

**Special Minister of State, Roads, Arts, Music and the Night-time Economy, Jobs and Tourism**

**HEARING DATE: 5 MARCH 2024  
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS**

**Question 1**

How much economic expenditure is estimated to be generated from the NRL 2024 Grand Final in Sydney?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Destination NSW estimates that the 2024 NRL Premiership Men's and Women's Grand Final will generate \$25.6 million in visitor expenditure.

**Question 2**

Was it the NRL or the NSW Government that made the first approach regarding the 2024 NRL Grand Final?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The NSW Government and NRL have been engaged in discussions about the NRL Grand Final. As a result of these discussions, on 4 March 2024, the NSW Government announced that the Government and the Australian Rugby League Commission had reached an agreement to host the 2024 NRL and NRLW Grand Finals in Sydney.

**Question 3**

How much economic expenditure is estimated to be generated from the A-Leagues Unite Round over the term of the arrangement?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Destination NSW estimates that the Unite Round will deliver \$10.2 million in visitor expenditure over the 2023-24 and 2024-25 seasons.

**Question 4**

Was it the A-Leagues or the NSW Government that made the first approach regarding the 2024 NRL Grand Final?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The A-Leagues and NSW Government have not discussed the 2024 NRL Grand Final. The A-Leagues 'Unite Round' is a new concept which sees a full round of A-Leagues men's and women's fixtures played within NSW across one weekend. This proposal was put forward to the NSW Government by the Australian Professional Leagues (APL).

**Question 5**

How much economic expenditure is generated from the A-Leagues Unite Round over the term of the arrangement?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Please refer to answer to Question 3.

### Question 6

How much economic expenditure is generated from the UFC over the term of the arrangement?

### Answer

I am advised:

Destination NSW estimates that the Ultimate Fighting Championship will generate \$31.7 million in visitor expenditure over 2023-2027.

### Question 7

How much economic expenditure is generated from Sydney hosting the New Years Test?

### Answer

I am advised:

Destination NSW does not have an investment agreement in place to support the New Year's Test and therefore does not hold this data.

### Question 8

How much funding does Destination NSW have access to secure major events in NSW?

### Answer

I am advised:

Destination NSW's budgeted expenditure in 2023-24 is \$339.1 million, the second-highest Destination NSW budget on record. This budget ensures Destination NSW is well resourced to secure and retain events for the NSW events calendar.

### Question 9

How much funding does Destination NSW have access to secure major events in Regional NSW?

### Answer

I am advised:

Please refer to answer to Question 8.

### Question 10

Given the cessation of funding programs such as the Regional Events Acceleration Fund, has Destination NSW budgeted for the increase in need to fund regional events?

### Answer

I am advised:

The Regional Event Acceleration Fund was administered by the Department of Regional NSW, not Destination NSW.

Destination NSW's budgeted expenditure in 2023-24 is \$339.1 million, the second-highest Destination NSW budget on record. This budget ensures Destination NSW is well resourced to secure and retain events for the NSW events calendar.

As an example, on 12 March 2024, the NSW Government announced that the Regional Event Fund had opened to applications for regional events held in the 2024-25 financial year.

Destination NSW will manage the \$1.5 million Regional Event Fund and provide support to regional events through three streams:

- Incubator Event stream: New events in their first or second years can receive up to \$20,000 of seed funding to support activities that are likely to establish an event as a driver of visitation.
- Flagship Event stream: Emerging events running for over two years can receive grants of \$20,000 to increase their profile and encourage visitation. Events that have already received the maximum of three annual grants will be eligible for grants of \$30,000 over three years.
- Event Development stream: Established and proven events that have previously received and completed triennial funding through the Flagship Event stream can receive grants of up to \$50,000 to support growth initiatives in the event's strategic plan.

Applications to the Regional Event Fund will close on Tuesday 9 April 2024.

### Question 11

Will major regional sporting fixtures be funded by Destination NSW?

### Answer

I am advised:

Destination NSW's budgeted expenditure in 2023-24 is \$339.1 million, the second-highest Destination NSW budget on record. This budget ensures Destination NSW is well resourced to secure and retain events for regional NSW.

### Question 12

What role did you play in the drafting of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Amendment (Validation) Act 2015?

### Answer

I am advised:

The former Department of Premier and Cabinet assisted the NSW Government in the preparation of the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Amendment (Validation) Bill 2015* for the consideration of the NSW Parliament.

### Question 13

On 19 July 2021 in the case between R v Macdonald; R v Edward Obeid; R v Moses Obeid (No 17) [2021] NSWSC 858, Justice Fullerton of the NSW Supreme Court found that Mr Eddie Obeid, Mr Ian MacDonald, along with Mr Moses Obeid, were guilty of participation in a conspiracy.

In those court proceedings, the Crown Prosecutor, Ms Sophie Callan SC, categorically stated several times that that the Crown did not make any adverse imputations against Cascade, its directors or shareholders in any respect.

Justice Fullerton confirmed this fact in her judgement stating (at paragraph 2026): "The Crown also submitted that the Cascade Coal P/L witnesses were, from their [the Crown's] perspective, involved in "a series of legitimate arm's length commercial transactions" and, for that reason, "their understanding and involvement is not material to determination of the offence charged".

Are you aware of the statement of both Ms Callan SC, and Justice Fullerton?

### Answer

I am advised:

Paragraph 2026 of the judgment of Justice Fullerton in *R v Macdonald; R v Edward Obeid; R v Moses Obeid (No 17)* [2021] NSWSC 858 provides as follows:

The Crown submitted that the Court would not regard it as appropriate to give a *Jones v Dunkel* direction because the Crown's failure to call those witnesses does not give rise to a reasonable doubt about the guilt of the accused. In respect of those witnesses it identified as "close associates" of the Obeids, the Crown submitted that the nature of their involvement in relevant events would render their evidence unreliable. The Crown also submitted that the Cascade Coal P/L witnesses were, from their perspective, involved in "a series of legitimate arm's length commercial transactions" and, for that reason, "their understanding and involvement is not material to determination of the offence charged".  
[Citation omitted]

#### Question 14

In an email dated 26 March 2020, Ms Catherine Ellis, Principal Lawyer Independent Commission against Corruption advised the solicitor for Mr John Atkinson that:  
"On 24 March 2020, the Commission received advice from the DPP that there is insufficient evidence to commence criminal proceedings against your client. The Chief Commissioner, the Hon Peter Hall QC, has accepted advice".  
Are you aware of that email?

#### Answer

I am advised:

The Cabinet Office is aware of a submission by Mr John Atkinson to the inquiry of the Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption entitled *Reputational impact on an individual being adversely named in the ICAC's investigations*. A redacted version of the email is Annexure C to Mr Atkinson's submission and is publicly available: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/ladocs/submissions/68189/Submission%20-%20-%20Mr%20John%20Atkinson.pdf>

#### Question 15

Taking into account the submission of Ms Callan SC, the judgement of Justice Fullerton, along with the 26 March 2020 email from Ms Ellis of the ICAC, do you still stand by your assertion in evidence given to the committee where you said, inter alia, "In substance they had committed what was widely understood at the time to constitute corrupt conduct...?"

#### Answer

I am advised:

The Cabinet Office has no amendments or clarifications to make regarding the evidence provided to the Committee in this matter.

The NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) made corrupt conduct findings in respect of five Cascade Coal Pty Ltd investors in its July 2013 report Investigation into the conduct into Ian Macdonald, Edward Obeid Snr, Moses Obeid and others following an investigation known by the moniker 'Operation Jasper'.

On 29 July 2014 in *Duncan v ICAC; McGuigan v ICAC; Kinghorn v ICAC; Cascade Coal v ICAC* [2014] NSWSC 1018, the Supreme Court quashed the findings against one of the investors, and dismissed the judicial review application in respect of the remaining four investors. The four investors subject to corrupt conduct findings later unsuccessfully appealed the Supreme Court decision - see *Duncan v Independent Commission Against Corruption* [2016] NSWCA 143.

#### Question 16

In your evidence that you gave to the Committee (page 23 of the transcript) you said, *inter alia*, "I think the individuals in this matter had exercised all of their legal rights of appeal". Are you aware that the ICAC, the Crown Solicitors Office, and the NSW Court of Appeal had agreed and determined to set aside findings of corruption asserted by the ICAC against Messrs Duncan, McGuigan, Poole, and Atkinson, as those assertions were beyond the power of the ICAC?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Cabinet Office is aware that, in the context of an appeal by Messrs Duncan, McGuigan, Poole and Atkinson from *Duncan v ICAC; McGuigan v ICAC; Kinghorn v ICAC; Cascade Coal v ICAC* [2014] NSWSC 1018, the Crown Solicitor's Office wrote to those individuals on 23 April 2015, on behalf of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC).

In that letter, the Crown Solicitor's Office indicated, on the basis of the law after the decision of the High Court of Australia in *Independent Commission Against Corruption v Cunneen* [2015] HCA 14, the ICAC would consent to orders to the effect that its findings of corrupt conduct against those individuals in its Operation Jasper Report were beyond power.

Correspondence from the NSW Court of Appeal to the parties on 6 May 2015 noted the proposed consent orders and that, at the next hearing in the matter, the Court was minded to make a declaration that the ICAC had no jurisdiction to determine that those individuals had engaged in corrupt conduct within the meaning of the ICAC Act.

Those orders and the declaration were never made by the Court of Appeal.

The Court of Appeal's judgment in that matter is at *Duncan v Independent Commission Against Corruption* [2016] NSWCA 143.

**Question 17**

The agreement to set aside the findings was listed for hearing at 9.15am on Friday 8 May 2015. Are you aware that the passing of the "Validation Act" on the 6th of May 2015 some two days prior extinguished any opportunity to pursue their legal rights as agreed between the parties?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Cabinet Office is aware of the effect of the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Amendment (Validation) Act 2015* on the proceedings in *Duncan v Independent Commission Against Corruption* [2016] NSWCA 143.

**Question 18**

In relation to the reporting of road fatalities:

- (a) Does NSW use reporting and terminology similar to other Australian jurisdictions?
- (b) Has reporting and terminology been discussed, either bilaterally or multilaterally with other Australian jurisdictions?

**Answer**

I am advised:

(18)(a) Transport for NSW follows terminology specified in the National Guideline for Reporting and Classifying Road Vehicle accidents.

(b) Reporting and terminology have been discussed with other Australian jurisdictions on an ad hoc basis in the past for specific cases.

### Question 19

Is Transport for NSW working with the Department of Education to promote road safety and responsibility on our roads?

### Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW leads the Road Safety Education Program, which is the NSW Government's leading model of support for educating children and young people about road safety in NSW. Further information is publicly available:

Safety Town: [www.safetytown.com.au/](http://www.safetytown.com.au/)

On the Move: [www.onthemove.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.onthemove.nsw.edu.au/)

### Question 20

What educational campaigns / initiatives are being run for drivers and riders on their L and P plates?

### Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW offers initiatives for drivers and riders on their L and P plates, including:

- Safer Drivers Course: [www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/driver-and-rider-licences/driver-licences/learner-driver-licence/safer-drivers-course](http://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/driver-and-rider-licences/driver-licences/learner-driver-licence/safer-drivers-course)
- Driver Licensing Access Program: [www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/driver-and-rider-licences/driver-licences/driver-licensing-access-program](http://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/driver-and-rider-licences/driver-licences/driver-licensing-access-program)
- 3-for-1 Structured Lessons: [www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/young-drivers/learners#3\\_for\\_1\\_structured\\_lessons\\_with\\_a\\_driving\\_instructor](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/young-drivers/learners#3_for_1_structured_lessons_with_a_driving_instructor)
- Rider Training: [www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/driver-and-rider-licences/rider-licences/training-centres#toc-what-is-rider-training](http://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/driver-and-rider-licences/rider-licences/training-centres#toc-what-is-rider-training)

### Question 21

How many pieces of legislation relate to road vehicle safety?

### Answer

I am advised:

(21) and (22) Legislation relating to road vehicle safety includes both Commonwealth and State instruments. Commonwealth legislation regulates the first supply of motor vehicles to market and provides the head of power for making the vehicle standards called the Australian Design Rules (ADRs). This legislation is referenced across various NSW Acts. NSW has also adopted the Heavy Vehicle National Law, which regulates aspects of the use of heavy vehicles.

Key relevant NSW legislation within the remit of the Minister for Roads (jointly administered with the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads and the Minister for Transport) is the [Road Transport Act 2013 No 18](#).

Regulations relating to road vehicle safety also include:

[Road Transport \(General\) Regulation 2021](#)

[Road Transport \(Vehicle Registration\) Regulation 2017](#)

[Road Rules 2014](#)

[Road Transport \(Driver Licensing\) Regulation 2017](#)

[Heavy Vehicle \(Vehicle Standards\) National Regulation \(NSW\)](#)

[Heavy Vehicle \(Mass, Dimension and Loading\) National Regulation \(NSW\)](#)

**Question 22**

How many regulations relate to road vehicle safety?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Refer to answer in question 21.

**Question 23**

(23) How much actual and forecast budget has and will be invested in local roads from Transport for NSW in the following years:

- (a) 2019/20 (Actual)?
- (b) 2020/21 (Actual)?
- (c) 2021/22 (Actual)?
- (d) 2022/23 (Actual)?
- (e) 2023/24 (Forecast)?
- (f) 2024/25 (Forecast)?
- (g) 2025/26 (Forecast)?
- (h) 2026/27 (Forecast)?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The figures below represent the grants to council for programs within Greater Sydney:

- (a) \$96 million
- (b) \$137 million
- (c) \$142 million
- (d) \$361 million
- (e)-(h) Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/2025 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 24**

What are your top three goals as Minister for Roads in 2024?

**Answer**

1. Reducing the road toll and accelerating delivery of the Road Safety Action Plan.
2. Combatting toll mania and continuing to deliver on toll reform.
3. Delivering the commitments in the Urban Roads Fund and Connecting Sydney Roads.

**Question 25**

Can the Minister advise when the Government intends to release the WestConnex base-case financial model?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Independent Toll Review has just released its Interim Report which has made a recommendation relating to the disclosure of information regarding the setting of tolls. Information on the toll review is publicly available at [www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/toll-review](http://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/toll-review).

**Question 26**

When will the Tolling Review be completed?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Toll Review Final Report is expected to be finalised in July 2024.

**Question 27**

Can the Minister please advise how many e-toll accounts spent over \$60 per week in the following months:

- (a) November 2023?
- (b) December 2023?
- (c) January 2024?
- (d) February 2024?

**Answer**

I am advised:

- (a) 44,100 accounts
- (b) 35,537 accounts
- (c) 34,286 accounts
- (d) 44,960 accounts.

**Question 28**

Can the Minister please advise how many e-toll tags spent over \$60 per week in the following months:

- (a) November 2023?
- (b) December 2023?
- (c) January 2024?
- (d) February 2024?

**Answer**

I am advised:

- (a) 35,482 tags
- (b) 26,222 tags
- (c) 26,040 tags
- (d) 36,678 tags



**Question 29**

Can the Minister please provide an update on the Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is continuing to work with the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and relevant councils involved in the implementation of Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy, to ensure the draft master plans and planning proposals support the future delivery of transport infrastructure along and adjoining the Parramatta Road Corridor.

**Question 30**

Can the Minister please provide an update on the B34 assessment for the section of Parramatta Road between Haberfield and Burwood, including bus priority initiatives?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Please refer to answers provided in question 29.

**Question 31**

Can the Minister please advise why the Government has decided to not proceed with the proposal to extend clearways between Kyeemagh and Sans Souci?  
(a) Are any alternatives being considered to alleviate traffic congestion in the area?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The NSW Government is not progressing with changes to clearways on The Grand Parade between Kyeemagh and Sans Souci, per its election commitment.

Transport for NSW consulted with the community on the Access and Place Improvements for The Grand Parade Kyeemagh to Sans Souci project from 23 September to 17 October 2022. A community consultation report was published on 3 February 2023. A summary is provided in the Engagement Report which is available on the Transport for NSW website: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/grand-parade>.

Transport for NSW is looking at other options to alleviate traffic congestion while maintaining access to businesses and local amenities.

**Question 32**

Can the Minister please provide an update on the review of the application of speed zones at work sites?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The safety of workers along the road corridor is the number one priority for Government.

The NSW Government has committed to removing construction speed limits outside construction hours where it is safe to do so. Examples of projects where speed limits have been restored outside of the times workers are on the road are the Heathcote Road upgrade (The Infantry Parade to the Avenue) and King Georges Road Widening Stage 1.

Transport for NSW and SafeWork NSW has committed to review their protocols to consider increasing speed limits when workers are not present at road work zones. Transport for NSW does not manage temporary traffic management practices, including speed limits, at work sites of utility providers and local government. However, the Traffic Control at Work Sites Technical Manual' (and Quality Assurance (QA) specification G10 'Traffic Management' are available for use by all road operators, including local councils.

### Question 33

In relation to the NSW Government's demerit point reduction trial, when will eligible drivers start seeing one demerit point removed?

### Answer

I am advised:

Eligible customers will start to have demerit points removed from mid-April 2024.

### Question 34

Can the Minister provide an update on the development of a new online Towards Zero Collaboration Hub?

### Answer

I am advised:

Stage One of the Towards Zero Collaboration Hub was delivered in September 2022, which was a consolidation of road safety information and resources to support local road safety planning and communications. This stage received strong positive feedback from across Local Government and community organisations.

The second and final stage of the Towards Zero Collaboration Hub was recently launched in March 2024 and now includes a log-in only section where users can collaborate and build partnerships through discussion forums, webinars and workshops.

### Question 35

Can the Minister provide an update on the implementation of a Towards Zero Ambassador Program?

### Answer

I am advised:

The establishment of a Towards Zero Ambassador Program is an action of the 2026 Road Safety Action Plan.

The Program will encourage local leaders in local councils to be road safety champions, showcase local road safety partnerships and initiatives, and promote the achievement of Towards Zero targets within their local communities.

### Question 36

Can the Minister provide an update on the review and expansion of the Local Government Road Safety Program?

### Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has issued a request for quotations inviting independent organisations to conduct a review of the Local Government Road Safety Program. Key stakeholders will

be consulted as part of the review. The review is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2024.

### Question 37

In relation to Road Safety Officers, can the Minister provide an update on the following:

- (a) What portion of Councils in NSW have access to a Road Safety Officer?
- (b) How many Councils do Road Safety Officers service on average?
- (c) Are Road Safety Officers employed directly by Councils?
  - i. If not, what are their employment arrangements?
- (d) What are the NSW Government's targets in relation to expanding access to Road Safety Officers by Councils?
- (e) What procedures are in place to measure the success of Road Safety Officers in facilitating better road safety planning and integration?

### Answer

I am advised:

(a) and (b) All councils can participate in the program. As at January 2024, of the 128 Local Government Areas in NSW, 84 participate in the program, employing 75 Road Safety Officers, noting some councils share one officer.

(c) Yes.

(d) and (e) All participating councils in the Local Government Road Safety Program are required to complete Local Road Safety Action Plans. Transport for NSW reviews the Local Road Safety Action Plans.

The Action Plans are also used to approve project funding requests, with Transport for NSW reviewing the Action Plan and nominated projects to ensure they are appropriate and consistent with program guidelines.

### Question 38

Can the Minister provide an update on the development of a new online NSW Road Safety Education Centre?

### Answer

I am advised:

An education framework to guide the development of effective and innovative road safety learning resources and experiences has been developed. The digital build is expected to commence shortly with an expected public launch in 2025. Meanwhile, existing online road safety education resources continue to be maintained.

### Question 39

Can the Minister provide an update on the development of a vehicle renewal program that provides former fleet vehicles from Government and corporate partners to younger and disadvantaged drivers to increase their use of safer vehicles?

### Answer

I am advised:

In May 2022, Transport for NSW entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Empowr Mobility and Essential Energy to deliver a pilot program that gave access to five-star safety rated ex-fleet vehicles to young and disadvantaged drivers.

The pilot was comparatively small scale, with seven individual and two organisations participating. It finished on 28 February 2023.

**Question 40**

What is the Minister's plan to strengthen the NSW Government Fleet Policy to extend safety requirements to Government contractors?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The standard is scheduled to be published at the end of June 2024 for public comment.

**Question 41**

Can the Minister provide an update on the development of a new heavy vehicle safety strategy?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Developing a new heavy vehicle safety strategy is an action in the 2026 Road Safety Action Plan. Information around heavy vehicle road safety initiatives is available on the Transport for NSW website.

**Question 42**

How many times has the Drug and Alcohol Road Safety Advisory Group met since June 2022?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Since June 2022, the Drug and Alcohol Road Safety Advisory Group has met six times.

**Question 43**

Is the Automated Enforcement Strategy NSW Government policy?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Yes. Delivery of the Automated Enforcement Strategy is a commitment in the NSW Government's Road Safety Action Plan 2026.

**Question 44**

How many Seatbelt Detection Cameras have been installed to date?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The automated enforcement of seatbelt offences will commence on 1 July 2024. Mobile Phone Detection Cameras, which are existing camera systems used to enforce illegal mobile phone use, will be used to enforce seatbelt offences, including non-use and incorrect wearing of seatbelts.

**Question 45**

How many Seatbelt Detection Cameras are currently in operation?

**Answer**

I am advised:

When the automated enforcement of seatbelt offences commences on 1 July 2024, all 47 Mobile Phone Detection Cameras will enforce both illegal mobile phone use and seatbelt non-compliance.

**Question 46**

Can the Minister provide an update in relation to the status of reforms to post-crash drug and alcohol testing?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is investigating options for legislative changes with key agency partners to provide a more comprehensive testing framework for drivers involved in crashes resulting in grievous bodily harm.

**Question 47**

What is the current status in relation to the 2026 Road Safety Action Plan target to halve deaths and reduce serious injuries by 30% on NSW roads by 2030?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Road safety is a high priority, with a total of \$2.6 billion in funding allocated over the next four years for road safety. This significant investment continues the NSW Government's commitment to the NSW 2026 Road Safety Action Plan, with the goal of making the roads safer for everyone by reducing deaths and serious injuries.

On 22 February 2024, the NSW Government hosted the NSW Road Safety Forum to lead the conversation on outcomes to address the return to pre-Covid levels of road fatalities.

**Question 48**

Can the Minister please provide an update on the NSW Government's policy to mandate toll operators to issue consolidated toll notices to any road users commencing in 2023-24, including:  
(a) When this policy will be implemented?  
(b) What is the cost of this policy?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Interim Tolling Report has recently been released and considers a wide range of potential changes and improvements for motorists. As part of the NSW Government response to the Final Tolling Report, more information will be available on any changes to the Toll Notice.

**Question 49**

Will a pedestrian safety barrier be installed on Forest Way Belrose near Glen Street?  
(a) If yes, when will it be installed?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is currently seeking funding through the current round of State and Federal Road Safety programs for the installation of pedestrian fencing along Forest Way in proximity of Glen Street and Wearden Road.

**Question 50**

When will a anti-climb mesh barrier be installed at Forest Way and Warringah Road?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The anti-climb mesh barrier is due to be installed by the end of March 2024.

**Question 51**

Can the Minister please advise what measures are being considered to better manage traffic volumes and parking needs on the Barrenjoey, Pittwater and Manly roads corridor between Mona Vale and The Spit?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is reviewing key state road corridors through Sydney's Lower North Shore and Northern Beaches and will provide advice to Government by late 2024.

**Question 52**

Can the Minister please provide an update on the clearways engagement for Pittwater Road, Collaroy?

**Answer**

I am advised:

There is no current proposal to amend the existing clearways on Pittwater Road at Collaroy.

**Question 53**

Can the Minister please provide an update on the investigation of clearways for Eastern Valley Way and Clive Street, between Babbage Road, Roseville Chase and Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge?

**Answer**

I am advised:

There is no current proposal or investigation to amend the existing clearways on Eastern Valley Way and Clive Street between Babbage Road at Roseville Chase and Sailors Bay Road at Northbridge.

**Question 54**

Can the Minister please provide an update on the clearways engagement for Condamine Street, Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation and Manly Road - Brookvale to The Spit?

**Answer**

I am advised:

There is no current proposal to amend the existing clearways on Condamine Street, Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation and Manly Road - Brookvale to The Spit.

**Question 55**

What is the status of a red light camera being stalled on the Pacific Highway near intersections of Shirley and Glanville roads in Roseville?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Locations across the state are assessed with a focus on crash data, with red-light speed cameras installed at high-priority areas that meet the criteria in the NSW Automated Enforcement Strategy.

In relation to Pacific Highway, Glanville and Shirley streets, Roseville, this location has a lower crash data history with none of them serious. Transport for NSW will continue to monitor this intersection for future red-light speed camera site selection.

**Question 56**

How can Councils apply for grants to help them upgrade intersections that are on:

- (a) Local and Regional Roads?
- (b) Regional and State Roads?
- (c) Local and State Roads?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The NSW Government provides a range of financial assistance to local government in the form of 'Grants' to assist councils to maintain and improve their road network. A list of all grant programs is available on the Transport for NSW website.

The Regional Emergency Local Road Repair Fund will run for four years from the date councils receive funding, with the fund expected to end in October 2027. This timeframe will allow councils to prepare detailed plans and maintenance works that can be phased over multiple financial years without the uncertainty of further funding, resulting in effective and efficient resource planning.

Councils are also eligible for funding from the Australian Government through various Federal funded transport programs and grants.

**Natural Disaster Arrangements for local councils**

To assist councils meet the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement requirements, the 'NSW Natural Disaster Essential Public Asset Restoration Guidelines' have been developed.

The Guidelines describe the NSW Government's arrangements for providing assistance to local councils for the restoration of essential public assets that have been damaged as a direct result of eligible disasters.

Resource documentation such as application forms and contact details for councils in the event of a natural disaster are available on the Transport for NSW website.

**Question 57**

When will the Transport for NSW review into ambient air quality around road tunnels be completed?

**Answer**

I am advised:

It is anticipated the NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer's review will be completed by July 2024, which will include an independent review of ambient air quality around road tunnels.

**Question 58**

Can the Minister please advise when they or the Transport for NSW last corresponded with the Commonwealth Government regarding the M6 project, including to discuss funding contributions?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The M6 Stage 1 is a NSW Government project which is approved and in delivery. Transport for NSW has not corresponded with the Australian Government regarding the M6 Stage 1 project.

**Question 59**

Can the Minister please advise when they or the Transport for NSW last corresponded with the Commonwealth Government regarding the Sydney Gateway project, including to discuss funding contributions?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Although Sydney Gateway is a NSW Government funded project, parts of the project are on Commonwealth land. For this reason, Transport for NSW has regular and ongoing communication with the relevant Commonwealth agencies.

**Question 60**

Can the Minister please advise when they or the Transport for NSW last corresponded with the Commonwealth Government regarding the Western Harbour Tunnel, including to discuss funding contributions?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The project is fully funded by the NSW Government and in delivery.

Transport for NSW last corresponded with the Australian Government around the Western Harbour Tunnel in February 2022.

**Question 61**

Can the Minister please advise when they or the Transport for NSW last corresponded with the Commonwealth Government regarding the M12 and M7 upgrades, including to discuss funding contributions?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW provides monthly progress reports and meets regularly with Australian Government representatives to discuss the M12 Motorway project and M7-M12 Integration Project.



**Question 62**

Can the Minister please advise when they or the Transport for NSW last corresponded with the Commonwealth Government regarding the Great Western Highway upgrade, including to discuss funding contributions?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Great Western Highway Upgrade Program has been paused.

The last meeting between Transport for NSW and the Commonwealth Government was in June 2023 during the Project Deep Dive which formed part of the Federal Infrastructure Review. A funding request for the Coffs River Road Upgrade as part of the 2024-25 Federal Budget was lodged in February 2024.

Correspondence with the Commonwealth Government regarding the Great Western Highway is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

**Question 63**

How much funding is required over the next four years, from 2023-24, for maintenance of the Cahill Expressway?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Maintenance of the Cahill Expressway is included in the overall Road Maintenance budget for Sydney roads.

**Question 64**

How many employees in Transport for NSW are responsible for the agency's social media accounts?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Staff numbers are included in the department's annual report each year.

**Question 65**

Can the Minister please provide an update on the operation of the Crescent overpass since it opened on Tuesday 7 November, including the number of users?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has observed an improvement in the Crescent Overpass operation since its opening in November 2023. Queues on the ramp are generally held on the ramp and no longer extend onto Johnston Street. Transport for NSW is unable to provide the numbers of users utilising the Overpass.

**Question 66**

Have you received a briefing in relation to the impact the Transport Oriented Development Tier Two 31 sites will have on roads?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure is currently in the process of finalising the proposed Transport Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policy.

**Question 67**

Has Transport for NSW provided information directly to the Department of Planning in relation to the Transport Oriented Development Tier Two 31 sites?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW worked in collaboration with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to identify areas with capacity to support housing growth, as a part of the identification of Tier 2 sites under the Transport Oriented Development Program.

**Question 68**

Can the Minister please provide an update on the flood upgrade to Hill Road at Olympic Park?

**Answer**

I am advised:

City of Parramatta's draft masterplan for Hill Road identified tidal waters of the Parramatta River and stormwater surcharge can temporarily flood Hill Road.

City of Parramatta is consulting on a Parramatta River flood study and have identified Hill Road falls within the Probable Maximum flood area (noting the Wentworth Point area is outside the current flood study area).

Transport for NSW has worked closely with City of Parramatta and have agreed the scope of flood mitigation investigations, design, consultation and construction stages and funding milestones aligned to those stages of work.

Construction work will be carried out by City of Parramatta.

**Question 69**

Can the Minister please advise how many tunnel over-height breaches there have been since October 2023, broken down by:  
(a) week?  
(b) location?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Since October 2023, there have been 9 confirmed over-height vehicle breaches on approach to/within tunnels across NSW:

Week	Number	Location(s)
20 November – 26 November 2023	1	Lane Cove Tunnel
27 November – 3 December 2023	1	M5 East Tunnel
18 December – 24 December 2023	2	Sydney Harbour Tunnel (both incidents)
8 January – 14 January 2024	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domain Tunnel</li> <li>• Sydney Harbour Tunnel</li> </ul>
29 January – 4 February 2024	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lane Cove Tunnel</li> <li>• General Holmes Drive Airport Tunnel</li> </ul>
12 February – 18 February 2024	1	Sydney Harbour Tunnel
<p>In 2023 there was a total of 109 over height truck incidents, which is significantly lower than the 161 reported incidents in 2022. In the six months of the Overheight Taskforce's operation (July to December 2023) compared to January to June 2023, the Taskforce achieved a 32% reduction in total incidents over the period.</p>		

**Question 70**

Can the Minister please advise how many tunnel closures there have been due to over-height breaches since October 2023, broken down by:

(a) week?  
(b) location?

**Answer**

I am advised:

(70) Since October 2023, there has been 1 on-ramp closure and 5 tunnel closures across NSW due to confirmed over-height vehicle breaches:

Week	Number	Location(s)
20 November – 26 November 2023	1	Lane Cove Tunnel*
18 December – 24 December 2023	2	Sydney Harbour Tunnel (both incidents)
8 January – 14 January 2024	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domain Tunnel</li> <li>• Sydney Harbour Tunnel</li> </ul>
12 February – 18 February 2024	1	Sydney Harbour Tunnel

\*Closure of the westbound Pacific Highway on-ramp to the Lane Cove Tunnel - not the main M2 tunnel entry

**Question 71**

How many fixed speed cameras have been installed since 28 March 2023?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Seven fixed speed cameras at three locations.

**Question 72**

How many fixed speed cameras have been removed since 28 March 2023?

**Answer**

I am advised:

One fixed speed camera at one location has been removed.

**Question 73**

How many fixed red light cameras have been installed since 28 March 2023?

**Answer**

I am advised:

10 red light speed cameras at 10 locations have been installed.

**Question 74**

How many fixed red light cameras have been removed since 28 March 2023?

**Answer**

I am advised:

No red light speed cameras have been removed.

**Question 75**

As at February 2024, how many people are currently employed for the M12 project in total and broken down by:

(a) Local Government Area of residence?

(b) Age (18-29, 30-39, etc)?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The breakdown of the M12 Project's employee demographics, as at February 2024, are:  
M12 - West and Central

- Workforce in local area: 2521
- Workforce under 25 years old: 579

M7-M12 Integration (which include East)

- Workforce in local area: 1305
- Workforce under 25 years old: 427

**Question 76**

Can the Minister please provide an update on the M7-M12 Integration Project - delivering the M7- M12 Interchange, the Elizabeth Drive Connection to the M12 and the Westlink M7 Widening?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Safety barrier installation on the M7 Motorway and along Elizabeth Drive started in October 2023 and is due to be completed by the end of March 2024. Construction of the

Elizabeth Drive connection has reached 35% and removal of topsoil has started on the M7 Motorway. Bridge foundation work including piling, formwork and concrete pours has begun across multiple bridges. Site compounds and work areas continue to be established.

**Question 77**

Can the Minister please provide an update on the \$1.5 million project to implement school crossings across Camden?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Funding of \$1.5 million is being used to improve the safety of school crossings near Camden South Public School and Spring Farm Public School. Early investigation works have begun to support the construction of a new wombat crossing on Old Hume Highway near Camden South Public School. There will also be pedestrian improvement treatments and a new zebra crossing constructed on the service road. Camden Council and Transport for NSW are working to finalise the scope for crossing improvements for Spring Farm Public School using traffic and pedestrian data, assessment of community needs and options analysis.

**Question 78**

Can the Minister please advise of any changes in motorist numbers on the Sydney Harbour Bridge or Tunnel at any time during the week since the increase in tolls on October 29 2023?

**Answer**

I am advised:

In the week of 30 October 2022 to 5 November 2022 there were 476,310 trips on the Sydney Harbour Bridge and 769,555 in the Sydney Harbour Tunnel.

In the week of 22 October 2023 to 28 October 2023 there were 471,229 trips on the Sydney Harbour Bridge and 754,055 in the Sydney Harbour Tunnel.

In the week of 29 October 2023 to 4 November 2023 there were 469,882 trips on the Sydney Harbour Bridge and 751,317 in the Sydney Harbour Tunnel.

**Question 79**

How many vehicle accidents have taken place in the Harbour Tunnel and Harbour Bridge in the following years:

- (a) 2020
- (b) 2021
- (c) 2022
- (d) 2023

**Answer**

I am advised:

	Harbour Tunnel	Harbour Bridge
Reporting Year	# Crashes	# Crashes
2020	4	6
2021	7	6

2022	1	9
2023p*	1	3
Total	13	24

\*Data for 2023 is preliminary and subject to change. Crash data for 2023p is reported until June 2023. The Centre for Road Safety only reports on crashes recorded by NSW Police Force, in which at least one person was killed or injured, or in which at least one motor vehicle was towed away. The fatal crashes are coded daily however data for non-fatal crashes are incomplete as the coding of these crashes lag by a few months.

For the Harbour Bridge, the crashes considered are between Burton Street, Milsons Point and the toll gate, Millers Point (South end).

### Question 80

What events are underway, given the construction of Sydney Harbour Bridge took place 100 years ago?

### Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW held successful events to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Bridge in 2022 that encouraged the community to celebrate the importance of the Bridge in shaping Sydney. Transport for NSW will also plan a series of events to celebrate the centenary of the building of the Sydney Harbour Bridge in 2032.

### Question 81

Can the Minister please provide an update on the delivery of a heavy vehicle rest area in Western Sydney for drivers?

### Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW engagement with the road freight industry occurred between September and October 2023 to inform the early scoping of a proposed new heavy vehicle rest area in Western Sydney. This included a roundtable discussion with various stakeholders including 33 industry and union representatives, as well as 820 people surveyed in person and online. The valuable insights and feedback provided by road freight industry through this work is shaping the scope of the project and guiding investigations into suitable locations across Western Sydney.

With a strong understanding of industry needs and preferences across the six local government areas considered during consultation, Transport for NSW is undertaking investigations into suitable locations for the proposed heavy vehicle rest area across the following local government areas: Blacktown City, Penrith City, Fairfield City, Liverpool City, Camden and Campbelltown City.

Further stakeholder engagement will be undertaken as the project progresses.

### Question 82

Can the Minister please advise how many fatigue related crashes involving heavy vehicles have taken place in NSW broken down by month since January 2022?

### Answer

I am advised:

(82) and (83) The crash incidents data set reflects a bi-annual count. Data for overall crashes, which includes injuries, is preliminary and Transport for NSW can only report up to 30 June 2023.

Year of crash	Month of crash	# Crashes	# Persons Killed
2022	January	6	3
2022	February	16	3
2022	March	15	0
2022	April	10	0
2022	May	14	1
2022	June	13	1
2022	July	6	0
2022	August	13	0
2022	September	9	0
2022	October	10	0
2022	November	8	0
2022	December	12	0
2023	January	5	0
2023	February	11	3
2023	March	14	1
2023	April	7	1
2023	May	3	0
2023	June	9	1
2023	July		0
2023	August		0
2023	September		1
2023	October		1
2023	November		6
2023	December		1

### Question 83

Can the Minister please advise how many fatigue related fatalities involving heavy vehicles have taken place in NSW broken down by month since January 2022?

### Answer

I am advised:

Please refer to the answer in question 82.

### Question 84

How does Transport for NSW establish a Heavy Vehicle Rest Stop?

### Answer

I am advised:

Transport for NSW refers to the 2019 Austroads Guidelines for the Provision of Heavy Vehicle Rest Area Facilities when determining the location of heavy vehicle rest stops.

The Guidelines informs the type, spacing and location of heavy vehicle rest stops.

Additional factors such as the volume and composition of traffic, road environment, demand for parking, driver needs, industry, community and stakeholder feedback, existing crash history and crash risk factors, social, environmental, and engineering constraints and legislative and jurisdictional requirements also inform the type, spacing and location of rest stops along a given road corridor.

**Question 85**

Can the Minister please advise how many young drivers aged 17-25 on NSW roads as at February 2024:  
(a) Involved in a motor vehicle accident?  
(b) Injured in a motor vehicle accident?  
(c) Killed in a motor vehicle accident?

**Answer**

I am advised:

This information is publicly available from:  
[www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/statistics/interactive-crash-statistics/road-user-by-gender-or-region](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/statistics/interactive-crash-statistics/road-user-by-gender-or-region)

**Question 86**

Can the Minister please provide an update on the road safety incident investigation camera?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW have recently completed a comprehensive trial of a road safety incident investigation camera.

**Question 87**

Does every school zone sign in NSW have flashing lights?  
(a) If no, does Transport for NSW have plans to roll this out?

**Answer**

I am advised:

All school zones have a combination of static school zone signs and flashing light signs.

**Question 88**

Given some school zones finish before a transport hub (train station / bus stop), does Transport for NSW have plans to extend school zones?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The NSW Speed Zoning Standard 2023 informs how school zones are established. The length of a school zone is determined by assessing the approach speed limits, visibility of school zone signage, road alignment, roadside development, suitable sign installation locations, location of pedestrian crossing facilities, fixed enforcement devices, proximity to the intersection of a classified road and proximity to other schools (for example precincts). Situations not covered by the NSW Speed Zoning Standard 2023 are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

**Question 89**

What role did you play in relation to the Bus Industry Taskforce?



**Answer**

I am advised:

The Bus Industry Taskforce comes within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Transport.

**Question 90**

Can the Minister provide an update on the status of the internal network review of several key road corridors within the Lower North Shore and Northern Beaches including Spit Road/ Military Road, Pacific Highway, Eastern Valley Way and Warringah Road?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is carrying out an internal network review of several key road corridors within the Lower North Shore and Northern Beaches, including Spit Road/Military Road, Pacific Highway, Eastern Valley Way, and Warringah Road.

Transport for NSW will return to the NSW Government with advice by late 2024.

**Question 91**

On how many occasions was Wakehurst Parkway closed due to flooding:

- (a) 2022?
- (b) 2023?
- (c) 2024?

**Answer**

I am advised:

- (a) 2022: 22
- (b) 2023: 7
- (c) 2024 (as of 5 March 2024): 2

**Question 92**

On how many occasions was Wakehurst Parkway closing due to vehicle accidents during:

- (a) 2022?
- (b) 2023?
- (c) 2024?

**Answer**

I am advised:

- (a) 2022: 6
- (b) 2023: 5
- (c) 2024 (as of 05 March 2024): 2

**Question 93**

What is the status of widening Victoria Road at the railway overpass in West Ryde?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Please refer to my answer LA 25.

**Question 94**

Is the Heathcote Road upgrade on track for competition in late 2024?

**Answer**

I am advised:

This project has encountered several complexities including the discovery of unidentified utilities, difficulty in utility relocation, as well as wet weather that has impacted delivering the project by 2024.

Transport for NSW is assessing the issues and working to deliver the project as soon as possible.

**Question 95**

How many reported road-vehicle accidents have occurred along the Bangor Bypass during 2023?

**Answer**

I am advised:

There have been three reported crashes along Bangor Bypass in 2023 between New Illawarra Road and River Road.

**Question 96**

How many reported deaths as a result of road-vehicle accidents have occurred along the Bangor Bypass during 2023?

**Answer**

I am advised:

There were no reported fatalities in 2023 along this corridor.

**Question 97**

What is the status of the safety review of Bangor Bypass between New Illawarra Road at Menai and River Road at Bangor?

(a) If completed, is the review publicly available?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW conducted a safety review along Bangor Bypass in July 2023 between New Illawarra Road and River Road. The following aspects were reviewed:

- Line marking
- Signposting
- Speed limit
- Advanced warning signs
- Overgrown vegetation
- Wire rope barrier condition
- Pavement/road surface.

The safety review highlighted issues along the corridor such as overgrown vegetation obscuring signage, missing and damaged signposting and faded line marking. Transport for NSW carried out these maintenance works in August 2023.

**Question 98**

How many crossing supervisors were there:

(a) 1 January 2023?

(b) 1 July 2023?

(c) 1 January 2024?

**Answer**

I am advised:

- (a) 1120
- (b) 1259
- (c) 1439.

**Question 99**

How many vacancies are there currently?

**Answer**

I am advised:

As at 12 March 2024, the total vacancies are:

- Permanent part-time – 103
- Casual – 181.

**Question 100**

What measures are being undertaken to fill these positions and ensure student safety in the meantime?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Positions are advertised through various channels, including I Work for NSW, Seek, Local Facebook pages, Letterbox drops, and Transport for NSW – Jobs page for School Crossing Program.

The School Crossing Program offers employment opportunities for both Part Time and Casual School Crossing Supervisors.

Casual School Crossing Supervisors have the flexibility to cover as little as one morning or afternoon shift, or they can be assigned to a crossing for an extended period when a Part Time School Crossing Supervisors is unable to work.

**Question 101**

Has the final business case been completed for the Intelligent Traffic Light Program?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The final business case is under development.

**Question 102**

When will the Intelligent Traffic Light Program start to be rolled out?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Corridor improvements have been made to Old Windsor Road (between Merriville Road and Pennant Hills Road), Windsor Road (between Old Windsor Road and North Rocks Road) and General Holmes Drive (between Millpond Road and Sandringham Street) as part of the initial roll out. Further works will be subject to an investment decision.

**Question 103**

How many properties were acquired for Beaches Link?

**Answer**

I am advised:

23 properties were acquired by agreement for Beaches Link.

**Question 104**

In relation to properties acquired:

- (a) How many have been demolished?
- (b) How many are being rented out?

**Answer**

I am advised:

- (a) None of the properties acquired have been demolished.
- (b) All properties acquired have been leased to tenants and are currently occupied.

**Question 105**

At what stage is the Homebush Bay Drive project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is developing a Final Business Case for upgrades to the intersection at Concord Road and Homebush Bay Drive. The project is investigating upgrades to improve the safety, performance and capacity of the intersection and support future growth. The Final Business Case is expected to be completed in early 2025.

Transport for NSW is progressing design development for a final business case for the intersection upgrade of Homebush Bay Drive and Australia Avenue.

**Question 106**

Can the Minister please provide an update in relation to the opening of Ismay Reserve in Homebush for public open space?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has been negotiating a Care, Control and Management agreement with Strathfield Council for Ismay Reserve.

Transport for NSW will provide a formal response to Strathfield Council's suggested amendments to the Care, Control and Management documentation by 5 April 2024. In addition, a meeting has been scheduled between Strathfield Council and Transport for NSW on 18 April 2024 to discuss the Care, Control and Management agreement.

**Question 107**

What organisations has Transport for NSW sponsored that relate to roads since 1 July 2023?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has the following sponsorships in place that relate to road safety:

- NSW Rugby League
- Western Sydney Wanderers Football Club
- Sydney Swans

- Cricket NSW
- The Wiggles
- Accor Stadium and CommBank Stadium
- Wheelchair Sports NSW/ACT
- Road Safety Education Limited (RYDA)
- bstreetsmart (Health NSW).

**Question 108**

What is the budget for Transport for NSW to spend on advertising for 2023-24?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The budget figures for advertising are publicly available in the 2023-24 Budget Paper 2 (Table 11.2) as part of the 'other operating expenses' reported. Actual spend will be reported in the 2023-24 Annual Report when published.

**Question 109**

What advertising campaigns has Transport for NSW since 1 July 2023?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has had the following advertising campaigns since 1 July 2023:

- Trainlink – patronage campaign
- Opal – Fare Changes
- Opal – Travel App Alerts
- Bus Driver Recruitment
- Overseas Licence Policy Holder – Changes to usage
- Road disruption – Rozelle Interchange, Warringah Freeway
- Buses – 16 Cities Regional Services Improvement Program
- Buses – Transport Connected Buses
- Snowy Mountains Bus Trial
- Personal Watercraft Safety
- Park & Ride Commuter Car Parks
- Social Media boosting – various to support community information and activities
- T3 Bankstown line shutdown
- Speeding – Every K Counts
- Drink Driving – What's Your Plan B
- Enforcement – Stop it or Cop It
- Fatigue – Don't Trust Your Tired Self
- Heavy Vehicle Safety – Be Truck Aware
- Bicycle Safety – Share the Road
- Pedestrian Safety – Be Aware Cross With Care
- Roadside Worker Safety – Slow Down Road Workers Around
- Level Crossings
- School Zones Safety
- Road Rules Awareness Week
- E-Scooter Safety – For trials in locations across NSW
- Motorcycle Awareness Month
- Overheight Vehicles
- Community Road Safety Grants
- User Car Safety Ratings

- Summer Road Safety
- Bus Safety.

**Question 110**

Can the Minister list the advertising campaigns that relate to road safety since 1 July 2023

**Answer**

I am advised:

Since 1 July 2023, Transport for NSW has run the following campaigns that relate to road safety:

- Speeding - Every K Counts
- Drink Driving - What's Your Plan B
- Enforcement - Stop it or Cop It
- Fatigue - Dont Trust Your Tired Self
- Heavy Vehicle Safety - Be Truck Aware
- Bicycle Safety - Share the Road
- Pedestrian Safety - Be Aware Cross With Care
- Roadside Worker Safety - Slow Down Road Workers Around
- Level Crossings
- School Zones Safety
- Road Rules Awareness Week
- E-Scooter Safety - For trials in locations across NSW
- Motorcycle Awareness Month
- Overheight Vehicles
- Community Road Safety Grants
- User Car Safety Ratings
- Summer Road Safety
- Bus Safety.

**Question 111**

What is the budget for Transport for NSW to spend on consultants for 2023-24?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The budget figures for consultants are publicly available in the 2023-24 Budget Paper 2 (Table 11.2) as part of the 'other operating expenses' reported. Actual spend will be reported in the 2023-24 Annual Report when published.

**Question 112**

How much has been spent on consultants by Transport for NSW since 1 July 2023?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Details of consultant engagements are contained in agency/department annual reports. Details for the period 1 July 2023 to March 2024 will form part of the 2023-24 agency/department annual reports.

**Question 113**

Can the Minister advise whether he has accrued demerit points since 28 March 2023?  
(a) If yes, what was the offence(s)?

**Answer**

I am advised:

None.

**Question 114**

Can the Minister advise whether he has been fined since 28 March 2023?  
(a) If yes, what was the offence(s)?

**Answer**

I am advised:

None.

**Question 115**

Can the Minister please advise, how many overseas trips have been approved for Transport for NSW officials since 28 March 2023?

**Answer**

I am advised:

This information is publicly available in the Transport for NSW annual report <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/overseas-travel>

**Question 116**

Has the Minister's Office commenced planning the Minister to travel overseas in 2024? (a) If yes, where and when will the Minister travel?

**Answer**

I am advised:

No overseas travel is planned.

**Question 117**

Do you and/or your ministerial office use disappearing message apps?  
(a) If yes, what apps?  
(b) If yes, does this app comply with the State Records Act?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Like the former Coalition Government, a range of communications are used by the NSW Government.  
I comply with the State Records Act 1998 and I expect all staff members to comply with their obligations under the State Records Act 1998.

**Question 118**

Noting three Appin Road projects are currently ongoing, please specifically identify what Appin Road projects are funded through the \$3.404 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget under the Appin Road Upgrade budget item?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The funding allocated in the 2023-24 Budget is for the Appin Road Safety Improvements project.

**Question 119**

Of the \$3.404 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 120**

Noting the update to the Transport for NSW website during January 2024 regarding work relating to the preparation of the Addendum Review of Environmental Factors (REF), when can the community expect the Project will exhibit the REF to the public?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Addendum Review of Environmental Factors for Appin Road Safety Improvements is planned for public display in 2024.

**Question 121**

What, if any, money is currently allocated to support planning works for this Project during the 2023/24 Financial Year?

**Answer**

I am advised:

\$3.404 million was allocated in the 2023-24 NSW Budget.

**Question 122**

Noting that the Transport for NSW website indicates that the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) was complete in February 2023, have any of the following actions been undertaken?

- (a) Has a draft Submissions Report for the Project been completed?
- (b) Has a Submissions Report been submitted to the NSW Department of Planning or its subsequent departments?
- (c) If a Submissions Report has been developed, why has the NSW Government failed to release the Report?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Submissions Report has not yet been completed. Once finalised, it will be released and published on the Transport for NSW website.

**Question 123**

What, if any, further community consultation activities has Transport for NSW completed in relation to this project since the REF closed in February 2023?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Since the display of the Review of Environment Factors, Transport for NSW has been working with other agencies key stakeholders and seeking expert advice on koala ecology in relation to feedback received.



**Question 124**

What, if any, money is currently allocated to support planning works for this Project during the 2023/24 Financial Year?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW and the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure is collaborating closely to finalise timeframes and costs associated with environmental approvals for projects along Appin Road to support fauna protection measures at various locations.

**Question 125**

Noting that the Transport for NSW website indicates site investigation works concluding on 13 February 2024 around Epping Station. What are the results of these site investigations?

**Answer**

I am advised:

These site investigations have been carried out to inform the Review of Environmental Factors documentation that is currently being developed.

**Question 126**

Noting the Transport for NSW website indicates that in April 2023, Transport for NSW awarded Mott MacDonald Australia the contract to develop the concept design for the Project and preparation for its Review of Environmental Factors. When can the Community expect to see the REF and Concept Design?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Concept Design and Review of Environmental Factors are currently in development. Once completed, the Review of Environmental Factors will proceed to public exhibition and the community will be asked to provide feedback. The timing of the public display period is yet to be determined.

**Question 127**

Of the \$11.710 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 128**

Can the community expect the Project will award a contract for major works by March 2027?

**Answer**

I am advised:

A Contract of Award for construction for main works is expected to be awarded early 2027.

**Question 129**

Of the \$1 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 130**

What was the most recent action taken on this project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW released the Request for Tender of the concept design for the section of Heathcote Road, between The Avenue and New Illawarra Road, in January 2024.

**Question 131**

When should the Community expect the Government to announce the next stage of the Heathcote Road duplication?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is currently commencing the concept design phase. Once this has concluded, Transport for NSW will begin development of a Final Business Case.

**Question 132**

Should the Community expect the Government to award a major works contract for the next stage of the Heathcote Road duplication by March 2027?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The project is in the planning phase and indicative construction dates will be available after completion of the Final Business Case.

**Question 133**

Noting the Project is listed in the NSW 2023/24 Budget to reach completion in 2024 in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, what quarter is the Government expecting to open the Project to traffic?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The project is expected to open in 2025, weather permitting. This project has encountered several challenges which has impacted the schedule.

**Question 134**

Why is the Project listed with an estimated total cost of \$183 million in the 2023/24 NSW Budget but listed with a total allocated project cost of \$188 million on the Transport for NSW website?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The \$183 million reflects the total budget available from State (P50) and Federal Government (P90). The \$188 million reflects the P90 outturn total cost estimate.

**Question 135**

Of the \$41.699 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 136**

Is money allocated to this Project funded from the \$188 million allocated through the Urban Roads Fund?

**Answer**

I am advised:

No, it is allocated under the "Connecting Sydney Roads" program.

**Question 137**

As the Henry Lawson Drive Upgrade relates to two separate projects as listed on the Transport for NSW website, please advise of the \$32.609 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget:

- (a) What funding is allocated to Stage 1A during the 2023/24 Financial Year?
- (b) What funding is allocated to Stage 1B during the 2023/24 Financial Year?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The NSW 2023/24 Budget allocated \$31.009 million to Henry Lawson Drive Stage 1A and \$1.6 million to Henry Lawson Drive Stage 1B.

**Question 138**

Of the funding identified for Stage 1A above, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 139**

Of the funding identified for Stage 1B above, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

- (a) Was separate funding allocated to the planning works for Stage 1B?
- (b) If separate funding was allocated to the planning works for Stage 1B, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 140**

Noting the Transport for NSW website indicates that the Submissions Report for Stage 1B will be released in early 2024. Given it is now March 2024, what month can the Community expect to see the Submissions Report?

- (a) Has a draft Submissions Report for the Project been completed?

(b) Has a Submissions Report been submitted to the NSW Department of Planning or its subsequent departments?

**Answer**

I am advised:

(a) Yes, the Project's Submissions Report is available at:  
<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2024/Henry-Lawson-Drive-Stage-1B-submissions-report.pdf>

(b) No.

**Question 141**

Noting the Transport for NSW website suggests the Hill Road Upgrade is finalising detailed design. When did the Project's detailed design works begin?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The detail design works' contract was awarded on 6 September 2021.

**Question 142**

When are the Project's detailed design works expected to conclude?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The detailed design works were completed in May 2023.

**Question 143**

If not the detailed design works, what was the most recent action taken on this Project?  
(a) When did the most recent action conclude?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The most recent actions taken on this Project were utility relocation approvals by the service providers, and property acquisitions. These are still underway.

**Question 144**

When can the community expect Transport for NSW to award a major works contract for the Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Construction will commence in 2025.

**Question 145**

Noting the Transport for NSW website currently indicates that the most recent published action relates to investigation work that concluded on 28 February 2023, what was the outcome of these investigations?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Project carried out investigation works during June to August 2022 and December 2022 to February 2023. These investigations have further informed Homebush Bay Drive

and Australia Avenue intersection upgrade project design development and progression to a final business case.

**Question 146**

Noting the Transport for NSW website currently indicates under the 'Next Steps' section suggests that Transport for NSW is 'carefully considering' community consultation on the preferred option that closed to consultation on 5 June 2022, is the Minister still considering this preferred option after 21 months?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is progressing design development for a final business case for the intersection upgrade of Homebush Bay Drive and Australia Avenue.

**Question 147**

Noting the Transport for NSW website currently indicates 'Subject to project approval construction is expected to commence in 2025 and take about 18 months to complete':

(a) Is the Project approved?

i. If not, when can the Community expect Project approval?

(b) Will construction commence in 2025?

i. If not, when can the Community expect construction to commence?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Project is currently in design phase. The community will be updated as further information becomes available.

**Question 148**

Of the \$2.145 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 149**

What was the most recent action taken on this Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 145.

**Question 150**

When did the most recent action conclude?

**Answer**

I am advised:

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 145.

**Question 151**

Of the \$68.776 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 152**

Can the Community expect the Project will open to traffic in 2024 or 2025?  
(a) If so, what month?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Project is expected to be open to traffic in December 2024, weather and site conditions permitting.

**Question 153**

Noting the Transport for NSW website currently indicates that the most recent community update was in June 2023 and that the Project was 'completing detailed and any further environmental considerations', has Transport for NSW completed the detailed design?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The detailed design component of the project is completed.

**Question 154**

Did Transport for NSW recognise any 'further environmental considerations' for the Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Further environmental considerations have been considered. These environmental considerations have been captured in an Addendum Review of Environmental Factors, which will be finalised shortly, after which Transport for NSW will publish a copy on the project website.

**Question 155**

When can the community expect Transport for NSW to award a major works contract for the Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The major work contract for the project is expected to be awarded in mid-2024.

**Question 156**

Of the \$7.551 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 157**

Noting the Transport for NSW website currently indicates that detailed survey work was completed between 14 August 2024 to 29 September 2024, what was the outcome of these investigations?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The investigations that were undertaken included traffic surveys, geotechnical investigation, and utility identification, which will be used to inform the concept design for the project.

**Question 158**

Noting the Transport for NSW website indicates that the Project is currently working towards completion of its concept design and Review of Environmental Factors. When can the Community expect to see the REF and Concept Design?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is working towards completing the concept design and intending to display the Review of Environmental Factors in 2025.

**Question 159**

What, if any, money is currently allocated to planning works for this Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

\$10 million has been committed for the planning of Mamre Road between Erskine Park Road, Erskine Park and Kerrs Road, Kemps Creek.

**Question 160**

If any money has been allocated towards the Project, how much money has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

In Financial Year 2023-24, \$3.7 million has been spent to the end of February 2024.

**Question 161**

Of the \$29.807 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 162**

Noting the Project is listed in the NSW 2023/24 Budget to reach completion in 2024 in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, what month can the Community expect the Project open to traffic?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The project is scheduled to open to traffic late 2024, weather permitting.

**Question 163**

In LA 2125, the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism advised that the Mona Vale Road West upgrade project is deferred for two years. Does this mean the Project will receive delivery funding in 2025/26 NSW Budget or the Government will make an investment decision in the Project in 2025/26 Financial Year?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Construction funding for the project has been deferred for two years, following the 2023-24 NSW State Budget, which was consistent with the findings of the Independent Strategic Infrastructure Review.

**Question 164**

Of the \$348,000 allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 165**

Is the Project ready to proceed directly to procurement for a major works contract or are further planning works necessary?

(a) If so what steps will be necessary prior to procurement for major works?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is continuing to finalise the detailed design for Mona Vale Road West, to support future delivery of the project. The community will be kept informed of the progress.

**Question 166**

Of the \$7.551 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 164.

**Question 167**

Does the Minister intend to proceed with planning and delivery of this critical Project in the heart of Penrith despite the Australian Government cutting funding?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The NSW Government is continuing to consider how some federally funded projects can be delivered, following the outcome of the Australian Government's Strategic Infrastructure Review, which reduced the available funding towards some projects.



**Question 168**

Noting the Transport for NSW website currently indicates that the Submissions Report and Review of Environmental Factors Determination made public in December 2022, were the most recent actions, what actions have been undertaken by the Project since March 2023?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has started the Property Acquisition process for Stage 2 from Jeanette Street to Glenmore Parkway. All residents impacted by acquisition have been engaged.

**Question 169**

Of the \$7.424 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 170**

Of the \$46.543 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 171**

Noting that the Transport for NSW website suggests that the Concept Design and Review of Environmental Factors (REF) are being prepared currently. When can the Community expect to see the REF and Concept Design?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Project's Concept Design and Review of Environmental Factors are being prepared and will be displayed for public comment later in 2024.

**Question 172**

Of the \$8.836 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 173**

Of the \$1 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 174**

Recognising the Community has received no further formal updates on the Transport for NSW website regarding the Project since the NSW Budget, what activities have been undertaken with this funding allocation?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The project completed a Strategic Business Case and has undertaken an Infrastructure NSW Gate 1 Investor assurance review. The 2023-24 NSW Budget allocation will be used for the development of concept design and Final Business Case.

**Question 175**

On 13 September 2023, in response to a Question without Notice in the NSW Legislative Assembly Minister Haylen mentioned a Strategic Business Case for the Project and on 6 February 2024, again the response to a Question without Notice in the NSW Legislative Assembly, the Premier suggested the Picton Bypass would cost 'hundreds of millions of dollars'. Is the Minister aware of how this costing was produced?

**Answer**

I am advised:

An independent and professional cost estimate was developed for the Strategic Business Case. The estimate was reviewed by Transport for NSW and also viewed by Infrastructure NSW as part of the independent Assurance Review.

**Question 176**

Has a Strategic Business Case for the Project been completed?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Yes.

**Question 177**

If so, when was a Strategic Business Case for the Project completed?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Strategic Business Case and all recommendations arising from the external assurance review was completed in January 2024.

**Question 178**

Has a Final Business Case for the Project been started?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport has recently closed out the recommendations from the Strategic Business Case and is preparing for the next stage of planning, and commencement of the concept design and final business case.

**Question 179**

If so, when was the Final Business Case for the Project started?

**Answer**

I am advised:

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 178.

**Question 180**

Has a Final Business Case for the Project been completed?

**Answer**

I am advised:

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 178.

**Question 181**

If so, when was the Final Business Case for the Project completed?

**Answer**

I am advised:

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 178.

**Question 182**

What was the most recent activity relating to this Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 177.

**Question 183**

When will that activity conclude?

**Answer**

I am advised:

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 177.

**Question 184**

Of the \$68.000 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 185**

Noting the lack of information on the Transport for NSW website, what actions have been undertaken by the Government in relation to the Project over the last 12 months?

**Answer**

I am advised:

(185) and (186) Transport for NSW have progressed investigations including flood assessment, noise mitigation strategy, traffic modelling and detailed design. Initial discussions with landowners on property acquisition has also progressed. These actions have been ongoing since June 2023 to December 2023.

**Question 186**

When was each action completed over the last 12 months?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Refer to answer in question 185

**Question 187**

Noting an additional \$50 million was funded by the Australian Government and the Project already has completed a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the Project, will Transport for NSW release a Submissions Report or proceed to an Addendum REF?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Submission Report will be released with supported changes, subject to the discussion with Council. An Addendum Review of Environmental Factors will be prepared, on completion of Detailed design.

**Question 188**

When can the Community expect Transport for NSW to release the document identified above?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Submission Report is aiming to be released in mid-2024 and the Addendum Review of Environmental Factors is aiming to be released in early 2025.

**Question 189**

When can the community expect Transport for NSW to award a major works contract for the Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Invite to Tender has an estimated early 2025 release date, while the Contract award is aimed for mid-2025.

**Question 190**

Of the \$19.000 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 191**

Of the \$41.403 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 192**

Noting that Transport for NSW's website for Spring Farm Parkway Stage 2 suggests that the Project will be completed in late 2024. What month can the Community expect the Project open to traffic?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Spring Farm Parkway Stage 1 is currently at 75 per cent complete and is still on track for delivery this year, weather permitting.

**Question 193**

Noting the Transport for NSW website was last reviewed on 21 July 2023, what actions have been undertaken by the Project since March 2023?

**Answer**

I am advised:

This project was subject to the Federal Funding Review which was completed in November 2023. Since then, Transport for NSW has been reviewing the scope of the project.

**Question 194**

Of the \$2.836 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 195**

Noting the Project's Review of Environmental Factors (REF) suggests construction of the Project is expected to commence in mid to late 2024, when should the Community expect the Submissions Report be released?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Submissions Report for the Wakehurst Parkway Review of Environmental Factors is scheduled for release by mid-2024.

**Question 196**

Noting the three sections of road proposed within the REF and recognition that the Project will be delivered in a staged manner, which section of the Wakehurst Parkway will be delivered first?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The sequencing of delivery of the Wakehurst Parkway works will be discussed with the construction contractor once they are engaged.

**Question 197**

Of the \$2.836 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

In the 2023-24 State Budget, \$4.904 million was allocated for Wakehurst Parkway. Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 198**

Of the \$142.861 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 199**

So as to minimise commercial risk, please list each corridor this funding was invested into to the nearest million?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 200**

Of the \$57.542 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 201**

In which suburbs were 'Pinch Point' upgrades delivered?  
(a) What were the titles of these works?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Projects completed in this financial year were located in Randwick and Sutherland.  
(a) Kingsford to Centennial Park Walking and Cycling Improvements and Linden Street Upgrade.

**Question 202**

In which suburbs were 'Clearways' delivered?  
(a) What were the titles of these works?

**Answer**

I am advised:

There were no clearways projects delivered in 2023-24.

**Question 203**

Of the \$19.717 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

(203) and (204) The Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System upgrade Program will deliver a series of modernisation and new capabilities to support Transport Agencies and their Control Room Operators more effectively manage and optimise their transport networks.

The capabilities focus on improving real time situational awareness and operational control, preparing for the growing use of connected and automated vehicles, and maximising data insights to enhance network performance and planning of future network improvements.

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 204**

What is the scope of the SCATS Customer Improvement Program?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Refer to answer provided in question 203.

**Question 205**

What improvements are being targeted under these this budget item?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Castlereagh Connection is a planned new road (approximately 22 kilometres), from the Nepean River near Castlereagh to the M7 Motorway in Blacktown. Most of the land needed for the corridor has been acquired by Transport for NSW. The allocated funding will commence planning and investigations of a phased implementation strategy for the Castlereagh Connection.

**Question 206**

Of the \$1 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 207**

Noting the Transport for NSW website advice during October 2023 that the Project was developing its concept design and Review of Environmental Factors (REF). When can the Community expect to see the REF and Concept Design?

(a) Is the timeline for the development of the REF and concept design connected to the survey, utility, environmental and geotechnical investigations which will continue until the end of 2024?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Review of Environmental Factors are being prepared and proposed to be publicly displayed around mid-2024. Information around the concept design would be provided within the Review of Environmental Factors.

(a) Yes, prior field work was associated with engineering investigations necessary to inform the concept design (e.g., survey, utility, geotechnical) and is now complete. Further field work is planned to take place in the coming months to inform the Review of Environmental Factors.

**Question 208**

The October 2023 Community Update suggests the Project's Final Business Case (FBC) is also being targeted for completion during 2024, when does the Project expect to proceed to work on the FBC?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Planning for the Final Business Case has started and is scheduled for completion in 2024.

**Question 209**

Of the \$3.850 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 210**

Why was the public display period extended for the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the western section of the Picton Road Upgrade between the Nepean River and Almond Street, Wilton?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The extension of the public display was for stakeholders and the community.

**Question 211**

Noting that the Transport for NSW website identifies that the Central and Eastern sections of the Picton Road Upgrade are currently at the strategic design phase, do site investigations and preliminary environmental studies remain ongoing or have they been completed?

- (a) What was the last action undertaken for the Central Section of Picton Road?
- (b) What was the last action undertaken for the Eastern Section of Picton Road?

**Answer**

I am advised:

For the central and eastern sections of the upgrade, Transport for NSW is at the strategic design phase and is continuing with site investigations, including geotechnical, ground survey, utility service and environmental field investigations to inform development options and better define the scope of the project.



Traffic surveys, ground survey, geotechnical and biodiversity site investigations were undertaken in 2023 and are continuing in 2024 to inform planning and design work for the central and eastern sections of the Picton Road upgrade.

**Question 212**

Of the \$9.331 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 213**

Noting that the Transport for NSW website lacks these information regarding the completion of the Project and it is already in delivery, What quarter and year is the Government targeting the completion of the four proposed features of the Western Distributor Network Integration?

- (a) Allen Street works
- (b) refurbishing the two Anzac digger sculptures on the Anzac Bridge
- (c) Pyrmont Bridge Road works
- (d) New on-ramp connection to the Western Distributor from Fig Street, Pyrmont

**Answer**

I am advised:

(a) The Allen Street works have begun. Delays have been encountered with underground utility adjustments. Completion is scheduled for late 2024.

(b) The refurbishment of the Anzac Digger sculptures is scheduled to start in coming months with completion by late 2024

(c) Pyrmont Bridge Road is scheduled to start in early 2025 subject to timing of the relocation of the Sydney Fish Markets to their new site on Bridge Road. Completion is scheduled for late 2025.

(d) The Fig Street weave ramp is subject to upcoming International Convention Centre Sydney building modifications underway to make space for the future weave ramp structure. These modifications will delay delivery until after early 2025 to avoid operational impacts to International Convention Centre Sydney concession and bookings.

**Question 214**

Of the \$20.898 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 215**

Noting the Transport for NSW website most recent community update suggests investigations remain on going, what actions has the Government completed since March 2023?

**Answer**

I am advised:

(215) and (216) Detailed utility design is progressing, which includes obtaining information from field investigations as described in the community update. Negotiations for the partial

acquisition and lease of land required to deliver and operate the project are underway. A contract for Transaction Advisory Services, Scope of Works and Technical Criteria was awarded on 6 March 2024.

**Question 216**

When were those actions completed?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Refer to answer in question 215

**Question 217**

Of the \$3.961 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 218**

Noting the Transport for NSW website suggests that major works began on the Project in August 2023, when can the Community expect the Project to open to traffic?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Western Distributor Smart Motorway is expected to open to traffic late 2024.

**Question 219**

Of the \$52.750 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 220**

Noting the Transport for NSW website suggests that site investigation activities as a part of detailed design development. When will these detailed design activities conclude?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Site investigation for detailed design development will conclude in mid-2024.

**Question 221**

When can the community expect Transport for NSW to award a major works contract for the Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

2024.

**Question 222**

Of the \$15.000 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 223**

Noting the Transport for NSW website suggests that the Review of Environmental Factors concluded in November 2023 for both Elizabeth Drive East and West. What month can the Community expect Transport for NSW to publish the Submissions Report?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is finalising community and stakeholder feedback following consultation and is planning to publish the submission reports in 2024.

**Question 224**

When can the community expect Transport for NSW to award a major works contract before March 2027?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Contracts will be awarded to procure services and work activities to meet the budget and election commitments.

**Question 225**

Of the \$10 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 226**

Noting that the Transport for NSW website confirms that detailed design for the Project and associated property acquisitions have been complete for more than 14 months. When can the community expect Transport for NSW to award a major works contract for the Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

A major work contract for the project is expected to be awarded in early 2025.

**Question 227**

What actions have been undertaken by the Project since March 2023?

**Answer**

I am advised:

(227) and (228) Following the NSW Government's commitment of \$100 million to start work on the Pitt Town Bypass, Transport for NSW has commenced a comprehensive

review of the existing detail design and environmental approval of the project. The design review is scheduled to be completed in 2024 and work on the project delivery procurement documentation is underway.

**Question 228**

When were the actions undertaken?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Refer to answer in question 227.

**Question 229**

Of the \$12 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 230**

Noting that the Transport for NSW website has not been updated since 21 April 2023, what actions have been undertaken by the Government in relation to the Project over the last 12 months?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW consulted with stakeholders and community on the proposed design for Spring Farm Parkway Stage 2 from December 2021 to February 2022. Community feedback has been reviewed and will be addressed in a consultation report. Once the consultation report is released, Transport for NSW will update the project website.

**Question 231**

When was each action completed?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The strategic design for Spring Farm Parkway Stage 2, along with the completion of the Strategic Business Case, occurred in 2022. Assurance was provided by Infrastructure NSW in December of the same year. Transport for NSW will continue to consult with key stakeholders during the progression of the project.

**Question 232**

When is the Project expected to proceed to the development of its Review of Environmental Factors and Concept Design?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has commenced progressing the concept design and the Review of Environmental Factors as part of development of a Final Business case.

**Question 233**

Of the \$4 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 234**

Noting Transport for NSW has not provided an update since the 2023/24 Budget, what actions have been undertaken by the Government in relation to the Project over the last 12 months?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Completed survey, minor works Review of Environmental Factors and inviting tenders for the Pedestrian safety works with construction is scheduled to commence in mid-2024. Transport for NSW commenced detailed design activities in March 2024 for the main works package.

**Question 235**

When was each action completed?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Pedestrian safety works contract award in late March 2024 and works to be completed in 2024. Detailed design request for Tender expected to be issued in 2024.

**Question 236**

Of the \$10 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 237**

Noting Transport for NSW has not provided an update since the 2023/24 Budget, what actions have been undertaken by the Government in relation to the Project over the last 12 months?

**Answer**

I am advised:

(237) and (238) Transport for NSW has commenced works on the Project. Investigations and Concept Design will feed into the Final Business Case.

**Question 238**

When was each action completed?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Refer to answer in question 237.

**Question 239**

Of the \$3 million allocated in the 2023/24 NSW Budget, how much has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 240**

Does this budget line item refer to the Richmond Road upgrade, Bells Creek to Townson Road?

**Answer**

I am advised:

This item refers to the Richmond Road Upgrade – M7 to Townson Road.

**Question 241**

Has Transport for NSW completed the strategic design works for this Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The strategic design has been completed.

**Question 242**

Has Transport for NSW started the concept design works for this Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The concept design and Review of Environmental Factors are underway as part of the project planning.

**Question 243**

As per the document tabled to Parliamentary Committee 6, could the Minister please advise each of the following pieces of information for projects 1 through 23:

(a) CAPEX Funding

i. 2023/24

ii. 2024/25

iii. 2025/26

iv. 2027/28

(b) OPEX funding

i. 2023/24

ii. 2024/25

iii. 2025/26

iv. 2027/28

**Answer**

I am advised:

(a) Transport for NSW advises the capital expenditure for the following financial years

(i) \$86.9 million

(ii) \$247 million

(iii) \$200.5 million

(iv) \$164 million

(b) Transport for NSW advises the operating expenditure for the following financial years:

(i) \$19.1 million

(ii) \$30.6 million

(iii) \$21.9 million

(iv) Nil

#### Question 244

As the Federal Funding Review has now been completed for several months and this funding information is not available within the NSW 2023/24 Budget or updated during the NSW 2023/24 Half-Yearly Review, could the Minister please advise all projects with Australian Government funding (funded over \$1 million or more) within Sydney, the Illawarra, Central Coast and Newcastle areas?

(a) Project Title

i. Committed Federal Funding

ii. Committed State Funding

#### Answer

I am advised:

The outcomes of the Australian Government's Independent Strategic Review of the Infrastructure Investment Program and federal committed funds are available on the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts: [independent-strategic-review-iip-project-changes-summary.pdf \(infrastructure.gov.au\)](https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/independent-strategic-review-iip-project-changes-summary.pdf)

A complete list of budget allocations for projects with Australian Government funding, over \$1 million, within Sydney, the Illawarra, Central Coast and Newcastle areas is currently unavailable, as Federal and State funding allocation details for projects are subject to change through 2024-25 Budget processes and ongoing negotiation with the Commonwealth.

#### Question 245

Has this Project proceeded to planning?

#### Answer

I am advised:

Yes.

#### Question 246

Has this Project had funding allocated for delivery?

#### Answer

I am advised:

Refer to the answer provided in question 248.

#### Question 247

What was the most recent action taken on this Project?

#### Answer

I am advised:

Community consultation on Fifteenth Street (West) was completed from September to October 2023, with the Program-wide Strategic Business Case in late 2023. In addition, funding has been made available towards planning a public transport corridor along Hoxton Park Road and Fifteenth Avenue (East) to connect Liverpool to Bradfield City and the Western Sydney International Airport.

**Question 248**

What, if any, money is currently allocated to planning works for this Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

\$50 million was allocated as part of the 2023-24 State Budget and an \$11.7 million grant from Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (Special Infrastructure Contribution funding).

**Question 249**

If any money has been allocated towards the Project, how much money has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 250**

Has this Project proceeded to planning?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Yes, this project has proceeded to planning as part of the Western Sydney International Airport Precinct Roads Network.

**Question 251**

Has this Project had funding allocated for delivery?

**Answer**

I am advised:

No funding has been allocated for delivery in the 2023/24 Budget.

**Question 252**

What was the most recent action taken on this Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Community consultation was undertaken from September to October 2023, with a program Strategic Business Case completed in late 2023.

**Question 253**

What, if any, money is currently allocated to planning works for this Project?



**Answer**

I am advised:

The previous NSW Government committed \$15 million in mid-2022 for the Western Sydney International Airport Precinct Roads Network to progress planning. Following the Federal Government's Infrastructure Review in late 2023, the Federal Government has withdrawn its co-contribution.

**Question 254**

If any money has been allocated towards the Project, how much money has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 255**

Has this Project proceeded to planning?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Yes, the project is in the planning stage.

**Question 256**

Has this Project had funding allocated for delivery?

**Answer**

I am advised:

No funding has been allocated for delivery in the 2023/24 Budget.

**Question 257**

What was the most recent action taken on this Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Project has been working through community feedback as part of finalising the consultation report.

**Question 258**

What, if any, money is currently allocated to planning works for this Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure has granted \$7.93 million for the project from the Voluntary Planning Agreement, in addition to \$1 million funded by Transport for NSW.

**Question 259**

If any money has been allocated towards the Project, how much money has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 260**

Has this Project proceeded to planning?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Yes, this project has proceeded to planning as part of the Western Sydney International Airport Precinct Roads Network.

**Question 261**

Has this Project had funding allocated for delivery?

**Answer**

I am advised:

No funding has been allocated for delivery in the 2023/24 Budget.

**Question 262**

What was the most recent action taken on this Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Community consultation was undertaken from September to October 2023, with the Program-wide Strategic Business Case completed in late 2023.

**Question 263**

What, if any, money is currently allocated to planning works for this Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The previous NSW Government committed \$15 million in mid-2022 for the Western Sydney International Airport Precinct Roads Network to progress planning. Following the Federal Government's Infrastructure Review in late 2023, the Federal Government has withdrawn its co-contribution.

**Question 264**

If any money has been allocated towards the Project, how much money has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 265**

Has this Project proceeded to planning?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Yes, this project has proceeded to planning as part of the Western Sydney International Airport Precinct Roads Network.

**Question 266**

Has this Project had funding allocated for delivery?

**Answer**

I am advised:

No funding has been allocated for delivery in the 2023/24 Budget.

**Question 267**

What was the most recent action taken on this Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Community consultation was undertaken from September to October 2023, with the program Strategic Business Case finalised in late 2023.

**Question 268**

What, if any, money is currently allocated to planning works for this Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The previous NSW Government committed \$15 million in mid-2022 for the Western Sydney International Airport Precinct Roads Network to progress project planning. Following the Federal Government's Infrastructure Review in late 2023, the Federal Government has withdrawn its co-contribution.

**Question 269**

If any money has been allocated towards the Project, how much money has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 270**

Has this Project proceeded to planning?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Yes, this project has proceeded to planning as part of the Western Sydney International Airport Precinct Roads Network.

**Question 271**

Has this Project had funding allocated for delivery?

**Answer**

I am advised:

No funding has been allocated for delivery in the 2023/24 Budget.

**Question 272**

What was the most recent action taken on this Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Community consultation was undertaken from September to October 2023, with the program Strategic Business Case completed in late 2023.

**Question 273**

What, if any, money is currently allocated to planning works for this Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The previous NSW Government committed \$15 million in mid-2022 for the Western Sydney International Airport Precinct Roads Network to progress planning. Following the Federal Government's Infrastructure Review in late 2023, the Federal Government has withdrawn its co-contribution.

**Question 274**

If any money has been allocated towards the Project, how much money has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 275**

Has this Project proceeded to planning?

**Answer**

I am advised:

No

**Question 276**

Has this Project had funding allocated for delivery?

**Answer**

I am advised:

No funding has been allocated for delivery in the 2023/24 Budget.

**Question 277**

What was the most recent action taken on this Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Transport for NSW have investigated major corridors in the Western Sydney International Airport Precinct Roads Network.

**Question 278**

What, if any, money is currently allocated to planning works for this Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

No funding has been allocated for delivery in the 2023/24 Budget.

**Question 279**

If any money has been allocated towards the Project, how much money has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Not applicable.

**Question 280**

Has this Project proceeded to planning?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Yes, this project has proceeded to planning as part of the Western Sydney International Airport Precinct Roads Network.

**Question 281**

Has this Project had funding allocated for delivery?

**Answer**

I am advised:

No funding has been allocated for delivery in the 2023/24 Budget.

**Question 282**

What was the most recent action taken on this Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Community consultation was undertaken from September to October 2023, with a Program-wide Strategic Business Case completed in late-2023.

**Question 283**

What, if any, money is currently allocated to planning works for this Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

In mid-2022, the former NSW Government committed \$15 million to progress planning of the Western Sydney International Airport Precinct Roads Network. The Australian Government has withdrawn its co-contribution following its infrastructure review in late 2023.

**Question 284**

If any money has been allocated towards the Project, how much money has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 285**

What was the most recent action taken on this Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 282.

**Question 286**

Has this Project proceeded to planning?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Yes, this project has proceeded to planning as part of the Western Sydney International Airport Precinct Roads Network.

**Question 287**

Has this Project had funding allocated for delivery?

**Answer**

I am advised:

No funding has been allocated for delivery in the 2023/24 Budget.

**Question 288**

What, if any, money is currently allocated to planning works for this Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The previous NSW Government committed \$15 million in mid-2022 for the Western Sydney International Airport Precinct Roads Network to progress planning. The Federal Government has withdrawn its co-contribution following its infrastructure review in late 2023.

**Question 289**

If any money has been allocated towards the Project, how much money has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Actual spend will be reported in the 2024/25 Budget Papers when published.

**Question 290**

What, if any, money is currently allocated to planning works for this Project?

**Answer**

I am advised:

There is no funding allocated to planning works for this project in the 2023-24 State Budget.

**Question 291**

If any money has been allocated towards the Project, how much money has been spent to date in the most recent internal Transport for NSW financial reporting?

**Answer**

I am advised:

I refer to the response to Supplementary Question 290.

**Question 292**

What is the gross value of capital investment that is expected to be written down as a result of the cancellation of Beaches Link?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Following the cancellation of the Beaches Link, Transport for NSW has been reconciling the costs incurred to date on Project Development and Property.

The final write-off value will be determined after a cost review, expected to be finalised in Q2 2024 (calendar year).

**Question 293**

How many chairpersons of the various Create NSW arts advisory panels were not reappointed by the Minister?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Chairs of six of the ten Artform Advisory Boards were not re-appointed to the Artform Advisory Boards in September 2023. Each retiring Chairperson had completed two terms of two-years.

**Question 294**

Did he personally inform these distinguished volunteers or write personally to any of those not reappointed to thank them for their years of service?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Chairs and other retiring members of the Artform Advisory Boards were informed and thanked for their service by Create NSW.

**Question 295**

More generally, what percentage of all art-form advisory panels were replaced?

**Answer**

I am advised:

10.5% of board members were replaced.

**Question 296**

Has the Painting Department of the NAS made a decision to cease teaching painting in oils – if so, why?

**Answer**

I am advised:

No.

**Question 297**

What is the current level of enrolment in the Painting Department at NAS and has this dropped significantly over the last five years?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The National Art School has advised that enrolment demand for painting remains the highest among all Studio Specialisation options, and generally accounts for approximately 40-50% of all Studio Specialisation enrolments. Whilst year-on-year variations in enrolments occur, the current enrolment is consistent with prior years.

**Question 298**

What has been the rate of turn-over in senior staff at the NAS in the last three years?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The National Art School has advised that over the past three years, four staff members have vacated senior leadership roles.

**Question 299**

How many experienced teachers or headteachers have left?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The National Art School currently employs approximately 90-100 academic staff (headcount) at the level of Senior Lecturer or higher, lecturers and sessional employees (casuals).

The National Art School has advised there has been minimal turnover in the number of experienced staff. Over the past three years two experienced senior lecturers retired, one was made redundant; and two experienced sessional lecturers retired.

**Question 300**

How many revisions, refurbishments or reconstructions of the NAS café have taken place over the least five years and at what cost?

**Answer**

I am advised:

In the past five years, there have been three refurbishments of the National Art School café, and one art installation. These upgrades were to comply with food safety requirements, increase commercial capability, install contemporary food and drink serving capability, increase amenity and build a multi-function commercial space away from academic facilities.

Upgrades to the café are the responsibility of the National Art School and the commercial café operator.

**Question 301**

Has the Director of the NAS regularly required that rooms or facilities at the NAS be cleared and reorganised in order to conduct private drinks parties for a few selected guests? Have these parties been paid for out of NAS funds?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Like other higher education providers and cultural institutions, the National Art School utilises facilities and rooms for fundraising activities. In these instances, the National Art School will contribute to the costs of functions, or the function will be paid by a private benefactor. Other than through venue hire by external clients, the National Art School has advised that it does not host private parties at the National Art School.



**Question 302**

At the conclusion of some event, course, or series of meetings at the NAS recently, did the Director take senior staff to a function which involved the appearance of strippers either as a major part of the show or part of some burlesque. Was this function paid for out of NAS funds?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The National Art School has advised that it has not organised an event or function that involved strippers or a burlesque show, and no National Art School money has been expended on strippers or a burlesque show at a National Art School organised event or function.

**Question 303**

How many expressions of interest were received by Sound NSW for the Live Venue Accelerator Workshops?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Live Performance Venue Accelerator Program is being delivered by the Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner. 45 applications were received from NSW venues.

**Question 304**

How many successful applicants?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Live Performance Venue Accelerator Program approved 25 venues to the program.

**Question 305**

What is the cost per participant?

**Answer**

I am advised:

49 individuals have participated in the program (which equates to approximately \$6,763 per participant).

**Question 306**

When did the first workshop occur?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The first Live Performance Venue Accelerator Program workshop was held on 6 February 2024.

**Question 307**

How will this program be assessed?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Live Performance Venue Program (comprising Accelerator and Grant) will be evaluated against the following Program objectives:

- increase the number of hospitality venues staging live performance in the NSW Six Cities Region
- increase the number and diversity of live performances in the night-time economy
- create employment opportunities for those working in the live performance sector, e.g., artists, audio-visual professionals, hospitality and venue staff.

**Question 308**

Will the assessment be made public?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner will publish the findings of the Live Performance Venue Program evaluation in accordance with the Grants Administration Guide.

**Question 309**

Last year the Commonwealth Government rejected additional flights from Qatar Airways which would have added \$3 billion worth of economic benefits to Australia. Given New South Wales is missing out on its share of \$3 billion in economic benefit, would you support Qatar Airways being granted additional flights into NSW?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Yes. This is a matter for the Federal Government.

**Question 310**

Does the Federal Government's decision to deny Qatar Airways' bid still align with the NSW Government priorities in tourism?

**Answer**

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Federal Government.

**Question 311**

How many visitors did the South Coast attract during the summer holiday 2023/24 period?  
(a) How many visitors did the South Coast attract during the 2022/23 summer holiday period?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The key data sources for tracking visitation to NSW are the National Visitor Survey and International Visitor Survey, published quarterly by Tourism Research Australia (TRA).

Availability of International Visitor Survey data has been impacted by the staged reopening of Australia's, and other international borders, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. TRA, as the data owner, has advised that International Visitor Survey data is not currently publishable beyond state level metrics.

Domestic data for the March 2024 quarter will not be publicly released until 26 June 2024.

In the December 2023 quarter, there were 3.1 million domestic visitors to the South Coast. Based on the previous year (March 2023 quarter), it may be possible to anticipate an uplift

to approximately 3.3 million domestic visitors to the South Coast in the March 2024 quarter.

- (a) See response to question 311 regarding availability of International Visitor Survey data.

In the December 2022 quarter, there were 3.6 million domestic visitors to the South Coast. In the March 2023 quarter, there were 3.8 million domestic visitors to the South Coast. Looking at both quarters together, the South Coast received 7.4 million domestic visitors during the 2022-23 summer holiday period.

### Question 312

How many visitors did the North Coast attract during the summer holiday 2023/24 period?

- (a) How many visitors did the North Coast attract during the 2022/23 summer holiday period?

### Answer

I am advised:

See response to question 311 regarding availability of International Visitor Survey data.

In the December 2023 quarter, there were 2.9 million domestic visitors to the North Coast. Based on the previous year (March 2023 quarter), it may be possible to anticipate some slight softening to approximately 2.8 million domestic visitors to the North Coast in the March 2024 quarter.

- (a) See response to question 311 regarding availability of International Visitor Survey data.

In the December 2022 quarter, there were 3.3 million domestic visitors to the North Coast.

In the March 2023 quarter, there were 3.1 million domestic visitors to the North Coast.

Looking at both quarters together, the North Coast received 6.4 million domestic visitors during the 2022-23 summer holiday period.

### Question 313

(313) How many visitors did the Sydney Region attract during the summer holiday period?

- (a) How many visitors did the Sydney Region attract during the 2022/23 summer holiday period?

### Answer

I am advised:

See response to question 311 regarding availability of International Visitor Survey data.

In the December 2023 quarter, there were 9.5 million domestic visitors to Sydney region.

Looking at the previous year (March 2023 quarter), it may be possible to anticipate an uplift to approximately 9.8 million domestic visitors to Sydney region in the March 2024 quarter.

- (a) See response to question 311 regarding availability of International Visitor Survey data. In the December 2022 quarter, there were 8.9 million domestic visitors to Sydney.

In the March 2023 quarter, there were 9.2 million domestic visitors to Sydney.

Looking at both quarters together, the Sydney region received 18.1 million domestic visitors during the 2022-23 summer holiday period.

#### Question 314

How much funding did Destination NSW spend advertising:

- (a) The South Coast?
- (b) The North Coast?
- (c) The Sydney Region?

#### Answer

I am advised:

Destination NSW's budgeted expenditure in 2023-24 is \$339.1 million, the second-highest Destination NSW budget on record. This budget ensures Destination NSW is well resourced to undertake its role in a highly competitive environment, which requires expenditure on specific activities such as advertising to be Commercial-in-Confidence.

#### Question 315

How much funding has Destination NSW spent year to date on destination marketing?

- (a) What is the regional / metro split?

#### Answer

I am advised:

Destination NSW's budgeted expenditure in 2023-24 is \$339.1 million, the second-highest Destination NSW budget on record. This budget ensures Destination NSW is well resourced to undertake its role in a highly competitive environment, which requires expenditure on specific activities such as destination marketing to be Commercial-in-Confidence.

- (a) Destination NSW's budgeted expenditure in 2023-24 is \$339.1 million, the second-highest Destination NSW budget on record. This budget ensures Destination NSW is well resourced to undertake its role in a highly competitive environment, which requires expenditure on specific activities such as destination marketing to be Commercial-in-Confidence.

#### Question 316

(316) How much funding has Destination NSW spent year to date on events and event marketing?

- (a) What is the regional / metro split?

#### Answer

I am advised:

Destination NSW's budgeted expenditure in 2023-24 is \$339.1 million, the second-highest Destination NSW budget on record. This budget ensures Destination NSW is well resourced to undertake its role in a highly competitive environment, which requires expenditure on specific activities such as events and event marketing to be Commercial-in-Confidence.

- (a) Destination NSW undertakes a range of marketing and promotional initiatives to support event acquisition.

Destination NSW undertakes its role in a highly competitive environment, which requires expenditure on specific activities such as events and event marketing to be Commercial-in-Confidence.

**Question 317**

Does Destination NSW keep data on specific funding to Western Sydney events and marketing?

(a) Can funding be advised for the year-to-date?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Destination NSW's budgeted expenditure in 2023-24 is \$339.1 million, the second-highest Destination NSW budget on record. This budget ensures Destination NSW is well resourced to secure and retain events for the NSW events calendar.

Destination NSW undertakes a range of marketing and promotional initiatives to support event acquisition in Western Sydney.

(a) Destination NSW undertakes a range of marketing and promotional initiatives to support event acquisition in Western Sydney. Destination NSW undertakes its role in a highly competitive environment, which requires expenditure on specific activities such as events and event marketing to be Commercial-in-Confidence.

**Question 318**

In relation to WestInvest and the \$203.7m upgrade to the Australian Botanic Garden in Mount Annan, is this proceeding?

**Answer**

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Premier.

**Question 319**

Is the \$85.6 million upgrade to Salt Pan Creek Reserve proceeding?

**Answer**

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Premier.

**Question 320**

What planning is underway for marketing Western Sydney after the opening of the new Western Sydney Airport?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Destination NSW will leverage opportunities from the opening of Western Sydney International Airport to build industry capacity through its NSW First Program, marketing and digital support, trade familiarisation activity and product specialist support to grow the region's visitor economy.

Destination NSW will also explore ways to extend existing or develop new airline partnerships as more is known about which airlines will fly into WSI when it commences

operations. Destination NSW's offshore teams are supporting Western Sydney International Airport with facilitating introductions to international airline senior decision makers in key international markets.

Destination NSW will also leverage its partnerships to develop packages with tourism operators as Western Sydney International Airport services come online.

**Question 321**

Who from the Premier's Office advised Alison Morgan and the LSCA Program Office that the projects listed on the spreadsheet emailed on 28 July 2023 were all election commitments?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Duties undertaken by Premier's Office staff are the responsibility of the Premier's Office.

**Question 322**

Which 17 electorates were subject to the additional conflict of interest process?

**Answer**

I am advised:

17 MPs/candidates from the following electorates have completed COI declarations related to all projects they nominated through the LSCA grant program:

- Blacktown (a COI was only conducted on one project)
- Camden
- Clarence
- Dubbo
- Drummoyne
- Kiama
- Lane Cove
- Leppington
- Liverpool
- Miranda
- Newcastle
- Oatley
- Parramatta
- Swansea
- Tamworth
- Wallsend
- Wyong

**Question 323**

How were these 17 electorates selected?

**Answer**

I am advised:

At the request of the Special Minister of State, the Premier's Department, to date, has undertaken a review of COI declarations in 17 electorates where probity questions had been identified, or where candidates were local councillors and have nominated a council run project.

**Question 324**

What role is Cherie Burton playing in verifying that nominated projects were election commitments?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Duties undertaken by Premier's Office staff are the responsibility of the Premier's Office.

**Question 325**

What role is the Parliamentary Secretary for the Treasury playing in verifying that nominated projects were election commitments?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Duties undertaken by the Parliamentary Secretary for the Treasurer should be referred to the Parliamentary Secretary.

**Question 326**

How long will the application process remain open before funds allocated to nominated projects for which the nominated organisation fails to submit a valid application are reallocated to parks and playgrounds projects in LGAs in the electorate?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Organisations that are yet to submit their application have been notified that if an application is not submitted via the SmartyGrants system by 30 June 2024, the project will be deemed to have been withdrawn.

The LSCA Program Office will provide a recommendation to the Special Minister of State after 30 June 2024, on how additional funds may be reallocated in accordance with the LSCA Guideline following the closing date.

**Question 327**

Were the projects nominated by the Member for Camden subject to the additional conflict of interest assessment?

(a) If so, what was the outcome?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Following the assessment of projects in Camden, where a conflict was declared or Conflicts of Interest identified, the LSCA Program Office will provide the Special Minister of State with the following:

- The outcome of the project merit assessment, and whether the project is deemed

by the independent assessment panel to have merit;

- A recommendation from the Executive Director of the LSCA Program Office as to the approval of the grant; and
- Advice about potential, perceived or actual Conflicts of Interest that have been declared.

To date, all projects in the Camden electorate have been assessed by the LSCA Program Office and Probity Advisors as being of a low probity risk and no further mitigation measures were required.

### Question 328

Were the projects nominated by the Member for Camden subject to the additional conflict of interest assessment?

(a) If so, what was the outcome?

### Answer

I am advised:

Following the assessment of projects in Camden, where a conflict was declared or Conflicts of Interest identified, the LSCA Program Office will provide the Special Minister of State with the following:

- The outcome of the project merit assessment, and whether the project is deemed by the independent assessment panel to have merit;
- A recommendation from the Executive Director of the LSCA Program Office as to the approval of the grant; and
- Advice about potential, perceived or actual Conflicts of Interest that have been declared.

To date, all projects in the Camden electorate have been assessed by the LSCA Program Office and Probity Advisors as being of a low probity risk and no further mitigation measures were required.

### Question 329

In relation to the election commitment to deliver \$50,000 to Walkabout Wildlife Sanctuary for a Koala Habitat Recovery project to restore vegetation and habitat for koalas and native animals listed on the 28 July 2023 spreadsheet for the electorate of Gosford, was the LSCA Program Office informed by the Premier's Office that this funding had already been announced by the Premier on 5 May 2023?

(a) Was funding for this project approved before this announcement was made?

(b) If so, who approved the funding and from what source?

(c) If not, was the announcement by the Premier misleading given this project had not yet been subject to the LSCA assessment process?

### Answer

I am advised:

Walkabout Wildlife Sanctuary is yet to lodge their application for LSCA funding.

Once submitted their project will be assessed in accordance with the LSCA Guidelines and a recommendation about funding will be made to the Minister.

### Question 330

Has The Hills Shire Council been sent correspondence inviting applications to be made for each of the projects listed on the 28 July 2023 spreadsheet as nominated projects under



the Local Small Commitments Allocation program for the Castle Hill and Kellyville electorates, (other than correspondence regarding the \$25,000 for upgrades for parks and playgrounds in local councils across the electorate of Castle Hill) ?

(a) If so, when was this correspondence sent?

(b) Has The Hills Shire Council made any applications or otherwise responded to this correspondence?

(c) Was this correspondence provided in response to the order for papers passed by the Legislative Council on 11 October 2023?

i. If so, what is the relevant index number?

ii. If not, please provide a copy of this correspondence and any reply received.

### Answer

I am advised:

On 1 August 2023, The Hills Shire Council were advised that they had been nominated by the NSW Government to make grant funding submissions under the Local Small Commitments Allocation Program.

Applications submitted by The Hills Shire Council are currently under assessment.

A copy of the correspondence provided to all nominated organisations on 1 August 2023, is at Attachment A.

### Question 331

When is the Parramatta Powerhouse opening?

### Answer

I am advised:

Infrastructure NSW has advised museum opening in late 2025.

### Question 332

Are bookings for commercial and community events at the Powerhouse Parramatta now being accepted for 2026?

(a) If so, what is the anticipated capacity, availability and frequency for the following spaces:

i. The Family Kitchen

ii. The rooftop garden

iii. Cinema

iv. The Holdmark Gallery

v. Tyree Foundation Gallery

vi. Presentation space 7

vii. Presentation space 6

viii. Presentation space 5

ix. WSU Gallery

x. Presentation space 1 and its terrace

xi. St Georges Terrace

(b) What is meant by Limited Edition in terms of availability for commercial events?

### Answer

I am advised:

Powerhouse Parramatta will provide spaces for community and commercial hire when they are not being used for museum programming. Income generated from commercial events, such as conferences, launches and festivals, will be reinvested into museum programs for the benefit of the community.

Powerhouse Parramatta will be over 30,000sqm when completed. 18,000sqm of this will be exhibition and public space, providing increased access to the museum's extraordinary collection.

Presentation Space 7 is the only dedicated event space and is 650sqm. Other spaces may be offered to commercial and community bookings when not required for exhibitions and programs. The overview of the various spaces at Powerhouse Parramatta is:

Space	SQM
Presentation Space 1 (PS1)	2,150
Tyree Foundation Gallery (PS2)	1,950
WSU Gallery (PS3)	1,045
Holdmark Gallery (PS4)	2,320
Presentation Space 6 (PS6)	1,180
Presentation Space 7 (PS7)	650
Vitocco Family Kitchen	235
ING Pavilion (Rooftop Pavilion)	300
The Residence	110
St George's Terraces	155
Cinema and Bar	35

(b) No Presentation Spaces are deemed "Limited Edition".

Presentation Space 7 is the only dedicated event space. Other spaces may be offered to commercial and community bookings when not required for exhibitions and programs.

### Question 333

Provide a breakdown of all Creative Residencies MAAS as hosted in the 2022-2023 Financial Year and:

- The amount of revenue MAAS received for each residency
- Any goods and services received in lieu of cash for each residency

### Answer

I am advised:

- Australian Fashion Council
- Australian Graphic Design Association
- Ainslie Murray
- Anna Tregloan
- Amanda Williams
- Cat Jones
- Dinalie Daberera
- Eardrum
- Electronic Music Conference (Emc)
- Fbi Radio
- Filmmaking Collective
- First Nations Fashion And Design

- Fuzzy Ghost
- Grace Lillian Lee
- Iordanes Spyridon Gogos
- Julian Wessels
- Kelly Doley
- Nell
- Queer Screen
- Romance Was Born

- (a) (b) The current NSW Creative Industry residency program generated \$119,094 in rental income for 2022-23, plus additional in-kind contributions towards the Powerhouse program.

The rental subsidy provided to residents is 50% of the SQM commercial value of the space and is applied equally. In exchange for this subsidy, the NSW Creative Industry resident develops a project or program in partnership with the museum that has a community benefit or outcome. These projects are developed annually.

The Powerhouse Creative Industries Residency Program does not provide any funding or grants to participants.

The details of each individual agreement are commercial in confidence.

#### Question 334

Have payments ever been made to members of the Powerhouse's creative residents in addition to the rental subsidies for which they are eligible over the life of those agreements?

- (a) If so, please itemise and quantify in dollar terms the payments made for each residency in each of the years the residency has been operating and the purpose of the payments made?

#### Answer

I am advised:

The Powerhouse Creative Industries Residency Program does not provide any funding or grants to participants.

- (a) The Powerhouse Creative Industries Residency Program does not provide any funding or grants to participants.

#### Question 335

In relation to artistic associates or Powerhouse associates contracted during the term of the current CEO Lisa Havilah:

- (a) How many such associates have been contracted in total?
- (b) Of these, how many are currently on the books and, across these, what is what is the distribution or breakdown of:
- i. Their length of employment
  - ii. The basis on which they are paid (e.g. daily, weekly, monthly, yearly)
  - iii. The roles in which they are employed (/purpose of their employment)
  - iv. Their rates of pay by category of employment role
- (c) How many new artistic or other associates will be appointed in 2023-24 and what is their role in the museum?
- (d) What is the total budget for the artistic or other associates in:
- i. 2023-24
  - ii. 2024-25?

**Answer**

I am advised:

- (a) A total of six Artistic Associates have been engaged by the Powerhouse since the 2021/22 Financial Year.
- (b) See answer to Budget Estimates Hearing on 5 March 3034 - Question on Notice p87
- (c) The Powerhouse recently undertook an expression of interest process for its Associates, applications closed on 15 March 2024. Associates will be in residence over a 12-month period to develop and deliver a project that contributes to the Powerhouse renewal and the future of contemporary museum practice.
- Once the Powerhouse has assessed the applications, those successful will be notified and the details will be published on the Powerhouse website. There is no pre-determined set number of available positions and the total will be determined by the applications received and the merit-based assessment by the selection panel.
- (d) Expenditure on Artistic Associates for the period 1 July 2023 – 28 February 2024 is \$418,791
- Expenditure on Artistic Associates for FY2023-24 is budgeted to be \$466,000.

**Question 336**

How much will it cost to remove No.1 Loco, the tender and carriages? Where will these go? Will the tender and carriages return to the PHM or only the locomotive?

(a) Who is leading the team managing the removal of the transport and engineering collections in the PHM and what are their qualifications?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Powerhouse Collection team is making preparations to safely relocate Loco. No 1 and its carriages to the custom storage facilities at Powerhouse Castle Hill. The Collections team will be augmented with assistance from specialist engineers and rolling stock transport companies. Loco 1 will be on exhibition to the public on weekends.

Once the revitalisation of Powerhouse Ultimo is complete, Loco 1 will continue to be exhibited at Powerhouse Ultimo, along with the Boulton & Watt Steam Engine and the Catalina Flying Boat.

(a) The Powerhouse Museum has one of the world's most highly skilled teams, who are experts in taking care of the Collection. This includes extensive experience in registration, conservation and logistics.

The teams are augmented with industry specialists as required to complete the decant of objects from Ultimo to Castle Hill; carefully planned decant processes will ensure the safety of the Powerhouse Collection.

Utilising plans from 1988 install and object documentation from the museum's Collection Management System, the Powerhouse is developing individual Object movement plans for the large and complex objects. These plans are developed with input from Registration, Conservation, Powerhouse Logistics and specialist advisors and contractors.

**Question 337**

How many media or public relations consultants has the Powerhouse engaged over the past two financial years, for what purpose were they engaged and how much was spent on each contract.

**Answer**

I am advised:

The Powerhouse has engaged one media/public relations consultancy over the last two financial years. Bolton & Quinn have supported the Powerhouse through the provision of an international public relations and strategy ahead of the opening of Powerhouse Parramatta.

Fees for this consultancy are as follows:

2022-23 - \$187,500

**Question 338**

How much did MAAS spend on collection acquisitions in 2022-23?

**Answer**

I am advised:

A total of 122 new acquisitions, comprising 407 objects, were added to the Powerhouse Collection throughout 2022/23. Objects were acquired through the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences Foundation and commissioning program, as well as through donations and bequests.

In the period, the Museum invested \$331,523 in new acquisitions.

**Question 339**

How much money has the Department and its agencies spent on products purchased from Hewlett Packard (inclusive of HP Enterprise businesses, HP end-user businesses, and any other businesses representing the Hewlett Packard brand) (HP):

(a) Please provide this information for each financial year since 2018/19 including 2023/24 to 31 December 2023, divided by agency, and include a short description of the kinds of products purchased for each agency each year, including whether any money has been spent since 7 October 2023.

**Answer**

I am advised:

Department of Customer Service (DCS) undertook an open-market procurement process in accordance with NSW Government procurement manual in establishing the All-of-Government panel for End User Devices and Services. The due diligence checks include compliance to applicable NSW Government policies such as:

- Supplier Code of Conduct - <https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/supplier-code-of-conduct>
- NSW Government Procurement Policy, <https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/procurement-policy-framework>
- NSW Government Small and Medium Enterprise and Regional Procurement Policy - <https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/sme-and-regional-procurement-policy>
- NSW Aboriginal Procurement Policy- <https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/aboriginal-procurement-policy> and

- Applicable legislation and standards such as NSW Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017, NSW Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998, and Modern Slavery Act 2018 NSW

#### Question 340

What policies and procedures does the Department and its agencies use to ensure that procurement is ethical and meets community standards?

#### Answer

I am advised:

Department of Customer Service (DCS) undertook an open-market procurement process in accordance with NSW Government procurement manual in establishing the All-of-Government panel for End User Devices and Services. The due diligence checks include compliance to applicable NSW Government policies such as:

- Supplier Code of Conduct - <https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/supplier-code-of-conduct>
- NSW Government Procurement Policy, <https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/procurement-policy-framework>
- NSW Government Small and Medium Enterprise and Regional Procurement Policy - <https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/sme-and-regional-procurement-policy>
- NSW Aboriginal Procurement Policy- <https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/aboriginal-procurement-policy> and
- Applicable legislation and standards such as NSW Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017, NSW Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998, and Modern Slavery Act 2018 NSW

#### Question 341

If the Department or any of its agencies procure products from Hewlett Packard (meaning any business representing the Hewlett Packard brand), what probity checks have been done to investigate whether HP is involved in the 'plausible genocide' taking place in Gaza?

#### Answer

I am advised:

Department of Customer Service (DCS) undertook an open-market procurement process in accordance with NSW Government procurement manual in establishing the All-of-Government panel for End User Devices and Services. The due diligence checks include compliance to applicable NSW Government policies such as:

- Supplier Code of Conduct - <https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/supplier-code-of-conduct>
- NSW Government Procurement Policy, <https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/procurement-policy-framework>
- NSW Government Small and Medium Enterprise and Regional Procurement Policy - <https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/sme-and-regional-procurement-policy>
- NSW Aboriginal Procurement Policy- <https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/aboriginal-procurement-policy> and

- Applicable legislation and standards such as NSW Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017, NSW Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998, and Modern Slavery Act 2018 NSW

**Question 342**

How many contractors currently work within the Department?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Contractor costs form part of the audited financial statements within the Department's Annual Report

**Question 343**

How many contractors have been on contracts longer than

- (a) 3 months
- (b) 6 months
- (c) 12 month
- (d) 18 months
- (e) 24 months
- (f) 36 months

**Answer**

I am advised:

See answer to Question 342

**Question 344**

What is the longest period of continuous employment for a contractor employed by the Department or its agencies?

**Answer**

I am advised:

See answer to Question 342

**Question 345**

How many artistic associates have been hired for the revitalised Powerhouse Museum?

- (a) How many are full time?
- (b) How many are part time?
- (c) How many are paid contractors?
- (d) What was the procurement process of hiring these artistic associates?
- (e) Please provide the payment band for full time, part time and paid contractor artistic associates.
- (f) What award do paid contractors fall under?

**Answer**

I am advised:

Current Powerhouse Artistic Associates were engaged through an open and competitive public expression of interest process. Submissions are evaluated by an evaluation committee and assessed against set criteria. Engagements are limited to one year with an option to extend for a further year subject to requirements. Powerhouse currently engages six Artistic Associates. The Artistic Associates are engaged as independent contractors and are paid monthly. Expenditure on Artistic Associates for the period 1 July 2023 to 28 February 2024 is \$418,791.

**Question 346**

What is the total cost of decanting the artefacts in the Ultimo Powerhouse Museum?  
 (a) Who is responsible for this cost?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The process of safely decanting the collection from the Museum has commenced and will take approximately six to eight months. Final costs will not be known until procurement processes, which are currently underway, are complete and the project is finished.

(a) The Powerhouse Museum is responsible for this cost.

**Question 347**

Please list all participants in the Powerhouse's Residency Program.

**Answer**

I am advised:

See answer to Question 333.

**Question 348**

Please detail what work these people have been commissioned for and what value they have been paid for this commissioned work, in addition to their rental subsidy.

**Answer**

I am advised:

**ANSWER:****Creative Residents Programming and Exhibitions**

Creative residents have made an important contribution to our programs, learning programs and exhibitions, including 1001 Remarkable Objects, Clay Dynasty, Future Fashion, Absolutely Queer and Step into Paradise. Every creative resident has curated at least one Powerhouse Late program, our popular late-night Thursday programming. Further details include:

**JENNY KEE AND LINDA JACKSON: STEP INTO PARADISE**

Public Program December 2019 – March 2020. Creative resident Rosie Deacon delivered a series of intergenerational workshops as part of the Step into Paradise summer program, exploring themes of identity and expression through spectacle and adornment.

**ROSIE DEACON: KOALA TRAIN**

Summer Program Powerhouse Ultimo December 2020 – February 2021 and Autumn Program Castle Hill April 2021. Rosie Deacon was commissioned to create a large-scale intergenerational installation and experience in the Powerhouse Turbine Hall, responding to the iconic transport collection. Koala train then moved to Castle Hill to engage with audiences through ongoing workshops and demonstrations.

**EMC**

Digital Program October 2020 – February 2021. EMC worked with artists Milan Ring, Brux, Ninajirachi & Kota Banks to create a series of online performances and interviews. The digital program was the translation of a series of planned programs at Powerhouse Ultimo that shifted online due to Covid restrictions.

An EMC partnership with Roland. Global Cities After Dark – March 2021. Annual conference and



showcase event. A forum for future nightlife, held across two-days (note this was a commercial event).

Electronic Music Conference - November 2022. Annual conference and showcase event. A two-day conference focussed on electronic music culture, creativity and business.

### **IODANES SPYRIDON GOGOS**

Jordan Gogos contributed to programming by running four Creative Studio workshops in Parramatta. In spring 2024, he will participate in UTS student engagements organised with the UTS Fashion Program Manager Alyssa Choat.

A Runway fashion show at Powerhouse Ultimo as part of 2022 Afterpay Australian Fashion Week in May 2022. Collaborated for Powerhouse Ultimo seasonal program in January 2022 and featured in exhibitions (detailed below). SXSW 2023 Embedded Creative Practice in the Institution panel – 19 October 2023

Sebastian Goldspink of Agency Projects (Powerhouse Creative Industry residents), Solomon Toala 'SOLLYY' (Powerhouse Generations fellow) and Julian Wessels (Powerhouse Creative Industry resident) shared their practice and recent collaborations with the Powerhouse.

### **POWERHOUSE LATE (our late-night Thursday programming)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Creative Resident</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
14-Dec-23	PH Late: Late	Studio Kaaki	Pecha Kucha style talk
14-Dec-23	PH Late: Late	Kelly Doley	Drawing club workshop
14-Dec-23	PH Late: Late	FBi Radio	Interactive audio storytelling with FBi Radio's program and podcast, All The Best
14-Dec-23	PH Late: Late	Queer Screen	Curated short film content
14-Dec-23	PH Late: Late	Electronic Music Conference (EMC)	Curated DJs for the night
9-Nov-23	PH Late: FBi SMAC Awards	FBi Radio	Annual SMAC Awards for FBi Radio
28-Sep-23	PH Late: Gaming	Fuzzy Ghost	A part of the game developer showcase
29-Jun-23	PH Late: AI	Eardrum	Curated the Powerhouse Late
20-Apr-23	PH Late: Landscapes	Ainslie Murray	Curated the Powerhouse Late
6-Apr-23	PH Late: Gaming	Fuzzy Ghost	A part of the game developer showcase
9-Feb-23	PH Late: Film	The Film Collective	Member of the collective, Huna Amweero, curated the late
7-Jul-22	PH Late: BLAKOUT!	First Nations Fashion and Design	Curated the Powerhouse Late
28-Jul-22	PH Late: Queer Screen	Queer Screen	Curated the Powerhouse Late
25-Aug-22	PH Late: Architecture	Studio Kaaki	Curated the Powerhouse Late

13-Oct-22	PH Late: Amanda Williams	Amanda Williams	Curated the Powerhouse Late
10-Nov-22	PH Late: FBi SMAC Awards	FBi Radio	Annual SMAC Awards for FBi Radio
1-Dec-22	PH Late: EMC	Electronic Music Conference (EMC)	Curated the Powerhouse Late
24-Feb-22	PH Late: Mardi Gras	Queer Screen	Curated short film content
24-Mar-22	PH Late: Film	The Film Collective	Curated the Powerhouse Late
12-May-22	PH Late: Iordanes Spyridon Gogos	Iordanes Spyridon Gogos	Curated the Powerhouse Late
30-Jun-22	PH Late: Julian Wessels	Julian Wessels	Curated the Powerhouse Late
10 Feb 22 - 30 Jun 22	Powerhouse Late	FBi Radio	Curated DJs for the night
22-Apr-21	PH Late: AGDA	Australian Graphic Desing Association	Curated the Powerhouse Late
10-Jun-21	PH Late: Residents Take Over	Ainslie Murray	Panel
10-Jun-21	PH Late: Residents Take Over	Nancy Cushing	Panel
10-Jun-21	PH Late: Residents Take Over	Cat Jones	Interactive experience
10-Jun-21	PH Late: Residents Take Over	Kate Rees	Poetry reading
10-Jun-21	PH Late: Residents Take Over	Anna Tregloan	Curated the Lab with her work called "The Impossible Project"
10-Jun-21	PH Late: Residents Take Over	Julian Wessels	Steam revolution take over
10-Jun-21	PH Late: Residents Take Over	Rami Mandow	Astronomical projections
10-Jun-21	PH Late: Residents Take Over	Angel Lopez Snachez	Astronomical projections
27-Jun-21	PH Late: EMC & Friends	Electronic Music Conference (EMC)	Curated the Powerhouse Late
11-March- 21	PH Late: Romance Was Born	Romance Was Born	Curated the Powerhouse Late

## EXHIBITIONS

Date	Exhibition	Creative Resident	Contribution
2019	Step into Paradise	Romance Was Born Nikita Majajas	Paradise included a section on Romance Was Born's collaboration with Jenny Kee and Linda Jackson including twelve outfits  Featured a jewellery piece by Nikita Majajas label Doodad + Fandango (loan)
2022	Fantastical Worlds exhibition tour to The Roche Foundation	Iordanes Spyridon Gogos	Included two outfits from Iordanes Spyridon Gogos (PH collection)
2022-2023	Clay Dynasty	Nell	Included four works by Nell (three loans and one from the PH collection)
2023	Absolutely Queer	Nikita Majajas Fuzzy Ghost	Exhibition included sections on both Nikita Majajas and Fuzzy Ghost
2023	Future Fashion	Romance Was Born	Alumni section included one outfit by Romance Was Born (PH collection)
2023-2024	1001 Remarkable Objects	Romance Was Born	Included three outfits by Romance Was Born (PH collection)

## SEASONAL PROGRAMS

Dinalie Dabarera	Character Design workshop 2021	Holiday Illustration workshop May 2022	Holiday Neon Galaxy workshop July 2022	EDL Stop Motion October 2022
EMC	Electronic Music Workshop January 2022			
FBI	Podcasting Workshop January 2022	Podcasting Workshop April 2022		
Filmmaking Collective	Filmmaking workshop April 2022			
Iordanes Spyridon Gogos	Holiday Fashion workshop Jan 2022			
Nell	Clay Faces Workshop September 2022			
Rosie Deacon	Koala Train workshops Jan-Sept 2020	Wearable workshops July 2021	Upcycling workshop Dec 2022	

**Question 349**

What are the terms of these residencies?

**Answer**

I am advised:

The 2024 residency program will be based on the outcome of a formal EOI process. There is no pre-determined set number of residencies, it depends on the applications received and the merit-based assessment by the selection panel, which will include representatives from the Powerhouse, UTS and an external industry leader.

The 2024 residency program offers terms between one and three years. All creative residents receive subsidised rent at approximately 50% of the commercial value, taking into account location, amenity, size and condition.

Previous EOIs were held in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. All residents were provided a lease term up to the expected closure of the site at the time of applying. This has changed with NSW Government policy. With clarity of the project, and to ensure equitable access, all current residents will reapply in 2023 alongside an external EOI.

The Powerhouse Creative Industries Residency Program does not provide any funding or grants to participants.