Government has the Star Casino been issued, to enable it to operate a casino in Sydney?

249. What are the key terms of the licences or other approvals?

250. What restrictions or conditions on the licence or operating approvals for the Star Casino have been imposed? What are the details?

251. Why have these restrictions or conditions been imposed? Please include any details of adverse fundings from inquiries into illegal activities.

252. How are these restrictions or conditions monitored?

253. Who determines these approvals or restrictions?

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Grants to the Star and Crown Casinos

260. What grants have been provided to the Star Casino, including business grants or other NSW Government grants:

(a) In the ten years of operations 1998-2007?

(b) In the next ten years of operations 2008-2017?

- (c) In 2018-19?
- (d) In 2019-20?
- (e) In 2020-21?
- (f) In 2021-22?
- (g) In 2022-23?

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- (a) In 2020-21?
- (b) In 2021-22?
- (c) In 2022-23?

Approval to expand or extend the Star and Crown Casinos

262. What approvals for extension or expansion were given to the Star Casino:

- (a) In the ten years of operations 1998-2007?
- (b) In the next ten years of operations 2008-2017?
- (c) In 2018-19?
- (d) In 2019-20?
- (e) In 2020-21?
- (f) In 2021-22?
- (g) In 2022-23?

263. What approvals for extension or expansion were provided to the Star casino:

- (a) In 2020-21?
- (b) In 2021-22?
- (c) In 2022-23?

Gambling-related signage

264. How many venues have been fined or otherwise penalised for displaying gambling-related signage since 1 September 2023?

- (a) Of these, how many were 'VIP Lounge' signage?

265. How many venues which have gambling-related signage provided a reasonable excuse to avoid enforcement action since 1 September 2023?