

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS & TREATY

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

Land Claims

- (8) In response to Supplementary Questions last year in relation to Aboriginal land claims the Minister referred to a 'group of relevant Ministers had been established who meet when required'.
- (9)
- (a) Are Department officials involved in these meetings with other Ministers to discuss issues relating to Aboriginal land claims?
 - (b) Which Ministers are involved in these meetings?
 - (c) How often do these meetings occur and what are the priorities?
 - (d) What work is being undertaken and/or planned to address the large number of land claims still outstanding?

ANSWER

The quarterly Closing the Gap progress meetings include a Land, Water and Planning session on Socio-Economic Outcomes 15a and 15b. These meetings are attended by Minister Harris, Minister Hoenig, Minister Kamper, Minister Scully, and Minister Jackson; Senior executives and NSW CAPO representatives. Meetings cover the measures under the Closing the Gap Implementation Plan 2022-2024, including those relating to Aboriginal land claims.

Minister Harris meets with Minister Scully, Minister Kamper and Minister Hoenig, from time to time, to discuss the Aboriginal land claims system, reform to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act and Aboriginal land agreements. As required, the meetings also include Senior Executives from the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, Aboriginal Affairs NSW, the Office of the Registrar of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act*, and the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure - Crown Lands.

Additionally, the Aboriginal Land Claims Governance Group was established in 2023 to oversee the NSW Government's implementation of the recommendations from the Auditor General's Report into the Facilitation and Administration of Aboriginal Land Claims.

The members of the Governance Group are Senior Executives from the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, Aboriginal Affairs NSW, the Office of the Registrar of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act*, and the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure - Crown Lands. The Governance Group has an independent chairperson, Jack Beetson.

Meetings are convened four-times per year and priorities centre on implementing the recommendations from the Auditor General's Report.

Closing the Gap

- (10) In a recent announcement the Premier and the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs announced the new partnership agreement to close the gap in NSW formalising a state-based partnership under Closing the Gap to include local government.
- (a) What changes, if any, will be made as a result of this agreement being signed by the Premier, NSW CAPO and Local Government NSW?
 - (b) What specific changes will be made as a result of this agreement to assist local councils work in partnership with all levels of government and NSW CAPO in supporting Aboriginal people?
 - (c) Can you please provide an update of the review into the NSW Procurement Policy that was undertaken by NSW Treasury?
 - (d) In October, the hearing heard that at that point in time there had been no consultation with Aboriginal Affairs to provide input into the Review. Has Aboriginal Affairs now had the opportunity to provide input into the Review?

ANSWER

The State of NSW is a party to the National Agreement on Closing the Gap that signed in 2020. The NSW Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap deepens the commitment that every part of the NSW Government will be working in partnership with the NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations, other Aboriginal community groups and with Local Government, to make a real difference to close the gap. It means focusing on shared decision-making, genuinely talking through the changes needed to how government works for communities and delivering in partnership the investment needed to support vital Aboriginal community-controlled organisations to deliver frontline services in communities.

Local Government NSW are included in this agreement because they have an important role in providing on the ground services in communities.

There are immediate actions underway now, such as the NSW Community and Place Grants program, which is about investing in real, tangible solutions developed by local Aboriginal communities. The Delivering Better Outcomes program this year, has resulted in grants awarded to Yarpa Hub (a NSWALC entity) and the NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce, with projects to increase local government procurement from Aboriginal business.

The bigger long-lasting changes will take time – which is why this the National Agreement on Closing the Gap is a 10-year commitment that all governments across Australia are working towards. The NSW Government has committed to implementing those long-term changes through the NSW Partnership Agreement, which means structural, transformational changes to the way government does business.

The Aboriginal Procurement Policy Review Report is now available after extensive stakeholder consultation by NSW Treasury (including with Aboriginal Affairs NSW). The Review Report provides 17 recommendations to better achieve the Aboriginal Procurement Policy objective of growing NSW's First Nations Economy.



Treaty Consultation Process

(37) Can you provide an update and specific timeframes for the Treaty Commission and their schedule of works?

ANSWER

Recruitment of three independent Treaty Commissioners will commence shortly and will be open for four weeks.

Once Treaty Commissioners are in place, the NSW Government will work closely with the Commissioners to finalise the scope and approach for consultation on this issue. This is consistent with the commitment that the process will be Aboriginal-led and designed, and will not be pre-determined by the NSW Government. Consultation is expected to commence in the third quarter of 2024, and will be open for 12 months. A specific date for consultation to start will be determined with the Commissioners, along with a schedule of work.

Treaty Consultation Process

- (38) What is the timeline by which we can expect public information on:
- a. The panel to select the treaty commissioners?
 - b. The expression of interest process for the commissioners?
 - c. The selection of treaty commissioners?

ANSWER

- a. Membership of the panel is currently being finalised and will be settled prior to the close of the recruitment period. As the panel is advisory only, the NSW Government does not intend to publicly disclose membership to maintain the confidentiality of the process.
- b. The expression of interest process for Commissioners will commence on 8 March 2024, including release of public information about the roles, selection criteria and frequently asked questions.
- c. Recruitment will remain open for four weeks, with appointment decisions to be made shortly thereafter. Specific timing will depend on the volume of applications and negotiation of contracts with appointees.

Treaty Consultation Process

- (39) In estimates last year you referenced the need for the process of “truth-telling” in regard to the Treaty consultation process. What steps have been taken since this time to engage in a process of “truth-telling”?
- a. What definition of truth-telling are you referring to?
 - b. Who defines this term?
 - c. Which stakeholders are guiding this process?
 - d. What is the timeline and funding for this process?
 - i. Is this included in the initial \$5 million and 12 month consultation commitment?

ANSWER

- a. The NSW Government has not formally defined truth-telling, other than to acknowledge its centrality to any dialogue about Treaty and reconciliation.
- b. It is for Aboriginal people and communities to define what truth-telling means, and looks like, to them.
- c. There are currently no conversations with stakeholders specifically about defining truth-telling, but experiences in other jurisdictions have shown that truth-telling will feature in conversations about Treaty, led by Commissioners. The Commissioner role description stipulates that Commissioners are expected to provide advice on what Aboriginal communities say about the topic of truth-telling through the consultation process.
- d. There is no set timeline or funding for truth-telling.

Treaty Consultation Process

(40) Who are the external consultants engaged to progress work on Treaty?

- a. How many external consultants have been engaged?
- b. Can you provide a list of these consultants that have been engaged thus far?
- c. Can you provide a list of consultants considered to be engaged in the future?
- d. What is the framework you use to decide which groups are engaged?
- e. What work have they been engaged to do?
- f. What work have they delivered so far?
- g. What have they been paid to date?
- h. How much of the \$5 million has been allocated to engaging these external consultants?

ANSWER

- a. Aboriginal Affairs NSW has contracted the Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research as its research and advisory partner on Treaty consultation preparation.
- b. Jumbunna is the only external party contracted to date.
- c. Consultants will be considered to undertake specific pieces of work identified to support the consultation design process that either require specialist skill sets or expertise. A project to understand, and embed, the role of Free, Prior and Informed Consent as defined under the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is currently subject to a procurement process.
- d. All procurement is undertaken under the Premier's Department Procurement Policy and the Aboriginal Procurement Policy.
- e. Jumbunna has been engaged to provide expert advisory and research services on Treaty and consultation design.
- f. Jumbunna to date has delivered internal research papers and expert advice to Aboriginal Affairs NSW Executives and to the internal Treaty working group.
- g. The total value of the contract with Jumbunna is \$250,000.
- h. Funding for the Jumbunna engagement is fully funded from the Aboriginal Affairs NSW existing budget, and not specifically from the \$5 million allocated to the Treaty work.

Treaty Consultation Process

(41) Will there be a further commitment for the 2024-2025 budget to extend the funding in order to continue consultation processes?

ANSWER

This will be determined through standard budget processes as required. It is not possible to determine whether additional funding beyond the already committed \$5 million will be required until consultation planning is finalised with Commissioners.

Aboriginal Land Claims

- (42) How many Aboriginal Land Claims does the Department expect to resolve for the remainder of the 2023-24 Financial Year?
- a. Of these, how many are Government priorities?
 - b. Of these, how many are Aboriginal Land Council priorities?

ANSWER

This is a matter for the Minister for Land and Property as it falls within their portfolio responsibilities.

Aboriginal Land Claims

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Aboriginal Land Claims

(44) The NSW Budget allocates \$366.5 million to fund “housing solutions, restoring land rights, and essential community infrastructure” (Budget Paper No.1, Chapter 5, page 8). Please provide a detailed breakdown of what the \$366.5 million is being spent on?

- a. Please provide a detailed breakdown of how much has been spent to date?

ANSWER

This is a matter for the Minister for Land and Property as it falls within their portfolio responsibilities.

Aboriginal Land Claims

(45) How is the Department tracking its progress for returning land to Aboriginal Land Councils?

- a. What targets has the Department set?
- b. How have the targets been developed?
 - i. In what capacity have these targets been developed in partnership with Aboriginal Land Council?
 - ii. In what capacity have these targets been developed in line with the Closing the Gap commitments?
- c. Is the Department on track to meet these targets?
- d. Do these targets address the approximately 38,500 backlog?

ANSWER

This is a matter for the Minister for Land and Property as it falls within their portfolio responsibilities.

Aboriginal Land Agreements

- (46) Following the 2020 Ronalds Report into the Land Negotiation Program, the then Government made commitments to resource and process Aboriginal Land Agreements (ALA's) in a timely manner. Are all Aboriginal Land Agreements negotiated at the time of the Ronalds review resolved?
- a. If not, please advise when these ALAs will be approved?

ANSWER

This is a matter for the Minister for Land and Property as it falls within their portfolio responsibilities.

Aboriginal Land Agreements

- (47) How many Aboriginal Land Agreements are currently being negotiated?
- a. What is the timeline for their completion?
 - b. What is the median timeline for the processing and resolutions of Aboriginal Land Agreements?
 - i. Under the previous government?
 - ii. Under the current Government?
 - c. What are the elements of these negotiations that typically delay resolution of ALAs?

ANSWER

This is a matter for the Minister for Land and Property as it falls within their portfolio responsibilities.

Closing the Gap

(48) The Productivity Commission's report released earlier this month found that NSW was failing on its Nationally agreed targets to Closing the Gap. What steps have been made to progress towards these goals since the Productivity Commission's report was released?

- a. Have you engaged in discussions with any key stakeholders in regard to the findings in the report?
 - i. Can you disclose the nature of these discussions?
- b. Has your department engaged with other jurisdictions in regard to the targets?
- c. What steps were taken in 2023-24 to ensure NSW was on track to meet its agreements?
 - i. In what ways do you determine there has been a failure in these steps?
 - ii. In light of the recent report, have you committed to do anything differently?

ANSWER

The NSW Government welcomes the Productivity Commission's Final Report for the First Three Yearly Review of the National Agreement, and notes that it includes findings and recommendations on the ongoing implementation of the National Agreement, highlighting areas of improvement and emphasising where additional effort is required to close the gap.

Through the NSW Partnership approach to Closing the Gap, ongoing and regular discussion occurs through Closing the Gap Partnership Governance Group to progress reforms, and this includes discussions on matters related to the Productivity Commission's report. Members of this group are NSW Government agencies and Aboriginal stakeholders, including NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations. Any further work to address the issues identified by the Productivity Commission in NSW will be explored through existing Closing the Gap partnership structures.

Both the NSW and National Joint Council on Closing the Gap are considering the final report and will provide a formal response, as outlined in clauses 129 and 130 of the National Agreement. Nationally, all jurisdictions are a party to the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, and it is appropriate that national forums engage to provide an agreed response in accordance with the requirements of the National Agreement.

Closing the Gap

(49) Do you support the recommendations outlined in the Productivity Commission's Review of the National Agreement of Closing the Gap? Please provide a detailed timeline and associated steps for the completion of each of these recommendations:

- a. Recommendation 1 (Power needs to be shared)?
- b. Recommendation 2 (Indigenous Data Sovereignty needs to be recognised and supported)?
- c. Recommendation 3 (Mainstream government systems and culture need to be fundamentally rethought)?
- d. Recommendation 4 (Stronger accountability is needed to drive behaviour change)?

ANSWER

See response to question 48.

Closing the Gap

(50) During the 2022 Budget process the previous coalition Government committed \$221 million to support the delivery of Closing the Gap initiatives. These commitments funded part of the initiatives outlined in the 22-24 NSW Implementation Plan. What allocation of the upcoming budget has your Government considered for the continued funding of these initiatives?

- a. Given the recent nature of the Productivity Commission's Report which found NSW was failing to meet each of the nationally agreed targets, what commitments have you made to increase funding and capacity to ensure the Closing the Gap initiatives stay on track?

ANSWER

The NSW Government will continue to work through NSW Closing the Gap partnership structures to deliver on its commitments under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap. This includes considering what is the most appropriate approach for Aboriginal communities in NSW, informed by community engagement and by Aboriginal stakeholders, including the NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations.

Aboriginal Affairs – Miss Abigail Boyd

Domestic Violence

(94) What is the NSW Government doing to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children who are experiencing domestic and family violence can access specialist and culturally safe support?

ANSWER This is a matter for the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Domestic Violence

- (95) Considering the impact of domestic and family violence in the Aboriginal community, does the NSW Government intend to fund primary violence prevention initiatives in NSW which align with Changing the picture: A national resource to support the prevention of violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and their children (Our Watch, 2018)?
- a. If not, why not?

ANSWER This is a matter for the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Domestic Violence

(96) The Aboriginal Women's Advisory Network was established in 2022 to improve the safety and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children. They are an 16 integral initiative to support Closing the Gap Target 13, yet the NSW Government has only provided short-term funding which will expire in June 2024. Will the NSW Government commit to ongoing funding for AWAN to continue to advance the rights and interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children?

a. If not, why not?

ANSWER This is a matter for the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

#	Question	Responses
1	<p>GWIC's Annual Report for 2022-23 disclosed 911 greyhound mortalities, including 544 euthanasias. In respect to each of the 544 euthanasias, can you please advise:</p> <p>(a) The names of the greyhounds euthanased.</p> <p>(b) The name of the vet that performed the euthanasia.</p> <p>(c) The specific veterinary reason for each euthanasia, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. In the case of greyhounds euthanised due to 'injury' – the details of the injury ii. In the case of greyhounds euthanised due to 'illness' – the details of the illness 	<p>(a) This question as well as question (c) are answered in the table which is provided in a separate document at Appendix A.</p> <p>(b) GWIC is unable to supply the names of vets that have euthanised these greyhounds due to privacy requirements.</p> <p>(c) See Appendix A.</p>

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	<p>iii. In the case of greyhounds euthanised due to 'failure to rehome' – the details as to why the greyhound was unable to be rehomed</p> <p>iv. In the case of greyhounds euthanised due to 'behaviourally unsuitable' – the details as to why the greyhound was behaviourally unsuitable and why the decision was made to euthanise.</p>	
2	<p>In respect to the 148 greyhounds that died from 'injury or accident' in 2022-23, please</p>	<p>Greyhound mortality data is drawn from notifications received from participants and does not include this information.</p>

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	provide the specific detail of the injury or accident.	
3	In respect to the 219 greyhounds that died from 'illness, age or natural causes' in 2022-23, please provide the age of each dog at time of death	See Appendix B.
4	What is the maximum number of greyhounds that can be held at the Greyhound as Pets (GAP) facility in Western Sydney (Londonderry)?	Greyhounds as Pets is managed by GRNSW. This question should be directed to GRNSW.
5	In the case of overflow from the Londonderry facility, what facilities are the greyhounds sent to? Please provide the address and name of any individuals who provide this 'overflow' housing.	Greyhounds as Pets is managed by GRNSW. This question should be directed to GRNSW.
6	How many greyhounds are currently on the 'waiting list' to be assisted by GAP	Greyhounds as Pets is managed by GRNSW. This question should be directed to GRNSW.
7	What happens to dogs who are not accepted by GAP due to capacity issues?	Greyhounds as Pets is managed by GRNSW. This question should be directed to GRNSW.

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10	Did the 52 applicants to participate in the trial provide reasons to wanting to be a part of the trial?	Almost all venues responded to the invitation to apply using a template response which did not request this information. Venues did not provide additional reasons for wanting to participate.
11	What reasons were the unsuccessful applications given for not being selected for the trial?	<p>One venue was advised it was unsuccessful as it did not hold any gaming machine entitlements. Participation in the trial is for venues that have gaming machine entitlements and operate gaming machines. It would not be appropriate for venues to be provided with new or additional gaming machine entitlements to participate in the trial.</p> <p>Other venues were advised their application was conditionally approved, however they were unable to be immediately accommodated due to capacity constraints on the part of approved technology providers, as well as geographic and demographic considerations.</p> <p>Unsuccessful technology providers were advised they did not meet Panel trial requirements.</p>
12	What strategies has the government implemented to attract more staff to take up roles in hospitality?	The NSW Government's Vibrancy reforms are designed to allow venues to reach their full entertainment, economic and creative potential, in turn creating more employment opportunities in the sector.
13	The Federal Government is boosting immigration to boost workforce, what plans does the Government have to secure workers in hospitality?	Immigration is a matter for the Australian Government. Migration in NSW is a matter for the Minister for Industry and Trade.
14	Does the Minister support the decision of the Alcohol Beverages Advertising Code Scheme that the alcoholic drink	The Alcohol Beverages Advertising Code Scheme's decision is aligned with Liquor and Gaming NSW's position that Hard Solo was undesirable under NSW legislation due to its appeal to minors.

#	Question	Responses
	'Hard Solo' had "strong or evident appeal to minors"?	
15	<p>At what point did Liquor and Gaming NSW "[form] the view that liquor products which leverage established or iconic soft drink brands inherently hold appeal to minors and [believe] this risk warrants consideration of regulatory action"?</p> <p>(a) Does the Minister agree with this view?</p>	<p>In considering the product Hard Solo, Liquor & Gaming NSW obtained submissions from several drug and alcohol research agencies, including NSW Health. These submissions pointed to the high popularity of soft drinks amongst minors and evidence indicating minors are particularly vulnerable to alcohol-related injuries and diseases. Added to this was the reported popularity of Hard Solo with minors on Tik Tok and also at 'schoolies' in late 2023.</p> <p>It was at this point (late November 2023) that Liquor & Gaming NSW formed the view that Hard Solo was inherently appealing to minors. Liquor & Gaming NSW is currently consulting with industry and others to determine whether a ban on this particular class of product is warranted, and a decision will be made by the Minister once all submissions are received.</p> <p>(a) The Minister is committed to ensuring alcohol is consumed and sold responsibly.</p>
16	<p>Does the Minister believe the current system of liquor regulation in NSW is unable to protect minors from drinks that may appeal to them?</p> <p>(a) Are minors currently consuming alcoholic drinks with colourful or "iconic" marketing?</p>	<p>The current system of liquor regulation in NSW is well equipped to protect minors from drinks that may appeal to them.</p> <p>NSW legislation contains clear provisions that enable Liquor & Gaming NSW or the Minister to protect minors from liquor products that may appeal to them by prohibiting undesirable products from being sold or supplied within NSW. A product may be prohibited or declared undesirable if, relevantly, its name, design or packaging is likely to be attractive to minors, the product is likely, for any reason, to be confused with soft drinks or confectionary, or is for any other reason likely to have a special appeal to minors.</p> <p>(a) Since Hard Solo has been renamed and rebranded, Liquor & Gaming NSW is not aware of any alcoholic versions of 'iconic' soft drink branded products for sale in NSW, although some residual stock of Hard Solo may remain within some areas of NSW.</p> <p>Both Liquor & Gaming NSW and the Alcohol Beverages Advertising Code (ABAC) Scheme have a role in ensuring that alcoholic drinks are not marketed in a manner that may be likely to appeal to minors. Liquor & Gaming NSW actively monitors liquor promotions and new liquor products against its Liquor Promotion Guidelines and relevant legislation to determine whether undesirable products or promotions should be</p>

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		restricted or prohibited and takes action to have undesirable products removed from the NSW market if identified.
17	Does the Minister believe that adults cannot distinguish between soft drinks and alcoholic drinks which may partially feature iconic branding found in some soft drinks?	A product may be prohibited or declared undesirable under NSW law if, relevantly, it is likely to be confused with soft drinks or confectionary. Whether a reasonable adult is capable of distinguishing between a soft drink and alcoholic drink which features soft drink branding will be a question of fact in each individual circumstance. The risk around this type of product relates more to whether minors find it appealing given their familiarity with the non-alcoholic version.
18	<p>Which currently available alcoholic drinks, aside from the former ‘Hard Solo’, raise concerns for Liquor and Gaming NSW by ‘leveraging well-known soft drink branding’?</p> <p>(a) Could these drinks in future be declared undesirable as part of “a class of liquor products, being those that leverage well-known soft drink branding”?</p> <p>(b) When will Liquor and Gaming NSW decide if they will pursue “further formal regulatory action”?</p>	<p>Liquor & Gaming NSW is of the view that alcoholic versions of iconic soft drinks are the highest risk product that leverage soft drink branding. Liquor & Gaming NSW is not aware of any other alcoholic versions of iconic soft drink products currently for sale in NSW, however, is aware of such products in international markets, for example, ‘Hard Mountain Dew’.</p> <p>(a) Liquor & Gaming NSW actively monitors liquor promotions and new liquor products against its Liquor Promotion Guidelines and relevant legislation to determine whether undesirable products or promotions should be restricted or prohibited.</p> <p>Liquor & Gaming NSW will continue to monitor the environment and take any relevant regulatory action required to prevent undesirable products or promotions from being sold or supplied in NSW.</p> <p>(b) L&GNSW is currently consulting with industry and NSW Health in relation to any potential regulatory action and seeks to provide recommendations to the Minister in the first half of 2024.</p>

#	Question	Responses
29	When/what time did the NICC notify Star it intended to call a second inquiry into The Star?	On the morning of Monday 19 February, the NICC informed The Star that it had appointed Adam Bell SC to undertake an independent review of The Star's suitability. The Chief Commissioner rang Mr David Foster and spoke to him before 9.30am. A formal letter was then emailed to Mr Robbie Cooke and Mr Foster shortly after, around 9.40am.
30	When/what time did the NICC notify the government it intended to call a second inquiry into The Star?	The NICC's Chief Commissioner, Commissioner Stephen Parbery and Director of the Office of the NICC met with me (Minister Harris), the Treasurer, their staffers, and departmental representatives in person on 7 February (at 1pm) and informed them of the NICC's intention to launch a second inquiry into The Star.
31	How many times did Mr Crawford meet with the Star's board or with Matt Bekier between June 2016 and 13 September 2021?	15
32	What is Adam Bell, SC, being paid for overseeing the second Star enquiry?	The negotiated rates for the Bell Inquiry 2 for Mr Bell SC are \$700 per hour (excl GST) and \$7,000 per day (excl GST). The total estimated costs for Mr Bell SC are \$525,000 (excl GST).
33	What special-purpose auditors did the NICC recommend to The Star and did Mr Crawford have any connection to those firms?	Protiviti is the compliance auditor engaged by Crown Sydney. The Star engaged Protiviti for its Sydney property and BDO for its Queensland properties. Neither Mr Crawford nor any other NICC commissioners declared conflicts of interest in relation to the engagement of Protiviti.
34	What was Wexted's qualifications to act as Star's monitor? Did Mr Crawford or anyone at NICC have pre-existing connections with Wexted?	Wexted Advisors was appointed to examine, monitor and observe casino operations and the effectiveness of the governance, systems, supervision, processes and people in place to provide assurance to the Authority that the operations of The Star Entertainment Group Limited and The Star Pty Ltd, in relation to Sydney casino operations, complied with the Act. During the procurement process, ILGA determined that Wexted was suitably qualified to supply the services required. Wexted is an approved government supplier and did not raise conflicts of interest in respect of The Star, its shareholders, associated entities, and close associates.

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		<p>Commissioner Murray Smith, previously an ILGA board member, declared that he had a past professional relationship with Mr Joseph Hayes, Managing Director of Wexted Advisors. Mr Smith knew Mr Hayes through his employment with KMPG and then at McGrath Nicol until Mr Smith retired from McGrath Nicol in 2014. The declaration was recorded, communicated appropriately, and managed via established ILGA processes. Mr Smith was excluded from the selection and negotiation process as well as ongoing management of the independent monitor by the ILGA Star Committee.</p>
35	<p>How much is Wexted paid per week? How much is Nick Weeks paid per week as special manager of The Star?</p>	<p>Wexted was appointed on an invoice basis for a fixed term from 11 August 2022 to 21 October 2022, when the NICC determined its response to the findings of the Bell Review. Mr Nick Weeks was appointed as a consultant by Wexted. Upon conclusion of Wexted's term and the finalisation of the Bell disciplinary response, the NICC appointed Mr Nick Weeks as The Star Manager. A procurement and probity process had already been conducted which provided for an expedient appointment process.</p> <p>Mr Weeks is paid \$75,000 per month for his work as manager of The Star, Sydney. The Star pays Mr Weeks directly, after the NICC has reviewed and approved the invoices. Only one of Mr Week's staff is contracted from Wexted. Wexted invoices The Star for this person. Mr Weeks other staff are paid directly. Invoices for Mr Week's staff are reviewed and approved by the NICC before The Star makes payment.</p>
36	<p>Did NICC make any inquiries after it was reported that Crown Resorts CEO Ciaran Caruthers was subject to an internal investigation last year?</p>	<p>Crown Sydney Chairperson, Mr John Borghetti, informed Chief Commissioner Crawford that Mr Carruthers was to be independently investigated for an incident that occurred at the Crown Melbourne premises. Mr Borghetti kept Mr Crawford updated on the status of the investigation and informed Mr Crawford when the report was finalised. Liquor & Gaming NSW obtained a copy of the report via formal notice and subsequently shared it with the NICC. Liquor & Gaming and is now assessing the material to consider whether there is a need to make further enquiries. While the report noted Mr Carruthers was not found to have breached the casino control laws or the internal control measures, the NICC will consider the report as part of its suitability assessment.</p>
51	<p>When the cashless gambling trial was announced it was only meant to involve 500 machines. Now it's expanded to 4,500 machines according to media reports. Given the increase of interest from</p>	<p>The interest from industry to participate in the trial was positive. It is important to get the balance right, which is why the NSW Government committed to a trial of cashless gaming for electronic gaming machines in venues across NSW, to be overseen by the Independent Panel. Trialling the technology will ensure a balanced approach that considers harm minimisation, procurement, data ownership and storage, implementation and roll out, privacy, and possible unintended consequences, such as loss of revenue for pubs and clubs.</p>

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	venues for these machines, why has the Government not rolled out cashless gaming across the industry right now?	
52	<p>The trial currently involves 24 local government venues. What feedback have you received from these venues?</p> <p>(a) Why has it not been shared publicly?</p>	<p>No specific feedback has been received from venues to date.</p> <p>(a) See answer above.</p>
53	<p>Did Clubs NSW insist on a trial?</p> <p>(a) If yes, did it communicate that it was a way of delaying reform?</p>	<p>The NSW Government committed to a trial of cashless gaming for electronic gaming machines in venues across NSW, to be overseen by an Independent Panel.</p> <p>(a) See answer above.</p>
54	<p>Has the NSW Government ever looked at the charitable tax status which Clubs NSW operates under in order to see if it is appropriate?</p> <p>(a) Has the NSW Government looked into</p>	<p>The tax status of ClubsNSW is not a matter for the NSW Government.</p> <p>(a) This is not a matter for the NSW Government.</p>

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	whether this status is legal?	
55	<p>In 2015 Clubs NSW dropped a defamation case against then MP Andrew Wilkie after the ABC made public its intention to examine Clubs NSW's federal tax status. In this context do you think Clubs NSW's has anything to hide in regard to its taxation status?</p> <p>(a) Has Clubs NSW's federal tax status ever been examined?</p> <p>i. If so, when?</p> <p>ii. If so, by whom?</p> <p>(b) Can you provide the findings of each report?</p>	<p>This is a matter for ClubsNSW.</p> <p>(a) This is not a matter for the NSW Government.</p> <p>i. N/A</p> <p>ii. N/A</p> <p>(b) N/A</p>
56	<p>What evidence is there that GWIC Inspectors have sufficient training and experience to undertake investigations and forensic evidence handling procedures in a</p>	<p>(a) GWIC remodelled its Compliance Team in 2023 to include specific roles for Investigators in addition to its 8 Inspectors. There is now an Investigator and a Senior Investigator, who work alongside the Inspectorate. Inspectors are required to have intermediate investigation skills to complete charges relating to alleged breaches of the Greyhound Racing Rules or the NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice observed during inspections. Inspections that reveal more complex or multiple breaches are referred for allocation to investigators. Several GWIC inspectors have a Cert IV in government investigations, and in each area an</p>

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	<p>manner that meets NSW Police standards?</p> <p>(a) If this is completion of Certificate or Diploma-level investigations training courses, or equivalent, how does GWIC ensure their inspectors get the hands-on experience in evidence handling that meets the same standards and procedures as NSW Police officers in the Forensic Evidence and Technical Services Command?</p> <p>(b) Do any of the GWIC inspectors involved in the initial investigations of the Trevor Rice case have experience working in a police force within the last 3 years?</p> <p>(c) How many investigations of potential breaches of the Prevention of</p>	<p>inspector on that team has either a Cert IV or higher qualification, in government investigations. One of the Investigators and a number of the inspectors are former Police Officers.</p> <p>GWIC Inspectors are able to consult directly with investigators and senior staff at any time with any concerns regarding evidence or issues that may lead to a criminal investigation.</p> <p>GWIC investigators manage more complex investigation matters requiring high level forensic interview skills, understanding of chain of evidence procedures and a thorough knowledge of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, the Greyhound Racing Rules and the NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice. In addition, investigators have skills and experience in criminal matters.</p> <p>(b) None of the Inspectors involved with the Trevor Rice matter have worked with NSW Police in the last 3 years, however they have been supported by Investigations where recent policing experience is present.</p> <p>(c) The GWIC Inspectors who investigated the Trevor Rice case included a former Chief Inspector and Senior Inspector from RSPCA NSW. During the course of their employment at RSPCA NSW, these inspectors had been involved in many investigations of breaches of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 (POCTAA). Their supervisor at the time, the former Associate Director of Compliance was a former Police Prosecutor.</p> <p>(d) The Commission has commenced action in relation to alleged breaches of POCTAA on three occasions. Two of these cases were later withdrawn, and regulatory action was taken under the Greyhound Racing Rules. One matter resulted in a successful prosecution.</p>

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	<p>Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 have the GWIC inspectors involved in the Trevor Rice case undertaken?</p> <p>How many of these have resulted in a successful prosecution, not including investigations and determinations of breaches of the Australasian Greyhound Racing Rules or Local Racing Rules?</p>	
57	<p>How many cases has GWIC referred for investigation to NSW Police, RSPCA or Animal Welfare League in the last 3 years?</p> <p>How many of these cases resulted in a conviction?</p>	(a) In the last three years the Commission has referred four matters to NSW Police.
58	<p>In how many criminal investigations has the forensic anthropologist who assessed the skeletal remains in the Trevor Rice case given evidence?</p> <p>How many resulted in a conviction</p>	<p>The Commission engaged Dr Denise Donlon, Senior Lecturer in Anatomy & Histology, School of Medical Sciences at the University of Sydney to examine skeletal remains relevant to charges against Mr Trevor Rice. Dr Donlon regularly acts as a consultant anthropologist to the Department of Forensic Medicine, the NSW Police and the Australian Defence Forces.</p>

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59	Who at GWIC made the decision for GWIC investigators to undertake initial investigations and evidence handling?	The investigation into the Trevor Rice matter was conducted in accordance with the Commission's standard operational procedures.
60	What experience in leading investigations do they have, not including any investigations of breaches of the Australasian Greyhound Racing Rules or Local Racing Rules?	The Commission's operational procedures were developed in accordance with best practice in regulatory compliance and investigations. See response to question 56 regarding the experience and expertise of the Commission's Inspectors.
61	Did they, or anyone else at GWIC, consult with NSW Police before commencing the investigation and exhuming the greyhound remains?	No.
62	Is the NSW Government conducting a review of this case to ascertain why the case did not proceed to prosecution? If not, why not?	The Commission referred the Trevor Rice matter to NSW Police. Following the decision by NSW Police not to prosecute Mr Rice, the Commission proceeded with regulatory action under the Greyhound Racing Rules.
63	What actions is the NSW Government planning to implement to address any issues that resulted	Mr Rice has lodged an appeal with the Racing Appeals Tribunal. The Commission does not propose to implement any changes to its procedures as a result of the investigation into, and subsequently disciplinary action against, Mr Rice at this time.

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	in Mr Rice not being prosecuted?	Decisions on whether to prosecute for criminal offences in NSW are based upon an assessment of evidence by the appropriate authorities to determine whether evidence is to a standard to prove a prosecution before the Courts.
64	Is the NSW Government planning to revise any MoUs, or other arrangements/agreements that may exist between GWIC and NSW Police regarding investigations of animal cruelty cases under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979, to ensure that investigations and evidence handling in such cases is undertaken by NSW Police and not GWIC Inspectors?	<p>No.</p> <p>The Commission currently has information sharing arrangements with RSPCA NSW and NSW Police. These arrangements are reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that they remain appropriate.</p> <p>The Commission remains the primary agency for the conduct of investigations into registered greyhounds and greyhound racing industry participants and may refer matters to other agencies as appropriate.</p>
65	How will GWIC's rehoming policy, recently updated in May 2023, be enforced in NSW?	GWIC's Greyhound Rehoming Policy is enforced by the Commission, and disciplinary action may be taken against participants who are found to be in breach of the Policy.
66	How will the policy be enforced regarding interstate facilities, given the NSW Government has not empowered GWIC to track greyhounds interstate?	Investigations conducted by the Commission are informed by a range of sources, including data from eTrac, intelligence reports, customer complaints and reports from agencies and controlling bodies in other jurisdictions. The Commission is empowered to take action against NSW participants who breach the Commission's rehoming policy. Once ownership of a greyhound is transferred to another jurisdiction its welfare becomes the responsibility of the controlling body in that jurisdiction.

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67	<p>How will the outcomes of enforcement be reported upon? (i.e., quarterly, annually, etc)</p> <p>Will this data be made publicly available?</p>	<p>The Commission reports legal and disciplinary action taken in its Annual Report. Individual decisions are published on the Commission’s website after every disciplinary has been completed. NSW has the most transparent reporting of information and data in Australia.</p>
68	<p>Does GWIC have memorandums of understanding in place to facilitate information exchange with all known facilities (within NSW and outside NSW) currently in receipt of NSW greyhounds for experimentation and terminal blood donation?</p>	<p>No.</p>
69	<p>Since May 2023, how many greyhounds have been rehomed to council pounds with prior approval of the Commission?</p>	<p>The Commission’s Greyhound Rehoming Policy prohibits surrender of a greyhound to a Council pound without prior approval of the Commission. Since May 2023, the Commission has provided approval to surrender a greyhound to a pound on 19 occasions. It provides approvals only in instances where the Commission is aware that the Council Pound has a relationship with a rehoming organisation and a ‘no kill’ policy in place.</p>
70	<p>Since May 2023, how many greyhounds did industry participants rehome to council pounds without prior approval of the Commission?</p>	<p>Since May 2023, the Commission has been notified of one greyhound which was surrendered to a Council pound without the prior approval of the Commission.</p>
71	<p>What percentage of greyhounds rehomed to</p>	<p>None to date. The case referenced in answer to question 70 has been referred to Compliance and remains under investigation.</p>

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	council pounds without prior approval were allocated a penalty of some kind by GWIC?	
72	What types of penalty is typically allocated by GWIC for rehoming to council pounds without prior approval?	Breaches of the Commission's Greyhound Rehoming Policy may result in disciplinary action being taken against a participant. Penalties imposed in respect of any breach of the Greyhound Racing Rules, the NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice or the Commission's official policies are determined with reference to the Commission's Penalty Guidelines which are available on its website.
73	Where is this data publicly available? If not available, why not?	All disciplinary action decisions are published on the Commission's website. All other disciplinary actions are set out within the Commission's Annual Reports.
74	<p>The NSW Government's Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice specifies participants must have a documented plan with exercise, socialisation and enrichment standards for greyhounds. For the calendar year of 2023, and/or for FY 2022-23:</p> <p>(a) How many of these plans were checked by GWIC?</p> <p>(b) What percentage of these plans met GWIC requirements?</p> <p>(c) What percentage of these plans failed GWIC requirements?</p>	<p>(a) Commission inspectors routinely review Exercise, Socialisation and Enrichment plans during kennel inspections. During 2022-2023, the Commission conducted 561 kennel inspections where plans were checked.</p> <p>(b) The Commission takes an educational approach to Exercise, Socialisation and Enrichment plans and Commission inspectors provide advice to participants on appropriate measures to include in plans. The Commission has not conducted a specific audit of Exercise, Socialisation and Enrichment plans at this stage.</p> <p>See above.</p>

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75	<p>Regarding plans that failed GWIC requirements, what percentage received a penalty from GWIC (and where is this data publicly available)?</p> <p>(a) If this data is not publicly available, please explain why</p>	<p>To date, the Commission has not taken disciplinary action in respect of an alleged breach of 7.12 of the NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice.</p>
76	<p>When will all tracks in NSW be fully compliant with the current minimum track standards?</p> <p>(a) How many tracks are currently fully compliant with the current minimum track standards?</p> <p>(b) How many tracks are partially compliant with the current minimum track standards?</p> <p>(c) Please provide a list of details of compliance for each track across NSW.</p>	<p>This is a matter for Greyhound Racing NSW.</p>
77	<p>According to the current minimum standards, GRNSW is required to</p>	<p>This is a matter for Greyhound Racing NSW.</p>

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	<p>conduct at a minimum a yearly audit of each venue. How many of these have been completed?</p> <p>(a) Please provide specifications for compliance and non-compliance, for each venue</p>													
78	<p>Each racing club is required to complete a venue assessment for their venue, and forward it to GRNSW by the end of January each year. How many of these audits has GRNSW completed this year? What were the outcomes of these?</p>	This is a matter for Greyhound Racing NSW.												
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82	The UK has banned surgical artificial insemination (SAI) of	This is a matter for the Minister for Agriculture.			

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	<p>racing greyhounds. What is the NSW Government's position on banning surgical greyhound AI in this state?</p>	
83	<p>For each track in NSW which has received public funds under the Greyhound Capital Grants Program, please provide:</p> <p>(a) data on the injury and death rate at that track prior to receipt of these funds,</p> <p>(b) data on the injury and death rate at that track after receipt of these funds.</p>	<p>A breakdown of the funding allocation under the Greyhound Capital Grants Program is available on the NSW Government Grants and Funding website: https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/greyhound-racing-capital-grants-program</p> <p>Data on greyhound injuries and deaths by track is published as part of GWIC Stewards' Reports available at: https://www.thedogs.com.au/racing/stewards-reports</p>
84	<p>Given the unprecedented pressure on pounds, shelters and volunteer rescue and rehoming groups, why is the greyhound industry 'exempted' in that with "permission" from GWIC, a participant can surrender a greyhound/s to a pound or shelter,</p>	<p>Council pounds provide a service to the whole community. The Commission's Greyhound Rehoming Policy restricts euthanasia of registered greyhounds, requiring greyhound racing industry participants to rehome any greyhounds that they do not wish to retain. It is a breach of the Policy for a participant to surrender a greyhound to a Council pound without the prior approval of the Commission. The Commission included this requirement into its Rehoming Policy to ensure that greyhounds were not being surrendered to Councils that euthanase unclaimed pets. The Commission's Policy ensures that participants can only surrender greyhounds in limited circumstances to a council pound where the Commission knows the Council has a 'no kill' policy and a relationship with a greyhound rescue program or group.</p>

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85	How many NSW greyhound participants have surrendered greyhounds to NSW pounds or shelters in the most recent financial year?	In 2022-2023, three participants notified the Commission that they had surrendered greyhounds to Council pounds in NSW.
86	When will mandatory drink spiking and sexual violence awareness training officially be embedded in RSA training?	The existing RSA training course specifically addresses drink spiking, including providing information on prevention and who to contact in a suspected case of drink spiking. Liquor & Gaming NSW has committed to updating the drink spiking content in RSA training and are consulting with stakeholders regarding this update.
87	How will Gaming and Liquor NSW track the success and reception of this training within venues?	A course evaluation survey will accompany the rollout of the updated RSA content to gather qualitative feedback on course content directly from participants.
88	When will 100% of bar staff and security guards in NSW venues be fully trained?	Staff and security personnel who work at licensed premises are required to undertake Responsible Service of Alcohol training to work in licensed premises, and to refresh that training every five years. All personnel will have undertaken training with the updated content within five years of the release of the updated content.
89	What form will the training take?	Responsible Service of Alcohol courses may be offered in a classroom or online.
90	The Minister for Gaming has committed to review the "Ask for Angela" campaign. When will this review commence with input from stakeholders?	The review commenced in 2023 and continues in consultation with stakeholders.

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10 3	Please explain for each of a. through g. above how these rules are enforced in this state. Where the racing industry's local rules impose higher standards, please list the relevant standard and then explain how this is enforced. Please also advise of any breaches detected, what the penalties were and if fines were levied, whether these were paid.	
10 4	<p>Will NSW introduce caps on greyhound breeding?</p> <p>(a) If so, when?</p> <p>(b) If not, why not?</p>	<p>(a) The Commission monitors greyhound breeding data and publishes this data on its website. Greyhound breeding has declined significantly since 2015 and declined further in 2022/2023. Consequently, the Commission does not propose to introduce caps on breeding at present. The Commission already places a limitation on breeding female greyhounds under the Commission's Local Rules, as stipulated in LR 58A. LR 58A provides that a female greyhound used for breeding purposes cannot have any more than five litters</p>

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		<p>over the course of its lifetime. In addition, for a breeding female greyhound, for the fourth and fifth litter, the breeder must obtain permission from the Commission prior to service.</p> <p>(b) There is no evidence of over breeding. Breeding rates are in decline. However, the Commission will continue to monitor and is prepared to examine the introduction of breeding limits should these be required.</p>
10 5	<p>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".</p> <p>(a) If not, why not</p>	<p>This is a matter for Greyhound Racing NSW.</p>
10 6	<p>Why has NSW chosen not to introduce birth to death tracking for racing greyhounds which tracks greyhounds that are transferred interstate, greyhounds retired outside the industry-by-industry participants and greyhounds dumped at pounds?</p>	<p>The Commission tracks greyhounds kept by registered greyhound racing industry participants as provided for by the <i>Greyhound Racing Act 2017</i>. Any changes to the legislation and thus to the functions of the Commission are a matter of government policy.</p>
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		Nowra	Ritza Rachelle	Injured	60
		Richmond Straight	Electric Feel	Injured	7
		Dubbo	Cedarwood Flyer	Injured	60
		Wagga Wagga	Dancin' Ethics	Injured	28
		Casino	Lenora	Injured	28
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		Gunnedah	Tralee Ziggy	Injured	90
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		Richmond Straight	Return To Sender	Injured	10
		Dubbo	Rafiki	Injured	28
		Richmond Straight	Wobble Board	Injured	14
		Bulli	Pan's Priority	Injured	28
		Goulburn	Knighted Shadow	Injured	28
		Temora	Flying Falcon	Injured	21
		Dapto	Riotous Miss	Injured	7
		Dubbo	Riley's Fusion	Injured	42

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		Dubbo	Mighty Boomer	Euthanised on track	n/a
		Dubbo	Rookie Fusion	Injured	42
		Dubbo	Aston Knox	Injured	3
		Dubbo	Brandy Cargo	Injured	5
		Wagga Wagga	Winlock Brad	Injured	21
		Dapto	Calamity Joe	Injured	28
		Richmond	For Art Thou	Injured	7
		Wentworth Park	Calamity Joe	Injured	10
		Casino	Skylah's Misfit	Injured	0
		The Gardens	Simply Awesome	Injured	28
		Young	High Banker	Injured, subsequent euth.	90
		Richmond	Gartholomew	Injured, subsequent euth.	90
		Richmond	Wispy Bale	Injured	7
		Wentworth Park	Zippping Khan	Injured	0
		Richmond	Papa Joe	Injured	10
		Richmond	Kind And Fancy	Injured	21
		Casino	Daisy's Gold	Injured	28
		Wentworth Park	Wicked Spartan	Injured	14
		Wentworth Park	Westside Hitman	Injured, subsequent euth.	90
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		Richmond	Artist's Model	Injured	28
		Goulburn	Rita's A Ripper	Injured	28
		Dubbo	Devil King	Injured	90
		Dubbo	Crawl	Injured	7
		Gunnedah	Doug Judy	Injured	21
		Richmond C	UNKNOWN	Injured	0
		Wentworth Park	Ollie Impact	Injured	0
		Nowra	Tea Police	Injured	28
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		Richmond	Lylah Rose	Injured	21
		Richmond Straight	Raglan Mamba	Injured	10
		Wentworth Park	Special Blend	Injured	90
		Muswellbrook	Release The Rage	Injured, subsequent euth.	90
		Richmond	Shady Baby	Injured	10
		Richmond	Lylah Rose	Injured	10
		Nowra	What About That	Injured	90
		Casino	Wilgunya Scott	Injured	90
		Wentworth Park	Ritza Margo	Injured	21
		Richmond	Canya Untamed	Injured	28
		Dapto	For Art Thou	Injured	60
		Wentworth Park	Lagoon Clissold	Injured	28
		Wentworth Park	Uncle Doug	Injured	90
		Wauchope	Roc Tycoon	Injured	90
		Richmond	Totally Deluded	Injured	14
		Broken Hill	South Aussie Boy	Injured	0
		Richmond	Hardaway Bandit	Injured	28
		Casino	Credit Card Debt	Injured	14
		Dubbo	On The Case	Injured	10
		Richmond	Unacceptable Jud	Injured	28
		Casino	Valour Rain	Injured	90
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	<p>i. include 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).</p> <p>ii. For each major injury, please list the greyhound's name and unique ID number, as well as whether it has raced since the injury. If it is no longer racing, please advise the last time it raced and whether it is still alive.</p>	
11 2	Has Greyhound Racing NSW commissioned any polling of the general public or of greyhound racing industry participants?	This is a matter for Greyhound Racing NSW.

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	(a) If yes, please provide a copy of the polling?							
113	How much time and resources has the NSW Government used this year to identify an alternative racing track to Wentworth Park track, in light of the lease ending in 2027.	<p>It is a matter for the NSW Greyhound Breeders, Owners and Trainers Association (GBOTA) and Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) to consider the future location of metropolitan greyhound racing in Sydney. GBOTA and GRNSW have made representations to the NSW Government regarding the future of Wentworth Park.</p> <p>The use of Wentworth Park beyond 2027 is a matter for the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.</p>						
114	<p>Regarding the GWIC Race Injury Reduction Action Plan, what are the expected detailed outcomes of the plan?</p> <p>(a) How much money is budgeted to implement the plan?</p> <p>(b) What is the progress of the plan and interim outcomes?</p>	<p>In February 2023, the Commission joined with Greyhound Racing NSW and other industry stakeholders in the inaugural Race Injury Reduction Summit. The Summit agreed on a joint Race Injury Reduction Action Plan.</p> <p>The action plan includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilots of double arm lures and preferential box draws. • A pilot of GWIC Veterinarians attending trials. • Education for trainers in relation to injury prevention and treatment. • New procedure of clearance to return to racing following long layoff due to injury; Commences 1 February 2024; and • Research into other race injury causations. <p>A progress update on each of these components can be found below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Description</th> <th>Status</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pilots of double arm lures and preferential box draws</td> <td>Commenced 1 August 2023. There are now six tracks with double arm lures in use with plans to roll these throughout the State</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A pilot of GWIC Veterinarians attending trials</td> <td>Completed. The Commission conducted a trial of having an on-course vet at trials. The trial determined that as trials are only conducted as singles or doubles</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Description	Status	Pilots of double arm lures and preferential box draws	Commenced 1 August 2023. There are now six tracks with double arm lures in use with plans to roll these throughout the State	A pilot of GWIC Veterinarians attending trials	Completed. The Commission conducted a trial of having an on-course vet at trials. The trial determined that as trials are only conducted as singles or doubles
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			(only 1 or 2 dogs on course) fewer injuries occur. Accordingly, the Commission has not pursued this strategy at this time.
		Education for trainers in relation to injury prevention and treatment	Commenced. Successful visits to trainers with high injury rates has identified commonalities which will form the basis for education programs
		New procedure of clearance to return to racing following long layoff due to injury	To be commenced from 1 May 2024.
		Research into other race injury causations	Ongoing.
		Preferred Box Draws	Commenced and looking to expand trial.
		<p>The Race Injury Reduction Plan can be found on the Commission’s website alongside other key documents and actions plans.</p> <p>As the Race Injury Reduction Plan is a multi-organisation responsibility, the Commission is unable to provide budget for the total Race Injury Reduction Plan.</p>	
11 5	Given there is a shortage of dogs trained to be Post Traumatic Stress Disorder support animals in Australia, why is the Minister supporting the export of retired greyhounds to the USA by GRNSW to support	This is a matter for Greyhound Racing NSW.	

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	those in need of an assistance dog?	
11 6	<p>Given one greyhound has already died during export to the USA to be rehomed there by GRNSW, can the Minister please:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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, or provide a detailed summary of the necropsy findings (e) explain what action the Minister has 	This is a matter for Greyhound Racing NSW.

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117	<p>Which NSW tracks now meet GRNSW's track safety standards and which don't? Is there an independent assessment of the tracks against the safety standards, and if not, why not?</p>	<p>This is a matter for Greyhound Racing NSW.</p>										
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121	For 2022 and 2023 to date, 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).	None.
122	For 2022 and 2023 to date, 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).	This is a matter for Greyhound Racing NSW.
123	Given euthanasia due to behavioural reasons is not permitted under	(a) There were 15 greyhounds euthanised for behavioural reasons in the 2021/2022 Financial Year and 19 greyhounds euthanised for behavioural reasons in the 2022/23 Financial Year.

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	<p>GWIC's Greyhound Rehoming Policy, please advise for FY 2021/22 and FY2022/23:</p> <p>(a) how many euthanasias of this type occurred,</p> <p>(b) how many breaches of the policy have occurred,</p> <p>(c) what penalty was allocated in each case,</p> <p>(d) and if a financial penalty was allocated, has it been paid?</p>	<p>(b) In FY 2021/22 there were 3 breaches of the GWIC Rehoming Policy. In FY 2022/23 there were 3 breaches of the GWIC Rehoming Policy.</p> <p>(c) In FY 2021/22 there were 3 warnings / cautions issued to industry participants. In FY 2022/23 there were 2 warnings / cautions issued and 1 matter where a 4-month suspension, wholly and conditionally suspended for 12 months was imposed. Details of this matter can be found below.</p> <p>(d) There were no financial penalties imposed for breaches of the GWIC Rehoming Policy in FY 2021/22 or FY 2022/23.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DISCIPLINARY ACTION – REHOMING POLICY</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Decision Date</th> <th>Details</th> <th>Outcome</th> <th>URL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>25.7.23</td> <td>Fail to comply with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission Greyhound Rehoming Policy</td> <td>4-month suspension, wholly and conditionally suspended for 12 months</td> <td>https://www.gwic.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1143934/G-Fishburn-Disciplinary-Action-Decision-.pdf</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Decision Date	Details	Outcome	URL	25.7.23	Fail to comply with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission Greyhound Rehoming Policy	4-month suspension, wholly and conditionally suspended for 12 months	https://www.gwic.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1143934/G-Fishburn-Disciplinary-Action-Decision-.pdf
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124	From May 1, 2022, the National and Local Greyhound Racing Rules require all greyhounds to be sterilised prior to being retired as pets	<p>(a) In 2019, well prior to Greyhound Australasia's rule change in 2022, the Commission introduced a requirement in its Greyhound Rehoming Policy that greyhounds must be desexed before being rehomed to a person that is not a registered greyhound industry participant. In May 2022, a similar requirement was included in R24 (1) of the Greyhound Racing Rules. Breach of the Rules may result in disciplinary action being taken against a participant.</p>								

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	<p>(GAR 24, a greyhound that is being retired as a pet must be sterilised prior to leaving the care of the owner or registered person responsible – unless the dog has been accepted into an approved greyhound adoption program). For the last financial year:</p> <p>(a) What monitoring and enforcement action has been taken to ensure this occurs?</p> <p>(b) What percentage of registered participants have not complied with this requirement?</p> <p>(c) Has any industry participant been penalised for non-compliance with this requirement?</p> <p>(d) Does NSW provide a subsidy payment towards the cost of sterilisation of retiring greyhounds,</p>	<p>(b) In 2023, 27% of participants who notified the Commission of greyhounds rehomed outside the industry did not comply with the requirement to desex their greyhound before doing so. However, of this 27%, 55% rehomed their greyhounds through the GRNSW Greyhounds as Pets program, which desexes all greyhounds prior to rehoming.</p> <p>(c) The Commission has taken disciplinary action against participants for breaches of the requirement to desex greyhounds before rehoming on 6 occasions.</p> <p>(d) The Commission is aware that GRNSW provides financial assistance to registered participants to assist with the cost of rehoming retired greyhounds; this funding subsidises the cost of greyhound desexing and dental care where required. The Commission is not aware of total amounts provided through this program and further questions should be directed to GRNSW.</p>

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	if so how much has been paid out?	

Questions from Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)	
Pandemonium Concert clash with ANZAC Day	Responsibility
<p>(19) Can you advise if there is any cost to the NSW Government of changing the venue of the ANZAC Day Pandemonium concert from the Domain to the Sydney Olympic Park?</p> <p>(a) Can you advise if the NSW Government has financially underwritten the Pandemonium concert now that it is to be held at Sydney Olympic Park on the 25th April 2024 ?</p>	OVA
<p>ANSWER</p> <p>This question should be directed to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.</p>	

Veterans Strategy	Responsibility
(20) How many ADF members transition out of defence and settle in NSW each year?	OVA
<p>ANSWER</p> <p>I am advised:</p> <p>Approximately 1,200 veterans transition and settle in NSW each year, which has been consistent since 2018.</p>	

Veterans Strategy	Responsibility
<p>(21) Is the Minister committed to continuing the programs in the strategy?</p> <p>(a) How much funding is there?</p> <p>(b) Will there be any new initiatives as part of the strategy?</p>	OVA
<p>ANSWER</p> <p>I am advised:</p> <p>(a) \$131,000 is provided for the Veterans Employment program with \$75,000 allocated to the TAFE Ranks to Recognition Program from this funding.</p> <p>(b) Consultation will occur widely in regard to any new initiatives, the new</p>	

strategy will be developed for release in 2025. There will be a continuing focus on veteran employment in Local Government and Mentoring/Buddy programs.	
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Questions from Hon Chris Rath MLC (*on behalf of the Opposition*)

Medical Research

2012 10 Year Medical Research Strategy – Review overdue

(97) Minister, we were told at the Hearings, the Government is undertaking a range of programs and plans to update the 2012 10 Year Medical Research strategy, but there was no clear details on timelines or the methodology to undertake the review.

- a. Can you specifically advise when the strategy will be reviewed?
- b. Can you confirm the members of the panel you have tasked with leading this review?

RESPONSE

I'm advised:

(28) a. NSW Health is currently developing a new Research and Innovation Strategy for release in 2024.

(28) b. The Strategy development is being coordinated by NSW Health. A steering committee has been established to lead the development of the Strategy, with broad senior representation and expertise from across NSW Health and Government.

Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

Medical Research

(91) How many animals are used each year in the Royal Prince Alfred Surgical and Robotic Training Institute courses and what species are used?

(92) When will the Institute be transitioning to ethical non-animal methods for training surgical skills?

(93) Will the Minister be supporting the revision of the NHMRC Code (Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes 2013) and request the National Health and Medical Research Council initiative a review?

RESPONSE

I'm advised:

(91) This is a matter for the Sydney Local Health District. Questions regarding LHD matters should be referred to the Minister for Health.

(92) See answer to Q. 91.

(93) Questions on requesting NHMRC to initiate a review of the Code should be referred to the Minister for Agriculture as the responsible Minister for issues involving the use of animals in research.

Palliative Care Cuts

(22) Was the Minister aware that the people of the Central Coast have experienced a 36% cut, \$9m over five years, to palliative care in their local health district since the Minns Labor Government was elected?

(a) As the Minister for the Central Coast, did you advocate for the retention of the preelection funding?

(b) What advocacy have you made to the Minister for Health to provide the necessary funding for the two palliative care units on the Central Coast, as well as the required recurrent funding for staff at these units?

ANSWER:

This is a matter for the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health. These questions should be asked of them.

CENTRAL COAST - General

(23) What is the Government's plan to invest adequately in enabling infrastructure in the Central Coast so we can unlock the existing pipeline for the region's housing and jobs?

(a) Does the Government have a plan for unlocking the potential of the Central Coast?

(b) If yes, when will this plan be released?

(c) How many briefs as Minister for the Central Coast has your office received for each week in the last 12 weeks?

(d) Since last Budget Estimates, what Central Coast specific projects or initiatives have you advocated for, for the Central Coast?

Answer:

The NSW Government 2023/24 budget includes billions of dollars in regional investments to build on the strengths of our regions, invest in housing delivery, essential services and infrastructure, and improve service delivery and quality of life in our rural and regional communities.

a) Refer to Answer to 23

b) Refer to Answer to 23

c) As Minister for Central Coast, my office receives briefs as required on a range of matters relevant to the Central Coast. This comes in a variety of forms, such as written briefs and correspondence, verbal updates and in person meetings and visits.

d) Since last Budget Estimates, what Central Coast specific projects or initiatives have you advocated for, for the Central Coast?

ANSWER:

As Minister for the Central Coast, I advocate for a range of projects and initiatives on the Central Coast, including election commitments such as the Gosford Waterfront, as well as opportunities and initiatives across health, education, transport, roads, arts, night-time economy, and tourism.

Albanese Labor Government Cuts

(24) What representations have the Government made to the Commonwealth regarding the \$1 billion that was cut from Faster Rail on the Central Coast?

(a) Minister, have you criticised the Albanese Labor Government for these cuts to the Central Coast – putting the interests of the state over the interests of the Labor Party?

(b) What representations have you made personally from a Central Coast perspective to the Federal Government on their cuts to the region?

(c) What reasons have the Commonwealth given the NSW Government for cancelling this funding – what were the “issues” with the project in the Commonwealths eyes?

(d) Is the State Government still committed to funding faster rail on the Central Coast, to allow existing rail stock to travel at faster speeds at pinch points on the tracks?

ANSWER:

The decision referred to is a matter for the Commonwealth Government. As Minister for the Central Coast, I continue to advocate for investment in public transport including rail for the people of the Central Coast.

Hydrogen Bus Trials

(25) Could you give an update on Hydrogen Bus Trials on the Central Coast?

(a) What criteria is the Government using to measure the success of the trial?

(b) Is there any plans to expand the trials by adding more regions or additional buses in these locations?

(c) When will outcomes of the trials be publicly available?

ANSWER:

This is a matter for the Minister for Transport.

Warnervale Airport

(26) Is the Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act still on track to be repealed this month?

(27) What actions have been taken to ensure that the Central Coast Airport Masterplan meets the needs of the community?

ANSWER:

These are matters for the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and Central Coast Council.