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\*7033 CORONIAL INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF TIMOTHY ROSS MACPHERSON—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

(1) Will a full Coronial inquest be held into the death of Timothy Ross Macpherson who was killed on a State Government sponsored building project at Barangaroo on 1 March 2017?

(a) If not, why not?

(b) If so, when will it be held?

Answer—

I am advised :

This matter is currently under investigation by the Deputy State Coroner.

\*7034 VACANT HOMES IN WARWICK FARM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

What is proposed for the currently vacant homes located at 3-13 Mannix Parade and 2-4 McGirr Parade, Warwick Farm?

Answer—

I am advised that information is available at <https://www.communitiesplus.com.au>.

\*7035 INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Considering the statement made by the Premier in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on 17 October 2017 during Question Time that \$73 billion will be spent over the next four years in New South Wales, please list every project valued over \$10 million for projects on infrastructure.

Answer—

I am advised:

Unlike the former Labor Government who sat idle for sixteen long years, the Government's successful asset recycling program and strong control of recurrent expenditure has resulted in a record level of spending on an accelerated program of projects. These are listed in the relevant budget papers.

\*7036 CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

What is the average level of carbon dioxide emissions per hour of a passenger vehicle operating in New South Wales?

Answer—

This question is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

\*7037 ONLINE TRADING BUSINESSES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) How many of the prosecutions undertaken for operating an online trading business in New South Wales without a licence from 2011 to 2017 (as at 20 September 2017) as referred to in the answer to LA Q6727 have been for the sale of stolen goods?

(2) How many referrals for further investigation have been received each year from 2011 to 2017 (as at 20 September 2017) by the NSW Police?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that the COPS database does not capture the type of data requested.

\*7038 IMPACT ON MAJOR EVENTS WITHOUT FREE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

(1) Were you or your department asked to provide advice on the expected impact on major events in Wollongong as a result of introducing full Opal fares on the 55A and 55C bus routes in Wollongong from 29 January 2018?

- (2) Did your department provide advice to the Minister for Transport or Transport for NSW that part of the bid to have Wigan FC play Hull FC at WIN Stadium on 10 February 2018 included the fact that a free bus service was available to transport patrons to the venue?

Answer—

- (1) No.  
(2) No.

- \*7039 ADVERTISING OF FARES TO BE CHARGED ON THE 55A AND 55C BUS ROUTES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What notification and advertising processes does Transport for NSW intend to use to advertise that fares will be charged on the 55A and 55C bus routes in Wollongong from 29 January 2018?  
(2) What mediums will Transport for NSW use to notify existing and future passengers of the introduction of these charges?  
(3) When will this notification and advertising to passengers commence?  
(4) When will this notification and advertising to passengers end?  
(5) Will this include posting notices on buses servicing the 55A and 55C bus routes in Wollongong?  
(6) Will this include posting notices at bus stops on the 55A, 55C and other bus routes in Wollongong?  
(7) What is the budget for this advertising and notification of passengers?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW will conduct an extensive advertising campaign in the lead up to 28 January 2018 through a range of media including radio, local press, mobile phone advertising, social media and through the Transportnsw.info website.

Posters will be placed on the relevant buses during this period. At select bus stops informative messages will be displayed and teams will hand out flyers.

Given the Illawarra Mercury has covered this issue extensively since 1 November, the vast majority of customers should already be aware of the introduction of fares on the Wollongong Shuttle.

- \*7040 CONSULTATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Why did Transport for NSW not consult with representatives from the University of Wollongong prior to making the decision to discontinue the free Gong Shuttle bus?

Answer—

I am advised:

The premise of your question is incorrect. The Wollongong Shuttle has not been and is not planned to be discontinued.

- \*7041 CONSULTATION WITH THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR THE ILLAWARRA AND THE SOUTH COAST—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Did you or Transport for NSW seek input or advice from the Parliamentary Secretary for the Illawarra and the South Coast before making the decision to discontinue the Gong Shuttle service?

Answer—

I do not disclose discussions with my colleagues.

- \*7042 RAISING OF WARRAGAMBA DAM—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What options other than raising the Warragamba Dam by 14 metres will the government investigate for improving flood security in rare extreme flood events?  
(2) To what extent will the Government explore the option of using the capacity of the existing dam with a second spillway on the eastern side of the dam wall, new gates and a comprehensive flood management plan?  
(3) What assessment has been made on the following impacts from raising the dam:  
(a) Inundation and scarring of important wilderness areas in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area;  
(b) Sedimentation filling Lake Burragorang;  
(c) Expected cost from the loss of fisheries, including valuable oyster farming as a result of

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- changed river flows affected wetland and estuarine areas;
- (d) Loss of access to important wilderness areas in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area;
- (e) Longer periods during which low level bridges and roads will be impassable?
- (4) To what extent will a decision on whether to proceed with the proposal to raise the dam consider the resultant potential development opportunities in low lying rural land?

Answer—

A broad range of options, including infrastructure and non-infrastructure options have been investigated in detail in the development of the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley Flood Risk Management Strategy (Flood Strategy).

The infrastructure options investigated included operating Warragamba Dam differently, lowering the full water supply level of the current dam, raising Warragamba Dam by up to 30 metres to provide airspace, dredging the Hawkesbury River, creating river diversion channels, levees and upgrades to evacuation roads for improved road capacity.

There is no single option or solution that will address the significant flood risk in this Valley. Whilst the 14 metre dam option provides the most cost-effective infrastructure option, it is part of a complementary broader suite of measures required to reduce the ongoing risk. These measures include increasing flood risk awareness through a range of communication and engagement programs, a road evacuation signage strategy, improved flood forecasting, and new regional planning framework that integrates flood risk with land use and emergency planning.

The Government has already explored these options. In developing the Flood Strategy, options investigated for operating or modifying the current Warragamba Dam differently to provide flood mitigation included:

- pre-releasing water ahead of a predicted flood inflow
- changing the design and operation of the gates to temporarily hold back flood water (known as surcharging)
- permanently lowering the full supply level to provide airspace for flood mitigation, and
- combinations of the above.

Pre-releasing and surcharging have limited effectiveness with minor benefits for small floods, and none for larger floods where the greatest risk to life and flood damages occur.

Options to lower the full water supply level and operate the water supply system differently (including the operating the desalination plant more often) were also examined in detail. Whilst these options provided some mitigation for the floods that pose the most risk to lives and property, they had significant impact on the long-term security of water supply. Lowering the Warragamba Dam's full water supply by five and 12 metres would reduce water storage by around 18 per cent and 40 per cent, respectively. This would have a devastating impact on water security for greater Sydney and see a significant increase in water bills for new investments required to maintain security of water supply.

Warragamba Dam is a water supply dam owned and operated by WaterNSW. The dam was not designed or approved to operate as a flood mitigation dam. The dam provides around 80 per cent of greater Sydney's water storage. A second spillway (known as the auxiliary spillway) on Warragamba Dam was completed in 2002 to safely pass the probable maximum flood. It does not provide flood mitigation.

The Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley Flood Risk Management Strategy is a comprehensive long term framework that will be periodically reviewed and revised under an adaptive management approach.

Under the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared for the proposed Warragamba Dam Raising for flood mitigation. The process will involve robust community and stakeholder consultation and public exhibition.

Under the NSW Department of Planning & Environment Secretary's Environmental Assessments Requirements for the EIS (available on the Department's website), the proponent (WaterNSW) must respond to a detailed set of requirements including in relation to hydrological, environmental, heritage, socio-economic and construction matters.

The project will also be assessed as a controlled action under the Federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 in relation to World heritage, National heritage and listed threatened species and communities. The current planning standard for new residential development, the '1 in 100

chance per year' flood, will be maintained with the proposed dam raising. Raising the Dam wall will therefore not provide low lying areas with additional development potential.

\*7043 ASSESSMENT OF THE FREE GONG SHUTTLE SERVICE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Will the Minister travel on the Free Gong Shuttle to assess benefits it brings to the city before it is discontinued?
  - (a) If so, when?

Answer—

I travel across the transport network on a regular basis and always pay for my fare with my Opal card.

\*7044 RESPONSE TO REPORT BY THE NSW OMBUDSMAN—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) What is the Government's response to the comments of the Ombudsman in the Ombudsman's Report entitled 'Did Police provide their name and place of duty?' tabled on 13 June 2017?
- (2) What steps will the Government take to determine if police comply with their obligations to provide their name and place of duty under Part 15 of the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) continues to emphasise, through education and training, the statutory requirements for officers to state their name and place of duty. The NSWPF also has an extensive complaints management system to address any compliance issues that may arise.

\*7045 WOLLONGONG PUBLIC HOSPITAL CARPARK—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the total vehicle capacity of the carpark at Wollongong Public Hospital?
- (2) What is the current average daily utilisation as a percentage of total capacity of the carpark at Wollongong Public Hospital?
- (3) Was the most recent expansion of carpark capacity designed to allow for future expansion?
  - (a) If so, when was it estimated that the next capacity expansion would need to take place?
  - (b) How many additional vehicles would this expansion accommodate?
  - (c) Have there been any estimates of the cost of an expansion of the carpark at Wollongong Public Hospital?
- (4) Is Wollongong Public Hospital car park the only paid car park in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
- (5) What is the average daily parking fee paid at Wollongong Public Hospital car park (as at 14 November 2017)?

Answer—

A \$30.5 million car park development was completed at Wollongong Hospital in 2015. The car park meets the current and future requirements of the existing hospital.

\*7046 COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE GONG SHUTTLE SERVICE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many complaints have been received by Transport for NSW about the Gong Shuttle for each year since it was introduced in March 2009 (to 14 November 2017)?
  - (a) How many of these complaints have been about overcrowding?

Answer—

I am advised:

Prior to 2015, a centralised system did not exist in Transport for NSW for recording customer feedback and complaints. Therefore, I am unable to provide the information you are requesting.

\*7047 SIGNAGE AT BUS STOPS ALONG THE 55A AND 55C BUS ROUTES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Is the Minister or Transport for NSW aware that bus stops on the 55A and 55C bus route in Wollongong indicate that this is a free shuttle service?

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- (2) Has Transport for NSW estimated the cost of updating this signage to reflect that full Opal fares will be charged from 29 January 2018?
- (a) If so, what is the cost?
- (b) If not, when will this cost be known?
- (3) Will Transport for NSW meet the cost of updating this signage to reflect that full Opal fares will be charged from 29 January 2018?
- (4) Was this cost considered as part of the decision that resulted in the announcement to introduce full Opal fares on these services from 29 January 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

Bus operators across New South Wales amend signs at bus stops and on plinths on a regular basis. Transport for NSW will work with the local bus operator to change the signage at the bus stops along Routes 55A and 55C. The cost is expected to be minimal.

\*7048 NEW TIMETABLES COST—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What was the total cost of developing new rail and bus timetables?
- (2) What is the cost of external consultants who provided advice on new rail and bus timetables?
- (3) What is the cost of the "We're moving forward" advertising campaign?
- (4) What is the cost of providing new maps at each railway station?
- (5) What estimate has been made of the cost to local businesses from the loss of express train services and longer journey times from Granville station?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (4) Information about Transport for NSW's expenditure is available in the Annual Reports.

(5) It is estimated, there will be no impact on local businesses as a result.

\*7049 FORECASTS OF EXPECTED VEHICLE MOVEMENT CHANGES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Does Transport for NSW have any forecasts of expected vehicle movement changes as a result of introducing full Opal fares on the 55A and 55C bus routes in Wollongong from 29 January 2018?
- (2) Have any impacts of additional vehicles on suburban streets in and around the 55A and 55C bus routes as a result of introducing Opal fares been modelled or estimated by Transport for NSW?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The current absence of Opal data for Wollongong Shuttle services means it is not possible to accurately predict customers' responses to the introduction of fares.

\*7050 REDUCTION OF TRAFFIC AND PARKING PROBLEMS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will making the Gong Shuttle no longer a free service reduce traffic and parking problems across the city?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my previous response, LA Q7049.

\*7051 FORECAST OF PARKING AND TRAFFIC IN KEIRAVILLE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What plans has Transport for NSW put in place to manage additional parking and traffic problems around the city and in particular the Keiraville community as a result of the changes to the Gong Shuttle?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my previous response, LA Q7049.

\*7052 DECISION TO DISCONTINUE THE FREE GONG SHUTTLE SERVICE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

As the Premier in her previous role as Minister for Transport promised that the free Gong Shuttle would not be removed, why has a decision been taken to discontinue it?

Answer—

I am advised:

Your question proceeds on a false premise. The Government is committed to operating the shuttle service for as long as there is demand. The level of service will not change. Introducing Opal fares means that customers using this service will contribute to its operation in the same way other customers do across all other modes of public transport in New South Wales.

\*7053 MODELLING USED TO DETERMINE THE GONG SHUTTLE SERVICE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What specific modelling was used to determine that keeping the Gong Shuttle free was no longer necessary in order to improve traffic and parking issues across the city?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is committed to operating the shuttle service for as long as there is demand. The level of service will not change.

Introducing Opal fares means that customers using this service will contribute to its operation in the same way other customers do across all other modes of public transport in New South Wales.

\*7054 GONG SHUTTLE SERVICE BUS DRIVERS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Can you undertake that no bus drivers will lose their job or have their hours cut as a result of the changes you have announced for the Gong Shuttle?

Answer—

I am advised:

In February 2011, 187 bus drivers were employed by the bus operator for Outer Sydney Metropolitan Bus Service Contract 10, which provides the Wollongong Shuttle. As at November 2017, 240 bus drivers are employed and delivering the additional services introduced by this Government.

As there are no plans to alter the frequency or route of the Wollongong Shuttle, no bus drivers will lose their job or have their hours cut when fares are introduced on 29 January 2018.

\*7055 CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What stakeholders did you, your office or Transport for NSW consult with before you made the decision to no longer keep the Gong Shuttle service free from January 2018?

Answer—

As I am sure a former Transport employee like the Member for Keira would be aware, Transport for NSW continually consults with customers across the network and closely monitors a number of factors like patronage, cost, and demographics, in determining whether or not to make any modifications to public transport services.

\*7056 55A AND 55C BUS ROUTES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) Did Transport for NSW consider the introduction of a fare below full Opal fares from 29 January 2018 for the 55A and 55C bus routes in Wollongong?

(a) If so, what options were considered?

Answer—

I am advised:

Opal fares are based on the distance travelled by the customer, from where they tap on to where they tap off. The three Opal bus fare bands are available on the Opal website. These fares are consistent across the



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Opal bus network, including in the Illawarra. Only Labor would implement a fare structure which lacks fairness and consistency.

\*7057 GREEN VALLEY POLICE STATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) When will a decision be taken as to whether Green Valley Police Station will close or remain open?
  - (a) When will that decision be announced?

Answer—

The Commissioner of Police is responsible for the management of police properties.

The NSW Police Force has advised me that there is no intent to close Green Valley police station.

\*7058 STATUTORY REVIEW OF THE VICTIM'S RIGHTS AND SUPPORT ACT 2013—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

When will the statutory review of the Victim's Rights and Support Act 2013 be completed?

Answer—

I am advised :

Submissions to the review are currently being considered. A report will be tabled once the review has been completed.

\*7059 OWNER-BUILDER PERMITS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) How many owner-builder permits were issued in New South Wales in the periods 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017?
- (2) How many of those permits were issued to people who were family members of people to whom owner builder permits had been issued in the previous five years?
- (3) How many of the people to whom the permits referred to in (1) above were issued continue to reside in the homes concerned?

Answer—

- (1) The number of owner-builder permits issued in New South Wales from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 was 8,501. The number of owner-builder permits issued in New South Wales from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 was 8,788.
- (2) NSW Fair Trading does not capture this data. The application process for an owner builder permit only requires disclosure of other properties owned by a family member if the family member is a joint owner with the applicant.
- (3) Fair Trading does not capture this data. There is no requirement for a person to report to Fair Trading that they continue to reside at the premises once an owner builder permit is issued.

\*7060 NEW POLICE STATIONS AROUND GREEN VALLEY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

What steps have been taken to plan for new police stations in the new release and developing areas west and south of Green Valley?

Answer—

The Commissioner of Police is responsible for the management of police properties.

I am advised that the NSW Police Force undertakes regular forward planning which informs its property management strategies. New police stations are considered as part of this review process.

\*7061 INCREASES IN CRIME—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) What categories of crime have increased since 1 January 2015 (to 14 November 2017) in the areas of:
  - (a) Green Valley Local Area Command;
  - (b) Liverpool Local Area Command?

Answer—

Crime statistics are a matter for the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR).

\*7062 ELECTED MEMBERS OF LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Which elected members of Liverpool City Council in the period 1 July 2012 to date (as at 14 November 2017) have not filed as required a Disclosure of Interest Return?
  - (a) What action will be taken in relation to these Councillors?

Answer—

I am advised that all current Liverpool City Councillors have lodged disclosures.

\*7063 WARWICK FARM PROPERTIES—Mr Paul Lynch asked 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 properties at 10 and 12 Mannix Parade, 46 and 50 Lawrence Hargrave Drive and 3 McGirr Parade, Warwick Farm, is the accommodation provided transitional, long-term or other?
- (2) What degree of management and/or support is provided to tenants in those premises?

Answer—

The social housing properties at 10 and 12 Mannix Parade and 46 and 50 Lawrence Hargrave Road, Warwick Farm are managed by the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS). Information on FACS' tenancy management and support is available at <http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/>.

Wesley Community Services manages and provides support to the tenants of a mix of social and transitional housing at 3 McGirr Parade.

\*7064 WESTERN SYDNEY METRO—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What provisions have engineers for the proposed M4-M5 Link made in the current designs for the project to accommodate a future Western Sydney Metro?
- (2) When will the business case for the Western Metro be released?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Transport for NSW is working with multiple stakeholders to ensure effective integration of Sydney Metro West with the broader transport network.

(2) Market soundings and community and stakeholder engagement have commenced and will inform the business case for the project. Further information will be provided to the community, stakeholders and industry over the course of the project's development.

\*7065 DREDGING THE HAWTHORNE CANAL—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What was the total cost of dredging the Hawthorne Canal in September 2017?

Answer—

I am advised:

\$38,000.

\*7066 DREDGING EXPENDITURE IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What is the total value of dredging committed to by the Government in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?
- (2) With the election of the new Central Coast Council, will the Government commit to working with the Council to fund a long term solution to silting in the Ettalong Channel?

Answer—

(1) 2014-15 - \$5.6 million

2015-16 - \$5.8 million

2016-17 - \$4.1 million

(2) The Government is currently working with Central Coast Council and will continue to do so.

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\*7067 CAPITAL PROGRAM REPORT FOR THE STRATHFIELD ELECTORATE—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

What projects will be funded as part of the \$930,000 Social Housing - Upgrade commitment listed in the 'Capital Program Report for the Strathfield Electorate' as part of the electorate report on the NSW Budget 2017-18?

Answer—

I am very pleased that the 2017-18 NSW Budget delivers for the Strathfield community to ensure that upgrades and new supply will be available for social housing in the Strathfield electorate. This funding will be allocated in the 2017-18 financial year.

\*7068 CATEGORY C FUNDING TO NORTH COAST SMALL BUSINESSES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) Has the Government conducted an investigation into why it took so long for small businesses in the North Coast to receive Category C funding?

(a) If not, why not?

(b) If so, will the result of this investigation be publicly released?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Commonwealth Government requires comprehensive disaster impact statements to be conducted before Category C Grants activation can be approved.

Due to those requirements, a turnaround of 4 to 6 weeks is usual for Category C analysis and approval.

For the 28 March 2017 North Coast floods, Category C grants for small businesses and not-for-profit organisations were initially announced on 13 April 2017 and extended on 25 May 2017.

\*7069 PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES WITH A DISABILITY—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Premier—

(1) What percentage of public service employees have a disability?

(2) What percentage of public service employees have a disability in:

(a) Regional New South Wales;

(b) Rural New South Wales;

(c) Sydney Metropolitan area;

(d) Western Sydney?

Answer—

The Government recently announced Jobs for people with a disability, a plan to increase the percentage of people with disability working in the New South Wales public sector from 2.7 per cent to 5.6 per cent by 2027.

\*7070 INCARCERATED WOMEN IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the total cost allocated for health care for women in New South Wales prisons and correctional facilities in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17?

Answer—

Costs for the provision of health care for people in New South Wales correctional centres is not collected by gender.

\*7071 ELECTROTECHNOLOGY CAPSTONE TEST—Ms Prue Car asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

What is the pass rate for the Electrotechnology capstone test for each TAFE campus where this test is delivered?

Answer—

There is no 'Electrotechnology capstone test'.

\*7072 NEW TIMETABLES CONSULTATION—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What consultation was undertaken with public transport users in the Cumberland Council and City of Parramatta Council areas before the new railway timetable was announced?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has access to more information about customer travel patterns than ever before. Regular customer surveys, multiple feedback channels and Opal card data have informed the development of the new timetable

Customer feedback will be monitored to help make further improvements that meet the needs of the majority of our customers.

\*7073 SHARING OF WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

Will consideration be given to sharing the results of Working with Children checks across multiple agencies with the applicant's permission to avoid expense and duplication?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Family and Community Services as the Minister responsible for the Office of the Children's Guardian.

\*7074 OPAL CARD RETAILERS ON THE 55A AND 55C BUS ROUTES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) How many Opal card retailers are on the 55A and 55C bus routes in Wollongong?

(a) What is the street address of each of these Opal card retailers?

(b) What is the distance on each of these retailers from the stop and pick up points along the 55A and 55C bus routes?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Opal retailer website.

\*7075 SENIORS OPAL CARDS IN REGIONAL AREAS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will consideration be given to providing seniors residing in regional New South Wales with further options to purchase Seniors Opal Cards in regional areas at railway stations and/or Service NSW locations?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Gold Opal card offers eligible customers travel at a significantly discounted rate. As such, it can only be ordered by calling 13 OPAL or visiting [www.opal.com.au](http://www.opal.com.au), so that customers can provide details of their eligibility.

\*7076 AMBULANCE OFFICERS SERVICING THE ORANGE COMMUNITY—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) What number of Ambulance Officers are presently based in Orange to service the Orange community (as at 14 November 2017)?

(2) What number of Ambulance Officers were based in Orange to service the Orange community in 1997?

Answer—

The number of paramedics presently based in Orange is appropriate to service the needs of the Orange community.

No electronic records exist for 1997 and therefore there is no data available for that period.

\*7077 MALDON DOMBARTON RAIL LINK—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) Can the Minister please provide an update on the Maldon Dombarton Rail Link indicating where the unsolicited proposal is up to (as at 10 October 2017)?

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- (2) What are the estimated costs associated with the project?
- (3) What are the costs based on?
- (4) What is the cost-benefit ratio of completing the Maldon Dombarton Rail Link and taking the pressure off the South Coast Line?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no current unsolicited proposals for the Maldon Dombarton Rail Link.

\*7078 CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF THE SYDNEY MOTORWAY CORPORATION—Mr Greg Warren asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) When is it expected that the contract(s) for the sale of the Sydney Motorway Corporation will be signed?
- (2) Will the Government commit to not signing any such contracts until after the 2019 election, to allow residents of South West Sydney to have their say on the Government's plans to extend the toll on the M5 South West?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Westconnex will deliver vital improvements to the people of South West Sydney. An important improvement will be in traffic times, with the duplication of the M5 tunnel, doubling the road capacity when driving from Campbelltown to the Sydney Airport.

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\*7079 REGIONAL SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT ELIGIBILITY—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

What criteria are used to determine if a local government area is eligible for Regional Sports Infrastructure Grants?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Regional New South Wales.

\*7080 AVERAGE POLICE RESPONSE TIMES IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) What are the average police response times to calls in the following suburbs in the Wallsend electorate:
  - (a) Wallsend;
  - (b) Maryland;
  - (c) Fletcher;
  - (d) Beresfield;
  - (e) Tarro;
  - (f) Minmi?

Answer—

I am advised:

A range of factors, including the number of calls being responded to at any time, the time of day, traffic density, weather conditions and the distance to travel, influences response times.\

\*7081 UNEMPLOYMENT FOR PEOPLE OVER 50—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What steps is the Government taking to reduce unemployment for people over 50 years of age in the:
  - (a) Newcastle Local Government Area;
  - (b) Lake Macquarie Local Government Area?

Answer—

The New South Wales unemployment rate has hit a five year low at 4.6 per cent and youth unemployment in New South Wales is the lowest in the nation as a result of the government's strong economic management. Our Vocational Education and Training (VET) services work hand-in-hand with the Commonwealth Government's delivery of employment services and under Smart and Skilled the Government subsidises VET courses on the NSW Skills List. These are qualifications in demand by businesses and so provide students with improved job prospects. The NSW Department of Industry reviews the NSW Skills List throughout the year and has introduced a rolling list to be more responsive to changes in industry needs.

Smart and Skilled also includes concessional fees and fee-free scholarships for disadvantaged students, including students receiving Commonwealth Government welfare benefits (for example unemployment benefits).

\*7082 YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What steps is the Government taking to reduce youth unemployment in the:
- (a) Newcastle Local Government Area;
  - (b) Lake Macquarie Local Government Area?

Answer—

The New South Wales unemployment rate has hit a five year low at 4.6 per cent and youth unemployment in New South Wales is the lowest in the nation as a result of the government's strong economic management. Our Vocational Education and Training (VET) services work hand-in-hand with the Commonwealth Government's delivery of employment services and under Smart and Skilled the Government subsidises VET courses on the NSW Skills List. These are qualifications in demand by businesses and so provide students with improved job prospects. The Department of Industry reviews the NSW Skills List throughout the year and has introduced a rolling list to be more responsive to changes in industry needs.

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\*7083 ENERGY SUPPLY COMPETITION—Mr Philip Donato 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—

What requirement exists for energy providers/retailers to provide quotations for gas and electricity energy to customers upon request, to compare costs from a number of competitive retailers?

Answer—

I am advised:

Retailers generally list their offers on their websites and with the Energy Made Easy website at [energymadeeasy.gov.au](http://energymadeeasy.gov.au). The Energy Made Easy website is a free independent energy comparator site, where customers can compare energy offers and find a better deal to suit their requirements.

In addition to the standing offer, any retailer can offer a market contract, where they have to meet minimum requirements for the contract terms and conditions. Under the National Energy Retail Law, every household has an allocated retailer who must make an offer to supply energy to that customer, if no other retailer chooses to. For existing households, this is the retailer who previously supplied energy to that address. Customers can find out who this retailer was by contacting their distribution company, that is Ausgrid, Endeavour Energy or Essential Energy. The allocated retailer must offer to supply the customer under a standing offer, which means the terms and conditions are protected by law.

The Australian Energy Regulator is also working to improve the clarity and accessibility of information about the various energy offers in the market through their Customer Price Information Review. The Issues Paper for this review was released in September this year and I look forward to seeing the final outcomes.

\*7084 ELECTRICITY METERING—Mr Philip Donato 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—

Will consideration be given to displaying actual meter figures on bills for calculation of metered units of

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energy supplied so that consumers are able to monitor and review the bill calculation process?

Answer—

I am advised:

The content of customer retail energy bills is governed by national rules, which are administered by the Australian Energy Market Commission.

Under these rules, energy retailers must include particular information on bills, including the meter readings that have been used to calculate the amount of energy consumed during the billing period (measured in kilowatt hours or kWh for electricity and megajoules or MJ for gas). The customer's bill must also include tariffs and charges applicable, the billing period, the total amount payable, and the retailer's telephone number.

On occasion, meters cannot be read, such as if there are difficulties in accessing the meter. In that case, retailers are permitted to use estimated readings. However, the national rules require that retailers use their best endeavours to obtain a physical meter reading at least once every 12 months.

Customers can avoid having estimated reads due to lack of meter access by having a remotely read digital meter installed. These do not require the meter to be physically accessed in order to obtain a reading.

Where a customer does not yet have a digital meter installed, they can perform their own reading by checking their meter. If they are concerned the energy consumption recorded on their bill is incorrect, or the customer requires assistance understanding how their bill was calculated, they should phone their retailer for assistance.

\*7085 CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH UNIT, ORANGE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many beds are currently occupiable within the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Unit in Orange?
- (2) How many beds are funded for within the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Unit in Orange?
- (3) What portion of New South Wales does the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Unit and Orange cater for?

Answer—

There are 10 funded beds on the Orange Bloomfield Campus, and the number occupied changes regularly.

\*7086 ADVICE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked 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 Government Response to the Domestic Violence Death Review Team Annual Report 2013-15, has the Government received a response from the Commonwealth in relation to Recommendation 10 of the Domestic Violence Death Review Team's 11/12 Report?
  - (a) If so, can you please provide a copy of the Commonwealth's response?

Answer—

The Government supported the National Campaign to reduce violence against women and their children 'Stop it at the Start', as well as the NSW Police and Crime Stoppers Campaign 'No Innocent Bystanders' in November 2016. Further information about the 'Stop it at the Start' campaign is available at <https://www.respect.gov.au>.

\*7087 NEIGHBOUR DEVELOPMENT DAMAGE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

How does the Government ensure that builders' insurance cover provides protection for adjacent property owners who suffer damage during construction?

Answer—

The Home Building Compensation Fund does not cover the risk of damage to adjacent properties. Many builders hold public liability and other insurance that may cover such damage.

\*7088 REGIONAL SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many Regional Sports Infrastructure Grants were awarded in the 2016-17 financial year?

(2) What was the average amount awarded?

Answer—

The Regional Sport Infrastructure Fund opened for expressions of interest on 7 August 2017, it is part of the new Regional Growth Fund that was announced in the 2017-18 Budget.

\*7089 NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS PENALTY NOTICES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many registered voters who failed to vote in the 2017 Newcastle City Council elections received 'Failure to Vote' penalty notices?
- (2) How many voters appealed the fines due to not knowing the elections were on in their local government area?
  - (a) How many of these voters were successful with their appeals?
  - (b) How many of these voters were unsuccessful with their appeals?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Revenue NSW only holds data on the number of fines which were referred for enforcement (i.e. not paid by due date) and does not hold the total numbers of failure to vote penalty notices issued or the total numbers of voters who appealed their fines.

This question should be directed to the Premier, as Minister responsible for the New South Wales Electoral Commission.

\*7090 LIBRARIES IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—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 did the Government allocate to libraries in the Wallsend electorate in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17?

Answer—

I am advised:

Funding for libraries in New South Wales is allocated per Local Government Area. The Wallsend electorate includes areas of both the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Council areas.

The following Government funds were provided to these councils in support of library services in the years 2012-13 to 2016-17:

Lake Macquarie council area

Total funds provided \$2,751,430

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Subsidy plus DGA*	\$498,660	\$486,316	\$494,837	\$498,315	
Revitalising Regional Programs Grant			\$16,000		
Library Development Grant		\$54,160			
Infrastructure Grant			\$200,000		
Subsidy plus subsidy adjustment					\$503,142

\*DGA - Disability and Geographic Adjustment.

Newcastle council area

Total funds provided \$2,172,226

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17



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Subsidy plus DGA*	\$387,509	\$384,732	\$389,697	\$392,413	
Revitalising Regional Programs Grant	\$16,000				
Library Development Grant					
Infrastructure Grant				\$200,000	
Subsidy plus subsidy adjustment					\$401,875

\*DGA - Disability and Geographic Adjustment.

\*7091 BUS SERVICES IN NEWCASTLE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many bus services in Newcastle have been late since July 2017 (to 15 November 2017)?  
(a) What was the average length of the delay?

Answer—

I advised:

As the Member for Wallsend would be aware, works required to realise a \$650 million investment by the Government to transform the Newcastle CBD are currently affecting the operation of the bus network.

The Newcastle bus network uses Hunter Street in the Newcastle CBD for the majority of routes. Sections of Hunter Street have been closed as part of the construction program for the implementation of the Light Rail in the CBD. The Hunter Street closure required all traffic including buses, to reroute to the adjacent roads being King Street or Wharf Road. Neither King Street nor Wharf Road has the same roadway capacity as Hunter Street and added traffic has led to significant congestion in the CBD.

Timetables will change on 14 January 2018 with the introduction of the new Newcastle Transport network, which will see more than a thousand extra bus and ferry services a week to be delivered across the Newcastle and the eastern Lake Macquarie region. The new network will improve bus connections between major hubs and the Newcastle CBD offering services every 15 minutes during the day, and will also strengthen links between suburbs and town centres. Timetables will also be updated to better reflect travel times and traffic conditions.

\*7092 LAKE MACQUARIE CITY COUNCIL ELECTION PENALTY NOTICES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many registered voters who failed to vote in the 2016 Lake Macquarie City Council elections received 'Failure to Vote' penalty notices?  
(2) How many voters appealed the fines due to not knowing the elections were on in their local government area?  
(a) How many of these voters were successful with their appeals?  
(b) How many of these voters were unsuccessful with their appeals?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Revenue NSW only holds data on the number of fines which were referred for enforcement (i.e. not paid by due date) and does not hold the total numbers of failure to vote penalty notices issued or the total numbers of voters who appealed their fines.

This question should be directed to the Premier, as Minister responsible for the New South Wales Electoral Commission.

\*7093 MENTAL HEALTH IN THE CENTRAL COAST LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr David Harris asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

- (1) How many patients in the Central Coast Local Health District have long term health care coordinators in the Mental Health area?  
(2) How many patients are on the waiting list?

Answer—

As of 23 November 2017 there are:

1,121 mental health clients have long-term health care coordinators on the Central Coast.

Clients are assessed according to their clinical needs. Clients assessed as high risk are provided services as a matter of priority. Due to changes in client circumstances and clinical need the number of clients seeking services is variable. As of 23 November 2017 a small number of clients were seeking long-term health care coordinators. On a case by case basis these clients are also referred to other services offered by the community and Local Health District which may reduce their need for long-term care coordination.

\*7094 PARKING SPACE LEVY—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Does the Government support simplifying calculation of Parking Space Levy liabilities?
- (2) Does the Government support simplifying reporting requirements for property owners?
- (3) Does the Government believe transparency in Parking Space Levy expenditure should be improved?
- (4) Does the Government believe car share vehicles should be exempt from the Parking Space Levy?
- (5) Does the Government believe ride sharing vehicles should be exempt from the Parking Space Levy?
- (6) Does the Government believe taxi vehicles should be exempt from the Parking Space Levy?
- (7) As submissions to the review of the Parking Space Levy closed in December 2016 and the Government committed to provide a response in the first half of 2017, when is the government response to be expected?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW undertook a statutory review of the Parking Space Levy in 2016-17. The review is currently being considered by Government.

\*7095 ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT PROGRAMMES—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many applications were received from 29 March 2017 to 15 November 2017 for projects in the Granville electorate for each of the following grant programmes:
  - (a) Building Resilience to Climate Change;
  - (b) Eco Schools;
  - (c) Education;
  - (d) Lead Environment Community Groups;
  - (e) Protecting our Places;
  - (f) Research;
  - (g) Restoration and Rehabilitation;
  - (h) Pollution Clean-up;
  - (i) Waste Less, Recycle More;
  - (j) Food Gardens in Schools;
  - (k) Saving our Species Partnership Grants;
  - (l) Urban Sustainability.
- (2) How many applications were successful from 29 March 2017 to 15 November 2017 for projects in the Granville electorate for each of the grant programmes listed in part (1)?
- (3) What is the total value of successful grants for projects in the Granville electorate from 29 March 2017 to 15 November 2017 for each of the grant programmes listed in part (1)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 7.
- (2) 7.
- (3) \$1,007,516.

\*7096 COMPUTERISED TOMOGRAPHY SCAN SERVICES AT CAMPBELLTOWN AND LIVERPOOL HOSPITALS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Are Computerised Tomography (CT) scan services at Campbelltown Hospital available on weekends?

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- (a) If not:
  - (i) Why not;
  - (ii) Will you allocate the funds needed for these essential services in next year's Budget?
- (2) Are CT scan services at Liverpool Hospital available on weekends?
  - (a) If not:
    - (i) Why not;
    - (ii) Will you allocate the funds needed for these essential services in next year's Budget?

Answer—

Yes, these services are available weekends.

The funding is recurrent.

\*7097 LEACOCK REGIONAL PARK—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What budget allocation for the maintenance and improvement of Leacock Regional Park for the 2017-18 financial year?
- (2) What is the year to date expenditure for the maintenance of Leacock Regional Park?
- (3) How often does a ranger patrol Leacock Regional Park?
- (4) What is being done to deter motocross bikes accessing the park?
- (5) What, if any, improvements have been made to Bellbird Walking Track?
- (6) Are there any future plans for the long term management of Leacock Regional Park?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Approximately \$423,000.
- (2) Approximately \$112,000.
- (3) Patrols have increased in response to specific issues and incidents.
- (4) Trail bike activity is reported to Liverpool Police Station. Illegal tracks have been blocked and monitored to prevent them being re-established.
- (5) The Bellbird Walking Track has been inspected. Unsafe sections have been fenced off and temporary route diversions established. Construction works to upgrade the walk will commence in early 2018.
- (6) The long-term management of Leacock Regional Park includes pest management, bush regeneration, hazard reduction and ecological burns, signage updates, and establishment of a volunteer bush regeneration group.

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\*7098 DESTINATION NETWORKS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

- (1) Considering the Government's \$43 million investment over four years in the way regional and rural areas attract visitors, including the creation of six new Destination Networks throughout New South Wales, what will be the makeup of the Hunter network?
  - (a) Where will it be based?
  - (b) When will it commence?
  - (c) What will be its terms of reference?
  - (d) Who will be on it?
  - (e) How will these people be selected?

Answer—

The Government announced the creation of the six regional Destination Networks in July 2016. The six destination networks were established in March 2017.

The dedicated Sydney Surrounds North Destination Network is tasked with growing the local visitor economies, including in the Hunter, by representing and coordinating the region's tourism industry, delivering a destination management plan to increase visitation, and supporting the development of tourism products, experiences and infrastructure. The headquarters of Sydney Surrounds North Destination Network is in Gosford.

The Destination Network is governed by an independent, professional Board of five skills-based Directors and an independent Chair appointed by the Government. The applicants were selected for their skills and experience to deliver high quality governance, increase industry engagement and grow local visitor economies.

The Sydney Surrounds North Destination Network Board is:

- David Fellows Chair
- Richard Becker Director
- Kerry Comerford Director
- Naomi Farrelly Director
- Paul Gerard Hughes Director
- John V. McCarthy AO - Director

The Board is supported by a General Manager.

\*7099 RE-ZONING HUNTER STREET NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

What was the process undertaken for the re-zoning of 426 Hunter Street from a 24 metre height limit to an 18 metre height limit?

Answer—

I am advised:

426 Hunter Street, Newcastle has not been rezoned to an 18 metre height limit.

A 24 metre height limit applies in the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012.

Newcastle City Council is progressing a planning proposal that seeks to reduce the height limit to 18 metres.

The planning proposal process is the standard process for changing local environmental plans in New South Wales.

\*7100 VICTORIA STREET STATION UPGRADE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What works have been completed to upgrade the Victoria Street Station (as at 14 November 2017)?
- (2) When is the estimated time of completion for the upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding the Victoria Street Station upgrade is available on the Transport for NSW website.

\*7101 STOCKTON BEACH EROSION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Will Stockton Beach be placed on the New South Wales erosion hotspot list?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) What is being done at the current erosion hotspots in New South Wales and what funding is being provided?
- (3) How is the Office of Environment and Heritage prioritising funding and work for these hotspots?
- (4) Will offshore sand dredging for beach sand nourishment purposes at Stockton Beach be allowed?
- (5) Will the Minister meet with the concerned residents of Stockton to discuss their concerns?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Stockton does not meet the criteria to be defined as a coastal erosion hotspot. Hotspots are defined as areas where five or more houses and/or a public road are in a current or immediate coastal hazard area, as identified in a coastal hazard study.

(2) Councils with identified coastal erosion hotspots have been directed to prepare coastal zone management plans for these areas, and a number of plans have already been certified. Funding under the Coastal and Estuary Management grants program is available for eligible projects in a certified plan.

(3) Information about guidelines and rules for funding under the Coastal and Estuary Management grants is available at [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/coasts/coastalgrants.htm](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/coasts/coastalgrants.htm). Eligible projects are assessed and ranked by an independent state assessment panel.

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(4) State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Development) 2005 provides that all of the coastal water of New South Wales is defined to be an environmental area of state significance. The Minister for Planning is the approval authority for all development in this area.

In the meantime, the Port of Newcastle returns any clean sand dredged from the vicinity of the entrance to Stockton Beach. This has resulted in approximately 275,000 cubic metres of sand being moved since 2009.

(5) Coastal management is primarily the responsibility of local councils. The Office of Environment and Heritage is providing technical and financial assistance to Newcastle City Council to resolve this matter.

\*7102 NEWCASTLE TRANSPORT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the Government doing to better integrate the new Newcastle Interchange with the Newcastle Ferry Service?
- (2) Why did the Government not provide an additional ferry stop at Wickham as part of the Newcastle Interchange transport plan?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is investing \$660 million through the Revitalising Newcastle program to breathe new life into Newcastle. Unlike Labor, the Government has a vision for Newcastle – to bring people back to the city centre, strengthen connections between the city and the waterfront, create job opportunities, provide more public spaces, and deliver better transport.

It is ironic that you are now advocating for a new ferry stop to connect with an interchange that you opposed.

Newcastle Transport and Transport for NSW will undertake investigations in 2018 regarding the feasibility and benefits of enhancing integrated public transport links. An additional ferry stop at Wickham will also be considered as part of this investigation.

\*7103 SYDNEY LIGHT RAIL COMPENSATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What is the process for businesses affected by the light rail construction in Sydney to access rent relief?

Answer—

I am advised:

Small Businesses are eligible to request assistance provided they meet certain criteria. Businesses must employ fewer than 20 full-time equivalent employees; be situated along the alignment in close proximity to and impacted by construction activity; and located in a zone where construction is taking or is expected to take significantly longer than initially expected by Government.

The offer to assess the impact of light rail construction on any particular business is contingent on the business providing certified financial information. This paperwork is already prepared by the businesses for tax purposes.

\*7104 FERN BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the short-term and long-term strategic plan for Fern Bay Public School?
- (2) What date will the new demountable classroom arrive at Fern Bay Public School?
- (3) When will the fence along the perimeter of Fern Bay Public School be completed?
- (4) What is the timeframe for the arrival of any demountable classroom once ordered?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

- (1) The Department will be undertaking a review of school infrastructure requirements at Fern Bay Public School and the surrounding area in 2018.
- (2) The school's new demountable classroom was delivered onsite on 15 November 2017.
- (3) The final section of the perimeter fence is expected to be completed by Term 1, 2018.
- (4) It is not possible to provide a timeframe for the arrival of a demountable classroom onsite once it has been ordered, as this is subject to the development of a scope of works, which takes into account school operational requirements and whether or not a development application is required.

\*7105 NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

Will the Government match the Wests Group's \$10 million contribution toward the proposed Rugby League Centre of Excellence in Newcastle?

Answer—

The Newcastle Knights have been granted \$10 million by the Government through the New South Wales National Rugby League Centres of Excellence Program.

\*7106 SAFER PATHWAYS PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

What are the plans for the Safer Pathways Program after the re-engineering of the NSW Police Force Local Area Commands?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) has advised me:

The re-engineering process has not impacted established Safer Pathway sites to date and the program will continue to be expanded as planned.

\*7107 ICARE TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETER SERVICES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What systems are currently in place to provide English as a Second Language (ESL) speakers contacting icare with the support and assistance they require?
  - (a) Please list the online support.
  - (b) Please list the telephone support.
  - (c) Please list the face-to-face support at the Sydney, Parramatta and Newcastle offices.
- (2) Has icare completed the review into the delivery of translation services, as outlined in the Report of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice?
  - (a) If yes, have the following translation and interpreter options been adopted:
    - (i) Employing multilingual claims staff;
    - (ii) Engaging National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters;
    - (iii) Accredited services with specific guidelines for use;
    - (iv) Using telephone interpretation services;
    - (v) Using technology translation solutions?
  - (b) If no, when is the review expected to be completed and what translation options will be available for ESL speakers?
- (3) On average, how many individuals requiring translation or interpretation services contact icare on a monthly basis?
- (4) How does icare currently support these individuals?

Answer—

icare supports its customers that speak English as a Second Language by providing interpreting and translation services contact information on the icare website, immediate and pre booked telephone interpreting facilities, and face-to-face interpreting services at any location, including at all icare offices.

icare also works with interpreters that are National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) accredited and employs multilingual claims staff, receiving approximately 60 interpreting and translation requests per month.

\*7108 FIRST REVIEW OF THE WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) With regards to recommendation 1 of the Report of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice, what stage is icare up to in the development of education articles relating to the calculation of premiums?
- (2) When is it estimated that the education articles will be available?
- (3) How will employers be advised they are available?
- (4) Will employers be provided with these education articles voluntarily, or will they be required to contact their insurer?

Answer—

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Currently, every employer receives a full breakdown of the three components of their premium:

- Basic tariff Premium
- Employer Safety Incentive ( discount )
- Risk Premium ( discount or loading depending on their injury prevention and recovery performance )

Employers also receive a dashboard/scale graph of their premium and performance against like employers in their industry and of their size. This includes what their lowest possible premium would look like through low risk performance and their highest possible premium should they become a high risk employer.

icare has also developed a number of initiatives and articles dedicated to educating customers on how premiums are calculated, including the online customer portal which will be released in the first quarter of 2018. Customers will be invited by email/post to register and log into the portal, where they will be able to access all their premiums and policy information as well as make changes and manage their policy.

\*7109 RELOCATION OF BLACKWATTLE BAY MARINA—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) When was the Department of Planning and Infrastructure first informed about the proposal to relocate the Blackwattle Bay Marina to 5-19 Bank Street?
- (2) How was the department first notified, that is, in writing or at a meeting, and by whom?
- (3) What information did the department have about the proposal to relocate Blackwattle Bay Marina to 5-19 Bank Street when it assessed Modification 2 to separate land and water-based development assessments?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department was informed about the proposal on 15 June 2016.

The Department was notified in an email by UrbanGrowth NSW's planning consultant – Robertsday. A meeting with the Department was subsequently held on 24 June 2016 with UrbanGrowth NSW and Robertsday to discuss its proposal.

Prior to the lodgement of Modification 2 in November 2016, the Department had received a letter dated 4 August 2016 outlining UrbanGrowth NSW's proposal to relocate the Blackwattle Bay Marina. The Department received further correspondence dated 2 December 2016 which provided more detailed information about the relocation, including proposed uses and operations and a draft layout plan.

After Modification 2 was determined that a formal request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements dated 20 March 2017 for the relocation was lodged with the Department. Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for the relocation (Modification 3) were issued on 12 April 2017.

\*7110 5-19 BANK STREET – URBANGROWTH NSW—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier—

- (1) Why did UrbanGrowth NSW seek to separate the assessment of land-based development from water-based development in Modification 2 for the 5-19 Bank Street site instead of submitting an environmental impact statement that covered the entire modified proposal to relocate the Blackwattle Bay Marina there?
- (2) When did UrbanGrowth NSW first raise with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure that it would propose to relocate the Blackwattle Bay Marina to the 5-19 Bank Street site?
  - (a) How was this done, that is, in writing or at a meeting?
- (3) What community consultation did UrbanGrowth NSW undertake on the proposal to relocate Blackwattle Bay Marina to 5-19 Bank Street before it submitted the Modification 3 environmental impact statement?
- (4) What further work is needed before an environmental impact statement can be submitted for the water-based development?
- (5) To what extent will redevelopment of the Sydney Fish Market provide for the immediate relocation of the Blackwattle Bay Marina once the fish market development is complete?

Answer—

UrbanGrowth NSW Development Corporation (UGDC) is leading work on the redevelopment of the Bays Precinct, including the delivery of a world class Sydney Fish Market.

UGDC sought planning approval for 5-19 Bank Street, Pyrmont to enable construction of waterbased works, authorised by the original approval, ahead of dry land works.

UGDC continues to conduct extensive community and stakeholder consultation as part of the transformation of the Bays Precinct.

\*7111 WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO ICARE CUSTOMERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Is all written communication from icare to customers in plain and simple English?
- (2) Are icare employees provided a formal set of guidelines that offer advice on how to draft written communication without the use of complex jargon?
- (3) Has the April 2017 project to improve written communication enhanced customer satisfaction?
  - (a) What changes were included in this project?
- (4) What support is provided by icare to those customers who are unable to understand written communication regarding their workers compensation?

Answer—

icare has language guidelines for all employees that specifies communication to customers should be written in plain and simple English.

Following the launch of icare's new workers insurance claims service model on 1 January 2018, EML will use newly designed written communications for its customers. icare will use Net Promoter Score (NPS) surveys to assess improvements and enhancements by EML to the customer experience.

icare and EML are also currently piloting a personalised and interactive video (PIV) with injured workers, to explain and increase understanding on four key topics. These include acceptance of a claim - who is involved and their role, how weekly payments are calculated, the types of treatment covered and available return to work support.

\*7112 M5 TOLL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Will the Government commit that funds accrued from an M5 toll will not be used to fund the new Northern Beaches tunnel?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Northern Beaches Tunnel is in the early planning stage.

\*7113 FLAMMABLE CLADDING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) How many buildings in New South Wales are believed to contain flammable aluminium cladding?
- (2) How many buildings in Newcastle contain flammable aluminium cladding?
  - (a) Will the details about the locations of these buildings be released?
    - (i) If not, why not?

Answer—

Please refer to 'Update on the Fire Safety and External Wall Cladding Taskforce' released by the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation on 15 December 2017 available online at <https://www.finance.nsw.gov.au/about-us/media-releases/update-fire-safety-and-external-wall-cladding-taskforce>.

I refer to the update identified in answer 1. I note, at this time, none of the 220 buildings referred to in that update have been assessed as unsafe by a council pursuant to a letter requesting their inspection by Fire and Rescue NSW.

\*7114 GOVERNMENT OFFICES PARKES—Mr Philip Donato asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) In relation to the letters I wrote to you on 13 July and 22 September 2017 which detailed concerns raised by an Orange constituent regarding closure of Government offices in Parkes and the decentralisation of Government agencies, when can I expect a response?
- (2) What steps is the Government undertaking to encourage decentralisation?

Answer—

A response to this matter has now been provided and the issue is resolved.



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\*7115 MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY TREATMENT ORDERS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

- (1) What are the current wait lists (as at 16 November 2017) for people on Mental Health Community Treatment Orders (CTOs) living in:
  - (a) the Central Coast Local Health District;
  - (b) the Gosford electorate?
- (2) How many mental health patients on CTOs were on wait lists for community follow up after admissions to hospital for inpatient care?
- (3) What are the number of mental health inpatient admissions in each of the 2013-14, 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years (to 15 November 2017)?
- (4) Does the Government intend to increase funding for the Central Coast Local Health District (CCLHD) Community Mental Health service?
  - (a) If not, will other agencies provide additional services?

Answer—

- (1) Patients with a Mental Health Community Treatment Order (CTO) are considered a high priority for mental health services. Mental Health services in the District are able to meet the needs of all patients on a CTO.
- (2) As of 23 November 2017, there are no patients on CTOs waiting for community care following a period of admission to hospital.
- (3) In the financial years, there were:
  - 810 admissions for 2013-14
  - 891 admissions for 2014-15
  - 796 admissions for 2015-16
  - 671 admissions for 2016-17
  - 251 admissions for 2017-18 (to 15 November 2017)
- (4) Funding enhancements for Community Mental Health services on the Central Coast were announced in August 2017.

\*7116 WOY WOY DIGITAL STORE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Of the 5,300 customers served in the 2016-17 financial year at the Woy Woy Digital Store:
  - (a) How many submitted documentation to be processed?
  - (b) How many were assisted with an online service?
  - (c) How many were told to visit a Service NSW Centre?
  - (d) How many were unable to be assisted?

Answer—

Around 560 medical assessment forms were submitted for processing at the Woy Woy Digital Store in 2016-17. All customers are assisted with accessing information online at the Woy Woy Digital Store. The number of customers referred to a Service Centre is not recorded.

\*7117 CROWN LAND—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Which individual pieces of Crown Land are in the Gosford electorate?
- (2) For which of these is Central Coast Council trustee?
- (3) Are there any requirements for public consultation when Crown Land is sold?
- (4) Are there provisions for land which has been donated to remain Crown Land indefinitely?

Answer—

(1) As at 28 November 2017, there are 485 lots (about 11,220 hectares) of Crown land in the Gosford state electoral district, excluding Crown waterways and Crown Roads.

(2) Under the Crown Lands Act 1989 Central Coast Council is appointed trust manager for 52 reserves.

(3) Yes. Under the Crown Lands Act 1989, Crown land must not be sold unless a notice of intention to sell has been published in the local newspaper in which the land is situated or in a newspaper circulating generally in the State.

Under the Roads Act 1993, a Crown road must first be closed, prior to any sale and a notice of the proposed closing of a road is published in a local newspaper and submissions invited for a minimum of 28 days.

Under the new Crown Land Management Act 2016, public consultation will be informed by the proposed Community Engagement Strategy which concludes public exhibition at midnight, Sunday 10 December 2017.

(4) Under the Crown Lands Act 1989, the Minister may acquire any land by gift and may agree to the conditions. Land acquired in this manner may not be dealt with in breach of a condition to which the Minister has agreed. In addition, Crown land may be compulsorily acquired by an authority of the State.

\*7118 SCHOOLS OPEN-PLAN LEARNING—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many schools across New South Wales have adopted an open-plan learning environment?
- (2) How many schools in the Gosford electorate have adopted an open-plan learning environment?
- (3) What efforts have been made to evaluate the success of these new learning environments?
- (4) What framework is in place for the consultation of parents and students that now participate in open-plan learning?
- (5) What steps have been taken to ensure the Department of Education adequately trains teachers for open-plan learning?
- (6) What steps have been taken to ensure the habitability (temperature control, glare etc) of open-plan learning spaces for teachers and students?

Answer—

I'm advised that;

(1) and (2) The Government is continuing to deliver future focused learning spaces across the state. Spaces can be suitable for open plan teaching and learning, incorporating the latest technology to support high quality teaching.

(3) A post occupancy evaluation process, which will evaluate new learning environments, is currently being developed.

(4) Schools have a variety of ways to communicate with parents and school communities about teaching and learning spaces. These include school newsletters, P&C meetings, parent and teacher nights and information sessions.

(5) The Department of Education offers open plan learning resources, research and toolkits to support teachers. The Futures Learning concept space, at the Australian Technology Park enables school teams, leaders and teachers to explore learning and teaching, spatial design, furniture and technology in an open plan environment.

(6) The Department of Education has standards and guidelines for the design of school facilities to ensure that they are fit for purpose. The department has developed a framework that recommends a sustainable and cost effective approach to improving thermal comfort in all learning spaces on a priority basis using passive measures such as upgraded insulation, sunscreens and improved ventilation.

\*7119 GOSFORD HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) When will funding for Stage 2 of the carpark/tower development of Gosford Hospital become available?
- (2) What is the proposed eight-hour carparking fee for staff in the new carpark at Gosford Hospital?
- (3) When will the expansion of the Gosford Hospital Emergency Department occur?

Answer—

Funding from NSW Health has been secured in relation to Tower A of the Health and Wellbeing Precinct.

The proposed fee schedule for the new Gosford Hospital multi-storey car park will align with NSW Health Policy Directive PD2013\_031.

Gosford's Emergency Department will undergo a staged opening.

\*7120 NEW INTERCITY RAIL FLEET NEWCASTLE LINE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Are there current plans to close train stations along the Central Coast and Newcastle line following the introduction of the new Intercity Rail Fleet in 2019?
  - (a) If plans exist, which train stations along the Central Coast and Newcastle line are to be closed?
  - (b) What are the planned obsolescence dates for the stations in question?

Answer—

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I am advised:

No.

\*7121 GOVERNMENT FUNDED REFUGES FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Ms Jenny Aitchison 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 government funded refuges were there for victims of domestic violence in New South Wales as at 31 October 2017?

(a) How many of these were:

- (i) Exclusively for female victims of domestic violence and their families;
- (ii) Shared between victims of domestic violence and homeless citizens?

(2) How many government funded refuges were there for victims of domestic violence in New South Wales in 2013?

(a) How many of these were:

- (i) Exclusively for female victims of domestic violence and their families;
- (ii) Shared between victims of domestic violence and homeless citizens?

Answer—

I am advised that information about NSW Government funding for women's refuges, including funding and service increases is available at [www.housing.nsw.gov.au](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au).

\*7122 ADULT ENGLISH MIGRANT PROGRAM—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

How long does the contract to deliver the Adult English Migrant Program in Newcastle run?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Commonwealth Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills, as the Minister with the responsibility for the Adult English Migrant Program.

\*7123 RUTHERFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

(1) How much will the Government spend on upgrading Rutherford Public School?

(2) What will the upgrade consist of?

(3) When will the upgrade commence?

(4) When is the upgrade expected to be complete?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

- (1) The project cost will be published in the State Budget following the tender process.
- (2) The upgrade will provide additional new permanent classrooms and upgraded core facilities.
- (3) The project is currently in the design phase. Construction is expected to commence in mid-2018.
- (4) Construction is expected to be completed in late 2019.

\*7124 PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAITLAND ELECTORATE ENROLMENT CEILING—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

(1) What is the enrolment ceiling for each public school in the Maitland electorate?

(2) How many schools have exceeded this enrolment limit?

(a) Which schools have exceeded the enrolment limit, and by how many students in each instance?

Answer—

I'm advised that all schools are required to follow the Department of Education's enrolment policy. Every eligible student who wishes to attend a New South Wales government school will be given a place at their local school. The department does not have fixed enrolment capacities at New South Wales government schools. Schools have the capacity to adapt to fluctuating enrolments through the use of a combination of temporary and permanent teaching spaces. Where non-local enrolment is possible and places exceed availability, a placement panel is formed. The placement panel considers non-local enrolment applications in line with the department's policy.

\*7125 WESTMEAD CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PAEDIATRIC CARDIAC SURGERIES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many paediatric cardiac surgeries have been rescheduled or cancelled at Westmead Children's Hospital in the last 12 months to 14 November 2017?
- (2) How many of these are a result of:
  - (a) Lack of theatre availability;
  - (b) Lack of medical personnel availability;
  - (c) Lack of bed availability;
  - (d) Surgery no longer required?

Answer—

Patient postponements are avoided wherever possible and only occur when all options are exhausted and senior management have made the decision. Sometimes it is necessary to delay booked surgery to make way for life-threatening cases. These emergency cases will always receive priority over non-emergency or surgery scheduled in advance. However, the hospital will make every effort to avoid such postponements and to reschedule delayed patients as soon as practicable.

\*7126 FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

Considering the Government's announcement of \$94.5 million in needs based funding for Hunter schools in 2018, how much will each public school in the Maitland electorate receive of the \$15.9 million allocated for the Maitland region?

Answer—

I'm advised the 2018 funding for each New South Wales public school is publicly available on the Department of Education website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/our-priorities/work-more-effectively/local-schools-local-decisions/resource-allocation-model>

\*7127 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON OFFICERS MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

How many Domestic Violence Liaison Officers will service the electorate of Maitland after the restructuring of the NSW Police Force Local Area Commands?

Answer—

I am advised:

Police resources are allocated to commands, not electorates.

\*7128 BOLWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How much will the Government spend on upgrading Bolwarra Public School?
- (2) What will the upgrade consist of?
- (3) When will the upgrade commence?
- (4) When is the upgrade expected to be complete?

Answer—

I'm advised:

- (1) The project cost will be published in the State Budget following the tender process.
- (2) The upgrade will provide additional new permanent classrooms and upgraded core facilities.
- (3) Construction is anticipated to commence in February 2018.
- (4) The project is anticipated to be complete in early 2019.

\*7129 HOME INTERACTION PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND YOUNGSTERS SERVICES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

What is the Government doing to support the ongoing provision of services by Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) Eastlakes?

Answer—

The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

\*7130 TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

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- (1) What is the total amount of the funds that has been collected to 31 October 2017 since introduction of the Transitional Assistance Payments Scheme whereby taxi and hire car licence holders were provided \$20,000 per licence holder (up to a maximum of 2 licences) and the \$1 per fare surcharge which is to be returned to the scheme?
- (2) How long will the \$1 per fare surcharge remain in force?
- (3) What is the required amount of funds to be collected from fares that will enable this surcharge to cease being collected?
- (4) How regularly are licence holders required to forward the collected funds to the scheme manager?

Answer—

I advised:

This information is available on the Point to Point Transport Commission's website.

\*7131 LOWER HUNTER FREIGHT CORRIDOR—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Does Transport for NSW currently own any of the land being considered for the Lower Hunter Freight Corridor (LHFC)?
- (2) Do other New South Wales government agencies currently own any of the land being considered for the LHFC;
  - (a) If so, which agencies and which land allotments?
- (3) When does the Government expect to make an announcement with regard to a final corridor for the LHFC?
- (4) Has any money been allocated in the current 2017-18 Budget for the purpose of acquisition or construction of the LHFC?
- (5) Has any money been allocated in the forward estimates of Budget, years 2018-19, 2019-20 or 2020-21, for the purpose of acquisition or construction of the LHFC?
- (6) Is Lot 106 DP 1000408 at West Wallsend currently being considered for inclusion as part of the LHFC proposal?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about the Lower Hunter Freight Corridor is available on the Transport for NSW website.

\*7132 HEAVY VEHICLE SAFETY STATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) On average, how many hours per day was the Mount White Heavy Vehicle Safety Station (HVSS) operational and receiving/inspecting heavy vehicles in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2016-17?
- (2) On average, how many heavy vehicles per day were inspected at the Mount White HVSS in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2016-17?
- (3) On average, how many hours per day was the Twelve Mile Creek HVSS operational and receiving/inspecting heavy vehicles in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2016-17?
- (4) On average, how many heavy vehicles per day were inspected at the Twelve Mile Creek HVSS in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2016-17?
- (5) What is the average number of full-time equivalent heavy vehicle inspectors, that operate at various fixed and mobile HVSS facilities across New South Wales in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2016-17?
- (6) Do inspections include checking records of speeds of vehicles?
  - (a) If so, how exactly does this happen?
- (7) Are heavy vehicles still restricted to 100km/h on roads across New South Wales?
  - (a) If not, where and when do exceptions apply?
- (8) How many heavy vehicle drivers have been issued with speeding fines as a result of inspection of their recent driving log/history at the Mount White HVSS in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2016-17?
- (9) How many heavy vehicle drivers have been issued with speeding fines as a result of inspection of their recent driving log/history at the Twelve Mile Creek HVSS in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2016-17?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4), (6) and (7) This information is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.  
 (5) Roads and Maritime Services staffing numbers are available in the Annual Reports.  
 (8) and (9) This is a matter for the Minister for Police and Minister for Emergency Services.

\*7133 WORKERS COMPENSATION DISPUTE RESOLUTION ARRANGEMENTS REVIEW—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) When did the review into the workers compensation dispute resolution arrangements commence?  
 (2) When is the review expected to be completed?  
 (3) Who is undertaking the review?  
 (a) If it is an internal Government review:  
 (i) How many staff have been allocated to the review?  
 (ii) Are they required to complete these additional duties on top of their existing workload?  
 (4) What stakeholders have been consulted during the review?  
 (5) How much has the review cost (as 15 November 2017)?  
 (6) Will the findings of the review be made public?  
 (7) How will members of the public be notified of the findings?

Answer—

- (1) The review into the workers compensation dispute resolution arrangements commenced in May 2017 following the Law and Justice Standing Committee's report on the first review of the workers compensation scheme.  
 (2) The review is expected to be completed in mid-2018.  
 (3) The Central Policy Office within the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation (DFSI) is undertaking the review.  
 (i) 2.75 Full-time equivalent (FTE) staff from Central Policy Office are currently working on the review but this project resourcing has varied during the course of the review  
 (ii) These staff are not undertaking the review on top of their existing workload – leading these sorts of policy reviews is one of the Central Policy Office's core functions.  
 (4) The following stakeholders were consulted during the review:

Employee and employer groups	Australian Workers Union Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union Teachers Federation NSW Unions NSW NSW Business Chamber
Insurance	Insurance Council of Australia NSW Self-Insurers Association
Legal	Australian Lawyers Alliance Law and Justice Foundation of NSW Law Society of NSW
Health	Australian Medical Association (NSW)
NSW Government	State Insurance Regulatory Authority icare Workers Compensation Independent Review Office Workers Compensation Commission SafeWork NSW Department of Justice NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet NSW Treasury SIRA Board
Academics	Dr Genevieve Grant, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Monash University Professor Tania Sourdin, Head and Dean of the Newcastle Law School, University of Newcastle

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Other jurisdictions	Fair Work Commission Accident Compensation Conciliation Service, Victoria Department of Justice and Regulation, Victoria WorkCover Western Australia Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (Ontario, Canada) WorkSafe Victoria
Digital design and technology service providers	Portable Deloitte

A number of other stakeholders were invited to meet with DFSI but did not respond or were not interested.

32 workers compensation claimants from across New South Wales with experience of the dispute resolution system were also interviewed about their experiences (see point 5 below).

(5) External consultants have been used to collect and analyse specific evidence to inform the review:

(a) AMR research conducted a research study into the experiences of workers compensation claimants who have used the dispute resolution system, at a cost of \$33,000 (including GST).

(b) Actuarial firm Taylor Fry provided data collection and analysis services at a cost of \$208,293 (including GST). These costs should be viewed in the context of the value and complexity of the scheme, which costs over \$3 billion per year to administer with 30 000 claims processed every year.

(6) and (7) DFSI released the Discussion Paper on 20 December 2017. The Government will publish submissions received in response to the discussion paper. The outcome of the review and the Government's position will be made public in due course.

\*7134 CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION MANUAL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Has the State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) developed the Claims Administration Manual?
  - (a) If yes, has it been published?
  - (b) If not, when is it expected to be established?
- (2) How will the manual be enforced?
- (3) Will disciplinary action be taken against scheme agents that do not adhere to the expectations of the manual?

Answer—

(1) The State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) is currently in the process of developing a claims administration manual. The manual will outline SIRA's expectations for insurer claims management, dispute handling and litigation processes, as well as insurer interaction with workers. SIRA will undertake a comprehensive stakeholder consultation process to inform the development of the manual. SIRA aims to finalise, publish and implement the claims administration manual in the second half of 2018.

There are a number of workers compensation guidelines in place currently that provide guidance on claims management. Once finalised, the claims administration manual will provide an updated centralised source of claims handling information. A review of existing workers compensation guidelines will be undertaken concurrently with development of the claims administration manual.

(2) Compliance and enforcement of the claims administration manual will be incorporated into existing SIRA insurer supervision and compliance models.

A number of strategies and regulatory tools will be used to support insurer compliance with the claims administration manual, and may include:

- Education and information
- Regular feedback to insurers on SIRA assessment of their performance
- Audits
- Formal warnings, directions and penalties
- Suspension or cancellation of licences

(3) SIRA will undertake regulatory action aligned to the risk and potential for harm arising from the insurer's non-compliance. Legislative provisions are available to support any SIRA action.

Under section 192A(4) of the Workers Compensation Act 1987, SIRA is able to issue directions to insurers (including scheme agents) as to the procedure to be followed in the administration of any claims or class of claims in order to comply with the claims administration manual. Section 192A(4)(A) specifies "an insurer who fails to comply with a direction under subsection (4) is guilty of an offence. Maximum penalty: 50 units".

Section 194(1) of the Workers Compensation Act 1987 provides that SIRA "may give directions to insurers for or with respect to requiring the adoption and use by them of specified processes, procedures, strategies, policies and other methods in the handling and administration of claims for compensation or work injury damages, either generally or in respect of a specified class or classes of cases". It is a condition of an insurer's licence to comply with a direction under this section.

\*7135 OAK FLATS STATION PARAMEDICS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Was a 12-seater mini-van used by on-call paramedics at Oak Flats Station on the night-shift of Thursday, 26 October 2017?
  - (a) If so, why?
  - (b) Did this vehicle attend any emergency scenes?
    - (i) If so, what were the natures of these emergencies?
  - (c) Is the use of such a vehicle a common occurrence in New South Wales?
- (2) How many additional vehicles were provided to Oak Flats Station following the installation of an additional 11 paramedics to the site in March 2017?
- (3) What is the total number of paramedics currently installed at Oak Flats Station, as at 15 November 2017?
- (4) What is the total number of ambulance vehicles currently retained at Oak Flats Station, as at 15 November 2017?
- (5) Are there currently plans to introduce additional vehicles at Oak Flats Station?
  - (a) If so, how many and by what date?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

A fully marked and equipped 12-seater iload van with lights and siren was used by one on-call paramedic from Oak Flats station on 26 October 2017 to drive to their residence. Vehicles of this type are not patient transport vehicles, but are used within NSW Ambulance as support vehicles for various operational tasks.

The number of ambulance vehicles and paramedics allocated is calculated based on the needs of the community. Two additional emergency ambulances are being procured for the Illawarra Zone, one of which will be assigned to Oak Flats station.

\*7136 ILLAWARRA REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Have any 'opportunities to provide improved bus services or a free shuttle bus' to service 'the growing areas of Shellharbour, Albion Park, Calderwood, Warrawong, and West Dapto' been identified by this Government since the release of the Illawarra Regional Transport Plan (page 36) in March 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has introduced a number of initiatives, funded by its Growth Services Program, which have delivered new or improved services in the Illawarra region. Further service initiatives were introduced on 26 November 2017 with the introduction of the new route 75 between Tullimbar, Calderwood and Shellharbour.

\*7137 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Will the Government conduct a review into the service plan and costing of the Shellharbour Hospital's redevelopment?
  - (a) If so, what form will this review take, and when is it expected to be delivered?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—



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The Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District continually reviews population projections and demographic data. The Government has committed to the \$251 million redevelopment of Shellharbour Hospital.

\*7138 RETURN AND EARN COLLECTION POINTS IN THE SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What is the expected total number of Return and Earn collection points to be introduced within the Shellharbour electorate?
  - (a) Where will these collection points be located?
- (2) Have assurances been sought from local councils that the revenue generated from residential, kerbside recycling will be returned to the taxpayer via improved waste services or additional savings in council rates?
  - (a) If so, has this assurance been offered by all local councils across New South Wales, particularly Shellharbour City Council and Wollongong City Council?
  - (b) Further, will local councils publicly disclose the total revenue generated from the Return and Earn scheme via kerbside recycling and where these funds have been spent?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The roll out of collection points continues. For more information please see [www.returnandearn.org.au](http://www.returnandearn.org.au)
- (2) Local councils determine their costs of providing domestic waste management services. The EPA has developed a package to assist local councils understand their responsibilities and identify opportunities under the scheme.

\*7139 IMPROVING SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) What is the progress of the platform for key data sets relating to Sydney's night time economy to support decisions and service delivery, identified as a supportable item in the Government's response to the Sydney Night-Time Economy Roundtable?
- (2) What data will be identified in this platform?
- (3) Will this platform be publicly available?
  - (a) If so, where?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (4) What is the progress of the 11 action items in the City of Sydney Live Music and Performance Action Plan 2014 that require State action to remove barriers and complexities for venues hosting live music and performance as identified in the Government's response to the Sydney Night-Time Economy Roundtable?
- (5) What action has occurred outside the Sydney Night Time Economy Task Force on these action items?
- (6) As part of this process, what recommendations have been made to Government on these action items?

Answer—

These questions should be redirected to the Minister for the Arts.

\*7140 5-19 BANK STREET—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

To what extent does the Government remain committed to transferring the land at 5-19 Bank Street Pyrmont to the City of Sydney, given UrbanGrowth NSW proposes to relocate the Blackwattle Bay Marina on the site for 10 years?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has tasked UrbanGrowth with the urban renewal of 95 hectares of largely government-owned harbour front land in the Bays Precinct. This includes the Roads and Maritime land at 5-19 Bank Street Pyrmont, as well as 94 ha of waterways for the economic, cultural and social benefit of Sydney and the State of New South Wales.

\*7141 SYDNEY NIGHT TIME ECONOMY MASTER PLAN—Mr Alex Greenwich 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 progress has been made on the promised Sydney night time economy master plan?
- (2) To what extent will the master plan support live music and live entertainment in Kings Cross, Darlinghurst and the Sydney central business district?
- (3) What non-government organisations have been consulted on the development of the master plan?
- (4) What further work is required before the master plan is finalised?
- (5) When is the master plan expected to be finalised?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Government established a Night-Time Economy Taskforce to deliver on 25 night-time economy actions. These actions were developed by a Night-Time Economy Roundtable of stakeholders from across community, industry, and government. The Government has responded to all 25 actions, and implementation is underway. Implementation of these actions is informing the development of the Night-time Economy Master Plan. To develop the Master Plan, the Taskforce is:
  - Finalising a strategic communications plan which will inform development of a media and marketing campaign to promote Sydney's diverse and vibrant night-time economy.
  - Reviewing planning regulations and identifying opportunities for reform to encourage new night-time offerings from entrepreneurs, creatives and small businesses.
  - Working with property owners and the City of Sydney to facilitate the use of vacant commercial spaces and public places.
  - Working with Transport for NSW to improve the connections between entertainment offerings.
  - Exploring options for an increased late-night retail and non-licensed premises trading program, and
  - Investigating a partnership with the Sydney City and Kings Cross liquor accords, and the Australian Hotels Association, through Liquor & Gaming NSW, to develop patron codes of behaviour, digital displays, coasters, and other collateral to promote responsible patron behaviour and alcohol consumption.
- (2) The Taskforce is considering ways to assist the live music sector by removing barriers and complexity to make it easier for venues to host live music. This includes investigating opportunities for the temporary use of places and spaces for live music and performance and the feasibility of developing a contemporary music strategy. As part of its response to the statutory review of the New South Wales liquor laws conducted by the Hon. Ian Callinan AC QC, the Government has also relaxed liquor law restrictions for eligible venues that host live entertainment, including live music, in Sydney's CBD and Kings Cross entertainment precincts.
- (3) The 25 night-time economy actions were directly informed by consultation with the private and public sectors through the Night-Time Economy Roundtable. The Taskforce has continued to collaborate with the community, industry, and across Government as required whilst implementing these actions to inform the development of the Master Plan. This includes consultation with organisations like the Newtown Precinct Business Association, the Live Music Office, and the Committee for Sydney's Night-Time Commission.
- (4) The Taskforce is continuing to collaborate with industry, community and Government to identify challenges and develop solutions to assist with implementation.
- (5) It is anticipated that a draft masterplan will be available for the Government to consider in 2018.

\*7142 BAYS WATERFRONT PROMENADE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier—

- (1) What land has been identified for the Bays Waterfront Promenade between the Sydney Secondary College Blackwattle Bay campus and the former Glebe Island Bridge?
- (2) What protections are in place to ensure this land is not built on or alienated from public access?
- (3) Will the Government guarantee public foreshore access on this land under the Bays Precinct redevelopment including the new Fish Market?
- (4) When does the Government expect to hold community consultation on plans for the Bays Waterfront Promenade?
- (5) When does the Government expect the Bays Waterfront Promenade to be complete so that people can walk from Balmain to Pyrmont?

Answer—

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Public access to the foreshore area is a priority for the Government. The exact location for the Bays Waterfront Promenade will be determined as part of the master-planning process.

UrbanGrowth NSW is committed to engaging with stakeholders and the community throughout the transformation of the Bays Precinct. This includes engagement throughout the masterplanning process with various reference groups, council stakeholders and community groups.

\*7143 UNSAFE CLADDING IN APARTMENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) How many apartment buildings identified in the Government audit to potentially have dangerous cladding have reported back to the Government?
- (2) How many of those have been found to have dangerous cladding?
- (3) What follow-up is the Government undertaking with regard to apartment buildings that have not reported back?
- (4) What follow-up is the Government undertaking to ensure that any building with unsafe cladding rectifies the problem to reduce fire safety risks?
- (5) What information is the Government providing to owner corporations of buildings with dangerous cladding to help rectify their buildings?
- (6) How is the Government ensuring that tenants in apartment buildings that contain or could contain dangerous cladding are made aware of potential fire risks in their homes?
- (7) What action can tenants take to break a lease if they believe their home is unsafe due to cladding?

Answer—

(1) to (6) The Fire Safety and External Wall Cladding Taskforce (the Cladding Taskforce) was established in June 2017. The Cladding Taskforce and individual agencies take fire safety very seriously and have worked to address concerns over fire safety risks arising from the use of aluminium cladding on buildings in New South Wales.

Initial and subsequent assessments completed by the Cladding Taskforce, Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) and the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) identified 1,184 buildings that could possibly have cladding. As at 7 December 2017, 220 buildings including 58 high-rise residential buildings were identified as having cladding in a quantity or configuration which requires further assessment.

The Cladding Taskforce wrote to all building owners identified in the initial assessment and as at 23 November 2017 over 150 people had registered their building details.

In addition to the letters mailed to the owners of identified buildings, FRNSW has visited all high-rise residential buildings identified in the initial audit. FRNSW is liaising with local councils which will assess the local situation and consider the necessity of additional action. Local councils will close the report back to FRNSW.

The Cladding Taskforce has also written to occupants in building requiring further assessment. The Cladding Taskforce will ensure occupants are updated as required.

It is important to remember that just because a building has cladding does not mean it is unsafe. This is why FRNSW, working within the Cladding Taskforce, is requiring councils to do further inspections.

(7) Tenants should check with their real estate agent or landlord to ensure the above checks have been carried out. Landlords are responsible for ensuring a rented property is safe, and tenants can take action under the Residential Tenancies Act to enforce their rights if a landlord fails to do so.

\*7144 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND FAMILY VIOLENCE—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) Is it true that:
  - (a) an average of one woman a week dies at the hands of a partner or former partner;
  - (b) nearly one child a fortnight is killed by a parent or guardian;
  - (c) nearly 40 per cent of people who suicide are known to police through domestic violence reports;
  - (d) 10 per cent of men and 20 per cent of women who suicide have witnessed domestic/family violence?
- (2) What evidence does the NSW Advocate for Children and Young People have about self-harm and impacts of domestic/family violence on children?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of the total assaults, injury and deaths resulting from domestic/family violence?

- (4) What further action will the Government take to uncover, address and prevent the toll of domestic/family violence?

Answer—

I am advised this information is available in the NSW Domestic Violence Death Review Team Report 2015-2017 at [http://www.coroners.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/Publications/dv\\_annual\\_reports.aspx](http://www.coroners.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/Publications/dv_annual_reports.aspx)

Under the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint for Reform 2016-2021 for better lives for women, men and children, the government has established a direction for a domestic and family violence system that prevents violence, intervenes early, supports victims, holds perpetrators accountable and delivers evidence-based, quality services to make victims safer and support their recovery. More information on the Blueprint can be obtained at <http://www.domesticviolence.nsw.gov.au/publications/blueprint>.

The Government is investing more than \$350 million over four years to tackle domestic violence by supporting victim-survivors and holding perpetrators to account. This investment is in addition to the hundreds of millions of dollars the Government spends each year to combat domestic and family violence through mainstream services in justice, police, health, child protection, social housing and homelessness services.

- \*7145 DOLTONE HOUSE JONES BAY WHARF COMPLAINTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Has the security management plan referred to in LA Q4786 (Questions and Answers Paper 196, dated 28 November 2013) been submitted, assessed and approved?  
(a) What changes resulted from this plan?  
(b) How is this information made available to the adjacent community?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that the security management plan referred to in LA Q4786 was received by Liquor & Gaming NSW (in its former iteration as the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing) in September 2009 as part of a formal disturbance complaint investigation of Doltone House Jones Bay Wharf under section 79 of the Liquor Act 2007.  
(a) I am advised that the plan contained measures to minimise noise disturbance. Measures included the management of patrons arriving and departing the venue; maintaining a register of complaints and a dedicated telephone line for complaints; the positioning of security guards so as to minimise the disturbance caused by patrons outside the venue.  
(b) I am advised that Liquor & Gaming NSW does not generally publish plan of management documents. Some licensees may choose to provide such documents to nearby residents. The liquor licence is a public document and contains noise related conditions. Liquor licences can be looked up at [www.onegov.nsw.gov.au](http://www.onegov.nsw.gov.au).

- \*7146 WORKERS COMPENSATION INDEPENDENT REVIEW OFFICE WEBSITE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Given that free, independent legal advice and grants are offered on the Workers Compensation Independent Review Office (WIRO) website, do injured workers incur any out-of-pocket expenses when accessing lawyers through this system?  
(2) What level of advice and assistance are injured workers provided when accessing this service?  
(3) Where are the grants sourced from?  
(4) Is there a maximum amount of grant funding provided to one individual?  
(a) If so, what is the maximum amount?  
(5) If lawyers are unsuccessful in accessing grant funding, is the injured worker expected to cover the costs of the "free, independent legal advice"?  
(6) How many injured workers have accessed this system?  
(a) How many of these people have incurred out-of-pocket expenses whilst accessing lawyers through this system?

Answer—

- (1) Workers Compensation Independent Review Office (WIRO) grants assistance to lawyers who have been approved to provide legal services to injured workers. A condition of the Agreement between the WIRO and the lawyer is that the injured worker does not incur any expense.

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- (2) Injured workers have access to experienced workers compensation lawyers who are remunerated for their work in accordance with regulated schedule of fees. Legal costs are payable for certain categories of disputes including disputes about liability, lump sum compensation, medical treatment, apportionment of death benefits and threshold disputes.
- (3) Section 35(2)(c) of the Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998 provides that the costs incurred by the WIRO are to be paid from the Workers Compensation Operational Fund.
- (4) There is no maximum grant to assist any one injured worker. Where appropriate, costs are paid in accordance with Schedule 6 of the Workers Compensation Regulation 2016 which provides for maximum costs in compensation matters.
- (5) The 2012 legislative reforms provided that an injured worker must pay her or his legal costs.
- (6) As at 31 October 2017 WIRO had received 60,066 applications for funding from injured workers.
  - (a) WIRO has become aware of a few lawyers requesting injured workers to pay for out-of-pocket expenses themselves. That conduct is in breach of the Agreement with the WIRO. Where there is a grant those expenses are ultimately paid by WIRO.

\*7147 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE HUNTER NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Are there any criteria of the Office of the Children's Guardian's accreditation standards to oversee out of home care that Family and Community Services (FACS) Hunter New England district does not meet, as at 15 November 2017?
  - (a) If so, which?

Answer—

I am advised that FACS is working to achieve full five-year accreditation for Hunter New England and that there will be no disruption to the provision of services for children and young people. More information can be obtained from the Office of the Children's Guardian at: <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/statutory-out-of-home-care-and-adoption/designated-agencies/community-services-hunter-new-england-district>.

\*7148 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND OUT OF HOME CARE SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

Has Family and Community Services (FACS) developed, or is it developing, a plan to transfer oversight of out of home care services away from the Hunter New England district in the event that it is stripped of its oversight accreditation?

Answer—

I am advised that FACS is working to achieve full five-year accreditation for Hunter New England and that there will be no disruption to the provision of services for children and young people. More information can be obtained from the Office of the Children's Guardian at: [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/statutory-out-of-home-care-and-adoption/designated-agencies/community-services-hunter-new-england-district](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/statutory-out-of-home-care-and-adoption/designated-agencies/community-services-hunter-new-england-district).

\*7149 CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINE AVERAGE SPEED OF ANSWER—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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 was the Family and Community Services (FACS) Child Protection Helpline's average speed of answer for the following periods:
  - (a) 2013-14 financial year (by quarter);
  - (b) 2014-15 financial year (by quarter);
  - (c) 2015-16 financial year (by quarter);
  - (d) 2016-17 financial year (by quarter, to Q2)?

Answer—

I am advised that the child protection helpline continually monitors the demand for this service and has implemented strategies which include the recruitment of additional staff, improved efficiencies and new technology.

I am advised that information about the helpline is available at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/facs->

statistics/objective-1.

\*7150 CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINE ABANDONMENT RATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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 was the Family and Community Services (FACS) Child Protection Helpline's abandonment rate for the following periods:
- 2013-14 financial year (by quarter);
  - 2014-15 financial year (by quarter);
  - 2015-16 financial year (by quarter);
  - 2016-17 financial year (by quarter, to Q2)?

Answer—

I am advised that the child protection helpline continually monitors the demand for this service and has implemented strategies which include the recruitment of additional staff, improved efficiencies and new technology.

I am advised that information about the helpline is available at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au/facs-statistics/objective-1](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/facs-statistics/objective-1).

\*7151 CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINE WAIT TIME—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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 was the maximum wait time on the Family and Community Services (FACS) Child Protection Helpline for the following periods:
- 2013-14 financial year (by quarter);
  - 2014-15 financial year (by quarter);
  - 2015-16 financial year (by quarter);
  - 2016-17 financial year (by quarter, to Q2)?

Answer—

I am advised that the child protection helpline continually monitors the demand for this service and has implemented strategies which include the recruitment of additional staff, improved efficiencies and new technology.

I am advised that information about the helpline is available at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au/facs-statistics/objective-1](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/facs-statistics/objective-1).

\*7152 SOCIAL HOUSING TENANCIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked 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 residences delivered through the Social and Affordable Housing Fund are tenanted, as at 15 November 2017?

Answer—

I advised that information about the Social and Affordable Housing Fund is available on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*7153 SOCIAL HOUSING WATERLOO TENANCIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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 residential tenancy agreements over social housing dwellings in Waterloo have commenced since 15 November 2016, as at 15 November 2017?
- How many of those agreements were made with tenants with dependent children?

Answer—

I am advised that information about new households entering public housing is available on the FACS website at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/facs-statistics/objective-3>.

\*7154 SOCIAL HOUSING WATERLOO TENANTS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked 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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How many social housing dwellings in Waterloo are currently occupied by tenants with dependent children, as at 15 November 2017?

Answer—

I am advised that information about public housing occupancy is available on the FACS website at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>.

\*7155 SUPPORT FOR INJURED WORKERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

What process is implemented to refer injured workers to the appropriate support when they call the State Insurance Regulatory Authority's 13 10 50 contact number?

Answer—

Where the call classified as is an enquiry, the State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) Advisory Service will provide a response based on information contained in an expert knowledge database.

Where the call is classified as a compliant about an insurer, the SIRA Advisory Service engages with the worker to determine the nature of the complaint and send an email to the insurer to advise the insurer of the complaint. This is referred to as a level one complaint.

Where there is no resolution at level one and the worker requires further assistance from SIRA the case is allocated to a Customer Care Case Manager. The Case Manager engages with the insurer to help resolve the complaint. The Case Manager will maintain contact with the worker until an outcome or resolution is achieved.

Workers are also advised of their right to utilise the services of the Workers Compensation Independent Review Office (WIRO) who oversees the independent legal assistance and review service (ILARS). ILARS can provide funding to external lawyers acting for workers to enable resolution of disputes about workers compensation entitlements through an application to resolve a dispute about their claim to the Workers Compensation Commission.

Where the call is an enquiry related to section 39 of the Workers Compensation Act 1987, the worker is provided tailored support based on their specific needs. This includes helping people find local community based programs through the Human Services Network, which is a database with over 65,000 support services across New South Wales covering health, disability, aged care, welfare, community participation, education, legal and housing support. Where more intensive or face-to-face support is required, the Service can link workers to Ability Links NSW, a free program that assists people with disabilities, their families and carers to support them to achieve a particular outcome.

Where a worker is connected to a community based service and the identified program or services are not free, the Support and Information Service, the insurer or provider can assist in applying for funding of up to \$1,000 through SIRA's Community Connect program.

\*7156 LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTION PENALTY NOTICES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Premier—

- (1) How many registered voters who failed to vote in the 2016 local council elections received 'Failure to Vote' penalty notices?
- (2) How many voters appealed the fines due to not knowing the elections were on in their local government area?
  - (a) How many of these voters were successful with their appeals?
    - (i) What local government areas did these appellants live in?
  - (b) How many of these voters were unsuccessful with their appeals?

Answer—

As you are aware, voting in local government elections is compulsory for New South Wales electors.

Electors who fail to vote in New South Wales elections, without valid reason, will be issued with a penalty notice by the independent Electoral Commission.

\*7157 WORKERS COMPENSATION LEGISLATION ENFORCEMENT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Does iCare have to comply with and enforce New South Wales workers compensation legislation and the Workers Compensation Act?

- (2) Can iCare ask an injured worker not to contact them because they don't want to answer questions with regards to workers compensation legislation enforcement and the compliance of workers compensation in New South Wales?

Answer—

icare complies with New South Wales workers compensation legislation, including the Workers Compensation Act 1987. It provides customer support services that deliver information and assistance to injured workers. Enforcement is a matter for the regulator of workers compensation insurance in New South Wales, the State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA).

- \*7158 WORKERS COMPENSATION DECISIONS—Mr Clayton Barr 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—

What processes do mining regulatory bodies, such as NSW Mines Safety, implement to ensure adverse decisions or actions are not made in workplaces that are detrimental to injured and non-injured workers in the coal mining industry?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Work Health and Safety Act 2011 contains specific provisions which make it an offence to engage in discriminatory conduct towards a worker.

All allegations of irresponsible conduct, wrongdoing and failure to meet regulatory obligations reported to, or identified by, the NSW Resources Regulator are assessed by a governance committee against uniform criteria to determine how they will be handled, prioritised and resourced.

The Resources Regulator's compliance priorities, published on its website include:

- a focus on discrimination against workers on the basis of their work health and safety activities, and
- offences against health and safety representatives and matters relating to entry permit holders.

- \*7159 ETTALONG CHANNEL FERRY INCIDENT—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What was the outcome of the investigation into the ferry incident that occurred in the Ettalong channel in July 2017?
- (2) Is the likelihood of this incident happening again known?
  - (a) If so, what is it?

Answer—

I am advised:

The incident is currently under investigation by the Roads and Maritime Services' Maritime Investigations Unit.

- \*7160 GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT PLAN FOR GOSFORD—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) When will the Government Architect NSW plan for Gosford be completed?
- (2) When will this plan be made publicly available?
- (3) Which community stakeholders will be consulted by the Government Architect NSW in the development of this plan?
- (4) How does the Government Architect NSW intend to coordinate this consultation?
- (5) Will the plan include an integrated traffic management plan?
- (6) Will the plan include an emergency services access plan?
- (7) How will the plan provide adequate parking for Gosford?
- (8) How does the Government Architect NSW plan to use subterranean land as part of future development in Gosford?
- (9) How will the Government Architect NSW ensure the uninterrupted continuation of southerly airflow and sea breeze as an important cooling function in the northern area of Gosford valley?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) June 2018 is the expected completion, depending on progress with stakeholders and community. This is not a new plan but a framework for delivering the current plan.



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- (2) Nominally June 2018.
- (3) Community engagement will be undertaken by Central Coast Coordination and Resources Regulation Division with strategic advice and input from the Government Architect NSW.
- (4) The research, analysis and testing phases currently being undertaken will determine the engagement approach.
- (5) The framework will support the Government and Council understand the issues relevant to urban design, quality and amenity to assist in the preparation of an integrated traffic management plan by the appropriate expert.
- (6) This is not a specific part of the scope but the work associated with developing the framework may contribute to emergency services access planning.
- (7) Not yet determined, but the framework will assist in establishing requirements into the future.
- (8) Not yet determined.
- (9) This is not something Government Architect NSW can ensure. The framework provides a basis for implementing the Central Coast Regional Plan. The approach to urban design will analyse and value the natural qualities of place and climate and support the maintenance of these into the future. Any new proposed development will be expected to provide analysis of and response to impacts of development form on microclimate of the public domain affected by the development

\*7161 MENTAL HEALTH CARE CENTRAL COAST—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

- (1) How many mental health patients are without long-term care coordinators:
  - (a) in the Central Coast Local Health District?
  - (b) in the Gosford electorate?
- (2) How is the Government planning for expansion of mental health services in the Central Coast Local Health District?
- (3) Of the people who are eligible for mental health resources but are not receiving support, how many live in:
  - (a) the Gosford electorate?
  - (b) the Central Coast Local Health District?
- (4) When does the Government plan to increase funding for mental health community care planning in the Central Coast Local Health District?

Answer—

(1) (a) and (b) Clients are assessed according to their clinical needs. Clients assessed as high risk are provided services as a matter of priority. Due to changes in client circumstances and clinical need the number of clients seeking services is variable. As of 23 November 2017 a small number of clients were seeking long-term health care coordinators. On a case by case basis these clients are also referred to other services offered by the community and Local Health District which may reduce their need for long-term care coordination.

(2) The Government's Mental Health Reform includes a focus on enhancing community mental health services. Programs and initiatives being funded include:

- child and adolescent mental health teams, including consultation liaison
- specialist mental health services for older persons
- pathways to community living
- assertive teams (including peer workers)
- Aboriginal Mental Health clinical leaders.

(3) Central Coast provides mental health care to clients in accordance with priority need. That is, all patients are triaged and those who require the most support are seen first.

(4) In July 2017, the Government announced an increase in funding to support the District's implementation of the NSW Mental Health Reform, enhancing community based mental health care.

\*7162 LOWER HUNTER FREIGHT CORRIDOR—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

When will consultation with the community and stakeholders about the Lower Hunter Freight Corridor commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about the Lower Hunter Freight Corridor is available on the Transport for NSW website.

\*7163 REMOVAL OF WILLOW TREES FROM WATERCOURSES—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—

What funding or programs is available to assist landholders and primary producers to remove willow trees from watercourses across their properties?

Answer—

The NSW Department of Primary Industries administers the Habitat Action Grant (HAG) Program on behalf of the NSW Recreational Fishing Trusts. The HAG Program provides funding opportunities for landholders and community organisations to implement on-ground activities to improve the quality of aquatic habitats. This includes opportunities for riparian vegetation rehabilitation projects involving the removal of willows as part of broader weed control activities. This annual funding opportunity is managed as a publicised competitive call for applications and is available to all landholders and primary producers who wish to implement on-ground activities to improve aquatic habitats on their properties. Information on the HAG Program is available on the DPI website.

\*7164 INMATES CURRENTLY ESCAPED FROM INCARCERATION OR CUSTODY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Are there any inmates presently 'on the run' following their escape from incarceration or custody in New South Wales (as at 15 November 2017)?
  - (a) If yes, how many?
  - (b) When did they escape and from where?

Answer—

I am advised

(1) Yes

- (a) As at 15 November 2017, 13 inmates who escaped from a New South Wales correctional facility have not been returned to custody in New South Wales. It should be noted, that only three of the 13 escapees occurred since 2011.
- (b) Long Bay, Oberon, Cessnock (minimum), Silverwater, John Morony, Mannus, Amber Laurel Correctional Centre.

\*7165 ESCAPE OF INMATES FROM CUSTODY AND/OR INCARCERATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) On how many occasions have inmates escaped from custody and/or incarceration in each recurring year from 2010 to 2017, (to 15 November 2017) with a breakdown by facility?
  - (a) How long was each escapee 'on the run' before being recaptured?

Answer—

(1) The figures below show the number of escapes from 2010.

Year	Number of Escapes
2010	17
2011	23
2012	18
2013	23
2014	10
2015	15
2016	19
2017	8

Source: Corrections Research, Evaluation and Statistics

(a) Statistics on escape by year

Year	Average days before being recaptured
2010	143
2011	13
2012	12

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2013	21
2014	4
2015	16
2016	13
2017	6

Note: The day is calculated as one day when the recapture occurred on the same date as escape.

Source: Corrections Research, Evaluation and Statistics

\*7166 RAPID BUILD PRISONS CONSTRUCTION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

(1) Which Rapid Build Prison facilities have finished construction (as at 15 November 2017)?

(a) When was construction for each facility completed?

(b) What was the total cost of the construction project by facility?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) Construction of the Macquarie Correctional Centre was completed in August 2017, and the Hunter Correctional Centre was completed in October 2017.

(b) The two rapid build prisons form part of the Government's \$3.8 billion Prison Infrastructure Plan.

\*7167 RAPID BUILD PRISONS STAFFING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

(1) Which Rapid Build Prison facilities are presently staffed (as at 15 November 2017)?

(a) How many staff are there by facility?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Both centres were staffed as at 15 November 2017.

(2) Over 200 staff at each centre.

\*7168 RAPID BUILD PRISONS INMATE SECURITY CLASSIFICATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

What is the security classification requirement for inmates to be incarcerated in each existing Rapid Build Prison in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

Maximum security.

\*7169 CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS FIRE PREPARATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

In 2017, has any additional training or protective equipment to combat fires been provided to correctional officers in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) has purchased the following for use by correctional officers:

- training smoke hoods and search aids to assist in fire response training
- full face respirators fitted with smoke and gas filters for use when responding to fires in smoke affected areas

CSNSW has continued to provide fire safety and awareness training to its staff including more than 500 new recruits and 300 staff from the Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network. In 2017 CSNSW also conducted fire-based training exercises at seven correctional centres.

\*7170 RAPID BUILD PRISONS CLADDING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

Do any Rapid Build Prisons in New South Wales contain flammable cladding?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Rapid Build Prisons adhere to The Building Code of Australia with regard to flammable cladding.

\*7171 RAPID BUILD PRISONS BUILDING STANDARDS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Have all building materials used to construct Rapid Build Prisons met the New South Wales building standards?
- (2) What building codes must the Rapid Build Prisons adhere to?

Answer—

I am advised :

- (1) All Rapid Build Prisons must adhere to The Building Code of Australia.
- (2) The Building Code of Australia.

\*7172 RAPID BUILD PRISONS INMATES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

Are there any Rapid Build Prison facilities in New South Wales which presently contain no inmates (as at 16 November 2017)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes. Macquarie Correctional Centre is scheduled to receive inmates in December 2017 and Hunter Correctional Centre in early 2018.

\*7173 NSW CROWN HOLIDAY PARKS TRUST ANNUAL REPORT—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Has the NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust provided the Minister with an annual report for the 2016-17 financial year?
  - (a) If not yet, on what date is the NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust required to have submitted their annual report for the past financial year?
- (2) Will the contents of this annual report be made publicly available?
  - (a) If so, on what date and how will this report be able to be accessed?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust lodged its 2016-17 annual report on 31 October 2017 with the Department of Industry - Crown Lands and Water Division.
- (2) Information about the Trust's annual report can be obtained from the Trust on request.

\*7174 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME SUPPORT—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Will demand increase for social housing from people with disabilities who are not deemed to have "significant and ongoing support needs" and therefore not eligible for National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) support?
  - (a) If so, to what extent?
  - (b) If not, will the Government publicly release the research and modelling that led them to that conclusion?
- (2) What steps is the Government taking to increase supply of social housing for people with disabilities?
- (3) Will the Government provide any immediate crisis drop-in accommodation support after the full transition to NDIS?
- (4) Is NDIS required to provide any immediate crisis drop-in accommodation support that can cater to people with complex intellectual disabilities that require 24/7 care?
- (5) If no to both of the above, will any immediate services be provided to prevent homelessness for people with complex intellectual disabilities that require 24/7 care if they find themselves without accommodation?

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Answer—

I am advised that information about the NDIS transition in New South Wales is available at [www.ndis.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ndis.nsw.gov.au).

The social housing system caters for many people, including those with a disability. Further information is available on the FACS website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*7175 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME ADVOCACY GROUPS—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) Considering the \$1.5 million the Government invested in advocacy groups to help them transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) model, how many advisory groups have registered as NDIS providers in New South Wales since that investment?
- (2) What is the figure, as a percentage, of advocacy groups that operate in New South Wales both within and externally to the NDIS framework?
- (3) Has any impact assessment been undertaken to evaluate the effectiveness of this investment?
  - (a) If so, what was concluded?
- (4) Has any impact assessment been undertaken to determine whether another investment to assist transition to NDIS is needed for advocacy groups that depend on government funding for the majority of their funding?
- (5) Why did the Government not undertake an impact assessment as to what the consequences of removing \$13 million of funding from advocacy groups would be to the disability sector and people with a disability?
- (6) Will the Government now undertake an impact assessment as to the social, economic and human rights consequences of removing \$13 million of funding from advocacy groups?
- (7) Why did the Government not undertake a geographic impact assessment as to what the consequences of removing \$13 million from advocacy groups would be to the disability sector and people with a disability?
- (8) Will the Government now undertake a geographic impact assessment as to the geographic impediments due to the removal of \$13 million of funding from advocacy groups in New South Wales to accessing advocacy for issues relating to:
  - (a) Homelessness;
  - (b) Transport;
  - (c) Education;
  - (d) Mental health;
  - (e) Health care?
- (9) Who will be responsible for managing funding for macro advocacy on behalf of people with a disability and advising when additional funding is required to prevent negative social and economic issues for people with a disability?
  - (a) Will there be any regular impact assessments to determine how the long term lack of funding affects the disability sector and people with a disability?

Answer—

(1) and (2) As at 23 November 2017, around half of the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) funded disability advocacy and information service providers have registered with the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

(3) and (4) The Skilled to Thrive Project undertaken by the NSW Council of Social Services (NCOSS) is supporting disability advocacy and information providers to transition to the NDIS. NCOSS completed a needs analysis in December 2016 to identify provider preparedness for transition to the NDIS and inform of the supports and resources provided through the project. An evaluation in June 2017 by NCOSS reported a very high satisfaction among providers.

The Government has invested significantly to prepare the disability sector for full transition to the NDIS from 1 July 2018, including \$22 million through the Industry Development Fund (IDF) and a further \$5 million through the Transition Assistance Program (TAP). The \$1.5 million invested in the Skilled to Thrive project is in addition to the IDF and TAP funding.

Additional National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) resources have also been provided in the form of a one-off supplementary grant of \$1.72 million to assist 43 disability information and advocacy providers with increased demand on information supports.

State Government funding for advocacy and information providers continues to 30 June 2018 despite the

ongoing transitioning of people with disability to the NDIS.

In September 2017, the Government launched the \$19 million Disability Sector Scale Up program to support organisations to maximise economic opportunities from the NDIS rollout. This new initiative complements the significant investment the Government has already made in building the capacity of the disability sector, including the IDF, TAP and Skilled to Thrive.

(5) to (7) Under the NDIS, more funding than ever before will be available for supports that achieve advocacy outcomes for people with disability. Up to \$46 million will be available to New South Wales as part of the current NSW Linkages and Capacity building (ILC) Grants Funding Round for projects commencing from 1 July 2018. When the NDIS is fully operational around Australia, this will amount to around \$130 million per annum.

(8) There will be no change in NSW Government investment in advocacy supports that provide assistance to vulnerable people, including people with disability, to engage with mainstream services such as health, mental health, housing and education.

(9) The NSW Disability Council and its supporting groups will continue to represent people with disability and provide advice to the NSW Government on emerging issues impacting on community access and inclusion.

The Commonwealth is reviewing the National Disability Advocacy Program (NDAP) to take account of recent developments in disability policy reform. The review includes the implementation of the NDIS, pending the implementation of a national system for NDIS quality assurance and safeguards, and the NDIA's approach to delivering information, linkages and capacity building supports in the scheme.

Commonwealth funded programs such as NDAP will continue to fund systemic advocacy and legal review and representation. This is separate to the NDIS, and available to all people with disability who need it.

\*7176 RESIGNATION OF JIM LONGLEY—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) Considering Mr Jim Longley's resignation, what factors lead you to decide that there was no conflict of interest considering he was paid a large termination payment?
- (2) Why was misconduct eliminated as a cause for dismissal?
  - (a) If Mr Longley is subsequently found to have been complicit in misconduct will he be asked to repay his termination payment?
- (3) Do you have legal advice as to whether or not Mr Longley was in breach of the misconduct test for dismissal?
  - (a) Can this legal advice be disclosed?
    - (i) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) Employment contract arrangements in the Department of Family and Community Services are a matter for the Secretary and Mr Longley's resignation was by mutual agreement with the Secretary. The Secretary noted at Budget Estimates that Mr Longley made the relevant declarations about his director roles and the Secretary had assured himself that those directorships were not in conflict with the Deputy Secretary role. The Secretary further noted at Supplementary Budget Estimates the matter of payment to Mr Longley.
- (2) The Secretary noted at Supplementary Budget Estimates that the test of misconduct was a very high threshold and he could not see evidence that would suggest that was an appropriate judgement.
- (3) No. See response (2).

\*7177 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME AFTER JUNE 2018—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) What Government support will be in place for the projected 25,000 people eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme but unenrolled in June 2018?
- (2) If the actual figure of people eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme but unenrolled in June 2018 far exceeds the projected 25,000, will the Government consider extending the transition period to ease distress for people with a disability, their family and carers?

Answer—

The Heads of Agreement and subsequent Bilateral Agreement between the Commonwealth and New South Wales for Transition to a National Disability insurance Scheme (NDIS), sets out the expected

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participant numbers, funding arrangements, approach to risk share and matters to be considered for full scheme funding arrangements. The Bilateral Agreement for full scheme NDIS is currently being negotiated between New South Wales and the Commonwealth.

\*7178 CABBAGE TREE ROAD SAND MINE—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) What is the current status of the planning approval process for the Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry (SSD 13\_6125)?
- (2) Will the application be decided by the Planning Assessment Commission?
  - (a) If so, when and where will the hearings take place?
- (3) Has there been communication between the Department and Port Stephens Council since the application was submitted?
  - (a) If so, what is the nature of those communications and will the Department make them available to the public?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The assessment of the Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry is currently awaiting further information. The Commonwealth Department of Defence has been investigating data gaps in previous investigations into the nature and extent of PFAS contamination in the Williamstown Investigation Zone.

The Department of Planning and Environment is awaiting the release of these reports before finalising its environmental assessment. The Department has also requested that the applicant provide comment on these reports when they become available.

The application will be determined by the Planning Assessment Commission, as more than 25 submissions, in the nature of objections, were received during the exhibition period. The Commission will hold a public meeting prior to determining the application. The time and location of this meeting will be decided by the Commission.

(2) The Department met with the applicant and Port Stephens Council on 11 September 2017. This meeting was requested by Council to express its support for the application, as it is the landowner of the site and lessor to the applicant.

\*7179 EASTERN SUBURBS HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Noting the survey by Community for Local Options for Secondary Education (CLOSE) showed 86 per cent of families seek a public high school, is it true that Rose Bay Secondary College is the only nearby Inner Eastern Suburbs public high school and is nearing capacity?
- (2) What other public high schools are available for students in the Sydney electorate suburbs or Paddington, Woollahra and Edgecliff?
  - (a) For 2018;
  - (b) From 2019 onwards.
- (3) What data does the Government have about current and future demand for high school places in this area?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to expand school places for students in these areas?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to ensure public high school places for future students in these areas?

Answer—

I'm advised:

There are four comprehensive high schools currently servicing Sydney's Eastern Suburbs, which have capacity for an additional 1,560 students. These are Randwick Boys High School, Randwick Girls High School, JJ Cahill Memorial High School and Rose Bay Secondary College.

There are two projects underway that will provide additional places for eastern suburbs high school students:

- The new inner Sydney high school with capacity for up to 1,200 students
- The redevelopment of Alexandria Park Community School to provide capacity for up to 2,200 primary and secondary students.

Enrolment projections indicate there is sufficient capacity in eastern suburbs schools to accommodate projected demand to 2031.

The Department of Education will continue to monitor enrolment needs in the eastern suburbs of Sydney to provide school infrastructure as required.

\*7180 ON OFF RAMP PROJECTS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Considering the response to LA Q6265 (Questions and Answers Paper No. 7 dated 14 October 2014), has the Government completed any further work on the following projects:
  - (a) The Emerson Road on/off ramps;
  - (b) The Fowlers Road on/off ramps; and
  - (c) The Kanahooka Road on/off ramps?
- (2) If so, what further work has been completed on the projects in (1)?
- (3) If no further work has been completed on the projects in (1), why not?
- (4) When is the expected completion date of the Preliminary Environmental Investigation for the project?
- (5) What is the cost of this Investigation?
- (6) When does the Government expect traffic modelling and preliminary design work to commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about improvements to the M1 Princes Motorway is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*7181 SUBMISSIONS TO THE OMBUDSMAN—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

Why did Ageing, Disability and Home Care not make any submissions to the NSW Ombudsman Inquiry into behaviour management in schools about the use of behaviour restraints?

Answer—

Behaviour management in schools is the primary responsibility of the Minister for Education, the Hon Rob Stokes MP.

The NSW Ombudsman is an active stakeholder in the disability portfolio and works closely with the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS). In addition to this, under Chapter 16A of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998, information sharing provisions and the general oversight role of the NSW Ombudsman mean he already has sufficient independent access and insight to FACS.

FACS' record on behaviour support standards is well described publicly, including in relation to the National Disability Insurance Scheme, and in its practice materials on the internet.

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\*7182 FORECAST REVENUE FOR THE 55A AND 55C BUS SERVICES IN WOLLONGONG—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Considering the introduction of Opal fares on 29 January 2018 on the 55A and 55C bus services in Wollongong, what is the forecast of annual revenue for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 financial years?

Answer—

I am advised:

It is not possible at this stage to accurately forecast revenue from the introduction of Opal fares on the 55A and 55C.

Any additional revenue received as a result of this change will be reinvested in local network for improvements when and where they are needed.

\*7183 ALTERNATIVE ACCESS FOR NORTHERN SUBURBS OF THE ILLAWARRA RESIDENTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Has your Department had any discussions with Wollongong City Council regarding using Transport for NSW land to construct a bridge from Sturdee Avenue Thirroul that would link the Thirroul community with McCauleys Estate and Bulli?



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- (a) If so:  
(i) When did these discussions take place?  
(ii) What were the outcomes?

Answer—

I am advised:

No.

\*7184 REMOVAL OF THE FREE GONG SHUTTLE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Have you or your agency had any discussions with the St George Illawarra Dragons regarding the impact that the removal of the Free Gong Shuttle will have on match day parking and traffic movements around the stadium?  
(a) If so:  
(i) When did this take place?  
(ii) What was the outcome?  
(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

No. I can also advise that the St George Illawarra Dragons have not contacted me regarding this matter.

\*7185 USE OF WOLLONGONG SHUTTLE AS A PLAN B—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Has your Department helped to fund or produce any material that identifies the Free Gong Shuttle as an effective "Plan B" for Illawarra residents wanting to avoid drink driving?  
(2) If so:  
(a) Can you list what material this is?  
(b) When was it funded in full or part by the Government?  
(3) Will you consider funding the Gong Shuttle from the Road Safety Fund given that it provides a viable Plan B for Illawarra residents?  
(a) If so, when will this decision be made?  
(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

No.

\*7186 GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION TO DRAFT GUIDELINES—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—

- (1) Which stakeholders is the Government consulting regarding the draft of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Animals in Pet Shops) Guidelines?  
(2) Are stakeholder groups representing either or all of the farming, hunting and greyhound racing industries or organisations included in this consultative process?  
(3) Are the draft guidelines publicly available for viewing by those affected or interested in this process?

Answer—

- (1) Key stakeholders representing the spectrum of interests in companion animals, including industry participants, the Office of Racing and NSW Farmers.  
(2) Yes.  
(3) Having engaged in public consultation and more targeted discussions with stakeholders groups, the Department is considering all views in developing a revised draft for consideration. Any further comments can be made via email to [breeders.consultation@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:breeders.consultation@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

\*7187 SAFETY OF RURAL FIRE SERVICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) When can I expect a response to my letter of 12 September 2017 on behalf of my constituent regarding safety of Rural Fire Service and emergency services personnel on roads?

- (2) Will consideration be given to providing increased safety to our emergency services personnel by implementing a 40 kilometres per hour speed limit for vicinities of emergency service vehicles and personnel on roadways who are responding to emergencies?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) A response has been provided.

(2) Any proposed change to the New South Wales road rules needs to be carefully considered, particularly in terms of safety and enforcement.

- \*7188 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

What mental health services are provided at Liverpool Hospital and/or Liverpool Mental Health Unit for children and young people?

Answer—

South Western Sydney Local Health District provides assessment, treatment and care to children and young people in the Liverpool area. The following specialist community and inpatient mental health services are available to children and young people through Liverpool Hospital and/or Liverpool Mental Health Unit:

- The mental health team in the Emergency Department Liverpool Hospital provides assessment and management for all people presenting to the Emergency Department with mental health problems.
- The Community Mental Health Emergency Team provides urgent community based assessment and immediate intervention to all people in the community presenting with mental health problems.
- Children and young people with mental health problems needing admission to hospital are managed in the Psychiatric Emergency Care Centre at Liverpool, the Paediatric Ward at Liverpool Hospital or transferred to the Acute Adolescent Mental Health Unit at Campbelltown Hospital.
- Liverpool Fairfield Community Infant Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, based at Park House, provide mental health assessment and on-going treatment to improve the mental health of infants, children and adolescents. This includes support for young people with mental health problems aged zero to 17 years, and their families, to improve development, social and emotional wellbeing.
- Referrals can be made to other specialist mental health programs such as perinatal and infant mental health services, support for children of parents with a mental illness, and parenting programs. School based programs also enhance access to specialist mental health expertise for children and young people with mental health concerns.

- \*7189 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GONG SHUTTLE SERVICE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the 55A and 55 C bus routes in Wollongong are used by staff, patients and visitors to Wollongong Public Hospital?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the University of Wollongong and Wollongong City Council have been asked to contribute to the cost of operating these services in order for them to continue to be free to passengers?
- (3) Has NSW Health been approached to contribute financially to this service in order to keep these services free to passengers?
  - (a) If so, what will NSW Health contribute?
    - (i) If so, will this contribution be met from the annual operating budget of the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District or from other sources?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

NSW Health does not collect information on whether these bus routes are used by Wollongong Hospital staff, visitors and patients.

I am aware of reports in the local media stating that the University of Wollongong and Wollongong City Council have been asked to contribute to the cost of operating these services. Neither NSW Health nor the local health district have been approached to contribute financially.

- \*7190 SUSPECT TARGET MANAGEMENT PLAN—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

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Why are children below the age of criminal responsibility targeted in the Suspect Target Management Plan of the NSW Police?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Suspect Target Management Plan (STMP) targets current recidivist offenders regardless of age. In the case of children, it provides police with a structured process of early intervention and an opportunity to implement positive strategies aimed at diverting those children from criminal behaviour and preventing them from entering the legal system as they get older.

\*7191 OMBUDSMAN PRIVACY MANAGEMENT PLAN—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier—

When was the Ombudsman Privacy Management Plan last updated?

Answer—

I am advised this information is publicly available.

\*7192 LEGAL EXPENDITURE REPORTED TO NSW PROCUREMENT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What was the amount of legal expenditure reported to NSW Procurement by each cluster of New South Wales government agencies for the 2016-17 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised :

The Department of Justice does not report legal expenditure to the NSW Procurement Board.

The Department of Transport is responsible for reporting NSW Government Legal Services Panel billings to the NSW Procurement Board.

\*7193 GENERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES LEGAL EXPENDITURES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What was the total of legal expenditures reported to NSW Procurement by General Government Agencies for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Justice does not report legal expenditure to the NSW Procurement Board.

The Department of Transport is responsible for reporting NSW Government Legal Services Panel billings to the NSW Procurement Board.

\*7194 LOOSE-FILL ASBESTOS VOLUNTARY PURCHASE AND DEMOLITION PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

Have any properties been purchased or compensation paid under the Loose-fill Asbestos Voluntary Purchase and Demolition Program for properties within the Liverpool electorate?

Answer—

No.

\*7195 NSW POLICE SUSPECT TARGET MANAGEMENT PLAN—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) What assessment or evaluation, if any, has been conducted of the NSW Police Suspect Target Management Plan?

(a) If such an assessment or evaluation has been carried out:

(i) By whom has it been conducted?

(ii) When was it conducted?

(iii) What were its results?

(iv) Where is it available?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Suspect Target Management Plan (STMP) was first introduced in 2000. A major review was conducted following the first few years of the operation of STMP. The review resulted in an updated STMP policy, which added rigour and structure to its procedures and enhanced the capacity of Police to identify and target repeat offenders who require effort and planning from the NSWPF to disrupt their criminal behaviour. Due to the classification of its contents, the results of the review are not publicly available.

\*7196 COMMENCEMENT OF THE SUSPECT TARGET MANAGEMENT PLAN—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) When did the NSW Police commence the Suspect Target Management Plan (STMP)?
- (2) How are targets selected for the STMP?
- (3) Does a formal document exist spelling out a risk assessment template for the STMP?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Suspect Target Management Plan (STMP) commenced in January 2000. Appropriate targets are selected via the use of a thorough risk management framework and the decision to manage a person under STMP is based on the risk of each person to the community. The specifics of the framework, including the formal document, are classified as Protected information.

\*7197 FULL CORONIAL INQUESTS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What is the average length of time between the date of death and the rendering of a decision by the coroner in matters involving a full coronial inquest?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is not available.

For example, the Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services 2017 measured the clearance rate for Coroner's matters, but not the average time for finalisation of inquests.

\*7198 NURSING CARE HOURS AT LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How many nursing care hours was Liverpool Hospital short in the period 1 July 2016 to date (to 21 November 2017)?

Answer—

Between 1 July 2016 and 11 November 2017, Liverpool Hospital provided more nursing care hours in total than that required by the Public Health System Nurses and Midwives' (State) Award.

\*7199 SECTION 310J OF THE CRIMES ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) How many people have been charged under s310J of the Crimes Act since the section's introduction (to 21 November 2017)?
- (2) How many people have been convicted under s310J of the Crimes Act since the section's introduction (to 21 November 2017)?

Answer—

I am advised:

1. Zero.
2. Zero.

\*7200 ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS IN THE ORANGE ELECTORATE—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—

What assistance is available to the many farmers in the Orange electorate whose crops and were recently devastated and fencing significantly damaged from flash-flooding that followed five to six inches of rain in just a two to three hour period?

Answer—

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Farmers affected by a storm around Parkes in the Orange electorate should contact the Central West Local Land Services on 1300 795 299 or email [emergency.centralwest@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:emergency.centralwest@lls.nsw.gov.au) to report all agricultural losses including fencing, crops and stranded, injured or deceased stock.

NSW Department of Primary Industries will use this information to prepare an appropriate business case for potential assistance under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements.

\*7201 55A AND 55C BUS ROUTES PASSENGER NUMBERS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What is the percentage decline in the number of passengers using the 55A and 55C bus routes in Wollongong during periods in which University of Wollongong and Illawarra Institute of TAFE have student vacations?

Answer—

I am advised:

Patronage figures for 55A and 55C are not captured because Opal data is currently not available.

\*7202 OPERATION OF THE 55A AND 55 C BUS SERVICES IN WOLLONGONG—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Parliamentary Secretary for the Illawarra and South Coast has written to the University of Wollongong and Wollongong City Council seeking a financial contribution to the operation of the 55A and 55 C bus services in Wollongong?
- (2) Was this correspondence approved by you or your office prior to it being sent?
- (3) Was this request for a financial contribution made under your authority?
- (4) Does the Parliamentary Secretary for the Illawarra and South Coast have delegated authority from you to negotiate financial and other arrangements with these organisations with respect to the 55A and 55C bus services?

Answer—

I am advised:

Unlike the Member for Wollongong who has to clear everything he does with the Shadow Minister and Member for Keira, I do not keep track of what the Parliamentary Secretary for the Illawarra and South Coast does in the course of his duties.

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\*7203 TRANSGENDER CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What services does the Government provide for children and young people presenting with 'gender dysphoria'?
- (2) What evidence does the Government have about increasing need for clinical and psychological support services?
- (3) What support does the Government provide for families of children and young people with 'gender dysphoria'?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to expand support for families of children and young people with 'gender dysphoria'?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to expand clinical and psychological support in this area?

Answer—

Services for young people with Gender Dysphoria are provided by the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network (SCHN). SCHN provides assessment, diagnostic services and psychological support to children and young people with Gender Dysphoria and their families. Multidisciplinary and other clinical teams also provide support wherever possible.

SCHN has identified that services for children with Gender Dysphoria is one of the Network's priorities. SCHN continue to work with multiple stakeholders regarding future directions for these services.

\*7204 NEW SOUTH HEAD ROAD SAFETY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What plans does the Government have to improve safety on New South Head Road?
- (2) What funds has the Government allocated to safety measures for New South Head Road?
- (3) Does the Government support a separated cycle path on this route?
- (4) What consultation with Woollahra Council, pedestrian and cycling groups has the Government carried out?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to improve safety and prevent further deaths on New South Head Road?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services and the Government continuously look for opportunities to improve road safety. Roads and Maritime is regularly in contact with Woollahra Municipal Council and other stakeholders about several New South Head Road safety projects. The Government has also funded several projects to improve safety on this road.

Roads and Maritime is funding \$176,000 for pedestrian improvements at the signalised intersection of New South Head and Victoria Roads, Bellevue Hill.

Roads and Maritime will continue to work with the Woollahra Municipal Council to investigate options to construct a bicycle path and improve safety on New South Head Road.

\*7205 JUVENILE DETENTION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the Report of the Royal Commission and Board of Inquiry into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory?
- (2) What consideration has the Government given to report recommendations that are relevant to New South Wales?
- (3) What changes to New South Wales laws, policies or procedures has the Government identified from this report to address:
  - (a) Links with child protection and out of home care systems;
  - (b) Suicide prevention;
  - (c) Ensuring protection and support for girls;
  - (d) Ensuring protection and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people;
  - (e) Improvements to throughcare and leaving detention;
  - (f) Links with the NSW Advocate for Children and Young People;
  - (g) The age of criminal responsibility?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to address concerns raised in this Royal Commission that apply in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Royal Commission released its report into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory on 17 November 2017.

While the findings and recommendations are specific to failures in the Northern Territory system, the Government will closely examine the recommendations in the context of New South Wales' legislative framework and practices.

\*7206 AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of Australian National University research showing that boosting housing supply has not improved affordability?
- (2) What plans apart from increasing housing supply does the Government have to address the dire lack of affordable housing?
- (3) What action will the Government take in future to boost affordable rental housing?

Answer—

I am advised:

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The Department values and welcomes research on this important topic. Housing affordability is effected by a range of factors, one of which is supply. In addition to focussing on supply to address house prices, the Government is also taking active steps to encourage housing diversity and locating new housing near public transport.

The Government announced a comprehensive housing affordability package on 1 June 2017. More information can be found on the New South Wales Government website: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/projects-and-initiatives/first-home-buyers/>

The Greater Sydney Commission is consulting on the draft District Plans which propose a 5 to 10 per cent affordable rental housing target, subject to viability, in areas subject to upzoning. Consultation closes on 15 December 2017.

\*7207 ACCESS TO THE ARTS IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—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—

What steps is the Government taking to improve access to the arts in regional areas of New South Wales?

Answer—

The Government established the Regional Cultural Fund (RCF) to ensure regional New South Wales receives its fair share of arts and cultural infrastructure and associated recreational and educational benefits.

The RCF will invest \$100 million over four years to drive growth in arts, screen, cultural and heritage infrastructure for the social, cultural and economic benefit of communities in regional New South Wales.

Through the Arts and Cultural Development Program (ACDP), the Government provides support for regional arts touring, regional partnerships, the Aboriginal regional arts fund, and young regional artist scholarships. Additionally, under the ACDP, the Government supports people living and/or working in regional New South Wales as a priority area across all funding categories.

\*7208 GLENDALE TAFE CAMPUS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

(1) How many student enrolments were there at Glendale TAFE campus in each year from 2010 to 2017 (as at 14 November 2017)?

(2) What are the teacher staffing levels at Glendale TAFE campus in each year from 2010 to 2017 (as at 14 November 2017)?

Answer—

TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment and does not provide data by location. TAFE NSW does provide enrolment and staffing data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/about-tafensw/annual-report>.

\*7209 INTERNET GAMBLING—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

What steps can the Government take to limit the impact of internet gambling on vulnerable members of the community?

Answer—

The Government is committed to reducing potential harms from online gambling, which has experienced significant growth in recent years.

The Government shares responsibility for online gambling with the Commonwealth which administers the Interactive Gambling Act 2001. The Act prohibits online gambling in Australia apart from wagering and lotteries.

This Act was recently amended to make it clear that unlicensed offshore operators are prohibited from offering their services to Australians. The Commonwealth also empowered the Australian Communications and Media Authority with enforcement and deterrence measures to combat illegal offshore gambling.

The New South Wales Responsible Gambling Fund provides over \$18 million annually to support responsible gambling and prevent and minimise the risk of problem gambling in the community.

To support the community make informed choices about internet gambling, in September 2017 the Government, through the Responsible Gambling Fund, committed almost \$1 million to an awareness campaign to address risky online wagering behaviour among young male sports bettors.

Targeted at males aged 18 to 35 who are most at risk of experiencing gambling harm from online wagering, the "Show some Betiquette" advertising campaign was timed to coincide with significant sporting events including the National Rugby League and Australian Football League finals seasons and the spring racing carnival. Running from 7 September to 30 November 2017, the campaign encouraged young males to consider responsible gambling behaviours when betting online.

The Government is also working with other jurisdictions to develop and put in place a National Consumer Protection Framework for online wagering. Residents of New South Wales access online wagering services from operators nationwide and a nationally consistent framework is important to ensure New South Wales residents are protected from gambling related harm no matter which operator they bet with.

The National Framework will ensure stronger consumer protection through measures designed to limit the impact of gambling related harm. This will include tools such as a national self-exclusion register, restrictions on inducements and credit betting and the provision of voluntary pre-commitment tools.

\*7210 LAND DESIGNATED AS A GREEN CORRIDOR—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

Under the appropriate legislation, what elements are taken into consideration when land is designated a green corridor?

Answer—

The Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 defines state and regional biodiversity corridors as 'linear areas that link core areas and play a crucial role in maintaining connections between animal and plant populations that would otherwise be isolated and at greater risk of local extinction.'

Core areas are those with large remnant native vegetation whose management will contribute the greatest benefit to conserving biodiversity in a bioregion.

Environmental corridors under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, specifically in local environmental plans, are a matter for my colleague the Hon Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Planning.

\*7211 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL OUTPATIENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many outpatient procedures were performed at John Hunter Hospital over the 2016-17 financial year?
- (2) How many outpatient appointments were provided by medical professionals at John Hunter Hospital over the 2016-17 financial year?

Answer—

There is no single data source for recording outpatient procedures.

The exact amount of outpatient appointments provided is not available. A service event is the closest approximation to appointment in the NSW Health Non-admitted Patient (NAP) Data Collection data set.

\*7212 NEWCASTLE AND LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL AREA COMMANDS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Considering the Minister's response to LA Q2414, what is the progress of the Government's 2015 election commitment to recruit 310 new officers?
  - (a) How many of these officers have been assigned to the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie local area commands?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is on track to deliver funding for all 310 additional authorised positions by next year. As at 1 November 2017, 272 positions have been delivered, with the authorised strength of the NSW Police Force at 16,757.

Authorised and actual strength data for Local Area Commands, including Newcastle City and Lake Macquarie, is available at [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au).



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\*7213 EMPLOYMENT OF SUPPORT TEACHERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many support teachers were employed in the following high schools in each school year from 2014 to 2017:
- (a) Callaghan College, Wallsend;
  - (b) Callaghan College, Waratah;
  - (c) Callaghan College, Jesmond;
  - (d) Lambton High;
  - (e) Glendale High?

Answer—

(1) I'm advised:

(a) Callaghan College, Wallsend

2014 - 7.0

2015 - 8.1

2016 - 8.1

2017 - 8.1

(b) Callaghan College, Waratah

2014 - 9.742

2015 - 9.542

2016 - 9.542

2017 - 9.542

(c) Callaghan College, Jesmond

2014 - 3.2

2015 - 3.2

2016 - 4.8

2017 - 6.2

(d) Lambton High

2014 - 0.9

2015 - 1.3

2016 - 1.3

2017 - 2.7

(e) Glendale High

2014 - 7.8

2015 - 7.6

2016 - 7.6

2017 - 7.6

\*7214 SHORE TO SHIP POWER—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What actions has the Government taken since LA Q4793 to provide shore to ship power at Sydney Harbour cruise ship terminals and prevent noise and air pollution impacts?
- (2) What is the outcome of the investigation of shore to ship power at White Bay Cruise Terminal referred to in March 2017?
- (3) What investigation has been carried out into shore to ship power at the overseas Passenger Terminal?
- (4) When does the Government expect to provide shore to ship power at these terminals?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information is available on the Port Authority of New South Wales website.

\*7215 TENDERING AND CONTRACTING PROCESSES FOR M4-M5 LINK—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Considering the current status of the tendering and contracting process for the M4-M5 link, will only two main contracts (excluding subcontracts) be awarded for design and construction of all the tunnels and sites identified in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the M4-M5 Link?
  - (a) If this is not the case, what other aspects of design and construction will be covered by separate contracts?
- (2) When will the successful tenderer for the main tunnel be announced publicly?
  - (a) Will this announcement be made when a decision is made by the Sydney Motorway Corporation on the preferred tenderer, or when contracts have been signed?
- (3) Are tenderers required to provide the details of a number of important aspects of the construction in their proposals, as stated in the EIS?
  - (a) If so, will these detailed plans be made public when the successful tenderer is announced?
- (4) Do the Request for Tender (RFT) documents specify which specific work sites identified in the EIS are to be used by contractors in the construction of the main tunnel?
  - (a) If so, which are these sites?
- (5) After the contract is signed, when is it anticipated that design and construction will commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

The M4-M5 Link will be procured as two main packages, the M4-M5 Mainline Tunnel and the Rozelle Interchange, including the Iron Cove Link. As the M4-M5 tender processes are underway, all details are commercial-in-confidence.

The M4-M5 Link Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared prior to the appointment of the M4-M5 Link contractors. The approach presented in the Environmental Impact Statement will be confirmed when the successful contractor is determined, to account for their detailed design and construction planning, and any innovation the contractor may propose. Additional approvals may also be sought if required, as is standard practice of major infrastructure projects.

\*7216 ROZELLE TUNNEL INTERCHANGE—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Are negotiations underway to identify potential main contractors to undertake the design and construction work for the Rozelle interchange?
- (2) Will a competitive Request For Tenders (RFT) process then be conducted with potential main contractors?
- (3) What is the minimum number of tenderers who will be invited to respond to a RFT?
- (4) When will a RFT be issued to tenderers?
- (5) What will be the timescale between the issuing of the RFT and the final date for submission of proposals responding to the RFT?
- (6) When is it now anticipated that design and construction work under this contract will commence?

Answer—

I am advised that the tender process for the design and construction of the Rozelle Interchange is ongoing. Pending planning approval, construction of the Rozelle Interchange and Iron Cove Link is expected to start in 2019.

\*7217 PROPOSED SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN CORRIDOR STRATEGY—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) What consideration has been given to the need to upgrade essential services (including water and electricity) in light of the proposed Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor Strategy?
- (2) What plans are in place to expand the Canterbury and Bankstown hospitals in relation to the proposed Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor Strategy?
- (3) What plans are in place to widen or expand capacity on state roads affected by the proposed Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor Strategy?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor strategy will help guide the delivery of development and infrastructure over the next 20 years. It will enable councils and other agencies to prioritise and co-ordinate future land use changes with the delivery of infrastructure. This includes relevant electricity and water providers.

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- (2) Any upgrades to Canterbury and Bankstown Hospitals will be determined by the Minister for Health. Hospital funding is a matter for the Minister for Health.
- (3) The Department is finalising a draft Special Infrastructure Contribution (SIC) Plan which would see developers contribute to upgrading and building essential infrastructure including schools, health facilities, open space, walking and cycling paths and roads. This includes contributions towards the Campsie by-pass and Stacey Street widening.

\*7218 DEPOSIT SCHEME FACILITIES—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) As at 22 November 2017, how many container deposit scheme facilities will be installed in the Lakemba electorate by 1 December 2017?
  - (a) Where will these facilities be placed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The roll out of collection points continues. For more information please see [www.returnandearn.org.au](http://www.returnandearn.org.au).

\*7219 NEW SOUTH WALES PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many principals applied for the new tranche of additional Directors (Public Schools) positions?
- (2) How many teachers, including executive staff have resigned from New South Wales Public schools so far this year (as at 22 November 2017)?
- (3) How many full time equivalent positions have been filled on a temporary basis for over two terms during 2017?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

- (1) Applications were received from 149 principals for the roles of Director, Educational Leadership.
- (2) 571.
- (3) 12,735 full time equivalent teaching positions.

\*7220 THE SMITH FAMILY'S LEARNING FOR LIFE PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many New South Wales public schools have students who are supported by the Smith Family's Learning for Life Program?
- (2) What is the total number of New South Wales public school students that this program supports?
- (3) How much funding does the Government allocate to this program each year?
  - (a) If the Government does not provide funding, why not?

Answer—

I'm advised that information on schools and students participating in the Smith Family's Learning for Life program is not collected centrally by the Department of Education.

The Government recently announced \$1.09 billion in needs based Resource Allocation Model (RAM) funding.

Every New South Wales public school is funded through the needs-based Resource Allocation Model. As part of the RAM, the equity loading for socio-economic background is a funding allocation that supports New South Wales public schools to meet the additional learning needs of students from low socio-economic backgrounds. Under the Local Schools, Local Decisions reforms, principals have greater authority over how they allocate available resources, including the school's allocated RAM funding.

This allows principals to decide on programs most appropriate for their community..

Further information can be found on the NSW Department of Education website.

\*7221 MOUNT KEIRA AND MOUNTAIN TRACKS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Do you and your agency support mountain biking on managed tracks across Mount Keira?
  - (a) If so, will funding be allocated to the construction of these new tracks?
    - (i) If so, when?
    - (ii) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The National Parks and Wildlife Service is part of a multi-agency mountain bike working group that is investigating opportunities for sustainable mountain biking across the Illawarra escarpment, including Mt Keira.

It is expected a mountain bike feasibility study will be completed in 2018 and detailed site assessments of possible tracks will follow.

(a) Potential track locations and resourcing will be determined when the working group's investigations are completed.

\*7222 BULLI HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—  
When will the upgrades to Bulli Hospital be completed?

Answer—

I am advised that construction on the Bulli Aged Care Centre of Excellence is expected to be completed in 2019.

\*7223 SCHOOLS IN THE SUMMER HILL ELECTORATE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

(1) How many schools in the Summer Hill electorate received funding as part of the School Breakfast Program in the 2016-17 financial year?

(a) What was the total amount in the financial year spent on Summer Hill schools?

(2) How many schools across New South Wales were funded as part of the program in the 2016-17 financial year?

(a) What was the total amount for the financial year spent across New South Wales?

(3) How many schools in the Summer Hill electorate currently receive funding as part of the School Breakfast Program as of 1 November 2017?

Answer—

I'm advised that the NSW Department of Education does not collect this data centrally. School principals, in consultation with their local communities, make decisions about the use of optional programs like the School Breakfast Program.

The Government recently announced \$1.09 billion in needs based Resource Allocation Model (RAM) funding. This supports principals in deciding on programs most appropriate for their school community. Schools in the Summer Hill electorate received more than \$5.8 million in RAM funding for 2018.

\*7224 CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) What is the total cost of producing and installing a reverse vending machine under the Government's Container Deposit Scheme?

(2) What is the cost of establishing a manual collection point under the Container Deposit Scheme?

(3) What is the total cost to the operator of a reverse vending machine per year?

(4) What is the total cost to the operator of acting as a manual collection point?

(5) How many manual collection points will be operational on 1 December 2017:

(a) Across New South Wales;

(b) In the Summer Hill electorate?

(6) How many manual collection points will be operational on 1 December 2018:

(a) Across New South Wales;

(b) In the Summer Hill electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (4) The Government is committed to reducing litter by 40 per cent by 2020. The refund container deposit scheme, called Return and Earn, will significantly contribute to meeting this target.

Over the next 20 years, Return and Earn is expected to result in:

- 1.6 billion fewer beverage containers littered
- almost 11 billion fewer beverage containers ending up in landfill

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- 12.6 billion more beverage containers being recycled.

This scheme was supported by both major parties and details from that debate can be found at <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Hansard/Pages/HansardResult.aspx#docid/HANSARD-1323879322-939951ink/111>

(5) and (6) The roll out of collection points continues. For more information please see [www.returnandearn.org.au](http://www.returnandearn.org.au).

\*7225 BUS PRIORITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How many bus stops have been removed across New South Wales under the Bus Priority Infrastructure Program in each year from 2013 to 2017 (as at 22 November 2017)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about the Bus Priority Infrastructure Program is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*7226 OFFICE OF NEW SOUTH WALES TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Attorney General—

(1) How many people does the Office of NSW Trustee and Guardian have legal guardianship over as at 1 July 2017?

(2) How many of these people are aged over 55?

(3) What is the total number of people the office has had guardianship over on 1 July in each financial year from 2012-13 to 2016-17?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Public Guardian, not the NSW Trustee and Guardian, represents NSW citizens subject to guardianship orders where there is no private person available to act as guardian.

Information about the Public Guardian is available in the 2017 NSW Trustee and Guardian Annual Report available at <http://www.tag.nsw.gov.au>.

\*7227 NEW SOUTH WALES TRAINS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) How many benches and seats have been removed from New South Wales train stations in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?

(a) How many have been replaced with seating rails?

(2) How many seating rails have been installed at train stations across New South Wales in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?

(3) What is the cost of installing each rail?

(4) What is the rationale behind installing these rails?

(5) What is the policy of Transport for NSW regarding the ratio between bench seating and seating rails?

(a) How does this comply with the Government's obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government must balance a number of considerations regarding the placement of seating at train stations. This includes the need to provide adequate seating whilst ensuring safe pedestrian flow is not impeded.

All work completed by the Government is in accordance with our responsibilities under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport.

\*7228 NEEDLE AND SYRINGE POINTS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) What is the Government's total budget for providing Needle and Syringe Points in New South Wales in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2016-17?

(2) How many full time employees work in Needle and Syringe Points in New South Wales in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2016-17?

- (3) What is the Government's total budget for providing rehabilitation services in New South Wales in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2016-17?

Answer—

The NSW Ministry of Health does not hold all the information required to adequately answer the questions. Needle and syringe programs are managed, and resources allocated, within each individual local health district.

- \*7229 CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) When will refund points be established for the Container Deposit Scheme in the major regional retail centre of the Charlestown electorate?

- (a) Where will these refund points be located?

Answer—

I am advised:

The roll out of collection points continues. For more information please see [www.returnandearn.org.au](http://www.returnandearn.org.au)

- \*7230 JETTING AND MOORING LICENCES—Mr David Harris asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) How many jetty and mooring licences are located in Chittaway Creek?

- (a) How much revenue was collected in each year from 2012 to 2016?

Answer—

I am advised:

There is no mooring area known as Chittaway Creek.

Questions about jetties in that region of the Central Coast should be referred to Central Coast Council and the Minister for Lands and Forestry and Minister for Racing.

- \*7231 EDUCATION PROGRAMS EXPENDITURE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What has been the total expenditure of the Future Focused Schools program as at 31 October 2017?

- (2) What has been the total expenditure of the Regional School Renewal program as at 31 October 2017?

Answer—

I am advised;

Details of expenditure will be available in the annual State budget papers in June 2018.

- \*7232 MITCHELL HIGHWAY ROADWORKS AT GUANNA HILL—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Why has there been an apparent six week delay in work on the road upgrades on the Mitchell Highway at Guanna Hill?

- (2) When is the Mitchell Highway road upgrade at Guanna Hill expected to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about the Guanna Hill realignment is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

- \*7233 PARKING SPOTS AT CARDIFF AND BROADMEADOW STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many parking spots are available at Cardiff train station?

- (2) How many parking spots are available at Broadmeadow train station?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A total of 67 car spaces including 3 spaces designated for customers with disabilities.

- (2) A total of 90 car spaces including 6 designated spaces for customers with disabilities.

- \*7234 WAGE THEFT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

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- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the landmark University of Technology, Sydney and University of New South Wales research report Wage Theft in Australia showing workplace exploitation for one third of backpackers and international students?
- (2) What programs and services does the Government provide to address this exploitation?
- (3) What further action will the Government take to address wage theft for vulnerable workers?

Answer—

Workers in the UTS/UNSW report were all employed in the private sector and covered by the provisions of the Commonwealth Fair Work system. Direct responsibility for compliance with and enforcement of award conditions rests with the Fair Work Ombudsman. Further, given the workers were temporary migrants, responsibility for conditions of working visas and related matters rests with the Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Border Protection.

\*7235 COMPUTERS IN PRISON CELLS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Considering that New South Wales prisoners have access to television but not computers in their cells, what changes have been made in policy about access to computers in prison cells since LA Q6142 (Questions and Answers Paper No. 9, 16 October 2014) for:
  - (a) Adults;
  - (b) Juveniles?
- (2) What research has the Government carried out or reviewed since then about the benefits of prisoners having computers in cells?
- (3) What evidence does the Government have about access to computers in prison cells for online counselling to address:
  - (a) Drug/substance problems, including smoking;
  - (b) Anxiety and other mental health concerns;
  - (c) Anger management;
  - (d) Domestic and family violence?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of benefits of access to computers in cells for education, training and employment?
- (5) What assessment has the Government made of benefits of computer access in cells to reduce recidivism and improve rehabilitation?
- (6) What action will the Government take to introduce computers to prison cells with appropriate safeguards?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) developed the Digital Offender Initiative to improve prison education and training in accordance with the Government's 2011 election commitment. Through its Offender Digital Services Program Blueprint CSNSW is addressing the way technology can be appropriately and safely used to provide a range of services to offenders in custody.

The first stage of scaling up in cell technology has now commenced with the purchase of 800 digital devices that will be available for each inmate in the new rapid build correctional centres. Using these devices inmates can access online educational programs, legal resources and initiate self-service prison-related transactions such as scheduling programs and services, enrolling in courses, checking court schedules and ordering buyups. Inmates will also be able to make internal inquiries and applications online.

(b) Juveniles in detention do not have access to computers in their rooms due to online security issues and for the safety of themselves and others. Young people have access to computers in the educational facilities in juvenile justice centres where appropriate supervision is provided and their use is linked to educational development and outcomes.

(2) CSNSW supports increasing inmate access to computers and has satisfied itself of the benefits of controlled access to digital devices in cells. CSNSW staff have participated in international forums, for example International Prisons and Corrections Association (ICPA) events where experts have presented on the benefits and risks of in cell computers and vendors have demonstrated current solutions that have been applied in other jurisdictions.

(3) CSNSW has not found any empirical evidence to directly support the claim that inmates will engage in online counselling, or that the delivery of online counselling for inmates has efficacy. CSNSW

however is supportive of inmates accessing a range of appropriate services from internal and external service providers.

(4) CSNSW recognises the potential for in-cell computers to improve inmates' access to educational resources and to enable inmates to make productive use of in-cell time in areas such as computer literacy, expanding learning opportunities and preparing for post-release employment. The trial of laptops in cell at the South Coast Correctional Centre identified some security risks but also a range of benefits for offenders participating in educational programs.

(5) It is plausible that in-cell access to computers has the potential to assist inmates to reintegrate into the community by:

- Improving access to key services such as housing, job opportunities and basic community services.
- Encouraging inmates to be more autonomous in accessing information and undertaking programs is also likely to have a positive benefit on future offending.
- Supplementing and reinforcing program content that is delivered face to face.

High quality evidence to support these expectations is developing but not yet available in peer reviewed research publications.

(6) CSNSW has adopted a cautious and incremental approach to introducing computers to cells. A blue print has been developed to guide this process. At each step security considerations and community expectations are paramount considerations. For example in trialling the use of laptops in cells for educational purposes at one correctional centre, safeguards included removing access to CD/DVD drives, modifications to improve security and preventing access to the internet. Recycled laptops were used to contain costs.

\*7236 HUNTER WATER AND NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What will be the Hunter Water costs associated with the construction of the light rail works in Newcastle?
- (2) Has there been a deed of agreement undertaken?
  - (a) If so, is this publicly available?

Answer—

I am advised:

A Deed of Agreement has been undertaken between Transport for NSW and Hunter

Water for costs associated with the Newcastle Light Rail Project. As it is a commercial agreement between two entities, it is not publicly available.

\*7237 COAL INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT—Mr Clayton Barr 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) Can a person be employed as casual under the National Employment Standards and the Black Coal Award when they work 52.36 hours per week and have a permanent set 4 panel roster, working 12.5 hour shifts, including day and night shifts, weekends and public holidays, in an open cut mine?
- (2) Can an enterprise agreement be approved without the Fair Work Commission checking the enterprise agreement and applying the Better Off Overall Test and not checking the documents and information in the submitted documents as to it being truthful and factual?
- (3) Can an enterprise agreement be less than the Black Coal Award, and can the agreement allow casual employment in production and engineering when the Black Coal Award does not allow casual employment in production and engineering as ruled by a full bench hearing?
- (4) Can an employer refuse to pay accident pay, as per an agreement and the mining industry standard?

Answer—

Employment issues are a matter for the Minister for Industrial Relations, the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP

\*7238 PURCHASE OF THE LIDDELL POWER STATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What amount did AGL pay the Government in 2014 for the purchase of the Liddell power station?
  - (a) What were the terms of this sale contract?
  - (b) Would consideration be given to purchasing Liddell power station from AGL for the same price?



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Answer—

The Government sold Macquarie Generation to AGL Energy for proceeds of \$1.505 billion. This sale freed up valuable resources for investment in critical infrastructure projects across New South Wales.

\*7239 EMPLOYERS MUTUAL LIMITED—Mr Paul Scully asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Considering the appointment of Employers Mutual Limited (EML) as the single claims agent for the NSW workers' compensation scheme effective 1 January 2018, how will claims be transitioned from the current agent to the new agent?
- (2) Will EML be able to administer the increased claims workload?
  - (a) If so, what steps have been taken to ensure EML is able to administer the increased work load?
- (3) What steps has EML taken to consult with insurers and rehabilitation providers about the new arrangements from 1 January 2018?
- (4) Is the Minister aware that there are increasing complaints from insurers and rehabilitation providers about lack of consultation by EML?
  - (a) If so, what steps have been taken to address these concerns?
- (5) Will a claim will be considered 'new' based on the date of injury or date of claim lodgement?

Answer—

As part of the new claims model, icare selected Employers Mutual (EML) as its partner to manage new claims from January 2018. Claims will be considered 'new' based on the date of claim lodgement. As such, there is no transition for EML.

icare and EML have undertaken detailed resource planning to understand workload impacts and to determine the associated resourcing and business structures required to enable EML to have the capacity and capability to administer claims from January 2018.

\*7240 DROUGHT ASSISTANCE TO AGRICULTURAL CONTRACTORS—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—

What financial and other assistance is available to the many agricultural contractors in rural and regional New South Wales whose income is negatively impacted as a result of drought?

Answer—

A number of forms of assistance are available for agricultural contractors during drought conditions, including:

- the Rural Resilience Program run by the NSW Department of Primary Industries which supports farming communities to recover from adverse events and help prepare for the future
- the Rural Financial Counselling Service which provides free rural financial counselling to a range of clients including small agriculture related businesses
- The NSW Department of Industry Business Connect program which offers a business advisory service specifically for small businesses with advisors located throughout the state.

\*7241 BARANGAROO CONSTRUCTION WORKS OUTSIDE STANDARD HOURS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) On One Sydney Harbour, what oversight must occur to ensure that works outside of standard hours comply with consent conditions?
- (2) On how many days have construction works occurred outside of these standard hours, including deliveries and maintenance works?
  - (a) For each of these occasions:
    - (i) Which received approval from NSW Police?
    - (ii) Which received approval from other authorities and which authorities were they?
    - (iii) Which were considered emergency works to avoid loss of life, damage to property or to prevent environmental harm?
- (3) What action has been taken for works outside of standard hours that did not meet consent conditions?
- (4) What community notification occurs before works can occur outside of standard hours?
- (5) How can local residents find out if the Department has deemed that works outside of standard hours are within consent conditions?
- (6) On Crown Sydney Hotel Resort, what oversight must occur to ensure that works outside of standard

- hours comply with consent conditions?
- (7) On how many days have construction works occurred outside of these standard hours?
    - (a) For each of these occasions:
      - (i) Which received approval from NSW Police?
      - (ii) Which received approval from other authorities and which authorities were they?
      - (iii) Which were considered emergency works to avoid loss of life, damage to property or to prevent environmental harm?
      - (iv) Which were approved in advance in writing by the Secretary or a nominee?
      - (v) Which come under consent conditions D3 which permit 24 hour works and what were the details of these occasions?
  - (8) What action has been taken for works outside of standard hours that did not meet consent conditions?
  - (9) What community notification occurs before works can occur outside of standard hours?
  - (10) How can local residents find out if the Department has deemed that works outside of standard hours are within consent conditions?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Department's compliance officers regularly visit the Barangaroo site to ensure consent conditions are being complied with.
  - (2) The Department has not granted approval for construction works outside standard hours for One Sydney Harbour. The Department has however granted approval for works outside of standard hours pursuant to SSD 5897 and SSD 6533 for remediation works being undertaken in the area where One Sydney Harbour will be constructed.
    - (a) For these occasions:
      - (i) Approval was not required by the NSW Police.
      - (ii) The works were granted approval by the Environment Protection Authority.
      - (iii) The works were not considered emergency works.
  - (3) The Department is not aware of works being undertaken outside of standard hours for One Sydney Harbour.
  - (4) Prior to undertaking the remediation works outside of standard hours (SSD 5897 and SSD 6533), the Department required Lend Lease to undertake a community forum and letter-box drop to surrounding residents.
  - (5) Residents can contact the Department's compliance branch who investigate all complaints.
  - (6) The Department's compliance officers regularly visit the Barangaroo site to ensure consent conditions are complied with.
  - (7) Construction works for the installation of perimeter retention walls and concrete pours for Crown Sydney Hotel Resort have been granted approval outside of standard hours for a maximum of eight days in total over the construction period.
    - (a) For each of these occasions:
      - (i) Approval was not required from NSW Police.
      - (ii) The works were granted approval by the Environment Protection Authority.
      - (iii) The works were not considered emergency works.
      - (iv) The works were granted approval by the Secretary's nominee.
      - (v) The works were outside of what is permitted by Condition D3.
  - (8) The Department is not aware of any works that do not meet consent conditions for Crown Sydney Hotel Resort.
  - (9) Prior to undertaking the works outside of standard hours, the Department required Crown to undertake a community forum and letter-box drop to surrounding residents.
  - (10) Residents can contact the Department's compliance branch who investigate all complaints.
- \*7242 YASMAR JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITY—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) What interaction has the Office of Environment and Heritage had with the Department of Justice regarding operations at Yasmar Juvenile Justice Facility?
  - (2) What regulation or oversight does the Office of Environment and Heritage exercise over operations at Yasmar Juvenile Justice Facility?
  - (3) Has the Office of Environment and Heritage raised concerns with the impacts of operations on heritage protections at Yasmar Juvenile Justice Facility?

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Answer—

I am advised:

(1) None.

(2) Yasmar is listed on the State Heritage Register as an item of state heritage significance. Approval is required for any development. The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) is delegated to approve applications on behalf of the Heritage Council of NSW.

OEH does not have a role in the operations of heritage listed items. Operational matters are a matter for the Department of Justice.

(3) No.

\*7243 SUMMER HILL AMBULANCE STATION—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) When is the Summer Hill ambulance station due to close operations?

(2) When is the proposed superstation at Haberfield due to begin?

(3) What other stations will likely be closed as a result of the new Haberfield superstation?

(4) What is the estimated cost of closing the Summer Hill ambulance station?

(5) Will the Summer Hill ambulance station be sold to private developers?

Answer—

Once constructed, Haberfield superstation will replace Summer Hill ambulance station. Operations at Summer Hill station will not cease until operations commence at the new Haberfield superstation.

Construction on the Haberfield superstation is expected to be completed by late 2018.

Minimal costs will be incurred as a result of the move to the new facility at Haberfield.

\*7244 SLAVERY, HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND FORCED LABOUR—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) What mechanisms does the Government use to ensure that government contracts for goods and services do not support forced labour, human trafficking or slavery?

(2) How does the Government ensure that slavery, forced labour and human trafficking does not occur anywhere along the supply chain for goods and services supplied for government contracts?

(3) What liaison has the Government carried out with the Commonwealth Government to prevent human trafficking, forced labour or slavery?

(4) What further action will the Government take to ensure that government contracts do not contribute to slavery, forced labour and human trafficking?

Answer—

(1) The Government and our suppliers are bound by the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW). New South Wales is also regulated by the Commonwealth's Criminal Code Act 1995 that criminalises human trafficking and slavery, and the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Slavery, Slavery-like Conditions and People Trafficking) Act 2013 that criminalises forced labour and forced marriage.

All New South Wales government procurement is subject to the ethical principles and rules in the Public Works and Procurement Act 1912 and the NSW Government Procurement Policy Framework, which obliges government agencies to ensure their procurement conduct is at all times fair, ethical, transparent and incorporates probity.

(2) Slavery and exploitation will not be tolerated by the Government. New South Wales government agencies will not procure goods and services that are the product of human trafficking, slavery or slave-like practices. Suppliers to the government must ensure that they are taking sufficient action to keep slavery and exploitation out of their operations.

(3) The Government supports current initiatives by the Commonwealth Government to eliminate slavery in procurement supply chains. The Department of Finance, Services and Innovation is monitoring progress with the Foreign Affairs and Aid Sub-Committee of the Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade which commenced an inquiry into whether Australia should adopt national legislation to combat modern slavery.

(4) Slavery and worker exploitation have been included in the draft NSW Government Supplier Code of Practice, expected to be released in early 2018, which will ensure that agencies apply a common statement of expected business standards across the New South Wales government supply chain. The NSW Procurement Board Direction would require New South Wales government agencies to ensure that

their procurement processes require suppliers to comply with the NSW Government Supplier Code of Practice, which specifically identifies obligations to prevent modern slavery.

\*7245 OPERATIONS OF THE 55A AND 55C BUS ROUTES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

Is the Minister aware that the University of Wollongong and Wollongong City Council have been asked to contribute financially to the operations of the 55A and 55C bus routes in Wollongong in order for them to continue to be provided free of charge to passengers?

Answer—

This question does not relate to my portfolios and should be answered by the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

\*7246 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE 55A AND 55C BUS ROUTES IN WOLLONGONG—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that students attending TAFE campuses on or near the 55A and 55C bus routes also use these services?
- (2) Has TAFE NSW been approached to make a financial contribution to the operation of the 55A and 55C bus services in Wollongong in order for those services to continue to be provided free of charge to passengers?
  - (a) If not, is TAFE NSW willing to make a financial contribution if approached?
    - (i) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2) I am advised that TAFE NSW has not been approached to make a financial contribution to bus services in Wollongong.
  - (a) TAFE NSW considers all proposals it receives and assesses them in the context of its core business of providing vocational education and training.

\*7247 VISITORS TO WOLLONGONG PUBLIC HOSPITAL—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the 55A and 55C bus routes in Wollongong are well used by staff, patients and visitors to Wollongong Public Hospital?
- (2) Has NSW Health been asked to financially contribute to the ongoing operation of the 55A and 55C routes as the University of Wollongong and Wollongong City Council have?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No

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\*7248 PERMANENCY PLANNING ASSESSMENT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

What steps have been taken to increase the number of children and young people in out of home care receiving a permanency planning assessment?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the Permanent Support Program is available on the FACS website at: <http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/permanency-support-program>.

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\*7249 ROAD SPENDING IN WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the claim made by the Parliamentary Secretary for the Illawarra and South Coast that the Government has spent \$65 million on Wollongong roads over the last six years?  
(a) Which projects were being referred to?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.  
(a) Projects include:
- Road maintenance programs on State Roads of approximately \$35 million
  - \$6.7 million worth of traffic efficiency improvements, including about \$4.6 million on junction improvements to the Princes Highway and The Avenue at Figtree
  - Bridge building, signage and repairs of about \$5 million
  - \$2.7 million across active transport projects, including walking and cycling pathways, such as the shared path along Windang Bridge
  - Grants to councils of approximately \$5.8 million
  - Approximately \$10 million on numerous smaller projects.

\*7250 FREE VEHICLE REGISTRATION THROUGH USE OF F6 FREEWAY (M1 MOTORWAY)—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) How many motorists, in each weight band of vehicle, using the F6 freeway (M1 Motorway) are expected to receive free motor vehicle registration if they spend more than \$25 per week on tolls from 1 July 2017?  
(a) How many of these motorists will receive free registration in the:
- (i) Heathcote electorate;
  - (ii) Keira electorate;
  - (iii) Wollongong electorate;
  - (iv) Shellharbour electorate;
  - (v) Kiama electorate;
  - (vi) South Coast electorate?
- (2) What is the expected average registration dollar saving for eligible motorists by each weight band of vehicle using the F6 freeway (M1 Motorway) in the:
- (a) Heathcote electorate;
  - (b) Keira electorate;
  - (c) Wollongong electorate;
  - (d) Shellharbour electorate;
  - (e) Kiama electorate;
  - (f) South Coast electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

The F6 freeway (M1 Motorway) is un-tolled.

\*7251 ILLAWARRA SERVICE NSW CENTRES—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many customers have been served during the period between 1 November 2016 and 1 November 2017 at the following Service NSW Centres:
- (a) Warrawong;
  - (b) Corrimal;
  - (c) Kiama;
  - (d) Wollongong?

Answer—

Warrawong Service Centre, more than 130,100 customers served.

Corrimal Service Centre, more than 64,300 customers served.

Kiama Service Centre, more than 37,300 customers served.

Wollongong Service Centre, more than 65,300 customers served.

- \*7252 ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND SERIOUS PHYSICAL ASSAULT OF CHILDREN RELATING TO CARE STAFF—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

How many of the 118 allegations of sexual misconduct and serious physical assault of children in statutory out of home care that were made to the NSW Children's Guardian against care staff and volunteers in the 2016-17 financial year related in part or exclusively to care staff?

Answer—

I am advised that agencies are bound by the Ombudsman Act 1974 (Part 3A), the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW) and the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012, with regard to allegations of sexual misconduct and serious physical assault of children. Information can be found at <https://www.ombo.nsw.gov.au> and [www.legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au).

- \*7253 NEW SOUTH WALES SOCIAL HOUSING—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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 tenanted residences with vacant bedrooms are there in the New South Wales social housing portfolio, as at 22 November 2017 (or the most recent date at which this data is available)?
- (2) What is the total number of unoccupied bedrooms in those residences?

Answer—

I am advised that information relating to vacant bedrooms is available on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) website at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/facsstatistics/objective-3>.

- \*7254 EMPLOYMENT INTO GOVERNMENT SECTOR OF VETERANS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Considering the targets of employment of Veterans into the public service have been exceeded, is there an organised program to target the employment of former service men and women into the public service sector;
  - (a) If so, what is the program called and are their details made public about this scheme?
- (2) In total, how many former service men and women have been employed into the public sector and during what period of time is this being measured?
- (3) What is the break-down of former service men and women into the various Government departments:
  - (a) By department?
  - (b) By sex?

Answer—

- (1) The Veterans Employment Program exceeded its target by 162 per cent, 18 months ahead of schedule. Future targets and the potential expansion of the program will be considered in due course.
- (2) From 31 March 2016, of the veterans employed, 82 per cent of new hires were male, and 18 per cent female. This figure is reflective of the gender ratio in the working aged veteran community.
- (3) The results for each Government cluster are shown below:

Cluster	New veteran offers and hires*
Justice	231
Transport	144
Education	39
Finance, Services and Innovation	29
Planning and Environment	21
Health	19
Industry	18
Family and Community Services	10
Premier and Cabinet	10
Treasury	2
Total	523

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\*veteran hires and offers where candidate does not identify as currently working in the Public Sector

\*7255 MANDATORY LIFE JACKET TRIAL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) When will the findings of the mandatory life jacket trial for rock fishers in the Randwick City Local Government Area be made public?
- (2) Do you plan to extend the trial in this location?

Answer—

The Government has extended the moratorium on fines for rock fishers not wearing a lifejacket in the Randwick Local Government Area (LGA) until 31 May 2018 while an independent assessment of the implementation of the Rock Fishing Safety Act 2016 (RFSa) is undertaken.

The Government has commissioned an independent evaluation to review the data and feedback collected over the past 12 months in Randwick, and will include a multi-lingual attitudinal survey of rock fishers in the community. The community can also make a submission to the evaluation.

The last 12 months has allowed Randwick City Council and other agencies involved in the RFSa to trial a range of community engagement strategies, and to develop standard operating procedures and training materials.

The evaluation will provide a basis for the Government to consider the potential further roll out of the RFSa to other New South Wales coastal communities and how that could best be implemented.

During the extended moratorium the Government will continue to promote safe rock fishing through additional rock fishing workshops, multi-lingual educational material, rock fishing safety campaigns and water safety messaging.

\*7256 PENALTY NOTICES ISSUED FOR FAILURE TO WEAR LIFE JACKETS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Since the introduction of the mandatory life jacket trial for rock fishers in the Randwick City Local Government Area (LGA) on 1 December 2016, how many penalty notices have been issued for failing to wear an appropriate life jacket while rock fishing in this LGA (to 22 November 2017)?
- (2) How many penalty notices were issued for children failing to wear an appropriate life jacket while rock fishing in this LGA (to 22 November 2017)?

Answer—

These questions should be directed to the Minister for Emergency Services

\*7257 NUMBER OF DROWNINGS SINCE 1 DECEMBER 2016—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) How many rock fishers have drowned throughout New South Wales since 1 December 2016?
  - (a) Were any of these individuals wearing a life jacket or any kind of personal flotation device?
  - (b) What is the breakdown by Local Government Area?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Eight rock fisher drownings were reported to the NSW Police Force between 1 December 2016 and 30 November 2017. This includes two rock fishers presumed rowned in Jervis Bay Territory where no bodies were recovered.
  - (a) For the events which occurred within New South Wales, a life jacket was worn in one event and not worn in five events.
  - (b) One drowning occurred in each of the Randwick, Newcastle, Bega, Shoalhaven, Botany Bay and Northern Beaches Local Government Areas.

\*7258 IMPACT OF CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME ON SMALL BUSINESSES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

What impact will the Container Deposit Scheme have upon the viability of small businesses involved in the manufacturing and distribution of bottles?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The government consulted extensively with beverage industry associations to ensure the Scheme operates as efficiently as possible.
- (2) To help these companies, the Office of the Small Business Commissioner has developed a short term loan program to cover the first few months of the scheme.

\*7259 RESCUES OF ROCK FISHERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) How many rescues have been performed on rock fishers throughout New South Wales since 1 December 2016 (to 22 November 2017)?
  - (a) Were any of these individuals wearing a life jacket or any kind of personal flotation device?
  - (b) What was the breakdown by Local Government Area?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force do not get notified about all persons in water incidents unless the incident results in a person being reported missing, or sustaining an injury or results in death.

Further information regarding rock fishing may be found in the Surf Life Saving NSW Coastal Safety Report 2017, which can be downloaded at [www.surflifesaving.com.au](http://www.surflifesaving.com.au)

\*7260 MANDATORY LIFE JACKETS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Does the Government plan to expand laws relating to mandatory life jackets for rock fishers to include other high-risk areas in New South Wales?
  - (a) If yes, which areas and when?
  - (b) If no, why not?

Answer—

The Government has extended the moratorium on fines for rock fishers not wearing a lifejacket in the Randwick Local Government Area (LGA) until 31 May 2018 while an independent assessment of the implementation of the Rock Fishing Safety Act 2016 (RFSa) is undertaken.

The Government has commissioned an independent evaluation to review the data and feedback collected over the past 12 months in Randwick, and will include a multi-lingual attitudinal survey of rock fishers in the community. The community can also make a submission to the evaluation.

The last 12 months has allowed Randwick City Council and other agencies involved in the RFSa to trial a range of community engagement strategies, and to develop standard operating procedures and training materials.

The evaluation will provide a basis for the Government to consider the potential further roll out of the RFSa to other New South Wales coastal communities and how that could best be implemented.

During the extended moratorium the Government will continue to promote safe rock fishing through additional rock fishing workshops, multi-lingual educational material, rock fishing safety campaigns and water safety messaging.

\*7261 ADVERTISEMENT OF MANDATORY LIFE JACKETS FOR ROCK FISHERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) How much has been spent advertising the mandatory life jackets for rock fishers trial in the Randwick Local Government Area (to 22 November 2017)?
  - (a) Was this advertised in any other Local Government Areas?
    - (i) If yes, how much was spent on out of area advertising (to 22 November 2017)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Materials developed to assist implementation of the Rock Fishing Safety Act 2016 were delivered both within the Randwick Local Government Area and beyond.

The Government has committed \$11 million over three years to a Water Safety Fund, under which it is funding a range of water safety initiatives and projects, including for rock fishing. This is on top of additional programs and initiatives delivered by the Department of Justice within existing resources.

An examples of advertising expense includes the \$59,650 (exclusive of GST) grant to Randwick City



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Council for a communications strategy including workshops and signage.

Other expenses funded by the Government include rock fishing site visits by the Old4New lifejacket upgrade van, website and social media content, brochure development including multilingual translations and distribution, and the Government's water safety campaign in various mediums.

- \*7262 IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE NEW SOUTH WALES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATH REVIEW TEAM REPORT 2015-2017—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

Which recommendations from the New South Wales Domestic Violence Death Review Team Report 2015-2017 will the Government implement?

Answer—

The Government is currently reviewing the recommendations of the Domestic Violence Death Review Team Report 2015-17 and developing a whole of government response to the report.

- \*7263 OUR WATCH PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Why is the Government the only State or Territory in Australia not to sign up to the Our Watch Program?
- (2) Will the Government give consideration to joining Our Watch following recommendation 1 of the New South Wales Domestic Violence Death Review Team Report 2015-2017?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Government continues to focus on investment in frontline services and supports. The Government is investing more than \$350 million over four years in specialist domestic violence initiatives to tackle domestic violence by supporting victim-survivors and holding perpetrators to account.

Further information on the domestic violence funding is available at: [https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/417910/2017-18-NSW-BudgetDomestic-and-Family-Violence.pdf](https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/417910/2017-18-NSW-BudgetDomestic-and-Family-Violence.pdf).

- \*7264 WEST CAMPSIE BYPASS—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) When is the expected start date of construction of the West Campsie Bypass that is proposed as part of the Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor Strategy?
- (2) When is the expected conclusion date of construction?
- (3) What is the projected total cost of the construction of the West Campsie Bypass?
- (4) What is the projected cost of the construction of a new road coming off of Second Ave and running parallel with the Cooks River in the direction of Rudd Path?
  - (a) What will this new road connect to?
- (5) What is the projected cost of the construction of a new road connecting Loch Street and Urissa Street?
- (6) Which community groups were consulted with before the adoption of the Campsie Bypass policy?
- (7) How will the Campsie bypass affect public transport routes?
- (8) Will bus stops be paced on the new streets proposed in the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor Map?
- (9) In what ways will the Campsie bypass lessen congestion on Canterbury Road?
- (10) Will the section of the bypass that overlaps with a cycling route include a separate bike lane?
- (11) What is the current traffic flow through the West Campsie Bypass?
- (12) What is the projected traffic flow through the West Campsie Bypass in 2019?
- (13) What is the projected traffic flow through the West Campsie Bypass in 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter that would be best dealt with by the Minister for Roads.

- \*7265 TAXI TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many people currently use the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme (as at 23 November 2017)?
- (2) How many people are expected to use the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme in 2019 after the full implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme rollout?
- (3) How many people are expected to use the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme in 2023?
- (4) Can the Government guarantee that the Taxi Transport Subsidy will remain at 50 per cent of the total fare for a maximum subsidy of \$60?
- (5) What was the cost of the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme for the 2016-2017 financial year?
- (6) What is the projected cost of the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme for the:
  - (a) 2017-18 financial year;
  - (b) 2018-19 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Approximately 44,000.

(2) and (3) As the National Disability Insurance Scheme is rolling out and maturing, clients will have more available choices for their transport needs. Clients can determine how their funding is allocated which will influence ongoing usage and demand for the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme.

(4) Transport for NSW is currently conducting a review on the future operation of the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme and the incentives provided to Wheelchair Accessible vehicle operators and drivers to provide services to customers with disability. The review, a recommendation of the 2015 Point to Point Transport Taskforce, is being conducted with the view of moving towards a provider neutral subsidy scheme and improving access to services for people with disability.

The public submission period closed on 30 November 2017 and submissions are now being considered to finalise the review's recommendations.

(5) \$37.3 million.

(6) (a) \$40 million.

(b) The 2018-19 budget is yet to be finalised.

\*7266 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME AND EARLY INTERVENTION—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) Why is the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) using the Pediatric Evaluation of Disability Inventory Computer Adaptive Test (PEDI-CAT) to diagnose autism in children under the age of six, despite this diagnostic tool not being a clinically approved tool for measuring autism?
  - (a) Was this a decision made in consultation with any Government Department?
  - (b) What regulatory oversight measures are in place to ensure that there have not been misdiagnoses as a result of using PEDI-CAT?
- (2) What safeguards are in place to ensure that the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is recommending clinically approved and best practise therapies to parents?
  - (a) What safeguards are in place to prevent misleading or giving false information to parents and people with a disability?
  - (b) Why does NDIA recommend as the first option in the funding plan that parents implement the ABA therapy as opposed to a medical expert?
- (3) Is it true that all funding packages for children with autism under the age of 6 are capped at \$22,000?
  - (a) If so, does this not undermine the principles of the NDIS?
- (4) What are the key differences between the New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory National Disability Insurance Scheme model regarding funding package re-approval?
- (5) Considering families with children with autism have been waiting up to 18 months before they received funding for early intervention therapy, why are the waiting times so long for early intervention funding when clinical evidence shows that the earlier they receive therapy the better the results?
  - (a) What funding or human resources assistance can the Government provide to assist in shortening the waiting times for early intervention funding?

Answer—

(1) The specific tool applied by the NDIA to understand the level of functional impairment for participants with autism is an operational matter for the NDIA.

(2) and (3) The development and application of Operational Guidelines for matters to be considered in

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determining reasonable and necessary supports are an operational matter for the NDIA.

(4) The NDIS is a national scheme and is administered by the NDIA on a national basis which is consistent between States and Territories.

(5) The NDIA has implemented the transitional NDIS Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) Gateway to support children 0 to 6 years to gain timely access to critical early intervention therapies and supports or access to the NDIS, where appropriate. NSW is maintaining existing ECEI funding and infrastructure until clients transition to the NDIS.

\*7267 APPLICANTS FOR DIRECTOR POSITIONS—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Education—

What is the number of applicants (by region) for the newly created Director positions to commence on the first day of Term 2, 2018 (as at 23 November 2017)?

Answer—

I'm advised the Department of Education received 208 applications for the Director, Educational Leadership positions to commence on the first day of Term 2, 2018.

Applicants were asked to nominate their two preferred indicative network locations. The distribution of preferences by geographical location were:

Geographical Location	Applicants
Sydney metro north	33
Sydney metro south	33
Rural north	29
Rural south	30
Regional north	33
Regional south and west	35
Non specific	15

\*7268 POINT TO POINT SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Are the point-to-point speed cameras in average speed zones only used to monitor the speed of heavy vehicles as stated on the Roads and Maritime Services website?
- (2) Are drivers in receipt of a Traffic Infringement Notice still able to obtain free of charge photographs of the alleged camera detection of a breach as set-out on the Roads and Maritime Services website?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Photographs are available on the Revenue NSW website.

\*7269 LIFT SERVICING PLATFORMS 1 AND 2 AT CAMPBELLTOWN STATION—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What works are being completed as part of the upgrades to the lift servicing platforms 1 and 2 at Campbelltown Station?
- (2) Is the Minister satisfied that these works could not be completed faster than within the three months beginning 27 November 2017 during which the lift is due to be closed?
- (3) What action has been undertaken to notify commuters about the lift closure?
  - (a) On what date did this notification commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about the major lift replacement works at Campbelltown Station is available on the Sydney Trains website.

\*7270 ORANGE RAIL ACTION GROUP—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

When can I expect a response to the letter I wrote you on 28 August 2017 on behalf of my constituents, Orange Rail Action Group, regarding five specific issues of rail?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Infrastructure signed a response to your representations on behalf of the Orange Rail Action Group on 3 October 2017. Regrettably, an error was made during the processing of the signed response and in drafting a response to this question, it was discovered the response was sent to an incorrect email address. I understand this has been rectified and Transport for NSW has apologised for the consequent delivery.

\*7271 NEW SOUTH WALES SCHOOLS WITH STAGGERED LUNCHTIMES—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many schools in New South Wales have staggered lunchtimes?
- (2) Which schools in New South Wales have staggered lunchtimes?

Answer—

I'm advised decisions on staggered lunchtimes are taken locally by school principals. Details on lunchtimes are not centrally collected.

\*7272 REGISTRATION COSTS FOR PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) How many modified vehicles for people with disabilities are currently registered in each electorate in New South Wales (as at 23 November 2017)?
- (2) How many modified vehicles for drivers in wheelchairs are currently registered in each electorate in New South Wales (as at 23 November 2017)?
- (3) Does the Roads and Maritime Services require any additional annual registration inspections for these vehicles?
  - (a) If so, what additional annual inspections are required and what is the cost of these inspections?
- (4) Are any additional fees and charges for registration levied on vehicles modified for drivers: with a disability?
- (5) Are any additional fees and charges for registration levied on vehicles modified for drivers in wheelchairs?
- (6) Are drivers with a disability charged any additional fees or charges to obtain a licence?
  - (a) If so, what is the current level of these fees and charges (as at 23 November 2017)?
- (7) Do drivers with a newly acquired disability face any additional fees or charges to retain their licence?
  - (a) If so, what is the current level of these fees and charges (as at 23 November 2017)?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

\*7273 THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME AND SPECIALIST DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) Considering your answer to LA Q6832, what support processes and actions will the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) need to undertake for people with challenging behaviours in Specialist Disability Accommodation to satisfy the requirement of 'reasonable'?
- (2) Is there an official process that NDIA must undertake in regards to providing supports for people with challenging behaviours in Specialist Disability Accommodation?
  - (a) If so, will it be made public?
  - (b) If no, what safeguards have been implemented in the absence of such a structure to ensure that no discrimination takes place, no individuals fall through the cracks and that transparency is ensured?
- (3) If all "reasonable and necessary supports" fail to retain someone with challenging behaviour in Specialist Disability Accommodation, is it the NDIA or the Government's responsibility to find them additional accommodation?
- (4) What agreements or frameworks has the Department implemented to ensure that upon the failure of all "reasonable and necessary supports" to retain someone with challenging behaviour in Specialist Disability Accommodation they do not become homeless?

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Answer—

- (1) The support processes and actions the NDIA will undertake for people with challenging behaviours is a matter for the NDIA.
- (2) The official process the NDIA must undertake in regards to providing supports to people with challenging behaviours is a matter for the NDIA.
- (3) The NDIA will fund Support Coordinators to assist participants in finding alternate accommodation.
- (4) For Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) owned by the Government and managed by NGOs, the Department of Family and Community Services requires that the current SDA Provider work with the NDIA funded support coordinator to find the participant alternative accommodation, as a condition of the head lease.

\*7274 NEWCASTLE 500—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

- (1) Will there be a review of the Newcastle 500 Supercars event?
- (2) Will residents be able to provide feedback to the review?
  - (a) If so, how will residents be consulted?

Answer—

- (1) Yes, Destination NSW will be conducting a post-event evaluation of the Newcastle 500.
- (2) Destination NSW will debrief with Government agencies, Newcastle City Council, and Supercars Australia during which feedback from residents from existing forums will be considered.

In addition, residents will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the event during the final meeting of the Major Events Residents Working Group.

\*7275 FUTURE USE OF THE BELMONT INFANTS SCHOOL SITE—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

- (1) Are there any plans to sell off the Belmont Infants School site?
  - (a) If yes, when?
  - (b) If not, what are the plans for this site?

Answer—

TAFE NSW will only divest a site that is not-fit-for purpose, and after appropriate investigations.

\*7276 BICYCLES ON FOOTPATHS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Will consideration be given to changing existing legislation so that minors under the age of 18 are able to ride their bicycles on the footpath?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The development of the Road Safety Plan 2021 includes an action to review and consider options to modernise the NSW Road Rules and safety legislation. This will include investigating the crash risk, cognitive, behavioural and regulatory issues involved in the removal of restrictions to riding a bicycle on the footpath for young people over 12 years of age.

\*7277 CLASSROOMS USED FOR TEACHING AT TAFE—Ms Prue Car asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

- (1) How many classrooms are being used for teaching, and for how often, at the following TAFE colleges:
  - (a) TAFE Campbelltown;
  - (b) TAFE Kingswood;
  - (c) TAFE Padstow;
  - (d) TAFE Queanbeyan;
  - (e) TAFE Cooma;
  - (f) TAFE Muswellbrook;
  - (g) TAFE Singleton;
  - (h) TAFE Scone;
  - (i) TAFE Kingscliff;

- (j) TAFE Penrith;
- (k) TAFE Randwick;
- (l) TAFE Quirindi?

Answer—

Classroom bookings are driven by demand and student enrolment to ensure the efficient management of space.

There are 448 classrooms used for teaching at the identified campuses to varying degrees.

\*7278 ENROLMENT FIGURES FOR TAFE NSW—Ms Prue Car asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

- (1) What are the enrolment figures as of 1 November 2017 for the following:
  - (a) TAFE NSW South Region;
  - (b) TAFE NSW North Region;
  - (c) TAFE NSW West Region;
  - (d) TAFE NSW Western Sydney Region;
  - (e) TAFE NSW Sydney Region;
  - (f) TAFE NSW TAFE Digital?

Answer—

TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment and does not provide enrolment data by location. TAFE NSW does provide enrolment data as part of its Annual Report which can be found at <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/about-tafensw/annual-report>.

\*7279 CERTIFICATE 3 AND 4 COURSE FEES—Ms Prue Car asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

- (1) Which fees are payable to study certificate 3 and 4 courses at TAFE NSW relevant to the following industries:
  - (a) Automotive electricians;
  - (b) Panel beating;
  - (c) Construction trades;
  - (d) Glazing;
  - (e) Roof tiling;
  - (f) Wall and floor tiling;
  - (g) Plumbing;
  - (h) Cabinet making;
  - (i) Baking;
  - (j) Commercial cookery;
  - (k) Hairdressing;
  - (l) Horticulture?

Answer—

Fee information is available on the TAFE NSW website at <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/>.

\*7280 MOBILE TRAINING UNITS—Ms Prue Car asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

- (1) What is the function of the travelling Mobile Training Units being driven around by TAFE staff?
  - (a) How many of these exist?
  - (b) What courses are these units teaching?
  - (c) Where are these units based?
  - (d) How much has TAFE NSW spent on these units to date (as at 22 November 2017)?

Answer—

- (1) Mobile Training Units are a specialised fleet of vehicles and/or trailers that deliver practical, hands-on training resources to students and employers in regional communities.
  - (a) There are 46 Mobile Training Units which are vehicles and/or trailers in the TAFE NSW fleet as at 22 November 2017.
  - (b) Mobile Training Units support delivery of Agriculture, Automotive, Aviation, Business, Carpentry, Catering, Children's Education and Care, Civil Infrastructure, Confined Spaces, Construction, Electrotechnology, Engineering, Food Processing, Horticulture, Hospitality, Light

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Automotive, Metal Fabrication, Mining and Forestry, Natural Resource Management, Natural Resource Management Earthworks, Nursing, Rural Skills, Shearing, Tourism and Events.

- (c) Mobile Training Units are mobile and travel to meet training demand.
- (d) TAFE NSW has repurposed a number of vehicles to use as Mobile Training Units as well as purchasing new vehicles, trailers and specialist equipment. As some of the existing Mobile Training Units have been part of the fleet for up to 10 years, it is not possible to provide an accurate spend.

\*7281 SCHOOL CLEANERS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Why are the employment guarantees for the 7,000 cleaners in New South Wales Government Schools being removed?
- (2) How many cleaners will lose their jobs as a result of this decision?
- (3) Will consideration be given to reversing the decision to remove the job guarantee?

Answer—

(1) to (3)

The contract which was put in place in 2011 is managed by Property NSW (PNSW). Under the current contract, cleaning services are delivered to approximately 4,200 sites and applies to up to 7,500 cleaners.

Discussions between the Government and United Voice, the relevant workers' union, are ongoing. Consultation will continue to achieve the best outcome for all school cleaners, the successful contractors and the people of New South Wales.

\*7282 REGIONAL TRAIN FLEET REPLACEMENT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Are Hunter manufacturers considered "regional" and eligible to tender for the new regional train fleet build?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Will Hunter manufacturers be considered to build the new regional train fleet?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The location for manufacture of the new regional train fleet is yet to be determined.

Shortlisted applicants will outline their preferred manufacturing location in a competitive tender process.

\*7283 STOCKTON CENTRE RESIDENT RELOCATION COSTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that residents of Stockton Centre and their families say they were given assurances that there would be no cost to them when transitioned into non-government care?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the residents are now expected to provide their own furniture?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that a local private provider has inserted a clause in accommodation agreements that stipulates if any alterations/modifications are required at the group homes, including ramps or hoists, the resident must meet these costs?
- (4) Will the Minister intervene and honour the commitment given to the families and residents of the Stockton Centre that there would be no cost associated with their transition from the Stockton Centre to group homes?

Answer—

The transfer of government operated Support for Independent Living (SIL) services to non-government organisations will not involve any additional costs for equipment to NDIA participants. Bedroom furnishings have always been considered the property and responsibility of the residents, except where residents required specialised equipment such as height adjustable beds.

People moving into new accommodation built for the redevelopment of large residential centres can take their furniture with them at no charge. Some people wanting new furniture have bought it themselves and arrangements have been made to supply some new furniture at no cost to others who were unable to afford it.

All other furniture provided in new homes such as washing machines, fridges, decor and lounge room furnishings is provided as part of either NDIS Specialist Disability Accommodation, rent paid by the resident, or payments made for board and lodgings.

If a person's needs change they can be reassessed and if eligible, they will be provided with the standard of accommodation they need.

New accommodation that has been built to date for the redevelopment of the Hunter Residences is fully accessible and has provision for hoists.

\*7284 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION FUNDING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Premier—

- (1) Why has funding been cut to the Independent Commission Against Corruption?
- (2) Will consideration be given to reversing the cuts?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Government will continue to ensure the corruption watchdog is sufficiently resourced to ensure the highest levels of integrity in the public sector.

We will always consider requests for extra funding, should the Commission require additional resources. We have done this on a number of occasions.

In fact, during September 2017, the Department of Premier and Cabinet approved an extra \$843,000 in funding for ICAC following a request from the Chief Commissioner.

\*7285 STRATHFIELD TRAIN SERVICE—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How long will it take to travel by train from Strathfield to Central before the timetable change on 26 November 2017?
- (2) How long will it take to travel by train from Strathfield to Central after the timetable change on 26 November 2017?
- (3) Which train stations will no longer have express services after the timetable change on 26 November 2017?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) This information is available on the [transportnsw.info](http://transportnsw.info) website.
- (3) This question makes no sense.

\*7286 REMOVAL OF BUS STOPS IN NOVEMBER—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many public bus routes will have a bus stop removed in the month of November 2017?
  - (a) Which routes are these?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about the Bus Priority Infrastructure Program is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*7287 RENT RELIEF FOR AFFECTED BUSINESSES—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What is the total amount that has been paid in rent relief, or other compensation, to businesses affected by the construction of the Central Business District and South East Light Rail?

Answer—

I am advised:

Supporting small business is a priority as we want to ensure that the small businesses that have experienced disruption get to experience the benefits once light rail services commence.

As at 24 November 2017, 51 small businesses have officially applied for rent assistance.



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\*7288 FREE REGISTRATION UNDER THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION SCHEME—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) If a driver has a toll account across multiple vehicles and spends more than \$25 a day on average over the course of a year, would they have access to the Government's 100 per cent discount on vehicle registration?
- (2) Can a driver apply for free registration under the vehicle registration scheme for multiple vehicles?

Answer—

I am advised:

Owners of most privately registered vehicles in New South Wales will be eligible for Toll Relief when the scheme commences on 1 July 2018, if they spend more than \$1,300 a year in tolls.

\*7289 TOTAL COST OR BUDGET FOR FREE REGISTRATION FOR MOTORISTS—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What is the total cost or budget of the Government scheme to provide free car registration for motorists that spend more than an average of \$25 a week each year in 2016-17?

Answer—

I am advised:

There will be no cost incurred in the 2016-17 period.

\*7290 SYDNEY METRO CITY AND SOUTHWEST—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the total budget for the construction works on the 18 bridges, five under bridges and three foot bridges along the Bankstown Line to enable the delivery of the Sydney Metro Southwest?
- (2) Are these costs within the existing \$11.5 to \$12.5 billion budget for the Sydney Metro City and Southwest?

Answer—

I am advised:

These works are within the total budget for the Sydney Metro City and Southwest project, which has a budget range of \$11.5 billion to \$12.5 billion.

\*7291 ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO WESTCONNEX—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

Will the Government be required to make any additional financial contribution to WestConnex beyond the existing contributions to the Sydney Motorway Corporation?

Answer—

I am advised the budget for WestConnex is \$16.8 billion.

\*7292 STOCKTON CENTRE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) Will the Minister refer the two fatalities of residents that were transitioned from the Stockton Centre to group homes to a Parliamentary Committee?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised that, as is normal practice, the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) has notified the NSW Ombudsman of the deaths for independent review and has provided full and unrestricted access to relevant records. FACS will consider any recommendations made by the Ombudsman.

\*7293 COOKS HILL FIRE STATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the proposal to relocate a heavy rescue appliance from Cooks Hill Fire Station and two permanent staff to Lambton Fire Station?
- (2) Is the Minister concerned about the removal of this appliance from the Newcastle CBD given the unknown risk of aluminum cladding on recent developments?

(3) Will consideration be given to stopping the removal of this firefighting appliance from Cooks Hill Fire Station to prevent a reduction in firefighting and rescue capabilities in the Newcastle inner city?

Answer—

I am advised:

There is no loss of firefighting capacity in the Newcastle inner city as this relocation only concerns a heavy rescue vehicle, which carries equipment to assist in rescue operations rather than water for firefighting. Analysis of rescue incidents shows that Lambton is centrally located for rescue incident response.

An aerial firefighting vehicle that can assist with high-rise firefighting remains stationed at Cooks Hill fire station.

\*7294 NEWCASTLE SENIOR SCHOOL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Education—

(1) Is the Minister aware that the hydrotherapy pool used by the disabled students at Newcastle Senior School has not been operational for 12 months due to lack of funding for its maintenance?

(2) When will the pool re-open?

Answer—

I'm advised that Newcastle Senior School does not have a hydrotherapy pool.

\*7295 MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATION 3 IN NEW SOUTH WALES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATH REVIEW TEAM REPORT 2015-2017—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General—

What measures will the Government take to implement recommendation 3 of the New South Wales Domestic Violence Death Review Team Report 2015-2017 to ensure that Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders are made for an appropriate duration?

Answer—

I am advised:

Detailed consideration is being given to the recommendations made in the 2015-2017 Domestic Violence Death Review Team Report.

The Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is coordinating the whole of government response to the recommendations, which will be published on the NSW State Coroner's website.

\*7296 GOVERNMENT CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATION OF REVERSE VENDING MACHINES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

What is the criteria for the allocation of reverse vending machines under the Container Deposit Scheme?

Answer—

I am advised:

The suitability of locations for reverse vending machines is determined on a case by case basis, in consideration of a range of factors by TOMRA Cleanaway.

\*7297 CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR THE CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

What consultation did the Government undertake in the process of establishing the Container Deposit Scheme?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government consulted extensively on each stage of the development and implementation of the scheme since 2015 with the public and key stakeholders. A discussion paper on the design of a container deposit scheme for New South Wales was released for public comment in 2015-16 and more than 11,000 submissions were received. More than 95 per cent of respondents were in favour of a refund-based scheme. The Government also consulted with the public on the legislation and regulations establishing the scheme.

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Key stakeholders, including suppliers, retailers and their peak bodies, local government and the waste recycling industry participated in advisory and working groups established and managed by the Environment Protection Authority.

The beverage industry has also been consulted through regular industry association engagement sessions to ensure a smooth transition to the scheme. These engagement sessions have included industry associations and small and large beverage suppliers, retailers, manufacturers and wholesalers.

The Shadow Minister for the Environment, the Hon Penny Sharpe MLC noted in her second reading speech the extensive consultation the Government had undertaken.

\*7298 IMPACT OF CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME AND ADVOCACY FOR SMALL BUSINESSES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) What impact will the Container Deposit Scheme have upon the viability of small businesses involved in the manufacturing and distribution of bottles?
- (2) What advocacy has Minister for Small Business undertaken on behalf small businesses who will be adversely affected by the Container Deposit Scheme?

Answer—

The detail of the roll out of the Container Deposit Scheme is a matter for the Minister for the Environment, as the Minister responsible for the NSW Container Deposit Scheme.

\*7299 PAEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many Paediatric Intensive Care Beds are available at the Sydney Children's Hospital in Westmead?
- (2) How many patients have used a Paediatric Intensive Care Bed in the last 12 months?
- (3) What has been the average stay of a patient in a Paediatric Intensive Care bed in the last 12 months?

Answer—

There are 23 paediatric intensive care beds available at The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Constant management, prioritisation and the reprioritisation of patient allocation to operating theatre lists and ICU beds is an ongoing task with every case considered and placed in order of merit.

\*7300 REVENUE NSW HELPLINE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What is the average hold-time for someone who calls the Revenue NSW Helpline?
- (2) How many callers have had their enquiry taken and then called back by Revenue NSW (as at 23 November 2017)?
  - (a) What is the average time between the initial call and the follow up call from Revenue NSW?

Answer—

- (1) Revenue NSW has various Helplines across taxes and fines. The following information provided is a combined average for all helplines.
  - The average queue wait time for a caller calling a Revenue NSW Helpline is 3 minutes and 46 seconds before it is answered.
  - When a customer is put on hold during a call, the average hold-time is 65 seconds. Note: not all customers are placed on hold during their calls.
- (2) Since 1 July 2017, Revenue NSW has taken an initial enquiry from, and then called back, 58,382 customers. This total includes calls taken and returned by the Revenue NSW Collection Centre.
  - (a) The average time between a customer's initial call and a follow up call is 2 hours, 57 minutes, 30 seconds.

\*7301 DRONE AIRCRAFT USED IN NEW SOUTH WALES CORRECTIONAL CENTRE AIRSPACE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

On how many occasions have you been made aware of a drone aircraft being used in the airspace of a New South Wales correctional centre?

Answer—

I am advised:

Corrective Services NSW provides written or verbal briefings to my office on such matters.

\*7302 EXISTENCE OF COMMERCIAL DRONE AIRCRAFT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

When were you first made aware of the existence of commercial drone aircrafts in New South Wales?

Answer—

I cannot recall the exact time and date that I was made aware of the existence of commercial drone aircrafts in New South Wales.

\*7303 DOMESTIC WATERFRONT LICENCES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many domestic waterfront licences have been granted by Crown land in each year from 2011 to 2017 (as at 23 November 2017)?
- (2) What has been the total revenue received by Crown lands for the payment of domestic waterfront licences in each year from 2011 to 2017 (as at 23 November 2017)?
  - (a) Could you please provide a revenue breakdown over this same period for the following precincts:
    - (i) Far North Coast;
    - (ii) Mid North Coast;
    - (iii) Hunter;
    - (iv) Lake Macquarie;
    - (v) South Coast;
    - (vi) Far South Coast;
    - (vii) Tuggerah Lakes;
    - (viii) Brisbane Waters;
    - (ix) Hawkesbury;
    - (x) Pittwater;
    - (xi) Georges River East;
    - (xii) Georges River West;
    - (xiii) Port Hacking East;
    - (xiv) Port Hacking West/South?
- (3) How many built structures are licenced in New South Wales under the domestic waterfront licence? Could you please provide a number breakdown of these built structures for each of the following precincts:
  - (a) Far North Coast;
  - (b) Mid North Coast;
  - (c) Hunter;
  - (d) Lake Macquarie;
  - (e) South Coast;
  - (f) Far South Coast;
  - (g) Tuggerah Lakes;
  - (h) Brisbane Waters;
  - (i) Hawkesbury;
  - (j) Pittwater;
  - (k) Georges River East;
  - (l) Georges River West;
  - (m) Port Hacking East;
  - (n) Port Hacking West/South?

Answer—

(1)

Year	Domestic waterfront licences granted
2011	337
2012	486
2013	206

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2014	425
2015	484
2016	456
2017	300

(2)

Year	Total revenue received
2011	\$6,213,806.11
2012	\$5,710,370.82
2013	\$5,354,737.15
2014	\$5,315,839.63
2015	\$5,271,212.67
2016	\$4,886,996.50
2017	\$4,608,818.59

(2) (a)

## Brisbane Waters

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
\$611,291.77	\$579,703.09	\$619,960.34	\$604,383.81	\$629,823.55	\$595,802.85	\$556,181.31

## Far North Coast

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
\$78,801.29	\$71,328.17	\$69,763.81	\$67,957.93	\$71,506.05	\$57,000.66	\$65,163.91

## Far South Coast

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
\$55,166.08	\$50,052.32	\$39,985.15	\$40,258.13	\$38,409.09	\$33,824.71	\$30,633.50

## Georges River East

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
\$1,022,323.29	\$995,371.61	\$971,564.64	\$964,478.30	\$970,562.61	\$892,382.05	\$868,973.82

## Georges River West

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
\$241,662.47	\$254,912.68	\$289,061.74	\$300,547.69	\$295,532.37	\$282,321.59	\$273,175.67

## Hawkesbury

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
\$297,398.75	\$273,545.93	\$253,771.68	\$251,633.51	\$260,239.96	\$219,151.67	\$191,835.70

## Hunter

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
\$75,194.02	\$60,153.12	\$45,636.47	\$50,635.13	\$50,783.74	\$45,346.68	\$39,882.31

## Lake Macquarie

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
\$625,746.87	\$639,688.31	\$683,818.38	\$705,410.41	\$714,887.12	\$672,313.32	\$636,679.38

## Mid North Coast

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2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
\$181,648.94	\$153,169.64	\$131,057.38	\$130,281.69	\$111,520.25	\$88,114.04	\$123,765.13

## Pittwater

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
\$1,567,198.30	\$1,186,242.79	\$896,455.94	\$836,537.68	\$820,570.40	\$732,603.22	\$637,116.16

## Port Hacking East

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
\$1,140,603.34	\$1,120,066.29	\$1,025,040.83	\$1,034,196.15	\$983,895.54	\$968,250.84	\$893,790.87

## Port Hacking West/South

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
\$133,050.04	\$160,228.11	\$181,469.55	\$179,728.64	\$173,166.93	\$160,845.96	\$163,940.32

## South Coast

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
\$155,366.56	\$137,963.77	\$120,290.89	\$122,400.77	\$123,038.69	\$113,886.43	\$103,217.50

## Tuggerah Lakes

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
\$28,354.39	\$27,944.99	\$26,960.35	\$28,389.79	\$27,276.37	\$25,152.48	\$24,463.01

(3)

Precinct	Number of Structure
Brisbane Water	2,628
Far North Coast	335
Far South Coast	307
Georges River East	2,767
Georges River West	1,628
Hawksbury	2,653
Hunter	376
Lake Macquarie	3,315
Mid North Coast	869
Pittwater	3,484
Port Hacking East	3,337
Port Hacking West/South	837
South Coast	651
Tuggerah Lakes	170

\*7304 ANZAC MEMORIAL CENTENARY PROJECT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Since its inception, how many gold stars have been purchased as part of the 'Buy a Star' project to support the Anzac Memorial Centenary Project?
- (2) How much has been raised through for the Anzac Memorial Centenary Project?
  - (a) When will the project end?
  - (b) How has the project been promoted in the community?
  - (c) What has been the total cost of printing and distributing promotional material?

Answer—

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(1) As of 29 November 2017, 128 stars have been purchased.

(2)

- On 4 August 2014 when the Government announced the project as the centrepiece of the NSW Centenary of Anzac Commemorative Program, it committed to providing \$20 million towards the project.
- In early 2015 the Commonwealth Government recognised the project as one of national significance and committed \$19.6 million from the Anzac Centenary Public Fund.
- The City of Sydney has spent \$3.4 million upgrading the existing Pool of Reflection and an additional \$4.1 million on associated works in Hyde Park around the Memorial Precinct.
- The Memorial Trustees are pleased to report an additional \$107,000 has been raised to date through the public's support of the Project: \$12,800 from the Star campaign; over \$8,000 from proceeds of the sale of the NSW Centenary of Anzac publication NSW and the Great War and the corporate support of Veolia, Clubs NSW and Thales Australia.
- Fundraising will be ongoing.

(a) The Project is on track for completion and public opening by the end of 2018.

(b)

- The Centenary Project was announced to the public on 4 August 2014 during a ceremony at the Anzac Memorial commemorating the commencement of the First World War.
- Since then a stakeholder and communications committee has been established and charged with responsibility for ensuring appropriate broader stakeholder consultation and input for critical project needs and milestones. The committee will continue their work until the completion of the project in 2018.

(c) The total cost of producing Anzac Memorial Centenary Project promotional and project support material is less than \$85,000.

\*7305 UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND AND PROPERTIES ELIGIBLE TO PAY LAND TAX—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) What is the total unimproved value of land of all properties eligible for land tax in New South Wales for each financial year from 2010-11 to 2016-17?

(2) What is the number of properties and total unimproved value of land of those properties eligible to pay land tax in New South Wales within the following values:

- (a) Above \$549,000;
- (b) Above \$1 million;
- (c) Above \$2 million;
- (d) Above \$3 million;
- (e) Above \$3.357 million;
- (f) Above \$4 million;
- (g) Above \$5 million;
- (h) Above \$6 million;
- (i) Above \$7 million;
- (j) Above \$8 million;
- (k) Above \$9 million;
- (l) Above \$10 million?

Answer—

Assessment year	Value Band	Number of land items	Total unimproved value of land (\$)
2011	Below \$549,000	276,164	62,549,446,623
	Between \$549,000 and \$1 million	52,566	37,359,592,687
	Between \$1 and \$2 million	17,822	24,384,584,747
	Between \$2 and \$3 million	4,511	10,938,001,249
	Between \$3 and \$3.357 million	782	2,481,845,082

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	Between \$3.357 and \$4 million	1,043	3,812,933,730
	Between \$4 and \$5 million	962	4,302,310,986
	Between \$5 and \$6 million	681	3,721,933,457
	Between \$6 and \$7 million	405	2,623,610,906
	Between \$7 and \$8 million	296	2,209,865,260
	Between \$8 and \$9 million	205	1,735,645,079
	Between \$9 and \$10 million	175	1,663,617,842
	Over \$10 million	1,181	23,751,826,227
2011 Total		356,793	181,535,213,874
2012	Below \$549,000	271,938	61,473,438,570
	Between \$549,000 and \$1 million	56,498	40,098,696,076
	Between \$1 and \$2 million	18,381	25,100,283,500
	Between \$2 and \$3 million	4,659	11,274,661,980
	Between \$3 and \$3.357 million	860	2,727,905,114
	Between \$3.357 and \$4 million	1,055	3,854,447,549
	Between \$4 and \$5 million	966	4,322,752,580
	Between \$5 and \$6 million	725	3,972,659,359
	Between \$6 and \$7 million	402	2,606,391,985
	Between \$7 and \$8 million	296	2,216,473,863
	Between \$8 and \$9 million	223	1,892,641,819
	Between \$9 and \$10 million	188	1,791,711,547
	Over \$10 million	1,226	23,729,400,099
2012 Total		357,417	185,061,464,040
2013	Below \$549,000	267,899	60,809,268,879
	Between \$549,000 and \$1 million	59,871	42,506,066,694
	Between \$1 and \$2 million	18,743	25,563,965,654
	Between \$2 and \$3 million	4,701	11,387,285,644
	Between \$3 and \$3.357 million	831	2,637,554,550
	Between \$3.357 and \$4 million	1,040	3,800,728,801
	Between \$4 and \$5 million	988	4,421,826,769
	Between \$5 and \$6 million	679	3,711,745,725
	Between \$6 and \$7 million	402	2,590,777,651
	Between \$7 and \$8 million	313	2,349,772,534
	Between \$8 and \$9 million	215	1,829,353,001



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	Between \$9 and \$10 million	197	1,875,312,907
	Over \$10 million	1,217	24,483,886,314
2013 Total		357,096	187,967,545,123
2014	Below \$549,000	265,954	60,621,333,388
	Between \$549,000 and \$1 million	60,988	43,250,431,174
	Between \$1 and \$2 million	18,814	25,643,943,044
	Between \$2 and \$3 million	4,602	11,157,782,366
	Between \$3 and \$3.357 million	803	2,547,068,626
	Between \$3.357 and \$4 million	1,067	3,905,068,322
	Between \$4 and \$5 million	968	4,331,758,816
	Between \$5 and \$6 million	661	3,613,900,589
	Between \$6 and \$7 million	404	2,615,000,147
	Between \$7 and \$8 million	307	2,302,313,401
	Between \$8 and \$9 million	226	1,915,064,281
	Between \$9 and \$10 million	189	1,801,098,131
	Over \$10 million	1,294	25,791,179,657
2014 Total		356,277	189,495,941,942
2015	Below \$549,000	257,982	59,083,643,375
	Between \$549,000 and \$1 million	66,751	47,379,094,842
	Between \$1 and \$2 million	20,159	27,261,986,313
	Between \$2 and \$3 million	4,780	11,540,920,134
	Between \$3 and \$3.357 million	889	2,816,121,997
	Between \$3.357 and \$4 million	1,142	4,189,915,273
	Between \$4 and \$5 million	1,026	4,577,039,152
	Between \$5 and \$6 million	650	3,558,818,164
	Between \$6 and \$7 million	434	2,812,618,849
	Between \$7 and \$8 million	290	2,176,108,212
	Between \$8 and \$9 million	254	2,141,619,981
	Between \$9 and \$10 million	206	1,955,767,472
	Over \$10 million	1,256	26,461,657,858
2015 Total		355,819	195,955,311,623
2016	Below \$549,000	235,905	52,825,035,430
	Between \$549,000 and \$1 million	82,190	59,203,817,923
	Between \$1 and \$2 million	24,957	33,363,091,193

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	Between \$2 and \$3 million	5,673	13,710,065,623
	Between \$3 and \$3.357 million	936	2,967,778,417
	Between \$3.357 and \$4 million	1,307	4,781,753,262
	Between \$4 and \$5 million	1,229	5,451,368,073
	Between \$5 and \$6 million	763	4,176,005,039
	Between \$6 and \$7 million	472	3,060,565,421
	Between \$7 and \$8 million	333	2,487,822,588
	Between \$8 and \$9 million	298	2,526,569,715
	Between \$9 and \$10 million	227	2,161,293,001
	Over \$10 million	1,537	31,909,139,642
2016 Total		355,827	218,624,305,327
2017	Below \$549,000	215,083	47,774,797,260
	Between \$549,000 and \$1 million	92,308	68,056,257,892
	Between \$1 and \$2 million	34,617	45,597,243,647
	Between \$2 and \$3 million	6,638	16,023,711,756
	Between \$3 and \$3.357 million	1,180	3,744,675,328
	Between \$3.357 and \$4 million	1,458	5,323,253,972
	Between \$4 and \$5 million	1,485	6,613,673,003
	Between \$5 and \$6 million	844	4,639,813,621
	Between \$6 and \$7 million	533	3,445,749,111
	Between \$7 and \$8 million	379	2,832,142,341
	Between \$8 and \$9 million	299	2,535,986,899
	Between \$9 and \$10 million	226	2,143,273,281
	Over \$10 million	1,761	39,874,989,380
2017 Total		356,811	248,605,567,491

\*7306 DOMESTIC LEASES FOR BOATING FACILITIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) How many domestic leases (for boating facilities) have been granted by Roads and Maritime Services in each year from 2011 to 2017 (as at 23 November 2017)?
- (2) What has been the total revenue received by Roads and Maritime Services for the payment of domestic leases in each year from 2011 to 2017 (as at 23 November 2017)?
- (3) Could you please provide a revenue breakdown over the same period for the following precincts:
  - (a) Sydney Harbour;
  - (b) Newcastle Harbour;
  - (c) Port Kembla Harbour;
  - (d) Botany Bay?
- (4) How many boating facilities are registered under a domestic lease in New South Wales (as at 23 November 2017)?
- (5) Could you please provide a number breakdown of these boating facilities for each of the following precincts:

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- (a) Sydney Harbour;
- (b) Newcastle Harbour;
- (c) Port Kembla Harbour;
- (d) Botany Bay?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on domestic leases is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*7307 ILLUMINATED SPEED SIGNS ON M1—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) In considering the illuminated 100 kilometres per hour speed limit signs on the M1 at Bar Point, when were the signs installed?
- (2) Since their installation, have the signs experienced any technical difficulties?
  - (a) If so, how many instances have there been in each year of operation?
  - (b) Who is responsible for undertaking maintenance of the signs?
    - (i) How are they informed maintenance is required?
  - (c) Since their installation, which has been the total cost of maintenance on the signs?
- (3) How long has the speed camera, located just south of the signs, been in operation?
  - (a) During that period, how many motorists have been issued with infringement notices after being recorded by the speed camera exceeding the speed limit?
- (4) Since its installation, has the speed camera experienced any technical difficulties?
  - (a) If yes, on how many occasions?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The signs, installed in 2006, have experienced no technical issues. The signs cost \$1,960 to maintain each year.

(3) and (4) The speed camera, in operation since 2006, has experienced minor technical difficulties on approximately 20 occasions.

Infringement notices are a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

\*7308 COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY GREEN SLIP REFUND—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) In considering Compulsory Third Party Green Slip refunds, how will motorists be informed they are receiving a refund?
  - (a) Will the refund be automatically sent to motorists; or will they be required to contact the relevant agencies to access it?
  - (b) How much on average, will each individual motorist be reimbursed?

Answer—

- (1) In order to ensure that all eligible motorists are aware that they will be entitled to a refund, a four-staged approach will be taken.
  - Eligible business customers will be sent a refund cheque in January 2018.
  - Private vehicle owners with a Service NSW online account will be emailed in February 2018 to advise them they are entitled to a refund and how they can get it.
  - A public information campaign will run from March 2018 through to May 2018 advising vehicle owners how to check their eligibility.
  - In July 2018, a follow up letter will be sent to any eligible customers who have not yet claimed their refund.
  - (a) Business customers will be sent a refund cheque for all vehicles, to reduce administrative costs and for efficiency. Remaining eligible customers will claim online through the Service NSW digital platform or by attending a Service NSW Service Centre, where they will have the additional support of customer service representatives to assist them.
  - (b) Refunds will be calculated based on the month the Green Slip was purchased, and factors such as the class of vehicle and where it is garaged e.g. refunds for Class 1 motor vehicles will range from \$10 to \$116 in metropolitan Sydney, depending on when the policy was purchased.

\*7309 AUTHORITY TO STOP VEHICLES THAT HAVE EXITED GAOL PROPERTY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) In considering the authority provided to Corrections Officers (Officers), under what circumstances are Officers authorised to stop vehicles that have exited Gaol property on public property and roads?
  - (a) What identification are the Officers required to display and provide to the driver and/or passengers that have been stopped on public property and roads?
- (2) Is this authority to stop vehicles limited to certain or all Gaols in New South Wales?
- (3) Is this authority to stop vehicles limited to certain or all Officers?

Answer—

- (1) Under Section 253i of the Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Act 1999 (the Act), a correctional officer may stop, detain and search a vehicle in the immediate vicinity of a place of detention if they suspect on reasonable grounds that the vehicle, or anything it contains, has been used, is being used, or is intended to be used in connection with the commission of an offence under the Act. They may also detain the vehicle while awaiting the arrival of the Police to conduct a search or further search.
  - (a) Under Section 253M of the Act, the officer must provide evidence they are a correctional officer, if they are not in uniform.
- (2) The authority under the Act for correctional officers to stop vehicles applies to all places of detention in New South Wales.
- (3) The authority under the Act to stop vehicles applies to all correctional officers.

\*7310 NET PROMOTER SCORE SURVEY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) In considering the Net Promoter Score Survey, how do participants receive the survey?
  - (a) Can they opt for hard or soft copies?
- (2) How is it determined when participants will receive the survey?
- (3) Are participants required to complete the survey within a certain period of time?
  - (a) If they don't complete it within this period of time, is disciplinary action taken against them?
- (4) Is the survey voluntary?
- (5) Since its inception, how many surveys have been distributed?
  - (a) Of the surveys distributed, how many were returned?
- (6) Do representatives of icare follow-up with the participants who have not completed/returned their survey?
  - (a) If yes, by what means is this contact undertaken?

Answer—

icare has implemented a Net Promoter Score (NPS) system to actively gauge client satisfaction and how well the organisation is delivering services and meeting the needs of its customers.

The NPS is conducted on icare's behalf by Customer Monitor, an independent research agency that provides an internationally accredited benchmark of customer service. icare customers are issued with a quick electronic survey at least once a year and as many as four times a year. These surveys are generated randomly, based on activity, such as attendance with their rehabilitation provider or nominated treating doctor. Participation in the survey is voluntary and customers can elect to opt out of the process, or complete the survey at any time.

Since the NPS began in March 2016, icare has distributed over 330,000 surveys across workers, employers, medical providers, rehabilitation providers and other parties, of which more than 23,000 have been completed.

\*7311 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING DWELLINGS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Is commencement of construction of Social and Affordable Housing dwellings at Kamira Court, Villawood contingent on the completion of the Fairfield City Council urban design study of Villawood Town Centre?
  - (a) If yes, when will construction commence?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the Kamira Court site is available at [www.communitiesplus.com.au](http://www.communitiesplus.com.au).

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\*7312 STEPS TAKEN TO ADDRESS ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND SERIOUS PHYSICAL HARM—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

What steps has the Minister taken to address allegations of sexual misconduct and serious physical assault of children in statutory out of home care that are made to the NSW Children's Guardian against care staff and volunteers?

Answer—

I am advised that agencies are bound by the Ombudsman Act 197 4 (Part 3A), the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW) and the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012, with regard to allegations of sexual misconduct and serious physical assault of children. Information can be found at [www.ombo.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ombo.nsw.gov.au) and [www.legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au).

\*7313 M5 MOTORWAY ENTRY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

How many vehicles on average, have entered the M5 motorway at Fairford Road per weekday in 2017 (to the most recent point at which data is available)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Between 9 and 13 October 2017, the daily average of vehicles entering the M5 South-West Motorway via the Fairford Road Ramps was approximately 6,500 on the eastbound ramp, and 13,500 on the west bound ramp.

\*7314 WEEKDAY ENTRY INTO M5 MOTORWAY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

How many vehicles on average, have entered the M5 motorway at King Georges Road per weekday in 2017 (to the most recent point at which data is available)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Between 9 and 13 October 2017, the daily average number of vehicles entering the M5 South-West Motorway via King Georges Road was around 14,000.

\*7315 STEPS TAKEN TO INCREASE NUMBERS RECIEVING A PLACEMENT MATCHING ASSESSMENT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

What steps have been taken to increase the number of children and young people in out of home care receiving a placement matching assessment?

Answer—

I am advised that placement matching for all children and young people in out of home care is guided by legislated permanent placement principles. Further information can be accessed on the Department of Family and Community Services' (FACS) website at: <http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/permanency-support-program/paths-to-permanency>.

\*7316 CHARGES LAID FOR HOME CARE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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 out of home care staff and volunteers have had criminal charges laid against them, as a result of investigations arising from the 118 allegations of sexual misconduct and serious physical assault of children in statutory out of home care that were made to the New South Wales Children's Guardian against care staff and volunteers in the 2016-17 financial year?

(2) What criminal offences that have been laid?

Answer—

I am advised that agencies are bound by the Ombudsman Act 197 4 (Part 3A), the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW) and the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012, with regard to allegations of sexual misconduct and serious physical assault of children. Information can be found at [www.ombo.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ombo.nsw.gov.au) and [www.legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au).

\*7317 DAPTO CONNECTED LEARNING CENTRE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) How many people have visited the Dapto Connected Learning Centre since 1 January 2017 (as at 23 November 2017)?
- (2) What services were offered to these individuals?

Answer—

These questions should be directed to the Assistant Minister for Skills, as the Minister with the responsibility for TAFE NSW.

\*7318 OPAL TOP UP MACHINES IN THE SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many stations in the Shellharbour electorate have Opal top up machines?
- (2) Which stations within the Shellharbour electorate do not have Opal top up machines?
  - (a) Are there currently any plans to install Opal top up machines at any of these locations?
    - (i) If yes, where will these be located?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding Opal top up machines is available on the Transport for NSW website.

\*7319 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the current number of students enrolled at each government high school in the Shellharbour electorate (as at 23 November 2017)?
- (2) What is the total capacity of student enrolments at each government high school in the Shellharbour electorate (as at 23 November 2017)?

Answer—

Student enrolment data is available via the NSW Department of Education website.

The Department of Education does not apply set enrolment or capacity cut-offs in schools. School capacity can be adjusted through the provision of additional permanent or temporary accommodation to meet fluctuating demand.

\*7320 PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the current number of students enrolled at each government primary school in the Shellharbour electorate (as at 23 November 2017)?
- (2) What is the total capacity of student enrolments at each government primary school in the Shellharbour electorate (as at 23 November 2017)?

Answer—

Student enrolment data is available via the NSW Department of Education website.

The Department of Education does not apply set enrolment or capacity cut-offs in schools. School capacity can be adjusted through the provision of additional permanent or temporary accommodation to meet fluctuating demand.

\*7321 DAPTO STATION—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What consultation has been undertaken through the Future Transport Strategy regarding Dapto Station and its commuter car parks (as at 23 November 2017)?
- (2) When is the consultation period for the Future Transport Strategy expected to conclude?
- (3) When are the findings of the Future Transport Strategy expected to be released?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A six week community and industry engagement roadshow covering over 30 locations commenced on 23 October 2017. This included a session with local government, other state government agencies and representatives from the business chamber in Wollongong on 17 November. In addition, the Future Transport van was located in Crown Street Mall in Wollongong on 13 November 2017.

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- (2) Future Transport is a new draft 40-year blueprint for transport in New South Wales. Three key draft documents were prepared and feedback was due by 3 December 2017.
- (3) The Future Transport Strategy and the Regional NSW Services and Infrastructure Plan are due to be finalised in early 2018.

\*7322 SCHEDULED BUS SERVICES—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Considering that the \$126 million contract with Busways Gosford ends on 1 January 2018 what consideration is being given to extending the contract, or issuing a Request for Tender, or engaging some other provider for scheduled bus services from 2 January 2018?
- (2) Considering the \$108 million contract with Forest Coach Lines ends on 31 March 2018 what consideration is being given to extending the contract, or issuing a Request for Tender, or engaging some other provider for scheduled bus services from 1 April 2018?
- (3) Considering the \$277 million contract with Transit (NSW) Liverpool ends on 12 October 2018 what consideration is being given to extending the contract, or issuing a Request for Tender, or engaging some other provider for scheduled bus services from 13 October 2018?
- (4) Considering the \$293 million contract with Transdev NSW South ends on 31 December 2019 what consideration is being given to extending the contract, or issuing a Request for Tender, or engaging some other provider for scheduled bus services from 1 January 2020?
- (5) Considering the \$299 million contract with Transdev NSW South ends on 30 April 2020 what consideration is being given to extending the contract, or issuing a Request for Tender, or engaging some other provider for scheduled bus services from 1 May 2020?
- (6) Considering the \$99 million contract with Transdev NSW South ends on 30 May 2018 what consideration is being given to extending the contract, or issuing a Request for Tender, or engaging some other provider for scheduled bus services from 1 June 2018?

Answer—

I am advised :

I thank you for your interest in and support of private bus operators across New South Wales. I encourage you to share your positive views with the Leader of the Opposition, the Shadow Minister for Transport and your other Labor colleagues.

Prior to expiry of a contract, Transport for NSW conducts a review to determine whether an extension will take effect in accordance with the contract terms.

\*7323 REPORT ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES 2017—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Does the Government agree with the Productivity Commission that net recurrent expenditure per secure prisoner/detainee and per offender per day in 2015-16 in New South Wales was \$183.04?
- (2) What is the equivalent net recurrent expenditure per secure prisoner/detainee and per offender per day at:
  - (a) Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre, Silverwater;
  - (b) Goulburn;
  - (c) Parklea;
  - (d) Junee;
  - (e) Wellington?
- (3) What is the expected equivalent net recurrent expenditure per secure prisoner/detainee and per offender per day at new and upgraded centres at:
  - (a) Cessnock;
  - (b) South Coast;
  - (c) Parklea;
  - (d) Wellington?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Corrective Services NSW does not calculate the expenditure per secure inmate at each correctional centre as most correctional centres accommodate both open (minimum security) and secure (maximum and medium security) classifications.

- (3) Corrective Services NSW has not estimated the expenditure per secure inmate at the new and upgraded centres because, as with existing centres, they will accommodate both open and secure classifications.

\*7324 WATER INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Julia Finn 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 new storage water dams are being considered for construction?
- (2) What storage water dams are being considered for upgrade?
  - (a) What budget is envisaged for these works?
- (3) What is the expenditure on current upgrades of existing storage water dams?
- (4) What projects in New South Wales have been funded by the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund (NWIDF) to date (as at 23 November 2017)?
- (5) What projects has the Government considered to be eligible to be funded by the NWIDF?
- (6) What new water infrastructure such as dams, pipelines, managed aquifer recharge projects, water treatment, capture and reuse schemes has the Government prioritised for funding?
- (7) If the Dungowan Dam priority project is successful, what is the total cost of the project?
  - (a) What contributions to the cost will be made by:
    - (i) the Government;
    - (ii) Users?
  - (b) When will an announcement concerning funding for the project be made?
  - (c) When is construction expected to commence?

Answer—

(1) (a) The State Infrastructure Strategy (SIS) priority catchments program is looking into the Hunter, Lachlan, Macquarie and Gwydir catchments.

(b) Feasibility studies into Dungowan Dam, Mole river, Apsley river and Albert Priest Channel in Macquarie Catchment continue under the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund (NWIDF).

(c) Projects that deliver water security for multiple beneficiaries across a catchment or catchments are also eligible for consideration under the Safe and Secure Water program (SSWP). This category could include Dams.

The SSWP opened for applications in August 2017. A detail of applications received to date remains confidential during the assessment process.

(2) The raising of Wyangala Dam is being considered. Additionally, and as part of the Infrastructure NSW led Hawkesbury Nepean Valley Flood Risk Management Strategy, WaterNSW is undertaking the detailed planning, environmental assessments and community consultation for the raising of Warragamba Dam, for the purpose of flood mitigation.

Repair of eligible dams prescribed in the Dams Safety Act will be considered for funding under the Safe and Secure Water program (SSWP). No budget is allocated at this stage for dam upgrades.

(3) WaterNSW is currently investing over \$300 million on maintaining its dams and water supply infrastructure during current price determination periods in Greater Sydney and Rural Areas. This includes a \$32 million investment in Keepit Dam to ensure the dam complies with contemporary safety standards for extreme floods and earthquakes.

(4) New South Wales received \$2.35 million funding from the Commonwealth to undertake the following four feasibility studies under the NWIDF Feasibility component.

Border Rivers Infrastructure Study (Mole river)- \$550,000

- Peel Catchment (Dungowan Dam) Feasibility Study- \$850,000
- Macquarie (Cobar and Nyngan) Water Supply Feasibility Study- \$850,000
- Apsley (Walcha) Water Security Feasibility Study- \$100,000

(5) Based on the Commonwealth's program criteria, Government submitted eight expressions of interest for feasibility funding in the first round under the NWIDF (January 2016). The Commonwealth decided to fund 3 of these feasibility studies as well as the Apsley River feasibility study.

In the second round of capital funding, the Government submitted the following Expressions on Interest to the Commonwealth (September 2017)

- Namoi- Liverpool Plains (Werris Creek and Quirindi water security project)



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- Macleay- Armidale (Malpas dam to Guyra pipeline)
- Lachlan (Lake Rowlands to Carcoar Dam pipeline)
- Macquarie (Albert Priest project)

The Commonwealth's funding decisions will be announced in February 2018.

(6) In June 2017 the premier announced the NSW Safe and Secure program. Potential infrastructure options will be assessed as per the program guidelines.

Projects that deliver water security for multiple beneficiaries across a catchment or catchments are eligible for consideration under the Safe and Secure Water program (SSWP).

The SSWP opened for applications in August 2017. A detail of applications received to date remains confidential during the assessment process.

(7) The government is still assessing the feasibility of the dam. Announcement will depend on the Government's decision on the project.

\*7325 CONTRACTS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Of the 319 tenders published on eTendering since 1 April 2015 and individually valued at more than \$10 million, what is the total contracted value?
- (2) What is the total value of variations involving any of those contracts?
- (3) Which contracts came in under budget?
- (4) What were the factors which contributed to savings?
- (5) Which contracts came in over budget?
- (6) What were the factors which contributed to additional costs?
- (7) How many of the 319 tenders:
  - (a) Developed approaches and strategies other than a standard fixed term?
  - (b) Were developed following local market research?
  - (c) Were developed with a focus solely on price?
  - (d) Were developed following advice from external advisors?
  - (e) Received 1 or 0 applications?

Answer—

(1) There were 446 contract award notices published on eTendering during the period 1/4/2015 30/11/2017 with a value of more than \$10 million. These contracts had a total value of \$35.5 billion.

(2) These contracts had variations of just under \$3.3 billion, published on eTendering.

(3) to (6) These questions should be directed to the Minister responsible for each individual agency.

(7) (a) to (d) These questions should be directed to the Minister responsible for each individual agency.

(7) (e) Of the 446 disclosed contracts with an identifiable related tender, only three tenders received one response. There were no contracts that received zero responses.

Caveats:

- The answers provided above are reliant solely on the information disclosed on eTendering by agencies.
- This report includes contracts having a publish date of 1/4/2015 30/11/2017, with a value of more than \$10 million.
- Local Councils and State Owned Corporations have been excluded from this report as they are not required to publish on eTendering.

\*7326 ETENDERING—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) For the 2015-16 financial year which agencies failed to publish an Agency Procurement Plan on New South Wales eTendering?
- (2) For the 2016-17 financial year which agencies failed to publish an Agency Procurement Plan on New South Wales eTendering?
- (3) For the 2017-18 financial year which agencies have failed to publish an Agency Procurement Plan on New South Wales eTendering?
- (4) What is the annual cost of managing eTendering?
- (5) What is the average cost to the relevant agency for:
  - (a) Preparing an Agency Procurement Plan;
  - (b) Preparing a Request for Tender (RFT);
  - (c) Completing the tender for an individual RFT?

- (6) How many tenders were let in 2015-16?  
 (7) How many tenders were let in 2016-17?  
 (8) How many RFTs were opened since March 2015 and were subsequently not tendered?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Agencies are responsible for publishing their own procurement plans. As such, these questions should be directed to the Minister responsible for each individual agency.

(4) The cost of managing eTendering is below \$1 million per annum. This includes hosting, and software support and support staff.

(5) (a) to (c) These questions should be directed to the Minister responsible for each individual agency.

(6) A total of 3,875 RFX were published on eTendering in 2015-16.

(7) A total of 3,414 RFX were published on eTendering in 2016-17.

(8) There were 10,129 RFX published on eTendering between 1 March 2015 and 30 November 2017. The information relating to which RFX have not been awarded will need to be provided by each agency, as eTendering does not hold this information.

Caveats:

- The answers provided above are reliant solely on the information disclosed on eTendering by agencies.
- Local Councils and State Owned Corporations have been excluded from this report as they are not required to publish on eTendering.
- The Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 requires that only contracts above \$150,000 be published on eTendering (<https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/2009/52/full>).
- The term "RFX" refers collectively to the procurement sourcing terms:
  - RFI (Request for Information),
  - RFP (Request for Proposal),
  - RFQ (Request for Quote) and
  - RFT (Request for Tender).

\*7327 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Ms Julia Finn 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 was the source of seed capital for the Social and Affordable Housing Fund?  
 (2) What was the balance of the Fund as at 30 June 2017?  
 (3) What is the current balance of the Fund (as at 23 November 2017)?  
 (4) What is the balance of the Fund expected to be as at 30 June 2018?  
 (5) What was the return from investments in the Fund for the 2016-17 financial year?  
 (6) What is the expected return from investments in the Fund for the 2017-18 financial year?  
 (7) What is the total of the payments made to phase 1 service providers in the 2016-17 financial year?  
 (8) What is the total of the payments made to phase 1 service providers expected to be in the 2016-17 financial year?  
 (9) When is an announcement expected to be made concerning phase 2 service providers?  
 (10) What is the total expended from the Fund to date?  
 (11) How many social housing units have been funded by the Fund to date?

Answer—

Information about the Social and Affordable Housing Fund is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*7328 MEDIA MONITORING—Ms Julia Finn asked the Premier—

- (1) In relation to proposed tender RFT-10012851 (Media monitoring services for Whole of NSW Government), when is the tender expected to be finalised?  
 (2) What is the current annual cost of media monitoring undertaken for the Whole of NSW Government?  
 (3) What languages will be covered by culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) media monitoring?  
 (4) What correspondence management will be undertaken as part of the successful tender?  
 (5) Which agencies currently purchase media monitoring services under current Whole of Government Arrangements?  
 (6) Who is the decision maker for the finalisation of the tender?

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Answer—

Details regarding the proposed tender for Whole of NSW Government media monitoring are publicly available on the Government's e-tendering website.

\*7329 DETAINED JUNVENILES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) How many detained juveniles have been recorded as having a physical disability while being held in any New South Wales Juvenile Justice Centre in each year from 2011 to 2017 (to 19 October 2017)?  
(a) What is the breakdown per Juvenile Justice Centre?

Answer—

I am advised:

Physical disability recorded for detainees

Year	Number
2011	1
2012	3
2013	5
2014	4
2015	5
2016	8
1 January to 19 October 2017	6
Total	32

Total 32

Source: DJJJ RPELive 12 Dec 17. As this is taken from a live database, figures are subject to change.

- (1) A detainee can be counted once per year.

\*7330 SPECIAL NEEDS INMATES IN NEW SOUTH WALES CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) How many detained inmates have been recorded as having a physical disability while being held in any New South Wales Correctional Centre in each year from 2011 to 2017 (to 19 October 2017)?  
(a) What is the breakdown per Correctional Centre?

Answer—

I am advised:

Year	
2011	160
2012	72
2013	81
2014	75
2015	137
2016	176
2017	107

Please note, some inmates have more than one physical disability.

\*7331 SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many businesses located in the Summer Hill electorate have received funding under the Small Business Grant program in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?  
(2) What has been the total cost of the Small Business Grant program across New South Wales in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2016-17?

Answer—

The Small Business Grant was introduced 1 July 2015 and the first payments to customers were made after 1 July 2016 once eligible positions reached their 12 month anniversary date. As a result there were no payments made in 2014-15 or 2015-16.

In 2016-17 there were 11 businesses in the Summer Hill electorate that received funding under the Small Business Grant. The total cost of the program in New South Wales from 2014-15 to 2016-17 was \$4,313,605.

\*7332 PROTECTING PERSONAL DATA—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What measures has the Government taken to improve protection of personal information held by Government agencies from identity theft, hacking or data breaches?
- (2) What assessment has been made of 'confidential computing', N1 Analytics, distributed databases and other approaches to sharing data while protecting personal information?

Answer—

(1) In March 2017, the Government appointed its first Government Chief Information Security Officer (GCISO) Maria Milosavljevic. The GCISO's role is to provide a whole of government approach to cyber security. This includes coordinating cyber security practices across agencies and developing a cyber security strategy.

In addition to the appointment of the GCISO, the Government also requires agencies to comply with the NSW Government Digital Information Security Policy (DISP), which came into effect in 2012. This policy mandates minimum standards for cyber security practice across all government agencies to safeguard digital assets.

The Government is currently working with Data 61 to address emerging challenges and techniques. These projects will be instrumental in:

- Improving cyber security incident management
- Safeguarding critical infrastructure
- Utilising artificial intelligence for cyber monitoring
- Developing Internet of Things security standards.

(2) Data sharing is a key enabler for an agile and informed government that meets citizen expectations. However, the Government also values the importance of ensuring a secure environment for data sharing.

Projects that assess and provide a framework for secure data sharing include:

- A 'confidential computing' Proof of Concept led by the Data Analytics Centre (DAC).
- The use of block chain to improve whole of government cyber security data sharing led by data 61.
- A Data Protection Framework based on European Union legislation and United Kingdom and New Zealand models led by the DAC. This framework provides an approach for secure data management.

\*7333 DROWNINGS SINCE INTRODUCTION OF MANDATORY LIFE JACKET TRIAL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Since the introduction of the mandatory life jacket trial for rock fishers in the Randwick City Local Government Area (LGA) commenced on 1 December 2016, how many rock fishers have drowned within the Randwick City LGA (as at 22 November 2017)?
  - (a) Were any of these individuals wearing a life jacket or any kind of personal flotation device?

Answer—

I am advised:

One rock fisher drowned in the Randwick LGA in the period stated in the question. The person was not wearing a life jacket or equivalent.

\*7334 BOARDING AND DISEMBARKING ON TRAINS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many commuters on average board trains bound for Sydney at Cardiff station on a weekday morning in the 2016-17 financial year?
- (2) How many commuters disembark trains on average from Sydney at Cardiff station on a weekday evening in the 2016-17 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

Patronage Data is available on the Bureau of Transport Statistics' website..

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