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## NSW treasury staff "indoctrinated" in woke gender training

NSW Treasury staff are being quizzed on whether it is acceptable to say someone was born a male, with gender lessons instructing this simple sentence is not what it appears. See the pictures.



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NSW cannot 'out-crazy' Victoria and its 'radical gender policies'

NSW Treasurer Matt Kean's departmental officials are being taught it is now "inappropriate" to say that someone was "born a male" under gender lessons that have been slammed as 'woke indoctrination" and biologically inaccurate.

In the course materials given to bureaucrats, staff are told instead they should use "preferred" phrases such as "assigned male at birth" or "designated female at birth".

"The terms biological male, biologically female, born a man, born a woman are problematic as they oversimplify a complex subject," staff doing the LGBTQI course are told.

The course content also discourages using "gendered" terms like husband, wife, ladies and gentlemen and includes images of a man and woman but says they are not accurate depictions of gender.

But critics have said the material was "gender ideology", a "bastardisation of language" and it was not the role of departments to "flaunt rainbow ideology".

## 2. Please indicate which is more appropriate:

- Terry was assigned male at birth.
- Terry was born a man.

No - that's inappropriate.

The terms biologically male, biologically female, born a man, born a woman are problematic as they overly simplify a complex subject.

Preferred phrases are assigned male at birth, designated male at birth, assigned female at birth, designated female at birth.

Images from a NSW Treasury online LGBQTQI gender training course.

One Nation NSW Leader MP Mark Latham, who was leaked some of the course contents, described it as "wacky course run for bureaucrats and a complete waste of time and money".

"Clearly 95 per cent plus public opinion would be on the side of saying that a woman is a biological female, it's not optional or subject to self-identification," he said.



NSW Treasurer and Energy Minister Matt Kean. Picture: Jeremy Piper



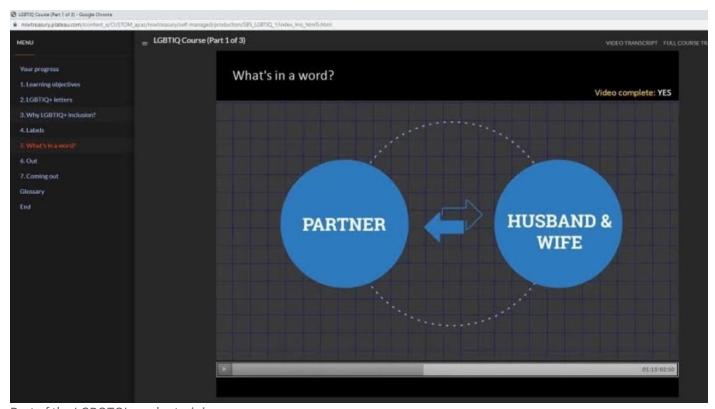
One Nation MP Mark Latham. Picture: Christian Gilles

"Why have these departments become political indoctrination units?"

"Citizens expect them to focus on balancing the budget, and economic and employment growth."

Treasurer Matt Kean, who has courted controversy by attacking pro-women's sport advocate and aspiring Liberal MP Katherine Deves, would not answer questions over whether he believed the theory that a person's sex was "assigned at birth".

"Unlike Mark Latham's \$190,000 taxpayer-funded crusade to discuss people's private parts, the program he is interested in is optional, and the relevant module costs an estimated \$4,700 a year or around \$18.35 for each man or woman who choose to do the course," Mr Kean said.



Part of the LGBQTQI gender training course.

Women's Forum chief executive Rachael Wong said the public had the right to know when government officials were being taught to "erase the reality of biology sex in favour of extreme gender ideology".

"This is not a 'training course', it is indoctrination," she said. "No wonder Australian bureaucrats have trouble defining what a woman is, when this is the kind of Orwellian conditioning they're being subjected to."

Coalition for Biological Reality founder Stassja Frei said the "bastardisation of language" around women was "deeply unpopular with ordinary Australians".







Katherine Deves, a candidate for Liberal preselection in the federal electorate of Warringah. Picture: Supplied

"Language changes usually occur organically, but in this case it's being forced on us in a very authoritarian way," she said.

"This kind of diversity and inclusion training is pernicious throughout the public sector with many government departments signed up to ACON's Pride in Diversity workplace training scheme."

Christian organisation Family Voice condemned the lessons and said the idea of gender "self-identity' was totally confusing.

"It is not the role of function of government departments to flaunt rainbow ideology," spokesman Greg Bondar said.

"FamilyVoice has always taken the view that male and female are derived terms from biologically known science."