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8919 MACQUARIE STREET EAST PRECINCT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

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\*9140 COMPLETION OF UPGRADES ON HENRY LAWSON DRIVE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What works will be completed on Henry Lawson Drive between Milperra and the Meccano Set?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services has commenced investigations into a 7.5 kilometre upgrade of Henry Lawson Drive (from two lanes to four lanes) between the M5 Motorway, Milperra and Hume Highway, Lansdowne.

\*9141 LAND AT 10 MACQUARIE AVENUE, GATESHEAD—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

How long has the Government owned the land at 10 Macquarie Avenue, Gateshead?

Answer—

I am advised information about property ownership in New South Wales is available at [www.nswlrs.com.au](http://www.nswlrs.com.au).

\*9142 SCHOOL COUNSELLORS IN PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

(1) How many full time equivalent school counsellors were employed in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2017-18, in each of the following primary schools:

- (a) Barrack Heights Public School;
- (b) Lake Illawarra South Public School;
- (c) Mount Warrigal Public School;
- (d) Peterborough School (SSP);
- (e) Warilla Public School;
- (f) Warilla North Public School;
- (g) Balarang Public School;
- (h) Flinders Public School;
- (i) Oak Flats Public School;
- (j) Shellharbour Public School;
- (k) Mount Brown Public School;
- (l) Lakelands Public School;
- (m) Koonawarra Public School;
- (n) Dapto Public School;
- (o) Shell Cove Public School;
- (p) Hayes Park Public School?

(2) How many full time equivalent school counsellors were employed in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2017-18, in each of the following secondary schools:

- (a) Lake Illawarra High School;
- (b) Warilla High School;
- (c) Oak Flats High School;
- (d) Dapto High School;
- (e) Kanahooka High School?

Answer—

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I'm advised school-level data on counsellors was not kept centrally prior to 2016, and it is therefore not possible to provide comparable information over this timeframe.

\*9143 SAND EROSION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Is the Minister willing to accept that the erosion problems on Stockton Beach are the result of previous Newcastle Harbour dredging and breakwater construction conducted by the Government?
- (2) In the light of all previous reports and investigations identifying the Stockton Beach erosion problem results from Newcastle Harbour dredging and breakwater construction, is the Government willing to recognise Stockton as a unique problem and identify Stockton as the highest New South Wales priority for coastal remediation?
- (3) Can the Minister explain the current policy in New South Wales regarding the use of offshore marine sand for beach nourishment, in light of the fact that beach erosion problems in adjacent states such as on Queensland's Gold Coast are currently being solved by nourishment from adjacent marine sources and if this sand is available for use at Stockton?
- (4) Considering previous studies of Stockton Beach have identified the long term loss of 10 million cubic metres of sand, and lowering of the seabed by over 7 metre since breakwater construction in 1915 and the rate of sand loss from Stockton is accelerating over time and is now estimated at 370,000 cubic metres per year, nearly 5 times the long term average annual loss, does the Minister consider that this huge volume of accelerating sand loss brings Stockton close to a tipping point after which catastrophic damage is likely, and subsequent natural replenishment is no longer possible?
- (5) Does the Minister consider that the business case presented for the sale of Newcastle Port to a private consortium and a foreign government was flawed, and made no mention of the Port's role in creating severe beach erosion adjacent to the Harbour at Stockton, or any plan to remediate that erosion?
- (6) Considering that the Government received over \$1.75 billion and spent over \$25 million on consultancy fees for the Port sale, is the Minister now prepared to correct that shortcoming in the business plan and direct some of the windfall revenue to solve the Port's erosion problem?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There is no demonstrated connection between the recently observed erosion and historical port works.
- (2) The former Minister for the Environment declared Stockton Beach did not meet the criteria for declaration as a coastal hotspot.
- (3) Sand dredged from Newcastle Harbour is already used to nourish Stockton Beach. Any proposal to use offshore marine sand for beach nourishment would require development consent and would be considered on its merits in accordance with relevant legislation.
- (4) There is no evidence of accelerating long-term losses of sand from Stockton Beach.
- (5) This question should be directed to the Treasurer.
- (6) Refer to response to Questions (1), (2) and (5).

\*9144 DREDGING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Can sand be dredged offshore for environmental rehabilitation purposes under the Fisheries Management Act 1994?
- (2) Considering the David Allen dredge frequently removes marine aggregate from the seabed up to 1 kilometre from the end of the Newcastle breakwaters or 2 kilometres from the shoreline and then dumps it 500 metres off Stockton, can offshore sand from the same areas as the David Allen dredges be obtained for beach nourishment?
- (3) Would this also mean that dredging is possible off Stockton, and that it would not be prohibited because it is already taking place close by?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This question should be referred to the Department of Primary Industries which administers the Fisheries Management Act 1994.
- (2) The vessel "David Allen" dredges clean marine aggregate from the entrance area between the breakwaters and disposes of it offshore from Stockton as part of the concurrences provided to the Port of Newcastle under the Coastal Protection Act 1979.

- (3) Any proposal to consider dredging offshore marine sands for beach nourishment would need to be considered on its merits in accordance with relevant legislation including marine protection laws and planning laws.

\*9145 ACCESS TO FIREARMS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) What action has the Government taken to prevent people with a history of violence from access to firearms following the July 2018 murder of two children by their father?
- (2) What changes have been made to licencing rules and procedures?
- (3) What further action will the Government take to ensure that people with a history of violence and violent threats do not have access to firearms?

Answer—

The Government will consider any appropriate measures to improve family and community safety arising from the police investigation and the coroner's inquest into the tragic events of 5 July 2018.

I am working with the Police Commissioner to look at a range of issues arising from this incident, including the exchange of information with other government agencies and the assessment of risks related to firearm applicants.

I have exchanged correspondence with the Federal Attorney General regarding the issue of information sharing between the Family Court of Australia and State and Territory police forces. We will work constructively to address this issue.

\*9147 INNER CITY FERRIES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Noting that there is no current information on the Transport for NSW website about progress on the 2013 'Sydney's Ferry Future' strategy?
  - (a) What new ferry wharves have been proposed under this strategy?
- (2) Has the Government approved ferry wharves for
  - (a) Glebe Point;
  - (b) Johnstons Bay Pyrmont;
  - (c) Woolloomooloo;
  - (d) Elizabeth Bay?
- (3) What action has been taken since the response to LA Q6513 in October 2017?
- (4) When will the Government inform the community about options and plans for public comment?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to increase inner city access to ferry services?

Answer—

I am advised

(1) and (2) Details of potential wharf locations may be accessed from the Sydney's Ferry Future page on the Transport for NSW website.

(3) In November 2017, the Government launched the F4 Cross Harbour and F7 Double Bay ferry routes, providing 85 additional weekly services and introducing two-way travel between Pyrmont and Barangaroo.

(4) and (5) Opportunities to further improve inner city access to ferry services will be considered as part of broader transport planning.

\*9148 OPIOID TREATMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of Medication-Assisted Treatment of Opioid Dependence?
- (2) What action has the Government taken to increase access to these treatments through:
  - (a) Reducing stigma associated with treatment;
  - (b) Reducing costs for consumers including dispensing fees;
  - (c) Increasing the number of prescribers and pharmacies?
- (3) What strategies does the Government use to ensure consumers are integral to these programs and services?
- (4) What programs does the Government provide or fund to educate the community about these treatments?
- (5) What further steps will the Government take to improve access to Medication-Assisted Treatment of

Opioid Dependence?

Answer—

The Government recognises the effectiveness and success of Medication Assisted Treatment of Opioid Dependence.

The NSW Health Education and Training Institute course Stigma, Discrimination and Injecting Drug Use is available to all NSW Health staff. Stigma and discrimination is also addressed through the University of Sydney Opioid Treatment Accreditation Course and through the relevant NSW clinical guidelines.

NSW Health provides prescribing and supervised administration of opioid treatment to clients free of charge through public clinics and dosing sites.

NSW Health partners with the NSW Users and AIDS Association (NUAA) to ensure that consumer perspectives inform the development of guidelines, project implementation, and information for services.

NSW Health partners with NUUA to promote the NSW Opioid Treatment Program to people experiencing opioid substance dependence. Additionally, the Government funds a range of community facing information services focussing on alcohol and other drugs, including opioids.

NSW Health will continue to increase access to treatment through general practice, community pharmacies, local health districts and prisons.

\*9149 FLOOD MITIGATION WORKS IN THE NEWCASTLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

What funding has been made available since the 2010-11 Budget for the provision of additional flood mitigation works to be carried out in the Newcastle Local Government area (as at 15 August 2018)?

Answer—

Newcastle City Council has been awarded grants totalling \$766,687 under the Office of Environment and Heritage Floodplain Management Program since the 2010-11 Budget.

\*9150 ABORIGINAL SOCIAL HOUSING STRATEGY IN THE ILLAWARRA—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

(1) What portion of the \$33.1 million in new funding allocated in the 2018-19 NSW Budget for the Aboriginal Social Housing Strategy will be spent within:

- (a) The Shellharbour electorate;
- (b) The Illawarra?

(2) What additional services will be delivered as a result?

Answer—

I am advised that information on the 2018-19 NSW Budget is available at [www.budget.nsw.gov.au/nsw-budget-2018-19-budget-papers](http://www.budget.nsw.gov.au/nsw-budget-2018-19-budget-papers).

I am also advised that information on the Aboriginal Social Housing Strategy is available from [www.aho.nsw.gov.au](http://www.aho.nsw.gov.au).

\*9151 CAPITAL WORKS AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS IN SCHOOLS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

(1) Considering the response to LA Q8664, in what schools were the capital works and maintenance projects totalling a cost of over \$8.8 million completed?

- (a) What projects were completed in each school;
- (b) What was the cost of each individual project completed?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

Information about school maintenance was publicly released on 25 February 2018, and can be found on the NSW Department of Education's disclosure log.

Information on school upgrades can be found on the School Infrastructure NSW website.

\*9152 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

- (1) What portion of the additional \$82.5 million allocated in the 2018-19 NSW Budget for increased inpatient and community-based mental health services across New South Wales will be spent within:
  - (a) The Shellharbour electorate;
  - (b) The Illawarra?
- (2) What additional services will be delivered as a result within:
  - (a) The Shellharbour electorate;
  - (b) The Illawarra?

Answer—

I refer the member to my response to LA Q8964.

\*9153 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DISCLOSURE SCHEME—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Does the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme include:
  - (a) Convictions;
  - (b) Matters before New South Wales criminal courts;
  - (c) Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders (ADVOs)?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Questions about the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme should be directed to the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

\*9154 FORMER HUNTER RIVER COMMUNITY SCHOOL SITE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Has Crown Lands taken possession of the former Hunter River Community School site bounded by Lindesay, George and High Streets East Maitland?
- (2) On what date did Education decide the site was surplus to its requirements and relinquish it to Crown Lands?
- (3) What is the status of any subsequent claims under the Native Title Act on the site?
- (4) When will a decision be made on the immediate future of the site?
- (5) Has any New South Wales government department or agency expressed an interest in the site?
- (6) Which department or agency is currently responsibly for maintenance of the site?
- (7) What is the maintenance schedule to ensure the general presentation of the site meets community expectations?

Answer—

(1) No

(2) 4 July 2016.

(3) There is no active Native Title claim under the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) over the subject land.

(4) Following determination of the land claim on 6 September 2018, the site will now be transferred as freehold land to the Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council.

(5) No.

(6) and (7) As the site will be transferred to Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land, no government agency will manage the site.

\*9156 SAFETY OF COMMUTERS ON S-SET, K-SET AND C-SET TRAINS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What is being done to ensure the safety of commuters travelling on S-set, K-set and C-set trains which were decommissioned and placed back on select lines considering these trains are not equipped with cameras or emergency help buttons?

Answer—

I am advised:

The safety and security of customers on the rail network is the number one priority of the Government. This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

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\*9157 WIDENING OF STACEY STREET—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

When will the widening of Stacey Street (southbound), as part of the South Pinch Point Program, begin?

Answer—

I am advised:

Work began in June 2018.

\*9158 CONSULTATION FOR THE LOWER HUNTER FREIGHT RAIL CORRIDOR—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

When will community and stakeholder consultation for the Lower Hunter Freight Rail Corridor begin?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

\*9159 TRAFFIC COUNTS FOR DELAYED VEHICLES BY CLOSURE OF THE ADAMSTOWN RAILWAY GATES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) Why have there been no recent traffic counts on the number of vehicles delayed by closure of the Adamstown railway gates?

(2) Will there be traffic counts conducted on the number of vehicles delayed by closure of the Adamstown railway gates in the near future?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services maintains permanent traffic counters on the State Road network which collect traffic data year round.

At other locations and on roads under the care and control of councils, such as Glebe Road, traffic counts are only undertaken on an as-needed basis.

\*9160 REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS FOR THE KEMBLA GRANGE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

(1) Has the Review of Environmental Factors for the Kemplab Grange correctional facility proposal commenced?

(a) If so, when is it expected to be completed?

(b) If not:

(i) When is it expected to commence;

(ii) How long is it expected to take?

Answer—

Please refer to my medial release on September 14, 2018 regarding site investigations at Kemplab Grange.

\*9161 FUTURE TRANSPORT 2056 STRATEGY—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

When will the Future Transport 2056 Strategy be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Future Transport 2056 was released in March 2018.

\*9162 CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE BROADMEADOW LOCOMOTIVE DEPOT HERITAGE PRECINCT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) Will Transport Heritage NSW develop a Conservation Management Plan for the Broadmeadow Locomotive Depot heritage precinct?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:



I refer you to my previous answer, LA Q7870.

\*9163 DAM STORAGE LEVELS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What is the current storage of:
  - (a) Greater Sydney's dams;
  - (b) Warragamba Dam;
  - (c) Tallowa Dam?
- (2) At what storage level will the:
  - (a) Sydney Desalination Plant be triggered?
  - (b) Shoalhaven Transfer Scheme activated?
- (3) How many fines have been issued by Sydney Water over the past 12 months for breaches of Water Wise Rules (as at 14 August 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Current levels of all of greater Sydney's dams, including Tallowa and Warragamba, are available on WaterNSW's website: <https://www.watarnsw.com.au/supply/dam-levels/greater-sydneys-dam-levels>
- (2) The portfolio of water supply and drought response measures is available on page 28 of the Metropolitan Water Plan: <https://www.metrowater.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2017%20Metropolitan%20Water%20Plan.pdf>
- (3) There have been no fines issued for breaches of Water Wise Rules over the past 12 months. Water Wise Rules are simple, common sense actions about the way we use water outside, which apply to both residents and businesses.

\*9165 HOARDING AND SQUALOR—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What programs does the Government provide or fund to address hoarding and squalor?
  - (a) What funds have been allocated for this since 2011 (to 15 August 2018)?
- (2) What services are provided in the inner city?
- (3) What is the trend in reports of hoarding and squalor in social housing properties?
- (4) What is the waiting time for help to address these concerns?
- (5) How many people are currently waiting for help to address hoarding and squalor?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to increase resources for hoarding and squalor programs?

Answer—

I am advised that the Housing and Mental Health Agreement between the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) and the Ministry of Health, provides a framework for planning, coordinating and delivering services to people with mental health issues who are living in social housing and who are at risk of homelessness.

I am advised that FACS Specialist Senior Client Service Officers provide tenancy management services that respond to individual cases of hoarding and squalor as they occur within public housing tenancies.

\*9166 ROAD DEATHS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the Australian Automobile Association report 'Benchmarking the effect of the National Road Safety Strategy' showing failure to meet targets?
- (2) How does the New South Wales data compare with the national increase in:
  - (a) Cyclist deaths of 80 per cent;
    - (i) What is the long term trend?
  - (b) Pedestrian deaths of 4.7 per cent;
    - (i) What is the long term trend?
  - (c) Passenger deaths of 3.8 per cent;
    - (i) What is the long term trend?
  - (d) Driver deaths of 1.8 per cent;
    - (i) What is the long term trend?
- (3) How does the New South Wales data compare with the national decrease in motorcyclist deaths?

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(a) What is the long term trend?

(4) What plans does the Government have to reduce road deaths?

Answer—

am advised:

(1) Transport for NSW's Centre for Road Safety analyses and reports on the New South Wales road toll on a daily basis, which is available on its website. This data and associated trends are used to inform road safety initiatives across New South Wales.

(2) and (3) Interactive crash statistics with reports on road user deaths and injuries, locations and crash types for the five years up to and including 2017 are available on the Centre for Road Safety's website. Statistics for 2018 are being collated based on data from NSW Health, the State Insurance Regulatory Authority, icare and the NSW Police Force.

(4) The Government released the Road Safety Plan 2021, in February 2018, and identifies six priority areas for action. The Plan features proven and targeted initiatives to address key trends, trauma risks and the types of crashes occurring on New South Wales roads.

To support the Plan, the Government has also announced a record \$1.9 billion investment in road safety initiatives over the next five years. Priority areas include:

- \$640 million to save lives on country roads through infrastructure safety upgrades
- \$250 million for enhanced enforcement, including 50 additional highway patrol officers in regional areas, roadside alcohol testing and a doubling of mobile drug testing.
- \$180 million to increase liveability and safety in urban communities through infrastructure safety upgrades for pedestrians, cyclists and other road users.

Further information on the road safety initiatives outlined in the Road Safety Plan 2021 is available on the Towards Zero website.

\*9167 JUSTICE SYSTEM AND HISTORIC ANTI-GAY AND ANTI-TRANSGENDER VIOLENCE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Attorney General—

(1) What action has the Government taken on the ACON 'In Pursuit of Truth and Justice' report examining historic murders and anti-gay violence involving the justice system?

(2) What plans does the Government have to address concerns about the justice system response to homophobic and transphobic prejudice, murders and violence?

(3) How does the Government ensure Legal Aid treats homophobic and transphobic violence fairly in resource allocation and approvals?

(4) What information, education and support does the government provide to courts, tribunals and the Coroner to understand and address homophobic and transphobic prejudice and violence?

(5) What further action will the Government take to ensure that the justice system treats survivors of anti-gay and anti-transgender prejudice and violence fairly?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer to my answer to LA Q8848.

On 19 September 2018, the New South Wales Legislative Council resolved that the Standing Committee on Social Issues inquire into and report on the response to gay and transgender hate crimes between 1970 and 2010 and any other related matter.

\*9168 PROCUREMENT RECYCLED MATERIALS AND GOODS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) What requirements does the Government have to ensure that all New South Wales government agencies and projects purchase recycled and recyclable materials and goods?

(2) What mandatory targets does the Government set, how are these monitored and how are results made public?

(3) Do Government procurement guidelines require the lowest possible consumption of petroleum-based single use plastics?

(4) What further action will the Government take to lead by example and build a domestic market for recycled materials and goods?

Answer—

(1), (2) and (4) This question should be directed to the Minister for Environment, Minister for Local

Government and Minister for Heritage.

(3) No.

\*9169 HEALTH SERVICE SUSTAINABILITY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What assessment has the Government carried out into improving sustainability of health services in order to reduce waste, emissions and costs?
- (2) How does the Government provide statewide direction and support for sustainability reforms?
- (3) What requirements does the Government have for hospitals to:
  - (a) Employ sustainability officers;
  - (b) Develop sustainability action plans;
  - (c) Implement energy saving strategies;
  - (d) Implement water saving strategies;
  - (e) Increase recycling?
- (4) What requirements does the Government have for health services to use less environmentally harmful supplies such as anaesthetic gases?
- (5) How does the Government support hospital and health service plans and action?
- (6) What further steps will the Government take to improve health service sustainability?

Answer—

The Government has enacted the Government Resource Efficiency Policy to facilitate NSW Health services to reduce waste, emissions and associated costs, as well as establishing the Climate Change Policy Framework and the Government Resource Efficiency Policy to provide statewide direction and support for sustainability reforms.

The Government does not require hospitals to employ sustainability staff and does not require hospitals to undertake sustainability action plans.

The NSW Procurement Policy Framework provides guidance to enable the purchase of less environmentally harmful supplies.

The Government has enabled access to the Crown Finance facility to enable the pilot of large-scale solar installations on hospitals. The Government has also provided environmental grants to enable the pilot of the My Food Choice program to help hospitals reduce food and packaging waste.

\*9170 MODIFIED SPORTS PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

- (1) How many locations across New South Wales has the Modified Sports Program been implemented?
- (2) How many older citizens have participated in the Modified Sports Program since its establishment?
- (3) How many of these have been in:
  - (a) Metropolitan areas;
  - (b) Regional areas?
- (4) How will the \$100,000 funding announced in July be shared across:
  - (a) Basketball;
  - (b) Softball;
  - (c) Table Tennis?
- (5) Are there plans to introduce the Program in the following areas to encourage older members of the community to remain active:
  - (a) Cessnock;
  - (b) Kurri Kurri;
  - (c) Edgeworth;
  - (d) Branxton-Greta?
- (6) Will you initiate a trial of the modified sports program in the Cessnock electorate to provide eligible citizens the opportunity to participate?
- (7) How can residents participate in the modified sports program if it is not made available in the Cessnock electorate?

Answer—

Since May 2017, the Government has provided \$200,000 to six sporting codes to implement modified sporting programs for New South Wales seniors across the state. Funding was provided to enable pilot

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programs to be established in each code, with individual codes then responsible for staging a roll-out of the modified sports more broadly.

I am advised further information on the Modified Sports Program is available on the Department of Family and Communities Services website.

\*9171 SAVING OUR SPECIES PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Has the Office of Environment and Heritage been advised of any sightings of the Greater Stick-nest Rat since the implementation of the Saving our Species program?
- (2) How much of the \$100 million set aside for the Saving our Species program has funded programs and activities to advance the reintroduction of the Greater Stick-nest Rat in New South Wales?
- (3) How many Greater Stick-nest Rats have been reintroduced into the wild?
  - (a) Where were these Greater Stick-nest Rats sourced from?
  - (b) Has the Office of Environment and Heritage received any advice that these Greater Stick-nest Rats have died as a result of being introduced into a new habitat?
- (4) Has the Office of Environment and Heritage been advised of any sightings of the Greater bilby since the implementation of the Saving our Species program?
- (5) How much of the \$100 million set aside for the Saving our Species program has funded programs and activities to advance the reintroduction of the Greater bilby in New South Wales?
- (6) How many Greater bilbies have been reintroduced into the wild?
  - (a) Where were these Greater bilbies sourced from?
  - (b) Has the Office of Environment and Heritage received any advice that these Greater bilbies have died as a result of being introduced into a new habitat?
- (7) Has the Office of Environment and Heritage been advised of any sightings of the Numbat since the implementation of the Saving our Species program?
- (8) How much of the \$100 million set aside for the Saving our Species program has funded programs and activities to advance the reintroduction of the Numbat in New South Wales?
- (9) How many Numbats have been reintroduced into the wild?
  - (a) Where were these Numbats sourced from?
  - (b) Has the Office of Environment and Heritage received any advice that these Numbats have died as a result of being introduced into a new habitat?
- (10) Has the Office of Environment and Heritage been advised of any sightings of the Red-tailed Phascogale since the implementation of the Saving our Species program?
- (11) How much of the \$100 million set aside for the Saving our Species program has funded programs and activities to advance the reintroduction of the Red-tailed Phascogale in New South Wales?
- (12) How many Red-tailed Phascogales have been reintroduced into the wild?
  - (a) Where were these Red-tailed Phascogales sourced from?
  - (b) Has the Office of Environment and Heritage received any advice that these Red-tailed Phascogales have died as a result of being introduced into a new habitat?
- (13) Has the Office of Environment and Heritage been advised of any sightings of the Western Quoll since the implementation of the Saving our Species program?
- (14) How much of the \$100 million set aside for the Saving our Species program has funded programs and activities to advance the reintroduction of the Western Quoll in New South Wales?
- (15) How many Western Quolls have been reintroduced into the wild?
  - (a) Where were these Western Quolls sourced from?
  - (b) Has the Office of Environment and Heritage received any advice that these Western Quolls have died as a result of being introduced into a new habitat?

Answer—

I am advised:

Funding for the reintroduction of locally extinct mammals project is in addition to the \$100 million funding provided under the Saving our Species program.

A total of up to \$41.3 million has been approved over the first ten years to reintroduce 13 species of locally extinct mammals into three national parks. Species identified for reintroduction include the greater stick-nest rat, greater bilby, numbat, red-tailed phascogale and the western quoll.

The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) has not been advised of credible sightings in New South Wales of greater stick-nest rat, greater bilby, numbat, red-tailed phascogale or the western quoll since December 2013.

The mammals for reintroduction will be obtained through remnant populations in Western Australia, South Australia and Queensland, other reintroduced populations and captive bred animals.

Reintroductions have not yet commenced. The first reintroduction is scheduled for later this year.

9172 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

\*9173 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) How many social housing properties in the Cessnock electorate have been transferred to Compass Housing under the Social and Affordable Housing Fund?
- (2) How many further social housing properties in the Cessnock electorate will be transferred in the next 12 months (from 16 August 2018)?
- (3) How have tenants of these properties been advised of this process?
- (4) Is there a particular form of contact tenants can utilise to convey their concerns with the process?
- (5) Under the new system, will tenants have the option to contact the social housing maintenance line (1800 422 322) or will they be required to contact Compass Housing directly to arrange maintenance to occur at the property?
- (6) What further support will be provided by social housing to properties under the responsibility of Compass Housing?

Answer—

The Social and Affordable Housing Fund does not involve the transfer of properties.

Information regarding the Social Housing Management Transfer program is available at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*9175 NEWCASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOLS COMMUNITY GROUP—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What suburbs are included in the Newcastle Primary Schools Community Group?
- (2) Are any of these suburbs located in the State Electorate of Cessnock?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

Suburbs included in the Newcastle Primary Schools Community Group are Bar Beach, Broadmeadow, Carrington, Cooks Hill, Fern Bay, Fullerton Cove, Hamilton, Hamilton East, Hamilton North, Hamilton South, Islington, Maryville, Mayfield, Merewether, New Lambton, Newcastle, Newcastle East, Newcastle West, Salt Ash, Stockton, The Hill, The Junction, Tighes Hill, Wickham and Williamtown.

The Newcastle Primary Schools Community Group is aligned with schools in the Newcastle CBD and surrounds.

\*9176 2021 WOMEN'S RUGBY WORLD CUP—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Did the Office of Sport work closely with Rugby Australia to prepare the bid to host the 2021 Women's Rugby World Cup in Newcastle and the Hunter Valley?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) How long did this collaboration exist;
    - (ii) What did this collaboration involve?
- (2) Has the Office of Sport met with the following Local Government Areas regarding Rugby Australia's bid:
  - (a) Newcastle City Council;
  - (b) Lake Macquarie City Council;
  - (c) Maitland City Council;
  - (d) Cessnock City Council;
  - (e) Port Stephens Council?
- (3) Did the Office of Sport recommend the venues that Rugby Australia identified in their bid?
- (4) Did the Office of Sport take into consideration Cessnock Sportsground during its collaboration with Rugby Australia?
- (5) Was Cessnock Sportsground included in the bid?

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(a) If not, why not?

(6) Are there any future sporting events the Office of Sport has earmarked for Cessnock Sportsground?

Answer—

The Office of Sport worked with Rugby Australia to prepare the bid to host the Women's Rugby World Cup in Newcastle and the Hunter Valley.

Rugby Australia was responsible for the determination of a suitable host location and for undertaking consultation with the councils. Rugby Australia identified the venues following review of the match hosting requirements outlined in the World Rugby bid documentation.

Rugby Australia advised that Baddeley Park (Cessnock Sportsground) did not meet the match hosting requirements for the Women's Rugby World Cup. However, the venue has been identified as a potential training venue within the bid submission.

\*9177 RETAIL TRADING ACT 2008—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

(1) Since your appointment as Minister for Industrial Relations, how many persons have incurred a penalty for breaching Section 6 of the Retail Trading Act 2008?

(a) Who is responsible for issuing these penalties?

(2) Since the introduction of the legislation, how much revenue has been acquired through penalties issued for breaches of Section 6?

(3) How is the Section enforced?

(4) Have any persons or businesses from the Hunter been subject to a penalty for breaching this section?

Answer—

(1) Since my appointment as Minister for Industrial Relations in January 2017 there have been no breaches of Section 6 of the Retail Trading Act 2008 identified by NSW Industrial relations. Any penalties for breaches of this Section would be imposed by a magistrate.

(2) No revenue has been raised.

(3) NSW Industrial Relations is responsible for regulating the Act, and if breaches are identified prosecution proceedings can be instituted against retailers.

(4) Since the introduction of the current Act no retailers in the Hunter region have been found to have breached Section 6.

\*9178 PHYSIOTHERAPISTS CESSNOCK DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) How many physiotherapists are employed at Cessnock District Hospital (CDH)?

(2) What is the average wait time for patients to see the physiotherapist?

(3) What is the number of patients treated at CDH in each year from 2015 to 2018 (as at 16 August 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised that physiotherapy staffing at Cessnock District Hospital (CDH) is suitable for current patient demand.

The average wait time for physiotherapy varies depending on a patient's clinical priority.

There have been over 9,500 occasions of service recorded in total at CDH from 2015 to 2018.

\*9179 MEDICAL TREATMENT RECEIVED BY INMATES AT CESSNOCK CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) Since 1 January 2018, how many inmates from Cessnock Correctional Centre have received medical treatment or care at:

(a) Cessnock Hospital;

(b) Maitland Hospital;

(c) John Hunter Hospital?

(2) On average, how many corrections officers accompany inmates on their visit to each of the above hospitals?

(3) Since 1 January 2018, have there been any reports of inmates breaching the peace or causing disturbance during their admittance at each of the above hospitals?

(a) If so, what action was implemented to ensure the safety of staff and other patients?

Answer—

I am advised that inmates from Cessnock Correctional Centre can receive medical treatment or care at Cessnock, Maitland and John Hunter Hospitals, and that since 1 January 2018 there have been no reports of inmates causing disturbances at any of these hospitals.

\*9180 FUNDING FOR LIBRARIES IN THE LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

How much funding has the Government committed to the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area for local libraries in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2017-18?

Answer—

I am advised:

Public library funding was provided to Lake Macquarie Local Government Area, 2010-11 to 2017-18

Year	Subsidy Payments	Capital Grants	Total
2010-11	\$487,262	\$42,110	\$529,372
2011-12	\$494,968	Nil	\$494,968
2012-13	\$498,660	Nil	\$498,660
2013-14	\$486,316	\$54,160	\$640,476
2014-15	\$494,837	\$216,000	\$710,837
2015-16	\$498,315	Nil	\$498,315
2016-17	\$503,142	Nil	\$503,142
2017-18	\$506,069	Nil	\$506,069

\*9181 SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES IN THE WALLSEND ELECTROATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) How many social housing properties in the Wallsend electorate since 1 July 2010 (to 13 August 2018) have been:
  - (a) Sold by the Government;
  - (b) Constructed by the Government?
- (2) How many social housing properties does the Government plan to build in the Wallsend electorate in each year from 2018 to 2022?

Answer—

I am advised that the Department of Family and Community Services Land and Housing Corporation continually reviews the suitability of the properties it owns. Proceeds from the sale of assets are re-invested to upgrade social housing and build new dwellings.

\*9182 IMPROVING TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT THE ADAMSTOWN LEVEL RAIL CROSSING—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What latest efforts have been made by the Government to work with Council to improve traffic congestion at the Adamstown level rail crossing?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services' Inner Newcastle Traffic Study identifies opportunities to improve intersections across the network. Improvements at some intersections are expected to result in more benefits to the overall network than improvements at the rail crossing.

Roads and Maritime notes that Newcastle Council has funding to upgrade the intersection of Glebe Road and Park Avenue to traffic lights. I am advised this work is currently underway and is expected to improve safety and reduce congestion.

\*9183 UPGRADE OF HENRY LAWSON DRIVE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

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Considering the Government has dedicated funds towards upgrading Henry Lawson Drive in the 2018-19 NSW Budget and that the Budget has provided no start date, end date or total cost estimate, what are the costings for the project?

Answer—

I am advised:

The information you have requested is available in the Treasurer's media release dated 16 June 2018.

\*9184 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN MOUNT HUTTON—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What is the Minister doing to ensure pedestrian safety on the intersection Tennant Road, Warners Bay Road, Progress Road and Dunkley Parade Mount Hutton following a pedestrian being hit at this location on the 6 July 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

These are all local roads managed by Lake Macquarie City Council. However, Roads and Maritime Services has listed the traffic signals for a safety investigation.

\*9185 PINCH POINT PROGRAM'S PROJECT OBJECTIVES FOR IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN THE HUME HIGHWAY AND MILLER ROAD—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) Considering the Pinch Point Program's project objectives for improvements between the Hume Highway and Miller Road at Bass Hill, what data or feedback has been provided as to whether the widened and extension of the merge lane has:

- (a) Improved travel times;
- (b) Reduced delays;
- (c) Improved safety?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Since construction was completed in February 2017, travel times and safety have improved and delays are reduced. Specifically:

- (a) Travel time has improved by up to 57 seconds in the AM peak and up to 88 seconds in the PM peak.
- (b) Overall intersection delays have reduced by 8% during the AM peak, and 10 per cent during the PM peak.
- (c) Preliminary investigations have shown improved safety, casualty crashes have decreased from an average of three per year to zero based on 199 days of crash data.

\*9186 ADDITIONAL PEAK HOUR SERVICES ON THE BANKSTOWN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Why do the 'additional peak hour services' only run every 15 minutes on the Bankstown Line for a period of 90 minutes when other lines have more services during peak periods with longer 'peak hour' timings?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney is expanding and the Government is working hard to deliver an integrated transport system that meets the needs of customers now and in the future. The previous train timetable introduced by the NSW Government in October 2013 provided commuters on the T3 Bankstown Line with a 33 per cent increase in peak hour services when compared with the service offering under the former Labor government. Whilst the service increase delivered by the Government in October 2013 is considered to be adequate to support customer demand on the T3 Bankstown Line, on 26 November 2017, as part of the new timetable introduced by the Government in a step towards modernising the network in line with other major cities around the world, a further 25 per cent increase in capacity was provided to customers on the T3 Bankstown Line. Under the Liberal-National government, your constituents have received 58 per cent more services than when Labor was in government.

The new timetable is an important part of Stage 1 of the Government's \$1.5 billion More Trains, More Services program. The program boosts network capability, provides better infrastructure and represents



the single largest increase in capacity on the network. The additional peak hour services were designed to provide an attractive alternative route for customers from Liverpool and Cabramatta to travel to the Sydney CBD and created additional capacity for customers at Granville, Lidcombe and the Inner West.

It is disappointing that the Member for Bankstown and NSW Labor have committed to cancelling the delivery of Sydney Metro City and Southwest if it is elected in March 2019, thereby cutting much-needed services right across the network to the hardworking people of New South Wales. Upgrading the 123 year old Bankstown Line to Sydney Metro standards is vital to the future of Sydney's transport network - it will boost capacity and provide a more reliable journey for customers. Your constituents can be assured that under a Liberal-National government, Sydney Metro will deliver customers on the T3 Bankstown Line with a train every four minutes in the peak, with ultimate capacity for a train every two minutes in each direction under the city centre. As the Member is aware, the T3 Bankstown Line currently has between four and ten trains per hour in the morning peak.

\*9187 S-SET TRAINS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Why are residents from Sydney's South West the only ones to be provided with older S-set trains?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please see my previous answer to LC Q2098.

\*9188 CANCELLATIONS ON THE T3 LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Why are trains on the Bankstown Line to Liverpool cancelled more than any other line when most lines experience significant delays and some cancellations?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Member's question is based on a false premise. Services on the T3 Bankstown Line are not cancelled or delayed more than any other service.

As the Member is no doubt aware, a new timetable was introduced on 26 November 2017 as part of Stage 1 of the Government's \$1.5 billion More Trains, More Services program. The new timetable delivers up to 1,500 new train services across the network. These extra services are needed to address significant patronage growth on public transport and particularly on the Sydney Trains' network. Since its introduction, the timetable has operated successfully, with services being delivered close to or above the 92 per cent reliability target. The Member may recall that under the former Labor government, trains ran on time in 2005-06 only 62 per cent of the time.

\*9189 WARATAH TRAINS FOR THE T3 BANKSTOWN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Considering the Transport for NSW media release on 12 July 2018 stating that the new Waratah trains were in the final stages of testing and that priority will be given to services on the T2 Inner West and Leppington, T3 Bankstown and the T8 Airport and South Line, when will the trains commence operation on the T3 Bankstown Line?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

\*9190 MEDICAL MODEL DISABILITY SERVICES—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Will the Department of Health guarantee the provision of essential medical services for people with disability, given the National Disability Insurance Scheme will not cover the costs of many services previously funded and delivered by the former Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care?

Answer—

People with disability are able to access the same health services that are delivered through NSW Health as someone without a disability, under NSW Health's commitment to the National Disability Strategy and Disability Inclusion Act 2014 (NSW).

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\*9191 COMPULSORY ACQUIRING THE MAMBO WETLANDS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) Considering the Department of Planning and Environment's offer to repurchase the Mambo Wetlands site was refused, will the Department now commence the process of compulsory acquisition?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

During the next six months the Planning Ministerial Corporation will continue attempts to acquire the land by means of agreement. If an agreement is unable to be reached within the next six months, the Planning Ministerial Corporation may commence the compulsory acquisition process.

\*9192 TOILETS AT THE MACARTHUR SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Are the toilets at the Macarthur Service NSW centre at Gregory Hills open for use by the public?
  - (a) If yes, is this advertised within the Service Centre?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

Careful consideration was given to the provision of toilet facilities during the time of designing the Macarthur Service Centre. Like many other organisations, a decision was made to locate facilities in the staff area (unadvertised), for reasons such as health, safety and security.

Customers may ask a staff member for access to the staff toilets and they will be escorted to them.

\*9193 PARKING AT CARDIFF TRAIN STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

As one of the busiest commuter stations in the Hunter what work has been done on a solution to the parking issues that exist at Cardiff Train Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

An option to provide additional car parking at Cardiff Train Station is being assessed as part of the strategic business case for improving access to the Cardiff - Glendale Emerging Strategic Centre.

\*9194 DISABILITY ACCESS PLAN FOR TAFE NSW—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

- (1) When will the Disability Access Plan for TAFE NSW be signed?
- (2) How does the Government intend to ensure that TAFE NSW is accessible to students with a disability?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to increase the number of staff with disability?
- (4) What additional funds will the Government make available to TAFE NSW to ensure accessibility and transition to work for people with disability?

Answer—

(1) TAFE NSW is part of the Department of Industry Cluster and is currently covered under its Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

(2) TAFE NSW provides a range of services and supports to students with a disability. The Managing Director of TAFE NSW commenced an external review of Disability Services to optimise the provision of disability services in the One TAFE NSW operating model and to increase course completion and job placement for students with disabilities.

(3) Some of the specific projects underway are:

- A Diversity and Inclusion Policy that details TAFE NSW's approach to increasing the number of staff with disability
- An accessibility procedure that encourages increased participation by making everything in the workplace as accessible as possible. A user group has been established to test accessibility standards
- A consistent reasonable adjustment process to improve current employees' experiences
- Creation of a staff with disability group, to build support and awareness
- Development of disability confidence training for all staff.

- (4) The Government provides Community Service Obligation funding to TAFE NSW to ensure it provides educationally and vocationally disadvantaged people (such as people with disability) with access to education and training, including a range of specialised services.

\*9195 AFFORDABLE TAFE EDUCATION—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

- (1) What is the Government doing to make TAFE education more affordable for students?
- (2) Is the Government considering a Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) like system to allow students to defer upfront costs and reduce barriers to accessing education?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) It is recommended this question be referred to the Deputy Premier, who is also the Minister for Skills.
- (2) Matters such as the Higher Education Contribution Scheme should be redirected to the Deputy Premier who is also the Minister for Skills.

\*9197 RUTHERFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Has the tender process for the Rutherford Public School finalised?
  - (a) If so, on what date was the tender process for the Rutherford Public School upgrade finalised?
- (2) When will the Government publish its capital expenditure commitment to the Rutherford Public School upgrade if the tender process has now been finalised?
- (3) If the Government declines to make the cost public, why in reply to a Question on Notice did it answer that "the project cost will be published in the State Budget following the tender process"?
- (4) Has construction work commenced on the Rutherford Public School upgrade?
- (5) If construction work as not commenced as of Monday 13 August 2018, why are there construction delays with this upgrade?
- (6) What has the estimated expenditure of \$798,000 to 30 June 2018, which was included in the State Budget, been spent on?
- (7) What is the allocation for this project in the 2018-19 financial year?
- (8) What is the expected completion date of the Rutherford Public School upgrade?
- (9) Will all new permanent classrooms and upgrades core facilities have air conditioning?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

The tender process is nearing completion.

The project budget remains commercial-in-confidence to ensure a competitive tender process.

Construction is scheduled to commence later this year. A new administration building will now be provided as part of the project, which has required a change in the scope and schedule of works. The anticipated completion date remains unchanged for late 2019.

All new classrooms will be air conditioned.

\*9198 GOVERNMENT FUNDING TO THE BUSINESS CENTRE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What financial support does the Government provide to "The Business Centre"?
- (2) How did the Government decide to support The Business Centre over the Business Enterprise Centres?
  - (a) Was it a tender process?
- (3) Are they required to provide services to Central Coast businesses?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) What;
    - (ii) How is that monitored?

Answer—

Questions relating to the Business Enterprise Centres should be referred to the Minister for Small Business for response.

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\*9199 ASHTONFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will the upgrade of Ashtonfield Public School be subject to the Education and Child Care State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) 2017?
- (2) Will the Ashtonfield Public School upgrade require a Development Application to be lodged with Maitland City Council?
- (3) Has a timetable for the planning stage of the upgrade been finalised?
- (4) If Ashtonfield Public School's upgrade is still being planned, why was it listed on page 2-6 of the 2018-19 NSW Budget Infrastructure Statement as an upgraded school commencing in 2018-19?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

The project will be assessed against the Education SEPP. It is anticipated that a Development Application will be required.

The project is currently in the planning stage and the scope of works is being finalised. Once this information is available it will be published on the School Infrastructure NSW website.

\*9200 PROFITS RETURNED TO TAFE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

When TAFE NSW assets such as campuses are sold off, what proportion of the profit is allocated back to TAFE NSW?

Answer—

In accordance with Premier's Memorandum M2012-20, TAFE NSW retains 100 per cent of the net proceeds from the divestment of TAFE NSW owned assets.

\*9201 TAFE NSW GROUP 4 RESTRUCTURE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

- (1) How many positions remain vacant after the recent Group 4 restructure affecting 2,500 positions?
- (2) How many redundancy and separation payouts at TAFE NSW were made as part of the Group 4 restructuring?

Answer—

- (1) The overwhelming majority of positions in the Group 4 restructure have been filled.
- (2) Redundancy and separation payouts were made in line with agreed procedures and government policy.

\*9202 ACCIDENTS INVOLVING B-DOUBLES IN SOMERSBY AND MANGROVE MOUNTAIN—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

How many accidents involving B-Doubles have occurred in Somersby and Mangrove Mountain since 2013 (to 16 August 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since 2014, 14 crashes were recorded within Somersby, and nil crashes involving B-doubles were recorded within Mangrove Mountain.

\*9203 BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRES—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What financial support does the Government provide to the Business Enterprise Centres?
  - (a) What is the history of Government support to them?
- (2) Has there been any evaluation of their success?

Answer—

Questions relating to the Business Enterprise Centres should be referred to the Minister for Small Business for response.

\*9204 ONE TAFE RESTRUCTURE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

What has been the change in employment figures and spending on TAFE Managers in the One TAFE restructure?

Answer—

By reducing administrative duplication, TAFE NSW has adopted a more streamlined 'One TAFE NSW' operating model to enable it to be a commercially astute, high-performing organisation. There have been changes to a range of senior roles.

\*9205 FUNDING FOR LIBRARIES IN THE NEWCASTLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

How much funding has the Government committed to the Newcastle Local Government Area for local libraries in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2017-18?

Answer—

I am advised:

Public library funding was provided to the Newcastle Local Government Area, 2010-11 to 2017-18

Year	Subsidy payments	Capital Grants	Total
2010-11	\$377,471	\$200,000	\$577,471
2011-12	\$383,697	\$150,000	\$533,697
2012-13	\$387,509	\$16,000	\$403,509
2013-14	\$384,732	Nil	\$384,732
2014-15	\$389,697	Nil	\$389,697
2015-16	\$392,413	\$200,000	\$592,413
2016-17	\$401,875	Nil	\$401,875
2017-18	\$403,470	Nil	\$403,470

\*9206 TEACHING REDUNDANCIES AT GLENDALE TAFE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

(1) How many TAFE teachers at Glendale TAFE have been made redundant in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2017-18?

(a) What was the cost of these redundancies in each financial year?

Answer—

TAFE NSW staffing information is not reported by campus.

\*9207 REMOVAL OF TAX ON WOMEN'S SANITARY PRODUCTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

Will the Treasurer move to scrap the goods and services tax on women's sanitary products following the announcement by the Commonwealth Treasurer?

Answer—

I have given in-principal support for this change. This will be discussed by the Council on Federal Financial relations later this year.

9208 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

\*9209 FUNDING AND RESOURCES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE? —Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

(1) What funding and resources are currently being allocated to provide adequate housing and protection for victims of the high rate of domestic violence in the Wallsend electorate?

(2) Will additional funding and resources be allocated to the Wallsend electorate for housing, protection and support of domestic violence victims and their dependents?

Answer—

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In 2018-19, the Government has allocated substantial funding and resources to provide housing and support for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence across New South Wales, including:

- \$202.8 million for specialist homelessness services and critical referral services such as Link2home
- \$26.5 million for Rent Choice Start Safely
- \$1 0 million for Domestic Violence Response Enhancement
- \$6.9 million for Staying Home Leaving Violence

I am advised specialist homelessness services supporting women and children living in Wallsend and experiencing domestic and family violence include Jenny's Place, Nova Women's Accommodation and Support, and Warlga Ngurra Women and Children's Refuge. These services provide a wide range of support including crisis accommodation, advocacy and referral services.

The Government will continue to invest in critical services which provide housing and support for women experiencing domestic and family violence.

\*9210 TESTING FOR PER- AND POLY-FLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES OUTSIDE THE WILLIAMTOWN MANAGEMENT AREA—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

Since 2015, how many tests for per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) have been conducted by the NSW Environment Protection Authority outside the boundaries, but within a twenty kilometre radius, of the Williamtown Management Area (as at 16 August 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since 2015, the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has sampled (three) sites within a twenty kilometres radius outside the Williamtown Management Area for per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

\*9211 DESIGN AND PLANNING WORK FOR THE M1 TO RAYMOND TERRACE EXTENSION—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

When does the Government expect its design and planning work for the M1 to Raymond Terrace Extension to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has provided \$4.3 million in 2018-19 to continue planning for a future extension of the M1 Pacific Motorway to the Pacific Highway at Raymond Terrace. The Government has committed \$200 million under Rebuilding NSW to get the project ready for construction. Timing for construction is dependent on Commonwealth Government funding. Roads and Maritime Services will continue the planning and development of the project.

\*9212 FINGAL BAY LINK ROAD—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) Has the Government considered Port Stephens Council's request for the Fingal Bay Link Road to be classified as a state road?

(a) If yes, what was the outcome?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services is working with Port Stephens Council to develop a business case for the project.

The road classification of the proposed Fingal Bay Link Road will be considered in the business case.

\*9213 EAST MAITLAND COURT HOUSE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General—

(1) On how many occasions has East Maitland Court House been used for court or tribunal proceedings in the financial years 2016-17 and 2017-18 respectively?

(2) How much money has been spent on the maintenance of East Maitland Court House in the financial years 2016-17 and 2017-18 respectively?

- (3) Has East Maitland Court House received regular updates to court room technology, for example Audio Visual Links, so that it can be used for court/tribunal proceedings or as a remote witness facility if required?
- (4) Is the court house registry still open to the public one day per week?

Answer—

I am advised:

During the financial years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018, East Maitland Court House was used by the Children's Court and the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal. East Maitland Court House was also used for additional Local Court sittings in the Hunter area.

The Department of Justice spent approximately \$45,000 and \$35,000 on maintenance of the East Maitland Court House in the financial years 2016-17 and 2017-18 respectively.

In April 2017, the East Maitland Court House was provided with digital Audio Visual Link facilities and the existing remote witness room was upgraded to the latest digital standard.

The East Maitland Court House Registry is not open to members of the public for general enquiries. Customers can attend Maitland Court, whose Registry is open five days per week and is less than five kilometres from East Maitland Court House, or they can use e-filing through the NSW On-Line Registry or telephone the NSW Courts Service Centre.

\*9214 BOLWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) On what date was the tender process for the Bolwarra Public School upgrade finalised?
- (2) When will the Government publish its capital expenditure commitment to the Bolwarra Public School upgrade if the tender process has now been finalised?
- (3) If the Government declines to make the cost public, why in reply to a Question on Notice did it answer that "the project cost will be published in the State Budget following the tender process"?
- (4) When did construction work commence on the Bolwarra Public School upgrade?
- (5) What has the estimated expenditure of \$2,709,000 to 30 June 2018, which was included in the State Budget, been spent on?
- (6) Is the State Budget estimated expenditure of \$2,709,000 to 30 June 2018 the total cost of the project?
- (7) What is the allocation for this project in the 2018-19 financial year?
- (8) What is the expected completion date of the Bolwarra Public School upgrade?
- (9) Will all new permanent classrooms and upgrades core facilities have air conditioning?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

The construction contract was awarded on 10 May 2018.

The expenditure to 30 June 2018 covers preliminary works for the previous financial year.

The new classrooms and library will be air conditioned.

\*9215 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS IN THE MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many applications for the Active Kids voucher have been received from the Maitland electorate in the following postcodes:
  - (a) 2320;
  - (b) 2321;
  - (c) 2322;
  - (d) 2324?
- (2) How many Active Kids vouchers have been granted to applicants of the Maitland electorate in the following postcodes:
  - (a) 2320;
  - (b) 2321;
  - (c) 2322;
  - (d) 2324?
- (3) How many Active Kids providers are located in the Maitland electorate in the following postcodes:
  - (a) 2320;
  - (b) 2321;
  - (c) 2322;
  - (d) 2324?

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(4) When will the Government begin accepting applications for the Creative Kids Rebate?

Answer—

2,670 Active Kids vouchers have been claimed by eligible recipients as at 17 September 2018. To find providers that accept the Active Kids voucher, you can search at [www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/find-active-kids-provider](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/find-active-kids-provider).

Creative Kids is administered by the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

\*9217 RELEASING WATER FROM GROUND RESERVOIRS AND DAMS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

Considering that stock fodder supplies are diminishing and increasingly difficult to source, will you consider releasing water from ground reservoirs and dams, of which a large percentage is held for environmental purposes, to farmers as a water allocation for the purpose of growing fodder crops which could then be harvested to supply the farmers of New South Wales to keep stock alive through this drought?

Answer—

The Government has committed more than \$1 billion to support the farming community during the current drought period including waiving fixed water charges for water access licence holders.

The Government is considering all options to assist drought stressed farmers however as the use of held environmental water falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for the Environment this question should be referred to the Minister responsible.

\*9218 HOME WARRANTY INSURANCE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) Are you aware that trade and construction businesses require to hold Home Warranty Insurance for each project they undertake that is valued \$20,000 and above, and that the applications process requires information from the applicant that includes:

- (a) Work anticipated to be performed in the ensuing 18 months;
- (b) Each physical location of the planned work in the ensuing 18 months;
- (c) Bank statements;
- (d) Proof of property ownership;
- (e) Cash at bank;
- (f) Works/projects completed?

(2) Considering that businesses are spending an inordinate amount of time completing the applications for the requisite Home Warranty Insurance, which stifle business growth and forces some businesses to operate without insurance because it is so difficult to comply, will you consider streamlining the applications process for businesses and remove the necessity from having to produce information that is unreasonable or unknown as it relates to future work, which might not be known at the time of application?

Answer—

(1) Licensed builders or tradespeople in New South Wales, must get home building compensation cover (formerly known as home warranty insurance) for work they do on homes as a principal contractor or speculative builder for over \$20,000 including GST (unless exempt). The current process to apply for eligibility to obtain insurance was set and is administered by the NSW Self Insurance Corporation (trading as 'icare'), which is currently the only insurer in the market.

(2) It is important that the home building compensation scheme achieve a balance between the need to manage and prevent insolvency risk, with the need of contractors for reasonable and timely access to insurance for their businesses. The Government is already acting to address frustrations with eligibility application processes and to support greater choice by contractors about how they insure their work. Under reforms to the Home Building Act 1989 that commenced on 1 January 2018, icare is being transitioned to new standards that will regulate eligibility application requirements. icare can continue to use its existing eligibility arrangements until the end of 2018, but from January 2019, must have in place a new eligibility model that meets the standards set by the State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA). The standards aim to strike a balance between requiring reasonable financial and non-financial information from contractors that is necessary to make eligibility decisions, while avoiding unreasonable inhibitions on contractors' ability to trade. The standards require that eligibility criteria and assessment processes be as simple as reasonably possible, to



support a process that is easy for contractors to navigate and avoids undue cost. The Government's reforms also allow new insurers and alternative indemnity product providers to apply to SIRA for a licence to join the home building compensation scheme and offer premiums and products, in competition with icare. Any new home building compensation providers will be able to offer builders and tradespeople different eligibility arrangements to icare, as long as the providers meet the minimum standards set by SIRA. The ability of new market entrants to join the scheme offers the potential for contractors to in future take their business to a different provider if they are not satisfied with their experience with icare.

\*9219 PLACEMENT OF RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLORS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

Considering the severity of this drought and its significant impact upon the communities of Orange and the Central West, will you facilitate the placement of Rural Financial Counsellors in Orange and elsewhere across the Central West?

Answer—

While the Government provides an annual allocation, the Australian Government is responsible for the day to day management of the Rural Financial Counselling Service across Australia.

The Australian Government recently announced an additional \$5 million to provide support to the Rural Financial Counselling Service which I understand will focus on high demand areas.

All locations can be seen on the Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) page on the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources Website <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/ag-food/drought/rfcs/maps/rfcs-nsw-map.pdf>

\*9220 PRINCES HIGHWAY CORRIDOR STUDY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Has the Princes Highway corridor study for the northern suburbs of the Illawarra been completed?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) When will it be completed?
- (3) What recommendations were made?
- (4) What is the next step to improve traffic flow in the northern suburbs?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Future Transport 2056 Regional NSW Services and Infrastructure Plan commits to developing an Illawarra-Shoalhaven Future Transport Plan.

The Illawarra-Shoalhaven Future Transport Plan will be focused on broader network planning, which is the most appropriate way of addressing urban transport customer needs. The Princes Highway through the northern suburbs of the Illawarra will now be included in the broader Plan.

9221 COMPLETION OF THE M4 EAST TUNNEL—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

\*9222 TAFE NSW CONTINGENT WORKERS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

Why is the Government maintaining 900 contingent workers at TAFE NSW while making existing continuing staff redundant?

Answer—

TAFE NSW often requires highly skilled, specialised and qualified labour, sometimes at short notice, to meet its immediate needs including the One TAFE Modernisation Program.

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9223 BUDGET FUNDING FOR BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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- 9239 GRANVILLE INTERCHANGE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
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- 9241 DISCOUNTED ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING FOR HOUSEHOLDS PROGRAM—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 9242 APPLIANCE REPLACEMENT OFFER—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 9243 BABY BUNDLE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 9244 RETROFITTING OF WI-FI ACCESS FOR SOUTH COAST TRAIN CARRIAGES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
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- 9247 3D CHALK MURALS ON THE PAVEMENTS AROUND WOLLONGONG HARBOUR—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
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- 9252 PARRAMATTA STRATEGY—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Education—
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- 9255 FLOOD PROOFING OF THE NEWELL HIGHWAY—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 9256 SOLAR PANELS FOR GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND OFFICES—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 9257 MERRYLANDS INTERCHANGE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 9258 PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
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- 9260 MOTHER BABY UNITS IN SYDNEY—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—
- 9261 BENEFIT CORPORATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 9262 NEW MAITLAND HOSPITAL SERVICE STATEMENT JUNE 2018—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

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- 9263 CURBING HOUSING COSTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—
- 9264 LAKE MACQUARIE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 9265 REPRESENTATIONS FROM HUNTER MEMBERS TO THE MINISTER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

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- 9278 PASSENGER NUMBERS AND THE CHANGE IN ROUTES AND TIMETABLES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
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- 9283 MULTICULTURALISM CELEBRATED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Education—
- 9284 MAULES CREEK GROUNDWATER SOURCE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—
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- 9286 PARKING FINES AT EDMONDSON PARK STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 9287 RECORDING OF HOMICIDES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 9288 RELEASE OF A POST MORTEM REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
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- 9293 SOCIAL HOUSING MAINTENANCE IN THE KEIRA ELECTORATE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 9294 ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEMORIAL TO THE INNER WEST GOODS LINE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
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- 9296 MANAGEMENT OF ILLICIT DRUGS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 9297 CLASSROOMS AT ASHBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Education—
- 9298 PRODUCTS OF WESTCONNEX SUPPLIER—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- 9299 FEE FOR BEE HIVE REGISTRATIONS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 9300 VERIFICATION OF PAYMENT FOR TRANSIT—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 9301 MAULES CREEK GROUNDWATER SOURCE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 9302 PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE CANTERBURY ELECTORATE—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

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(Paper No. 202)

- 9303 DISABILITY CONFIDENT EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—
- (1) What is the Government's definition of 'disability confident' employer?
  - (2) Considering that the Department of Family and Community Services is a 'disability confident' employer, what percentage of people with disabilities were employed by the Department of Family and Community Services in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2016-17?

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- (3) What were the percentages of New South Wales government employees with a disability in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2016-17?
- (4) What is the percentage increase in people with disabilities employed in the New South Wales public sector since 2011 (to 20 September 2018) ?
- (5) Which are the websites and workplaces promoting the New South Wales government 'disability confident' employees schemes and promoting success of the New South Wales Government as 'disability confident' employees?
- (6) Considering the National Disability Insurance Scheme Annual report 2015-16 stated vision is to optimise the social and economic independence and full participation of people with disabilities and full participation of people with disabilities, when will Government achieve 'disability confident' employer status?
- 9304 EMERGENCY DREDGING WORK IN THE ETTALONG CHANNEL—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- (1) Considering the recent emergency dredging work taking place in the Ettalong channel, what is the cost per day to operate the dredge?
- (2) How many days has the dredge operated since it has been in the water?
- (3) What is the estimated completion date of the emergency dredging?
- (4) How does the Minister intend to keep the local community informed on the ongoing status of the dredging?
- 9305 SMOKING IN PUBLIC HOUSING—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) Does the Department of Family and Community Services have any policies in regards to smoking in and around residential buildings occupied by Housing NSW tenants?
- (2) What recourse is available to Housing NSW tenants who are unhappy about being subjected to passive smoke from their neighbours?
- 9306 POLICE EVENT NUMBERS FOR NEIGHBOURS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- (1) How do neighbours who witness a situation where police are called, or live next door to an individual involved in a matter that involved the police, get access to the event number so that they can report further or follow-up information?
- (2) Are police required to provide an event number to a member of the public who asks about an incident even if they didn't report it?
- 9307 PROJECTED CONTAINER TRADE AT NSW PORTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) What is the yearly projected container trade at Port Botany for each of the years from 2018 to 2056?
- (2) What is the yearly projected container trade at Port Kembla for each of the years from 2018 to 2056?
- (3) What is the yearly projected container trade at Port of Newcastle for each of the years from 2018 to 2056?
- 9308 NEWCASTLE EDUCATION PRECINCT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Is the Minister or his department considering including new indoor netball courts as part of the Newcastle Education Precinct development?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If so, what is the estimated cost of this project?
- 9309 NEWCASTLE CRUISE TERMINAL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Premier—
- (1) On 27 September 2016 the Government announced the Newcastle Cruise Terminal would be built, why has this still not happened?
- (2) What is the delay in constructing the Newcastle Cruise Terminal?
- (3) Will the Newcastle Cruise Terminal still be built by 2019?
- 9310 EXTENSION OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S FUNCTIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- Considering the Independent Commission Against Corruption's findings surrounding the mismanagement of public funds in non-government organisations by Eman Sharobeem, will the Treasurer now extend the Auditor-General's function across the non-government sector in receipt of Government funds?
- 9311 SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES EQUAL REMUNERATION ORDER SUPPLEMENTATION FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—
- (1) Did Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association of NSW Incorporated (CPSA), which was eligible for Social and Community Services Equal Remuneration Order Supplementation funding from 2012, stop receiving this funding as of 30 June 2017?
- (a) If so, why?
- 9312 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S AUDIT FUNCTION STATUS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) Considering the August report to the Legislative Council regarding the Implementation of the Government's response to the Inquiry into Child Protection states that a regulatory impact analysis was undertaken into whether nongovernment child protection related services should be subject to the Auditor-General's performance audit function, will the finding of the regulatory impact analysis be made public?
- (2) As these findings have been referred to the NSW Treasury is there an expected timeframe for a decision on the Auditor-General's audit function status?
- 9313 CASELOAD TARGETS FOR CASEWORKERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- As it was recommended that the Department of Family and Community Services set caseload targets for caseworkers, could the Minister please provide details of the monitoring process and which key statistics are being looked at?
- 9314 CHILD PROTECTION ASSESSMENT RESPONSE DATA—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- Why is data on child protection assessment response not included on the Department of Family and Community Services Caseworker Quarterly Dashboard for March 2018 despite ChildStory being active for some time?
- 9315 RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- As domestic violence has been highlighted as a major issue in Charlestown and my constituents would greatly benefit from Government investment into respectful relationships education from an early age, what alternative to Our Watch is available for the constituents of Charlestown?
- 9316 NET ZERO EMISSIONS BY 2050—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—
- What other policies are being created by the Department of Planning to achieve the Government aspiration target of net zero emissions by 2050 similar to the Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan 2036 14.2?
- 9317 STAFF DATA PROTECTION MEASURES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- What measures are in place to protect the data of staff when the payroll and finance functions of Revenue NSW are handed over to GovConnect which is run by overseas companies?
- 9318 LEAKS REPORTED TO SYDNEY WATER BY MACQUARIE FIELDS CONSTITUENTS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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- (1) How many leaks have been reported to Sydney Water by residents in the Macquarie Fields electorate from 20 September 2017 to 20 September 2018?
- (a) Of these leaks, what is the average number of days to fix the leaks?
- (i) How many of these leaks took more than:
- (i) A week to fix;
- (ii) 2 weeks to fix;
- (iii) 3 weeks to fix;
- (iv) 4 or more weeks to fix?
- (b) Of these leaks, what is the median number of days to fix the leaks?
- (i) How many of these leaks took more than:
- (i) A week to fix;
- (ii) 2 weeks to fix;
- (iii) 3 weeks to fix;
- (iv) 4 or more weeks to fix?
- (2) What is the total water loss for the total of water leaks reported so Sydney Water from 20 September 2017 to 20 September 2018?
- 9319 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WATERFALL INQUIRY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) Have all the recommendations for the Waterfall Inquiry been implemented?
- (a) If not, what recommendations are outstanding?
- (i) When will they be completed?
- 9320 RIDESHARERS CAP—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- Will the Government cap rideshare operators to prevent further congestion, infrastructure costs and illegal parking in suburban streets?
- 9321 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME GAPS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What is the longest period an National Disability Insurance Scheme participant has been forced to remain in a New South Wales public hospital because there was no suitable alternative accommodation available?
- (2) How many National Disability Insurance Scheme participants are currently residing in public hospitals because there isn't alternative, suitable accommodation available?
- 9322 URBANGROWTH FISHERMANS BAY LAND—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—
- (1) What is the Government's plan for the land owned by UrbanGrowth NSW at Fishermans Bay (Lot WP 1184315)?
- (2) Why was a fence installed at this site in September 2018?
- (3) Was the Rural Fire Service consulted prior to the installation of this fence in September 2018?
- 9323 ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT SCHEME—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) How can the Government justify the amount of Additional Assistance Payment Scheme for the Taxi industry?
- (2) Why has only \$92 million of the \$250 million offered been paid out to those who were approved for the Additional Assistance Payment Scheme?
- (3) How does the Government justify the delay of the compensation package and the time of only thirteen weeks for those eligible applicants to apply?
- 9324 WESTMEAD STATION—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) In the 2011-12 financial year, how many passengers at the Westmead Station:
- (a) Arrived by bus;
- (b) Departed by bus;
- (c) Arrived by train;
- (d) Departed by train?



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- (2) In the 2012-13 financial year, how many passengers at the Westmead Station:
- Arrived by bus;
  - Departed by bus;
  - Arrived by train;
  - Departed by train?
- (3) In the 2013-14 financial year, how many passengers at the Westmead Station:
- Arrived by bus;
  - Departed by bus;
  - Arrived by train;
  - Departed by train?
- (4) In the 2014-15 financial year, how many passengers at the Westmead Station:
- Arrived by bus;
  - Departed by bus;
  - Arrived by train;
  - Departed by train?
- (5) In the 2015-16 financial year, how many passengers at the Westmead Station:
- Arrived by bus;
  - Departed by bus;
  - Arrived by train;
  - Departed by train?
- 9325 OLDER WOMEN WHO ARE HOMELESS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- Is it true that the 2016 Census reported that the number of older women who are homeless in New South Wales increased by 31 per cent between 2011-16, and that older single women are the fastest growing group of people facing homelessness?
  - What assessment has the Government made about the causes of this increase?
  - What data does the Government have on the impact of homelessness on health and welfare outcomes for older women in New South Wales?
  - What programs does the Government provide to specifically address the housing needs of older women?
  - What consideration has the Government given to the recommendations in the National Older Women's Housing and Homelessness Working Group's 2018 'National Plan for Change: Increasing Housing Security for Older Women Report'?
  - What plans does the Government have to increase housing support for older women living in poverty?
- 9326 LATE NIGHT TRANSPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- Does the Government provide or fund late night public transport?
  - What research has the Government carried out since 2011 on the need for late night transport services?
  - What research has focussed on late night activity precincts?
  - What pilot or trial programs have been developed or are planned?
  - What plans does the Government have to extend operating hours for heavy rail services?
  - What plans does the Government have to extend operating hours for light rail services:
    - On the existing line to Dulwich Hill line and;
    - on the new CBD and South East line?
  - What plans does the Government have to extend operating hours for bus services?
  - What further plans does the Government have to provide late night transport?
- 9327 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES MOTORWAY LAND EAST SYDNEY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- Considering the response to LA Q6515, what plans have been made for the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) property above the Cross City Tunnel in 110 to 130 William Street?
  - Considering restrictions on use due to the motorway tunnel, has the Government considered:
    - Landscaping and greening this site;

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- (b) Transforming it into a public park;
  - (c) Providing recreation or play facilities?
  - (3) What other options has the Government considered for this site?
  - (4) When does the Government intend to carry out promised community consultation about this site?
  - (5) What plans does the Government have for RMS land in Palmer Street and Egan Place associated with the Eastern Distributor?
  - (6) Considering restrictions on use due to the motorway tunnel underneath, has the Government considered:
    - (a) Landscaping and greening this site;
    - (b) Transforming it into a public park;
    - (c) Providing recreation or play facilities?
  - (7) What other options has the Government considered for this site?
  - (8) What is the schedule for cleansing and removing graffiti on these sites?
  - (9) What further plans does the Government have to improve visual amenity, green landscaping and public access for these sites?
- 9328 SOLAR SCHOOLS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) What action has been taken to install photovoltaic panels and solar hot water in New South Wales schools since LA Q1524?
  - (2) How many schools have these facilities installed?
    - (a) Which schools in the inner city?
  - (3) What is the average size of solar installations in New South Wales schools?
    - (a) What is the average size of installations on inner city schools?
  - (4) Does the Government intend that all new schools will have photovoltaic panels and is this planned for:
    - (a) Ultimo Public School;
    - (b) Cleveland Street High School?
  - (5) What assessment has the Government made of:
    - (a) Benefits achieved;
    - (b) Cost savings for schools;
    - (c) Whether schools can be net exporters of electricity?
  - (6) What further action will the Government take to help schools achieve energy and cost savings with solar energy while reducing emissions?
- 9329 CBD AIR QUALITY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) Does Sydney air quality meet World Health Organisation standards?
  - (2) How does the Government monitor and assess air quality in the Sydney CBD?
  - (3) What is the rationale for not having an air quality monitoring station in the central Sydney area given the population density and large numbers of people living, working and visiting this precinct?
  - (4) Does the Government consider that monitoring air quality at Randwick, Rozelle or Earlwood accurately assesses air quality in the CBD?
  - (5) Is the Government considering new technologies to harness citizen led air quality monitoring projects to increase the scale and accuracy of this data?
  - (6) What strategies is the Government using to address climate change impacts on air quality including increased dust and bushfires and higher ozone levels?
  - (7) Considering motor vehicles are the single largest contributor to key air pollutants, vehicle kilometres travelled is increasing and the Government is building motorways to bring more vehicles into central Sydney, what strategies is the Government using to address increasing transport emissions?
  - (8) When does the Government intend to release its promised 'Clean Air for NSW 2017–27' plan?
  - (9) What further action will the Government take to improve Sydney air quality?
- 9330 TOBACCO STRATEGY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What assessment has been made of the outcomes of the NSW Health tobacco strategy 2012-2017, including the key priorities:
    - (a) Smoking in populations with high smoking rates, particularly Aboriginal communities, women smoking in pregnancy, mental health consumers and people in correctional facilities;

- (b) Enhancing programs to help smokers quit;  
(c) Taking measures to protect people from harmful second-hand smoke in outdoor areas?
- (2) What plans does the Government have to address tobacco harms since the expiry of that strategy?
- (3) What programs and strategies will the Government use to:
- (a) Further reduce smoking rates;  
(b) Help smokers quit;  
(c) Protect people from harmful second-hand smoke in outdoor areas?
- (4) What further legislative or policy reform is the Government considering to prevent impacts of passive smoking?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to prevent tobaccos harms?
- 9331 FORMER PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB LEASE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) Considering the response to LA Q8617, when did the Department last inspect this property and what orders were issued to the lessee?
- (2) Is it true that the property is in unkempt and abandoned state with:
- (a) Damage from a break-in;  
(b) Dilapidated outdoor furniture, waste, litter, weeds, faded/peeling paint;  
(c) Bowling greens unusable and weed infested;  
(d) Evidence of rats and vermin?
- (3) Are all lease conditions being met, including:
- (a) Clause 39 Assignment or sub-lease approval;  
(b) Clause 65 requiring regular painting;  
(c) Clause 66 requiring the premises to be kept in clean and tidy condition;  
(d) Clause 67 Maintenance of Ground Areas;  
(e) Clause 71 Rodents and Vermin;  
(f) Clause 86 Submission of Business Plan?
- (4) Is it true that other parties are currently using the site and are these uses approved?
- (5) Does the Government hold a current Business Plan for this site?
- (a) When was it submitted?  
(b) When does it expire?
- (6) Is it true that the property has not been used for recreation purposes or been open for community access for some years:
- (a) How long has the site been unused?  
(b) How does the Government determine when this is a breach of the lease?
- (7) What is the current rent on this site?
- (a) Is this considered market rent?  
(b) When was the rent rate determined?  
(i) On what criteria was the rent rate determined?  
(c) Is the rent paid up to date?  
(d) Are any rebates provided?
- (8) How does the Government ensure that this site is being used for recreation purposes?
- (9) What plans does the Government have to ensure that the former Paddington Bowling Club site is being properly maintained, accessible to the community and used for recreation purposes?
- 9332 GENDERED SCHOOL SUBJECTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Is it true that single sex schools provide subjects based on gender stereotypes?
- (2) Is it true that woodwork is not provided at girls only schools?  
(a) If not, which girls schools provide this subject?
- (3) Is it true that food technology is not provided at boys only schools?  
(a) If not, which boys schools provide this subject?
- (4) What other subjects are provided only to single sex schools based on gender stereotypes?
- (5) What is the rationale for not allowing students to take subjects that are available at co-educational schools?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to ensure all students have access to the full range of subjects irrespective of gender?
- 9333 HUMAN SERVICES COMPETITION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier—

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- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) and Australian Consumers Association (CHOICE) report 'Competition Policy & Human Services'?
  - (2) Is the Government concerned about the identified problems that reduce consumer outcomes and waste government resources?
  - (3) What action is the Government taking to address the identified failings and unintended outcomes from:
    - (a) Constant regulatory flux impacting on consumers, service providers and government funders and regulators;
    - (b) Risk management strategies that discourage innovation;
    - (c) The need for intermediaries to help consumers navigate and interpret information to enable choice;
    - (d) Incentives for providers to cherry-pick based on geography and service user segments;
    - (e) Economies of scale supporting larger providers and service provider concentration;
    - (f) Reduced innovation and increased profitability for some providers;
    - (g) Cross-subsidisation of less profitable segments reducing service choice and viability of non-profit providers;
    - (h) Perverse incentives that discourage collaboration, information sharing and sharing of best practice?
  - (4) What plans does the Government have to further assess New South Wales competition policy in human services?
  - (5) What further action will the Government take to prevent destructive impacts of human services competition policy?
- 9334 HEXHAM SEWAGE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Where is Hexham located on Hunter Water's current priority list for the delivery of sewage?
  - (2) What is the timeframe for the delivery of the sewage network for Hexham?
- 9335 NEWCASTLE BUSES COMMUTER CONSULTATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- What consultation has been done with commuters regarding commencing and terminating bus services in King and Bolton Streets Newcastle?
- 9336 CREATE NSW—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) How much money did Create NSW spend outside of Sydney in 2017-18?
  - (2) How much money did create NSW spend in total in 2017-18?
- 9337 SALE OF NEWCASTLE PORT AND SAND EROSION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- (1) Does the Minister consider that the business case presented for the sale of Newcastle Port to a private consortium and a foreign government was flawed, and made no mention of the Port's role in creating severe beach erosion adjacent to the Harbour at Stockton, or any plan to remediate that erosion?
  - (2) Considering that the Government received over \$1.75 billion and spent over \$25 million on consultancy fees for the Port sale, is the Treasurer now prepared to correct that shortcoming in the business plan and direct some of the windfall revenue to solve the Port's erosion problem?
- 9338 DREDGING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- Can sand be dredged offshore for environmental rehabilitation purposes under the Fisheries Management Act 1994?
- 9339 ABALONE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) What are the rules and regulations around the fishing and sale of abalone in New South Wales?
    - (a) Are there any regulations or requirements around the size of abalone sold?

- (b) Who should breaches of these rules and regulations be reported to?
- 9340 SURRY HILLS LIGHT RAIL ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) How was information about the availability of compensation in the form of hotel vouchers communicated to residents of Surry Hills affected by construction noise from the Light Rail?
    - (a) What are the criteria for residents to receive these vouchers?
    - (b) How many residents have been offered these vouchers?
    - (c) How many of these vouchers have been given out to residents?
- 9341 MISSING PERSONS WEEK EVENT—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- (1) Did the NSW Police host an event for family and friends of missing persons during Missing Persons Week this year as it has done in previous years?
    - (a) If not, can the Minister explain why this event was not held and who made this decision?
    - (b) If it did happen, were there changes to who was invited and how families and friends were notified about it?
  - (2) Are there any plans to reinstate the event, which is so important to families of missing persons, in 2019 and therefore so that everyone is able to participate?
- 9342 AFFORDABLE TAFE EDUCATION—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) What is the Government doing to make TAFE education more affordable for students?
  - (2) Is the Government considering a Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) like system to allow students to defer upfront costs and reduce barriers to accessing education?
    - (a) If not, why not?
- 9343 BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRES—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) What financial support does the Government provide to the Business Enterprise Centres?
    - (a) What is the history of Government support to them?
  - (2) Has there been any evaluation of their success?
- 9344 GOVERNMENT FUNDING TO THE BUSINESS CENTRE—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- (1) What financial support does the Government provide to "The Business Centre"?
  - (2) How did the Government decide to support The Business Centre over the Business Enterprise Centres?
    - (a) Was it a tender process?
  - (3) Are they required to provide services to Central Coast businesses?
    - (a) If so:
      - (i) What;
      - (ii) How is that monitored?
- 9345 CENTRAL COAST LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What is the total State Government expenditure for detox programs in the Central Coast Local Health District?
  - (2) How many detox beds are available in the Central Coast Local Health District?
  - (3) What is the cost to the Government per detox bed in the Central Coast Local Health District?
  - (4) How many rehabilitation beds are available in the Central Coast Local Health District?
  - (5) What is the cost to the Government per rehabilitation bed in the Central Coast Local Health District?
- 9346 ROAD DEVELOPMENT AND VEHICLE INCIDENTS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) Are there any plans to upgrade the Central Coast Highway to support future development at the Mount Penang Parklands site in Kariong?

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- (2) Are there any plans for additional road infrastructure to be built in Kariong?
- (3) What were the number of vehicle accidents on Woy Woy Road during in each financial 2011-12 to 2016-17?
- (4) How many vehicles travel per day on:
- Woy Woy Road;
  - Brisbane Water Drive;
  - Central Coast Highway between Kariong and West Gosford;
  - Central Coast Highway between Kariong and the entrance to the Pacific Highway?
- 9347 SERVICE NSW DIGITAL KIOSK—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) Considering the new Service NSW office planned to replace the current Service NSW digital kiosk in Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy:
- When will this office be open to the public?
  - What services will this office provide?
  - Will there be a difference in services between the Service NSW Centre in Gosford and the new Service NSW office?
  - How many staff will be employed by Service NSW to staff the new office?
- 9348 COMBINED ENERGY REBATE—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- What was the dollar value of the combined energy rebates distributed in the Gosford electorate in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2016-17?
- 9349 OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT IN GOSFORD—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—
- Considering the office of Planning and Environment in Gosford, how many staff are employed at this office?
  - How has this office been advertised to residents?
  - What is the cost of the staff employed at the office?
  - What is the total cost of the 'Go Gosford' program to date (as at 20 September 2018)?
  - How many staff have utilised the new New South Wales Government shared workspace in Gosford per month in 2018?
- 9350 SCHOOLS IN THE GOSFORD ELECTORATE—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Education—
- For the schools in the Gosford Electorate, what was the needs-based funding received by each school in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2016-17?
- 9351 COASTCONNECT—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- What is the patronage of the CoastConnect on-demand buses trial by week since 21 May 2018?
  - What is the total spend on marketing the CoastConnect program?
  - How has the CoastConnect program been advertised?
- 9352 HUNTER SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- How will the Hunter Sports and Entertainment Precinct be funded?
  - Are there any plans to sell off the Newcastle Showground to fund the development?
  - Will the Minister rule out the sale of the Newcastle Showground?
- 9353 RENTAL APPLICATIONS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- What information are potential tenants required to submit to real estate agents or land lords when making a rental application?
    - What recourse is available to a potential tenant if a real estate or landlord is demanding more information than is legally required?
    - Who should tenants report privacy concerns to if real estate agents are asking for more information than they feel comfortable to provide?

- 9354 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL SCHOOLS PROGRAM—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—  
What is the total cost of the Newcastle Light Rail Schools Program?
- 9355 CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—  
What is the average wait time for the Child Protection Helpline?
- 9356 WAITING TIMES FOR CATARACT SURGERY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—  
What mechanisms and systems will the Minister put in place to decrease waiting times for cataract surgery given that the Bankstown - Lidcombe Hospital waiting time has grown to 307 days?
- 9357 TIME FRAME FOR EXTENSION OF AUDITOR-GENERAL FUNCTIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—  
(1) Considering the August report to the Legislative Council regarding the Implementation of the Government's response to the Inquiry into Child Protection states that a regulatory impact analysis was undertaken into whether non-government child protection related services should be subject to the Auditor-General's performance audit function.  
(a) Is there an expected timeframe for a decision on the Auditor-General's audit function status?  
(b) Will the Auditor-General's functions be extended?
- 9358 GOVERNMENT'S AGEING STRATEGY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—  
Considering that the Government announced the Ageing Strategy, has any additional funding been allocated to community services to assist with implementing these initiatives?
- 9359 BELMONT TEMPORARY DESALINATION PLANT—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—  
On what date will the Department of Planning provide an outcome for Hunter Water's application to build a temporary desalination plant at Belmont?
- 9360 HUNTER STATE CONTRIBUTION PLAN—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—  
On what date will the Hunter State Contribution Plan be released?
- 9361 FREIGHT NOISE ATTENUATION PROGRAM—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—  
Considering constituents in the Charlestown electorate who have been approved for the Freight Noise Attenuation Program are yet to have their noise reduction treatments installed, can a more specific timeline for the rollout than "within the next twelve months" be provided?
- 9362 PSYCHIATRIC NURSES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—  
What is the Government doing to retain psychiatric nurses in the Public Health System?
- 9363 EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION BUILDING SAFETY—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—  
What controls does Housing NSW have to ensure that the buildings providing emergency accommodation for Housing NSW clients are safe, and that Government money is not provided to landlords of "death traps"?
- 9364 SELF-HARM FOLLOW UP—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—  
How many people in the Charlestown electorate discharged from the Mater Hospital following a serious attempt of self-harm are followed up by medical staff within 48 hours?

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- 9365 **PROCUREMENT RECYCLED MATERIALS AND GOODS**—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) What requirements does the Government have to ensure that all New South Wales government agencies and projects purchase recycled and recyclable materials and goods?
  - (2) What mandatory targets does the Government set, how are these monitored and how are results made public?
  - (3) What further action will the Government take to lead by example and build a domestic market for recycled materials and goods?
- 9366 **GROWTH OF INFILL AREAS**—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Considering the \$71 million to accommodate growth in infill areas such as Canterbury Town Centre, St Marys and the Greater Parramatta to Olympic Peninsula for infrastructure projects over four years from 2016-17 to 2019-20 in Sydney Water's Growth Servicing Plan, what amount is forecast to be spent in the Granville electorate?
  - (2) From the amount spent in the Granville electorate, what proportion is for:
    - (a) Water supply;
    - (b) Wastewater;
    - (c) Recycled water;
    - (d) Stormwater?
  - (3) What additional network infrastructure is forecast to be constructed to support growth in the Greater Parramatta to Olympic Peninsula area?
- 9367 **PORT STEPHENS HERITAGE**—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) How many applications for heritage listings were received by your department in:
    - (a) 2016-17;
    - (b) 2017-18?
  - (2) How many applications for heritage listings did you approve in:
    - (a) 2016-17;
    - (b) 2017-18?
- 9368 **MOBILE PRESCHOOL FUNDING**—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—
- (1) Considering the mobile preschools operating in New South Wales are not funded through Start Strong, will there be:
    - (a) An increase in funding at the conclusion of the current agreements?
    - (b) A decrease in funding at the conclusion of the current agreements?
    - (c) A funding increase commensurate with CPI during the term of the new funding agreement?
- 9369 **HAZARD REDUCTION BURNS**—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) How many hazard reduction burns occurred on National Parks and Wildlife owned land across NSW during:
    - (a) 2015-16;
    - (b) 2016-17;
    - (c) 2017-18;
    - (d) 2018-19 (to 20 September 2018)?
  - (2) How many hazard reduction burns occurred on National Parks and Wildlife owned land in Port Stephens during:
    - (a) 2015-16;
    - (b) 2016-17;
    - (c) 2017-18;
    - (d) 2018-19 (to 20 September 2018)?
- 9370 **NELSON BAY ROAD**—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—



- (1) Did the Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter request that Roads and Maritime Services conduct a full corridor study of Nelson Bay Road?
- (2) Did Roads and Maritime Services agree to conduct a full corridor study of Nelson Bay Road?
- (a) If so, has that full corridor study commenced?
- (b) If so, has that full corridor study been completed?
- 9371 SCHOOL BUSES MEDOWIE—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) When will school bus services be available for the residents of the Bower Estate in Medowie?
- (2) When will all school bus services for the residents of Medowie be fitted with seat belts?
- 9372 3 YEAR OLD FUNDING—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—
- Will any of the \$30 million a year Long Day Care funding supporting the education of 4 year olds be extended to 3 year olds?
- 9373 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME CUSTODIAL SENTENCES—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- (1) How many National Disability Insurance Scheme participants are currently serving a custodial sentence in New South Wales?
- (2) How many National Disability Insurance Scheme participants are currently residing in a New South Wales correctional facility without a custodial sentence?
- (3) Has NSW Corrections incurred any additional costs caring for people with disability as a result of the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme?
- 9374 RELEASING WATER FROM GROUND RESERVOIRS AND DAMS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- Considering that stock fodder supplies are diminishing and increasingly difficult to source, will you consider releasing water from ground reservoirs and dams, of which a large percentage is held for environmental purposes, to farmers as a water allocation for the purpose of growing fodder crops which could then be harvested to supply the farmers of New South Wales to keep stock alive through this drought?
- 9375 INTEGRATED TRANSPORT SYSTEM—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) Does the Government support the Taxi Owners Small Business Association (TOSBA) claim that our cities require a first class integrated transport system?
- (a) If so, what assurances will the Government give TOSBA that the necessary investment will be put into 24/7 taxi service as part of this system?
- 9376 CULTURAL BURNING PROGRAMS—Mr David Harris to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- What is the expenditure for Cultural Burning Programs carried out under NSW Rural Fire Services in each year from 2016 to 2018 (as at 20 September 2018)?
- 9377 ACCESS UPGRADES AT CENTRAL COAST RAILWAY STATIONS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) Considering the access upgrades at Central Coast Railway Stations, when will the ramp on the eastern side of the station (Sydney platform) be completed?
- (2) When was the ramp at Tuggerah Station completed?
- (3) What other transport access upgrades have occurred at Central Coast Stations since 2011 (as at 20 September 2018)?
- 9378 PARKING FOR LISAROW STATION—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that parking currently available on the shoulder area of the Pacific Highway will cease to be available under plans to upgrade and widen the Pacific Highway at this location?
- (2) Will the Minister ensure there is no net loss of parking from the east side of Lisarow Station as a

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- result of the Pacific Highway widening?
- 9379 PLAQUE AND STONE MARKING THE OPENING OF THE GOSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—  
What happened to the plaque and stone which marked the opening of the Gosford Public School?
- 9380 DRIVING INCIDENT ON PACIFIC HIGHWAY—Ms Tamara Smith to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) Did the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) obtain identifying details about the driver of a vehicle who reportedly disobeyed traffic directions and ran over a koala trapped in the St Helena tunnel on the Pacific Highway, Byron Shire in 2017?
    - (a) If yes, were the driver's actions reported to the Police to investigate?
    - (b) If the driver's actions were not reported to Police, why not?
- 9381 CHARGES LAID FOR HARMING A THREATENED SPECIES—Ms Tamara Smith to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) Did the Office of Environment and Heritage receive identifying details from the Roads and Maritime Service (RMS) about the driver of a vehicle who reportedly disobeyed traffic directions and ran over a koala trapped in the St Helena tunnel on the Pacific Highway, Byron Shire in 2017?
    - (a) If yes, were charges against the driver considered or laid for harming a threatened species?
    - (b) If charges were not considered or laid, why not?
- 9382 USING WASTE HEMP SEED HUSKS TO FEED STOCK DURING THE DROUGHT—Ms Tamara Smith to ask the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- (1) Will the Minister consider directing producers of waste hemp seed husks to be made available to graziers and farmers to feed stock in drought areas instead of being burned?
    - (a) If not, why not?
- 9383 HEAVY VEHICLES HAULING MATERIALS THROUGH WARDELL—Ms Tamara Smith to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) Do all heavy vehicles hauling materials through the village of Wardell used by Roads and Maritime Services (Pacific Complete Project) and its contractors for the purpose of the Pacific Highway upgrade contain Vehicle Management Systems for monitoring and compliance purposes?
    - (a) If not, why not?
- 9384 ROADS AND TRAFFIC AUTHORITY LOCATIONS YET TO BE CONVERTED TO SERVICE NSW LOCATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) How many Road and Traffic Authority offices/centres are yet to be converted to Service NSW offices/centres as at 18 September 2018?
    - (a) Where are they located?
    - (b) When is conversion expected?
  - (2) Have any staff been made redundant at any of these sites?
- 9385 COMMUTER CARPARKING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- (1) Since 2011, how many commuter carparks have been funded by the Government in:
    - (a) Metropolitan areas;
    - (b) Regional areas?
  - (2) Has the Government investigated the possible construction of a commuter carpark at Heddon Greta, near the Kurri Kurri interchange of the Hunter Expressway?
    - (a) If so, what planning or research has been conducted?
  - (3) Has Transport for NSW met with Cessnock City Council to discuss funding for a commuter carpark at Heddon Greta?
- 9386 LOCKABLE ROOM INSTALLED AT CESSNOCK DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What is the total cost for the lockable room being installed at Cessnock District Hospital in the vicinity of Ward A?

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- (2) When will this area be completed?  
(a) What was the timeframe for the completion?
- (3) Is this room to be used for prisoner patients when they attend the hospital?  
(a) Every time or only if they require admittance?
- (4) Has this additional room been an extension of the Hospital or reconfigured existing space?  
(a) What facility has been removed to enable the construction of the room?
- (5) Is the construction within budget?  
(a) Has there been a cost overrun?  
(b) Over what timeframe has the funding been provided?
- 9387 SERVICE NSW'S 'ONE-CLICK ENERGY SWITCH' PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) Considering Service NSW's 'One-Click Energy Switch' program announced in June 2018, how many energy retailers have signed up to be included as at 18 September 2018?  
(2) What percentage of total number of NSW energy retailers is this?  
(3) Are consumers without access to a computer able to use this program?  
(4) Does the energy retailer pay a fee to be included in the program?  
(5) Is the energy retailer paid a fee to take part in the program?
- 9388 NEW MAITLAND MENTAL HEALTH UNIT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—
- (1) Considering the New Maitland Hospital Service Statement June 2018, what is the current state average of acute mental health beds per 100,000 people (as at 20 September 2018)?  
(2) What is the current average of acute mental health beds per 100,000 people in regional New South Wales (as at 20 September 2018)?  
(3) What is the projected number of acute mental health beds per 100,000 people in the new Maitland Mental Health Unit intake area in 2026-27?  
(4) Will there be provision for Psychiatric High Dependency Unit beds or Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit beds at the new Maitland Hospital, or will this capacity be lost?  
(5) Is there capacity for the new Maitland Mental Health Unit to expand in line with population growth?
- 9389 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DISCLOSURE SCHEME—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) Does the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme include:  
(a) Convictions;  
(b) Matters before New South Wales criminal courts;  
(c) Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders (ADVOs)?  
(2) If not, why not?
- 9390 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES HOUSING OFFICE AT MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) How many staff are currently employed at the Family and Community Services Housing office at Maitland as at 18 September 2018?  
(2) What were the staffing levels of the Housing Maitland office as at 30 June in each year from 2015 to 2017?
- 9391 CALLS TO VEHICLE COLLISIONS IN THORNTON—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- (1) On how many occasions has NSW Fire and Rescue responded to motor vehicle collisions at the intersection of Raymond Terrace Road and Haussman Drive, Thornton during the 2016-17 and 2017-18 financial years?  
(2) On how many occasions has NSW Rural Fire Service responded to motor vehicle collisions at the intersection of Raymond Terrace Road and Haussman Drive, Thornton during the 2016-17 and 2017-18 financial years?
- 9392 MAITLAND SECTOR OF THE PORT STEPHENS-HUNTER POLICE DISTRICT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

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- (1) What is the current authorised strength for the Maitland sector of the Port Stephens-Hunter Police District comprising the stations at Maitland, Morpeth, Lochinvar and Beresfield?
- (2) What are the current operational officer numbers, including FTEs (Full Time Equivalents), for the Maitland sector of the Port Stephens-Hunter Police District comprising the stations of Maitland, Morpeth, Lochinvar and Beresfield?
- (3) Considering the June 2018 quarterly update of NSW Recorded Crime Statistics from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BoCSaR) shows an increase in stealing from a retail store, fraud and domestic violence related assault in the Maitland Local Government Area for the past 12 months to June 2018;
- (a) What additional resources has NSW Police provided during the year to 30 June 2018 to address this additional workload?
- (b) Will NSW Police consider providing additional resources for the Maitland sector of the Port Stephens-Hunter Police District given the latest BoCSaR data?
- 9393 FRUIT TAMPERING INCIDENTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- (1) What action has the Government taken to protect the State's strawberry and other fruit and vegetable growers in response to the discovery of sewing needles in strawberries and other recent fruit tampering incidents?
- (2) Will the Government conduct a review of fruit and vegetable packaging as a result of the recent food tampering incidents?
- 9394 VEHICLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS—Ms Tamara Smith to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- Do Vehicle Management Systems monitor both speeds of all vehicles and track by counting the number of heavy vehicles traveling through the village of Wardell on a continual basis?
- 9395 CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL WASTE LEVY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) Considering the \$6,534,000 waste levy contribution paid by Cessnock City Council in financial year 2015-16 and the \$6,899,000 paid in financial year 2016-17:
- (a) Is any of this levy returned to Cessnock City Council by way of refund or grants?
- (i) If yes, what percentage?
- (ii) If no, is the levy utilised by Environment Protection Authority?
- (b) What percentage of the levy is included into Consolidated Revenue?
- 9396 SOCIAL HOUSING INCREASES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) Considering the 11,480 increase in social housing homes across New South Wales announced in August 2018 since 2011-12 (to 20 September 2018):
- (a) How many of these are located in the Cessnock electorate?
- (i) How many are 1 bedroom?
- (ii) How many are 2 bedroom?
- (iii) How many are 3 bedroom?
- (iv) How many are 4 or more bedrooms?
- (b) How many are newly constructed?
- (c) How many are established properties?
- (d) Which five electorates received the largest number of the increase in social housing properties?
- 9397 SOCIAL HOUSING AVAILABILITY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- How many social housing dwellings were available in New South Wales in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2017-18?

- 9398 ANNUAL COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) Considering the Annual Compliance Assessments which are conducted by Department of Family and Community Services contractors, what percentage of inspections were conducted on the total number of properties across New South Wales in:
    - (a) 2014-15;
    - (b) 2015-16;
    - (c) 2016-17;
    - (d) 2017-18?
  - (2) What percentage of inspections were conducted from the total number of properties in the Electorate of Cessnock in:
    - (a) 2014-15;
    - (b) 2015-16;
    - (c) 2016-17;
    - (d) 2017-18?
  - (3) How many properties across New South Wales have had no Annual Compliance Assessment done for 2 or more years?
  - (4) How many properties across the Electorate of Cessnock have had no Annual Compliance Assessment done for 2 or more years?
  - (5) How many Department of Family and Community Services contractors were employed to conduct assessments in the following years:
    - (a) 2014-15;
    - (b) 2015-16;
    - (c) 2016-17;
    - (d) 2017-18?
- 9399 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) Considering the land that is owned by Hunter New England Local Health District (HNELHD) on the former Allandale Hospital site:
    - (a) What buildings are currently being used and for what purpose?
    - (b) Are they being used by Hunter New England Local Health District or have they been leased?
    - (c) If they have been leased, who have they been leased to?
- 9400 RUTHERFORD FIRE AND RESCUE BRIGADE RESPONSE TIMES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- (1) How many incidents did the Rutherford Fire and Rescue Brigade including permanent and retained units respond to in each financial year from 2016-17 to 2017-18?
  - (2) During the 12 months to 30 June 2018, what was the average response time from receipt of Triple Zero calls to the arrival on scene of the Rutherford Fire and Rescue appliance for the:
    - (a) Monday to Friday Day shift (08:00 to 16:30 hrs);
    - (b) Monday to Friday Retained Brigade (16:00 to 08:00 the following day);
    - (c) Saturday to Sunday Retained Brigade (00:00 to 24:00)?
  - (3) What was the average response time from receipt of Triple Zero calls to the arrival on scene of the Rutherford Fire and Rescue appliance during the 12 months to 30 June 2018 for callouts to:
    - (a) Rutherford;
    - (b) Aberglasslyn;
    - (c) Telarah;
    - (d) Lochinvar?
- 9401 MAITLAND SCHOOLS CASUAL STAFFING—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Education—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that Bolwarra Public School and Rutherford Technology High School were unable to source sufficient numbers of casual teachers during the two weeks 3-14 September 2018?
  - (2) What action did these schools take to ensure the continued education of students due to the unavailability of casual staff on these days?
  - (3) As at 30 June 2017, how many casual teachers were registered with Casual Direct for the Newcastle

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- and Hunter region to teach:
- (a) Infants/Primary;
  - (b) High School?
- (4) As at 30 June 2018, how many casual teachers were registered with Casual Direct for the Newcastle and Hunter region to teach:
- (a) Infants/Primary;
  - (b) High School?
- (5) How many casual teachers are registered with the new ClassCover website for the Newcastle and Hunter Region to teach:
- (a) Infants/Primary at 14 September 2018?
  - (b) High School at 14 September 2017?
- (6) Will the Government consider providing adequate levels of inbuilt permanent teacher relief?
- (7) What incentives is the Government providing to attract and retain casual teachers in public schools?
- 9402 OFFICE OF STATE REVENUE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) Have any labour hire employees been engaged at the Office of State Revenue in Maitland since 6 August 2018 (to 20 September 2018)?
    - (a) If so:
      - (i) How many labour hire staff have been engaged?
      - (ii) Why is the Office of State Revenue using labour hire workers rather than recruiting new personnel?
      - (iii) Is there a timeframe for the labour hire contract of staff at Maitland or is it an ongoing arrangement between the Office of State Revenue and the contractor?
- 9403 WOMEN LEAVING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) What was the total cost of temporary accommodation for women due to circumstances relating to domestic violence for the financial years 2016-17 and 2017-18?
  - (2) From 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, how many women leaving domestic violence spent one or more nights in a:
    - (a) Hotel;
    - (b) Motel;
    - (c) Caravan park?
  - (3) From 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, how many women leaving domestic violence spent one or more nights in a:
    - (a) Hotel;
    - (b) Motel;
    - (c) Caravan park?
  - (4) Did the number of women seeking temporary accommodation fall in 2018?
    - (a) If so, why?
  - (5) What is the average cost per client of providing accommodation in a refuge across the State per night?
- 9404 CREATIVE KIDS REBATE APPLICATIONS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- When will the Government begin accepting applications for the Creative Kids Rebate?
- 9405 BLACKSMITH TO BREAK WALL OCEAN WALK—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) How much money did NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service charge Newcastle Surf Lifesaving Club for the Blacksmith to Break Wall Ocean Walk in 2017 and 2018 (as at 20 September 2018)?
  - (2) Will the Minister refund monies charged for this charity walk?
  - (3) Why has the Minister not responded to my representations, dated 9 April 2018, regarding this matter?
    - (a) Why has the Minister failed to adhere to the Government's Correspondence Policy (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/contact-us/correspondence-policy/>) of "we aim to open all correspondence

within one business day of receipt, and respond where required, within 20 working days of receipt" when responding to representations on behalf of a local Newcastle charity?

- (i) Why has the Minister breached this policy?
- (b) When will the Minister provide a response?