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\*4411 BUSH FIRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What is the role of a Bush Fire Management Committee?
  - (a) Can the public easily interact with these committees?
  - (b) Who are the governing bodies of these committees?
    - (i) How are they instructed?
  - (c) Who do they report to?

Answer—

I am advised:

The functions of Bush Fire Management Committees (BFMC) are established under Part 3, Division 3 of the Rural Fires Act 1997 and the Rural Fires Regulation 2013.

Further information about BFMCs is available on the NSW Rural Fire Service website, [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)

\*4412 MEAT PROCESS WORKERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Customer Service—

Why were food workers, specifically meat process workers, such as those at Baiada in the Wallsend electorate, excluded from the COVID-19 Legislation Amendment (Emergency Measures - Miscellaneous) Bill 2020?

Answer—

The COVID-19 Legislation Amendment (Emergency Measures - Miscellaneous) Bill 2020 does not create any new entitlements to workers compensation benefits.

All workers who contract COVID-19 in the course of their employment are entitled to make a claim for workers compensation benefits, including workers in the meat processing industry

\*4413 PENSIONERS' ELECTRICITY BILLS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) With the rising cost of electricity and the economic stress the aged population is under, will the subsidised value on pensioners' electricity bills be raised?
- (2) What assurances do elderly customers have that their electricity meters are actually read and not just estimated?
- (3) How will elderly customers be assisted to lodge meter readings to ensure they are paying the correct amount?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The New South Wales Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's draft electricity market monitoring report, released on 29 September 2020, has found that electricity prices have generally fallen over 2019-20.

The Government continues to provide financial assistance to low income and vulnerable households, including pensioners, through its energy rebate programs. The Low-Income Household Rebate provides eligible pensioners up to \$285 per year in assistance; this is an increase on 2018 subsidies. Information about available energy rebates and subsidies is available at [www.energysaver.nsw.gov.au/households/rebates-and-discounts](http://www.energysaver.nsw.gov.au/households/rebates-and-discounts).

(2) The National Energy Retail Rules require retailers to arrange at least one actual meter reading every 12 months. The rules also require retailers to issue a bill every 100 days and endeavour to arrange a meter reading before a bill is issued. Customers can also ask their retailer to install a smart meter, which will remove the need for manual meter readings.

(3) Customers can obtain help from energy retailer staff to lodge a self-meter reading. The retailer would then be required to issue a new electricity bill to the customer. In the event a customer cannot complete a self-meter reading, the retailer will reconcile any estimated meter readings with actual meter readings and must repay or credit the customer for any amount overpaid. If a customer thinks they have been charged incorrectly for their energy usage, they should ask their retailer to review their bill. The Energy and Water

Ombudsman NSW also provides a free, fair and independent dispute resolution service for all electricity and gas customers in New South Wales.

\*4414 EMU FARMING—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Is the commercial farming of emus for meat, oil and feather production regulated separately to the management of emus as a native animal?
- (2) Has consideration been given to managing the commercial farming of emus under the Agricultural Ministry allocation of Administrative Acts?
- (3) How are regulations and policies to manage the commercial management of emus currently developed?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Yes, separate licensing regimes exist for managing emus as either a commercial harvest or as a wild native animal.

Commercial farming of emus is licensed under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 through an emu farming licence, and under the Commonwealth's Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, which provides approval for state-based licensing regimes.

The Food Regulation Act 2015 includes emus in the definition of poultry. Emus must be slaughtered and processed in facilities approved under the Food Regulation Act 2015 if they are to be used for human consumption. This is regulated by the NSW Food Authority.

- (2) This question should be referred to the Premier.

- (3) Commercial emu farming regulations and policies are developed in accordance with the requirements of respective Commonwealth and state government departments.

They are also developed in accordance with the Primary Industries Standing Committee Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals - Husbandry of Captive-Bred Emus (Second Edition) and informed by industry consultation.

\*4415 REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARD ELIGIBILITY—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Are permanent residents of New South Wales, who are issued their Veteran's Affairs Entitlements Card through South Australia, eligible for the New South Wales Regional Seniors Travel Card?

Answer—

I am advised:

Eligibility for the Regional Seniors Travel Card applies to veterans living in NSW who either hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card issued by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) or receive one of the following payments from DVA:

- Age Pension
- Service Pension
- Disability Pension under the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
- War Widow(er) Pension

The DVA website indicates that recipients of DVA payments or holders of DVA issued cards are obligated to update their details with DVA when they change address.

Eligibility is determined by the current residential address of the recipient, not the original state where the card was issued. If a DVA customer has moved permanently to NSW, they should be advising DVA to have their entitlements updated to reflect their new residency. Once this is complete, the person can apply for a Regional Seniors Travel Card. Confirmation of all eligibility criteria will be undertaken before the card is issued; this will include checking with DVA that the applicant is recorded as a NSW resident.

\*4416 WATER SUPPLY IN BARWON—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) With water issues in the Barwon region still a priority, will the residents of Community Housing be supplied with rainwater tanks?
  - (a) If not feasible, will a greater subsidy be offered to offset the rising water charges paid by Community Housing tenants?

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Answer—

I am advised:

Water saving strategies, including the installation of rain water tanks, are the responsibility of community housing providers who manage these properties. Most community housing providers actively encourage tenants to be efficient with water and energy use, which helps reduce costs for tenants. Typically, community housing providers will consider applying hardship provisions if a tenant is struggling to pay water or other charges.

\*4417 NEW SOUTH WALES APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) Considering that the Prime Minister announced \$1.2 billion in support of Australian business to employ 100,000 new apprentices and trainees as part of the COVID-19 economic recovery plan, has the Government expressed a view for the priority areas for apprenticeships and traineeships?
- (2) How many apprenticeships and traineeships will be allocated to regional New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised that the Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements scheme is funded and administered by the Commonwealth Government.

I am further advised States and territories have not been given individual allocations and the initiative does not target specific qualifications or industries.

However, I have made contact with industry associations and other stakeholders encouraging them to promote the availability of this incentive amongst their members.

\*4418 NATIVE TITLE OVER WHITE CLIFFS OPAL FIELD—Mr Roy Butler asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Considering that in August 2017, the Barkandji #8 Native Title claim was finalised and a determination of the proceedings had been reached and that due to Native Title negotiations, a dozen or more Mineral Miners who have pegged claims within White Cliffs still have their applications pending with no timeframe on when this will be resolved, what is the progress of the negotiations between the Barkandji Native Title Group Aboriginal Corporation and the Department of Regional New South Wales as at 20 October 2020?
  - (a) When is it likely that these pending claims will be resolved?

Answer—

The Department of Regional NSW (DRNSW) accepts that mineral claim applications at White Cliffs are an important issue and that there is a need to resolve these applications. The resolution of these applications will need to take place in compliance with the provisions of the Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993.

DRNSW has recently formed a dedicated native title group who are responsible for progressing native title matters associated with the pending pegged claims. This team will work to resolve native title issues at White Cliffs which will support prospectors and the wider White Cliffs community.

\*4419 MANDATED RATE DISCOUNT—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Local Government—

Will the Minister subsidise New South Wales Councils who have high proportions of their population on benefits for 100 per cent of the \$250 rates discount?

Answer—

The Government understands the importance of continuing to assist pensioners to meet cost of living pressures.

After the Commonwealth withdrew concessions in the 2014-15 Commonwealth Budget, the Government stepped in and covered the shortfall for pensioners. Since 2015 the Government has invested over \$78 million each year to ease cost of living pressures on pensioners through subsidising council rates and charges.

In considering any changes to concessions, the Government must take into account the budgetary implications of any change to current funding arrangements. The previous concession increase occurred under a State Coalition Government.

In addition, there are a number of other concessions and rebates available for our older citizens and those with a disability in New South Wales. These include travel concessions, energy rebates and water rebates, motor vehicle discounts, parking concessions, health concessions and recreational concessions.

\*4420 MENTAL HEALTH NURSES AND BEDS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) As at 20 October 2020, how many specialist mental health nurses are employed in each of the following hospitals:
  - (a) Griffith Base Hospital;
  - (b) Leeton District Hospital;
  - (c) Deniliquin Hospital;
  - (d) Finley Hospital;
  - (e) Hay Health Service;
  - (f) Hillston Multipurpose Centre;
  - (g) Narrandera Hospital;
  - (h) Wentworth District Hospital;
  - (i) Balranald District Hospital?
- (2) As at 20 October 2020, how many acute mental health inpatient beds are located in each of the following hospitals:
  - (a) Griffith Base Hospital;
  - (b) Leeton District Hospital;
  - (c) Deniliquin Hospital;
  - (d) Finley Hospital;
  - (e) Hay Health Service;
  - (f) Hillston Multipurpose Centre;
  - (g) Narrandera Hospital;
  - (h) Wentworth District Hospital;
  - (i) Balranald District Hospital?

Answer—

- (1) Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need at any point in time, so these numbers fluctuate. Districts have sufficient resources to meet the needs of all patients across the District who require mental health inpatient care.
- (2) Referring to bed numbers is an outdated approach and does not reflect the innovative models of care NSW Health provides through integrated care outside of the hospital, closer to patients' homes and through utilising new technologies.

\*4422 PRESS CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Premier—

- (1) Why has Michael West Media been excluded from the special list of journalists invited to attend the Premier's press conferences?
- (2) What criteria is used to determine whether a journalist can be invited to the Premier's press conferences?

Answer—

Arrangements at press conferences are determined by my Media Director.

\*4423 RELIGIOUS CONGREGATION SINGING—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering the Government's promotion of the Great Southern Nights land of 1,000 gigs in November which will both encourage and enable the gathering of persons at music festivals across New South Wales in an advertised Covid-Safe environment where attendees will be singing along to the live performances, will consideration be given to increasing the allowable number of religious worshippers to congregate as well as allowing them to sing whilst practicing their faith?

Answer—

From 23 November, capacity has been increased to allow up to 500 people to attend religious gatherings outdoors. NSW Health has also updated its advice on singing to allow a group of 30 people to sing in a group outdoors, with COVID-Safe measures in place. Up to date information on the NSW Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic is available at [nsw.gov.au/covid-19](https://nsw.gov.au/covid-19).

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\*4425 PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTY REPAIR WORKS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Considering the process involved in undertaking maintenance or remediation works on a public housing property, what happens to properties which require works which are deemed as insufficiently "value for money"?
- (2) In each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20, how many properties required repair works which were deemed as insufficiently "value for money" in:
  - (a) New South Wales;
  - (b) Postcode 2306?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised when Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) determines that value for money has not been established against its own internal estimates, LAHC seeks improved pricing from its contractors.
- (2) LAHC does not hold specific data to answer this question.

\*4426 SOCIAL HOUSING MAINTENANCE REQUESTS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many social housing maintenance requests were considered by the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20?
- (2) How many social housing maintenance requests from the 2306 postcode were considered by NCAT in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer this question to the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services. The Department of Communities and Justice manage matters before the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

\*4427 SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTY SALES IN 2306 POSTCODE—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many social housing properties in the 2306 postcode were sold in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20?
- (2) How much revenue was generated by the sale of social housing properties in the 2306 postcode in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20?

Answer—

I am advised:

Financial Year	Total number of properties	Total sales proceeds
2011-12	76	\$8.2 million
2012-13	3	\$0.6 million
2013-14	2	\$0.2 million
2014-15	1	\$0.2 million
2015-16	0	\$0.0 million
2016-17	2	\$0.5 million
2017-18	1	\$0.3 million
2018-19	2	\$0.5 million
2019-20	0	\$0.0 million
Total	87	\$10.5 million

\*4428 SOCIAL HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORKS FOR 2306 POSTCODE—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How much was budgeted for social housing maintenance and repair works for the 2306 postcode in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20?

- (2) How much was spent on social housing maintenance and repair works for the 2306 post code in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20?
- (3) What was the average spend on each social housing maintenance and repair work undertaken in the 2306 in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20?

Answer—

I am advised by the Land and Housing Corporation that:

In relation to question (1), as the budget is allocated according to contract areas and not postcodes, it cannot provide an answer to this question.

In relation to questions (2) and (3), I refer to the following figures:

Financial Year	Average spend
2011/12	\$8,202
2012/13	\$6,934
2013/14	\$9,432
2014/15	\$8,209
2015/16	\$7,432
2016/17	\$5,248
2017/18	\$9,145
2018/2019	\$8,270
2019/2020	\$15,354

\*4429 SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTY SALES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many social housing properties were sold in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20?
- (2) How much revenue was generated by the sale of social housing properties in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20?
- (3) How much revenue generated from the sale of properties was reinvested in the development of new social housing properties in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The number of social housing properties sold in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20 is listed below.

Financial year	Residential dwellings
2011-12	869
2012-13	725
2013-14	470
2014-15	191
2015-16	322
2016-17	282
2017-18	453
2018-19	351
2019-20	302
Total	3,965

(2) The amount of sales proceeds generated by the sale of social housing properties in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20 is listed below.

Financial year	Residential dwellings
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2011-12	\$166.3 million
2012-13	\$162.1 million
2013-14	\$115.9 million
2014-15	\$111.4 million
2015-16	\$315.3 million
2016-17	\$316.4 million
2017-18	\$456.3 million
2018-19	\$269.1 million
2019-20	\$196.8 million
Total	\$2,199.7 million

(3) All sales proceeds are reinvested in Land and Housing Corporation's capital programs including capital maintenance, upgrading and new supply. New supply expenditure in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20 is listed below.

Financial year	New supply expenditure
2011-12	\$183.3 million
2012-13	\$96.2 million
2013-14	\$120.0 million
2014-15	\$147.3 million
2015-16	\$264.6 million
2016-17	\$273.3 million
2017-18	\$244.3 million
2018-19	\$198.8 million
2019-20	\$112.1 million
Total	\$1,640.0 million

\*4430 LINK TO HOME EMERGENCY HOUSING FOR WOMEN—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Noting the Australian Human Rights Commission's finding in the 2019 "Older Women's Risk of Homelessness: Background Paper" which states that the number of women over 50 facing homelessness increased 30 per cent between 2011 and 2016, how many people in total accessed emergency housing through Link to Home in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20?
- (2) How many women over the age of 50 accessed emergency housing through Link to Home in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2019-20 there were 26,965 households assisted with Temporary Accommodation, such as hotels and motels. Of these, 1,540 were households where the main applicant was a woman aged 50 or older, either on their own or with other household members.

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) actively promotes the use of Link2home and the continued availability of housing and homelessness support services for anyone needing assistance.

Information about the number of people assisted by Link2home is published in the DC Annual Report available at <https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au>

\*4431 SOCIAL HOUSING CONSTRUCTION—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many new social housing properties were built or otherwise acquired in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20?

- (2) How many social housing properties were built or otherwise acquired in the 2306 postcode in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In New South Wales, a total of 5,565 dwellings were built or acquired across 2011-12 to 2019-20.

Financial year	Total number of properties
2011-12	1,614
2012-13	536
2013-14	441
2014-15	486
2015-16	639
2016-17	522
2017-18	784
2018-19	390
2019-20	153
Total	5,565

- (2) A total of 16 dwellings were built or acquired in the 2306 postcode all of which were in 2011-12.

- \*4432 WOMEN ON PUBLIC HOUSING WAITING LISTS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

Considering the Australian Human Rights Commission's finding in the 2019 "Older Women's Risk of Homelessness: Background Paper" which states that the number of women over 50 facing homelessness increased 30 per cent between 2011 and 2016, what proportion of applicants on the waiting list for public housing were women over the age of 50 on 30 June of each year from 2011 to 2020 (to 20 October 2020)?

Answer—

I am advised as at 30 June 2020, there were 51,395 households on the NSW Housing Register for which 7,866 listed the main applicant as women aged over 55.

- \*4433 VALUE FOR MONEY IN PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Considering the process involved in undertaking maintenance or remediation works on a public housing property, what is meant by the use of the term "value for money" within the Land and Housing Corporation?

- (2) What matrix is used to determine whether or not scoped works will provide "value for money"?

Answer—

I am advised by the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) that:

(1) The Asset Maintenance Services (AMS) Contract defines "value for money" as "the provision of a work or service at the best possible overall price, considering the benefit derived from the work or service against its total cost while meeting the contract requirements, particularly with regard to fitness for purpose, quality and timely completion".

(2) Contractors are required to demonstrate value for money by submitting quotations that are within the acceptable range and/or within the LAHC office estimate. The LAHC regularly audits the contractors' quotation process and documentation to ensure value for money has been achieved.

A Criticality Repairs Matrix is used to categorise property components. For work categorised as planned, the contractor must return a scope of works and quotation to LAHC to ensure value for money is achieved.

- \*4434 INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL STUDENT FEES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

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- (1) How many international students are currently enrolled in New South Wales public schools as at 20 October 2020?
- (2) What has been the total revenue collected from student fees from international students enrolled in New South Wales public schools in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2019-20?
  - (a) On what grounds can an exemption to these fees be granted?
- (3) On how many occasions has a fee exemption been granted in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2019-20??
- (4) Considering that there are instances of children on temporary and visitor visas unable to return to their home countries due to COVID-19 international border restrictions, what arrangements has the Government put in place to ensure no child in these circumstances is denied access to public education?

Answer—

(1) At 20 October 2020 there were a total of 3,278 international student enrolments in New South Wales public schools.

(2) The revenue for overseas student fees is reported in Department of Education's financial statements in their annual reports. This figure incorporates international student fees, temporary resident fees, study tours, student exchanges and other international education programs.

The Annual Reports are available on the Department's website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/strategies-and-reports/annual-reports>.

(a) International students (student visa holders) must demonstrate to the Department of Home Affairs in their visa application that they have access to sufficient funds to cover the costs of education fees for themselves and any school aged dependents as well as their living costs, for the total course duration.

Student visa holders have limited work rights and are able to work a maximum of 40 hours per fortnight. It is also a condition of the student visa that students pay their education fees.

As such, they are not eligible to apply for a low income exemption. However, an exemption may be granted under exceptional circumstances on compassionate or compelling grounds.

Dependents whose parents are on a full scholarship or are postgraduate doctorate students at an Australian university, are exempt from education fees if their parents do not receive an allowance for school fees for dependent children.

(3) There has been a total of 9,037 fee exemptions granted to international students in the exempt categories from 2015-2020. Per financial year, this number is broken down to:

- 2,008 in 2015-16
- 1,910 in 2016-17
- 1,756 in 2017-18
- 1,712 in 2018-19
- 1,651 in 2019-20

In addition, there were 13 individual exemptions granted on compassionate and compelling grounds, such as serious illness or misadventure from 2015 to 2019 inclusive.

(4) The Department provides access to New South Wales public schools for children holding temporary resident visas, and visitor visas.

The Department provides access to education without cost, for:

- New Zealand citizens;
- temporary protection visa holders;
- refugee and humanitarian visa holders;
- medical treatment visa holders;
- regional sponsored working visa holders;
- family and partner visa holders;
- dependents of international students sponsored by the Australian Government or an Australian university;
- dependents of international students undertaking postgraduate doctorates; and
- diplomatic visa holders.

Where a temporary resident student holds a visa subject to an education fee, the Department provides:

- an education fee waiver for eligible low-income families; and
- an education fee waiver for exceptional circumstances, such as serious illness or misadventure.

In May 2020, the Department provided a one-off A\$1,000 education fee credit to eligible dependants of international students.

Visitor visas allow students to study in Australia for a maximum of three months.

Visitor visa holders are subject to an education fee to attend a New South Wales public school. Where a visitor visa holder is unable to return to their home country and wishes to continue study beyond three months, the visa holder must contact the Department of Home Affairs for a new temporary resident visa. Subject to the type of visa granted, the student may be eligible for access to education without cost, or may be eligible to receive a fee waiver due to low-income.

\*4435 WESTCONNEX PROPERTY DAMAGE AND CLAIMS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many property owners along the WestConnex route have submitted claims or reports about cracking or property damage to Transport for NSW or Sydney Motorway Corporation as at 20 October 2020?
  - (a) How many of these landowners are from Ashfield and Haberfield?
  - (b) What is the average length of time a property owner has waited for an outcome of these claims or reports?
  - (c) How many have been approved?
  - (d) How many reports or claims have not received a response as at 20 October 2020?
  - (e) What is the total value of compensations or claims that have been approved as at 20 October 2020?
- (2) Does the management of claims, reports and complaints from property owners affected by WestConnex meet both the Department and Government's policies regarding customer service?

Answer—

I am advised:

Property owners can escalate their WestConnex property damage claim to Transport for NSW (TfNSW), if they are dissatisfied with the contractors' determination. TfNSW may then use the Independent Property Impact Assessment Panel (IPIAP) to review these property damage cases.

Information about a particular case is a matter for the individual to share.

IPIAP considers each case individually and provides its findings after careful consideration of a range of data that assists in determining the likely cause of damage. This includes satellite data, property condition inspections carried out by an independent forensic engineering firm, contractors' information, and their own investigations.

The panel often requests that TfNSW enlist the services of additional independent specialist contractors, as well as obtaining further information from WestConnex and its contractors.

While procuring these information requests can increase the time needed to make a determination, TfNSW carries out these tasks as quickly as possible and continues to support IPIAP in progressing investigations.

\*4436 INNER WEST BUS SERVICES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Which of the following bus services will be withdrawn:
  - (a) 436;
  - (b) 439;
  - (c) 447;
  - (d) 508;
  - (e) L37;
  - (f) L38;
  - (g) L39;
  - (h) M10;
  - (i) M50?
- (2) What is the impact of these changes on the number of full-time equivalent bus drivers employed by Transit Systems or Transport for NSW?
- (3) What community consultation has been undertaken regarding these changes?
- (4) How many of the additional services signalled by the Government are on new routes?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) These routes were replaced on 25 October 2020 by new routes such as the 437 and 503, and extra services on other routes, like the 438X, 440, 464, 502 and 504.
- (2) There were no job losses as a result of these changes.
- (3) These recent changes were based on Opal data, and feedback from both customers and stakeholders, to ensure that we are delivering services where and when they are needed.
- (4) Around 1,000 extra weekly services will be added to the timetable on selected routes across the inner west from 25 October 2020, including faster services via Parramatta Road.

\*4437 TOGETHER HOME PROGRAM—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

What organisations or projects from the Summer Hill electorate received funding under the Government's \$36 million Together Home program as at 20 October 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

Bridge Housing, Metro Community Housing Co-operative Ltd and Women's Housing Company Ltd have been engaged to deliver Together Home in the Sydney District, which includes the Summer Hill electorate.

The \$36 million announced on 8 June 2020 to establish Together Home has been fully allocated. The 19 Community Housing Providers delivering the project across New South Wales were announced on 29 June 2020.

On 3 November 2020 I announced with the Treasurer a further \$29 million to extend Together Home as part of the 2020-21 NSW Budget.

\*4438 ABUSE OF OLDER AUSTRALIANS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) What obligations has New South Wales fulfilled in relation to the National Plan to Respond to the Abuse of Older Australians (Elder Abuse) 2019-23?
- (2) What obligations are still outstanding?
- (3) What actions has New South Wales taken towards harmonising enduring powers of attorney laws as at 20 October 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) An Implementation Plan developed to support the National Plan to Respond to the Abuse of Older Australians (Elder Abuse) 2019-23 sets out specific initiatives to be prioritised by governments in line with each of the National Plan's action areas. This includes a combination of coordinated initiatives, and initiatives of individual jurisdictions. The Implementation Plan is available at: [https://www.ag.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-03/Implementation\\_Plan.pdf](https://www.ag.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-03/Implementation_Plan.pdf)

Examples of coordinated initiatives taken to date include:

- the launch of COMPASS Guiding Action on Elder Abuse, a website that brings together resources and information on elder abuse from across the country; and
- the launch of a national elder abuse phone line 1800 ELDERHelp. The service is free to call and redirects callers from anywhere in Australia to a state or territory phone line where they can discuss potential or actual elder abuse and get information and referrals.

Examples of New South Wales-specific initiatives taken to date include:

- the establishment of the New South Wales Ageing and Disability Commissioner on 1 July 2019; and
- the commencement of a pilot scheme of Aged Crime Prevention Officers in July 2019 to improve police responses to elder abuse.

(2) A number of initiatives under the Implementation Plan are ongoing. Further detail on timeframes for specific initiatives is available in the Implementation Plan.

(3) Through the Council of Attorneys General (CAG), New South Wales is working with the Commonwealth and other states and territories on enduring powers of attorney reform, particularly law reforms to support the establishment of a mandatory national register of enduring power of attorney instruments. At the 27 July 2020 meeting of CAG, participants agreed in-principle to a broad policy design for a national register of enduring powers of attorney.

The Commonwealth intends to present a final proposal on the scheme to Attorneys General for decision

when work on implementation and costing is complete.

On 23 October 2020, National Cabinet agreed to convene meetings of Attorneys General only when needed, for specific tasks, and with timeframes of no longer than 12 months.

\*4439 TERMINATION OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES TENANCIES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many tenants of Family and Community Services (FACS) have terminated their tenancies to move into private rental market in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2019-20?
- (2) If a person terminates their tenancy with FACS to enter the private rental market, what support are they provided if they wish to return to social housing in the future?
- (3) Is there a period in which they are able return to social housing, or are they required to make a new application to be listed on the general housing register?

Answer—

I am advised:

Data about the number of households exiting from public housing properties to private rental market/ownership is available at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources/statistics/statistical-report/social-housing/dashboard>

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) provides a range of assistance to eligible tenants to leave public housing. This includes support for tenants to set up a new private rental tenancy by providing references for rental applications (if they were a satisfactory tenant), brokerage support and interest-free loans for rental bonds.

Social housing tenants who end their tenancy are required to re-apply for social housing assistance should they need it again. An application for housing assistance can be completed by contacting the Housing Contact Centre, attending a DCJ Housing office or online via <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/assistance>

Existing eligibility for social housing policies would apply and depending on their circumstances, they may be assessed as priority.

\*4440 WHALES CAUGHT IN FISHING NETS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) What is the total number of whales reported to have been caught in fishing nets off the coast of New South Wales in each year from 2010 to date (to 20 October 2020)?
- (2) On how many occasions have New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service officers been required to untangle whales and calves from fishing nets along the New South Wales coast in each year from 2010 to date (to 20 October 2020)?
- (3) On how many occasions have whales died after being caught in fishing nets along the New South Wales coast in each year from 2010 to date (to 20 October 2020)?
- (4) What is the Government doing to reduce the instances of whales and their calves being caught in fishing nets off the coast of New South Wales?

Answer—

(1) Entanglement fishing nets, such as gillnets, are not permitted to be used in ocean waters by licensed fishers under the Fisheries Management Act 1994. Lawfully permitted fishing nets, including trawl, haul, and purse-seine have not previously been identified as sources of whale entanglement.

(2) to (4) This is a matter for the Minister for Energy and Environment.

\*4441 LAND CLEARING—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What is the projected number of hectares of primary forest predicted to be cleared in New South Wales by Government modelling in the next:
  - (a) Five years;
  - (b) Ten years?
- (2) Considering that more than 88,000 hectares of primary forest was cleared in New South Wales from 2010 to 2018 and is estimated by the Natural Resources Commission to have increased thirteen fold since 2017, how is the Government reducing land-clearing in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) The Government does not project future land clearing. Additionally, New South Wales annual land clearing data does not differentiate between primary and secondary vegetation clearing.

(2) The Government is committed to ensuring the land management and biodiversity conservation laws introduced in August 2017 deliver outcomes for both the environment and agriculture. A governance group to oversee implementation of the reforms has been established with representatives from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (OPIE) and Department of Regional New South Wales. A new trigger framework is being developed to monitor key risks associated with the implementation of the reforms.

The Government is also strengthening satellite monitoring of native vegetation clearing. Improvements include the detection of non-woody vegetation clearing and earlier detection of woody vegetation clearing. Identifying clearing at an early stage will allow a rapid response to limit environmental harm and the extent of unlawful clearing, help landholders understand their obligations and prevent those clearing unlawfully from committing more serious breaches of the law.

\*4442 MEDICINAL CANNABIS PRESCRIPTIONS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) What has been the total number of approvals for medicinal cannabis issued under the Special Access Scheme in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2019-20?

(2) Does NSW Health record how many prescriptions are issued for medicinal cannabis in New South Wales?

(a) If so, what is the total number of prescriptions issued in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2019-20?

(3) In each financial year from 2015-16 to 2019-20, how many of the approvals have been issued on the basis of:

(a) Prescribing or supplying to a drug dependent person?

(b) Prescribing or supplying for a clinical trial (if it is an unregistered cannabis medicine)?

(c) Prescribing or supplying to treat a child (aged under 16 years) ?

(4) How is the Government working to ensure that medicinal cannabinoids are affordable?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Information on cannabis subscription approvals is available on the NSW Health website.

NSW Health does not hold data on the number of approvals for medicinal cannabis issued under the Special Access Scheme or how many prescriptions are issued for medicinal cannabis.

(4) In New South Wales, if a patient is being treated within the public health system their NSW Health doctor may be able to seek patient-specific approval to fund a prescribed cannabis medicine.

The Government has also invested more than \$9 million in clinical trials.

Government funded research on the use of Epidyolex® for treatment of paediatric epilepsy made an important contribution to the evidence that supported the product being registered on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG) on 21 September 2020. Registration on the ARTG is a pre-requisite for Commonwealth Government funding through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Further information can be found on the Centre for Medicinal Cannabis Research and Innovation website.

\*4443 FEMALE APPRENTICESHIPS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

What is the Government doing to encourage more females to undertake apprenticeships for traditional trades such as carpentry, automotive, electrical?

Answer—

I am advised :

The Government is using its \$107.1 billion investment in infrastructure to improve women's participation in male-dominated trades (non-traditional trades). The Government's Ten Point Commitment to the Construction Sector commits all major Government funded infrastructure projects to target women in non-traditional trades as part of the Infrastructure Skills Legacy Program (ISLP). ISLP targets became a mandatory requirement for all major NSW infrastructure projects from 1 July 2020.

The Trade Readiness Program is a five day course aimed at providing school students with a taste of the construction industry. It provides a pathway to school-based apprenticeships and to a full apprenticeship in construction after leaving school. Female students represent 20 per cent of participants.

Training Services NSW is funding Supporting and Linking Tradeswomen (SALT) to deliver Try a Trade interactive workshops to schools to encourage young women to consider a career in a trade occupation. So far, 1,190 young women have participated in these workshops.

Female participation in non-traditional apprenticeships is promoted by the NSW Training Awards each year through its Special Award for a Woman in a NonTraditional Trade or Vocation. This year's winner was Georgia Foley who undertook a Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician whilst working for Narrabri Coal Operations.

A new Trade Skills Pathway Centre initiative was announced in the State budget on 17 November 2020. This initiative is designed to identify and build new pathways for people to achieve trade skills and qualifications outside of an apprenticeship. A strong focus of this initiative is to develop new and more appropriate pathways for women to obtain skills in the non-traditional trades.

**\*4445 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND PUBLIC DENTAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—**

How much funding was allocated to the Hunter New England Local District for public dental in each financial year from 2016-17 to 2019-20?

Answer—

I am advised information on Oral Health funding is included in Local Health District Service Level Agreements, which are publicly available.

**\*4446 PARKING AROUND SCHOOLS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—**

What authority does the Department of Education have to determine regulation or control of parking and Council owned roads around schools?

Answer—

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is the responsible agency for New South Wales roads and authority for the management of New South Wales roads is delegated through the Roads Act 1993. In some instances the local road responsibility is delegated by TfNSW to local councils.

School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) works with local councils across the state to ensure safety near schools is prioritised, and the appropriate considerations are taken into account when roads are delivered, repaired or upgraded near New South Wales public schools.

SINSW also collaborates with local councils to identify and manage road safety risks when planning for new and redeveloped school sites in Local Government Areas.

Some schools and councils use No Parking areas signed as Drop-off and Pick-up, Kiss and Ride, or Kiss and Drop zones, to provide parents and carers with a safe environment to drop off and collect their children from school by car. Principals will notify relevant authorities if the school becomes aware of a traffic environment infrastructure issue.

**\*4447 PARKING AROUND SCHOOLS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—**

What authority does the Department of Education have to determine regulation or control of parking and Council owned roads around schools?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is legislated as the organisation responsible for the control of traffic on all roads in New South Wales, including parking.

Transport for NSW delegates certain aspects of the control of traffic on Regional and Local Roads to the Councils of Local Government Areas. Transport for NSW continues to manage State Roads.

**\*4448 FEMALE STUDENTS STUDYING TRADES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—**

What is the Government doing to encourage more female students to work in traditional trades such as carpentry, automotive and electrical?



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The SALT workshop is free to girls, and is a hands on program aimed to engage young women in the building trades with mentoring and aspirational content.

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\*4450 MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING IN HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH DISTRICT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) Which non-government organisations in the Hunter New England Health District have received funding towards supporting young people's mental health?
- (2) Which government organisations in the Hunter New England Health District provide services specifically targeted at supporting young people who are experiencing mental health issues?

Answer—

I refer the member to the response at LA4110.

\*4451 HOUSING SECTOR HOME STOCK—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What is being done to increase the number of group home stock in the housing sector?
- (2) How is the Minister supporting the residential youth services sector in securing housing?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is delivering a range of housing options for young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. On 23 October 2020, I announced that the Government will invest an additional \$6.1 million to boost housing options for homeless youth. This will provide additional accommodation with appropriate support services and supervision for young people experiencing homelessness, including more medium-term housing options.

The Premier's Youth Initiative provides support for young people aged 16-17 years leaving out-of-home care, who are identified as being vulnerable to experiencing homelessness. The initiative provides a combination of personal advice, education and employment mentoring, transitional accommodation support and long-term accommodation to help them transition to independence and permanently divert them from the homelessness service system.

Rent Choice Youth provides time limited private rental assistance, in the form of a rental subsidy for up to 36 months, and integrated support to help reduce homelessness among young people, aged 16-24 years, across New South Wales. The aim of the program is to provide a pathway for clients so by the end of the subsidy period, they have the capacity to independently maintain a private rental property. Support services provide integrated case management to help young people secure a rental property, meet tenancy obligations and access educational and employment opportunities to help them increase their income.

The Government response to COVID-19 included an additional \$34 million for temporary accommodation and private rental subsidies, including Rent Choice Youth.

Private Rental Assistance provides financial assistance for eligible clients to help them set up or maintain a tenancy in the private rental market.

\*4452 SERVICE NSW CALL CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) Is Service NSW currently using an offshore call centre?
- (2) Has Service NSW used an offshore call centre at any time in the last three years?

Answer—

(1) and (2) No.

\*4453 DATA COLLECTION BY NSW DATA ANALYTICS CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Customer Service—

What is the legal basis for the collection by the NSW Data Analytics Centre of information including credit card spending, e-Toll records, Opal card movements and location data stored on mobile phones (as referred to in the Australian on 22 April 2020)?

Answer—

The NSW Data Analytics Centre is part of the Department of Customer Service. The Department is required to comply with information protection principles including those that regulate the collection of "personal information" under the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998.

The NSW Data Analytics Centre has not collected any e-Toll records. The other data described as having been collected by the NSW Data Analytics Centre are anonymised, aggregated data sets, provided by other organisations in accordance with the relevant organisation's data governance requirements. None contains any "personal information" and so none is subject to the collection provisions that are set out in the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act.

The Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 5) 2020 expressly permits government agencies to share data for the purposes of protecting the health or welfare of members of the public during the COVID-19 pandemic.

\*4454 DURESS ALARMS FOR NSW AMBULANCE PARAMEDICS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Has the statewide refresh of the duress alarms system for NSW Ambulance paramedics been completed?
  - (a) If not, when will it be completed?

Answer—

Yes

\*4455 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT SERVICE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

How many admissions to the psychiatric inpatient service at Liverpool Hospital in the period 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2020 are related to substance abuse rather than mental health issues?

Answer—

None.

\*4456 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC BEDS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

How many inpatients have used inpatient psychiatric beds at Liverpool Hospital for a period of six months or more within the last five years?

Answer—

The mental health service has a duty of care to ensure that consumers with enduring illnesses and care needs are discharged to appropriate accommodation and supports. Care plans, including progression towards safe discharge, are reviewed regularly.

The Pathways to Community Living Initiative supports long term patients to transfer to the community. Some patients also have complex physical health needs that can be challenging to manage in the

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community. Liverpool Hospital is working to ensure mental health consumers are matched with suitable accommodation providers so that they have the best chance of a supported recovery in the community.

The number of inpatients with a length of stay greater than six months upon discharge within the last five years ranges between 21 to 29 consumers a year as the requisite time is taken to support transition into the community.

**\*4457 NEW OR CHANGED COURT REGISTRY PROCEDURES**—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

What new or changed procedural instructions or directions have been issued to Court Registry staff following the decision in *Fell v Chenhall* [2018] NSWSC 1574?

Answer—

I am advised:

All court registry staff were informed of the decision in *Fell Chenhall* on 4 October 2019 and reminded about the importance of complying with rule 8.7(4) of the Local Court Rules 2009. The relevant procedure guide was also updated highlighting the importance of complying with this Rule.

**\*4458 SIMON RICE ARREST**—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

What action will you take to prevent the repeat of the abuse of power exhibited in the arrest of Simon Rice on 10 October 2020?

Answer—

The Government and the NSW Police Force (NSWPF) take all complaints regarding policing seriously. I am advised a complaint was received in relation to this matter, and that the NSWPF is reviewing the incident.

**\*4459 CYBER SECURITY INCIDENTS**—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Customer Service—

(1) How many cyber security incidents were there in State Government agencies in the periods:

- (a) 1 January to 20 October 2020;
- (b) 1 January to 31 December 2019?

Answer—

Cyber Security NSW keeps a register of cyber security incidents that are reported by agencies. The register was established in February 2017. Incident reporting to Cyber Security NSW by agencies is sensitive and not for public release.

**\*4460 SYDENHAM-BANKSTOWN LINE PRIVATE OPERATOR**—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Considering the Government's response to Recommendation 2 of the Sydenham-Bankstown line conversion Inquiry Report dated 11 April 2020, which states that 'a private operator will operate and maintain the network', was the Government's assessment that a private operator for the Sydenham to Bankstown Metro project offered better value for money than a publicly operated network?

- (a) If yes, will the Government publish its Public Private Partnership assessment?
- (b) If not, why did the Government choose the option of a private operator?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Government agencies disclose information in accordance with legislative requirements.

**\*4461 SYDENHAM-BANKSTOWN LINE MASTERPLAN**—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Considering Recommendation 7 of the Sydenham-Bankstown line conversion Inquiry Report dated 11 April 2020 which states that the design for the Bankstown interchange be reviewed, and also considering the Government's response to Recommendation 7, which states that the station design and masterplan work is continuing, will the Government consider building the Bankstown station underground, in order to not further exacerbate congestion within the Bankstown CBD and better connect the southern and northern parts of the Bankstown CBD?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding Bankstown Station is publicly available.

\*4462 CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN COUNCIL INVESTIGATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Considering the Independent Commission Against Corruption's (ICAC) 2018 current investigation Operation Dasha, which is investigating allegations concerning the former Canterbury City Council, including whether public officials dishonestly and/or partially exercised their official functions in relation to planning proposals and/or development applications; has, or will, the Government implemented any safeguards to ensure that any work performed by the City of Canterbury Bankstown Council and local developers with respect to the development of masterplans for Bankstown and Campsie, is subject to close scrutiny and proper probity, including an assessment of the project independent of the Council?
- (2) Will an audit be ordered of all interactions between developers and the Canterbury Bankstown Council with respect to rezoning matters since 2016?

Answer—

I will not comment on a matter that is before the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

\*4463 ROSE STREET AND HUME HIGHWAY INTERSECTION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has the intersection of Rose Street and the Hume Highway, Yagoona ever been listed on any traffic blackspot program?
- (2) In each financial year from 2015-16 to 2019-20, what was the the recorded number of:
  - (a) collisions the intersection of Rose Street and the Hume Highway, Yagoona;
  - (b) injuries the intersection of Rose Street and the Hume Highway, Yagoona?

Answer—

- (1) The intersection has not been listed in either the NSW Safer Roads Program or Australian Government Black Spot Program between 1998/99 to 2021/22. Records are not available prior to 1998.
- (2) The number of crashes recorded as occurring at or within 10 metres of the intersection of the Hume Highway and Rose Street, Yagoona, are:
  - (a) 2015-16: 4 crashes

2016-17: 3 crashes

2017-18: 1 crash

2018-19: 1 crash

2019-20: 1 crash

The number of injuries resulting from crashes recorded as occurring at or within 10 metres of the intersection of the Hume Highway and Rose Street, Yagoona, are:

(1) 2015-16: 2 people injured

2016-17: 3 people injured

2017-18: 1 person injured

2018-19: Nil people injured

2019-20: 3 people injured

\*4464 SMOKING INFRINGEMENT NOTICES AND CAUTIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How many infringement notices and cautions have been issued by health inspectors from the South West Sydney Local Health District with respect to offenses under the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 and the Smoke-free Environment Regulation 2016 in each financial year from 2017-18 to 2019-20?

Answer—

I am advised that NSW Health has issued 21 penalty infringement notices in the South West Sydney Local Health District under the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 from 2017-18 to 2019-20.

\*4466 CITY OF CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN CORRESPONDENCE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Premier—

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- (1) Has the Premier or the Premier's office received any correspondence or emails from any developer with respect to developments within the City of Canterbury Bankstown since May 2016?
- (a) If yes, has there been a response?
- (b) Will this correspondence be made publicly available?

Answer—

I receive thousands of pieces of correspondence every year.

\*4467 TOWN CENTRE MASTER PLANS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How many Town Centre Master Plans produced by Local Councils and subsequently approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment have been partially or wholly funded by a proponent of a planning proposal as a condition of the proposal being supported for Gateway during the following financial years:
- (a) 2019-20;
- (b) 2018-19;
- (c) 2017-18?
- (2) What are the details of any such Master Plans and the nature of their funding arrangements?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No planning proposals related to a Town Centre Master Plan that was wholly or partially funded by a proponent of a planning proposal have been submitted for a Gateway determination by local councils in the Greater Sydney Region or Regional NSW from 2017 to 2020.
- (2) As above. Funding of master plans is a matter for councils.

\*4468 TOWN CENTRE MASTER PLAN PROBITY CHECKS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

What probity checks are undertaken by the Minister, the Minister's office or Department when assessing Town Centre Master Plans produced by local councils which are partially or wholly funded by a proponent of a planning proposal as a condition of the proposal being supported for Gateway?

Answer—

I am advised:

Master plans are typically prepared by local councils and are non-statutory plans that outline a vision to guide growth and development of a centre over the long term. Master plans are not approved or endorsed by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department). The Department's plan making functions are set out in legislation.

Funding of council-led projects, such as master plans, is a matter for councils and the Department does not keep records of how councils fund their master plans.

\*4469 COOKS RIVER FUNDING—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Has the Government recently committed to any funding towards the Cooks River as at 24 September 2020?
- (a) If so, which local government areas will the Government be coordinating with?

Answer—

In 2017, the Government provided \$30,500 through the Coastal and Estuary Grants Program to Canterbury-Bankstown Council for the Cooks River Alliance to complete the first stage of a coastal management program. The grant was acquitted in February 2020.

\*4470 HEALTH CARE STAFF FREE PARKING—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Considering the Ministry of Health have allowed parking for health care staff to be free during the pandemic:
- (a) Why are the Sydney Children's Hospital Network not managing staff parking in line with the Minister's directive?
- (2) Considering the Ministry of Health's insistence on calling Westmead a Health Precinct:
- (a) Why is there no co-operation between the Chief Executive of the Western Sydney Local Health

District and Sydney Children's Hospital Network to provide parking to staff?

Answer—

(1) – (2) Free parking continues to be offered during the COVID-19 pandemic to staff in the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network, subject to availability. Due to an increase in families visiting Westmead Hospital to attend the re-opened outpatient clinics and elective surgery care, I am informed that there has been an impact on availability.

To ensure the needs of patient, visitor and staff parking are met, the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network and Western Sydney Local Health District have been working closely to coordinate the best solution for free staff parking for the Westmead Health Precinct.

\*4471 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PRIORITY HOUSING—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What data does the Government have for trends in homelessness for individuals who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders?
- (2) How many individuals on the priority housing list identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander as at October 2020?
- (3) What additional funding was given to the Aboriginal Housing Office to help assist families through the COVID pandemic?

Answer—

I am advised:

The number of Indigenous clients seeking assistance from specialist homelessness services (SHS) shows an upward trend over the period 2011-12 to 2018-19.

In 2018-19, in New South Wales of the 73,549 people seeking SHS assistance, 30 per cent identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. Further information on Indigenous clients of SHS can be located at: <https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/homelessness-services/shs-annual-report-18-19/data>

As at 30 June 2019, there were 51,014 social housing applicants on the New South Wales Housing Register of which 6,983 were Aboriginal applicants.

The Aboriginal Housing Office has received additional funding throughout the pandemic this year to support forensic cleaning, capital upgrades and to continue Services Our Way.

As part of the 2020-21 New South Wales Budget \$900 million will be invested to build and accelerate thousands of new homes and create up to 3,000 jobs as part of the Government's stimulus and COVID recovery plan. This \$900 million includes significant new investments in Aboriginal housing.

For further information about the Aboriginal Housing Office, questions can be referred to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing, the Hon Melinda Pavey MP.

\*4472 ESCALATED MEDICAL TRANSFERS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Considering escalated medical transfers, can data be provide regarding the length of time to wait for a transfer within Housing that are classified priority medical escalation transfer?
- (2) How many applications in New South Wales currently on the waitlist are classified as medical priority as at 20 October 2020?
- (3) What is the Government doing to address the lack of social housing available to assist people who suffer a mobility disability?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at 30 September 2020, there are 982 applications on the priority transfer register on medical grounds.

Under the Future Directions for Social Housing in NSW strategy, the \$22 billion Communities Plus building program is a new generation of integrated housing developments being delivered in partnership with the private, non-government and community housing sectors. The program is delivering 23,000 social housing, 500 affordable housing and 40,000 private dwellings over 10 years. For further information about the Communities Plus program, questions can be referred to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing, the Hon Melinda Pavey MP.

In addition, the Social and Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF) is an innovative approach to the way we are delivering social and affordable housing in New South Wales. The SAHF has nine contracts with service

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providers to deliver over 3,400 additional social and affordable homes across the state. Providers will provide homes and access to tailored support to affordable housing tenants and those on the social housing waiting list, which also includes clients with disability. Many of the homes being delivered under the program are designed to be fully accessible and cater to those with a disability or mobility requirements. Further information on the SAHF is publicly available at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/about/reforms/future-directions/initiatives/SAHF>

\*4473 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE CALLS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) What was the total number of calls received by the New South Wales Domestic Violence Helpline from :

- (a) January 2019 to 30 September 2019;
- (b) January 2020 to 30 September 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

Published data on NSW Domestic Violence Line telephone call volumes can be found on the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) website: [www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Publications/BB/2020-Report-Domestic-Violence-in-the-wake-of-COVID-19-update-to-April20-BB146.pdf](http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Publications/BB/2020-Report-Domestic-Violence-in-the-wake-of-COVID-19-update-to-April20-BB146.pdf).

The NSW Domestic Violence Line call number data analysed by BOCSAR includes data to April 2020. Further analysis will be published in coming months.

\*4474 BULLI URGENT CARE UNIT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Considering the services provided at the new location of Bulli Urgent Care Unit located at the new Bulli Hospital, how many shifts have not had a doctor on duty since the move (to 20 October 2020)?
- (2) How many patients have had to be transferred to Wollongong Hospital due to the fact that no doctors were on duty at Bulli Hospital?

Answer—

From time to time, across the New South Wales public health system, shifts can become vacant for a variety of reasons, despite all efforts being undertaken by hospital management. I am advised no patients have required transfer to Wollongong Hospital from the Bulli Urgent Care Unit on any occasion where a Medical Officer has been unavailable. I am further advised that where a Medical Officer is temporarily unavailable, a Senior Registered Nurse continues to assess and provide care to patients.

\*4475 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT PACKAGE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Considering the Government's announcement on 15 May 2020 in relation to a \$20 million support package for stranded international students, how many students from the Illawarra have applied for the temporary crisis accommodation as at 20 October 2020?
  - (a) How many of the applications have been approved?
  - (b) How many of the applications have been declined?
- (2) Is there a cut-off time period for the applications to be received?

Answer—

Student from the Illawarra are not international students.

\*4476 PAYROLL TAX—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How much payroll tax revenue has been collected between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020 from businesses in the electorates of:
  - (a) Heathcote;
  - (b) Keira;
  - (c) Wollongong;
  - (d) Shellharbour;
  - (e) Kiama?
- (2) How many businesses in each of the electorates listed above have been required to pay payroll tax in the current financial year?

Answer—

Revenue NSW does not collect data by electorate.

The NSW Government is committed to easing the burden on businesses so they can grow, invest and create more jobs.

In 2019 the NSW Liberal Nationals Government committed to increasing the payroll tax threshold from \$750,000 to \$1m. This commitment was delivered a year earlier than promised, and has meant around 5,000 businesses no longer pay this tax.

This measure was opposed by the NSW Labor Party at the 2019 NSW election, and thus, if elected, Labor would have ensured businesses faced higher tax in NSW.

As part of this Government's COVID-19 response, all businesses have been given the option to defer their payroll tax payments for six months until the end of October 2020, after which customers will be able to enter into a Stimulus Payment Arrangement to repay their deferred taxes over a period of up to 24 months.

Businesses with payrolls of \$10m or less in 2019-20 are eligible for a 25 per cent reduction in their payroll tax liability when they lodge their annual reconciliation.

In addition, as part of the recently announced NSW Budget, the Treasurer has announced the payroll tax threshold will be increased to \$1.2m, meaning around 3,500 additional businesses will no longer pay this tax.

Further, the payroll tax rate will be reduced from 5.45 per cent to 4.85 per cent for 2020-21 and 2021-22. The rate reduction will be applied retrospectively, from 1 July 2020, meaning the tax benefits will start flowing immediately.

These two measures combined represent a further \$2.8 billion investment in our economy, with businesses liable for payroll tax saving around \$34,000 a year over the next two years. Money which they can re-invest in their businesses and create more jobs.

\*4477 PICTON ROAD UPGRADES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What are the planned upgrade to Picton Road in each financial year from 2020-21 to 2022-23?
  - (a) What is the budget allocated for each of the upgrades?
- (2) Has the Government costed the full duplication of this project?
  - (a) If so, what is the cost?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The 2020-21 NSW Budget has committed \$44 million in planning for the duplication of Picton Road. The funding will support the completion of the concept design, environmental assessment and planning approvals, and allow the development of the final business case and detailed design of the upgrade. The Picton Road strategic business case, including preferred upgrades, is due to be completed in the second half of 2021. Once completed, work will start on concept and detailed design.
- (2) No, costs for the project will continue to be developed as part of the business case process and detailed design.

\*4478 RISE OF POVERTY AND INEQUALITY IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What is the Government doing to address the rising poverty and inequality in New South Wales?
- (2) Considering that the NSW Council of Social Service (NCOSS) Web Version Mapping Economic Disadvantage in New South Wales 2010 has data relating to children living in poverty, where one in six children in New South Wales live below the poverty line, what action and work has the Government done in partnership with the Commonwealth Government to address children in poverty?
- (3) Considering the report in (2) also states that social housing tenants were most likely to be living in poverty, what assistance is available to social housing tenants who are living in poverty?
- (4) What action and work has the Government done to identify families living in poverty living in social housing?

Answer—

I am advised:



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People in New South Wales can access support through a variety of initiatives at both state and federal level. Welfare relief along with housing supports can be accessed by vulnerable people.

Targeted Earlier Intervention Program (TEI) is a soft entry point for vulnerable families and is focused on providing early help and support, including assisting parents to meet the physical and material needs of their children, to avoid poverty. It is focused on supporting families and communities to break the cycle of disadvantage. The government commits \$160.2 million each year to this place-based program. The flexibility of the program allows service providers to meet the diverse needs of their communities so people are caught early and no one is left to slip through the gaps, reducing the need for more intense support down the track. During the COVID crisis, TEI services have adapted to meet the changing needs of their communities and provide food banks and material aid to people in desperate need of essential items.

The Universal Screening and Supports program identifies young people at risk of homelessness or disengaging from school. The program began in Albury in Term 1 this year, and in Western Sydney from Term 3. If a young person is identified as being at risk, they are provided with support to prevent them from disengaging early from school and entering homelessness.

The Family Connect and Support program provides an entry point and connection to the service system for vulnerable families who require support before issues escalate.

In response to COVID-19, the Government established a Charities Fund that included additional funding to OzHarvest and Foodbank NSW/ACT. The funding enabled expansion of their food rescue and distribution capacity in response to demand from regional food hubs and non-government organisations.

The Opportunity Pathways program funded as part of Future Directions for Social Housing (Future Directions) is a \$42.6 million program aimed to assist people in social housing who want to improve their employment options. Eligibility is open to those aged 17 years and older, live in social housing as the head of a household, or as a household member, or who are approved social housing applicants receiving a Rent Choice subsidy. New South Wales has partnered with local providers that can provide flexible, tailored support to help people work towards employment goals and greater housing independence.

Also as part of Future Directions, DCJ is offering up to 1000 scholarships to students enrolled in education or training in 2021 who are social housing clients or living in out-of-home care. Successful applicants will receive \$1000 to help with school expenses and secondary support services.

Rent Choice Youth provides young people with a rental subsidy for up to 3 years, along with support to find study and job opportunities, with the aim that participants will have the capacity to independently maintain a private rental property.

In June 2020 the Government announced \$36 million for the new Together Home project to provide housing and wrap around support for hundreds of rough sleepers across New South Wales. The 2020-21 NSW Budget commits a further \$29 million to support even more people, bringing the total commitment to \$65 million.

Together Home is underpinned by Housing First Principles. This is where a person is housed and linked to wraparound, trauma informed support for clients to help them stabilise and build their individual capacity and connection to community.

Sustaining Tenancies in Social Housing provides tenants with one-on-one tailored case management to address complex needs where there is a significant risk of tenancy failure. The Government committed an additional \$4.5 million to this initiative as part of the response to COVID-19 in addition to the existing \$10.6 million allocated under the NSW Homelessness Strategy.

\*4479 PROSPECT CREEK FISHING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

(1) Is fishing permitted in Prospect Creek?

(a) If so, which methods of fishing are permitted and which methods of fishing are not permitted?

Answer—

(1) Yes, subject to method and bag and size limit regulations, most forms of recreational fishing are permitted in Prospect Creek in both the tidal and freshwater parts of that creek.

(a) Within the tidal limits of Prospect Creek, four rods or lines are permitted. Within the freshwater reaches of Prospect Creek, two attended lines are permitted. No traps are permitted upstream of Rabaul Road boat ramp (Georges River), including Prospect Creek. The use of nets to target crabs and prawns is permitted (subject to specific gear rules). No commercial fishing by any

method or taking of Oysters is permitted (Botany Bay and Tributaries - including Prospect Creek).

\*4480 PROSPECT CREEK FISH—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

What species of fish exist in Prospect Creek?

Answer—

Sampling undertaken by the Department of Primary Industries between 2000 and 2004 indicated existence of the following species in Prospect Creek: Southern shortfin eel, Longfin eel, Goldfish, Eastern Gambusia, Striped gudgeon, Empire gudgeon, Freshwater catfish, Unidentified Anguilla freshwater eel, Common carp, Australian bass and Australian smelt.

\*4481 PROSPECT CREEK BIRD COUNTING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) Has there been any recent bird counting activities conducted in Prospect Creek?

(a) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) Yes.

(a) A BioNet search around Prospect Creek reports 13 species observed on 24 February 2020 and 30 March 2020. However, this may not reflect all bird counting efforts.

Bird observations made by holders of a scientific licence, or individuals who voluntarily submit their data to BioNet, are publicly available on the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's website.

\*4482 PROSPECT CREEK FLORA AND FAUNA—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

Is there a register of the types of flora and fauna that exist in the Prospect Creek river system?

Answer—

Yes. Flora and fauna observations are publicly available on the NSW BioNet website and the Sharing and Enabling Environmental Data (SEED) portal.

\*4483 PROSPECT CREEK NOXIOUS WEEDS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

(1) Have any noxious weeds been identified in Prospect Creek?

(a) If so, what measures have been taken by the Government to eliminate them?

Answer—

(1) Prospect Creek contains several weeds. These include the aquatic weeds frogbit (*Limnobium laevigatum*) and alligator weed (*Alternanthera philoxeroides*) as well as numerous terrestrial weeds including privet (*Ligustrum lucidum*), lantana (*Lantana camara*), blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus* species aggregate), cockspur coral tree (*Erythrina crista-galli*), camphor laurel (*Cinnamomum camphora*) and Madeira vine (*Anredera cordifolia*).

(a) Frog bit is prohibited matter under the Biosecurity Act 2015 in New South Wales and the infestation in Prospect Creek originated from infestations in dams at Fairfield, Cumberland and Greystanes adjacent to Prospect Creek. It is believed that high rainfall in September 2019 washed the frogbit from one of these infestations into the creek where it was discovered in December 2019. Around this time treatment of the Greystanes infestation was delayed due to a prolonged period when the surrounding area was closed for works access due to the presence of asbestos. These frogbit infestations have since been managed by Fairfield and Cumberland Councils with funding assistance from the NSW Weeds Action Program. In the Fairfield and Cumberland local government areas alligator weed is a regional priority weed and is managed by the councils with an annual control program.

Terrestrial weeds adjoining Prospect Creek in Fairfield local government area are controlled by a contractor who receives funding from Fairfield Council to undertake this work.

\*4484 PROSPECT CREEK CLASSIFICATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

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Is Prospect Creek classified as a freshwater or saltwater catchment?

Answer—

I am advised that Prospect Creek is a freshwater catchment.

\*4485 PROSPECT CREEK WATER TESTING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

When was the water quality last tested in Prospect Creek?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Prospect Creek's water quality was last tested on 26 October 2020 by Fairfield City Council.

\*4486 PROSPECT CREEK RECREATIONAL WATER ACTIVITIES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) Are recreational water activities permitted in Prospect Creek?

(a) If so, which recreational water activities are permitted, and which are not permitted?

Answer—

I am advised:

To the extent that it falls outside Sydney's declared drinking water catchment, my agencies are not responsible for regulating recreational water activities at Prospect Creek.

\*4487 PROSPECT CREEK VESSELS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Is Prospect Creek a waterway where personal watercraft/ vessels are permitted?

(a) If so, at what knots are vessels permitted to travel?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Yes.

(a) Vessels are permitted to travel up to 8 knots.

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\*4488 CAMPBELLTOWN CITY POLICE AREA COMMAND—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) How many General Duty officers were appointed to the Campbelltown City Police Area Command as of:

(a) 1 July 2018;

(b) 1 July 2019;

(c) 1 July 2020?

(2) How many detectives were appointed to the Campbelltown City Police Area Command as of:

(a) 1 July 2018;

(b) 1 July 2019;

(c) 1 July 2020?

(3) How many patrol and other vehicles were assigned to the Campbelltown City Police Area Command as of:

(a) 1 July 2018;

(b) 1 July 2019;

(c) 1 July 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

All police positions attached to Police Districts or Police Area Commands are flexible resources. These resources are supplemented by officers from specialist Commands, which are managed centrally, but can

be deployed across Police Districts and Police Area Commands to respond to changing crime patterns and emerging issues.

(1) Number of General Duties Constables, Senior Constables and Sergeants:

(i) Campbelltown City Police Area Command was not established until 2019. It was created through the amalgamation of Campbelltown and Macquarie Fields Local Area Commands.

(ii) 169 authorised positions, 167 headcount.

(iii) 167 authorised positions, 166 headcount.

The decrease of two authorised positions in 2020 was due to these positions being allocated to the South West Metropolitan Region Operations Support Group.

(2) Number of Officers occupying positions that have the duty type of Criminal Investigations, Investigation Managers, and Crime Managers:

(i) Campbelltown City Police Area Command was not established until 2019. It was created through the amalgamation of Campbelltown and Macquarie Fields Local Area Commands.

(ii) 50 authorised police positions, 50 headcount.

(iii) 50 authorised police positions, 49 headcount.

(3) Number of vehicles:

(i) Campbelltown City Police Area Command was not established until 2019. It was created through the amalgamation of Campbelltown and Macquarie Fields Local Area Commands.

(ii) 41.

(iii) 41.

\*4489 INDIGENOUS DEATHS IN CORRECTIONS CUSTODY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

(1) Considering the response to LA Q3414, what review has the Government made of Indigenous deaths in Corrections custody in New South Wales since 1991?

(2) What conclusions and recommendations came out of these reviews, and what action has been taken?

(3) Has the Government implemented all relevant recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody relating to Corrections?

(a) What recommendations remain to be implemented and when will this occur?

(4) Has the Government implemented all relevant recommendations of the Australian Law Reform Commission Pathways to Justice report relating to Corrections?

(a) What recommendations remain to be implemented and when will this occur?

(5) Has the Government implemented all relevant recommendations of coronial inquiries into deaths in Corrections custody?

(a) What recommendations remain to be implemented and when will this occur?

(6) What plans does the Government have to prevent further deaths in Corrections custody?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) All deaths in custody are thoroughly reviewed internally by Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) and are investigated by the NSW Police Force. They are also subject to a mandatory independent inquest by the NSW State Coroner. These reviews may result in changes to physical security, facility design and offender management to prevent deaths in custody.

(2) CSNSW has a 'Management of Deaths in Custody Committee' which is responsible for centralising the management and reporting of deaths in custody, and considers and oversees the implementation of both internal and coronial recommendations relating to deaths in CSNSW custody.

On 17 June 2020, the Government announced that a cross-party parliamentary inquiry will be conducted into the processes involved in state investigations of deaths in custody. The Inquiry will focus on the high level of First Nations people in custody and the oversight and review of deaths in custody. Hearings were held on 26 and 27 October 2020. Further hearings have been scheduled for 3, 7 and 8 December 2020. The committee is scheduled to report by the end of March 2021.

(3) The Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (the Royal Commission) made 339 recommendations of which 99 were deemed to have direct or indirect relevance to CSNSW or Justice

Health & Forensic Mental Health Network (Justice Health). These include a number of additional obligations arising from the transfer of responsibility of some police custody functions in police/court cell complexes.

A review commissioned by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and undertaken by Deloitte Access Economics in 2019 concluded that "A majority of the recommendations relating to prison safety have been completely implemented". The review showed that compared with other jurisdictions, CSNSW demonstrated the highest level of compliance with respect to recommendations that had been fully implemented.

(a) CSNSW is no longer required to report on progress with implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission. A decision was taken by the Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee to suspend reporting by the State Government when the Aboriginal Justice Plan was introduced around 2002. This plan was subsequently incorporated into the Government's Aboriginal Affairs Plan 'Two Ways Together'. The rationale for ceasing reporting was that relevant initiatives with associated measures had been carried forward in the new Aboriginal Justice Plan and that ongoing reporting was cumbersome, confusing and redundant. Prior to this CSNSW, had fully implemented the majority of the Royal Commission's recommendations.

(4) The Government provided a detailed submission to the inquiry in December 2017. As the Australian Law Reform Commission is a Commonwealth agency, it is the responsibility of the Commonwealth Government to respond to its recommendations.

(5) (a) All Government agency responses to coronial recommendations are available at <https://www.justice.nsw.gov.au/1sb/Pages/coronial-recommendations.aspx>

(6) CSNSW has developed a strategic plan to support Aboriginal offenders to desist from reoffending and to reduce their rate of incarceration. This involves focussing on criminogenic risks, education and vocational training and employment programs.

CSNSW continually seeks to improve correctional centre design, and inmate management practices to prevent deaths in custody. Some of the major strategies that have been implemented to reduce deaths in custody owing to unnatural causes include:

- The removal of obvious hanging points and 'high risk' furniture in New South Wales correctional centres and court cells, that accommodate inmates who are 'at risk' of self-harm or suicide. CSNSW proactively considers the risk of self-harm for design and construction of all new correctional centre or expansion works to existing centres.
- Improvements to inmate management - CSNSW has well-established and detailed Risk Intervention Team policies and procedures which outline the protocols for, and the care and management of inmates identified as being at risk of self-harm or suicide.
- CSNSW periodically reviews and amends, where necessary, the Inmate Screening Questionnaire to screen and detect at-risk inmates more efficiently. CSNSW staff are provided appropriate training to screen inmates.
- CSNSW has consulted extensively with Justice Health in relation to improving communication between agencies via the Health Problem Notification Form and continues to work with Justice Health to reduce risk through interventions.
- CSNSW has formed a joint working group with Justice Health to consider and implement coronial recommendations addressed jointly to both the agencies.

\*4490 INDIGENOUS DEATHS IN POLICE CUSTODY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Considering the response to LA Q3414, what review has the Government made of Indigenous deaths in Police custody in New South Wales since 1991?
- (2) What conclusions and recommendations came out of these reviews, and what action has been taken?
- (3) Has the Government implemented all relevant recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody relating to Police?
  - (a) What recommendations remain to be implemented and when will this occur?
- (4) Has the Government implemented all relevant recommendations of the Australian Law Reform Commission Pathways to Justice report relating to Police?
  - (a) What recommendations remain to be implemented and when will this occur?
- (5) Has the Government implemented all relevant recommendations of coronial inquiries into deaths in Police custody?
- (6) What recommendations remain to be implemented and when will this occur?

(7) What plans does the Government have to prevent further deaths in Police custody?

Answer—

Every death as a result of involvement with police is a tragedy. I am advised Indigenous deaths in police custody in New South Wales are reviewed through a range of mechanisms including inquests by the New South Wales Coroner and through Critical Incident Investigations undertaken by the New South Wales Police Force (NSWPF). NSWPF critical incident investigations are oversighted by the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC). The LECC can review police action in accordance with its powers and functions under the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission Act 2016. The NSWPF works through both internal and external review processes and engages oversight bodies to address issues around deaths in custody, and to implement reforms to prevent future deaths.

More broadly, I refer you to the responses to LA Q3414 and LA Q300.

\*4491 PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB SITE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What are the terms of reference for the Crown Lands review of lease transfers for the former Paddington Bowling Club site?
- (2) What is the timeframe for this review and what information will be made public about the review?
- (3) Considering the site has not been operational since June 2015, what steps has the Government taken to ensure this Crown Land site remains accessible to the community and available for recreation purposes?
- (4) What steps has the Government taken to liaise with Woollahra Council about the future of this site?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to ensure this site remains in public ownership, accessible to the community and used for recreation purposes?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment conducted a review to ascertain whether or not there were any probity concerns with the previous two transfers of the Crown lease over the subject site.
- (2) The review has now concluded and found that the site is validly leased.
- (3) Refer to answers (1) and (2).
- (4) Crown Lands staff have regularly engaged with staff from Woollahra Council on the future of the site.
- (5) The site remains in the ownership of the Crown and is held under lease by the tenant. Any proposed changes to the Reserve purpose or the lease purpose would require Departmental approval and assessment of Crown Lands' Community Engagement Strategy requirements.

\*4492 TENANCY LAW BREACHES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) What information does the Government provide to tenants about landlords who have breached or are alleged to have breached tenancy laws?
- (2) How does the Government ensure that prospective tenants are informed about previous breaches by a landlord?
- (3) What consideration has the Government given to a public listing about landlords similar to the NSW Food Authority's listing of businesses that have breached or are alleged to have breached New South Wales food safety laws?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to inform tenants about prospective landlords that have breached tenancy law?

Answer—

(1) NSW Fair Trading provides general information to both tenants and landlords on the Fair Trading's website. This includes what to do if a tenant believes a landlord has breached legislation including lodging a complaint with Fair Trading.

Further education and information to tenants and landlords around the requirements of the Residential Tenancies Act 2020 (the Act) is done in response to a specific complaint or enquiry, where the parties are dealt with directly, and in the form of information sessions and webinars, hosted by Fair Trading or in collaboration with other agencies, organisations and community groups. This education aims to ensure that landlords are aware of the requirements under the legislation when managing their own property and that tenants know their rights and obligations when dealing with a private landlord.

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The rate of non-compliance by landlords is generally very low and in the event that breach of legislation is identified, Fair Trading provides education to the landlord on their responsibilities under the Act.

(2) Details of complaint and/or compliance action taken against a particular landlord does not form part of any public register maintained by NSW Fair Trading. Information is only publicly released when Fair Trading considers it is in the public interest to do so.

(3) NSW Fair Trading does not have any listing for breaches by landlords and is not planning to introduce such a listing at this time.

Successful prosecutions by Fair Trading are usually published in the media at the time the conviction is secured and on the Fair Trading website.

(4) NSW Fair Trading will continue its education programs and activities which will help to create a more informed community of tenants and landlords and assists them in understanding their rights and responsibilities under the Act.

From 23 March 2020, landlords and agents must give tenants a "Tenant Information Statement" before the tenancy agreement is entered into. The Tenant Information Statement sets out the rights of tenants under the Act and key information that they should know before entering into a tenancy agreement.

A number of other resources are readily available on the Fair Trading website.

\*4493 SUSPECT TARGETING MANAGEMENT PLAN—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) What assessment has the Government made of the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission investigation into the Suspect Targeting Management Plan program?

(2) What assessment has the Government made of the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research evaluation of this program?

(3) What action has been taken in response to the concerns about unfair impacts and perverse outcomes identified in these reports?

(4) What further action will the Government take to address the concerns raised about this program?

Answer—

The Government welcomed the findings of the New South Wales Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research evaluation of the Suspect Targeting Management Plan (STMP) and the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission's Operation Tepito Interim Report.

As both inquiries have progressed, I am advised the New South Wales Police Force made significant changes to the way it applies the STMP, including building on the strengths and effectiveness of STMPs as strongly identified across both reports. In addition, the advanced STMP-III currently being introduced will benefit victims first and foremost, and is expected to improve the effectiveness of this already successful policing strategy.

I am assured the NSW Police Force will continue to work with the LECC, welcoming its oversight as it works on its final report.

\*4494 CORFLUTE RECYCLING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) What programs does the Government operate or support to recycle corflute, as used in marketing signs and election posters;

(2) Is the Government aware of the Australian Capital Territory trial of corflute recycling?

(3) What plans does the Government have to trial corflute recycling in New South Wales?

(4) What further action will the Government take to prevent damaging landfill waste from corflute?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) Through the nine-year, \$803 million Waste Less Recycle More initiative, the Government has provided more than \$95 million in grants for new resource recovery infrastructure. This initiative has developed resource recovery infrastructure for a wide range of waste materials, including the type of plastic from which "corflute" is made.

(2) Yes.

(3) Corflute material is already being recycled in New South Wales. For example, Astron Plastics recycling facility in Ingleburn accept corflute and reprocess it into polypropylene pellets. In 2018, Astron Plastics was awarded a \$407,500 grant to expand its plastic recycling facility. This grant was

made under the Product Improvement Program, which is part of the Waste Less Recycle More initiative.

- (4) The Government is continuing to fund programs designed to encourage the recycling of waste materials such as corflute. With the Waste Less, Recycle More initiative coming to an end in June 2021, the Government is developing a 20-Year Waste Strategy. The Strategy will provide a long-term strategic focus where, communities, industry and all levels of government are working together to build resilient service and markets for waste resources.

\*4495 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION FUNDING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier—

- (1) What is the trend in funding for the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)?
  - (a) Has there been a recent reduction in funding?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the Brett Walker QC advice about ICAC funding?
- (3) What models of funding has the Government considered to ensure it is independent and seen to be independent of the Government of the day?
- (4) What steps have been taken to establish an independent funding model for ICAC?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to ensure ICAC has the necessary resources to independently carry out its duties?

Answer—

I refer you to my answer to the Member for Balmain's question in Legislative Assembly Question Time on Wednesday 18 November.

\*4496 PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS AND SOLAR HOT WATER IN SCHOOLS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What action has been taken to install photovoltaic panels and solar hot water in New South Wales schools since LA Q 9328?
- (2) How many schools now have these facilities installed?
  - (a) Which schools in the inner city?
  - (b) Which schools remain to be upgraded in the inner city?
- (3) What further action will the Government take to help schools achieve energy and cost savings with solar energy while also reducing emissions?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education continues to manage installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems and solar hot water under a range of programs, including most recently the Sustainability Co-Contribution and Cooler Classrooms programs, and the Schools Renewable Energy Infrastructure Pilot Project announced in November 2020. Solar PV systems are also installed in all new and upgraded public schools, and in schools that qualify for the Cooler Classrooms Program, wherever practical to do so.
- (2) A further 194 solar PV systems have been installed in NSW public schools since July 2018.
  - (a) Five schools in the Sydney Local Government Area - Central Sydney Intensive English High School, Erskineville Public School, Inner Sydney High School, Ultimo Public School and Yudi Gunyi School.
  - (b) Four schools in the Sydney Local Government Area are currently forecast to have installations completed by 30 June 2021; three under the Co-Contribution Program - Forest Lodge Public School, Newtown Public School and Sydney Distance Education High School, and one under the Capital Works program at Sydney Boys High School.
  - (c) It is noted that not every existing school is suitable for solar PV systems, owing to a range of site specific factors including heritage considerations and shading from adjacent buildings.
- (3) As well as the ongoing range of programs, the Schools Renewable Energy Infrastructure Pilot Project announced on 3 November 2020, is designed to further increase investment in solar PV systems and in replacement LED lighting, which will produce additional energy and costs savings, and further reduce emissions.

\*4497 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What progress has been made with the Government's commitment to provide access to before and after school care (BASC) for all parents with children at public primary schools?



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- (2) What progress has been made with schools in the Sydney electorate?
- (3) What funding is available to support new BASC programs?
- (4) What further schools in the Sydney electorate are planned to provide BASC and when will these services operate?
- (5) What schools in the inner city do not yet offer these programs and when does the Government expect they will be able to offer BASC?

Answer—

- (1) Between 1 July 2019 and 21 October 2020, 10,736 new before and after school care places have been created across New South Wales. There are 74 additional and new services offering before and after school care to the students in New South Wales.
- (2) Since July 2019, 70 new and additional places have been created at both Crown Street Public School and Paddington Public School.
- (3) The Government is investing an additional \$120 million in before and after school care. The strategy includes:
  - (a) \$50 million over four years to help schools buy new equipment and expand their facilities;
  - (b) \$40 million over four years to provide rental subsidies to service providers located at public primary schools if they can demonstrate savings have been passed on to families;
  - (c) \$20 million over four years for an implementation fund focused on schools where a standalone service may not be viable, including smaller schools and rural and remote communities;
  - (d) \$8.5 million over four years for a team of specialists to help coordinate services and resources on an area or regional basis, to make it easier to setup and maintain a service and to take the hassle out of managing contracts with providers for principals;
  - (e) \$2 million for a new website and mobile app to allow parents and carers to search for and book student places online.
- (4) All schools in the Sydney Electorate provide on-site BASC services. Students at Plunkett Street Public School access BASC services at the Council operated facility across the road from the school.
- (5) All schools offer BASC services in the electorate, including students at Plunkett Street Public School who have access to the Council operated service located across the road from the school.

\*4500 JOHNSTON STREET, ANNANDALE HEAVY VEHICLE AND SPOIL HAULAGE ROUTE—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the announcement last week that the Rozelle Interchange is now approved to use Johnston Street, Annandale as a heavy vehicle and spoil haulage route, when was the application to use Johnston Street as a heavy vehicle and spoil haulage route made and by what process was it considered and approved?
- (2) What modelling has been done to show the anticipated reduction in trucking movements over the three years and will the Minister make that modelling public?
- (3) What will WestConnex do to ensure compliance, particularly with regard to the limits on the number of truck movements during school zone times?
- (4) Will ongoing monitoring of sub-contracted vehicles and/or spot checks be carried out?
  - (a) If so, will fines be issued to drivers who breach these rules?
  - (i) Who will issue these fines?

Answer—

I am advised:

Johnston Street was approved for use by trucks in the previous Traffic and Transport Access Management Plan (TTAMP). This Plan is regularly updated, and each version assessed and approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE), (unless changes are minor, as defined under the Minister's conditions of approval).

The WestConnex project is required to:

- Monitor performance and conduct spot checks along route to ensure compliance with the limits imposed by TTAMP;
- Report monthly on compliance to DPIE, and implement mitigation measures where necessary;
- Provide driver induction training, with specific training for drivers required to travel past schools (including, for example, maximum allowed vehicle numbers; the exclusion of heavy truck and trailer combinations in school zones between 8am and 9.30am weekdays;
- the 40 km/hour speed limit during school zone hours);
- Ensure non-compliant sub-contractors are subject to disciplinary action as per the project's protocol.

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**\*4501 EMPLOYMENT OR ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANTS AND TECHNICAL EXPERTS FOR LOCAL COUNCILS—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—**

- (1) Considering that local councils throughout New South Wales are currently or have recently been engaged in a range of strategic planning activities as required by the Planning and Assessments Act 1979, and that such activities often require the employment or engagement of consultants and experts to carry out technical studies, what guidance has the Department of Planning, Industry and the Environment issued to councils who are seeking to raise funds for the employment or engagement of consultants and technical experts?
- (2) Does the Department of Planning, Industry and the Environment support contributions from developers and/or others with an interest in the construction industry to be used for these purposes?
- (3) Does the Department of Planning, Industry and the Environment see the potential for any real or perceived conflicts of interest in allowing developers to contribute funds to councils for these purposes?
- (4) Does the Department of Planning, Industry and the Environment require councils to keep a public record of their sources of funding for the employment or engagement of consultants and technical experts?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Planning for the future of their local community is a core function of local councils. Technical and other inputs help councils to make the right decisions. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, and other agencies, have provided councils with a range of expert advice, including guidelines, fact sheets, and other forms of support.

Councils can only raise funds through means provided by law and, in most cases, funding of technical studies for strategic planning purposes comes from their own finances.

(2) and (3) The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) requires councils to spend infrastructure contributions for the purpose for which they were

levied in accordance with adopted contributions plans. Infrastructure contributions funds may be used for plan administration costs, for example, preparation of background studies, concept plans and cost estimates related to the preparation of section 7.11 contributions plans in certain circumstances (see [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/-/media/Files/DPE/Practice-notes/practice-note-localinfrastructure-contributions-january-2019-01-21.pdf?la=en](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/-/media/Files/DPE/Practice-notes/practice-note-localinfrastructure-contributions-january-2019-01-21.pdf?la=en)). This does not include costs that would otherwise be considered part of a council's key responsibilities or studies for other purposes (such as strategic planning).

(4) Councils are required to provide a list of contracts, details of legal fees and consultancy expenses in the Quarterly Budget Review Statement where more than \$50,000 or 1 per cent of council's estimated incoming from continuing operations, whichever is the lesser. This is for contracts entered into during the quarter and will include: contractor name, purpose, amount of consideration, commencement date, duration and whether or not the contract was included in the budget. Councils must also show expenditure to date for Consultancies and External legal fees.

**\*4502 ESSENTIAL ENERGY WRITTEN ADVICE—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—**

How many private landholders in the electorate of Lismore have been provided with written advice from Essential Energy that power poles 'gifted' to them since early 2019 are faulty and require maintenance at their cost?

Answer—

I am advised that:

No private landholders in the Lismore electorate have been 'gifted' power poles.

Under the Electricity Supply Act 1995, its previous iterations, and associated instruments, the boundary of a distribution network ends at the first point of connection on the owner's property. All poles and lines between this point and the switchboard or meter, are owned by, and are the responsibility of, the property owner. These assets are known as private poles, or private overhead lines.

Essential Energy has written to 414 landholders in the Lismore electorate since June 2018, as required under the legislative framework of the National Electricity Rules and the Electricity Supply Act 1995, to

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inform them where routine inspection has identified maintenance requirements on private poles or private overhead lines.

\*4503 ESSENTIAL ENERGY POWER POLES LEGAL FRAMEWORK—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What policy or legal framework has the Government agreed to that causes private landholders in the electorate of Lismore and other rural areas of New South Wales to be 'gifted' power poles by Essential Energy?
- (2) Will the Government reverse this decision so that landholders can 'gift' back these poles to Essential Energy, which has the well qualified workforce of linespeople to maintain them?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) Power poles and lines have not been 'gifted' to land owners by this Government. Under the Electricity Supply Act 1995, its previous iterations and associated instruments, the boundary of a distribution network ends at the first point of connection on the owner's property, and all poles and lines between this point and the switchboard or meter are owned by and are the responsibility of the property owner. These assets are known as private poles, or private overhead lines.

This was clarified in amendments to the Electricity Supply Act 1995 in May 2005, when the Electricity Supply Amendment Act 2005 was passed without amendment. In commending the bill to the House, on 23 February 2005 the then Minister for Energy and Utilities stated:

"The bill now before Parliament extends this commitment by clarifying the safety and maintenance responsibilities for electricity networks and electrical installations. The bill clearly defines the boundary between an electrical installation and an electrical distribution system. Uncertainty surrounding the location of the distribution system boundary created the potential for disputes as to who was responsible for the safety and maintenance of some electricity assets. This is of particular relevance to electricity distributors who are taking initiatives to ensure private overhead lines are safe. This is a crucial aspect of an electricity distributor's operations to assist with bushfire prevention. Two new definitions have been included in the Act to clearly define the point of supply between a distribution system and an electrical installation."

(2) There is no decision of this Government to reverse this decision (see response to (1)).

\*4504 ESSENTIAL ENERGY POWER POLES WITHIN PROPERTY BOUNDARIES—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

How many private landholders in the Lismore electorate have been provided with written advice from Essential Energy that they now have been 'gifted' power poles within their property boundaries, and that they are legally and financially responsible for their maintenance?

Answer—

I am advised that:

No private landholders in the Lismore electorate have been 'gifted' power poles.

Under the Electricity Supply Act 1995, its previous iterations and associated instruments, the boundary of a distribution network ends at the first point of connection on the owner's property, and all poles and lines between this point and the switchboard or meter are owned by, and are the responsibility of, the property owner. These assets are known as private poles, or private overhead lines.

Essential Energy has written to 699 landholders in the Lismore electorate since June 2018 to inform them of their obligations under the legislative framework of the National Electricity Rules and the Electricity Supply Act 1995.

\*4505 PUBLIC SAFETY NETWORK RADIO SITES—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) How much is the Government investing in five new Public Safety Network radio sites in the Lismore electorate at:
  - (a) Mallanganee;
  - (b) Mount Nardi;
  - (c) Parrots Nest;
  - (d) Legume;
  - (e) Pretty Gully?

- (2) Considering the approaching bushfire season, what is the New South Wales Telco Authority's likely start and completion dates for construction of each radio site?

Answer—

(1) The Critical Communications Enhancement Program (CCEP) is expanding and enhancing the Public Safety Network (PSN) for emergency services and frontline responders.

The PSN provide emergency services organisations with a single, integrated network on which to communicate. PSN sites were crucial in protecting communities and supporting the Rural Fire Service, Police, Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and the State Emergency Service during the 2019-20 bushfires in New South Wales.

The Government is investing over \$600 million in essential infrastructure to better protect communities across the state. The PSN's expansion represents the biggest investment in critical communications infrastructure by the Government in two decades.

(2) The sites at Mallanganee, Mount Nardi, Parrots Nest, Legume and Pretty Gully are complete and fully operational.

- \*4506 SMALL BUSINESS BUSHFIRE SUPPORT GRANT—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

What is the total amount of Government funding support delivered under the Small Business Bushfire Support Grant (\$10,000) to eligible small businesses in the Kyogle Council Local Government Area?

Answer—

As of 16 November 2020, 29 small businesses in the Kyogle LGA had received \$290,000 in Small Business Bushfire Support Grants.

Additionally, 3 directly impacted small businesses had received \$98,239 in Small Business Bushfire Recovery Grants.

- \*4507 ESSENTIAL ENERGY POWER POLE MAINTENANCE COSTS—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) Considering that landholders face an out-of-pocket maintenance cost of up to \$7000 should an Essential Energy provided a power pole to a private landholder be faulty and need repairs to make it safe?

(2) Can this financial impost be described as fair?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) Under the Electricity Supply Act 1995, its previous iterations and associated instruments, the boundary of a distribution network ends at the first point of connection on the owner's property, and all poles and lines between this point and the switchboard or meter are owned by and are the responsibility of the property owner. These assets are known as private poles, or private overhead lines. Property owners are responsible for the safe maintenance and upkeep of all privately-owned power poles and powerlines.

Under the Australian Energy Regulator's Ring Fencing Guidelines, maintenance and rectification of private poles is considered contestable electrical works. This means that Essential Energy cannot routinely maintain and repair private poles. However, Essential Energy can provide some financial support to customers under its Customer Support Policy.

(2) Requiring Essential Energy to manage and maintain private electricity assets would increase costs for all energy consumers, but the benefits would flow largely to the individual land owners.

- \*4508 WRITING NSW—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Premier representing the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) Considering that the State's peak organisation for writers, Writing NSW, provides paid work to about 300 writers each year, including some who live and work in the electorate of Lismore, will the Government reverse its decision to defund it from the end of 2020?

(2) Will the Government instead guarantee ongoing CreateNSW funding for this vital organisation?

Answer—

I am advised,

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The Government is committed to supporting literature and writers across New South Wales. In 2019-20, over \$2.3 million in funding was provided to writers and literary organisations.

This included \$30,000 for a new writers' residency program that was delivered in partnership with Byron Writers' Festival and \$270,000 in prize money was provided to the State Library for the Premier's Literary Awards. From 2020-21, four writing organisations that support individual writers with paid opportunities will be awarded a total of \$555,000 in multi-year funding.

The Government is also committed to a competitive, transparent assessment process. In 2019, 10 Artform Advisory Boards including a Literature Board, were introduced. These Boards assessed all Independent Arts and Cultural Organisations (Multi-year) applications. They used their professional skills and knowledge to assess and rank applications in order of merit. Create NSW closely followed the ranking and allocated funds within the total available budget for the independent Multi-year round. Writing NSW is eligible to apply for ongoing funding opportunities with Create NSW. This includes Annual and Project Funding. The 2020-21 results for Round 1 will be known in December 2020. Individual writers in NSW are also eligible to apply for Project Funding, Small Project Grants and Fellowships.

Writing NSW is a recipient of funds under the \$24 million in stimulus funds announced on 8 November 2020 to restart the sector as it emerges from COVID-19. Writing NSW, and other writing organisations across New South Wales, will also play a key role in the delivery of literature and writing initiatives in the \$2.5 million strategic fund for independent artists that was announced on 8 November 2020.

\*4509 PRIVATE POWER POLE OWNERSHIP COST SAVINGS—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

What are Essential Energy's potential cost savings in transferring responsibility for private power pole maintenance from its operational budget to landholders across rural and regional New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised that:

There has been no transfer of responsibility for private pole maintenance from Essential Energy to landholders. In the past, distributors may have undertaken maintenance and rectification works on private poles or private overhead lines as a goodwill gesture.

Under the Electricity Supply Act 1995, its previous iterations and associated instruments, the boundary of a distribution network ends at the first point of connection on the owner's property. All poles and lines between this point and the switchboard or meter, are owned by, and are the responsibility of, the property owner. These assets are known as private poles, or private overhead lines.

Under the Australian Energy Regulator's Ring Fencing Guidelines, network distribution businesses are normally precluded from undertaking maintenance and repairs to private power poles and private overhead lines as this work is classified as contestable.

\*4510 SMALL BUSINESS BUSHFIRE SUPPORT GRANT—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

What is the total amount of Government funding support delivered under the Small Business Bushfire Support Grant (\$10,000) to eligible small businesses in the Tenterfield Shire Local Government Area?

Answer—

As of 16 November 2020, 73 small businesses in the Tenterfield LGA had received \$730,000 in Small Business Bushfire Support Grants.

Additionally, 10 directly impacted small businesses had received \$301,758 in Small Business Bushfire Recovery Grants.

\*4512 NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL AND RENTAL BONDS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) In the case where the amount being returned from a rental bond is contested by the tenant and the landlord, what proportion of the time does the tenant settle outside the legal system rather than pursuing the matter through the legal system?
- (2) In rental bond matters that are taken to NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal or otherwise pursued through the legal system, what proportion of the time are landlords represented by the real estate agent/agency managing the property?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Because neither the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) nor the Courts collect data relating to matters settled outside the legal system, I am unable to provide a figure.
- (2) Neither NCAT nor the Courts collect data relating to representation on behalf of landlords.

\*4514 SERVICE NSW DATA BREACH—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) Of the 186,000 people that had their data leaked by Service NSW, how many were constituents of the Coogee electorate?
  - (a) How many of these constituents have been contacted and advised of this security breach?
- (2) What steps is the Government taking to ensure the data that has been leaked is not used to compromise any of the individuals who have had their data leaked?
- (3) What steps is the Government taking to ensure this type and scale of data breach is not possible in the future?

Answer—

The process of contacting identified customers is on-going. The distribution of most notification letters is being sent in weekly batches as data is validated and we expect this to be complete by December.

Service NSW has undertaken a significant program of work to uplift cyber security capability following the incident, considering the advice of cyber security experts across the Government and outside it.

To support the Government's capacity to detect and respond to the cyber threat landscape, \$240 million in Cyber Security funding was announced on 18 June 2020. Funding will support protecting existing systems, deploying new technologies and increasing the cyber workforce.

\*4515 SERVICE NSW CENTRE FOR RANDWICK—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) Considering the Government's 2019 election commitment to open a Service NSW in Randwick, when will this occur?
- (2) Considering the Government plans to remove several key bus services from region 9, further limiting public access to Service NSW centres at Bondi Junction and Botany, will the Government commit to opening the Service NSW in Randwick before any local bus routes are removed?
- (3) Considering the significant increase in the number of people needing to access Service NSW due to the COVID-19 pandemic and recession, will the Government fast track the opening of a Service NSW centre in Randwick to support the people of the Eastern Suburbs?

Answer—

We have committed to the delivery of a Randwick Service centre as part of our initiative to launch 10 new metropolitan Service NSW centres. All centres to open under this initiative will be delivered 2023.

\*4516 NSW RENTAL BONDS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) In each financial year from 2015-16 to 2019-20, what percentage of bonds were:
  - (a) Returned in full to tenants at the end of their lease?
  - (b) Returned in part to tenants at the end of their lease?
  - (c) Withheld in full from tenants at the end of their lease?
- (2) Is this information available and accessible to the public?
  - (a) If so, where can it be accessed?

Answer—

This information is published on the Fair Trading website.

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\*4517 COMMERCIAL FISHERS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Does the Department of Primary Industries provide the contact details for commercial fishers who have quota available to transfer to other businesses within the fishery?

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- (a) If not, how does a commercial fisher find the contact details of individuals and companies listed to access additional quota?

Answer—

(1) No.

- (a) The FishOnline notice board is available for fishers that want to buy, sell or trade quota and other commercial fisheries items and can be accessed online at [www.dpi.gov.au/fishing/commercial/fishonline/noticeboard](http://www.dpi.gov.au/fishing/commercial/fishonline/noticeboard)

\*4518 RECREATIONAL FISHING ACCESS REVIEW—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Has the review of recreational fishing access to Sydney water impoundments that was requested by the previous Minister in 2016 been conducted?
- (a) If so, has a copy of the study and report been received by the Minister or the previous Minister?
- (i) If so, when was it received?
- (ii) Is it publicly available?
- (i) If not, why not?
- (b) If not, when is it anticipated that a copy will be received?
- (2) Considering that Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council meeting minutes from 22 November 2018 note that the Department of Primary Industry informed Council that the risk assessment into recreational fishing in Sydney water supply reservoirs has been peer reviewed and will be sent to stakeholders for comment before being sent to the Minister for consideration, were stakeholders sent a copy of the risk assessment?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If so, what date was it sent?
- (i) To whom was it sent?
- (ii) Was it sent via email, post or hand delivered?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

(a) Yes.

- (i) 21 August 2019
- (ii) Yes. The report is available on the DPI website.
- (i) N/A.

(b) N/A.

(2) Yes.

(a) N/A

(b) 22 January 2019

- (i) Prior to the final report being provided to the Minister for consideration, a copy of the risk assessment report was provided to key stakeholders on the Project Working Group involved with development of the risk assessment project. The working group included key stakeholder members from the Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and WaterNSW.
- (ii) The report was provided by email.

\*4519 OPERA HOUSE TRAPS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Will the use of opera house traps by recreational anglers be banned?
- (a) If so, when?
- (2) When will the outcome of consultations between Fisheries NSW and licensed commercial yabby fishers in the Western Division of New South Wales on the use of opera house traps be released?

Answer—

- (1) The Government recognises that enclosed yabby traps pose a risk of incidental capture of air-breathing native fauna, including platypus, water rats and turtles. As such, the Government is planning to transition from Opera House style yabby traps, to open-top pyramid-style yabby nets, which have minimal impact on air-breathing animals. The transition has been delayed due to the

impacts of COVID-19 conditions, limiting community engagement opportunities, with details due to be released shortly.

- (a) I have asked DPI to implement these changes in the near future, at an appropriate time when associated advisory programs can also be implemented, given the current COVID-19 restrictions.
- (2) Consultation with commercial fishers will commence in early 2021. There are significant differences between the recreational and commercial fishing sectors regarding yabby trap use.

\*4520 COMMERCIAL FISHERIES BUSINESS EFFICIENCY PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) When will the findings of the Commercial Fisheries Business Efficiency Program be released?
  - (a) Will they be publicly available?
- (2) How many submissions were received during the consultation period?
- (3) What relevant advisory groups have considered the feedback?
- (4) When will further public consultation occur?

Answer—

- (1) The Commercial Fishing NSW Advisory Council continues to work through the proposals received. They will be released once they have been considered by the advisory council and other interested stakeholder groups.
  - (a) Yes, once they have been finalised.
- (2) 313.
- (3) The Commercial Fishing Advisory Council is considering the proposals. Other fisheries advisory groups will be consulted where proposals overlap fishing sectors.
- (4) The timing of further consultation will be guided by the deliberations of the NSW Commercial Fishing Advisory Council, which is currently working through the proposals.

\*4521 REGIONAL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT MANAGER—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

- (1) When did the Regional Tourism Development Manager Role at Destination NSW become substantively vacant?
- (2) Has someone been acting in the position since it was vacant?
  - (a) If so, for how long?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Regional Tourism Development Manager for Country and Outback became vacant in August 2019. To ensure continuity of service delivery, Destination NSW immediately filled the role, in an ongoing acting capacity.

\*4522 MENTAL HEALTH NURSES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) As at 21 October 2020, how many full-time equivalent specialist mental health nurses are employed in each of the following hospitals:
  - (a) Maitland Hospital;
  - (b) Cessnock Hospital;
  - (c) John Hunter Hospital;
  - (d) Singleton Hospital?
- (2) As at 21 October 2020, how many full-time equivalent specialist youth mental health nurses are employed in each of the following hospitals:
  - (a) Maitland Hospital;
  - (b) Cessnock Hospital;
  - (c) John Hunter Hospital;
  - (d) Singleton Hospital?
- (3) As at 21 October 2020, how many acute mental health inpatient beds are located in each of the following hospitals:
  - (a) Maitland Hospital;
  - (b) Cessnock Hospital;
  - (c) John Hunter Hospital;



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- (d) Singleton Hospital?
- (4) As at 21 October 2020, how many acute youth mental health inpatient beds are located in each of the following hospitals:
- (a) Maitland Hospital;
  - (b) Cessnock Hospital;
  - (c) John Hunter Hospital;
  - (d) Singleton Hospital?

Answer—

Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need as required. Inpatient care is provided at Maitland and John Hunter Hospitals and there are sufficient resources to meet the needs of all patients across the District who require mental health care.

Referring to bed numbers is an outdated approach and does not reflect the innovative models of care NSW Health provides through integrated care outside of the hospital, closer to patients' homes and by using new technologies. Healthcare is not measured by bed numbers. New South Wales does not count mental health beds under activity based funding but rather measures weighted activity, especially the nature and number of care events, which captures the complexity and volume of patients in both the admitted and community setting.

\*4523 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) How much funding was allocated to mental health services in the Hunter New England Local Health District in each financial year from 2017-18 to 2019-20?
- (2) Will additional funding be allocated for mental health services in the Hunter New England Local Health District in the 2020-21 budget?

Answer—

- (1) The Hunter New England Local Health District's mental health service allocations for 2017-18 and 2019-20 are publicly available in the Service Agreements on the District's website. Direct mental health allocations are published as separate budget line items. Indirect mental health allocations are included in other lines such as Teaching, Training and Research and Small Rural Hospital.
- (2) Funding for mental health services for the Hunter New England Local Health District is currently being determined and once finalised will be available on the District's website as part of the 2020-21 Service Agreement.

\*4524 MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT COUNSELLORS IN THE REGIONS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) Where will the 15 full-time equivalent specialist counsellors announced as part of the Government's \$10 million boost to mental health support in the regions be deployed to?
  - (a) When will each of these counselling services commence?
  - (b) How long will their employment contract be for?
  - (c) How will clients access these counsellors?
  - (d) Who will be eligible for these counselling services?
- (2) How much of the \$10 million is being spent in the Maitland electorate on counsellors?
- (3) Where will each of the 27 farm gate roving counsellors be located?
  - (a) When will each of these counselling services commence?
  - (b) How long will their employment contract be for?
  - (c) How will clients access these counsellors?
  - (d) Who will be eligible for these counselling services?

Answer—

(1) (a) to (d) As part of the Towards Zero Suicides initiative, Enhancement to Rural Counselling, an additional 15 full time equivalent (FTE) positions are funded to provide additional counselling services to all seven regional and rural local health districts (LHDs) as well as Nepean Blue Mountains and Illawarra Shoalhaven LHDs. The positions are funded to 30 June 2022. Services commence in LHDs as soon as recruitment is completed. Anyone in those areas who is experiencing distress or has concerns about their mental health or that of a friend or loved one can contact services through their relevant local health district or via other referral pathways such as the GP. Eligibility for services is broad with the aim of

increasing support for people in rural and remote areas with mental health concerns, particularly for farmers, people affected by drought, and anyone at risk of suicide.

(2) Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

(3) (a) to (d) In 2020-21 there are 28 farm gate counsellor and drought peer support positions across all seven regional and rural LHDs as well as Nepean Blue Mountains LHD.

The farmgate counsellor and drought peer support program commenced in 2018-19 in three local health districts and was expanded to eight local health districts in 2019-20. People can access the program through the Mental Health Line 1800 011 511 or on Murrumbidgee Local Health District the Mental Health Access Line 1800 800 944. Anyone in a local health district with the program who is experiencing distress or has concerns about their mental health or that of a friend or loved one, can access the service.

\*4525 MAITLAND HOSPITAL CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE WAITING LISTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) What is the current wait time for children and adolescents requiring a non-urgent assessment by the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) at Maitland Hospital as at 22 October 2020?
- (2) What is the current wait time for children and adolescents requiring an urgent assessment by CAMHS at Maitland hospital as at 22 October 2020?
- (3) How many full-time equivalent mental health clinicians are located at Maitland Hospital as at 22 October 2020?
- (4) Will additional funding, staffing and resources be directed to the CAMHS at Maitland Hospital?
- (5) What specific services does the Government fund or provide for people diagnosed with Schizotypal Personality Disorder?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to improve and expand services for people with Schizotypal Personality Disorder?

Answer—

(1) - (6)

Appointments for assessment are allocated in order of clinical priority, to ensure that people with the most urgent needs are seen first.

Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need as required. Staffing numbers have recently been increased for the Hunter Valley Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and additional mental health clinicians are currently being recruited.

The needs of clients with Schizotypal Personality Disorder are met by the Adult and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services teams, who are qualified to manage people with this diagnosis.

\*4526 GREATER SYDNEY WATER STRATEGY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) When is the Greater Sydney Water Strategy (GSWS) expected to be completed?
  - (a) Is this on schedule or delayed?
- (2) When is the GSWS expected to take affect?
  - (a) Is this on schedule or delayed?
- (3) Is the GSWS going to replace the 2017 NSW Metropolitan Water Plan (NSWMWP) in its entirety?
- (4) Will current operating rules set out in NSWMWP continue until expiry or be replaced as soon as the GSWS becomes effective if the operating rules have altered?
- (5) Will the GSWS address water conservation?
- (6) Will the GSWS stipulate time frames which are enforceable for departments and/or agencies, such as a water conservation program?
  - (a) Will departments and/or agencies be held accountable for failure to meet stipulated requirements?
  - (b) If so, who will they be accountable to?
- (7) Will departments and/or agencies be provided with sufficient resources to ensure they are able to meet GSWS requirements on time?

Answer—

- (1) A draft of the Greater Sydney Water Strategy (GSWS) is expected to be completed by mid-2021.
  - (a) Development of the GSWS is on schedule.

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- (2) The GSWS is expected to take effect following a period of public consultation on the draft GSWS in the third quarter of 2021.
  - (a) This is on schedule.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) The Government has an adaptive approach to managing water across the state. The operating rules set out in the MWP provide a basis for how we manage Greater Sydney's water but these are frequently reviewed to decide on the best approach for a given situation. A number of the operating rules in the MWP will continue until replaced by the GSWS or another relevant instrument. For example, some operating rules are set out in operating licences.
- (5) Yes.
- (6) The GSWS is a strategic document that is not enforceable under legislation. The GSWS will have an action plan that will set out the actions to be implemented by the water utilities and government agencies and timeframes for when they will be expected to implement them. Any actions for the water utilities that would involve regulatory obligations, will be included in the utilities' operating licences. The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) audits the water utilities for compliance with their operating licences and IPART provides a report to the Minister for Water on the audit findings.
  - (a) The utilities and departments will be accountable for meeting stipulated actions in the GSWS action plan.
  - (b) The utilities will be accountable to the portfolio and shareholding Ministers. The Department of Industry, Planning and Environment (DPIE) is and will be accountable to the Minister for Water.
- (7) Yes.

\*4527 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT PUBLIC DENTAL TREATMENT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Which hospitals in the Hunter New England Local Health District (HNELHD) provide public dental treatment as at 22 October 2020?
- (2) Are there other public dental treatment providers in HNELHD?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) What are they?
    - (ii) Where are they located?
- (3) Were all public dental treatment providers in HNELHD been fully staffed as at:
  - (a) 15 October 2020;
    - (i) If not:
      - (i) How many positions were not filled?
      - (ii) What positions were vacant?
  - (b) 30 June 2019;
    - (i) If not:
      - (i) How many positions were not filled?
      - (ii) What positions were vacant?
  - (c) 30 June 2018?
    - (i) If not:
      - (i) How many positions were not filled?
      - (ii) What positions were vacant?
- (4) What was the total full-time equivalent staff numbers employed within HNELHD public dental treatment providers as at:
  - (a) 15 October 2020;
  - (b) 30 June 2019;
  - (c) 30 June 2018?

Answer—

(1) – (4)

Details of the 24 public dental clinics within the Hunter New England Local Health District (HNELHD) are available on its website.

I am advised the HNELHD Oral Health Service has mechanisms in place to identify vacancies and

recruit to positions in accordance with service delivery needs and models of care across the District.

I am further advised that more than 13 additional FTE staff have been employed within the HNELHD Oral Health Service since 30 June 2018.

\*4528 ST HELIERS CORRECTIONAL CENTRE PROCESSING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

- (1) Is there a remand processing centre at St Heliers Correctional Centre located at Muswellbrook?
  - (a) If not:
    - (i) Has there ever been one located there?
    - (i) If so, when did it close?
    - (ii) Has one been considered?
    - (iii) What is the deterrent to establishing one at that location?
- (2) What is the location of the closest remand processing centre to St Heliers Correctional Centre?
  - (a) What is the distance from St Heliers Correctional Centre?
- (3) Are individuals who are Bail Refused by courts remanded at St Heliers Correctional Centre once they have been processed by Correction Services NSW?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There is no remand processing centre at St Heliers Correctional Centre (St Heliers).
  - (a) There has not previously been a remand processing centre located at St Heliers.
  - (b) Consideration has not been given for a remand centre to be located there over the last decade.
  - (c) St Heliers is a prison farm that is unable to appropriately manage remand inmates. The expansions of prison bed capacity on the Cessnock Correctional Complex (including Shortland Correctional Centre) that opened in 2019 established additional remand capacity in the Hunter region to meet current and future growth requirements. The impediments to establishing a remand processing facility at St Heliers includes the Centre's low security rated design, and a lack of resources such as the increased Audio Visual Link facilities and prisoner transport services that would be required.
- (2) The closest remand processing centre to St Heliers is Shortland Correctional Centre.
  - (a) Shortland Correctional Centre is 90 kilometres from St Heliers.
- (3) No remand inmates are housed at St Heliers.

\*4529 NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN STAFF NUMBERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) What was the full-time staff number equivalent employed by NSW Trustee & Guardian as at 30 June in each year from 2013 to 2020 to 22 October 2020?
- (2) How many positions were made redundant in each of the years listed in Question (1)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about full-time equivalent staff employed by NSW Trustee & Guardian (NSWTG) from 30 June 2013 to 30 June 2019 is available in its annual reports. The annual report for 30 June 2020 will be published on the NSW TG's website following tabling in Parliament.

NSWTG systems do not record the number of positions made redundant.

\*4530 DUNGOWAN AND WYANGALA DAM PRELIMINARY WORKS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What are the 'shovel ready' preliminary works fast-tracked to commence in October 2020 for:
  - (a) Dungowan Dam?
  - (b) Wyangala Dam Wall Raising?
- (2) Are the detailed program of works available for each project?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) Where can these be located?
    - (ii) Are they accessible by the general public?
- (3) Were tenders called for the preliminary works for each project?
  - (a) If so:

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- (i) When were tenders called?
- (ii) When did tenders close?

Answer—

- (1) Geotechnical explorations and extensive environmental and cultural heritage field-surveys are included among the work that has already taken place, alongside widespread consultation with a range of landholders and community groups. Much of the work already underway pre-dates the October timeline for on-site preliminary activity, and has already created employment, business activity and local investment totalling \$990,000. In addition, 'shovel ready' preliminary works fast-tracked to start in 2020 are:
  - (a) For the new Dungowan Dam project, replacing an existing aging pipeline from the Tamworth water treatment plant to the connection with the Chaffey pipeline.
  - (b) For the Wyangala Dam Wall Raising project, construction of a new water treatment plant for the town of Wyangala, with construction of a redeveloped Wyangala Waters holiday park facility now proposed to commence in 2021.
- (2) High level programs of works for each of the Dungowan Dam and Wyangala Dam Wall Raising projects are available on the project websites: <https://www.waternsw.com.au/projects/new-dams-for-nsw>. Detailed programs of works are not publicly available.
- (3) For the early works packages for the projects:
  - (a) For the new Dungowan Dam project:
    - (i) An open Expressions of Interest (EOI) was released on 30 April 2020.
    - (ii) EOIs were due 22 May 2020.
  - (b) For the Wyangala Dam Wall Raising project:
    - (i) An open EOI was released on 13 July 2020.
    - (ii) EOIs were due 29 July 2020.

\*4532 DUNGOWAN AND WYANGALA DAMS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Considering the early works which are due to commence in October 2020 for Dungowan Dam, what planning assessment/s has been undertaken?
  - (a) Has this been approved?
    - (i) If so:
      - (i) When did this occur?
      - (ii) Where can details be located?
    - (ii) If not:
      - (i) When will this occur?
      - (ii) Where will details be located?
  - (b) What works are included in these early or preliminary works?
    - (i) What is the timeframe for completion of these early or preliminary works?
  - (c) Have tenders been called to complete the early works?
    - (i) If not, who will complete the early works?
- (2) Considering the early works ('Shovels in the ground' ancillary works) which are due to commence in October 2020 for Wyangala Dam Wall Raising, what planning assessment/s has been undertaken?
  - (a) Has this been approved?
    - (i) If so:
      - (i) When did this occur?
      - (ii) Where can details be located?
    - (ii) If not:
      - (i) When will this occur?
      - (ii) Where will details be located?
  - (b) What works are included in these early or ancillary works?
    - (i) What is the timeframe for completion of these works?
  - (c) Have tenders been called to complete the early works?
    - (i) If not:
      - (i) Who will complete the early works?

Answer—

I am advised:

Separate Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs), incorporating the Commonwealth assessment requirements, for the Dungowan Dam project and for the Wyangala Dam Wall Raising project, were issued by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on 27 July 2020.

The Applicant is currently preparing its Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documents in response to the issued SEARs. The Department will place the EIS document on display for public comment once received from the Applicant. Further information on the projects can be accessed on the NSW Planning Portal website at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects>.

Questions regarding progress of the projects, including preparation of the EIS, early works and contracts should be referred to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing and WaterNSW.

\*4533 PRISON INMATE ACCESS TO BUY-UP SERVICES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

- (1) Considering prison inmates' access to buy-up services within the prison system, are providers of buy-up services awarded contracts via a tender process?
- (2) What is the average term of a contract?
- (3) Do contracts specify what goods and products can be offered?
- (4) Is there one provider state-wide or multiple providers?
- (5) Do contracts specify a maximum and/or minimum price to be charged to inmates for goods and products which are offered?
- (6) Are providers monitored to ensure price gouging is kept to a minimum?
  - (a) If so, how often?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The supply of buy-ups items is sourced via existing Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) contract 1012-14 with currently eight suppliers appointed to a panel to provide the required goods and services. The current process complies with the NSW Government Procurement Policy Framework. The procurement method used for this project was an open tender process on the Government e-tendering website.
- (2) The proposed term of the Panel Deed is five years, comprising three years plus two optional extension periods of one year duration each. The optional extension periods may be exercised at the sole discretion of DCJ.
- (3) A detailed list of approved products and price list is embedded in each agreement.
- (4) The Buy-Ups list comprises eight categories of goods and services. Eight providers were contracted via a Panel Arrangement to provide inmate buy-ups items.
- (5) The contract specifies pricing to be fixed for 12 months with pricing reviews to take place annually in accordance with the relevant Consumer Price Index (CPI) published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
- (6) A performance management regime and key performance indicators (KPI) are set out in each provider contract under "Price Review". The provider implements a process of review to ensure that items are supplied at the lowest possible price.
  - (a) The contract management meetings are held quarterly. KPIs are monitored on a quarterly basis and the provider reports on all price increases or decreases as part of a quarterly status report. There is also monitoring through informal meetings and daily operations.
  - (b) N/A.

\*4535 MURRAY-DARLING BASIN WATER MARKETS INQUIRY INTERIM REPORT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Considering the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Murray-Darling Basin water markets inquiry interim report was provided to the Commonwealth Treasurer on 30 June 2020 and released to the public on 30 July 2020, when was the report received by the Deputy Premier?
  - (a) When was the report received by the Deputy Premier's office and/or staff?

Answer—

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The Deputy Premier and his staff have not received a copy of this report.

\*4536 REGISTRATION AND LICENCES REVENUE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) In each financial year from 2010-11 to 2020-21 (to 17 September 2020), how much revenue has been collected from fines for expired registration licences from residents living in the following postcodes:
  - (a) 2320;
  - (b) 2321;
  - (c) 2322;
  - (d) 2323;
  - (e) 2335;
  - (f) 2421?
- (2) For each of the postcodes listed in (1) what type of registration and licences was the revenue collected from in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2020-21 (to 17 September 2020)?

Answer—

- (1) For each financial year from 2010-11 to 2020-21 (to 16 November 2020), revenue collected from fines issued for unregistered vehicle offences please see Appendix A.
- (2) The fines are for a range of offences including "Use unregistered registrable Class A motor vehicle on road", "Use unregistered registrable Class B motor vehicle on road", and "Use unregistered registrable Class C motor vehicle on road".

\*4537 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES SYSTEM OUTAGES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) In each financial year from 2010-11 to 2013-14 (to 5 July 2013), how many Roads and Maritime Services system outages effected residents who resided in the following postcodes:
  - (a) 2320;
  - (b) 2321;
  - (c) 2322;
  - (d) 2323;
  - (e) 2335;
  - (f) 2421?
- (2) How many online transactions were cancelled or interrupted in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2013-14 (to 5 July 2013)?
- (3) Was this data reported in annual reports?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) What checks were made to ensure people who had started a transaction completed it?
  - (a) If no checks were made, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) There was a total of 202 major incidents during the period 1 July 2010 to 5 July 2013 likely to have affected customers from the postcodes listed. A significant portion (greater than 40 per cent) were caused by third party outages that is Births Deaths and Marriages, Document Verification System, Stolen Vehicle Index. The list of impacted services is provided in the table below.

The following two assumptions were used to provide the numbers: systems were considered applications directly accessed by customers online or at a motor registry that is online transaction applications; the motor registries used were those closest to the postcodes during the period provided, namely: Maitland, Raymond Terrace, Cessnock and Newcastle.

System	# Issues
Births Deaths & Marriages Interface	28
MyEtol	24
DRIVES	19
EFTPOS	17

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Live Traffic	17
MyRTA	12
Motor Registry	12
Tolling Incidents Recovery Management System	9
Driver Knowledge Test	8
Stolen Vehicle Index (Police)	8
Interactive Voice Response	8
Document Verification System	8
NEVDIS (AUSTROADS)	6
Government Licencing System (DFSI)	5
Police	5
Centrelink (Services Australia)	4
Vehicle History Check	3
NRMA (CTP Insurance)	2
All Services	1
MyRTA Internet	1
Practice Knowledge Test	1
Online Booking System	1
MyRecords	1
GIO/AAMI (CTP Insurance)	1
Internet	1
Total	202

(2) It is not possible to respond based on the data available.

(3) Roads and Traffic Authority/Roads and Maritime Services at the time was not obligated to provide reports on such events in the annual reports.

(4) For online transactions, validation checks were built into the workflow of the applications, and errors were displayed to customers advising of issues occurring and advising the customer to contact the helpdesk should a problem occur.

During system outages, where all or part of a transaction was known to be failing, the process was to deploy an outage page advising customers of an issue and preventing customers from starting a transaction once support teams were aware of an outage occurring.

\*4538 TAFE TEACHERS ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) How long has the Government been negotiating a new enterprise agreement for TAFE teachers?
- (2) Why has a new agreement not been reached?
- (3) Was an offer for a pay rise on 18 March rescinded?
- (4) How long has it been since TAFE teachers last received a pay rise?
- (5) What was the Ministerial salary last year?
- (6) When did Ministers last receive a pay rise?
- (7) Is the Minister concerned that TAFE teachers have not had a pay rise since 2018?
- (8) When will TAFE teachers receive their long overdue pay rise?

Answer—

I am advised that TAFE NSW has to date engaged in constructive and consultative enterprise bargaining in good faith with the Australian Education Union NSW Teachers Federation as the bargaining representative for TAFE NSW employees in relation to the new TAFE Teachers EA.



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As you would be aware, the NSW Government sought a pause on pay rises for a 12-month period to apply across the NSW Public Sector, in order to protect as many public service jobs as possible. I am further advised that over the past several months, the NSW Industrial Relations Commission has considered this matter, and on 1 October 2020 awarded an increase to salaries and allowances of 0.3%.

I understand that this matter is currently subject to proceedings before the Fair Work Commission.

I further understand that in the meantime, and in good faith, TAFE NSW continues to work with the Australian Education Union NSW Teachers Federation to honour commitments that can be implemented outside of the enterprise bargaining process.

I am informed that this includes establishing new consultation arrangements, and simplifying the process for teachers to demonstrate vocational competency and currency to comply with the National Standards for RTOs 2015. I am further informed that it also includes the conversion of temporary employees to permanent employment. I am pleased to report that approximately 85 teachers were advised of their conversion before the commencement of Term 4.

I am further advised that salaries for Members and Ministers may be found on the NSW Parliament website at <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/members/Pages/salaries-and-allowances-for-members-of-the-legislative-assembly.aspx>.

\*4540 NEWCASTLE SELF-ISOLATION HOTEL ACCOMMODATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many nights of hotel accommodation have been accessed by people in the Newcastle Local Government Area required to self-isolate during the COVID-19 pandemic?
  - (a) What has been the total cost of this accommodation?
- (2) What accommodation providers were engaged by Hunter New England Local Health District or NSW Health to provide this service?
  - (a) Can a list of hotel and accommodation facilities used be provided?

Answer—

(1) – (2)

NSW Health does not provide services based on local government area.

\*4541 PORT OF NEWCASTLE DEEP WATER TERMINAL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer—

- (1) Has Treasury undertaken any economic modelling on the impact of a multipurpose deep-water terminal at the Port of Newcastle?
  - (a) If so, can a copy be provided?

Answer—

Treasury has not undertaken economic modelling on the impact of a multipurpose deep-water terminal at the Port of Newcastle.

\*4542 STOCKTON CENTRE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What are the plans for the future of the Stockton Centre lands now that the facility has been closed?
- (2) Will the Government consult with the community about the future uses of the site?
- (3) Are there any plans to sell the land?
- (4) Will the history of the site be recognised in any future development?
- (5) Will the construction of social and affordable housing at the site be considered?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is working closely with the non-government sector to provide the best possible care to people with disability across the state.

The transfer of specialist disability supports to the non-government sector signifies a generational change to disability support, and the transition of residents is part of the ongoing implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme in New South Wales.

The safe and smooth transfer of people with disability from large residential centres to smaller group homes remains the focus of the Hunter Residences program.

\*4543 BROADMEADOW LOCOMOTIVE DEPOT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Why are historic locomotives being removed from the Broadmeadow Locomotive Depot?
- (2) Will plans to remove historic locomotives from the Depot be reconsidered?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) Will a museum at the Broadmeadow locomotive depot be supported?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The new Chullora Heritage facility (called the Chullora Heritage Hub) will provide the essential undercover storage required for NSW's most significant heritage trains and carriages, which will protect these valuable collection items from deterioration and enhance their long-term care and preservation. A lack of available space in Broadmeadow meant that heritage carriages were being left out on open sidings exposed to the weather, making them harder to restore and preserve.
- (2) There is currently no plan to reconsider the removal of the heritage locomotives and carriages from Broadmeadow.
- (3) The Broadmeadow site is currently being reviewed by Transport for NSW as part of a broader strategy to repurpose existing sites. However, there are no plans to construct a museum at this location. Transport Heritage NSW is relocating from Broadmeadow to the new storage, maintenance and operations centre at the Chullora Heritage Hub.

\*4544 GRIFFITH RADIATION THERAPY—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Considering the response to LA Q3448, has the Government now decided if it will submit a tender to operate the Commonwealth Government-funded radiation therapy centre in Griffith?
- (2) What planning and preparation has the Government performed to recruit the workforce required for the Griffith radiation therapy centre?

Answer—

(1) – (2)

After appropriate consideration I am advised a sole application from Murrumbidgee Local Health District for the Federal Government's Fighting Cancer – Regional Cancer Treatment Centres for Radiation Therapy Grant Opportunity was not viable.

I am further advised the District has provided in-principle support for an alternative, commercial-in-confidence proposal, that would provide radiation therapy at no cost to public patients.

\*4545 COVID-19 SAFETY ADVERTISEMENTS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) Why did the Government place COVID-19 Safety Phase advertisements in the Finley Southern Riverina News, but not in the neighbouring Deniliquin Pastoral Times?
- (2) How will residents in Deniliquin without Internet access be informed of important Covid-19 safety updates if the Government refuses to place this information in the local paper?
- (3) Is the Government denying the Deniliquin Pastoral Times of advertising revenue as punishment for its sometimes critical coverage of the Government?

Answer—

- (1) The Government has used a wide selection of regional newspapers during the COVID-19 campaign. The specific titles used at any point of the campaign has been determined from advice from Health and other government agency stakeholders on key updates to provide the community as well as the recommendations of our specialist media agency on the most cost effective media channels to inform the community.
- (2) The Government has and will continue to use a combination of non-digital advertising channels across regional New South Wales, including regional television and radio in addition to state-wide and regional newspapers.
- (3) The Government considers all media channels and outlets when determining the mix of communication channels to help disseminate health, safety and other COVID-19 information.

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\*4546 WADE HIGH CAMPUS MULTIPURPOSE CENTRE—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) When will the multipurpose centre promised to Murrumbidgee Regional High School teachers on 12 March be built on the Wade High campus?
- (2) Will the school's teachers have input on the design and features of this facility as promised?

Answer—

- (1) The progress of individual projects are communicated to school communities through regular project updates when they are available. Further information is also provided on the School Infrastructure NSW website at [www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au).
- (2) As with all projects, extensive consultation with the school community will take place, including through the participation of school representatives in the design stages. When the Minister met with staff at Murrumbidgee Regional High School on 12 March 2020, a commitment was made to have representatives from the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) department included in the schools' Project Reference Group to ensure they had input on the design of the multipurpose centres. This is still the case and staff will be engaged with at the appropriate time.

\*4547 CLINICAL DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Was an un-fellowed junior doctor appointed to the role of Clinical Director for the Western NSW Local Health District?
- (2) Was the role of Clinical Director for the Western NSW Local Health District advertised prior to being filled?
  - (a) If so, what are the details of the advertisement?
  - (i) What did the recruitment process involve?
- (3) Is this position responsible for the negotiation of contracts with doctors?
- (4) Is the appointment of the Clinical Director a factor which led to failed medical practitioner contract negotiations for the Gulgong Multi-Purpose Service?

Answer—

(1) – (4)

I am advised the Western NSW Local Health District does not have a position titled Clinical Director.

\*4548 TELEHEALTH ADVERTISEMENT—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Why was a doctor, based in Switzerland, filmed working while sitting in a bath, in his bed, on an exercise machine advertising the vacancy saying 'you can provide Telehealth while in a bath, in bed, exercising'?
- (2) Is this an insulting and belittling way to portray the provision of health services to the people living in or visiting western New South Wales?

Answer—

(1) - (2)

I am not personally aware of this matter. I am informed that the video referenced has not been available since May 2020.

Attracting medical practitioners to regional and rural areas remains a challenge across the country, and the Western NSW Local Health District continues to actively recruit and promote opportunities for appropriately trained Australian-registered doctors.

\*4549 RURAL AND REMOTE MEDICAL SERVICES—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What is the relationship between Rural and Remote Medical Services (RARMS) and the Western NSW Local Health District?
- (2) Why are RARMS given different and more lucrative contracts to provide health care services in some towns in Western NSW Local Health District, contracts that are different to individual doctors?

Answer—

(1) – (2)

The Western NSW Local Health District has a contractual relationship with Rural and Remote Medical Services (RaRMS) to provide medical services at a number of sites across the District.

I am advised that the District contracts medical staff through several different employment mechanisms and it is not possible to compare payments for individual doctors.

\*4550 MOBILE PHONE DETECTION CAMERAS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many fines were issued by mobile phone detection cameras in the first six months of operation from postcodes in the:
  - (a) Cumberland local government area;
  - (b) Parramatta local government area?

Answer—

Revenue NSW does not collect data by Local Government Area.

In New South Wales, between 1 March 2020 and 31 August 2020, 77,271 mobile phone detection camera penalty notices were issued.

\*4551 FIRST HOME BUYER ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Ms Julia Finn asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many applicants have there been for the First Home Buyer Assistance scheme (FHBAS) from postcodes in the Cumberland local government area (as at 22 October 2020)?
  - (a) What percentage of these applications have been successful?
  - (b) What are the reasons for unsuccessful applications?
  - (c) What is the average processing times for applications?
- (2) How many applicants have there been for the First Home Buyer Assistance scheme (FHBAS) from postcodes in the Parramatta local government area (as at 22 October 2020)?
  - (a) What percentage of these applications have been successful?
  - (b) What are the reasons for unsuccessful applications?
  - (c) What is the average processing times for applications?

Answer—

1. Revenue NSW does not collected data by Local Government Area,

As at 31 October 2020, \$1,624.8 million has been provided in exemptions and concessions to 107,587 under the First Home Buyer Assistance scheme (FHBAS) in New South Wales since it was introduced on 1 July 2017.

This includes relief totalling \$23.1 million provided to 1,308 applicants under amendments to the thresholds which came into effect from 1 August 2020 as a result of the State Revenue Legislation Amendment (COVID-19 Housing Response) Act 2020.

(a) - (c). All applicants that meet the criteria for a concession or exemption are successful. The majority of applications are proposed by qualified solicitors or conveyancers so an overall average processing time cannot be provided.

\*4552 FIRST HOME OWNERS GRANT—Ms Julia Finn asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many applicants have there been for the First Home Owner's Grant (New Homes) scheme (FHOG) from postcodes in the Cumberland local government area as at 22 October 2020?
  - (a) What percentage of these applications have been successful?
- (2) How many applicants have there been for the First Home Owner's Grant (New Homes) scheme (FHOG) from postcodes in the Parramatta local government area and as at 22 October 2020?
  - (a) What percentage of these applications have been successful?

Answer—

(1) Revenue NSW does not collect data by Electorate or Local Government Area.

Between July 2017 and October 2020, First Home Owners Grants have been paid to 25,848 successful applicants across New South Wales.

(a) 95 per cent of applications have been successful.

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\*4553 MULTICULTURAL FUNDING—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

(1) How many grants have been provided to organisations in the Granville electorate by Multicultural NSW from January to date (as at 22 October 2020)?

(a) Which organisations received grants?

Answer—

I am advised:

Grants administered by Multicultural NSW are reported in the Agency's Annual Report.

\*4555 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

How many Active Kids vouchers have been activated in the Granville electorate from January to date (as at 22 October 2020)?

Answer—

All data pertaining to the Active Kids Program is publically available on the Office of Sport website.

\*4556 GRANVILLE SOCIAL HOUSING—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) How many new social housing properties were built or otherwise acquired in the Granville electorate in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20?

(2) How many social housing properties in the Granville electorate were sold in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20?

(3) How much revenue was generated by the sale of social housing properties in the Granville electorate in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) In the Granville electorate in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20, 70 new dwellings were built or otherwise acquired.

Financial Year	Total number of properties
2011-12	8
2012-13	0
2013-14	0
2014-15	1
2015-16	0
2016-17	28
2017-18	30
2018-19	3
2019-20	0
Total	70

(2) In each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20, 49 social housing properties were sold in the Granville electorate.

Financial Year	Total number of properties
2011-12	3
2012-13	9
2013-14	3
2014-15	1
2015-16	7
2016-17	8
2017-18	8
2018-19	4
2019-20	6
Total	49

(3) In each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20, the revenue generated by the sale of social housing properties in the Granville electorate is as follows:

Financial Year	Total proceeds
2011-12	\$1.6 million
2012-13	\$1.3 million
2013-14	\$1.8 million
2014-15	\$0.3 million
2015-16	\$7.0 million
2016-17	\$7.9 million
2017-18	\$8.5 million
2018-19	\$2.8 million
2019-20	\$4.9 million
Total	\$36.0 million

Note: Included in the sales for 2012-13 were eight studios which sold for \$100,000 each.

\*4558 SERVICE NSW COVID-19 CHECK-IN APP—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) How many businesses or venues are using the Service NSW app for COVID-19 check-ins in the:
  - (a) Wollongong electorate?
  - (b) Wollongong local government area?
- (2) How many people in the Wollongong electorate have downloaded the Service NSW app since the launch of the COVID-19 check-in function (to 22 October 2020)?

Answer—

(1) (a) As at 4 November 2020, 178 Businesses are using the Service NSW app for COVID-19 check ins. The following suburbs were used as electorate data is not available.

Berkeley

Coniston

Cringila

Gwynneville

Kembla Heights

Mount Saint Thomas

North Wollongong

Port Kembla

Spring Hill

Towradgi

Unanderra

Warrawong

Windang

Wollongong

(1) (b) As at 4 November 2020, 329 Businesses are using the Service NSW app for COVID-19 check-ins in the Wollongong Local Government Area.

(2) The systems used to determine downloads of the app do not store any customer details, therefore this number is unknown.

\*4559 TRAIN ROUTE MOBILE AND INTERNET CONNECTIVITY—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the 2020-21 Commonwealth Budget contains \$10 million for mobile and internet connectivity along the train route between Hornsby and Wyong, has the Government approached the Commonwealth Government for similar funding for mobile and internet connectivity along the train route between Waterfall and Kiama?
- (2) If so, how much was sought?

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(a) Has a decision been made by the Commonwealth Government to provide funding?

(3) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is working with the NSW Telco Authority, which is leading assessments of connectivity across the network. This question is a matter for the Minister for Customer Service.

\*4560 FAIRY MEADOW STATION UPGRADE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What was the total cost of the upgrade of Fairy Meadow station?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Government's eTendering website.

\*4561 WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL SUMMER SUMMIT—Mr Paul Scully asked the Treasurer—

(1) Will the Government be convening a Summer Summit with Wollongong City Council to explore measures to boost economic activity in the Wollongong Central Business District and the Illawarra?

(a) If so, on what date will the meeting be held?

(b) If not, why not?

(2) If a Summer Summit, or similar event by another name, for Wollongong is to be held who has or will be invited?

Answer—

The Government's unique support for the Sydney CBD economy during the summer period reflects the unique challenge Sydney has faced in the COVID-19 period. This precipitous decline in the Sydney CBD, which in 2018-19 accounted for approximately a quarter of New South Wales' gross state product, demanded urgent Government action.

The Government has nonetheless invested in measures to support the state's tourism industry, outside of the Sydney CBD.

In November the Government launched its Great Southern Nights initiative - an initiative to kickstart the recovery of live music, entertainment and hospitality industries. 11 Wollongong venues are participating in the Great Southern nights and 55 gigs are being held in the Wollongong Local Government Area alone.

The Government is also working to expand al-fresco dining solutions beyond the Sydney CBD to every part of the state. Minister Dominello spoke to the Illawarra Mercury on 5 September 2020 ([www.illawarramercury.com.au/story/6906489/bid-to-relax-rules-for-outdoor-alcohol-service-could-make-cbd-more-vibrant/](http://www.illawarramercury.com.au/story/6906489/bid-to-relax-rules-for-outdoor-alcohol-service-could-make-cbd-more-vibrant/)), the Government is investigating a trial to facilitate outdoor dining as exempt development provisions to pubs and small bars state-wide.

Councils across New South Wales are also able to participate in the Department of Planning's Your High Streets program, which will provide grants of up to \$1 million for councils to enhance the amenity of high streets, support local business recovery, boost post-pandemic economic stimulus, and improve the comfort and experience for the community.

Destination NSW's Love NSW campaign highlights the many unique experiences that Sydney and regional New South Wales have to offer. Destination NSW has launched its 'Love Map' to showcase diverse New South Wales products and experiences state-wide ([www.lovensw.com.au](http://www.lovensw.com.au)).

The Government is also supporting tourism operations by delivering the \$1 million Regional Event Fund to support community-based events in drought or bushfire affected areas of regional New South Wales as well as delivering industry support and practical resources to help travel and tourism operators recover.

\*4562 BEACH SOCIAL DISTANCING—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Will the Government take steps to close beaches over summer if beachgoers are not respecting social distancing?

(2) Has the Government set a trigger for the number of occasions over a certain period that would prompt a beach closure?

- (a) If so, what is the trigger?
- (b) If not, how will it determine whether a beach should be closed?
- (3) If a trigger or other closure determining situations has been established, has it been communicated to relevant Councils?
  - (a) If not, when will this be communicated?

Answer—

(1) – (3)

The management of beaches is primarily the responsibility of local councils. NSW Health and the NSW Police Force work in partnership with local councils to manage potential COVID-19 risks in public places, including at beaches.

To support local councils, the Premier also tasked the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment with the preparation of a COVID-19 Summer Safety plan for local councils and facility operators.

\*4563 SATELLITE OFFICES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Premier representing the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Was the establishment of satellite offices in non-Sydney metropolitan and regional centres for non-frontline public service employees, considered as part of the COVID Safe transition for public servants to return to work?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) Where have these offices been established?
    - (ii) When will each be operational?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (2) Was establishment of a satellite office for non-frontline public sector employees considered for Wollongong?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised,

The establishment of work hubs in both metropolitan and regional locations is being considered by the government for non-frontline employees as part of the COVID Safe return to work.

\*4565 FORESTRY INDUSTRY GRANT APPLICATIONS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) How many applications were received from the forestry industry for grants through the Bushfire Industry Recovery Package as at 22 October 2020?
  - (a) What was the total value of the amount sought through these grants?
  - (b) How many applications have been assessed?
  - (c) How many applications were successful?
  - (d) What is the total amount of funding allocated to successful grants?
  - (e) How many successful grants have been announced ?

Answer—

Information on the Bushfire Industry Recovery Package is available on the Government website: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw/bushfire-industry-recovery-package>.

\*4566 ELECTRONIC MONITORING ANKLETS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

- (1) How many electronic monitoring anklets are owned or leased by Corrective Services NSW as at 22 October 2020?
  - (a) How many are currently in use?
- (2) What is the purchase cost or annual lease cost of each anklet?
- (3) What is the average daily cost per person to monitor home detainees?

Answer—

I am advised:



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- (1) As at 22 October 2020, a total of 1337 EM devices were leased by Corrective Services NSW. The number of devices includes EM equipment in use by offenders on various orders plus the devices required for routine maintenance and spare stock to deal with urgent replacements or new short notice fittings, particularly for locations in regional New South Wales.
  - (a) 982 devices were in use as at 22 October 2020.
- (2) The in-use lease cost of each anklet is \$29.18 per day which includes a component for the monitoring costs.
- (3) The average daily cost per home detainee is \$58.60.

\*4567 WOY WOY CHANNEL DREDGING—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Which agency or level of government is responsible for dredging the Woy Woy Channel given that a privately operated public transport ferry utilises the channel as part of its regular route?
- (2) What source of funding is available for dredging projects required in the Woy Woy Channel?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Management of the Government's navigational dredging program has recently transferred to Transport for NSW from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. However, there are no statutory responsibilities regarding dredging of the Woy Woy Channel.
- (2) As part of the Government's Coastal Dredging Strategy, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has in recent years administered the Rescuing our Waterways program which provided grant funding to councils on a dollar-for-dollar basis to assist with undertaking navigational dredging works in local waterways.

\*4568 HEAVY VEHICLE TESTING—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) Does heavy vehicle testing occur at the Gregory Hills Service Centre?
- (2) How much each month is the lease of the old Campbelltown Roads and Maritime Service (RMS) office site where heavy testing still occurs?
- (3) Where will heavy vehicle testing occur in the Macarthur region once the old Campbelltown RMS office site becomes unusable?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Lease fees for the Campbelltown Roads and Maritime Services Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station site needs to be requested from Transport for NSW.
- (3) Testing will continue at the Macarthur Service Centre

\*4569 RURAL AND REGIONAL HEALTH STAFF—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) In each of the seven Local Health Districts classified as rural and regional, how many staff were employed as (as at 22 October 2020):
  - (a) Nurses;
  - (b) Doctors;
  - (c) Paramedics;
  - (d) Pathologists and pathology staff;
  - (e) Pharmacists and pharmacy staff;
  - (f) Cleaning staff;
  - (g) Security staff;
  - (h) Administrative staff?

Answer—

Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need at any point in time.

Between 2012 and 2020 the NSW Health workforce in rural and regional areas has increased by over 20 per cent.

\*4570 FIVE MILLION TREES FOR GREATER SYDNEY—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What was the total funding awarded to grant recipients under the Five Million Trees for Greater Sydney program in the 2018-19 and 2019-20 financial years?

- (2) What was the total number of applications received for projects under the Five Million Trees for Greater Sydney program in the 2018-19 and 2019-20 financial years?
- (3) What was the total number of new trees delivered under the Five Million Trees for Greater Sydney program in the 2018-19 and 2019-20 financial years?
- (4) Is the Government on track to meet its 2022 target of one million new trees and its 2030 target of five million new trees in Greater Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) This information is available publically at <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/premiers-priorities/greening-our-city/greening-our-city-grants/greening-our-city-grants-round-one>.

(3) 288,806 trees were registered under the Five Million Trees for Greater Sydney Grant program for the period of 2018-19 and 2019-20.

(4) Yes.

\*4571 TOMAREE LODGE—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many residents remain living at Tomaree Lodge as at 22 October 2020?
- (2) What is the timeframe to transfer all residents out of Tomaree Lodge?
- (3) What is the Government's intention for the Tomaree Lodge site?
- (4) Will the Department consider commencing an Expression of Interest process to determine the interest for the site to be adapted for other community uses?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is working closely with the non-government sector to provide the best possible care to people with disability across the state.

The transfer of specialist disability supports to the non-government sector signifies a generational change to disability support, and the transition of residents is part of the ongoing implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme in New South Wales.

The safe and smooth transfer of people with disability from large residential centres to smaller group homes remains the focus of the Hunter Residences program.

No decisions will be made on the future of the sites until all residents have transitioned to their new, contemporary group homes in the community.

\*4573 RECOMMENDATIONS IN AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Have all recommendations found in the NSW Auditor General's Report: Managing Native Vegetation, dated 27 June 2019, related to the then Office of Environment and Heritage been implemented?
- (2) Have all recommendations found in the NSW Auditor General's Report: Managing Native Vegetation, dated 27 June 2019, related to the Biodiversity Conservation Trust been implemented?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) All recommendations, except for recommendations to release the unpublished Native Vegetation Regulatory map categories, have been implemented.
- (2) Yes.

\*4574 CONTAMINATED LAND OFFICER—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) As at 22 October 2020, has the Government hired a Contaminated Land Officer dedicated to the Hunter region following its commitment to do so in February 2019?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) In which agency is this role located?
    - (ii) Has the officer commenced projects of investigations?
    - (iii) Have any areas of land been restored as a result of the work undertaken by this officer?

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Answer—

(1) Yes

(a) (i) Hunter Joint Organisation of Councils.

(ii) The officer's role does not include investigation work. The officer provides technical guidance, policy advice and staff training which upskill councils to identify and address potential risks in their own Local Government Area. This aligns with the aims of the Council Regional Capacity Building program.

(iii) The officer's role does not involve land restoration. Advice provided to council, by the officer, has resulted in site restoration activities. This aligns with the aims of the program.

\*4575 KOSCIUSZKO FERAL HORSES—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) How many feral horses in Kosciuszko National Park have been rehomed by the New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service (as at 22 October 2020)?

(a) How many have been destroyed by the New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service (as at 22 October 2020)?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) Regular updates on the 2020 post-bushfire control program in Kosciuszko National Park, including information on the number of horses removed, rehomed, and sent to knackery is available on the NSW Environment website.

As at 22 October 2020, 194 horses have been rehomed, which represents 93 per cent of all horses removed.

(a) The National Parks and Wildlife Service has not euthanised any horses under the current program. Fourteen horses have been sent to a knackery and one horse died in the trap yard of a suspected head injury.

\*4576 NATIONAL PARK AND WILDLIFE SERVICE STAFF—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) As at 22 October 2020, the National Park and Wildlife Service employ how many:

- (a) Firefighters;
- (b) Field Officers;
- (c) Park Rangers;
- (d) Pest Officers;
- (e) Scientists;
- (f) Administration staff?

Answer—

(1) I am advised that

(a) Firefighter numbers are confirmed annually to coincide with the completion of annual training. Updated firefighter numbers for 2020-21 are expected to be available in late 2020.

(b) About 780 full time equivalent staff (FTE).

(c) About 225 FTE.

(d) Nine FTE

(e) Scientists is not a role classification in the current National Park and Wildlife Services (NPWS) employment structure. Scientific services are principally provided to NPWS by the Department's Science, Economics and Insights Division.

(f) About 110 FTE.

\*4577 MINISTERIAL BRIEFING—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

Has the Minister received a briefing regarding Phillip Dong Fang Lee and his reported history of unauthorised land clearing, and other environmental offences, resulting in numerous fines, and significant environment remediation orders?

Answer—

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (Department) has not provided a briefing to me regarding Mr Phillip Dong Fang lee.

I do not have a role in individual compliance decisions, other than making interim protection orders after recommendation by the Department. Decisions to use enforceable regulatory measures provided in legislation are made by the Department's senior management under legal delegations contained in the relevant legislation. These decisions are made in accordance with the Department's risk-based compliance policies and consider the seriousness of the breach, relevant mitigating and aggravating circumstances and the public interest.

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**\*4578 FUNDING FOR THE BAAKA CULTURAL CENTRE IN WILCANNIA**—Mr Roy Butler asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

(1) How much has been spent of the \$3.5 million in New South Wales funding granted to the construction of the Baaka Cultural Centre in Wilcannia as at 10 November 2020?

(a) On what activities has this funding been spent?

(2) What is the current timeline for completion of the Baaka Cultural Centre?

Answer—

(1) The funding deed for the Baaka Cultural Centre project was signed on 7 May 2019. As at 10 November 2020, Government expenditure on the project is \$795,934.

(a) Expenditure has been used on early works such as design, heritage and other investigations, demolition, site remediation and project management.

(2) The project is scheduled to be completed in September 2022.

**\*4579 MANDATE OF QR CODES AT HOSPITALITY VENUES ACROSS NEW SOUTH WALES**—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering Quick Response (QR) codes have been mandated for hospitality businesses across New South Wales, has a contingency plan been made for businesses in regional and remote New South Wales that do not have access to reliable network coverage, and for those customers that do not own a smart phone?

Answer—

Electronic registration has become mandatory for a range of premises.

There are exceptions built in for individual patrons who cannot check-in electronically themselves due to age, disability or language. There are also provisions for businesses that cannot reasonably comply with electronic check-in methods, for example where there is a failure of internet service.

For more information for businesses, including about electronic customer check-in, please visit [www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/covid-safe](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/covid-safe)

**\*4580 CS06 SOCIAL HOUSING WAIT TIMES**—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

What is the average waiting time for residents seeking housing in areas CS06 in each year from 2015 to 2020 (to 24 September 2020)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The average waiting times for social housing in the CS06 (Canterbury) allocation zone are publicly available on the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) website <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/expected-waiting-times>.

There are a wide range of factors that can impact the time taken for an Applicant to receive an offer of social housing. These can include locational or accessibility requirements as well as the priority status of the Applicant.

DCJ also has a wide range of products to support those in need of housing assistance to maintain, or secure housing in the private rental market. These include Rent Choice Start Safely for victims of domestic violence and Rent Choice Youth for young people at risk of homelessness.

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\*4581 FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Do you have legal advice from the Crown Solicitor's Office on the legality of floodplain harvesting?
  - (a) If so, will you make this advice public to reduce uncertainty and anxiety among irrigators and river communities?

Answer—

Advice from the Crown Solicitor's Office on the legality of floodplain harvesting was tabled in the Legislative Council during proceedings on Tuesday 10 November 2020. This advice is publicly available at the following links:

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lc/tailedpapers/Pages/tailed-paper-details.aspx?pk=78564&houseCode=lc>

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lc/tailedpapers/Pages/tailed-paper-details.aspx?pk=78565&houseCode=lc>

\*4582 PATIENTS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How much money has the Government spent on the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme in each financial year from 2016-17 to 2020-21 (as at 10 November 2020)?

Answer—

This information is reported in the NSW Health Annual Report.

\*4583 NARRANDERRA WATER—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Have you investigated allegations that Narrandera Shire Council is pumping sewerage into the Murrumbidgee River?
- (2) Have you investigated concerns about the poor quality of tap water in Narrandera?
- (3) Which Government authority can Narrandera residents report concerns about Narrandera Shire Council water treatment?

Answer—

(1) The discharge of properly treated sewage to the Murrumbidgee River from Narrandera's sewage treatment plant is licenced by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) (EPA Licence No. 836). The EPA completed an audit of Narrandera's sewage treatment plant in March 2018 (Audit No. 1562384). The Licence, Annual Returns and Audit Report are available on the EPA's Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 Public Register.

(2) Water utilities are responsible for the safety and quality of drinking water supplied to their consumers. Under the NSW Public Health Act 2010, each water utility is required to implement a drinking water management system, which is a quality assurance program based on the National Health and Medical Research Council Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. NSW Health assists utilities with these requirements, providing support for risk assessment, operations, monitoring and response.

I am advised that in 2019 NSW Health funded a project for Narrandera Shire Council to review its Drinking Water Management System, including critical control point operations, key water treatment processes and Council's drinking water quality policy.

(3) Narrandera residents should report their concerns with the quality of drinking water in the first instance to Narrandera Shire Council. If a person reporting concerns requires further advice, they should contact NSW Health.

\*4584 COVID-19 RATES AND TREATMENT—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Has the Government considered, or will it consider, SARS CoV-2 treatment options?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) What is the New South Wales COVID-19 death rate as a percentage of infection?
- (3) What is the New South Wales influenza death rate as a percentage of infection?
- (4) How many people have tested positive to COVID-19 since testing commenced in New South Wales?
- (5) How many of those positive COVID-19 tests have been later determined to be a false positive test?

Answer—

(1) Yes. NSW Health interim guidance on the use of antiviral and immunomodulation therapy in COVID-19 is available from: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/communities-of-practice/Pages/guide-antiviral-therapy.aspx>

(2) to (4) The latest information on laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 infections and deaths, and laboratory-confirmed influenza infections and deaths can be found on the NSW Health website.

(5) Of 4,344 positive tests as at 8pm 15 November 2020, 35 were determined by further testing and expert review to be false positive results.

\*4585 WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Considering the challenges purported to be faced by the Western NSW Local Health District in recruiting and retaining medical practitioners in rural locations, what incentives exactly are they providing to attract, recruit and retain suitably qualified and experienced rural generalist doctors in rural townships of that Local Health District?

(2) If mining companies are able to continue to fully staff and operate their enterprises in remote towns in Western New South Wales, why is it that the Western NSW Local Health District cannot provide doctors in those same towns?

(3) What percentage of doctors outside of larger Western New South Wales regional cities and towns (Orange, Bathurst, Dubbo, Mudgee) in the Western Local Health District have fellowship of either the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners or Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine?

(4) Do rural patients not deserve fellowed experienced doctors?

(5) Why is the Western NSW Local Health District continuing to employ recently graduated registered nurses straight from university and making them the sole registered nurse at smaller rural hospitals with only weeks to months experience?

(6) What is the minimum length of service, skill and experience required for a registered nurse to be solely in charge at a Sydney hospital?

Answer—

General Practitioners (GPs) appointed as Visiting Medical Officers (VMOs) in Western New South Wales, are remunerated as per the Rural Doctors' Settlement Package .

The Rural Doctors' Settlement Package schedule of fees is indexed annually . It ensures that GP VMOs providing on-call and after-hours services in rural hospitals are remunerated appropriately.

In addition, the Australian Government offers incentives for doctors to relocate and set up a remote community general practice. Local government also provides support in some locations, offering practice rooms or housing.

I am advised that graduate registered nurses recruited in smaller rural sites are not rostered to work as the sole registered nurse.

\*4586 RURAL HEALTH PLAN—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering that the NSW Rural Health Plan: Towards 2021 aims to strengthen the capacity of rural health services to provide world class connected and seamless care for people living in regional, rural and remote NSW:

(1) How is the Western NSW Local Health District recruiting General Practitioner specialists to the region?

(2) How is the Western NSW Local Health District retaining the General Practitioner specialists within the region?

(3) Are there General Practitioner specialists living within the Western NSW Local Health District who previously worked for the Western NSW Local Health District, however, as a result of their concern for patient safety, are no longer willing to work within the Western NSW Local Health District?

(4) Is the Western NSW Local Health District advertising for locums in vacant Visiting Medical Officer roles at some New South Wales health facilities for below average daily market rates, therefore failing to attract applications from doctors to work in these roles?

Answer—

I am advised the Western NSW Local Health District runs international and national recruitment campaigns aimed at attracting general practitioners (GP) and other specialists.

GPs work as private practitioners in the community and are appointed as Visiting Medical Officers (VMOs) in the local hospital. GPs appointed as VMOs are remunerated in accordance with the Rural Doctors Settlement Package. Some GPs in rural and remote locations choose not to seek a VMO appointment at the local hospital.

Locums may be engaged to cover vacant GP VMO positions.

**\*4587 CLOSING THE GAP TARGET**—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Considering reports that indicate New South Wales is lagging behind other states in the enrollment of Indigenous children in early education, and that Closing the Gap has set a nationwide target of 95% enrollment; what steps is the Minister taking to ensure that target is met?

Answer—

Over \$667 million is allocated in 2020-21 for early childhood education. This includes the Start Strong program to support preschool education in community preschools and long day care centres across New South Wales.

Start Strong aims to improve affordability of early childhood education and increase the number of children participating for 600 hours in a quality early childhood education program in the year before school. Following implementation of Start Strong, preschool fees decreased by 25 per cent for all children and by 41 per cent for the most disadvantaged children. Between 2016 and 2019, participation in community preschools increased by about 16 per cent for Aboriginal children and about 14 per cent for disadvantaged children.

Under the COVID-19 free preschool funding program, all Start Strong funded community preschools and mobile preschools on contracts have the opportunity to opt in to receive funding.

Services who have opted in are required to provide at least 15 hours of fee-free preschool per week for families. This is because research shows that participation for fifteen hours per week, or 600 hours per year, in a quality early childhood education program in the year before provides enduring benefits to children well beyond primary school. This support will give families much needed fee relief, and will particularly benefit families experiencing vulnerability and disadvantage.

This funding was first announced in April 2020, and has been providing fee-free preschool for NSW families with children in community and mobile preschools during Terms 2, 3 and 4 of 2020. An additional \$120 million to extend this program throughout 2021 has been committed as part of the 2020/2021 NSW State Budget.

In addition to funding support, the Government has developed a range of programs aimed at supporting Aboriginal children and their families. These include Nginganah No More and Aboriginal Families as Teachers, which are designed to support active participation in early childhood education.

The NSW Government is also in the process of developing an Aboriginal Children's Early Childhood Education Strategy. The Strategy will align with the new Closing the Gap targets and will be developed and designed in collaboration with Aboriginal people through a soon to be established Aboriginal Early Childhood Education Advisory Group. The new strategy will have a focus on increasing enrolments, participation and developmental outcomes.

**\*4588 WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL SPORTS**—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

What steps are being taken by the Government to encourage women's participation in professional sports?

Answer—

The Government is encouraging women's participation in professional sports, through the Her Sport Her Way women in sport strategy released in December 2018. The four-year strategy features an integrated package of 29 initiatives to increase the number of women and girls playing sport, invest in female-friendly sport facilities, maximise investment in women's sport, and support the sector to increase the number of women in leadership positions.

The Government has recently released the Her Sport Her Way Year Two Action Plan that contains the actions to be implemented in 2020/21. Further information on the Strategy, actions to date and highlights is found at <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/hersportherway>

\*4589 SCHOOL COUNSELLORS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent school counsellors are employed at each of the following schools (as at 24 September 2020):
- (a) Belair Public School;
  - (b) Cardiff High School;
  - (c) Charlestown East Public School;
  - (d) Charlestown Public School;
  - (e) Charlestown South Public School;
  - (f) Dudley Public School;
  - (g) Eleebana Public School;
  - (h) Garden Suburb Public School;
  - (i) Hillsborough Public School;
  - (j) Hunter Sports High School;
  - (k) Kahibah Public School;
  - (l) Kotara High School;
  - (m) Kotara South Public School;
  - (n) Merewether Public School;
  - (o) Mount Hutton Public School;
  - (p) New Lambton South Public School;
  - (q) Redhead Public School;
  - (r) Warners Bay High School;
  - (s) Warners Bay Public School;
  - (t) Whitebridge High School;
  - (u) Windale Public School;
  - (v) Wiripaang Public School?

Answer—

All NSW public schools receive a school counselling service allocation. The full time equivalent allocation of counselling services for each school as at 24 September 2020 are in the table below:

School Name	School Counselling Allocation (FTE)
Belair Public School	0.35
Cardiff High School	0.80
Charlestown East Public School	0.30
Charlestown Public School	0.15
Charlestown South Public School	0.20
Dudley Public School	0.20
Eleebana Public School	0.50
Garden Suburb Public School	0.25
Hillsborough Public School	0.20
Hunter Sports High School	1.00
Kahibah Public School	0.25
Kotara High School	1.00
Kotara South Public School	0.35
Merewether Public School	0.15
Mount Hutton Public School	0.20
New Lambton South Public School	0.35
Redhead Public School	0.20
Warners Bay High School	1.00
Warners Bay Public School	0.50



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Whitebridge High School	1.00
Windale Public School	0.25
Wiripaang Public School	0.35

\*4590 WARNERS BAY HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many students were enrolled at Warners Bay High School from out of zone as at 1 July 2020?  
(a) In which suburbs do the students reside?

Answer—

(1) 166.

- (a) Adamstown, Adamstown Heights, Awaba, Belmont, Belmont North, Blackalls Park, Bolton Point, Boolaroo, Broadmeadow, Cameron Park, Cardiff, Cardiff Heights, Cardiff South, Charlestown, Edgeworth, Elmore Vale, Fassifern, Fennell Bay, Fletcher, Floraville, Garden Suburb, Gateshead, Hamilton North, Hamilton South, Hillsborough, Holmesville, Jewells, Macquarie Hills, Marmong Point, Maryland, Mayfield, Merewether, Minmi, Morisset, Morisset Park, Mount Hutton, Murrays Beach, New Lambton, New Lambton Heights, Redhead, Silverwater, Speers Point, Teralba, Tingira Heights, Toronto, Wallsend, Wangi Wangi, Whitebridge, Windale.

\*4591 PUBLIC SECTOR PAY—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Treasurer—

Considering the decision to reduce the standard annual pay rise across the New South Wales public sector from 2.5 per cent to 1.5 per cent, what modelling drove this decision?

Answer—

The Government's decision to increase pay for public sector workers by up to 1.5 per cent each year over the forward estimates will align wages to the average underlying inflation forecast for the Sydney Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the same period.

\*4592 MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

What funding has the Government provided to non-government organisations in the Hunter New England Health District which offer mental health support, considering an increase in demand for mental health support services over the course of 2020?

Answer—

I refer the member to the response by the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women at LA 4110.

\*4593 MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITALISATIONS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many mental health-related hospitalisations occurred in the Hunter New England Local Health District in:  
(a) The first quarter of 2019;  
(b) The second quarter of 2019;  
(c) The third quarter of 2019;  
(d) The fourth quarter of 2019;  
(e) The first quarter of 2020;  
(f) The second quarter of 2020?

Answer—

The Bureau of Health Information publishes independent reports about the performance of the New South Wales public healthcare system, including the number of mental health related episodes of care.

\*4594 KAHIBAH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many students were enrolled at Kahibah Public School from out of zone as at 1 July 2020?

(2) In which suburbs do the students reside?

Answer—

(1) 79.

(2) Adamstown, Belmont North, Blackalls Park, Charlestown, Dudley, Gateshead, Highfields, Jewells, Kahibah, Kotara, Macquarie Hills, Nords Wharf, Redhead, Summerland Point, Whitebridge.

\*4595 CHARLESTOWN ELECTORATE SCHOOL ENROLMENTS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Considering that schools in the Charlestown electorate, including Belair Public School, Charlestown East Public School, Charlestown South Public School, Dudley Public School, Eleebana Public School, Garden Suburb Public School, Kahibah Public School, Kotara High School, Mount Hutton Public School, New Lambton South Public School, Redhead Public School and Warners Bay High School are over capacity, what steps are being taken to meet future demand?

Answer—

The enrolment cap is not an indication of the enrolment capacity of a school. It is used to specify when a school is unable to enrol non-local students, except in exceptional circumstances.

The Department of Education constantly monitors population and development trends so it can meet the long-term enrolment needs in schools across NSW. This includes regular consultation with relevant departments and agencies such as the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and local councils.

A number of strategies are used to manage short to medium term fluctuations in enrolment including enforcing the Department's enrolment policy to restrict non-local enrolments, reviewing school catchment boundaries and the provision of demountable accommodation. These measures help the Department ensure that every eligible student who wishes to attend a NSW government school will be given a place at their local school.

In cases of sustained and stable enrolment increases, the Department provides additional permanent facilities, or new schools, as necessary. Any future major capital works projects are considered in the context of the education needs across the state and are prioritised accordingly.

\*4596 ENERGY ACCOUNT PAYMENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) How many Energy Account Payment Assistance Scheme (EAPA) vouchers for electricity were issued in New South Wales in each financial year from 2018-19 to 2020-2021 (to 10 November 2020)?

(2) How many EAPA vouchers for natural gas were issued in New South Wales in each financial year from 2018-19 to 2020-2021 (to 10 November 2020)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Electricity:

- (a) 414,144 vouchers.
- (b) 251,873 vouchers.
- (c) 159,113 vouchers (up to 10 November 2020).

(2) Gas:

- (a) 45,404 vouchers.
- (b) 35,364 vouchers.
- (c) 34,371 vouchers (up to 10 November 2020).

\*4597 INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL SERVICE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Will the Government consider or support the four additional light rail vehicles for the Inner West Light service being constructed here in New South Wales?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to the previous response, LC 2567.

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\*4598 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many vacant positions for new school crossing supervisors have been advertised in each month since January 2020 (to 10 November 2020)?
- (2) How many new school crossing supervisor positions have been filled in each month since January 2020 (to 10 November 2020)?
- (3) What is the current number of school crossing supervisor positions advertised but not filled (as at 10 November 2020)?
- (4) What is the current total cost of employing school crossing supervisors in New South Wales (as at 10 November 2020)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is committed to improving the safety of all road users, especially the most vulnerable members of our community, our children.

The School Crossing Supervisor Program currently funds over 1,300 supervisors at more than 900 crossings across the State.

(1) Between January 2020 and 10 November 2020, 206 school crossing supervisor positions have been advertised. The below figures are for new and replacement school crossing supervisors. A breakdown of new sites is not available.

January - 21

February - 16

March - 8

April -

May - 29

June - 29

July - 29

August - 16

September - 19

October - 34

November - 5

Total - 206

(2) Between January 2020 and 10 November 2020, 87 new election commitment school crossing supervisor positions have been filled, using a combination of external advertising, the activation of eligibility lists from previous recruitment actions for various locations, and internal transfers.

New Positions:

January - 2

February - 7

March - 4

April - 4

May - 3

June - 0

July - 23

August - 18

September - 11

October - 8

November - 7

Total - 87

(3) As of 10 November 2020, 119 new school crossing supervisors are at various stages of the recruitment progress as part of the 2019 government election commitment.

(4) Transport for NSW expended \$15.893 million in FY19-20 to administer the School Crossing Supervisor Program, which included year 1 of the Government's election commitment for additional new crossing supervisors. The budget for this financial year (FY20-21) is \$19.901 million, which includes the program of additional school crossing supervisors.

The Government will announce the locations for the remaining new supervisors over the remaining years of the program.

\*4599 SYDNEY GATEWAY PROJECT ACTIVE TRANSPORT LINKS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What further consultation with cycling and active transport groups will be undertaken on the active transport links associated with the Sydney Gateway Project?
- (2) What is the total funding allocated for the development of these links?

Answer—

I am advised:

The active transport links will be funded within the total project funding envelope.

Close to three kilometres of new pathways will be delivered as part of Sydney Gateway, including:

- a new connection from Alexandra Canal to the Domestic terminals.
- a new connection on the northern side of Alexandria Canal.

This positive active transport outcome is the result of more than two years of consultation with Inner West, Bayside and City of Sydney Councils, and local bike user groups. During delivery, Transport for NSW and Sydney Airport will work together, in consultation with key stakeholders, to build on the active transport work already established and prepare an Active Transport Strategy. The strategy will look at local integration and enhancement opportunities, and provide recommendations for future cycle and pedestrian transport infrastructure in the airport precinct.

The strategy will be prepared in consultation with Sydney Airport's Active Transport Forum, on which local government, peak bodies and local bicycle user groups are represented. The Sydney Gateway team will continue to meet regularly with these stakeholders as the project moves through construction.

\*4600 CENTRAL WEST CYCLING TRAIL—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) What funding, if any, has the Government provided to the development of the Central West Cycling Trail?
- (2) What other support, if any, has the Government provided to the development of the Central West Cycling Trail?
- (3) What further funding or support will the Government provide to the ongoing maintenance or operation of the Central West Cycling Trail?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW has not provided funding to the Central West Cycling Trail.
- (2) to (3) Transport for NSW has been involved as a facilitator between the Central West Cycling Trail committee and Mid-Western Regional Council to discuss the establishment requirements to progress the cycle trail project.

\*4601 RESPECT MATTERS PROGRAM—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many teachers in New South Wales have engaged in professional learning modules as part of the Respect Matters program in each year from 2015 to 2020 (to 10 November 2020)?
- (2) How many high schools in New South Wales have incorporated the Respect Matters program into their curriculums in each year from 2015 to 2020 (to 10 November 2020)?
- (3) How many primary schools have incorporated the Respect Matters program into their curriculums in each year from 2015 to 2020 (to 10 November 2020)?
- (4) How is the NSW Department of Education working to increase participation in the Respect Matter program in New South Wales schools?

Answer—

1. Although the Department of Education supports the principles of the Respect Matters program and reinforces the importance of good digital citizenship in a number of ways in its curriculum, professional

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learning attainment is not tracked by the Department's systems as the Respect Matters program is provided by the Australian Government.

2 and 3. Principals, in consultation with their school community, make decisions about the professional learning courses and resources to support teaching and learning in schools. These decisions are based on student needs and community context.

The Department of Education does not collect information around programs and initiatives that remain the responsibility of the Principal.

4. All NSW public schools teach respectful relationships and child protection through the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education syllabus K-10. In addition, there are high quality curriculum resources available on the Department's website to support schools address these areas with students.

Resources are chosen by individual schools in consultation with the school community so as to best meet the needs of their particular students.

\*4602 CHILD FLU VACCINATIONS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many 10 year olds have been given a flu vaccination at their local pharmacy since the Government lowered the age limit for pharmacy flu vaccinations in March?
- (2) Did this measure increase the number of 10 year olds who received flu vaccinations compared to previous years?
- (3) Will the Government make this measure permanent?

Answer—

- (1) 1,956 children were vaccinated by a pharmacist since March 2020 according to the Australian Immunisation Register.
- (2) Due to COVID-19 impacts in the community and the unprecedented demand for influenza vaccine in 2020, it is not possible to determine if this initiative increased vaccine uptake in 10-year-old children in New South Wales.
- (3) Yes. Amendments to the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008 commenced on 6 March 2020, which enabled pharmacists to supply and administer a private market influenza vaccine to people aged 10 years and over. These amendments are not time limited.

\*4603 PUBLIC HOUSING CONSTRUCTION—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What has been the total amount of funding expended by the Government on the construction of new public housing in New South Wales in financial year from 2009-10 to 2019-20?
- (2) What has been the total number of new public housing dwellings built in financial year from 2009-10 to 2019-20?
- (3) How many new public housing dwellings were constructed in the Summer Hill electorate in financial year from 2009-10 to 2019-20?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) In financial years from 2009-10 to 2019-20, the total amount of funding expended by the NSW Government on the construction of new public housing in New South Wales is \$4.0317 billion.

Financial Year	Total (\$millions)
2009-10	1,399.3
2010-11	925.1
2011-12	227.9
2012-13	116.2
2013-14	122.7
2014-15	147.3
2015-16	264.6
2016-17	273.3
2017-18	244.3

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2018-19	198.8
2019-20	112.1
Total	4,031.7

(2) In financial years from 2009-10 to 2019-20, the total number of new public housing dwellings built is 10,861.

Financial Year	Construction
2009-10	1,328
2010-11	4,901
2011-12	1,393
2012-13	444
2013-14	385
2014-15	463
2015-16	412
2016-17	382
2017-18	657
2018-19	352
2019-20	144
Total	10,861

(3) In financial years from 2009-10 to 2019-20, 11 new public housing dwellings were constructed in the Summer Hill electorate.

Financial Year	Construction
2009-10	11
2010-11	-
2011-12	-
2016-17	-
Total	11

\*4604 SOCIAL HOUSING TRANSFERS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many transfers have been approved by Department of Housing tenants in financial year from 2009-10 to 2019-20
- (2) How many people are currently approved for, but are still awaiting, a transfer as at 10 November 2020?
- (3) How many public housing dwellings are currently vacant in New South Wales as at 10 November 2020?
- (4) How many public housing dwellings are currently vacant in the Summer Hill electorate as at 10 November 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) transfer policy, a social housing tenant can apply for a transfer to another property managed by either DCJ or a community housing provider participating in Housing Pathways, if there is change in their circumstances that affects their housing needs.

There are a number of reasons why a tenant may request a transfer including under- occupancy, medical condition/disability or a change in location.

The waiting time a tenant will experience depends on a number of factors including the reason for

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transfer and the number of suitable properties that become vacant in the required location.

As at 30 June 2020, there were 10,011 current social housing households approved for a transfer.

Questions 3 and 4 should be referred to Hon Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Water, Property and Housing to respond.

\*4605 CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL ACT 2013 STATUTORY REVIEW—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

When will the Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013 Statutory Review be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The statutory review of the Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013 has been delayed due to unanticipated work priorities related to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is expected to be completed next year.

\*4606 FIRE STATION AERIAL BOMBERS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) How many major aerial bombers are located at fire stations in the metropolitan area south of Parramatta River?

(2) Where are they located?

Answer—

The Member may wish to direct his question about major aerial bombers to the Commonwealth Minister for Defence.

I am advised Aerial Ladder Platforms (colloquially known as 'Brontos') and Aerial Pumpers are Fire and Rescue NSW's primary aerial appliances used to respond to high-rise building fires.

I understand the NSW Rural Fire Service intend to have nine owned aircraft operational throughout the 2020-21 fire season, strategically deployed around the state as required.

New South Wales is the only state to own a permanent Large Air Tanker (LAT), providing invaluable support to our firefighting operations.

\*4607 SERVICE NSW DATA BREACHES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Customer Service—

(1) Of the people whose data was breached by Service NSW in 2020 how many were residents of the electorate of Liverpool?

(2) What steps is the Government taking to ensure that the data concerned is not used to compromise the individuals whose data was breached?

Answer—

(1) The process of contacting identified customers is on-going. The distribution of most notification letters is being sent in weekly batches as data is validated.

(2) Cyber security is a key focus for the NSW Government as a critical enabler in the delivery of digital services for NSW citizens. All NSW Government agencies are required to comply with the NSW Cyber Security Policy. Service NSW is working with cyber security experts on its security strategy and related cyber security uplift, with the goal of minimising the adverse effects of future attempted breaches, strengthening defences against future threats, and rapidly implementing any changes required to prevent a reoccurrence. In June 2020, the Premier announced \$240 million of the \$1.6 billion Digital Stimulus package would be used to enhance the government's cyber security capability. This funding will be used to help agencies better prepare to expected increases in the frequency, extent and sophistication of cyber-attacks.

\*4608 DRIVER'S LICENCE TEST POSTPONEMENTS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Customer Service—

How many driver's licence tests have been postponed for people resident in the Liverpool electorate due to the COVID-19 pandemic as of 1 November 2020?

Answer—

In response to COVID-19, Service NSW and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) enacted measures to protect our customers and staff by postponing driver testing for a minimum period of 3 months from 30 March

2020. 1148 driver tests booked at Liverpool Service Centre were cancelled, with all of these customers contacted and offered a booking when testing recommenced on 1 July 2020.

\*4610 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

How many Active Kids vouchers have been activated in the Liverpool electorate in the period 1 January 2020 to 1 November 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

All data pertaining to the Active Kids Program is publicly available on the Office of Sport website.

\*4611 APPRENTICESHIPS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

How many apprenticeships were registered in the Liverpool electorate in the period 1 January 2020 to 10 November 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

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\*4612 LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) How many new social housing properties were built or otherwise acquired in the Liverpool electorate in the year 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020?

(2) How many social housing properties in the Liverpool electorate were sold in the year 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

1. Between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, no new social housing properties were built or otherwise acquired in the Liverpool electorate.

2. Between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, 18 residential dwellings and one vacant land were sold in the Liverpool electorate.

\*4613 LIVERPOOL CITY POLICE GENERAL DUTIES OFFICERS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

How many General Duties Officers were appointed to the Liverpool City Police area command as at:

(1) 1 January 2019;

(2) 1 January 2020;

(3) 1 July 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

Police resources are allocated to commands and districts. All police positions attached to Police Area Commands and Police Districts are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the command. All local resources are also supplemented by specialist police (such as highway patrol, covert resources etc) who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to meet the changing community needs and respond to changing crime patterns and emerging issues.

The below table includes General Duty Constables (including Probationary and Senior Constables) and their supervisors.

General Duties Officers assigned to Liverpool City Police Area Command

Date	Authorised police positions	Police Officer Headcount
1 January 2019	191	185
1 January 2020	195	187
1 July 2020	189	186



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The allocation of police resources is determined by the Commissioner based on operational need. Police Commanders regularly review the allocation of resources within their Commands/Districts to ensure that policing meets demand.

\*4614 STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Local Government—

(1) What is the total funding provided under the Stronger Communities Fund in each financial year since the creation of the fund to the electorates of:

- (a) Swansea;
- (b) Wyong;
- (c) The Entrance;
- (d) Terrigal;
- (e) Gosford?

(2) What projects were executed in each electorate using the funding in (1)?

Answer—

Grants under the Stronger Communities Fund were paid to councils, not electorates.

Central Coast Council received \$10 million in the first round of funding in 2016 and \$5.5 million in the second round of funding in 2019.

The following projects were allocated funding by Central Coast Council under round 1:

Major projects

- Austin Butler Oval and Woy Woy Tennis Amenities Redevelopment
- Playground Renovation/Upgrade Umina and Niagara Park
- Peninsula Leisure Centre – Starting Blocks and Electronic Timing System
- Alan Davidson Oval Drainage and Irrigation System Installation
- Terrigal CBD Traffic Flow Improvements
- Avoca Beach Foreshore Protection Works Stage 1
- Elfin Hill Road Foreshore Protection Works Stage 1
- Augmentation of San Remo BMX Facility
- Disability Matters
- Access and Inclusion Upgrades to Community Facilities
- Community projects
- Central Coast Primary Care - 'Older Persons Mental Health Peer Work Program'
- Davistown Progress Hall - 'Davistown Progress hall Centenary Restoration Project'
- The Rotary Club of East Gosford Incorporated - 'Eat Gosford Community Garden'
- San Remo Neighbourhood Centre - 'Opportunity Knocks'
- The Central Coast Montessori Primary School Limited - 'The Central Coast Montessori Primary School Kanyuini Community Garden'
- EDSACC Croquet Club Inc - 'Sun Safety and Shelter'
- Road safety Education Ltd - 'RYDA Central Coast'
- Razorbacks Rugby Club - 'Sports Facilities-Toilet and Showers'
- Soldiers Beach Surf Life Saving Club - 'WiFiSurf-Information Technology Upgrade'
- Wyong District Tennis Association Inc - 'Upgrade of 2 Courts including Courts 6-7'
- Cancer Council NSW-Central Coast - 'NSW Cancer Council Community Resource Van-Central Coast'
- Youth Off the Streets Limited - 'Fit out of Lakes College Alternative High School'
- Police Citizens Youth Clubs NSW Ltd Umina Beach (PCYC Umina) - 'PCYC Community Bus'
- Central Coast Bicycle User Group - 'CCBUG Rides Assist Program'
- Gosford Community Men's Shed Incorporated - Men's Shed Fitout
- Erina Baptist Community Care Ltd – Erina Community Men's Shed - Expansion of shed
- Brisbane Water Historical Society Inc. - Urgent works to Henry Kendall Cottage
- Mangrove Mountain Pony Club - Replacement of existing damaged & unsafe horse yards
- Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW) on behalf of Gosford Uniting Church ABN 67487755358 - Kitchen Upgrade
- Avoca Beach Tennis Club Inc. - Heazlett Park Cricket Net
- St Philips Christian Education Foundation - DALE Young Parents' School – Breaking Barriers Bus for Young Parents
- Wheelchair Sports NSW - Wheelchair Sports NSW (WS NSW) Wheelchair Basketball
- Matcham Public Hall Incorporated - Matcham Hall Roof Replacement & Upgrades
- Gosford Regional Community Services Inc. - Water Tanks at Pt Clare Hall

- Fairhaven Services Limited - Community Hub Kitchen Upgrade
- Avoca Beach Surf Lifesaving Club - Avoca Beach Sharks Nipper Program
- Central Coast Rudolph Steiner School - School Edible Garden
- ABA Central Coast Region - ABA Flexi-Care and Virtual Classes Pilot Project
- Central Coast Baseball Association - Drainage at Baseball Park East Gosford
- Copacabana Tennis Club Inc - Copacabana Tennis Court resurface
- Wyongah Progress Association - Wyongah Progress Hall Renovation
- The Rotary Club of Gosford North Incorporated - SOKS (Save Our Kids)
- North Entrance Surf Life Saving Club - Installation of a unisex accessible toilet
- Brisbane Water Historical Society - Museum Reception, Work Area and Kitchen Renovation
- Central Coast Plateau Chamber of Commerce - Central Coast Plateau Harvest Trail
- Laura's Place Family Support - Bereavement Group
- Gosford City Women's Bowling Club - Removing Barriers to a Healthy Active Lifestyle and Making Connections with the Community
- Kamira Alcohol and other Drug Treatment Services Inc. - Repairs to Bathroom and Hot Water Safety
- Lutanda Children's Services - Experiential Learning and Play
- Anglican Parish of Woy Woy -Community Hall Refurbishment
- The Trustee for Top Blokes Foundation - Building Blokes – Central Coast Expansion
- Gosford Regional Community Services Inc. - Community Centre and Hall Furniture Upgrade
- Tuggerawong Public School P&C Association - The Community IT Hub
- UCA – Gosford Uniting Church - Community Hall Air Conditioning
- The Trustee for Top Blokes Foundation - Stepping Up – Central Coast Primary School Roll-Out
- Razorbacks Rugby Club Incorporated - Fit-out of Amenities Building
- Central Coast Community Women's Health Centre Ltd - Central Coast Community Women's Health Centre's Building Painting Works
- The Rotary Club of Kariong Somersby - Disabled/Emergency Access & Additional Parking Phillip House
- Youth Off The Streets Limited - Kickstart! Youth Off The Streets Lakes College Nutrition & Recreation Education Program
- Mountain Districts Association Incorporated - Improvements to district image, plus provision of information and services for visitors and tourists to Central Coast Mountain Districts
- San Remo Community Men's Shed Inc - Solar Panel Installation
- Rotary Club of Erina Inc - Jaywick Memorial Revamp at Point Clare
- Zonta Club of Central Coast Incorporated - Resources for Women and Children in Central Coast Refuges
- Mannerling Park Tidy Towns Group Incorporated - On the Run
- North Entrance Surf Life Saving Club - Installation of complete renewable energy source for Clubhouse.

The funding agreements in round 2 specified the following projects:

- Greenfield Road upgrade at Empire Bay
- Avoca Beach Rugby Club change room upgrade
- Erina Archery Club canteen
- Regional Development Australia: Central Coast Annual Funding
- Hylton Moore Park floodlighting for Central Coast Baseball
- Avoca Kayak Club clubhouse/community facility
- Macmasters Beach public toilets and changeroom reconstruction
- Mingara Regional Athletics Track resurfacing
- Copacabana Surf Life Saving Club minor facilities improvements and equipment
- Terrigal Surf Life Saving Club public amenities upgrade
- Wamberal Surf Club deck and storage area extension
- Davistown Progress Association car park remediation for drainage
- Chertseydale Community Cottage upgrade, Springfield
- Ex-HMAS Adelaide mast installation
- Terrigal Rugby clubhouse refurbishment and roof replacement
- Gosford Musical Society building and/or equipment
- Water fountain Duffys Oval, Terrigal
- Water fountain Frost Reserve, Kincumber
- Flooring improvements Terrigal 50 Plus Leisure and Learning Centre
- Management of weeds and rehabilitation work at Springfield Pond

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- Playspace upgrade Empire Bay
- Public toilet upgrade Forresters Beach
- Archibold Park upgrade Forresters Beach
- Clubhouse upgrade Duffys Oval Terrigal
- Kincumber Neighbourhood Centre equipment, facilities improvements.

\*4615 CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN COUNCIL AUDIT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Considering the Audit Office of New South Wales' Governance and internal controls over local infrastructure contributions report, has an audit been conducted of the Canterbury Bankstown Council's governance and internal controls over Local Infrastructure Contributions?
  - (a) If so, when will this report be made public?
  - (b) If not, will the Minister direct the Audit Office to perform this audit?
- (2) Has the Government conducted an audit of unspent Local Infrastructure Contributions held by Councils?
  - (a) If so, when will this be made public?
  - (b) If not, will the Audit Office be directed to perform this audit?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Governance and internal controls over local infrastructure contributions - Performance Audit was released in August 2020, and the full report is available here: <https://www.audit.nsw.gov.au/our-work/reports/governance-and-internal-controls-over-local-infrastructure-contributions>. The NSW Audit Office is an independent body that is responsible to the New South Wales Parliament. The Minister cannot direct the NSW Audit Office to undertake performance audits.
- (2) Councils declare their unspent contributions in Annual Financial Statements published in Council's annual reports, which are publicly available on council websites. Annual Financial Statements are audited by the NSW Audit Office as part of the annual financial audit required by the Local Government Act 1993.

\*4616 HEALTH SERVICES IN GOODOOGA—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Have services been removed from the local health service facility located in Goodooga?
  - (a) If so, when were you made aware of this?
- (2) Considering that Goodooga has a large number of vulnerable people, what were the specific reasons NSW Health took into consideration for reducing health services delivered at Goodooga?
- (3) When will the community once again get a full time doctor working out from Goodooga as they previously had?
- (4) Will a commitment be made to review health services available to this remote community with a view to increasing service provision from the existing facilities in Goodooga?
  - (a) If so, when?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

Goodooga Health Service is a registered nurse run service with virtual medical support.

I am advised services have not been removed from Goodooga, and that general practitioner services are provided by Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service.

I am further advised by NSW Health that current activity levels support existing service hours, however activity will continue to be monitored and changes considered as necessary.

\*4617 SHOALHAVEN HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Where is the Shoalhaven Hospital upgrade project up to as at 30 October 2020?
- (2) How much has been allocated to the upgrade over the forward estimates?
- (3) What is the indicative timeline for the completion of this project?

Answer—

The Government has committed \$438 million towards the Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital Redevelopment. The project is in the planning stage and construction will commence in this term of government.

\*4619 NSW TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE BUSINESSES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What businesses in the Fairfield local government area are involved in the maintenance of NSW Transport infrastructure?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to the previous response, LA 4618.

\*4620 MANUFACTURING AND ENGINEERING TRADES AND APPRENTICESHIPS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

What is the Government doing to encourage school leavers to take up trades or apprenticeships in manufacturing industries or in engineering?

Answer—

I am advised that the NSW Government offers a range of secondary school programs to encourage school leavers to take up trades across a diverse range of industries, including manufacturing and engineering.

\*4621 MANUFACTURING AND ENGINEERING TAFE COURSES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

(1) How many courses are available in TAFE which focus on manufacturing or engineering?

(a) What are they?

Answer—

I am advised that all courses on offer at TAFE NSW, including those in manufacturing and engineering, can be located on the TAFE NSW website by using the 'Find a Course' section on the landing page which is available at: [www.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.tafensw.edu.au).

\*4622 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL AND TRAINING COURSES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

Is the Government planning to increase the number of vocational and training courses for Higher School Certificate students that relate to manufacturing and engineering?

Answer—

I am advised:

Where student demand is identified for other qualifications, NESA reviews applications for new courses, subject to criteria for endorsement. To date, there have been no further requests from the schools' sector identifying demand for additional manufacturing and engineering qualifications.

\*4623 NORTHCONNEX TOLL CHARGES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Considering NorthConnex toll charges, are vehicles towing a box trailer/towable vessels still permitted to use Pennant Hills Road between the M2 (Pennant Hills Road) and M1 at Hornsby without penalty?

(a) Are there any restrictions?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available.

\*4624 POST-PANDEMIC MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

Will the Government continue to support domestic manufacturing industries with continued grants and/or tax incentives once the COVID-19 pandemic is over?

Answer—

Details of how the NSW Government will build a resilient post COVID-19 pandemic economy is in the

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COVID-19 Recovery Plan available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19-recovery-plan>.

\*4625 FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MANUFACTURING BUSINESSES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

What financial support has the Government given to assist with the technological advancements required by manufacturing businesses in the Fairfield local government area to increase output?

Answer—

This question would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, the Hon. Stuart Ayres MP.

\*4626 GOVERNMENT MANUFACTURING ASSISTANCE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

How many Government manufacturing contracts have been awarded to manufacturing companies in the Fairfield local government area?

Answer—

The NSW Government eTendering website lists closed business opportunities that have been provided by agencies. Questions on individual opportunities should be directed to the relevant Minister. More details are available at <https://www.tenders.nsw.gov.au>

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\*4627 HOMEBUILDER SCHEME—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) Why are joint tenants and siblings ineligible to access the HomeBuilder scheme that is implemented by Revenue NSW?
- (2) Considering the purpose of the HomeBuilder scheme is to stimulate the building industry, why is eligibility limited to singles and married/de-facto couples?
- (3) Does the Government intend to seek changes to eligibility criteria so joint tenants and siblings can access the HomeBuilder scheme?

Answer—

The HomeBuilder Scheme will provide eligible owner-occupiers (including first home buyers) with a grant of \$25,000 (for contracts signed between 4 June 2020 and 31 December 2020) or \$15,000 (for contracts signed between 1 January 2021 and 31 March 2021) to build a new home, substantially renovate an existing home or buy an off the plan home/new home.

HomeBuilder is available to individual applicants and couples who are, or will be, registered as the owner/s on the certificate of title. If a person is the only person who is listed, or will be listed, on the certificate of title as owner of the property, they must apply as an individual applicant. If there is, or will be, more than one person listed on the certificate of title, they must jointly apply as a couple provided they meet the definition of 'couple' set by the Commonwealth for this program.

Each applicant must be:

- a natural person (not a company or trust)
- aged 18 years or older at the date of the contract
- an Australian citizen at the date of application.

The eligible contract must be signed between 4 June 2020 and 31 March 2021 (inclusive).

Construction must commence within six months of the contract date. However, construction cannot have commenced before 4 June 2020.

The Australian Government HomeBuilder Grant is subject to the provisions of the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) between the NSW Government and Australian Government. While Revenue NSW is responsible for administering the Scheme in NSW, the policy and the parameters of the Scheme remain the responsibility of the Federal Treasurer.

Applications can be submitted once contracts are signed but payments are made as follows:

- For a new build – after foundations have been laid and the first progress payment has been made to the builder
- For a substantial renovation –after construction has commenced and evidence is submitted showing payments of at least \$150,000 of the contract price have been made to the builder;
- For an off the plan home/new home contract – after evidence is submitted showing that the property has been registered under the applicant's name on the certificate of title.

\*4628 BARDIA PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many students are currently enrolled at Bardia Public School as at 10 November 2020?
- (2) What is the enrolment capacity of Bardia Public School?
- (3) If the school is not yet at capacity, when is enrolment capacity expected to be reached at Bardia Public School?

Answer—

- (1) 711 students.
- (2) and (3) Every eligible student who wishes to attend a Government school will be given a place at their local school. Accordingly, the Department of Education does not have fixed enrolment capacities at Government schools. Schools have the capacity to adapt to fluctuating enrolments through the use of a combination of temporary and permanent teaching spaces.

\*4629 DENHAM COURT ROAD—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What plans exist to upgrade Denham Court Road?
  - (a) What is the anticipated cost of the proposed works?
  - (b) What is the expected time-frame for the completion of these works?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for both the Campbelltown City Council and the Liverpool City Council.

\*4630 BUS ROUTES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) In each year from 2017 to 2020 (to 10 November 2020), how much revenue was collected from fares for each of the following bus routes:
  - (a) 840;
  - (b) 851;
  - (c) 852;
  - (d) 853;
  - (e) 854;
  - (f) 865;
  - (g) 866;
  - (h) 869 ;
  - (i) 870;
  - (j) 871;
  - (k) 872;
  - (l) 873;
  - (m) 875?
- (2) For each of the bus routes listed in (1):
  - (a) How many fines were issued for fare evasion?
  - (b) What was the total collected from these fines?

Answer—

I am advised:

1. Revenue collected via Opal card is not differentiated on a route level.

2a. 157 fines were issued.

b. \$10,290.63.

\*4631 ISOLATED PATIENTS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How is the nightly accommodation rate for the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation

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Assistance Scheme calculated?

- (2) Does this rate reflect the price of accommodation in specific areas?
- (3) Is there a tiered system for geographical location of accommodation to meet the costs associated with the location?
- (4) When did NSW Health last undertake a review of the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme reimbursement rates?

Answer—

The Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) Policy Directive and Assessment Guidelines were released in August 2019, following a review in 2017-18.

The accommodation subsidy rates are outlined in the IPTAAS Assessment Guidelines.

\*4632 RENAL DIALYSIS CHAIRS COSTS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering LA 3052 which stated that "the cost of establishing a renal dialysis chair and its per annum operating costs vary significantly", what is the variance of the establishment figures and the average ongoing operating costs?

Answer—

The considerable variability in location and other conditions relating to the cost of establishing a renal dialysis chair means that it is not possible to provide a simple 'one size fits all' response to the Member's questions.

\*4633 NSW-VICTORIA BORDER CLOSURE—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Considering delays in NSW Health approving border permits, what is the Government doing to ensure urgent border permit requests are granted promptly in the event of a future New South Wales-Victoria border closure?
- (2) What support is the Government providing to families divided and traumatised by the New South Wales-Victoria border closure?

Answer—

(1) to (2)

Similar questions were also asked in the Legislative Council by the Hon. Robert Borsak MLC, and I refer the Member to the response provided on 9 December 2020.

The Order governing border restrictions between New South Wales and Victoria was repealed on 23 November 2020.

I acknowledge the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and particularly the challenges for those impacted by border closures across Australia. NSW Health and other Government agencies have worked extremely hard throughout 2020 to minimise the impact of the pandemic and of border restrictions on New South Wales communities.

\*4634 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE TEMPORARY PERMIT SYSTEM—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Considering up to 40,000 people have recently gathered at stadium-based sporting events in metropolitan Sydney, will consideration now be given to the removing the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service's implemented COVID-19 response measure known as the "temporary permit system", which is still being used to temporarily limit the number of persons wishing to access horse-camps in the northern end of Kosciuszko National Park?
- (2) When will the temporary permit system be removed to further facilitate open access for those persons and health-order compliant groups to use our public lands, to also boost tourist and economic activity?

Answer—

- (1) Protecting the health and safety of visitors continues to be a priority. Bookings are required for all campgrounds in NSW national parks to meet Public Health Orders, manage capacity, and ensure the safety and enjoyment of visitors. The campgrounds in the northern end of Kosciuszko National Park are available for booking online at 100 per cent of pre-COVID19 capacity.
- (2) The National Parks and Wildlife Service will implement a booking system that continues to support high levels of visitation and meets public health and safety requirements.

\*4635 CHILD SAFE STANDARDS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Considering the response to LA Q3936, what date in late 2020 will the Office of the Children's Guardian commence stakeholder engagement concerning Child Safe Standards in New South Wales schools?
- (2) What will the duration of this process be?
- (3) Who will be recognised as a stakeholder in the engagement process?
- (4) What will the stakeholder engagement process involve?
- (5) Will school students and parents of school students be allowed to participate in the stakeholder engagement process?
  - (a) If so, how will they be able to register their interest or enter this process?

Answer—

As advised in my answer to LA Question on Notice 3936, the Office of the Children's Guardian (OCG) undertook extensive consultation on the design of a regulatory scheme to support implementation of the Child Safe Standards in 2019.

The Exposure Draft bill can be viewed here <https://www.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say/child-safe-standards-regulatory-scheme>. Stakeholders including young people and interested community members are invited to comment on the draft Bill.

\*4636 KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK WILD BRUMBIES—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What is the most recent number of wild brumbies inhabiting the Kosciuszko National Park?
- (2) When were these figures calculated?
- (3) What was the process used to establish these figures?
- (4) How accurate are the population figures?
- (5) Are those figures estimated?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1)-(5) A park-specific survey to estimate the wild horse population has been undertaken in the fourth quarter of 2020. Results will be publicly released following independent peer review. Internationally recognised best practice methods are used for estimating wild animal populations. These methods are widely accepted as providing robust and credible estimates. Previous population estimates, including detailed information on methods and accuracy, are publicly available on the Australian Alps National Parks website.

\*4637 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EDUCATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Considering figures from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research for the year ended June 2020 found half of all domestic violence assault offenders in police proceedings are men and boys aged under 40 and that the reason listed for this are a lack of life experience and education about what to expect in a relationship; what education programs are in place in schools to change this?

Answer—

In New South Wales, respectful relationships education is included in the mandatory Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) K-10 Syllabus for all students, including primary school students. This new syllabus comprises strengthened content related to domestic violence.

Senior students in New South Wales public schools extend their learning about respectful relationships, protective strategies, power, abuse and violence as part of the mandatory 25-hour Life Ready course.

Schools are best placed to determine the resources used to deliver respectful relationships related content within PDHPE. Schools have the flexibility to choose resources that are age and stage appropriate, and in line with the ethos of their school and context.

\*4638 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EDUCATION FOR YOUNG MALES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

Considering the results of a White Ribbon survey that 42 per cent of men aged 18 to 34 did not consider "hitting, punching or restraining" another person to be "a type of domestic violence", what is the Government doing to educate men, particularly in this age group about what is domestic violence?



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Answer—

I am advised:

The data presented in the question does not reflect the published results of the White Ribbon Essential survey. The published survey results note that approximately 82 percent of respondents reported they consider hitting, punching, or restraining in any way as a form of domestic violence (or 88 percent of women and 75 percent of men, respectively).

The NSW Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint for Reform 2016-2021: Safer Lives for Women, Men and Children (Blueprint) focuses on prevention and early intervention strategies to achieve a substantial and continued reduction in the rate of domestic and family violence. As an action under the Blueprint, the Government released the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Prevention and Early Intervention Strategy 2017–2021, which sets out a direction for the way NSW Government agencies, non-government organisations and communities design and implement prevention and early intervention strategies. This is in addition to the recently launched NSW Government Youth Domestic and Family Violence Strategy 2019 – 2022. This is the first comprehensive strategy in New South Wales that addresses the specific needs of young people committing, or experiencing, domestic and family violence.

Programs that address education and awareness about domestic and family violence among young men include:

- Students from Kindergarten to Year 10 learn about respectful relationships, the effect of violence on relationships and domestic violence prevention through the mandatory syllabus of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.
- Tackling Violence is a Government community education, early intervention and prevention program using regional rugby league clubs to promote changed attitudes and behaviours to domestic violence.
- An annual grants program for Local Domestic and Family Violence Committees funds projects that raise awareness in the community of the impacts of domestic and family violence and reinforce messages about positive behaviours and social norms rejecting violence against women, especially during the 16 days of activism.
- Commencing in June 2020, the Government joined with Crime Stoppers to encourage bystanders to report to police, suspected domestic violence occurring in their neighbourhood. The ads ran across all commercial television networks (and their catch up channels), on SBS, social media and in GP surgeries.
- In June 2020, the Government launched the Speak Out campaign to offer safe referral, to the NSW DV Line for women particularly women of diverse cultural background, needing support and assistance.
- Government invests in Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS) and Our Watch supporting and evidence based approach to addressing gendered behaviours, cultures and attitudes that reinforces and creates violence against women and children.

\*4639 STATISTICS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION IN ETHICS PARTICIPATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Why does the Department of Education not centrally collect participation statistics for Special Education in Ethics?

Answer—

Schools collect information on parent choice regarding Special Religious Education/Special Education in Ethics at the point of enrolment. The information is collected for the purposes of planning at individual schools.

\*4640 SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STATISTICS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Why does the Department of Education not centrally collect participation statistics for Special Religious Education?

Answer—

See answer to question 4639.

\*4641 LOVE BITES PROGRAM IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

How many schools in the Wallsend electorate received funding to implement the Love Bites program in the 2019-20 financial year?

Answer—

Principals, in consultation with the school community, make decisions on whether to allocate school resources to optional programs based on the suitability of the content and materials. The Department of Education does not collect information around programs and initiatives that remain the responsibility of the Principal.

\*4642 FUTURE SOCIAL HOUSING FOR THE NEWCASTLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many social housing properties are planned to be built in the Newcastle local government area in each financial year from 2020-21 to 2022-23?
- (2) How many of these properties will be:
  - (a) Single structure houses;
  - (b) Town houses;
  - (c) Unit complexes?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) In the Newcastle Local Government Area, NSW Land and Housing Corporation has:
  - no current plans to build in the 2020-21 financial year
  - 45 in the 2021-22 financial year
  - 18 in the 2022-23 financial year.
- (2) Of these properties, which are built fit for purpose to meet the needs of tenants:
  - 18 will be single structures
  - Five will be dual occupancy or manor house buildings
  - 40 will be units.

\*4643 SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION IN ETHICS STATISTICS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Why does the Department of Education not centrally collect participation statistics for non-attendance in Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics classes?

Answer—

See answer to question 4639.

\*4644 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EDUCATION AND PROGRAMS FOR COMMUNITIES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

Considering figures from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research for the year ended June 2020 found half of all domestic violence assault offenders in police proceedings are men and boys aged under 40 and that the reason listed for this are a lack of life experience and education about what to expect in a relationship; what education and community programs are in place to change this?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to my answer to LA Question on Notice 4638.

In addition, the Government continues to invest in community-based Men's Behaviour Change Programs (MBCP) in 14 locations across New South Wales. MBCPs are a specialist service for men who use violence in their intimate, domestic and family relationships. Services assist men to understand the impact and consequences of their behaviour, to support men to take responsibility for their behaviour, and finally, to support men to stop using violent and abusive behaviour in their intimate, domestic and family relationships.

\*4645 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT DURING COVID-19—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Considering there has been a sharp increase in reports of domestic and family violence during the COVID-19 social restrictions in sections of the Wallsend electorate, how is the Government

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supporting existing women's shelters and counselling services to meet significantly increased demand?

(2) What extra crisis accommodation is being provided?

Answer—

The Government is committed to ensuring our frontline sexual, domestic and family violence services, including women's shelters and counselling services, remain available for those that need them, while also adhering to advice from health experts about how to keep our clients and staff safe during COVID-19.

On 27 March 2020, the Government announced the second stage of its economic package in response to COVID-19. The package aims to keep people in jobs, help businesses and support the most vulnerable.. The package included \$34 million to support people experiencing homelessness:

- \$14 million to increase the supply and flexibility of temporary accommodation across the state, including accommodation such as hotels and motels suitable for self-isolation.
- \$20 million to assist people escaping domestic and family violence to access and sustain stable housing in the private rental market.

On 26 May 2020, the Government announced a \$21 million package to respond specifically to sexual and domestic and family violence during the COVID- 19 pandemic. The majority of this investment was distributed to frontline specialist domestic and family violence services with existing Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) or Legal Aid contracts to enable such services to respond to anticipated increase in demand and/or complexity of cases. Full details on the allocation of this funding is available at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/news/funding-boost-to-support-domestic-violence-during-covid-19>.

On 26 August 2020, the Government announced a \$9 million grant distributed amongst eligible frontline sexual, domestic and family violence services to adapt their service delivery to meet the challenges of COVID-19. Details of successful applicants can be found on the Women NSW website at <https://www.women.nsw.gov.au/commissioning/DFVCovid19Funding/covid-19-dfv-funding-tranche-2-successful-applicants>.

I am advised New South Wales has received its final tranche of \$21 million in Commonwealth domestic violence COVID-19 stimulus funding. Allocation of the final tranche of funding will occur in 2020-21.

In 2020-21, DCJ will allocate a total of \$291 million to specialist homelessness services, including in the Wallsend electorate. This allocation includes the funding of 86 women's refuges across New South Wales.

A range of additional programs are funded to support women experiencing homelessness as a result of domestic violence, including:

- Start Safely, a private rental assistance product that provides a subsidy and links to support services, for people experiencing domestic violence to access the private rental market.
- Temporary Accommodation, which provides a safety net and ensures, wherever possible, that a person experiencing homelessness can be accommodated on any given night.
- Staying Home Leaving Violence, supports women and children experiencing domestic violence remain safely in their home or a home of their choice, with the perpetrator removed to alternative accommodation.

\*4646 BATEAU BAY LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION PROPERTY AT FAYE CLOSE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How long has the Land and Housing Corporation property located at 5 and 6 Faye Close, Bateau Bay been vacant and boarded up?
- (2) When will this property be renovated and made available to social housing?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The properties at 5 and 6 Faye Close, Bateau Bay were vacated in September 2012 due to extensive termite damage.
- (2) The properties are not being re-tenanted and are to be sold.

\*4647 BATEAU BAY LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION ESTATE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many social housing homes are on the Land and Housing Corporation estate enclosed by Rotherham Street, Eastern Road and Cresthaven Avenue, Bateau Bay?

- (2) How many residential buildings have been sold since 2011 (to 11 November 2020)?
  - (a) How many bedrooms were each of these?
- (3) How many parcels of land have sold since 2011 (to 11 November 2020)?
- (4) How many new homes have been build as social housing land on Land and Housing Corporation land since 2011 (to 11 November 2020)?
- (5) When will the Government invest in the estate?

Answer—

- (1) As at 1 November 2020, 277 social housing homes are in NSW Land and Housing Corporation's (LAHC) Bateau Bay Estate enclosed by Rotherham Street, Eastern Road and Cresthaven Avenue, Bateau Bay.
- (2) Since 2011 (to 31 October 2020), two three-bedroom dwellings have been sold in Bateau Bay. Both dwellings are located within the Bateau Bay Estate.
- (3) Since 2011 (to 31 October 2020), 12 parcels of land have been sold in Bateau Bay. 11 of the 12 parcels of land are located within the Bateau Bay Estate.
- (4) Since 2011 (to 31 October 2020), no new homes have been built as social housing on LAHC-owned land in Bateau Bay.
- (5) There are no current redevelopments programmed within the Bateau Bay Estate for the current or the following financial year. However, LAHC is continually reviewing the portfolio across the wider Central Coast local government area for opportunities to provide more and better social housing.

\*4648 WYOMING LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION ESTATE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many social housisng homes are located on the land comprising the Land and Housing Corporation estate located at Wyoming and bounded Penworth Close, Banyan Close, Maidens Brush Road, Birch Road and Japonica Drive?
- (2) How many residences have been sold since 2011(to 11 November 2020)?
  - (a) How many bedrooms were each of these?
- (3) How many parcels of land have been sold since 2011 (to 11 November 2020)?
- (4) How many new social housing homes have been built there since 2011 (to 11 November 2020)?
- (5) When will the Government invest in this estate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are 174 NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) owned social housing homes located on the land comprising the Land and Housing Corporation estate located at Wyoming and bounded by Penworth Close, Banyan Close, Maidens Brush Road, Birch Road and Japonica Drive.
- (2) Between 1 January 2011 and 31 October 2020, four three-bedroom dwellings, one four-bedroom dwelling and one community purpose asset were sold in Wyoming. These dwellings were located outside the Wyoming Estate.
- (3) Between 1 January 2011 and 31 October 2020, one parcel of land in Wyoming was sold, which was located within the Wyoming Estate.
- (4) Between 1 January 2011 and 31 October 2020, no new social housing homes were built in Wyoming.
- (5) There are no current redevelopments programmed within the Estate within the current or next financial year. However, LAHC is continually reviewing the portfolio across the wider Central Coast Local Government Area for opportunities to provide more and better social housing.

\*4649 PACIFIC HIGHWAY STAGE 4 AND 5 UPGRADE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

What work has been done in the last 12 months to progress the stage 4 and 5 upgrade of the Pacific Highway at Lisarow, Narara and Gosford?

Answer—

I am advised:

In the last 12 months the following work has been completed to progress the stage 4 and 5 upgrade of the Pacific Highway at Lisarow, Narara and Gosford:

Stage 4

- Alternative design options were investigated on the Pacific Highway / Manns Road, from Narara Valley Road to Berrys Head Road.

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- Additional traffic investigations and engineering investigations were undertaken, to identify high priority locations within the whole Stage 4 corridor.
- One property acquisition commenced under hardship provisions.

Stage 5 (ongoing)

- Contract was awarded to SMEC Holdings (formerly Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation) and detailed design commenced for an upgrade at the intersection Stockyard Place & Manns Road at Narara.
- Under the same contract, detailed design commenced for an upgrade at the intersection Narara Creek Road & Manns Road at West Gosford.

\*4650 WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL MIDWIFE PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Is the Government aware of the growing demands on the Midwife program at Wollongong Hospital from local residents?
- (2) What is the current funding allocated for this service?
- (3) Will the Government review this program with a view to expanding the service?
  - (a) If so, when will this take place?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) to (3)

The Midwifery Group Practice at Wollongong hospital is one model of care available for women in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District. This model is appropriate for women with low risk pregnancy, and some women who may wish to use the service fall outside of this category. I am advised the District is considering new models of care to provide women with more options for continuity of care.

Midwifery Group Practice funding is part of the overall maternity services budget.

\*4651 SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) In 2019 and 2020 (to 10 November 2020), how many students were suspended from each of the following schools:
  - (a) Austinmer Public School;
  - (b) Balgownie Public School;
  - (c) Bellambi Public School;
  - (d) Bulli Public School;
  - (e) Bulli High School;
  - (f) Coledale Public School;
  - (g) Corrimal High School;
  - (h) Corrimal Easy Public School;
  - (i) Fairy Meadow Public School;
  - (j) Fig Tree High School;
  - (k) Figtree Heights Public School;
  - (l) Keiraville Public School;
  - (m) Lindsay Park Public School;
  - (n) Mount Keira Public School;
  - (o) Mount Ousley Public School;
  - (p) Nareena Hills Public School;
  - (q) Pleasant Heights Public School;
  - (r) Russell Vale Public School;
  - (s) Tarrawanna Public School;
  - (t) Thirroul Public School;
  - (u) Wanjiora Public School;
  - (v) Wollongong High School of Performing Arts;
  - (w) Woonona East Public School;
  - (x) Woonona High School;
  - (y) Woonona Public School;
- (2) How many of those students in (1) were suspended more than once in the year?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education publishes data on short suspensions and long suspensions broken down by a number of factors, including age groups, gender, geographical area and for Aboriginal students on its website. To protect individual students' identities, the Department does not publish suspension and expulsion data by school district or individual schools. The Department does not publish the number of students that were suspended multiple times. Suspension and expulsion data can be found on the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation website at <https://data.cese.nsw.gov.au/data/dataset/suspensions-and-expulsions-in-nsw-government-school>.
- (2) To protect individual students' identities, the Department does not publish suspension and expulsion data by school district or individual schools. The Department does not publish the number of students that were suspended multiple times.

\*4652 MORUYA HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Has the Minister been made aware of a leaking roof in the Maternity Ward at Moruya Hospital in 2020?
- (2) Were patients, either mothers and/or babies moved due to the leaking roof?
  - (a) If so, for how long?
- (3) What works have taken place to fix this issue?
- (4) After the roof was leaking in 2018 were works carried out to fix the leak?
- (5) Is the Minister aware of reports that there are holes in the floor in the postnatal ward which can be seen through?
  - (a) When will this be fixed?

Answer—

(1) to (5)

I am advised that no patients were required to be relocated due to a leaking roof caused by heavy rainfall at Moruya Hospital. The roof has since been repaired.

I am further advised that the slight gap in flooring material within the postnatal ward has been repaired and new replacement floorcovering has been ordered.

\*4653 ILLAWARRA AND SHOALHAVEN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) Considering the Child, Adolescent and Youth Mental Health Service - Illawarra and Shoalhaven, did the service receive an increase in demand from January 2020 to 30 September 2020 compared to January 2019 to 30 September 2019?
- (2) Was the service given extra funding from January 2020 to 30 September 2020 compared to January 2019 to 30 September 2019?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

\*4654 NSW MENTAL HEALTH HELPLINE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) What was the number of calls received by the NSW Mental Health Helpline from:
  - (a) January 2019 to 30 September 2019?
  - (b) January 2020 to 30 September 2020?

Answer—

The number of calls received by the NSW Mental Health Line from January 2020 to 30 September 2020, increased by 2.6 per cent compared to the same period in 2019.

\*4655 NSW DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WORKING GROUPS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Considering working groups established by NSW Department of Health, are minutes kept from those working groups meetings?
  - (a) If so, are they made public?
  - (b) If not, why not?

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Answer—

I am advised the NSW Ministry of Health does not hold or centrally collate this information.

\*4656 TEACHER LIBRARIANS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Which schools in the Keira electorate have full time Librarians?

(a) Of those that don't have full time Librarians, when will they be appointed?

Answer—

(1) Eight schools in Keira electorate have full-time (1.0 FTE) teacher librarian entitlement:

- Bulli High School
- Corrimal High School
- Figtree High School
- Keira High School
- Thirroul Public School
- Wollongong High School of Performing Arts
- Woonona High School
- Woonona Public School

(a) All of the above, except for Woonona Public School, have permanent teacher librarians appointed to the positions. The position at Woonona Public School became vacant in October 2020 following the retirement of the substantive occupant. The Department of Education will work with the principal of the school to fill this vacancy as soon as possible.

\*4657 MURWILLUMBAH SCHOOL MERGER—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Will the Government heed four Parents and Citizens Association executives' joint public call to halt and consult on its announcement to close Murwillumbah's four existing schools and merge them into one 'mega' Education Campus by 2024?

Answer—

The Government has made the decision to provide the campus based on a thorough examination of a range of factors and a belief that this project offers the best opportunity to provide an exceptional education experience for students in Murwillumbah.

Early planning has involved a review and analysis of population projections, enrolment and teaching space projections, educational requirements, current schooling options, catchment boundaries, site locations and sizes, transport links, and condition of existing schools.

The review was undertaken in consultation with the Department of Education service planning team, technical advisors and local Directors of Educational Leadership.

Discussions were held with the Principals of each school to understand current challenges and constraints, operational requirements and educational aspirations.

A virtual community-information session was held online from 13 November to 23 November 2020. Shortly the Department will conduct an online survey so stakeholder and community feedback can continue to be used to help inform the design of the campus in a COVID-safe way.

\*4658 QUICK RESPONSE CODE CHECK-IN SYSTEMS—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Customer Service—

How will the recently announced mandatory policy to roll out the Quick Response (QR) code check-in systems, with concomitant penalties, be implemented as part of the COVID-19 response in areas without mobile phone reception, and to country residents who do not own smartphones?

Answer—

From 23 November 2020, it became mandatory for certain types of businesses to use electronic check-in methods to collect patron and staff details. Businesses and organisations can choose a digital process or system that best works for them including the NSW Government's COVID Safe Check-in tool.

For patrons who do not have access to a smartphone, businesses and organisations are encouraged to record their contact details and time of entry digitally using a device, such as a computer or tablet. This record can be in the form of a spreadsheet or any other form of digital entry that can track customer check-ins and protects the privacy of patrons.

\*4659 FLOOD PROTECTION STRATEGY—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Does the Government have a comprehensive strategy for protecting Lismore and Murwillumbah's Central Business and Industry Districts and residential areas from suffering a repeat of the devastating 2017 floods?
- (2) Does the Government intend to give more property owners the opportunity to participate in the Voluntary House Raising Scheme and the Voluntary Purchase Scheme by significantly increasing funding to make these schemes more available in floodprone communities like Lismore, Murwillumbah and Kyogle?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) Following the 2017 floods, the Government has been working closely with Rous County Council, Lismore City Council and Tweed Shire Council to review and, where necessary, update their floodplain risk management studies and floodplain risk management plans.

Under the NSW Floodplain Management Program, Government provides funding and technical assistance to local councils to manage flood risk and build community resilience through preparation and implementation of floodplain risk management plans.

(2) The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment will continue to fund the Voluntary Purchase Scheme and Voluntary House Raising Scheme as part of the Floodplain Management Program.

\*4660 LISMORE ELECTORATE INTENSIVE SUPPORT PROGRAMS—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

Will the Government guarantee funding beyond 31 December 2020 for intensive support programs in the Lismore electorate to keep vulnerable children and young people safe at home and stop them escalating into the out-of-home care system?

Answer—

The Government recognises the importance of intensive family support services and has made a commitment of up to \$171.9 million over four years (\$41.4 million in 2020-21) to implement evidence based therapeutic programs for family preservation, and restoration to support permanency outcomes for children in out-of-home care across NSW.

These programs include Multisystemic Therapy for Child Abuse and Neglect (MST-CAN), Functional Family Therapy through Child Welfare (FFT-CW), Nabu, Beyond Barbed Wire, Futures Planning and Support, and trauma treatment and healing services for children and young people in care or at risk of entering care.

This commitment is in addition to the funding provided for family preservation services, including Brighter Futures, Intensive Family Based Services, Intensive Family Preservation, Non Placement Services, Resilient Families and Youth Hope. Funding for these services has been extended to 30 June 2021.

I am advised the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) will work closely with existing providers to confirm recommissioning processes and timeframes in early 2021 to support program delivery from 1 July 2021. DCJ will work in partnership with providers to deliver high quality services to keep children and families together safely. This will be informed by the evaluations of our programs, to assist us in continuing best evidence based practice.

\*4661 MURWILLUMBAH EDUCATION CAMPUS—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Why did the Government not consult with the school communities of Murwillumbah High, Wollumbin High, Murwillumbah Public and Murwillumbah East Public, including Parents & Citizens Associations and teachers, before announcing the closure these schools and merger into one 'mega' Murwillumbah Education Campus by 2024?

Answer—

The Government has made the decision to provide the campus based on a thorough examination of a range of factors and a belief that this project offers the best opportunity to provide an exceptional education experience for students in Murwillumbah.



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Early planning has involved a review and analysis of population projections, enrolment and teaching space projections, educational requirements, current schooling options, catchment boundaries, site locations and sizes, transport links, and condition of existing schools.

The review was undertaken in consultation with the Department of Education service planning team, technical advisors and local Directors of Educational Leadership.

Discussions were held with the Principals of each school to understand current challenges and constraints, operational requirements and educational aspirations.

A virtual community-information session was held online from 13 November to 23 November 2020. Shortly the Department will conduct an online survey so stakeholder and community feedback can continue to be used to help inform the design of the campus in a COVID-safe way.

**\*4662 MURWILLUMBAH EDUCATION CAMPUS MERGER EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS**—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What are the evidence-based educational benefits to Murwillumbah's primary and secondary school students of the plan to close four public schools with their own well-established traditions of academic, sporting and cultural excellence, and merge them into one 'mega' Murwillumbah Education Campus by 2024?

Answer—

Research indicates that the most significant 'in school' factor is the quality of the teaching and that school size has little effect on student success. Part of the advantage of this new setting is that there will be new opportunities to enhance teacher capacity and collaboration. Professional learning for all staff will be enhanced through the collective expertise within each school and will focus on current and future pedagogical research.

The new Murwillumbah Education Campus facilities will reflect contemporary, best-practice education design principles providing students in Murwillumbah with access to innovative, flexible and digitally connected learning spaces. These facilities will complement continuous innovation in teaching and learning and a broad range of subjects will be offered at all levels of study. Integrated technology, high quality creative and performing arts facilities and varied learning spaces will facilitate rich learning environments for all staff and students.

With increased numbers of staff in the new secondary school, greater subject choice with specialised teachers and associated learning opportunities will be provided.

Students can follow preferred learning pathways, enabling richer pathways to post school destinations.

In the primary school, increased staff numbers on the one site will bring enhanced entitlements which has the potential for additional executive staff, such as a non-teaching deputy principal and options for full time instructional leaders. There will be greater opportunity for cultural and sporting opportunities for all students with easy access to specialised resources at the high school.

The school communities will have opportunities to decide how the rich histories of the four schools will be maintained and celebrated in the new primary and secondary settings. The new education campus will build on and extend each school's unique strengths to establish a renewed, shared identity and culture while respecting the heritage and history of each school.

**\*4663 SCHOOL CLOSURE CONSULTATION**—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Is it Government policy to limit primary consultation on planned public school closures to school principals, thereby excluding the Parents & Citizens Association executives and the NSW Teachers Federation?

Answer—

Changes to the educational offering, such as the investment in the new Murwillumbah Education Precinct, will include extensive consultation with the school community to ensure the model meets educational and operational needs.

**\*4664 MURWILLUMBAH EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL RENOVATION**—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Considering advice on 16 June 2020 that the promised restoration of Murwillumbah East Public School's 2017 Tropical Cyclone Debbie flood-damaged library and four classrooms would be commenced in mid-2021; why had the school's closure and three other Murwillumbah schools in February 2020 been approved?

Answer—

The planning process to upgrade Murwillumbah East Public School commenced in 2018. It has been a rigorous and complex process.

In December 2019, the Department of Education commenced a program of early works at the site to address urgent requirements, including the demolition of flood damaged buildings, and to provide immediate improvements for the school.

Given the site is in front of the flood levy, consideration was also given to how Murwillumbah East Public School could be upgraded in a way that would mitigate the risk of future flooding. The most appropriate option was to relocate the school.

This triggered a strategic review of current and projected education service needs for the Murwillumbah community as a whole. This review found that providing an integrated education campus for Murwillumbah would deliver greater benefits to more students than could be gained by upgrading individual schools.

At the time of the response provided in June 2020, funding approval had not yet been received to progress the Murwillumbah Education Campus. As such, the project to deliver an upgrade at Murwillumbah East Public School was continuing and advice at the time indicated works were due to commence in mid-2021.

**\*4665 MURWILLUMBAH TEACHING POSITIONS—**Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

If the Government proceeds with the plan to close Murwillumbah's four existing schools and merge them into one mega Education Campus by 2024, is there a guarantee that all current teaching and support staff positions, including temporary and casual positions, at Murwillumbah High, Wollumbin High, Murwillumbah Public and Murwillumbah East Public schools will be protected?

Answer—

There will be no permanent job losses as a result of the establishment of the Murwillumbah Education Campus.

The employment arrangements for temporary and casual staff are managed by the principal to meet the needs of the school.

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**\*4666 COMMFISH—**Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Did CommFish meet on 2 October 2020 as documented in the CommFish Chair's Summary Meeting 14?
- (2) Why are the minutes not available on the Department of Primary Industries website?
  - (a) When will they be uploaded?
- (3) Were the recommendations and Government's response to the independent assessment of the socio-economic impacts of the Government's Commercial Fisheries Business Adjustment Program (BAP) discussed at this meeting?
- (4) Has CommFish provided feedback to the Minister regarding the recommendations and the Government's response?
  - (a) If so, when was it provided?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The minutes are available on the website.
- (3) No.
- (4) Yes.

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(a) 21 September 2020.

\*4667 ABC COUNTRY HOUR INTERVIEW—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Considering the Minister acknowledged in his 4 November 2020 interview with Michael Condon on the ABC Country Hour program that there were 'winners and losers' from the reforms, how many 'winners' were there?
- (2) How many 'losers' were there?
- (3) What will the Government do to assist and support the 'losers'?

Answer—

- (1) I used this expression to highlight how varied the feedback from stakeholders can be regarding their own experiences with the commercial fishing reforms.
- (2) NA.
- (3) The NSW Government provided significant and substantial financial assistance to the commercial fishing industry throughout the Commercial Fisheries Business Adjustment Program. Further, the NSW Government announced \$9 million in direct industry assistance earlier this year, providing support for the industry through fee waivers and stimulus initiatives.

\*4668 GHOST LICENCES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) What is a ghost licence in relation to the Barclay Report, as referred to by the Minister on the ABC Country Hour program on 4 November 2020?
- (2) How many people have ghost licences?
- (3) When will the announcement the Minister referred to be made?
- (4) Who are the "other advisory committees" the Minister is waiting for formal feedback from?

Answer—

The Economic Analysis and Social and Economic monitoring following the NSW Commercial Fisheries Business Adjustment Program report made four recommendations, all of which have been supported by the NSW Government. Work has already commenced to establish an ongoing social and economic monitoring framework for the sector.

A copy of the report and Government's response is available here; <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/commercial/reform>

\*4669 CREATIVE KIDS PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) In each of the financial quarters since the Creative Kids program commenced, how many vouchers have been applied for in the Maitland electorate as at 30th September 2020?
  - (a) How many Creative Kids vouchers have been redeemed in the Maitland electorate?
- (2) What is the total breakdown by art for which the Creative Kids vouchers were utilised, listed by quarter since the program began?
- (3) How many children have dropped out of arts programs for which a Creative Kids rebate was issued, listed by quarter since the program began?
- (4) How many registered activity providers are operating in the Maitland electorate?
  - (a) What are the names of all these registered activity providers in the Maitland electorate?
- (5) How many vouchers have been redeemed by online art providers for students to participate in the program at home?
- (6) How many children are eligible for the Creative Kids program in the Maitland electorate?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts.

\*4670 ACTIVE KIDS PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) In each of the financial quarters since the Active Kids program commenced, how many vouchers have been applied for in the Maitland electorate as at 30th September 2020?
- (2) How many Active Kids vouchers have been redeemed in the Maitland electorate?
- (3) What is the total breakdown by sport for which the Active Kids vouchers were utilised, listed by

quarter since the program began?

- (4) How many children have dropped out of sports programs for which an Active Kids rebate was issued, listed by quarter since the program began?
- (5) How many registered Active Kids providers are operating in the Maitland electorate?
  - (a) What are the names of all these registered activity providers in the Maitland electorate?
- (6) How many children are eligible for the Active Kids program in the Maitland electorate?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans..

\*4671 SOUTHERN BORDER SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT GRANT—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many small businesses or not-for-profit business, listed by industry and Local Government Area, have applied for the Southern Border Small Business Support Grant by industry and Local Government Area (as at 31 October 2020)?
  - (a) How many were approved?
  - (b) How many were denied?
  - (c) How many are pending?
- (2) What was the total value of applications processed for the Southern Small Business Support Grant, listed by industry and Local Government Area?
  - (a) What was the average processing time?
  - (b) What was the average time for money to be received by the applicant?
  - (c) Has the program been extended again past 31 October 2020?

Answer—

(1) Please see Appendix B.

(2) The average processing time, calculated as the time between the application date and the date of grant payment, was 5 days. A breakdown of the processing time by stage is unavailable.

(3) The Southern Border Small Business Support Grant closed for applications on 31 October 2020 and has not been extended.

\*4672 EAST MAITLAND RETURN AND EARN DONATION STATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) How many containers have been processed by the Return and Earn donation station located at Service NSW East Maitland as at 12 November 2020?
- (2) What is the total amount of the donations made at that station?
- (3) Which charities have benefitted from the generosity of those who have used the East Maitland donation station?
- (4) How much has each charity received?
- (5) How many charity options are available at the East Maitland station?
- (6) Will additional donation stations be installed in the Maitland electorate?
  - (a) If so, when?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) 20,173.

(2) \$2,017.30.

(3) The following charities have benefitted:

- Cancer Council
- Australian Red Cross
- Achieve Australia
- Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife
- Interrelate
- Parkinsons NSW
- CareFlight
- Rural Aid (Bottles for the Bush)
- WWF-Australia (Cans for Koalas)

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(4) Information on donation amounts made to charities is reported at the statewide level, not at the individual return point level.

(5) Donation stations have one charity option at any given time.

(6) No.

(a) Not applicable.

(b) The community's access to donate to charities via the Return and Earn network is considerable. There are currently over 300 reverse vending machine (RVM) locations across New South Wales including four in the Maitland electorate. Each RVM provides an opportunity for up to four state-wide or local charities to be listed to receive donations.

\*4673 FARLEY WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) Considering Hunter Water's operations at the Farley Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) and their Licence No.733, has the Hunter River Estuary Model and Determination of Future Load and Concentration Limits study been conducted?

(a) If not, why not?

(2) Considering the NSW Environment Protection Authority website which states that the Hunter River Estuary Model and Determination of Future Load and Concentration Limits study commenced on 27 April 2015 but fails to provide a completion date, has it been finalised?

(3) Considering a Notice of Variation of Licence No.733 was submitted on 7 December 2018 that requested a six month extension for the submission of a report detailing the findings of the investigations from the Hunter River Estuary model, which was to be submitted electronically to [hunter.region@epa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hunter.region@epa.nsw.gov.au), was this report received by 12 July 2019?

(a) Did the report identify proposed load limits for all assessable pollutants listed in the licence?

(i) If not, why not?

(b) Did the report identify a proposed 90 percentile effluent pollutant concentrations for all pollutants specified in the licence?

(i) If not, why not?

(4) What modelling has been done to ensure the volume that is being released by Hunter Water will not impact on neighbouring properties?

(a) Does such modelling incorporate data on the impact of additional housing development at Heritage Parc, Wallis Creek, Gillieston Heights and Cliftleigh Meadows?

(5) How often is water monitoring conducted at and below the WWTW, including all dates, location and results of testing?

(6) Why is primary treated water unable to be used for stock watering on neighbouring properties but is able to be released into Fishery Creek?

(7) What studies have been conducted into the capacity of Fishery Creek?

(8) Considering the current licence summary lists the Current Environmental Risk Level as Level 1, what investigations, surveys or testing have been conducted to establish a Level 1 classification?

(a) How often are such investigations, surveys or testing conducted?

(b) Can a list be provided for all previous occasions for investigations, survey or testing from 2011 to 12 November 2020?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) Hunter River Estuary Wastewater Model & Masterplan - Pollution Studies Reduction Program Report (the Report) was provided to the NSW Environment Protection Authority in July 2019 as required by conditions on Farley Wastewater Treatment Works' (WWTW) Environment Protection Licence 733.

(2) Hunter Water Corporation has complied with their licence condition requiring a report modelling current and potential future operations of five Wastewater Treatment Plants within the Hunter River estuary.

(3) The EPA received the Report by 12 July 2019.

(a) The Report proposed the retention of existing load limits for assessable pollutants. Hunter Water Corporation is now working on a masterplan and load limits will be considered as part of this plan and any future upgrade strategies.

(b) The Report proposed the retention of existing 90 percentile effluent pollutant concentrations. Hunter Water Corporation is now working on a masterplan and 90 percentile concentrations will be considered as part of this plan and any future upgrade strategies.

(3) The Hunter Water Corporation Report, Farley WWTW Stage 3B Upgrade Options Development Report, Revised Final, June 2019, HunterH2O, identifies flow projections for the Farley plant up to the year 2042. It also models plant upgrade and potential effluent concentrations for each pollutant.

(a) The flow projections for the year 2042 are based on projected population growth.

(4) Environment Protection Licence 733 requires pollutant monitoring at monitoring points 1, 3 and 4. The frequency of monitoring varies depending on the pollutant and location. The frequency for each pollutant type and location is detailed in conditions M2 of the Licence available for viewing on the POEO Public Register <https://apps.epa.nsw.gov.au/prpoeoapp/Detail.aspx?instid=733&id=733&option=licence&searchrange=licence&range=POEO%20licence&prp=no&status=Isued> Monitoring points 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are required to be monitored continuously for volume or mass. Monitoring results from 2016 are publicly available on Hunter Water Corporation's website at <https://www.hunterwater.com.au/our-water/epa-monitoring/epa-pollution-monitoring/farley-wwtw>

(5) The treated effluent from Farley WWTW does not meet the NSW Health recycled water requirements for Helminth removal and therefore cannot be used for plant irrigation in relation to cattle grazing. Further queries regarding the health impact of Helminths should be directed to the Minister for Health.

(6) The following studies have been conducted that provide insight into the capacity of Fishery Creek:

- Farley WWTW Stage 3B Upgrade Options Development Report, Revised Final, June 2019, HunterH2O.
- Review of Environmental Factors, Farley Wastewater Treatment Works: Stage 3B Upgrade, February 2020, NGH.
- Perfluoroalkyl Substances Investigative Monitoring, Progress Report 4 - Wastewater Program, April 2017, Hunter Water Corporation.
- Farley WWTW Stage 3B Upgrade Concept Design Report, September 2016, Final, Hunter H2O.
- Farley WWTW Stage 3B Upgrade Options Development Report February 2016, Hunter H2O.
- Environmental Assessment of Fishery Creek Final Report, 17 October 2007, SKM.

(8) Farley WWTW has a current Environmental Risk level of 1, determined using risk assessment process under the EPA's Risk Based Licensing system. The risk assessment process determines an overall environmental risk level, level 1, 2 or 3, with level 3 being the highest risk. The EPA undertakes risk assessments for each licensed facility in consultation with the licence holder and aims to ensure that all environmental protection licensees receive an appropriate level of regulation based on the environmental risk of the activity.

(a) Environmental Risk Assessments are generally undertaken every five years. The EPA undertook a risk assessment of Farley WWTW in 2015.

The Environmental Management Category is assessed on an annual basis. The Environmental Risk Assessment and Environmental Management Category are used to determine the annual environmental risk level.

(b) Risk based licensing commenced in 2015. The environmental risk level for each year since 2015 is:

- 2019: Environmental Risk Level 1
- 2018: Environmental Risk Level 2
- 2017: Environmental Risk Level 2
- 2016: Environmental Risk Level 1
- 2015: Environmental Risk Level 1

\*4674 SCHOOL EXCURSIONS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) How many Stage Three primary school students are there in New South Wales?

(2) How many of these students undertake the unit of work, 'Australia as a nation'?

(3) How many New South Wales primary schools sent students on an overnight excursion to the Australian Capital Territory in support of this unit of work:

(a) During the 2019 school year?

(b) During the 2020 school year (as at 12 November 2020)?

(4) What is the current COVID-19 advice concerning New South Wales school students attending overnight excursions to the Australian Capital Territory?

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Answer—

- (1) In 2020, there are 137,024 Stage 3 public primary students in NSW. The 2020 data for non-government students is not yet available.
- (2) All Stage 3 students in NSW engage with the topic of 'Australia as a nation' through the mandatory outcomes of the NSW K-10 History Syllabus.
- (3) Principals make decisions about what excursions are conducted and where such excursions take place, in line with the Department of Education's Excursion Policy. The Department does not centrally collect information on how many students attend excursions.
- (4) On 5 November 2020, following advice from NSW Health field trips, excursions and overnight activities to the ACT are now able to proceed.

\*4675 WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) For the proposed increase to the Warragamba Dam wall which agency or Department will be responsible for considering the risk of Reservoir Induced Seismicity (RIS)?
- (2) Has any external consultant been engaged to consider the risk of RIS?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) What is the name of that organisation?
    - (ii) When were they first engaged?
    - (iii) When is their report expected to be completed?
- (3) Has a decision yet been reached as to the likelihood of an increased dam wall and holding capacity, be it temporary or permanent, leading to an increased risk of seismic activity?
  - (a) If so, what is the nature of that risk?
- (4) Historically, what is the nature of any links that may have been attributed to the existing Warragamba Dam and seismic activity?

Answer—

(1) WaterNSW (as the owner and operator of Warragamba Dam) is responsible for continually ensuring the dam meets the current Dams Safety NSW guidelines. This includes undertaking risk assessments of the dam – including RIS where appropriate, which more recently, is being referred to as Reservoir-Triggered Earthquakes (RTE).

(2) The design work involved with the Warragamba project is an iterative process, involving two key components:

\* Detailed Concept design; and

\* Detailed design

WaterNSW has engaged a consultant (Stantec and GHD JV) to undertake the Detailed Concept Design for the purposes of assessing the structural capacity of the raised dam to ensure the dam meets Dams Safety NSW requirements. However, an external consultant is yet to be appointed to undertake the Detailed Design, which will relevantly include consideration of RIS (or more correctly RTE, as per ANCOLD guidelines). This work will only be undertaken after the Final Business Case is approved.

(3) Consideration of RTE is one item, of a number of dam safety compliance requirements in accordance with Dams Safety NSW requirements that will be part of the final Detailed Design. The current "2019 ANCOLD Guidelines for Design of Dams and Appurtenant Structures for Earthquake" state that: For existing dams, the occurrence of RTE from reservoirs that have been filled for several decades is unlikely.

(4) From previous studies two faults exist in the near-site region of Warragamba Dam and are the Lapstone structural complex and Kurrajong fault complex. This study concluded that there is no evidence of activity in the past 35,000 years hence both these complexes are classified as neotectonics features and not active faults under the ANCOLD guidelines.

\*4676 POLICE ANIMAL PROTECTION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What special provisions are in place to protect animals such as dogs and horses, used in the line of duty by NSW Police Force, from harm from citizens that may seek to attack them?
- (2) What penalties can be imposed on persons that injure an animal used by the NSW Police Force in their service?

Answer—

I am advised:

For operational reasons, information about tactics and procedures used to protect animals used in the line of duty by the NSW Police Force is not available.

More broadly, Section 531 of the Crimes Act 1900 provides special provisions for the protection of animals used by the NSW Police Force in their service, providing for a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment for any person who intentionally kills or seriously injures an animal used by a law enforcement officer.

The usual provisions for animal cruelty (s 530 of the Crimes Act 1900 and s 5 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979) also additionally apply to police animals, and a sentencing court may regard the fact the animal was being used in police service at the time of offending as a factor that increases the moral culpability of the offending, where charges are brought against an offender under these laws.

**\*4677 SNOWY HYDRO ELECTRICITY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—**

- (1) In each financial year from 2015-16 to 2019-20, on how many occasions was the Snowy Hydro switched on to provide electricity for use in New South Wales?
- (2) In each financial year from 2015-16 to 2019-20, what was the average price per kilowatt per hour charged by Snowy Hydro for the electricity produced?

Answer—

(1) The following table outlines how many times each Snowy Hydro Limited generation unit started in each financial year, based on data from the Australian Energy Market Operator.

	Turnut 3	Upper Turnut	Colongra 1	Colongra 2	Colongra 3	Colongra 4	Guthega	Murray
2015-16	349	473	9	23	14	13	270	497
2016-17	369	461	7	8	10	10	231	498
2017-18	344	488	14	9	17	8	243	743
2018-19	505	555	17	15	8	8	287	826
2019-20	421	546	10	22	20	20	337	647

(2) Each Snowy Hydro generation unit receives the relevant pool price (cents per kilowatt hour (c/kWh)) at the time of dispatch, and this settlement process is managed by the Australian Energy Market Operator. Each generator's dispatch-weighted price (c/kWh) in each financial year was as follows:

	Turnut 3	Upper Turnut	Colongra 1	Colongra 2	Colongra 3	Colongra 4	Guthega	Murray
2015-16	12.1	6.1	10.2	7.8	11.9	8.1	5.4	7.6
2016-17	24.5	10.3	21.2	43.5	59.1	130.4	7.5	7.6
2017-18	12.8	9.6	16.0	13.8	18.4	18.8	8.3	12.7
2018-19	15.7	11.0	11.0	14.2	16.8	14.2	9.1	23.2
2019-20	21.4	9.2	148.7	50.5	149.9	147.5	8.2	15.3

While it is located within New South Wales, Murray power station is connected to the Victorian National Electricity Market region and receives this region's price.

I note that this may not reflect the full financial position of Snowy Hydro as a result of its contracting activities.

**\*4678 KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL REHABILITATION UNIT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—**

- (1) What is the maximum number of beds for inpatient use at the Kurri Kurri Hospital Rehabilitation Unit?
  - (a) Has this increased, decreased or remained static since 1 July 2016?
- (2) What is the total number of inpatients for each year ending 30 June from 2017 to 2020?
  - (a) What is the average stay duration of inpatients for each of these years?



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- (3) During the above periods, has the Unit been 'at capacity' at any time and been required to redirect patients to alternative treatment providers or locations?
  - (a) If yes:
    - (i) How often has this occurred?
    - (ii) What locations were patients redirected to?
- (4) What medical conditions are referred to the Unit for inpatient treatment?

Answer—

- (1) Referring to bed numbers alone does not necessarily consider the innovative models of care NSW Health provides through integrated care outside the hospital, closer to patients homes and through the use of new technologies.
- (2) The number of inpatient admissions per annum varies during this period. It ranges from 265 to 322.
  - (a) The length of time a patient stays varies depending upon their condition and clinical needs. The average length of stay during the period ranges from 11.8 days to 20.64 days.
- (3) No.
- (4) The rehabilitation unit treats inpatients with a stroke or Parkinson's Disease, traumatic fractures, post-operative orthopaedic joint replacements, and those requiring post-fall reconditioning.

\*4679 GLENNIES CREEK DAM—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Considering the potential pumped hydro project at Glennies Creek Dam, how many companies registered an expression of interest (EOI) in this project?
  - (a) What were the names of these companies?
    - (i) How many of these companies submitted a written expression of interest response?
      - (i) Which of the companies did so?
    - (ii) How many of these companies were shortlisted following the EOI process?
      - (i) Which companies were they?
    - (iii) How many of these companies were then asked to submit a request for proposal (RFP)?
      - (i) Which companies actually did so?
- (2) Has the timeline for RFP submissions now closed?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) When did it close?
    - (ii) How many companies made a submission?
      - (i) Which companies were they?
- (3) What is the timeline for consideration of the submitted RFP's?
- (4) Has a decision been made with regard to a potential pumped hydro project for Glennies Creek Dam?
  - (a) If so, who was the successful tender, or if no decision has yet been made, when will a decision be made?
- (5) How many participants would be expected in a tender process for Water NSW to be satisfied that the process had commenced a "competitive" procurement process as per the Water NSW EOI document calling for pumped hydro EOI's with reference number 05440E20?
- (6) Is there any concern about the successful tender being able to access the ideal adjacent land, beside the Glennies Creek Dam, to maximise the pumped hydro outcome for such a project?
  - (a) If so, what is the nature of this concern?
- (7) Did any of the companies that participated in any part of this process, conduct themselves in a manner that caused concern for Water NSW?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) What was the nature of that conduct?
    - (ii) What was the outcome?

Answer—

WaterNSW is undertaking an open and competitive process to make available its dam and land assets for privately developed on-demand, dispatchable energy generation and energy storage in New South Wales. This process aims to contribute to the State's energy security through the introduction of new dispatchable capacity.

The market engagement process to invite the private sector to propose projects that utilise WaterNSW land and/or assets to generate renewable energy started in 2018 and is still underway. The market

engagement has included public briefings which attracted significant interest, open Expressions of Interest (EOI), followed by a Requests for Proposal (RFP) for shortlisted proponents. External advisers, including a Probity adviser, have been engaged as appropriate throughout the market engagement process.

As is standard practice, details of registered parties participating in this process remain confidential. At this time, WaterNSW has not entered into any formal arrangements with any of the proponents to progress these projects.

More information on the Hydro Energy and Storage utilising WaterNSW Assets tender process is available at:

<https://www.tenders.nsw.gov.au/WaterNSW/?event=public.rft.showArchived&RFTUID=D7D182CA-0720-297E-679CFF02C1B599B9>

\*4680 REVIEW OF WATER MANAGEMENT PRICES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Considering the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's 'Review of Water Management Prices From 1 July 2021', how many submissions were received by due date of 16 October 2020?
- (2) Were any late submissions received?
  - (a) If yes:
    - (i) How many were received?
    - (ii) Were they accepted?
- (3) Why did Water Administration Ministerial Corporation (WAMC) request IPART to defer the commencement of the review by one year?

Answer—

- (1) This is a matter for the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal.
- (2) This is a matter for the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal.
- (3) In May 2019, the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment requested a 12-month extension to the current Water Administration Ministerial Corporation (WAMC) price determination. WaterNSW also wrote to IPART requesting the extension.

IPART agreed to defer the start of the price review process by 12-months, which means that new WAMC prices will apply from 1 July 2021.

Both the letter from the Secretary of DPIE and a Media Release from IPART announcing the accepted extension are available on IPART's website [www.ipart.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au).

\*4681 MURRAY-DARLING BASIN WATER RESOURCE PLANS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Considering the delay in submitting the water resource plans to the Murray-Darling Basin Authority required to comply with the Murray-Darling Basin Plan 2012, was the delay caused by the lack of resources (including staff)?
  - (a) If yes, has this been addressed?
    - (i) If not, what was the cause(s) of the delay in submitting the water resource plans by their scheduled due dates?
- (2) Was the delay caused by lack of funding allocation by IPART in the 2016 Pricing Determination?
  - (a) If yes, has an increase in funding allocation been submitted to IPART for consideration for the 2021 Pricing Determination?
    - (i) If not, what was the cause(s) of the delay in submitting the water resource plans by their scheduled due dates?

Answer—

The Government put the Water Resource Plans out for further consultation in response to requests from Basin communities wanting to continue discussing their contents.

\*4682 FIREARMS LICENCE FRAUD—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many firearms licence holders have been affected by the Service NSW cyber incident earlier in 2020?

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- (2) Have all affected firearms licence holders been contacted?
- (3) Has there been any record of fraud perpetrated against affected firearms licence holders as at 12 November 2020?
- (4) Has the 2020 cyber incident caused a delay in the processing and issuing of:
  - (a) Renewals of firearms licences?
  - (b) New firearms licences?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Service NSW has identified 93 customers who may have been affected.
- (2) Service NSW is coordinating the response to this incident.
- (3) No.
- (4)
  - (a) No.
  - (b) No.

\*4683 WATERNSW COST FORECASTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Considering 'WaterNSW Pricing Proposal to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) Water Licensing and Monitoring Services from 1 July 2021', has WaterNSW provided cost forecasts of non-urban metering reform to IPART by end of October for IPART's consideration and inclusion in the Final Determination?
  - (a) If not, when is it expected to be provided?

Answer—

WaterNSW provided information on the proposed costs to implement the NSW Government's metering non-urban reform program to IPART on 30 November 2020.

\*4684 RURAL AREA RELIEF TEACHERS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Considering that rural schools currently have access to a Rural Area Relief teacher, what is the progress of these positions being filled as at 12 November 2020?
- (2) What incentives have been put in place to encourage teachers to rural New South Wales to fill these positions as at 12 November 2020?

Answer—

- (1) There are 13.2 Teaching FTE supporting the 16 schools currently participating in the Rural Area Relief program. Participating schools will continue to be supported through this program in 2021, and will be able to either offer an extension of employment to an existing temporary teacher or seek to engage a new temporary teacher to fill the role.
- (2) Under the Department of Education's Rural and Remote Strategy, a range of benefits and incentives are available. From January 2019, eligible permanent teachers in rural and remote NSW public schools can receive:
  - a Rural Teacher Incentive with a value of between \$20,000 and \$30,000 (Eligible teachers choose to receive the whole value of the package as a salaried amount or take advantage of benefits available through the Department, including rental subsidy or salary sacrifice).
  - a \$10,000 experienced teacher benefit payable for up to five years, for those who have maintained proficient status, or equivalent, for at least six years
  - an annual \$5,000 retention benefit payable for up to 10 years
  - a rental subsidy of between 50 and 90 per cent, paid to teachers living in rental accommodation
  - a \$10,000 recruitment bonus payment, available for successful permanent appointments to hard-to-fill teaching positions, following two consecutive unsuccessful merit selection processes
  - other benefits include: two to five days of additional personal leave, a Locality Allowance, a 10-week trial prior to permanent appointment and sponsorship for professional development.

Temporary teachers may also be eligible for rental subsidy, recruitment bonus and locality allowance, as well as permanent appointment to a position after 12 months in the position.

\*4685 GRAVEL COLLECTION—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What is the law relating to:

- (a) Landholders collecting gravel out of the river?
- (b) Members of the public collecting gravel out on the river on public reserves?
- (2) What Department monitors this process?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) and (b) This depends on the status of the land and the activity being proposed. On Crown land the Crown Land Management Act 2016 applies.

Under the Crown Land Management Act 2016 tenures may be granted for certain activities undertaken on Crown land, including the removal of gravel from a river.

- (2) If gravel collection is proposed on Crown land the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment - Crown Lands would be the agency to authorise and monitor the removal of gravel from a river.

\*4686 COVID-19 RULES AND RESTRICTIONS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Considering the Queensland Government has recognised the low risk of Barwon in terms of COVID-19 infection and has allowed an open border, will the Government's rules and restrictions as listed be revised for rural and remote areas of New South Wales?
- (2) Will restrictions be lifted on singing of hymns in Churches?

Answer—

NSW Health closely monitors COVID-19 activity, especially cases of local transmission, and uses this evidence to guide the timing of further changes to COVID-19 restrictions.

Changes were recently made to the Order restricting gathering and movement. I am pleased to confirm that health advice on group singing was updated as part of these changes.

Up to date information on COVID-19, including advice on group singing and chanting, can be found at [www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19)

\*4687 SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE CANTERBURY ELECTORATE—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What actions is the Government taking to upgrade social housing in Canterbury?
- (2) How much has the Government spent on upgrading social housing in my electorate of Canterbury since 2011 (to 12 November 2020)?
- (3) Considering that the needs of many residents in social housing in the Canterbury electorate are changing as they age, how is the Government accommodating older Australians in my community, particularly those living in public housing?
- (4) What is the current maintenance back log for public housing in Canterbury as at 12 November 2020?
  - (a) Are there any plans or strategies to reduce the back log?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) has identified 47 properties for minor and capital upgrade works in 2020/21, with an estimated value of \$365,000.

In addition, the NSW Government announced in its 2020/21 Budget, a \$200 million Maintenance Stimulus Program for social housing. The focus under this program will be on capital upgrade works for social housing properties across the state and may include properties in the Canterbury electorate.

- (2) In the Canterbury Electorate, the total expenditure from July 2011 to June 2020 was \$21,169,176. As the analysis of upgrading expenditure is only aggregated at a State Electorate level at the end of each financial year, data is provided up to 30 June 2020.
- (3) In the past two years LAHC has constructed 29 new homes for seniors in the Canterbury Electorate.
- (4) LAHC routinely carries out maintenance through responsive maintenance requests and planned maintenance programs so that properties are clean, safe and habitable and meet the requirements of NSW Residential Tenancies Act 2010. As a result of the \$200 million Maintenance Stimulus announced in the NSW Government 2020/21 Budget, a program will be developed to ensure properties most in need of an upgrade are included in the program.

\*4688 CANTERBURY HOSPITAL UPGRADE AND EXPANSION—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

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What plans does the Government have to upgrade and expand Canterbury Hospital to meet the needs of the Canterbury area's growing population?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response provided at LA 2432.

The \$6.5 million expansion of the Canterbury Hospital Emergency Department is now complete.

\*4689 COMPLAINTS REGARDING ROADS IN THE CANTERBURY ELECTORATE—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

How many complaints has the Minister for Transport and Roads received regarding state owned roads from the Canterbury electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since 2 April 2019, 142 complaints have been received.

\*4690 COVID GRANTS AND COVID-SAFE PRACTISES—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How has the Government communicated COVID grants and other funding opportunities to small family operated multicultural businesses in the Canterbury electorate?
- (2) Does the Government plan to subsidise the small business' additional costs of complying with COVID-Safe practises such as the staffing costs of employing a hygiene officers, particularly for small businesses that cater to multicultural communities?

Answer—

- (1) Service NSW has a dedicated small business support team of over 200 staff who provide an omni-channel service which includes online, phone and face-to-face support for small businesses, providing "one stop shop" access to information on government support and initiatives. Information on COVID-19 grants and other funding opportunities is available from Service NSW, through their website ([www.service.nsw.gov.au](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au)), by visiting a Service NSW Centre or by calling the Service NSW Business Concierge on 13 77 88. The information on the Service NSW website can be translated into over fifty languages. Multicultural business owners can call Service NSW using an interpreter or visit some Service NSW service centres where there are staff who can speak languages other than English that are popular in the local community. Alternatively, multicultural business owners can book an interpreter using the Multicultural NSW Language Services Unit, which offers on-site, face-to-face interpreters. Multicultural business owners can also access business advice through Business Connect in seven languages including Arabic, Mandarin and Vietnamese.
- (2) The Small Business Recovery Grant was available from 1 July – 31 August 2020. Eligible businesses and not-for-profits could access a grant between \$500 and \$3,000 to help meet costs associated with safely re-opening and scaling up as COVID-19 restrictions eased. The grant could be spent on a range of expenses including cleaning products and services, fit-out changes and temporary physical changes (e.g. plastic barriers at checkouts), additional equipment necessary to comply with social distancing and staff training. Of the \$110.67 million given to 37,231 small businesses in COVID-19 Small Business Recovery Grants throughout NSW as at 14 December 2020, 17% has been used for cleaning products and services; 13% for equipment needed to give effect to a COVID-19 Safety Plan; 11% for staff training in COVID-19 Safety Plans and counselling; and 10% on fit-outs to comply with COVID-19 Safety Plans – totalling \$56.44 million in direct support to assist small businesses to operate in a COVID-19 safe manner.

\*4691 NEWCASTLE GREEN HYDROGEN—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What action has been taken to progress a potential hydrogen export hub considering the Minister's comment regarding the need for investment in low carbon technologies (Newcastle Herald, 7 September 2020)?
  - (a) Why was the Hunter Region not featured in the Government's Renewable Energy Zone announcement?

Answer—

- (1) Hydrogen is a focus of the NSW Government's Net Zero Plan Stage 1: 2020 - 2030, and the opportunities for NSW Government support for hydrogen is being actively considered.

(a) The Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020 includes a Hunter- Central Coast renewable energy zone.

\*4692 WICKHAM SCHOOL OF ARTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Premier representing the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Considering the response to LC Q2154, on what date was the heritage report submitted by the Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation for the Wickham School of Arts received by Heritage NSW?

Answer—

I refer you to my response to Question on Notice LC 2593.

\*4693 WICKHAM SCHOOL OF ARTS HERITAGE REPORT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Considering the response to LC Q2154, on what date was the heritage report for the Wickham School of Arts submitted to Heritage NSW?

Answer—

I am advised:

A heritage assessment encompassing all of the Hunter Central Coast Development Corporation's assets, including the Wickham School of Arts, was finalised in October 2020 and is now with the Heritage Council for review and endorsement.

\*4694 STOCKTON FERRY PASSENGERS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

How many passengers caught the Stockton Ferry each day from 13 October 2020 to 19 October 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the previous response, LC 2592.

\*4695 ABORIGINAL FLAGS IN RSL CLUBS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

What protocols prevent Returned and Services League clubs from flying the Aboriginal Flag at Remembrance Day services?

Answer—

I am advised that:

RSL NSW follows the protocols published by the Office of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) and all sub-Branches are advised to follow the PM&C flag protocol for flying Australian, State and Military flags and ensigns.

\*4696 NEWCASTLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA ARTS FUNDING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Premier representing the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) What cultural infrastructure funding are organisations in the Newcastle local government area (LGA) eligible for?

(2) Does Create NSW consider the Newcastle LGA to be classified as a 'Gateway City' for the purposes of grant funding programs?

Answer—

I am advised,

The NSW Government is committed to supporting strong communities across the Hunter Region. Regional NSW has a number of funding programs and initiatives that may support cultural infrastructure in the Hunter Region. Further information is available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/our-regions/hunter>

Newcastle LGA is eligible for funding for small capital works projects under the Arts and Cultural Funding Program.

Newcastle LGA is not classified as a 'Gateway City' for funding under the Arts & Cultural Funding

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Program or the funding programs of Screen NSW.

\*4697 GUN LICENCING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Can a person in New South Wales, who is subject to an Apprehended Violence Order and has allegations of domestic violence against them, hold a fire arms licence?
- (2) Is action taken to remove firearms from individuals who have allegations of domestic violence against them and who are subject to an Apprehended Violence Order?
- (3) Have any firearms licences been issued to individuals who have allegations of domestic violence against them or are subject to an Apprehended Violence Order?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Should a police investigation result in formal action being initiated against an applicant for a firearms licence or an existing licence holder, there are provisions in legislation that preclude that individual from entering the licensing scheme, or mandate that they be removed from it. Police can also suspend an existing firearms licence and seize any registered firearms until the allegation is appropriately investigated.

\*4698 UNDERQUOTING HOUSE PRICES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Have any instances of Hunter real estate agents underquoting house sale prices been reported to NSW Fair Trading in the last twelve months (to 12 November 2020)?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) How many of these reports were investigated?
    - (ii) What was the outcome of the investigations?
- (2) What is the consequence if a real estate agent underquotes the sale price of a house in New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Fair Trading has not received any complaints raising concerns of underquoting by Hunter Real Estate agents in the last 12 months.
- (2) Part 3 of the Property Stock Agent Act 2002 (the Act) regulates the conduct of the licensees and registered persons in the manner in which they sell residential properties and the representations as to selling price. It creates a number of criminal offences for agents who do not adhere to the regulation. Rural properties are not captured by the under-quoting provisions. Section 72 to 76A of the Act sets out the requirement for agents to identify an estimated selling price (ESP) for a residential property which they are intending to offer to the market. It sets out the requirements to have an ESP in the agency agreement, a process for setting selling price range of within 10%, requires the ESP to remain a reasonable estimate of the selling price and requires revision of the selling price where the current ESP fails to be relevant, a requirement for agents to provide the vendor with the ESP or revised ESP before going to market. An agent must not advertise a selling price for a residential property that is less than the ESP. Must not use the terms or similar connotations of the words "Offers above or offers over" when specifying a selling price. Agents must withdraw or retract all superseded representation of the revised ESP. An agent must not make any statements that infers a residential property will be sold for less than the ESP. An agent is required to keep comprehensive written records relating to a property sales transaction. Any statement made relating to a passed in, residential property or rural land offered at auction, where the last bid was a vendor bid, any statements in further marketing of the property or rural land must not indicate the amount of the last bid unless it is disclosed as a vendor bid. All breaches of the Property and Stock Agents Act related to underquoting may result in a maximum penalty of \$2,200 fine if convicted by a Court or the issue of an on-the-spot penalty infringement notice of \$2200. If convicted of underquoting an agent may also be ordered to pay any fees or commission derived from a sale to the Property Services Compensation Fund (PSCF).
- (3) The Australian Consumer Law at section 152 creates offences for a person who makes false or misleading representations relating to the price payable in a land transaction. These matters are dealt with in the Supreme Court of NSW or the Federal Court, where significant monetary penalties may apply.

\*4699 LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION PROPERTIES IN STOCKTON—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Are there any plans to sell Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) property in Stockton?
- (2) Are there plans to sell 26 and or 24 Flint Street, Stockton?
- (3) Has a masterplan for the future of public housing in Stockton been completed?
  - (a) If so, is this publicly available?
  - (i) If so, where?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are presently no plans to sell specific properties in Stockton other than 24 and 26 Flint Street and 11 Griffith Street.
- (2) Yes, as the properties are not fit for purpose. Proceeds from the sale of these properties will be invested back into social housing.
- (3) No masterplans have been produced for Stockton.

\*4700 SELF FUNDED RETIREE ASSISTANCE—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Treasurer—

Considering the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on interest rates and investment returns, what special measures has the Government put in place to help self-funded retirees in the 2020-21 NSW Budget or through other policies?

Answer—

Retirement income is principally a Commonwealth Government responsibility, however self-funded retirees will benefit from the economic stimulus and recovery plan outlined in the 2020-21 Budget.

\*4701 WATER ACCESS LICENCE FEES—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

How much money did the Government make from applications and fees on Water Access Licences and water trading in each financial year from 2016-17 to 2019-20?

Answer—

New South Wales water agencies charge fees to cover the assessment and processing costs of applications for access licences, water supply work approvals, water use approvals and access licence dealings lodged under the Water Management Act 2000, on behalf of the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation (WAMC).

WAMC charges are determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). IPART sets these charges every four years via a public consultation process. It updates these charges annually during this period to reflect changes in the consumer price index and changes in demand for WAMC services.

The revenue earned to cover WaterNSW's prudent and efficient costs of providing Water Access Licences and water trading services is, by financial year:

Financial Year	\$'000
2016-17	2,383.2
2017-18	5,463.5
2018-19	2,908.7
2019-20	4,348.8

Revenue recovered by the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) for water licensing activities (noting NRAR commenced in April 2018) is, by financial year:

Financial Year	\$
2018-19	138,476
2019-20	262,478

\*4702 FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING REGULATION—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What public consultation has the Government organised before it introduces a regulation relating to floodplain harvesting on 22 January 2021?
- (2) How can a member of the public provide feedback on this regulation?
- (3) Will the Government allow the Parliament of New South Wales to debate and scrutinise this



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floodplain harvesting regulation before it is made?

Answer—

(1) The NSW Government is currently publicly exhibiting four proposed changes to the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018 concurrently. The proposed changes to the regulation aim to improve clarity of the management of floodplain harvesting. The public exhibition period, including the lodging of formal submissions, commenced on 23 November and closes on 20 December (inclusive) 2020. As part of broad consultation, a suite of communication materials have been made available to the public including:

- \* a dedicated web page
- \* publication of supporting material including Explanatory material to assist community consultation
- \* four explanatory videos, covering each of the proposed amendments.

To ensure stakeholders are made aware of this public exhibition, a state-wide stakeholder email has been distributed, print and radio advertisements have been placed across the state, and social media platforms are being utilised.

(2) The public is invited to provide feedback on the proposed changes through an online submission survey accessible from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's website, [dpie.nsw.gov.au/fph-reg-amendment](https://dpie.nsw.gov.au/fph-reg-amendment), or through the 'Have your say' website, <https://www.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say/proposed-legislative-amendments>. Alternatively, stakeholders are invited to email feedback to [floodplain.harvesting@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:floodplain.harvesting@dpi.nsw.gov.au). The public will have 28 days to make a submission.

(3) Following public exhibition, the regulations will be submitted to the Executive Council for endorsement, consistent with other amendments made to the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018. This will ensure arrangements are in place as soon as possible for those landholders who will receive a floodplain harvesting licence to take effect from 1 July 2021.

This does not preclude the NSW Legislative Council from reviewing and debating the regulations.

\*4703 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Considering the extraordinary challenges faced and disrupted studies experienced by students from across New South Wales who undertook, or are still undertaking their written Higher School Certificate examinations during the COVID-19 pandemic, will consideration be given to compensating students in the calculation of their Australian Tertiary Admission Ranking?

Answer—

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) does not determine how the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is calculated, nor what is included within the ATAR calculation. The ATAR is calculated for the purpose of selecting students for university courses.

In NSW, the ATAR is calculated by the Technical Committee on Scaling (TCoS) and released by the University Admissions Centre NSW & ACT (UAC). NESA provides raw examination marks and moderated school assessment marks to UAC for ATAR calculation. UAC is a private company, and both UAC and TCoS are accountable to the NSW Vice Chancellors' Committee. UAC and TCoS operate independently of NESA and the NSW Government.

Students who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 may wish to apply for Educational Access Schemes (EAS), administered by the UAC. EAS aims to help students who have experienced significant educational disadvantage during Year 11 and/or Year 12 receive offers to university. Individual universities have also announced early entry schemes for students affected by COVID-19.

\*4704 VICTIMS SUPPORT SCHEME—Mr Philip Donato asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) Considering the response LA Q4033 on 22 October 2020, as part of the statutory review of the Victims Rights and Support Act 2013 which is due to commence by June 2021, will consideration be given to consulting victims of crime, and their immediate family, who have accessed counselling services through the Victims Support Scheme, about their experiences in using this service and seek their input into improving the scheme?

- (a) If so, how would those persons, members of my electorate, provide their valuable input into improving this service?

Answer—

I am advised:

When the statutory review of the Victims Rights and Support Act 2013 commences, interested individuals and organisations will be invited to make submissions to the review.

Further information relating to the review, including instructions on how to make a submission to the review, will be available on the Department of Communities and Justice's website when the review commences.

\*4705 FOREIGN DOCTORS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Have foreign doctors, who are located in foreign countries, been or are being contracted to consult patients or clients through Telehealth at NSW Health facilities in rural and regional New South Wales?
  - (a) If so, why are foreign doctors being contracted, and their services paid for using taxpayers money, when there are doctors available in New South Wales to provide this service via Telehealth whilst keeping taxpayer dollars here in our state and country?
- (2) What guarantees are made by the Government to ensure the medical advice being provided via Telehealth to rural and regional-based patients and clients by foreign doctors is being provided by qualified and credentialed doctors who are foreign-based?
- (3) Is NSW Health legally liable for medical errors made as a result of medical advice or prescribed treatment provided via Telehealth from doctors based in foreign countries?

Answer—

Attracting medical practitioners to regional and rural areas remains a challenge across the country, and rural and regional Local Health Districts continue to actively recruit and promote opportunities for appropriately trained Australian-registered doctors.

All doctors providing telehealth services must be registered with the Medical Board of Australia and have the relevant skills and qualifications required to undertake the role.

\*4706 GLEBE ISLAND BRIDGE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What action has been taken to maintain and repair Glebe Island Bridge as referred to in LA Q4919 and LA Q0869 (to 12 November 2020)?
- (2) What action has been taken to repair and maintain the bridge since March 2017 (to 12 November 2020)?
- (3) Is there now a heritage compliant repair and maintenance program for the bridge?
  - (a) If not when is this expected?
- (4) What options are being considered for the bridge to be used for public transport including light rail and level access pedestrian and cycling?
- (5) When will the Government provide details about the bridge's future for community comment?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to ensure reuse of the bridge for active transport?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (2) Ventia Boral Amey Joint Venture, Transport for NSW's maintenance provider, carried out inspections of the bridge in October 2018, June 2019 and September 2020. Visits include inspections of the bridge elements' condition, electrical items (e.g. navigation lights), timber fenders and structural integrity. Any identified structural issues are further investigated. Some timber fenders have been removed to improve the bridge's safety.

Maintenance also includes vegetation cutting and removal of grass and rubbish.

(3) Transport for NSW worked collaboratively with Heritage NSW for the bridge's maintenance requirements. Transport for NSW and its maintenance providers carry out all bridge maintenance works to meet necessary policy and procedural requirements, including any appropriate environmental regulations.

(4) to (6) The potential for this bridge's possible future uses are part of the current Bays Precinct investigations. Future options being considered include the provision of improved walking and cycling links, and new public transport, in the medium to longer-term. Options development will be subject to community and stakeholder consultation.

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\*4707 HUMANE PEST CONTROL METHODS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) What action has the Government taken to assess alternatives to baiting and culling programs to address feral and pest animals?
- (2) What action has been taken to implement humane pest control methods since LA Q2402, including fertility control and immune-contraceptive strategies?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to implement more humane methods for feral and pest animal control?

Answer—

Investigation of additional control techniques for pest animals is a long-term exercise and requires exhaustive regulatory assessment and approval in the case of pesticides and any biocontrol agents. There are currently no registered fertility control or immune-contraceptive agents suitable for effective broadscale control of introduced pest animals.

Fertility control does not provide an immediate reduction in pest animal impact whereas baiting can provide urgent protection for agricultural, environmental, cultural and social assets (e.g. during the recent New South Wales bushfire recovery response). Baiting is also critical to protecting vulnerable native species from vertebrate predators such as dogs and foxes.

As per previous responses, there is ongoing investigation into additional pest animal control techniques.

\*4708 APARTMENT DISPUTE RESOLUTION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) What consideration will the Government give to introducing informational material such as pamphlets and webpages to help apartment owners in company title buildings understand their rights and responsibilities and options for dispute resolution?
- (2) What consideration will the Government give to providing apartment owners in company title buildings options to make applications for mediation in dispute resolution, without having to go through the local courts?
- (3) How will the Government encourage more owners of apartments in company title buildings to resolve disputes through mediation?

Answer—

- (1) Company title is a system of title where a building is owned by a company registered under the Corporations Act 2001. The Corporations Act is Commonwealth legislation administered by the Federal Government.
- (2) Matters concerning company title buildings lie outside the scope of the NSW strata management laws, accordingly, apartment owners do not have access to the dispute resolution options provided for under the Strata Schemes Management Act 2015.
- (3) Section 34A of the Local Court Act 2007 (NSW) allows company title disputes to be heard and determined in the Local Court. Information on the NSW Communities & Justice website indicates that the Local Court is able to refer disputes for mediation.

\*4709 BARANGAROO CROWN CASINO—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) Will taxpayers be liable for compensation claims for changes to regulation of the Barangaroo Crown Casino?
- (2) What plans does the Government have to protect taxpayers from possible compensation claims?

Answer—

- (1) The State Crown Financial Deed provides that compensation may be payable to Crown in certain circumstances. However, this would not be the case if the VIP Gaming Licence is cancelled on disciplinary grounds.
- (2) The Government and the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority will consider Commissioner Bergin's findings and recommendations before taking any action in relation to Crown Resorts or casino regulation more generally.

\*4710 EMERALD AND FRESHWATER CLASS FERRIES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will the planned Emerald-class ferries carry 400 passengers compared to the 1,100 passengers on Freshwater-class ferries?
- (2) How does the Government plan to address the shortfall in capacity?

- (3) What safety assessment has the Government made for Emerald-class ferries operating in high seas compared to Freshwater-class ferries?
- (4) Will ferry services be forced to stop during high seas?
- (5) What assessment has been made of the impact on tourists and tourism industries?
- (6) What assessment has been made of extending the life of the current Freshwater-class ferries?
- (7) What action will the Government take in response to community calls to retain the Freshwater-class ferries?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) While the Freshwater Class have a regulatory survey capacity of 1100, the boarding of customers is stopped after a count of 950 customers has been reached.
- (2) The Freshwater Class typically operates half hourly outside of summer (providing for around 1900 customers per hour in each direction). The F1 service is able to scale up temporarily to operate every 20 minutes over a 6 week peak period in summer (providing for around 2850 customers per hour in each direction). For most of the year, the capacity provided by the Freshwater operation is significantly higher than the demand experienced. For example, the busiest F1 Manly service during the AM Peak (the 8:00 departure from Manly) carries only 280 customers on average per day (using travel data from prior to the COVID-19 pandemic). There is also not one weekday service outside of the summer peak where average demand exceeds 400 customers. By adjusting service frequency using the larger pool of Emerald Class ferries, the capacity of the F1 Manly route will be able to be right-sized, with the ability to scale up and down in line with demand. Using the smaller and more efficient Emerald Class ferries also means a more frequent baseline product can be provided – improving services for customers even in periods of lower demand. There will also be the ability to scale up to operate every 8.5 minutes on the very busiest days of the year. It is proposed a future Emerald Class operation would provide a service every 20 minutes during the daytime on weekdays. This provides a baseline capacity of 1200 customers per hour, with the ability to scale up to 2800 customers per hour in each direction when required. During the daytime on weekends it is proposed Emerald Class services will operate every 15 minutes across most of the year, and every 10 minutes during summer. The Government also plans to retain one of the Freshwater class vessels, which will operate a weekend service alongside the Emerald Class every 1.5 hours.
- (3) The existing first generation of six Emerald Class ferries may operate in swells of up to 2.5 metres, while the three new second generation Emerald Class ferries currently under construction have been modified to operate in larger swells of up to 4.5 metres.
- (4) The F1 Manly service currently operated by Freshwater Class vessels is usually suspended when swells reach between 4 and 5 metres. It is expected second generation Emerald Class vessels will similarly be affected by swells of this size.
- (5) It is an accepted principle of transport economics that providing more frequent services (reducing waiting time) or reducing journey time (reducing in-transit time) provides positive economic benefits to transport customers and the broader community in which those services operate. Manly is a sought after tourism destination and deserves a high frequency ferry service.
- (6) There is significant Major Periodic Maintenance due for the Freshwater Class fleet in 2021 and 2022. The MV Freshwater is due for survey (requiring an out-of-water docking) in February 2021, the MV Narrabeen will require an engine rebuild in the first half of 2021 (followed by a survey in 2022) and the MV Queenscliff has a survey due by October 2021. These works, while not fully scoped, would conservatively cost around \$15 million should they be required.
- (7) As I announced on 27 November, the Government is pressing ahead with upgrades to the ferry fleet to ensure the needs of customers are met into the future. However, we have listened to the community and adapted our plans to get a better outcome for all. The Government plans to retain one of the four Freshwater Class vessels. The decision was about balancing the needs of customers and New South Wales taxpayers, while acknowledging the community's strong attachment to the iconic vessels. Of the four Freshwater vessels currently operating between Circular Quay and Manly, the Collaroy, which is the youngest in the fleet, will be kept on the Harbour, operating on weekends. Planning is continuing into the future use of the remaining three vessels and at the appropriate time, the NSW Government will consult with private tourism and heritage operators, who are interested in operating and maintaining the Freshwater ferries.

\*4711 OXFORD STREET, WOOLLAHRA MEDIAN MAINTENANCE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What work is required in the maintenance program for the wide landscaped median in Oxford Street,

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- (2) Does this include removing litter, branches and other material?
- (3) How frequently is work required to be carried out?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to update landscaping of this land?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to improve the visual amenity of this median?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Works include tree trimming and grass cutting.
- (2) Ventia Boral Amey (VBA) is a maintenance service provider for Transport for NSW. Vegetation on the median strip at this location is maintained by VBA crews. VBA carries out regular inspections of this area and will bring forward any maintenance should any defects or safety issues be identified.
- (3) Work is carried out on a regular maintenance cycle of every 4 months, weather permitting. Woollahra Municipal Council is responsible for street scaping and urban design elements on roads in its local government area. Transport for NSW needs to first provide permission.
- (4) This location is next scheduled for works by the end of February 2021.

\*4712 VETERINARY SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Considering the response to LA Q4042, what assessment has the Government made of trends and patterns in complaints about veterinary service costs?
- (2) Does the Government consider 116 complaints about veterinary services over five years to indicate systemic concerns?
- (3) Do these complaints identify specific types of veterinary services with high complaint levels?
- (4) Do these complaints indicate the use of sales methods such as upselling, cross-selling, add-on sales, hidden costs, overcharging or unnecessary treatment?
- (5) What requirements are there for veterinary services to advertise prices and inform customers about costs before treatment?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to improve information about costs for consumers of veterinary services?

Answer—

- (1) Of the 116 complaints received from 1 January 2015 to 24 September 2020, NSW Fair Trading 35 related to pricing, charges and fees, averaging fewer than six complaints per calendar year.
- (2) On average, NSW Fair Trading responds to more than 40,000 consumer complaints each calendar year. Complaints about veterinary services represent a very small number of these complaints.
- (3) NSW Fair Trading does not hold this information.
- (4) Of the 35 complaints received about pricing, charges and fees from 1 January 2015 to 24 September 2020, 29 complaints related to overcharging/charges above quote/high or unknown fees or charges, averaging fewer than five complaints per calendar year.
- (5) Businesses are generally free to determine the price of goods and services, and prices are determined by supply and demand factors. Prices displayed by a business must be clear, accurate and not misleading to consumers. Businesses cannot promote or state a price that is only part of the cost, unless they also prominently advertise the single (total) price.
- (6) The Australian Consumer Law prohibits businesses from (among other things) making false or misleading representations about the price, quality, value, grade or a buyer's need for goods or services.

\*4713 WALAMA COURT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Has the Government prepared the business case for a proposed new Walama Court inside the NSW District Court to help divert Indigenous offenders from prison and reduce reoffending?
- (2) Is there widespread support for a Walama Court from the legal community and Indigenous organisations?
- (3) What assessment has been made of the costs and benefits of this proposal?
- (4) What does the business case identify as costs and benefits, including savings to the justice system?
- (5) What action has been taken to establish a Walama Court since the business case was developed?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to establish a Walama Court and when is this expected to operate?

Answer—

The NSW Government has not prepared a business case. A proposal for the Walama Court was developed by a working group.

There is support from a range of stakeholders for a Walama Court, and in particular for the type of targeted interventions available under the model for Aboriginal individuals.

The NSW Government is considering the Walama Court proposal as part of its response to the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice'.

\*4714 AUTOMATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What feedback has the Government sought or received about the program of automating pedestrian crossings at traffic signals so people wanting to cross do not need to press buttons?
- (2) How many signals are operating with this change:
  - (a) In the CBD;
  - (b) Near hospital, health services and public transport nodes;
  - (c) In other high pedestrian activity areas?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to evaluate and expand this program?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to improve pedestrian access at traffic signals and prevent the spread of coronavirus?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Government has received positive feedback from local councils and the community through direct mail and social media.
- (2) Pedestrian crossings at 211 traffic signals in Sydney CBD have been fully automated.
  - (a) 46 traffic signals across 11 key health precincts in Greater Sydney and four traffic signals across two key health precincts in Wollongong and Coffs Harbour have been automated.
  - (b) Six traffic signals near three COVID-19 assessment clinics have been automated between 6am and 10pm to align with operating hours.
- (3) Any expansion would be in consultation with NSW Health and targeted to health precincts only, while also taking into consideration impacts on road safety, traffic and transport operations and community amenity.
- (4) At this stage, the approach has been assessed as providing the most benefit in limiting the spread of COVID-19 at traffic signals. No additional measures have been scoped.

\*4715 PUBLIC HOUSING REDEVELOPMENTS IN EVELEIGH AND GLEBE—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What is the level of accommodation, in terms of number of dwellings and number of bedrooms per dwelling, that is currently available or potentially available for the Land and Housing Corporation or a registered community housing provider to let to eligible tenants as social housing or affordable housing, taking into account both occupied and unoccupied dwellings in each of the following Communities Plus projects:
  - (a) Explorer Street, Eveleigh;
  - (b) Franklyn Street, Glebe?
- (2) Once redevelopment of the sites listed in (1) is complete, what is the level of accommodation, in terms of number of dwellings and number of bedrooms per dwelling, that will be available or potentially available to the Land and Housing Corporation or a registered community housing provider to let to eligible tenants as:
  - (a) Social housing, taking into account both occupied and unoccupied dwellings?
  - (b) Affordable housing, taking into account both occupied and unoccupied dwellings?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
  - (a) Explorer Street, Eveleigh currently has 46 social homes.
  - (b) Franklyn Street, Glebe currently has 108 social homes.
- (2) There will be an increased number of social housing dwellings on both sites.

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The final number of dwellings and number of bedrooms for each project will be developed in consultation with the community and the Department of Communities and Justice, to ensure each redevelopment will meet the needs of current and future residents of the area.

\*4716 SCHOOL BOOK PACKS—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What monetary charge was advised parents for the supply of the book packs in 2020 for students of the following schools:
  - (a) Wyoming Public School;
  - (b) Valley View Public School;
  - (c) Niagara Park Public School;
  - (d) Narara Public School;
  - (e) Lisarow Public School;
  - (f) Ourimba Public School;
  - (g) Tuggerah Public School;
  - (h) Berkely Vale Public School;
  - (i) Brooke Avenue Public School;
  - (j) Bateau Bay Public School;
  - (k) The Entrance Public School?
- (2) What charge is intended for the 2021 year?

Answer—

- (1) The charge for book packs for students at six of the eleven schools listed ranged from \$16.95 to \$75.00 in 2020.

Brooke Avenue Public School and The Entrance Public Schools did not charge for book packs.

Wyoming Public School, Niagara Public School and Ourimbah Public School did not provide book packs for 2020.

- (2) There are no changes to the cost of book packs, where they exist, for the 2021 school year.

\*4717 SCHOOL ENROLMENTS—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) As at 12 November 2020, what is the current student numbers at each of the following schools:
  - (a) Wyoming Public School;
  - (b) Valley View Public School;
  - (c) Niagara Park Public School;
  - (d) Narara Public School;
  - (e) Lisarow Public School;
  - (f) Ourimba Public School;
  - (g) Tuggerah Public School;
  - (h) Berkely Vale Public School;
  - (i) Brooke Avenue Public School;
  - (j) Bateau Bay Public School;
  - (k) The Entrance Public School;
  - (l) Lisarow High School;
  - (m) Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College - Berkeley Vale Campus;
  - (n) Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College - Tumby Umbi Campus;
  - (o) Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College - The Entrance Campus;
  - (p) Narara High School?
- (2) For each school listed in (1) what is the enrolment target for 2021?

Answer—

- (1) As at 12 November 2020, the current student numbers at each of the listed schools is as follows:
  - (a) Wyoming Public School 384
  - (b) Valley View Public School 331
  - (c) Niagara Park Public School 571
  - (d) Narara Public School 393
  - (e) Lisarow Public School 224
  - (f) Ourimbah Public School 405
  - (g) Tuggerah Public School 450

- (h) Berkeley Vale Public School 689
  - (i) Brooke Avenue Public School 475
  - (j) Bateau Bay Public School 740
  - (k) The Entrance Public School 458
  - (l) Lisarow High School 810
  - (m) Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College - Berkeley Vale Campus 814
  - (n) Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College - Tum bi Umbi Campus 1,167
  - (o) Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College - The Entrance Campus 399
  - (p) Narara Valley High School 821.
- (2) NSW public schools do not have enrolment targets. The Department of Education's General Enrolment Procedures state 'A student is entitled to enrol at the local school that the student is eligible to attend if their home is within that school's intake area'.

\*4718 ANDREW'S BRIDGE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the current access upgrade being undertaken at Lisarow Railway Station, will the pedestrian bridge continue to bear the name 'Andrew's Bridge'?
- (2) Will explanatory signage be provided at the site to record the death of nine year old Andrew Bridge in 1991 to provide context to the bridge name?

Answer—

I am advised:

As part of the Transport Access Program, the pedestrian footbridge at Lisarow Station, known as 'Andrew's Bridge', will be upgraded to include two new lifts connecting the station platform to the commuter car parks.

Transport for NSW contacted members of the Bridge family in October 2020 and agreed that the existing signage would be stored safely during construction and reinstated in consultation with the family when work is complete on the footbridge.

Transport for NSW will continue to consult with the family about options for reinstating the existing signage or creating new signage acknowledging the history of 'Andrew's Bridge'.

Transport for NSW is respectful of all memorials and places a great deal of importance on preserving the name and memory of 'Andrew's Bridge'.

\*4719 PROTECTION CRITICAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Local Government—

Considering the resolution of Canterbury-Bankstown Council on 27 August 2019 to adopt its Leisure and Aquatic Strategic Plan 2018, which recommends the permanent closure of the Wran Leisure and Aquatic Centre at Villawood, what processes are in place to protect critical community infrastructure, such as the Wran Leisure and Aquatic Centre, to ensure that Councils provide local communities with adequate and accessible leisure and aquatic facilities?

Answer—

Councils in NSW must undertake their planning and reporting activities in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework, which includes a Community Strategic Plan (10 years), Delivery Program (term of the council – 4 years) and an annual Operational Plan.

The IP&R framework was developed to improve councils' long-term community planning and asset management, as well as to streamline reporting to the community. It aims to improve the sustainability of local communities by encouraging councils, residents, NSW Government agencies and non-government organisations to work together on long term plans. These plans must be developed in consultation with local communities, to determine the type and level of services desired by the community.

Councils must publicly exhibit these plans for a period of not less than 28 days and they must consider any submissions made before adopting the plan/s.

\*4720 RESOLUTION MADE BY THE CITY OF CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN COUNCIL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Local Government—

Considering the Minister for Transport and Roads' answer to LA Q4219, which states that neither the Minister for Transport and Roads' office nor Transport for NSW had any prior knowledge of and has not consented to the resolution adopted by the City of Canterbury Bankstown Council at its ordinary meeting



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of 22 September 2020, which amends Item 5.1: Application to amend Bankstown Local Environmental Plan 2015: 1 Leicester Street, Chester Hill (Chester Square) by adding the following:

3. Subject to the issue of a Gateway Determination, and before the proposal is exhibited:

F. Council negotiate a financial contribution from the proponent for the provision of accessibility lifts at Chester Hill railway station, and that Transport for NSW be engaged with respect to taking that contribution and providing accessibility lifts at Chester Hill station, and the outcomes of these negotiations are to be brought back to Council in the next steps.

(1) Did the Minister's office or the Office of Local Government have prior knowledge of City of Canterbury Bankstown Council's resolution?

Answer—

Neither the Office of the Minister for Local Government nor the Office of Local Government (OLG) had prior knowledge of the above resolution adopted by the City of Canterbury Bankstown Council at its ordinary meeting of 22 September 2020.

\*4721 SYDNEY METRO CITY AND SOUTHWEST PROJECT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Considering the Government's response to Recommendation 3 of the Sydenham-Bankstown line conversion Inquiry Report dated 11 April 2020, which states "Currently, more than 5,000 people are working across the Sydney Metro City and Southwest Project, including the Bankstown Line upgrade, and the project will support more than 50,000 jobs before it is completed in 2024", what was the basis for the Government's assertion that 'the project will support more than 50,000 jobs before it is completed in 2024'?

Answer—

I am advised:

Almost 20,000 people have already worked directly on the Sydney Metro City & Southwest project. There are another four years of delivery ahead which will create many thousands more jobs as work increases across tunnel fitout, systems installation and the upgrade of the T3 Bankstown Line between Sydenham and Bankstown to metro standards.

\*4722 LOCALS FOR METRO SOUTHWEST MEETING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Premier—

(1) Considering the meeting between advisers of the Office of the Premier and six representatives of 'Locals for Metro Southwest' on 28 June 2019, what was the purpose of the meeting?

(a) What were the items discussed at the meeting?

(b) What, if any, agreements were reached or decisions made by the Premier's advisers?

(2) Will the Premier make the agenda and minutes of the meeting publicly available?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Summaries of scheduled meetings are published quarterly on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website in accordance with Premier's Memorandum M2015-05.

Meetings that do not involve a Minister are not required to be included in the summaries published.

\*4723 MEETINGS BY THE OFFICE OF THE PREMIER—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Premier—

(1) Have any staff of the Office of the Premier had any meetings with a developer or their representative, with respect to developments within the City of Canterbury Bankstown Council since May 2016 (to 20 October 2020)?

(a) If so, for each meeting could details of the provided as are required to be disclosed in the Ministers' Diary Disclosures Summary?

Answer—

Summaries of scheduled meetings are published quarterly on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website in accordance with Premier's Memorandum M2015-05.

Meetings that do not involve a Minister are not required to be included in the summaries published.

I am advised that staff of the Office of the Premier met with Locals for Metro Southwest on 28 June 2019.

\*4724 SITES SHORTLISTED FOR THE NEW BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

When will the six sites shortlisted for the new Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital be made publicly known?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response provided at LA 3927.

\*4725 COMMUTER PARKING AT BANKSTOWN RAILWAY STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Have Transport for NSW or Sydney Metro undertaken an assessment with respect to the amount of commuter parking that will be required to meet commuter demand at Bankstown Railway Station as part of the SSI 8256 MOD 1 - Modification to Sydney Metro - Sydenham to Bankstown?

(a) If so, will this assessment be made publicly available?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Sydney Metro work being undertaken at existing stations, including Bankstown Station, includes works around the stations to better integrate with other modes of transport. This will include provision of new bicycle parking facilities and kerbside facilities including accessible parking, kiss and ride and taxi facilities. There will be no net loss of dedicated commuter parking spaces located on NSW Government owned land between Marrickville and Bankstown Station as a result of Sydney Metro.

(a) The Bankstown Station Design and Precinct Plan will be exhibited for public comment in 2021.

\*4726 GEORGE BASS SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Considering that George Bass School provides learning programs for students with physical disabilities, and that it offers students hydrotherapy in the school's pool once a week which requires the use of an electric hoist to transfer them from their wheelchairs into the water, and that due to increased enrolments resulting in overuse and frequent maintenance the school now requires a manual mobile hoist as a backup for when the electric hoist is undergoing repairs; will any funding be allocated to George Bass School for the provision of a new mobile hoist?

(a) If yes, when will this funding be available?

(b) If no, why not?

Answer—

I am advised that the local School Infrastructure NSW office is working with George Bass School to submit an application to the Department of Education's Learning and Wellbeing Unit for the supply of a mobile hoist

\*4727 PROPOSAL TO RECLASSIFY AND RENAME THE PROSPECT CREEK—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

Considering the NSW Geographical Names Board is in receipt of a proposal to reclassify and rename the Prospect Creek as the Lennox River, and that the proposal will be evaluated at the Board's meeting on 17 November 2020, should that Proposal ultimately be approved will the Government allocate resources to the upgrade and maintenance of the river and adjacent facilities?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Geographical names are a matter for the Minister for Customer Service, the Hon. Victor Dominello MP.

Prospect Creek is part of the Georges River system and the Government is currently supporting local councils in this area to develop a comprehensive Coastal Management Program.

Questions about the development and implementation of Coastal Management Programs are a matter for the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Shelley Hancock MP.

\*4728 SOUTH EAST SYDNEY LIGHT RAIL—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) How many times has the South East Sydney Light Rail malfunctioned from 1 December 2019 to 12

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- (2) From 1 December 2019 to 12 November 2020, how many times on the South East Sydney Light Rail has:
  - (a) NSW Fire + Rescue been required to attend incidents?
  - (b) The NSW Police Force been required to attend incidents?
- (3) From 1 December 2019 to 12 November 2020, how many times has there been a collision between a South East Sydney Light Rail tram and:
  - (a) Another vehicle?
  - (b) A pedestrian?
- (4) From 1 December 2019 to 12 November 2020, how many times has there been a near miss between a South East Sydney Light Rail tram and:
  - (a) Another vehicle?
  - (b) A pedestrian?

Answer—

I am advised:

1. From start of operations to 12 November 2020 around 140,000 services have been delivered between Circular Quay and Randwick and, Circular Quay and Juniors Kingsford. 127 events were recorded with service delays of 15 minutes or more due to malfunctions.

2. (a) Five recorded events.

(b) 50 calls were made to NSW Police, primarily for anti-social behaviour of customers.

3. The Government takes the safety of the public, including all road and transport users very seriously.

From 1 December 2019, speed limits were reduced on roads along the light rail route to improve safety and create a consistent speed limit for road users. Transport for NSW launched the 'Heads Up, Play it Safe around Light Rail' campaign to educate all roads users - pedestrians, cyclists and motorists - about safe interaction around trams. The campaign features across social media and digital channels, outdoor, television and radio advertising, on buses, and local press with messages for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists. The campaign has been backed by strong engagement with NRMA and cycling groups such as Bicycle NSW and Bike East.

(a) 21 collisions (statistics includes cyclists).

(b) Four collisions, generally from pedestrians walking into the side of the trams.

4. (a) 131 near miss events.

(b) 123 near miss events.

\*4729 SUPPORT FOR FRONTLINE SERVICES PROVIDERS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Considering the increase in demand on frontline services providers such as Barnardo's as a result of COVID-19 and the economic recession, why has the Government only provided six months contracts for service provision?
- (2) Why has the Government not provided three to five year contracts that would ensure certainty in funding and subsequently ensure certainty in service provision?
- (3) Considering that six month contracts do not provide employment stability for staff, has consideration been given to the implications of this employment instability of service provision?
- (4) Considering domestic abuse and child abuse has increased since March this year, why is the Government not increasing financial support for organisations such as Barnardo's to ensure they are able to provide frontline support for the increased demand for the service?

Answer—

The NSW Government recognises the importance of family support services and has made a commitment of up to \$171.9 million over four years (\$41.4 million in 2020-21) to implement evidence based therapeutic programs for family preservation, and restoration to support permanency outcomes for children in out-of-home care across NSW. The \$50 million Social Sector Transformation Fund will also support small and medium not-for-profits to adapt and innovate, to enable the continued delivery of services to people across NSW.

I am advised that contracts are in place until 30 June 2021 for all intensive family preservation and support programs. The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) will

work closely with existing providers to confirm recommissioning processes and timeframes in early 2021 to support program delivery from 1 July 2021. DCJ will work in partnership with providers to deliver high quality services to keep children and families together safely. DCJ's work will be informed by the evaluations of its programs, to assist it in continuing best evidence based practice.

\*4730 PAEDIATRIC CARDIAC SERVICES AT RANDWICK AND WESTMEAD CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Following the announcement earlier this year that paediatric cardiac services will be performed at both Randwick and Westmead Children's Hospitals, what steps have been taken to make this announcement a reality?
  - (a) What is the timeline for the complete implementation this announcement?
- (2) How many paediatric cardiac surgeries have been undertaken at the Randwick campus of the Sydney Children's Hospital Network since this announcement (to 12 November 2020)?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Paediatric Cardiac Services Panel was formed to develop a Model of Care and Implementation Plan. The first panel meeting was held in June 2020 and the Model of Care and Implementation Plan will be finalised next year.
- (2) I am informed that two cardiac surgical cases have been performed at the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network, Randwick since January 2020.

\*4731 CS02 EASTERN SUBURBS ALLOCATION ZONE WAIT TIMES—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) In the CS02 Eastern Suburbs Allocation Zone, what are the average wait times for the following:
  - (a) A priority transfer;
  - (b) A priority new application;
  - (c) A non-priority transfer;
  - (d) A non-priority new application?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are a wide variety of factors that can influence the wait time an Applicant may experience when waiting for a transfer. These can include locational or accessibility requirements as well as the priority status of the transfer.

Wait times for social housing applicants can be found:

<https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/expected-waiting-times>.

\*4732 CAPACITY AND UPGRADES TO RANDWICK BOYS AND RANDWICK GIRLS HIGH SCHOOLS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What is the timeline for the completion of the upgrades to Randwick Boys and Randwick Girls High Schools?
- (2) What is the projected capacity as a percentage for Randwick Boys and Randwick Girls High Schools;
  - (a) As at 12 November 2020?
  - (b) In 2025?
  - (c) In 2030?
- (3) How are the proposed upgrades projected to affect the capacity of either Randwick Boys or Randwick Girls High Schools?

Answer—

- (1) The progress of individual projects will be communicated to school communities through regular project updates. Further information is available via the School Infrastructure NSW website at [www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au).
- (2) Every eligible student who wishes to attend a NSW government school will be given a place at their local school. Accordingly, the Department of Education does not have fixed enrolment capacities at NSW government schools. Schools have the ability to adapt to fluctuating enrolments through the use of a combination of temporary and permanent teaching spaces.
- (3) The upgrades are being planned to meet current and future enrolment demands.

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\*4733 PORT KEMBLA COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND—Mr Paul Scully asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Does the independent panel under the Newcastle Port Community Contribution Fund, which makes recommendations to the Government, include a community representative on the panel (Newcastle Herald, 11 June 2020)?
  - (a) If so, why has no similar community representative been appointed to the independent panel, which also provides advice to the Government, under the Port Kembla Community Investment Fund?
- (2) Will consideration be given to appoint a community representative to the Port Kembla Community Investment Fund to reflect the similar governance arrangements of the Newcastle Port Community Contribution Fund?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) Are community and tourism-based events eligible for funding under the Newcastle Port Community Contribution Fund?
- (4) What are the reasons for the ineligibility of funding for community and tourism-based events under the Port Kembla Community Investment Fund?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
  - (a) Membership of the Port Kembla Community Investment Fund Panel reflects key organisations such as the NSW Government, Illawarra Business Chamber, University of Wollongong and Regional Development Australia Illawarra. These organisations nominate a senior person to represent them on the evaluation panel.
- (2) There are no plans to change the composition of the Port Kembla Community Investment Fund assessment panel.
  - (a) Membership of the Port Kembla Community Investment Fund evaluation panel reflects organisations not individuals. These organisations nominate a senior person to represent them on the evaluation panel.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) The focus of the Port Kembla Community Investment Fund has been on enabling infrastructure. This approach was endorsed in the 2019 formal review of the Fund.

\*4734 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FUNDING FOR THE ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How much funding was allocated to mental health services in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District in each financial year from 2017-18 to 2019-20?
- (2) Will additional funding be allocated for mental health services in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District in the 2020-21 NSW Budget?

Answer—

1 Each local health district has a service agreement which is published on its website. Direct mental health budget allocations are published within the local health district's service agreement. The published amounts do not incorporate indirect funding which is included in other line items (such as Teaching, Training and Research, and Small Rural Hospitals).

2 Funding for mental health services for the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District is currently being finalised.

\*4735 TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAINTENANCE IN THE WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many businesses in the Wollongong local government area:
  - (a) Manufacture components for transport infrastructure?
  - (b) Are involved in the maintenance of NSW Transport infrastructure?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at 10 November 2020, a total of 497 businesses from the Wollongong LGA are registered as vendors across various industries in the Transport for NSW Procurement system.

\*4736 ADVISORY GROUP FEEDBACK—Mr Paul Scully asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

Considering the response to LA Q3877, what was the feedback provided by the two new advisory groups the Softwood Industries Advisory Group and the Hardwood Industries Advisory Group at the meeting held in late January, early February 2020 and in August 2020 on the recovery of the forestry sector following the 2019-20 bushfire season and the on-going COVID-19 pandemic?

Answer—

These meetings provided important insights into issues impacting on both the softwood and hardwood industries. These discussions were particularly important in terms of discussing issues relating to bushfire impacts and recovery needs and challenges.

The industry clearly outlined the challenges they will face as a consequence of the immediate and long-term reduction in timber supply - from both native forests and plantations - caused by the bushfires experienced late last year and earlier this year. Their input in describing these challenges played an important role in informing the design of the various elements of the NSW Government's Bushfire Industry Recovery Package.

In relation to the COVID-19 situation, very few specific issues were identified, but industry expressed gratitude for the opportunity to discuss the situation in their communities, and for being able to access the Department of Primary Industries' COVID Concierge service to assist in the management of any issues.

\*4737 REVIEW OF MINING LEGISLATION—Mr Paul Scully asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

(1) Considering the response to LA Q3742, have consultations commenced with stakeholders over the review of mining legislation?

(a) If not, what are the reasons for the delay?

(b) If so:

(i) When did the consultations take place?

(ii) Which stakeholders have been consulted?

(2) Will the review be publicly released?

(a) If so, when will it be released?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised that:

MEG has begun early informal consultations with industry representative groups, including the NSW Minerals Council and the Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC), in relation to potential measures that could reduce red tape. MEG is planning to engage more broadly and formally on potential legislative changes early in 2021.

\*4738 STEEL FABRICATION COURSES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

(1) How many courses focused on steel fabrication are available at:

(a) Wollongong;

(b) West Wollongong;

(c) Yallah TAFE?

(2) How many students were enrolled in each of these courses in 2020?

Answer—

I am advised that all courses on offer at TAFE NSW, including those available in the Illawarra region, can be located on the TAFE NSW website by using the 'Find a Course' section on the landing page which is available at: [www.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.tafensw.edu.au).

I am also advised that as TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment, data is not provided by in-year enrolment numbers. TAFE NSW does provide enrolment data in the Enrolments by Students section of the TAFE NSW Annual Report, available at: <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/about-tafensw/annual-report>.

\*4739 FESTIVAL OF PLACE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) Will the Festival of Place host events in the Wollongong local government area?

(a) If so, when will these events be held?

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- (b) If not, why not?
- (2) How were the Councils chosen to participate in the Places to Love project?
  - (a) Why was only one regional council chosen to participate?
  - (b) Was Wollongong City Council considered in this process?
    - (i) If not, why not?
- (3) Are Councils able to nominate public spaces they oversee for participation in, or hosting of events, within the Festival of Place?
  - (a) If not, how are the public spaces chosen?
  - (b) If so, what is the process for nomination?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (3) The Festival of Place is a rolling 365-day program where most of the 'events' are currently online for everyone due to COVID-19 health orders. Wollongong City Council will have the opportunity to host a Festival of Place event over summer, through a new program recently launched - the Summer Fund. More information is available here: <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/premiers-priorities/great-public-spaces/festival-of-place/summer-fund>

(2) Information on Places to Love is available at: [https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/337720/Places-to-Love-FAQs.pdf](https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/337720/Places-to-Love-FAQs.pdf)

\*4740 SMALL BUSINESS MONTH EVENTS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How were the location or providers of in-person events for Small Business Month selected?
- (2) Were any locations or providers within the Wollongong local government area considered for in-person events?
  - (a) If so, why were these not successful?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) All New South Wales based local councils and chambers of commerce were invited to apply for grants of up to \$2,000 as part of the 2020 NSW Small Business Month grants program. These grants were offered to help local councils and chambers of commerce facilitate a range of activities during the festival. 219 eligible applications were received. There were no stipulations within the grants program as to whether the activities hosted were to be face to face or online events as this was left to the decision of individual applicants. The only stipulation for face to face events was that they be compliant with NSW Public Health Orders and be COVID-19 Safe.
- (2) Three successful applications were made by local chambers of commerce within the Wollongong LGA - Corrimal Chamber of Commerce and Industry Incorporated, Dapto Chamber of Commerce and Development and Port Kembla Chamber of Commerce and Industry Incorporated. The Wollongong Council, Illawarra Chamber of Commerce and Northern Illawarra Chamber of Commerce were each invited to apply, but did not submit an application. Other bordering areas with successful applications included Shellharbour City Council, Robertson Business Chamber, Southern Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Wingecarribee Shire Council.

\*4741 USE OF RECYCLED MATERIALS FOR ROAD SURFACING—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the response to LA Q3535, at what point will the Government consider that the use of recycled plastics in road surfacing materials has been proven suitable for purpose?
- (2) Has the Government considered the feasibility studies and trials conducted by a number of New South Wales councils including Nambucca Shire Council and Sutherland Shire Council?
  - (a) If so, what has been the outcome of this consideration?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Government will consider using recycled plastics in road surfacing materials when sufficient evidence in the form of testing demonstrates it is suitable for purpose. Austroads, the peak

organisation of Australian Road transport agencies, is undertaking research under a project called, 'Use of road-grade recycled plastics for sustainable asphalt pavements'.

- (2) Transport for NSW is aware of the recycled plastics in road surfacing materials trial in Sutherland Shire.
  - (a) and (b) The trial in Sutherland Shire does not provide sufficient evidence that recycled plastics in road surfacing materials are suitable for purpose.

\*4742 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What is the number of patients receiving cardio treatment at Royal North Shore Hospital with Central Coast postcodes
- (2) What is the total funding provided to the Royal North Shore Hospital Cardiology Department (to 12 November 2020)?
- (3) What is the total funding provided to the Gosford Hospital Cardiology Department (to 12 November 2020)?
- (4) What are the health implications for Central Coast patients who do not receive timely treatment due to being unable to access local services but have to travel to the North Shore?
- (5) Considering the investment in cardiology treatment infrastructure at Gosford Hospital, why has operational funding not also been increased to meet need?

Answer—

The number and mix of patients is variable and based on the clinical needs of patients. Royal North Shore Hospital and Gosford Cardiology Departments are funded to meet the current clinical model of care for cardio treatment.

Only patients who require interventional coronary angiography requiring surgical back up, or intervention for structural heart disease, need to travel to Royal North Shore Hospital for cardio treatment.

Since the implementation of the Central Coast Local Health District 24/7 on call service in February 2020, no patient transfers to Royal North Shore Hospital have occurred for heart attack patients.

Operational funding has been increased in the 2020-21 financial year to enhance cardiology services.

\*4743 TRAIN STATION PLATFORM WIDTH REGULATIONS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Are there any regulations regarding the minimum platform width required for seating to be allowed on New South Wales train station platforms?
  - (a) If so, what is the minimum allowed width?
- (2) For stations that do not meet these requirements, does the Government remove those seats from platforms?
- (3) What accommodations are made to enable those with mobility issues to continue to utilise public transport comfortably?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes. Requirements relating to minimum platform width for seating on New South Wales train station platforms are set out under the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 (DSAPT) and as described in Transport for NSW Standard – ESB 003: Station Functional Spaces.
  - (a) DSAPT requires that the minimum unobstructed width of the access path must be 1200 mm. Furthermore, where any two-way access path is less than 1800 mm wide, a passing area with a minimum width of 1800 mm is required at least every six metres along a two-way access path. ESB 003: Station Functional Spaces requires the additional provision of a 1500 mm safety zone from a platform edge and a typical setback for fixtures and fittings of 500 mm in accordance with AS 1428.2 Design for Access and Mobility Part 2: Enhanced and Additional Requirements – Buildings and Facilities. This results in a minimum width from platform edge to the front face of an installed seat of 3200 mm for an accessible path, which increases to 3800 mm for passing areas.
- (2) Each railway station is individually assessed based on passenger numbers, vertical circulation, fixed elements and other site specific geometrical constraints.



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- (3) Seating is widely available at stations for customers. Station customer service attendants or train guards are available to provide boarding assistance. Further, infrastructure upgrades that improve accessibility are being progressively delivered through initiatives such as the Transport Access Program. Projects within the Transport Access Program include accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges and commuter car parks. More than \$2.2 billion has been committed to the Transport Access Program since 2011, with more than 470 projects either completed or currently underway across New South Wales.

\*4744 WAMBERAL BEACH AND THE ENTRANCE NORTH COAST EROSION—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) What will be the funding split between State and Local Government to fund works at the sites of:  
(a) Wamberal Beach coastal erosion?  
(b) The Entrance North coastal erosion?

Answer—

The State Government is paying 50 per cent of the cost of the emergency work at Wamberal through the Coastal and Estuary Grants Program.

For emergency work to be eligible for funding through the program, the work undertaken must be identified in a certified Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP), Emergency Action Sub-plan (EASP) or Coastal Management Program (CMP) for the area.

Given Council does not have a certified CZMP or a completed CMP for The Entrance North, the emergency works are ineligible for funding through this program.

I encourage Council to complete a CMP for the area so that long term coastal management actions can be determined and implemented.

\*4745 HAWKESBURY RIVER AND POINT CLARE RAILWAY STATION UPGRADES—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) When will the Hawkesbury River Railway Station upgrades be completed?  
(a) What community consultation has occurred or is planned for the project?  
(2) When will the designs be finalised for the Point Clare Railway Station upgrades and released to the public?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Major construction commenced on Hawkesbury River Station Upgrade in early 2020 with construction expected to be completed by early 2021.  
(a) The Hawkesbury River Station Upgrade Review of Environmental Factors was on public display between 27 June 2019 to 22 July 2019 at three locations, as well as on the TfNSW project website and the NSW Government Have Your Say website. Further details on community consultation activities, feedback submissions and TfNSW's response to feedback is available in the Determination Report which is also available on the project website. The community has been kept informed throughout the delivery of the project via regular notifications, email updates, signage at the station and website updates. A project email address and info-line is available should the community have any questions or concerns about the project.  
(2) TfNSW sought community and stakeholder feedback on the early concept design for an accessibility upgrade at Point Clare Station until 5pm Monday 30 November 2020. The key planning documents will go on public display for further community consultation in early 2021. Subject to planning approval, construction is expected to start in 2021.

\*4746 CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL PROJECTS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) What measures has the Government taken to ensure projects being joint funded with Central Coast Council are continuing and contractors are paid despite Council's financial crisis?  
(2) What amount of the funding promised by the Government for the upgrades of Woy Woy Wharf has been provided to Council?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Central Coast Council is required to adhere to Transport for NSW Financial Arrangements with Councils for Road Management.

As part of this agreement, Transport for NSW monitors expenditure to performance of projects. Transport for NSW has been working with the Federal Government to ensure funding is provided to Council in advance to ensure sufficient funding is available for Council to make payments to contractors where required.

Council must abide by the rules of the Local Government Act 1993, administered by the Office of Local Government.

- (2) This is a matter for the Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade.

\*4747 ETTALONG BEACH INTERSECTION UPGRADE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the status of the construction on the Maitland Bay Drive and Picnic Parade, Ettalong Beach intersection upgrade as at 12 November 2020?

(a) Has it experienced any delays?

Answer—

I am advised:

Funding for construction of the intersection upgrade was approved in June 2020.

Work started on 7 July and is progressing well.

A major milestone was reached on 30 September when a large water main was cut over, which is allowing remaining works to be completed without delay.

\*4748 NSW DENTAL COUNCIL—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What accountability does the New South Wales Dental Council have to ensure that it is complying with orders by the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) to produce documents?

- (2) How many times has the Dental Council failed to produce documents ordered by the NCAT?

- (3) What is the total cost to the NSW Dental Council of legal services in each year from 2015 to 2020 (to 12 November 2020)?

Answer—

The Dental Council takes its obligations to comply with subpoenas issued in NCAT proceedings seriously and complies with the legal rules around production.

The Dental Council complies with notices to produce documents unless there are legal concerns, such as privilege or relevance. When the Dental Council decides to raise a legal concern, the relevant tribunal is informed and makes an independent determination on the particular issue. The Dental Council complies with all Orders of the NCAT in this regard.

Legal costs are reported in the NSW Health Professional Councils Annual Report.

\*4749 CENTRAL COAST TRAIN COVID CLEANERS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many Central Coast COVID cleaners are employed on the Central Coast and Newcastle Line?

- (2) How many hours per week are students on migrant working visas permitted to be employed as COVID cleaners on:

(a) Sydney trains;

(b) NSW Trains?

- (3) What is the average 'hours per week' students on migrant working visas are currently employed as COVID cleaners on:

(a) Sydney Trains;

(b) NSW Trains?

- (4) What are the names of the employment agencies currently contracted to source COVID cleaners for:

(a) Sydney Trains;

(b) NSW Trains?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) NSW TrainLink provides the COVID cleaners for the Central Coast and Newcastle Line. 10 service

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operators perform COVID cleaning services on the Central Coast and Newcastle Line.

- (2) Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink have a number of contracts in place with external cleaning companies who provide outsourced cleaning services at a range of their sites/assets. Those cleaning companies are responsible for managing the rostering of their staff (including allocation of cleaning hours), and in doing so are required contractually to accord with all relevant laws, regulations and cleaning awards.
- (3) Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink's external cleaning suppliers provide the additional cleaning resources to meet COVID demand. There is no visibility of how many of those cleaners are on migrant working visas, including the number of hours per week they are engaged to work. This information would need to be provided by the individual suppliers.
- (4) (a) Sydney Trains does not source COVID cleaners from employment (labour hire) agencies. They are sourced through Sydney Trains' existing cleaning contracts with external cleaning supplier companies as follows:
  - Challenger Services Group Pty Ltd
  - GJK Cleaning Services Pty Ltd
  - Vivid Property Services Pty Ltd
  - Cleantech 1 Pty Ltd
  - Z180510 Pty Ltd trading as Olinga Services
  - E-Gill Services Pty Ltd

(b) NSW TrainLink does not source COVID cleaners from employment (labour hire) agencies. They are sourced through an existing cleaning contract with its cleaning supplier, GJK Facility Services.

\*4750 TAFE DISABILITY SUPPORT STAFF AND RESOURCES—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) How are students with disabilities connected to support staff when they enrol in TAFE NSW?
- (2) How are the staff who support students with disabilities allocated resources when students with disabilities enrol in TAFE NSW?
- (3) What is the number of disability support workers in TAFE NSW in financial year from 2015-16 to 2019-20?

Answer—

I am advised that students who disclose a disability during their enrolment with TAFE NSW, or during the course of their studies, can access disability services support.

I understand that Disability Teacher Consultants work with the student to assess their individual needs and put in place reasonable adjustments to support the student for the duration of their studies.

I am also advised that support for TAFE NSW students with disability is resourced through Community Service Obligation funding provided by the NSW Government.

I am further advised that information on TAFE NSW staff, including disability consultants, can be found in the Number of Employees section of the TAFE NSW

annual report, available at <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/corporate/annual-report>.

\*4751 KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK FERAL HORSES—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Has the National Parks and Wildlife Service commenced a new count of feral horses in Kosciuszko National Park?
  - (a) If so, on what date?
- (2) When will an updated count of feral horses in Kosciuszko National Park be made publicly available?
- (3) When will the Heritage Management Plan relating to feral horses in Kosciuszko National Park be made publicly available?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
  - (a) 20 October 2020.
- (2) Results will be released following the completion of peer review by independent experts.
- (3) Public exhibition of the draft Wild Horse Heritage Management Plan is expected in the first half of 2021.

\*4752 TANILBA BAY LAND—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Has the Government investigated whether Port Stephens Council is willing to provide land in Tanilba Bay for the community's new police station?
- (2) Will the Government consider building the new Tilligerry Peninsula police station at Tanilba Bay if land was provided by Port Stephens Council?
- (3) When is construction scheduled to begin on the new police station for the Tilligerry community?
- (4) When is construction schedule to be completed on the new police station for the Tilligerry community?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force has assessed the location at Tanilba Bay and determined it to be unsuitable for the new police station.
- (2) 50 Meredith Avenue, Lemon Tree Passage is the intended location for the new police station.
- (3) Currently scheduled for the first quarter of 2021.
- (4) Currently scheduled for mid 2021.

\*4753 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) When will the location of the new Shellharbour Hospital be announced?
- (2) Considering the announcement regarding the new Shellharbour Hospital was made on the 8 September 2020, why has there been a delay in announcing the new location?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the answer at LA 4308.

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\*4754 LITTLE TOPAR ROADHOUSE—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the response to LA Q467 which stated that "Roads and Maritime will work with the road house manager to explore options to improve safe parking at the Little Topar Roadhouse and adjacent rest area. If appropriate and within the guidelines for the next round of the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program, Roads and Maritime will develop any proposal in consultation with the road house manager", why has the Department failed to contact the road house manager of Little Topar Roadhouse?
- (2) As this is a matter of safety, will the Department be directed to take immediate steps to contact the road house manager?

Answer—

I am advised:

1. A Transport for NSW (TfNSW) representative met with the Little Topar Roadhouse Manager in November 2019, to discuss the possibility of expanding the existing heavy vehicle rest area.

Following an assessment of the location, TfNSW determined existing parking at the Little Topar Rest Area is sufficient to cater for the traffic volumes on the Barrier Highway. There has not been a funding submission made under the Australian Government Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program due to the location's traffic volumes not meeting the criteria to warrant a submission.

2. A TfNSW representative will contact the Little Topar Roadhouse Manager to discuss other options and treatments to improve safe driver behaviour.

\*4755 OFFENDER REINTEGRATION—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

- (1) What programs are available to support people in regional New South Wales who have been incarcerated to re-integrate into the community?
  - (a) Which organisations are delivering these programs?
  - (b) How many active participants do these programs have?

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- (2) What programs are available specifically to support indigenous people in regional NSW who have been incarcerated to re-integrate into the community?  
 (a) Which organisations are delivering these programs?  
 (b) How many active participants do these programs have?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) and (b) A number of reintegration programs are provided by Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) and non-government organisations to support people who have been incarcerated to re-integrate into the community:

Funded Partnership Initiative (FPI) - provides funding to not-for-profit, non-government organisations (NGOs) to deliver a range of transitional and reintegration services for offenders in metropolitan and regional areas.

The NGOs funded to provide programs under the FPI in regional New South Wales and their number of clients are:

Transitional Supported Accommodation (TSA) – 30 beds funded – 120 clients per annum (pa)

The TSA provides a range of services to medium/high or high risk parolees including 12 weeks supported accommodation with appropriate transitional arrangements to be made within that time. Funded services have partnerships in place to achieve transition to more stable accommodation. Regional organisations funded are:

- Adele House, Coffs Harbour (16 clients pa)
- Samaritans, Newcastle (16 clients pa)
- Samaritans, Wyong (8 clients pa)
- Namatjira House, Alstonville (12 clients pa)

Initial Transitional Support (ITS) - 960 clients per annum (target of 40 per location; 20 at part-time locations)

The ITS delivers a range of activities linked to the offender's case plan to support higher risk parolees in the 12 weeks post release. Additional support can be provided. The ITS operates at 26 locations across New South Wales and works directly with the relevant Community Corrections office at the location. NGOs funded in regional locations are:

- Arbias: Bathurst, Dubbo, Kempsey, Lismore, Wagga Wagga, Wollongong and Wyong.
- Arbias: Gosford, Goulburn (part-time service), Grafton, Lake Macquarie, Nowra, Taree
- Centacare South Western New South Wales: Albury, Griffith (part-time service)
- Housing Plus: Broken Hill, Maitland, Moree, Muswellbrook, Orange (part-time service)
- Salvation Army: Newcastle and Tamworth (part-time service)

Victim Impact and Risk Management Seminars (VIRMS) – 15 seminars pa

The VIRMS service, provided by the Enough Is Enough - Anti-Violence Movement Inc., provides information to lower risk inmates, on criminogenic risk management strategies; the impact of offending on victims of crime and the community; and re-entry/support services. Approved regional locations include Cessnock and Kariong.

NEXUS - CSNSW offers the NEXUS program, an offender-centred approach to reintegration, during which CSNSW staff assist inmates to plan their release back into their chosen community, to every inmate from six months prior to their release. NEXUS addresses post-release issues such as accommodation, proof of identity, finances, transport, support, mental health treatment, education and employment. From 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2019 a total of 6360 inmates across New South Wales received NEXUS sessions.

High Intensity Program Units (HIPUs) - CSNSW provides reintegration services at 10 HIPUs at seven locations throughout New South Wales. A number of NGOs are funded to provide services under the HIPU program, including Barnardos, Community Restorative Centre (CRC), Monaro Community Access Service and Wesley Mission. In 2020-2021, there were 501 HIPU participants. Some inmates participated with more than one NGO.

Other programs - CSNSW also provides rehabilitation, education and employment programs to inmates to assist them to successfully reintegrate into the community on their release.

(2) (a) and (b) The reintegration services provided under the FPI, NEXUS and HIPU initiatives are available to all eligible inmates.

A number of programs are provided specifically to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander offenders in both metropolitan and regional areas to help them live successfully in the community on release. These programs focus on criminogenic programs, education and vocational training, and employment pathways. They are provided by CSNSW in conjunction with other government and non-government agencies, including BSI Learning, TAFE NSW, local Aboriginal Elders, Local Aboriginal Land Councils, NSW Health, Department of Education, Skills and Employment, National Indigenous Australians Agency, NSW Registry Births, Deaths & Marriages, Jobactive employment service provider, Aboriginal Housing, Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation, Marrin Weejali Aboriginal Corporation, Tribal Warrior Aboriginal Corporation and NSW Police Force - South Sydney Area Command.

Employment is a key factor that can significantly contribute to the reduction of reoffending and improve reintegration outcomes, so by addressing this in custody, Aboriginal inmates can make strong positive links with relevant agencies before and after they are released. CSNSW manages three employability focussed programs specifically designed for Aboriginal women which are funded by the Commonwealth government:

- The Gundanha Program provides employment and vocational training for up to 80 Aboriginal women offenders each year in the building and construction industry and is based at Wellington Correctional Centre. Employment pathways and work release assist in creating improved reintegration outcomes for women involved in the program.
- Aboriginal Women's Employment and Training Hub provides employment and vocational training for up to 60 Aboriginal women per year and is based just outside Emu Plains Correctional centre. Women are offered vocational training in hospitality, construction and access to cultural strengthening programs.
- Caring and Working – Aboriginal Mothers Work Readiness Program has been developed to provide Aboriginal mothers in custody with tailored support through programs, employment experience and skills development. This includes programs and skill sets to assist in enhancing family ties, building and maintain positive parenting relationships, reintegration back into family and community, practical parenting skills, wellbeing, and trans-generational trauma. The program is delivered for up to 12 Aboriginal women offenders per year.

Additional programs supporting reintegration of Indigenous people are:

- Bundian Way Camp. Aboriginal men and women offenders work alongside local Elders in the far south coast region of New South Wales assisting in the maintenance on the Bundian way track. This builds cultural strengthening and links to local Aboriginal community.
- The Gundi Program aims to improve reintegration through offender participation in real world construction work that has a community focus. The program provides vocational training, employment pathways and mentor support for inmates pre and post release. The program produces houses that are then transported to remote Aboriginal communities for accommodation.
- Never Going Back (NGB) program is a community led reintegration program for Aboriginal men with connections to the inner city area provided in partnership with the Tribal Warrior Aboriginal Corporation and South Sydney Area Command. NGB focuses on community engagement, culture, mentoring, exercise and provides participants with pathways to employment and vocational training. The program has capacity of ten participants and provides pre and post release support from Tribal Warrior Aboriginal Corporation in Redfern New South Wales.
- Dubay Gunyah program includes partnerships between CSNSW, Aboriginal Housing, Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation and Marrin Weejali Aboriginal Corporation, and seeks to support Aboriginal women leaving custody with medium term housing and cohesive approaches to culturally appropriate wrap around services. These partnerships assist women to achieve successful reintegration into the community and transition into stable long-term accommodation.
- The Aboriginal Birth Certificate program provides financial assistance to eligible Aboriginal inmates who wish to obtain a birth certificate. The provision of the birth certificates aids inmates that require additional forms of identification and in some cases, it may be required to obtain qualifications, complete vocational training and for services with Centrelink which support re-integration back into community.
- Bolwara Transitional Centre which is managed by CSNSW and based at Emu Plains, provides support for female offenders approaching release from custody. The program focuses on Aboriginal women and provides support for women who have histories of alcohol and other drug use. Participants have access to community education, volunteer employment and intensive case management.
- Time to Work Employment Service program is a national voluntary in-prison employment service that assists adult, sentenced Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners to access the support they need

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to better prepare them to find employment and reintegrate into the community on their release from prison. This employment service program is available to all Aboriginal inmates across our state.

\*4756 STIMULANT TREATMENT PROGRAMS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Considering the Special Commission of Inquiry into the drug 'ice' and the Government announcement of \$7 million in funding to enhance existing programs and establish the new Stimulant Treatment Programs, how much of this funding has been spent in the Barwon electorate as at 17 November 2020?

(a) On which programs has the funding been spent?

Answer—

(1) – (a)

Health services in NSW are not provided on the basis of electorate, and the information requested is not available.

\*4757 INVESTING IN WOMEN NSW GRANTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

(1) When will the recipients of the Investing in Women Funding Program grants be announced?

(2) Will they be announced before the 16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women?

(a) If not, why not?

(3) What action is being taking to ensure these grants are expedited?

Answer—

Successful applicants for the 2020 Investing in Women Funding Program have already been announced.

\*4758 MENTAL HEALTH RESILIENCE PROGRAMS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Considering that existing school-based mental resilience programs are delivered by a number of organisations, will consideration be given to delivering them in a uniform, consistent way, in particular:

(a) Addressing the rising incidence of mental illness among our youth by implementing a uniform primary and secondary school-based mental fitness program, built into the school curriculum framework of all New South Wales schools, to build and strengthen mental resilience of school-aged children and improve mental health outcomes for children, now and for their futures?

(b) Implementing uniform mental resilience training for all school teachers to deliver a mental fitness and resilience education program?

Answer—

(1) (a) From Kindergarten to Year 10, the mandatory Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) curriculum provides opportunities for students to develop the knowledge and skills needed to improve their mental health and wellbeing. Students have opportunities to identify their strengths and how to draw on them in challenging situations; understand and develop strategies to manage their emotions; identify people and services who can help and support themselves and others to improve individual and community mental health and develop self-management and interpersonal skills.

Developing students' self-management skills such as self-monitoring thoughts, feelings and actions; developing greater control and responsibility for their actions, feelings and behaviour; recognising emotions; developing optimistic thinking; recognising when help is needed and how to access support and support networks will assist students to develop positive mental health.

Year 11 and 12 students in New South Wales public schools undertake the mandatory 25-hour Life Ready course. This course is divided into six learning contexts, one of which is 'mental health and wellbeing'.

(b) The Government has recently announced an overhaul of professional development programs for teachers in New South Wales public schools. From 2021 onwards, New South Wales will become the first education system in the country to mandate professional learning in Mental Health, ensuring that all teachers are equipped with the skills to recognise the signs of students suffering from anxiety, stress and depression.

School teachers also need to be responsive to the individual local context and needs of every school community. Schools and teachers select appropriate strategies, resources and evidence-based programs to support students' learning and wellbeing specific to their school context.

The Department of Education recognises the importance of early intervention and prevention in schools. It is partnering with leading mental health organisations to support schools in delivering best practice mental health support for students. Examples of partnerships include:

- PAX Good Behaviour Game, and the SAFEMinds Program, both provide evidence-based resources to build the capacity of school staff to better support students' mental health, resilience and wellbeing.
- The Smiling Mind schools program for primary schools, providing mindfulness training to teachers who then instruct students in building their emotional awareness and self-regulation skills.
- The batyr@school programs are group programs for students in Years 9 to 12. Speakers with lived experience of mental ill-health share their stories of hope, resilience and courage with students. The programs are tailored to the needs and specific support services available to each school and year group. Schools can also choose to include a parent forum and/or teacher professional learning.

\*4759 COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS ON GATHERING AND MOVEMENT—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering the Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 5) 2020 limits outdoor public gatherings (Division 5) to 30 persons whilst corporate events (Division 3) are allowed 300 people, will urgent consideration be given to increasing the allowable number of persons at outdoor gatherings, irrespective of whether it is a corporate or community event?

Answer—

(1)

Due to the evolving COVID-19 situation, restrictions in NSW are continually being reviewed and are subject to change. Outdoor gatherings are recommended in place of indoor gatherings, wherever practical.

The latest information about restrictions is available at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

\*4760 NSW POLICE FORCE MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTION TEAM—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How much funding has been allocated to NSW Police Force Mental Health Intervention Team from NSW Health announcement of \$73 million on 24 April 2020?
- (2) How many mental health incidents did the NSW Police Force respond to in the Granville by postcode?

Answer—

- (1) I refer you to the joint media release from the Minister for Mental Health and I titled "groundbreaking first responder and mental health collaboration boosted by \$6 million investment," available at [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au).
- (2) I am advised there were 186 mental health incidents responded to by the NSW Police Force in the 2142 postcode during the 2019-20 financial year.

\*4761 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT PRICE GOUGING—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Since the start of COVID-19 outbreak in late January 2020, how many Fair Trading inspectors were conducting investigations on price gouging for Personal Protective Equipment (to 17 November 2020)?
  - (a) How many fines have been issued?
  - (b) Which electorates have the most cases?

Answer—

1. The Australian Federal Police (the AFP) are responsible for enforcement of the Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Essential Goods) Determination 2020 (the Determination), which covers the sale of PPE.

The determination prevents a person who has purchased these essential goods at retail on or after 30 January 2020, and for the duration of the COVID-19 human biosecurity emergency period, from selling or offering to sell these goods for more than 120 per cent of the price for



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which they were purchased. This does not include reasonable transport or delivery costs of the goods.

\*4762 COVIDSAFE CHRISTMAS CAROL EVENTS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What is required for an organisation to hold an approved COVID-Safe Christmas Carols event?
- (2) Will the measures for singing and chanting be compliant with the current NSW Health guidance?

Answer—

On Wednesday 2 December the Government announced a range of changes to restrictions ahead of the Christmas and New Year period, commencing from Monday 7 December.

An organisation holding a COVID-Safe Christmas Carols event will need to comply with the relevant Public Health Order restrictions. Detailed information on COVID-19 Safety Plans for premises and events is available at: [www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/covid-safe](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/covid-safe).

NSW Health advice on singing and chanting applies to Christmas carols and is located at: [www.nsw.gov.au/covid19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules).

If an organisation would like personalised advice or requires assistance, the Service NSW COVID-19 Hotline can be contacted on 13 77 88.

\*4763 WORKER COMPENSATION—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) What is being done to monitor the conduct of insurance companies in relation to their customers receiving workers compensation?
- (2) How long are those workers supposed to be receiving support?
- (3) How long do they actually end up receiving support?

Answer—

(1) The State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) closely monitors insurer conduct and performance via a robust supervision, audit and compliance framework supported by comprehensive data and analytics capability. This includes monthly reporting on key performance indicators such as return to work, timeliness of decisions, claims management and complaints management, as well as regular performance reviews and supervisory discussions between SIRA and individual insurers.

- SIRA's compliance activities include:
- reviewing insurer performance reports
- investigating complaints
- conducting insurer audits as per the licensing framework
- regular communication between supervision managers and insurers
- conducting inspections of insurer claim files.

Insurers must undertake and report to SIRA on:

- an annual claims self-audit conducted by an appropriately trained auditor
- an annual review and business plan in relation to return to work and injury management
- an annual valuation of their claims liabilities.

Where an insurer fails to meet legislative requirements, SIRA can suspend or cancel the licence of some insurers and can impose penalties and prosecute.

The SIRA website ([www.sira.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sira.nsw.gov.au)) contains:

- SIRA's open data analytics tool, which publishes detailed data including claims, payments and return to work
- information that highlights insurer performance against key metrics
- guidance for insurers.

(2) Many factors can impact the duration of an injured worker's entitlement to workers compensation benefits, including their ongoing medical and treatment needs, capacity for work, the availability of suitable duties and their degree of whole person impairment. The workers compensation legislation and guidelines set out these entitlements.

(3) Over the past five years the average duration from claim reported to claim closure is:

- 2015-16 188 days
- 2016-17 178 days
- 2017-18 193 days
- 2018-19 168 days

- 2019-20 96 days (note: the 2019/20 data is subject to change as claims for more serious injuries are not yet included.)

\*4764 MAINTENANCE REQUESTS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many maintenance requests have been received by the Department of Communities and Justice from March 2020 to September 2020?
- (2) How many of these are from the Granville electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

1. From 1 March 2020 to 30 September 2020, the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) raised a total of 212,562 orders for maintenance to its properties.
2. Of the above, 3,996 were for the Granville Electorate.

\*4765 CAMELLIA PENINSULA REZONING PROPOSALS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What is the current status of rezoning proposals for the Camellia peninsula?
- (2) How many round-table discussions and online discussions have been made by the Greater Sydney Commission to consult with residents and local community?

Answer—

I am advised:

1. In November 2019, the Greater Sydney Commission released the Greater Parramatta and the Olympic Peninsula (GPOP) Place-based Infrastructure Compact (PIC). The PIC is a strategic planning model that looks holistically at a place and how it can be planned to better align with growth. The PIC suggests Camellia should be retained for urban services. Future planning for the Camellia Town Centre will need to be considered with the Government's response to the GPOP PIC.
2. This question should be referred to the Premier.

\*4766 CUMBERLAND COUNCIL INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Ms Julia Finn asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many Cumberland Council infringement notices did the State Debt Recovery Office process in the 2018-19 and 2019-20 financial years?
- (2) How many were for construction related illegal works?

Answer—

In 2018-19, Revenue NSW processed 243 Cumberland Council infringement notices. Of these, 12 were for development offences.

In 2019-20, Revenue NSW processed 281 Cumberland Council infringement notices. Of these, five were for development offences.

Development offences cover development either without development consent or not in accordance with the development consent.

\*4767 SOCIAL HOUSING TENANT TRANSFERS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) As at 10 November 2020, how many social housing tenants are currently approved for, but are still awaiting, a transfer:
  - (a) In the Lake Macquarie/East allocation zone;
  - (b) In the Newcastle allocation zone;
  - (c) Across the Hunter New England region;
  - (d) Across New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

\*4768 LAKE MACQUARIE/EAST ALLOCATION ZONE SOCIAL HOUSING TRANSFERS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

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How many social housing transfers in the Lake Macquarie/East allocation zone have been approved by Department of Housing in each financial year from 2009-10 to 2019-20?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

\*4769 NURSES WITH SPECIALISED DIABETES TRAINING—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) How many nurses employed by the Hunter New England Local Health District have received specialised diabetes training?

(2) What assistance does the Government offer for nurses seeking specialised diabetes training?

Answer—

(1) Since November 2015, Hunter New England Local Health District nurses have completed more than 3000 diabetes education programs.

(2) NSW Health annually awards nurses and midwives scholarships of up to \$8000 to support their postgraduate education across a broad range of specialties, including diabetes management.

\*4770 NEWCASTLE ALLOCATION ZONE SOCIAL HOUSING TRANSFERS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

How many social housing transfers in the Newcastle allocation zone have been approved by Department of Housing in each financial year from 2009-10 to 2019-20?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

\*4771 WHITE RIBBON SURVEY RESULTS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

Considering recent White Ribbon survey results which indicate a high level of ignorance amongst men aged 18 to 34 about what constitutes domestic violence, with 42 per cent not even recognizing "hitting, punching or restraining" as domestic violence behavior, what steps are being taken to educate men in this age group about the issue?

Answer—

Please refer to my answer to LA Q4638.

\*4772 LAKE MACQUARIE/EAST ALLOCATION ZONE HOUSING CONSTRUCTION—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) How many social housing properties are planned to be built in the Lake Macquarie/East allocation zone in each financial year from 2020-21 to 2022-23?

(a) How many of these properties will be:

(i) Single structure houses;

(ii) Town houses;

(iii) Unit complexes?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation has no current plans to build new social housing properties in the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area in the 2020-21, 2021-22 or 2022-23 financial years.

\*4773 NEWCASTLE ALLOCATION ZONE SOCIAL HOUSING CONSTRUCTION—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) How many social housing properties are planned to be built in the Newcastle allocation zone in each financial year from 2020-21 to 2022-23?

(a) How many of these properties will be:

(i) Single structure houses;

(ii) Town houses;

(iii) Unit complexes?

Answer—

I am advised:

During the financial years 2020-21 to 2022-23 in the Newcastle allocation zone, eight townhouses and 32 units of social housing are planned to be built and an additional 29 townhouses and 18 units are currently in the planning or development application stages. These are individual units in various complexes across four locations.

\*4774 DIABETES HOSPITALISATIONS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How many hospitalisations in the Hunter New England Local Health District occurred due to complications related to diabetes in each financial year from 2014-2015 to 2019-2020?

Answer—

(1) I am advised information on hospitalisations due to diabetes can be found on the HealthStats NSW website.

\*4775 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSISTANCE FOR SOCIAL HOUSING TENANTS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

In the event that a social housing tenant is the victim of domestic and family violence, what processes are in place to assist them to leave that environment?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

\*4776 FRESHWATER CLASS FERRIES ANNUAL BENEFIT—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Has the Government modelled the annual benefit of the Freshwater-class ferries to the New South Wales economy?

(a) If so, what is the estimated benefit?

(2) Has the Government modelled the annual benefit of the Freshwater-class ferries to the local economy in Manly?

(a) If so, what is the estimated benefit?

(3) What is the view of Destination NSW in regards to the decision by Transport for NSW to retire the much-loved Freshwater-class ferries to Manly?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (2) Transitioning from the Freshwater Class to the Emerald Class for F1 Manly services has the potential to reduce the taxpayer subsidy for ferry services by \$6 million per annum, while also delivering additional services and reduced journey time for customers.

It is an accepted principle of transport economics that providing more frequent services (reducing waiting time) or reducing journey time (reducing in-transit time) provides positive economic benefits to transport customers and the broader community in which those services operate. Manly is a sought after tourism destination and deserves a high frequency ferry service.

The F1 Manly ferry route is one of the busiest commuter ferry services in the world. This ferry route is of strategic importance to Sydney's broader transport network.

To deliver the increase in service levels warranted given the popularity of the route, we need to move to smaller ferries operating more frequently. The Emerald Class have been styled to look more like the recognisable 'First Fleet' and have many benefits including two wide walk-around decks, accessibility for the less mobile and young families, bicycle and luggage storage and real time journey information.

(3) This is a matter for the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney.

\*4777 DISTRICT JUDGE APPOINTMENTS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

At which regional locations are full time NSW District Court Judges appointed?

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Answer—

I am advised:

The following regional locations currently have permanent Judges:

- Armidale/Tamworth
- Albury/Griffith
- Wagga Wagga
- Bathurst/Orange/Parkes
- Dubbo
- Lismore
- Coffs Harbour/Grafton.

\*4778 PREGNANCIES LOST TO CRIMINAL ACTS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

When do you propose to introduce legislation arising from the Exposure Draft of the Bill concerning pregnancies lost to criminal acts?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 10 November 2020, the Government released an Exposure Draft of the Crimes Legislation (Offences Against Pregnant Women) Bill 2020 for public consultation. Consultation closes on 29 January 2021.

The Government will carefully consider all submissions to the consultation process. It is important to take the time to get this right and to ensure the community, victims and experts can have their say.

\*4779 LIVERPOOL WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

When will the upgrade of Liverpool West Public School commence?

Answer—

The upgrade to Liverpool West Public School is underway with the project currently in the planning and design phase.

The progress of individual projects is communicated to school communities through regular project updates. The latest community update for this project was provided in October 2020. Further information is available on the School Infrastructure NSW website at [www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au).

\*4780 LIVERPOOL STADIUM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Treasurer—

(1) Do you propose to fund a stadium at Liverpool?

(a) If so, where?

Answer—

No funding has been allocated in the 2020-21 Budget to build a stadium at Liverpool.

\*4781 HEATHCOTE ROAD DUPLICATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

When will construction of the duplication of Heathcote Road begin?

Answer—

I am advised:

Construction of the Heathcote Road upgrade, between Infantry Parade and The Avenue, will commence in 2021.

\*4782 SECURITY METAL DETECTORS AT ORANGE, BATHURST AND DUBBO COURTHOUSES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) In relation to completed works at Orange Courthouse and proposed work at Bathurst and Dubbo Courthouse, are there provisions for security metal detectors?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Security equipment at Orange and Dubbo Courthouses include x-ray units, walkthrough metal detectors and hand held metal detectors. An x-ray unit and walkthrough metal detector will be installed upon completion of security upgrades at Bathurst Courthouse. Hand held metal detectors are currently used.

\*4783 DUBBO, BATHURST AND GRIFFITH COURTHOUSE UPGRADES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) When will the upgrades of Dubbo Courthouse and Bathurst Courthouse commence and be completed?
- (2) When will the upgrade of Griffith Courthouse be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The upgrade of the Dubbo Courthouse has commenced. The upgrade of the Bathurst Courthouse is anticipated to commence in early 2021. Both projects are estimated to be completed by mid-2021. The upgrade of Griffith Courthouse has been completed.

\*4784 JUDICIAL OFFICERS ADDRESSING EXCURSIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Did the excursions referred to in the Answer to LA Q4118 include speeches by and meetings with judicial officers?
  - (a) If yes, what was the involvement of the Judicial Commission in these arrangements?

Answer—

I am advised:

The excursions did not include pre-booked speeches by, or meetings with, judicial officers.

The excursions may sometimes involve participation from the presiding judicial officer, who may join the participants from the bench within the courtroom depending on their willingness and availability to answer questions and speak about their roles. I am not aware of any involvement of the Judicial Commission with the excursions.

\*4785 EDMONSON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

When will construction commence on the new primary school at Buchan Avenue, Edmondson Park?

Answer—

A detailed timeline for delivery of the new primary school at Edmondson Park will be confirmed as planning progresses.

The progress of individual projects is communicated to school communities through regular project updates. Information on the status of a project is also available on the School Infrastructure NSW website at [www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au).

\*4786 OUTPATIENTS CLINICS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Which Local Health Districts are now accepting non-urgent referrals as at 10 November 2020?

Answer—

- (1) There are well over 10,000 outpatient clinics in NSW public hospitals. I am advised decisions on service delivery at individual clinics are made locally.

\*4787 DUBBO HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Will the Dubbo Hospital redevelopment site have a helipad?

- (a) If so, where?

Answer—

Dubbo Hospital has an existing helipad which, I am advised, continues to meet NSW Health requirements.

\*4788 TABCORP COMPUTER SYSTEM—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) What time did the Tabcorp computer system failure occur on 7 November 2020?

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(a) What time was the system restored?

Answer—

(1) Tabcorp Holdings Limited (Tabcorp) wagering system failure occurred at approximately 11:30am on Saturday 7 November 2020.

(a) Systems were progressively restored over the weekend with some limited capacity.

\*4789 TABCORP REVENUE LOSS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Customer Service—

What percentage of Government revenue was lost during the Tabcorp computer system failure on 7 November 2020?

Answer—

Tabcorp Holdings Limited (Tabcorp) has notified the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX), that wagering turnover over the weekend of 7 November is estimated to have impacted Tabcorp EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation) by less than \$10 million.

Liquor and Gaming NSW is further assessing the matter.

\*4790 CAUSE OF TABCORP COMPUTER SYSTEM FAILURE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Customer Service—

What was the exact cause of the Tabcorp computer system failure on 7 November 2020?

Answer—

Tabcorp Holdings Limited (Tabcorp) has preliminarily advised Liquor and Gaming NSW and publicly that a smoke incident at a third-party managed data centre is the cause for the system failure.

Liquor and Gaming NSW is currently reviewing an interim report from Tabcorp about the matter.

It is noted Tabcorp has engaged an external third party to conduct an independent review, which will assist in the final report to be delivered to Liquor and Gaming NSW.

\*4791 TABCORP COMPUTER SYSTEM FAILURE INVESTIGATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Customer Service—

(1) Was the Tabcorp computer system failure on 7 November 2020 referred to the New South Wales Cybercrime Squad?

(a) If so, what was the outcome of any investigation undertaken?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

1. No.

a. Not applicable.

b. On 9 November 2020, Tabcorp Holdings Limited (Tabcorp) publicly announced the system failure was not the result of a Cybercrime. More recently, Tabcorp has confirmed it has found no evidence to date of Cybercrime.

\*4792 TABCORP BACK-UP SYSTEM—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Customer Service—

(1) Does Tabcorp have a back-up system in place to deal with network crashes?

(a) If so, why wasn't this back-up system in operation on 7 November 2020?

Answer—

1. Tabcorp Holdings Limited (Tabcorp) has in place backup and disaster recovery measures.

a. Liquor & Gaming NSW (L&GNSW) is investigating the matter and is considering Tabcorp's interim incident report received.

\*4793 TABCORP COMPUTER SYSTEM FAILURE AFFECTED RACES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Customer Service—

How many races in total in New South Wales were affected by the Tabcorp computer systems failure on 7 November 2020?

Answer—

A number of races across all three codes of racing were impacted.

\*4794 TABCORP BETS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Customer Service—

Did the Tabcorp computer systems failure on 7 November 2020 affect any bets placed before the failure occurred?

Answer—

Liquor & Gaming NSW (L&GNSW) is considering an interim report and investigating whether any bets placed prior to the system failure were affected.

\*4795 AFFECTED TABCORP BETS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Customer Service—

On 7 November 2020 when the Tabcorp computer system failure occurred, were any bets accepted after outcomes for races that were held were known?

Answer—

Liquor & Gaming NSW (L&GNSW) is considering an interim report from Tabcorp Holdings Limited (Tabcorp) and investigating whether any bets were placed or accepted on in-play or finalised events after the outcome of races were known.

\*4796 TABCORP CUSTOMER DETAILS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Customer Service—

Has any customer details data been compromised due to the Tabcorp computer system failure on 7 November 2020?

Answer—

Liquor & Gaming NSW (L&GNSW) is considering an interim report from Tabcorp Holdings Limited (Tabcorp) concerning the cause of the system issues.

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\*4797 REGIONAL SCHOOL DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Considering the 2020-21 NSW Budget allocated \$365.8 million over two years to close the digital gap between regional and metropolitan schools through better integration of digital technology into the school curriculum and infrastructure, how much of this will be allocated in the Barwon electorate?

(a) In which towns will it be allocated?

Answer—

The \$365.8 million allocated to the implementation of the Rural Access Gap Direct Intervention Package provides funding for the delivery of the package to over 1,000 schools in rural and regional areas, including the 69 public schools located in the Barwon Electorate. The rollout is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2022.

The towns in which these schools are located are as follows:

- Baradine
- Bellata
- Binnaway
- Boggabri
- Bourke
- Brewarrina
- Broken Hill
- Burren Junction
- Carinda
- Cobar
- Collarenebri
- Condobolin
- Coolah
- Coonabarabran
- Coonamble



- Dunedoo
- Enngonia
- Euabalong West
- Gilgandra
- Girilambone
- Goodooga
- Gulargambone
- Gwabegar
- Hermidale
- Ivanhoe
- Lake Cargelligo
- Lightning Ridge
- Louth
- Maules Creek
- Mendooran
- Menindee
- Narrabri
- Nyngan
- Pilliga
- Quambone
- Rowena
- Tibooburra
- Tooraweenah
- Tottenham
- Tullibigeal
- Walgett
- Wanaaring
- Warren
- Wee Waa
- Weilmoringle
- White Cliffs
- Wilcannia

\*4798 TREE REMOVAL OFFSETS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering that farmers removing trees from their property are expected to provide an offset, what are the guidelines for the Government when removing trees from the roadside for Road and Transport purposes?
- (2) Is a Government department required to provide an offset?

Answer—

I am advised:

Like all other proponents in NSW, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is required to offset the biodiversity impacts arising from its road development activities, in accordance with the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.

As at September 2020, TfNSW has purchased more than \$148 million in biodiversity offsets for major projects across New South Wales since 2012.

TfNSW is not required by law to provide offsets when carrying out routine road maintenance activities, including removing hazardous trees or other vegetation that is on the road or trimming branches overhanging the carriageway.

\*4799 NARRABRI POLICE STATION—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Considering the 2020-21 NSW Budget allocated \$97.7 million towards upgrading NSW Police Force facilities, why has the upgrade to the Narrabri Police Station been overlooked?

Answer—

The 2020-21 NSW Budget committed \$37.7 million for a range of capital works at police stations. I am advised the allocation of these funds is yet to be finalised. Narrabri Police Station has, and will continue to receive, regular and routine maintenance.

\*4800 WILLOWDALE ESTATE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Does the Willowdale Estate in Denham Court currently fall under the jurisdiction of Fire + Rescue NSW or the Rural Fire Service?
- (2) Does the Macarthur Jurisdictional Review propose adding the Willowdale Estate in Denham Court to Fire + Rescue NSW's boundaries?
- (3) When did the Macarthur Jurisdictional Review of Fire + Rescue NSW boundaries commence?
- (4) When will the Macarthur Jurisdictional Review of Fire + Rescue NSW boundaries be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Willowdale Estate has a Mutual Aid Agreement between Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) and NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS). This ensures the most appropriate incident response occurs on each occasion.

The Macarthur Jurisdictional Review is currently considering issues relating to Willowdale Estate. The Review's first formal meeting was held on 25 March 2019.

\*4801 ST ANDREWS FIRE STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Considering that Fire + Rescue NSW Standing Orders state, in relation to the Control of appliances and vehicles, that "the most senior person (officer or firefighter) in any vehicle belonging to Fire + Rescue NSW is in charge of and responsible for the vehicle in which they are travelling", why will officers not be trained to use the major aerial pumper scheduled to be delivered to St Andrews Fire Station this year?

Answer—

I am advised:

All Fire and Rescue NSW firefighters who drive a major aerial pumper to an incident are trained in the use, safe positioning, and operation of the major aerial appliance.

The Station Officer's role is not to drive or operate the major aerial pumper, but to manage an emergency incident, which can include directing firefighters. Station Officers will have the opportunity to be trained in the theory of the new aerial pumper, as is appropriate for their role.

\*4802 ST ANDREWS FIRE STATION AERIAL PUMPER TRAINING—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Considering the answer to LA Q3591 that Fire + Rescue NSW intends to train all firefighters at St Andrews Fire Station on the new aerial pumper scheduled to be delivered this year, does that include officers?
- (2) When COVID-19 social distancing requirements are lifted, will all officers and firefighters at St Andrews Fire Station be trained to use the new aerial pumper?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to LA4801.

\*4803 EAST LEPPINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL SOCIAL DISTANCING—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Considering the conditions of consent for the East Leppington Primary School (SSD-9476) that state "A6. The student population and associated staff numbers must not exceed 940 and 60 respectively" and "A7. No more than a total of 1,000 people may be accommodated on the site at any one time", will these conditions prevent parents from visiting the school for assemblies once the school is at student and staff capacity?

Answer—

The Department of Education's preference is to allow parents onto the site and is developing a management plan for the new school. The plan will ensure the school achieves compliance with the conditions of development consent.

\*4804 PASSFIELD PARK SCHOOL UPGRADE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

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- (1) Considering the \$11,900,000 allocation in the 2020-21 NSW Budget for the Passfield Park School Upgrade, what specific works will be carried out at the school?
- (2) Will additional money be allocated to the Passfield Park School Upgrade in 2021-22?
- (3) When will the upgrade be completed?

Answer—

The upgrade at Passfield Park School will deliver:

- 16 new permanent teaching spaces.
- A new library and a hall.
- New entrance and drop off area for parents/carers and students.
- New modern core facilities such as staff and administration areas.
- A new covered outdoor learning area.
- An indoor sports facility, including a hydrotherapy pool.

Funding was allocated in 2019/2020 and the project is currently underway.

The project is forecast to be completed in early 2022.

The progress of individual projects is communicated to school communities through regular project updates. Further information is available on the School Infrastructure NSW website at [www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au).

\*4805 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Considering the \$23,079,000 allocation in the 2020-21 NSW Budget for "Hurlstone Agricultural High School Upgrade - Stage 2 and Upgrades for Agricultural Education in NSW", how much will be allocated exclusively to Hurlstone Agricultural High School - Stage 2?
- (2) What works will be included in Stage 2 of the Hurlstone Agricultural High School Upgrade?

Answer—

- (1) As the Hurlstone Agricultural High School Upgrade is in the design phase and the construction tender is yet to be released to market, a breakdown of the funding allocation would place the Department of Education at a competitive disadvantage and is therefore commercial in confidence.
- (2) The project at Hurlstone Agricultural High School includes an upgrade to existing boarding facilities, retention of the dairy facilities and upgrades to the farm facilities. Further details of the project are available on the School Infrastructure NSW website at [www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au).

\*4806 EDMONDSON PARK NORTH STATION COMMUTER CAR PARKING SPACES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the \$35,288,000 allocation in the 2020-21 NSW Budget for additional commuter car parking spaces at "Edmondson Park North Station", does this allocation include money for construction?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) How much?
    - (ii) What will the money be spent on?
    - (iii) When will the additional spaces be delivered?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding the NSW Government's Commuter Car Park Program is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

\*4807 EDMONDSON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What will the \$3 million allocated to "Edmondson Park (new primary school) " in the 2020-21 NSW Budget be spent on?
- (2) What is the estimated total cost for the new primary school in Edmondson Park?
- (3) When will the school be open for students?

Answer—

- (1) The project is currently in the planning and design phase. Activities to be undertaken during 2020-21 broadly include design and further planning. Details can be found in the November 2020 Update on the project, which is available at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/n/New-primary-school-in-Edmondson-Park.html#library-tab>.
- (2) The estimated total cost of the project is commercial in confidence as the major tenders are yet to be awarded.
- (3) A detailed timeline for delivery will be confirmed as planning progresses. The progress of individual projects is communicated to school communities through regular project updates. Further information is available via the School Infrastructure NSW website at [www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au).

\*4808 TAFE NSW SHARED SERVICE CENTRE—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) Considering the response to LA Q3984, has the Government broken the 2019 election commitment to build a TAFE NSW Shared Service Centre in Griffith?
- (2) Where else in regional New South Wales will the TAFE NSW Shared Service Centre be located?
- (3) Why has the Government decided not to build the TAFE NSW Shared Service Centre in Griffith?

Answer—

I am advised that TAFE NSW has addressed this matter in statements on the public record.

\*4809 NEW SOUTH WALES-VICTORIA BORDER CLOSURE—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Premier—

- (1) How much has the 127-day closure of the New South Wales and Victoria border cost the Government in dollars?
- (2) Why was the Border Mail newspaper not told the cost of the New South Wales-Victoria border closure on 13 November 2020?
- (3) Do taxpayers have the right to know how their taxes are being spent?

Answer—

The border closure with Victoria was an unprecedented but necessary decision to protect the health and jobs of NSW citizens.

We always said the border would not be closed for a day longer than it needed to be.

The border was opened on 23 November 2020 following NSW Health advice.

\*4810 TELEHEALTH SAVINGS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How much has the Government saved in dollar figures through the use of Telehealth in regional areas in the 2018-19 and 2019-20 financial years?
- (2) Considering medical specialists have reduced their travel to regional areas due to COVID-19, will the Government commit to reinvesting the funds saved into regional health infrastructure and workforce training?

Answer—

(1) & (2)

Telehealth is designed to assist doctors and nursing staff in regional communities who may not have a full range of specialist support services or where greater specialist clinical expertise is required in the management of patient care. Recruiting health professionals to regional, rural and remote areas remains a challenge across the country. The NSW Government is continuing to address this and, since 2012, the NSW Health workforce in regional and rural NSW has been increased by more than 20 per cent.

NSW Health has worked hard to ensure minimal disruption to regional health services during the COVID-19 pandemic. One aspect of this work has been the maintenance of the health workforce to ensure the delivery of safe patient care.

\*4811 TUGGERAH LAKES FLOOD PLAN—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Has the Tuggerah Lakes Flood Plan been updated?
- (2) Will the community be advised of its status?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) The NSW State Emergency Service (SES) is currently preparing an updated flood plan for the Central Coast. Consultation between the NSW SES, the Bureau of Meteorology and Central Coast Council is ongoing in relation to flood warning levels.
- (2) Once completed, the revised flood plan will be circulated to the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) for consultation. Once the plan is endorsed by the LEMC, the NSW SES will undertake a range of community engagement activities to ensure the community is educated in their flood risk, recommended flood preparations and the roles of agencies in responding to floods.

\*4812 ABORIGINAL HOUSING PROJECT—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What is the address of the Aboriginal Housing Project which appeared as an item in the 2020-21 NSW Budget report for The Entrance electorate?
- (2) How many bedrooms and separate homes will be provided?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Aboriginal Housing Office completed construction of six units (four two-bedrooms and two three-bedrooms) at Killarney Vale in The Entrance electorate in September 2020.

\*4813 VACANT CENTRAL COAST LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION AND ABORIGINAL HOUSING OFFICE LAND—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What vacant land is held by Land and Housing Corporation and Aboriginal Housing Office within the New South Wales Central Coast Council area?
  - (a) What is the address or property designation for each parcel of land?
  - (b) Is there a plan showing the location of each?
- (2) Does an inventory of vacant Land and Housing Corporation land exist?
  - (a) Is this information publicly available?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) In the New South Wales Central Coast council area, NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) hold three parcels of vacant land in Wyoming, two parcels of vacant land in Bateau Bay, one parcel of vacant land in West Gosford and one parcel of vacant land in Gosford.

As at December 2020, the NSW Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) holds no vacant land in the Central Coast local government area.

(a) and (b) LAHC and AHO do not make the addresses of its sites publicly available.

(2) Inventory of vacant LAHC land does exist, however is not publicly available.

\*4814 TUGGERAH RAILWAY STATION UPGRADES—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering Tuggerah Railway Station upgrades, how much funding has been allocated in the 2020-21 Budget to provide lifts at the station?
- (2) How much funding has been allocated in the 2020-21 Budget to additional parking?
- (3) What is the estimated total cost of proposed upgrades at the station?
- (4) When will construction work commence?
- (5) When are works expected to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Accessibility upgrades at Tuggerah Station will be delivered under the Transport Access Program as part of the \$192 million expansion over four years outlined in the 2020-21 NSW Budget.

(2) Tuggerah is one of the projects moving through the planning and development phases as part of the \$230 million investment in 2020-21 and as part of the \$602.8 million commitment over the next four years to provide additional car spaces for public transport users through the Commuter Car Parking Program.

(3) The estimated cost of the design and construction of the upgrade to Tuggerah Station is \$34 million.

(4) and (5) A construction schedule will be developed once planning approval has been received and a

construction contractor appointed.

\*4815 COOGEE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Considering the \$2.58 million grant given to Coogee Surf Life Saving Club as part of the Office of Local Government Stronger Communities Fund, on what date did the Coogee Surf Life Saving Club submit their application for funding through the Stronger Communities Fund?
- (2) What was the relevant application number/reference number for Coogee Surf Life Saving Club's application for funding through the Stronger Communities Fund?
- (3) What was the funding amount requested by Coogee Surf Life Saving Club through the Stronger Communities Fund?
- (4) On what date was the Coogee Surf Life Saving Club informed that their application had been successful?

Answer—

I am advised that the Office of Local Government provided Randwick City Council with a funding agreement on 24 January 2019, which was signed by Council and executed on 8 February 2019.

4816 GREATER CITIES AND REGIONAL SPORTS FACILITY FUND ANNOUNCEMENTS—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

\*4817 COOGEE AND EASTERN SUBURBS BUS IMPROVEMENTS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Can the Government provide further information regarding the planned "Bus improvements as part of the Government's Bus priority infrastructure" outline in the 2020-2021 NSW Budget that is planned for Coogee electorate and Eastern Suburbs?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is planning delivery of the following bus priority infrastructure projects in the Eastern Suburbs:

- Bus infrastructure improvements at the Avoca Street intersections of Cuthill Street and Belmore Road at Randwick.
- Gateway to the South bus improvements (On Time Running) from Miranda to Bondi Junction, with the project's scope focused on the southern suburbs outside the Coogee electorate.

\*4818 RAIL TRAILS FUNDING—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Of the \$4.6 million from the Restart NSW Fund approved since the 2019-20 Half Yearly Review for the NSW Cycling Infrastructure Initiative, how much is funded from the Regional Community Recovery Fund (to 18 November 2020)?
  - (a) What are the specific projects funded in the Initiative?
  - (b) What rail trail projects are funded in the Initiative?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The administration of Restart NSW Fund reservations is a matter for Infrastructure NSW.
  - (a) Two Cycling Infrastructure Initiative projects were approved for funding release for a total of \$4.6 million:
    - Nambucca (Watt Creek), \$2.2 million to build a cycleway from Florence Wilmont Drive, Nambucca Heads to Nursery Road, North Macksville.
    - Newport Beach to The Serpentine, \$2.4 million to build a shared user path on Barrenjoey Road from Newport Beach to The Serpentine Road.
  - (b) No rail trail projects are funded in the Cycling Infrastructure Initiative.

\*4819 RATING HARMONISATION—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) What councils were represented on the Government's Reference Group of General Managers convened to consult on reforms to rating harmonisation?
- (2) Has the Government released its Exposure Draft into the Local Government Rating System?
  - (a) If so:

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- (i) When was it released?
- (ii) How many councils participated in, or responded to, the Exposure Draft?
- (iii) What other organisations or individuals responded?
- (3) When will legislation be introduced in relation to rating harmonisation?
- (4) What other measures are being considered to reduce the impact of rating increases on households during the current health and economic crisis?

Answer—

(1) General Managers of all new councils were invited to meetings with the Office of Local Government to discuss options for rating harmonisation.

(2) Yes.

(a) (i) December 2020.

(ii) Consultation closes on 5 February 2021

(iii) Consultation closes on 5 February 2021

(3) It is anticipated that a Bill will be introduced in 2021.

(4) The Government is proud to have implemented, and will continue to implement, a broad range of measures to reduce the financial impact on households of rates increases in response to bushfires and the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, these have included a bushfire relief package and a financial stimulus package with numerous initiatives to directly reduce financial stress on households.

Examples of these initiatives include:

- Changes to the Local Government Act 1993 to:
  - enable councils to defer rate peg increases on rates notices and then catch these increases up in any one or more of the next 10 years to return rates to their original rating trajectory; and
  - prevent councils from commencing legal action to recover rates and charges for six months unless certain matters are considered.
- Council rates relief for homes, businesses and farms left uninhabitable by the bushfires;
- Distribution of \$33 million in Commonwealth funding to New South Wales councils that have been severely impacted by bushfires;
- Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment - for those unable to earn an income because of the need to self-isolate;
- Over 70 rebates and savings to ease the cost of living for residents and ratepayers including the Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) \$50 vouchers for those with a short-term financial crisis or emergency;
- Economic Support Payment – of \$750 to those receiving an eligible payment or holding an eligible concession card;
- Tax deferrals; and
- Fee waivers on a range of licences, registrations and permits.

\*4820 RESTART NSW ACTIVE TRANSPORT FUNDING—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Treasurer—

(1) What was or is the total amount of funding allocated to active transport projects from the Restart NSW Fund in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2020-21?

(a) What specific active transport projects were funded in each of these financial years?

Answer—

Total funding for activate transport projects from the Restart NSW Fund from 2015-16 to 2020-21 is \$32,248,294.

Activate transport projects include the NSW Cycling Infrastructure Initiative - planning, Wagga Wagga Cycling Towns, Parramatta Escarpment Boardwalk, Watt Creek Cycleway and Newport Beach to the Serpentine Link.

\*4821 ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Of the \$647.9 million allocated in the 2020-21 NSW Budget to road safety measures, how much is for:

- (a) Education campaigns?
- (b) Specifically education campaigns related to road safety around schools?
- (c) Specifically education campaigns pertaining to cycling and pedestrian safety?

- (d) Infrastructure to improve safety around New South Wales schools?
- (e) School crossing supervisors?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is undertaking approximately \$20 million in paid advertising to deliver road safety education campaigns throughout NSW.
- (b) TfNSW has allocated \$4.95 million for the NSW Road Safety Education Program to continue to provide school and early childhood road safety education specialists. TfNSW is undertaking \$235,000 of paid advertising specific to road safety around schools.
- (c) TfNSW has allocated \$450,000 to paid advertising specific to cycling and pedestrian safety.
- (d) TfNSW has allocated funding of \$6.7 million for the school zone flashing lights program. TfNSW has also allocated \$38 million in 2020-21 for road safety infrastructure under the Liveable and Safe Urban Communities initiative of the NSW Safer Roads Program.
- (e) This commitment has been funded under the 2020-21 NSW Budget.

\*4822 OUT AND ABOUT VOUCHERS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) What is the Government doing to ensure that older people in New South Wales who may not have access to mobile phones or technology are not excluded from the Government's \$100 'Out and About' vouchers?
- (2) Will an alternative application process be established to ensure older people or people without access to mobile or digital technology can still take advantage of the scheme?
  - (a) If so, when and how will this be established?

Answer—

Dine & Discover NSW will be available to people who don't have a smart phone or access to the Service NSW app. To participate in Dine & Discover NSW, you must have a MyServiceNSW account.

The pilot of the vouchers will include a trial of options for people without access to a smart phone. For those who do not have a computer or email address, they will be able to get assistance via a Service NSW Service Centre or Contact Centre. This option will be available when the vouchers are rolled out across New South Wales

\*4823 HOMELESSNESS AMONG OLDER WOMEN—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What specific support does the Government provide to enable individuals and organisations to access funding from the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation (NHFIC)?
- (2) What is being done by the Government to ensure homelessness amongst older women does not remain a "hidden issue"?
  - (a) Specifically, how is the Government working to ensure older women are better able to self-identify for support and access that support?
- (3) What support is specifically being provided for older women facing homelessness from the culturally and linguistically diverse community, LGBTIQ+ community and those with disability, including intellectual disability?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice provides assistance to Community Housing Providers seeking finance from National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation (NHFIC) through the development and progression of tripartite arrangements. While the Government does not provide specific support to individuals to access NHFIC services, individuals can apply directly for the NHFIC First Home Loan Deposit Scheme.

In 2019-20, Specialist Homelessness Services supported 2,580 older women (4 per cent of total clients) with a person-centred response built around individual needs, including specialised services such as health and medical services, culturally specific services and specialist counselling.

The NSW Homelessness Strategy 2018-2023 includes the delivery of targeted housing options for older women, including trialling smaller units for older women in financial hardship. The \$1.1 billion Social and Affordable Housing Fund is delivering 1,414 dwellings targeted to older people.



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I am further advised, the NSW Ageing Strategy 2016 – 2020 within the responsibility of the Acting Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans considers the needs of older people, who are Aboriginal, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse, LGBTIQ+, have caring responsibilities, those with disability, dementia or chronic illness or live in rural and remote areas.

\*4824 LEWISHAM STATION ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) What criteria is now used to prioritise the allocation of funding for train station upgrades under the Transport Access Program?

(a) Are stations ranked?

(i) If so, what is the rank of Lewisham Station?

(2) When will Lewisham Station be upgraded under the Transport Access Program?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) An eight step prioritisation framework was used to determine station upgrade locations under Tranche 3 of the Transport Access Program (TAP). Further information is available on the Transport for NSW project website.

TAP is undergoing a Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport compliance audit. Findings from the audit will inform how stations are selected for the next tranche of TAP.

(2) An upgrade to Lewisham Station is not proposed at this time, however, it will be considered as part of future tranches of the TAP.

\*4825 BUDGET MEASURES: AGEING AND VOLUNTEERS STRATEGIES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

(1) What is the total amount of funding attributed to the NSW Ageing Strategy 2020-2030?

(2) What specific projects associated with the Ageing Strategy are funded?

(3) When will the Ageing Strategy be released?

(4) What consultation will be undertaken?

(5) What is the total amount of funding attributed to the NSW Volunteers Strategy 2020-2030?

(6) What specific projects associated with the Volunteers Strategy are funded?

(7) When will the Volunteers Strategy be released?

(8) What consultation will be undertaken?

Answer—

(1) to (4) Questions about the NSW Ageing Strategy should be referred to the Hon Dr Geoff Lee, Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, Acting Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans for response.

I am advised:

(5) The total amount of funding attributed to the NSW Volunteering Strategy 2020-2030 in 2020/21 is \$200,000. Over the ten year duration (2020-2030) of the strategy, this equates to \$2 million.

(6) The following ongoing projects associated with the NSW Volunteering Strategy are funded:

- NSW Volunteering Website
- NSW Volunteer Recruitment Portal
- Timebanking Platform
- Sponsorship of the NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards
- The NSW Volunteer Recognition Program

(7) The NSW Volunteering Strategy 2020-2030 was launched on 7 July 2020 and is available at: [www.volunteering.nsw.gov.au](http://www.volunteering.nsw.gov.au)

(8) The state peak body for volunteering, the Centre for Volunteering and the general public were actively involved in the development of the strategy. Consultation involved online surveys, workshops and stakeholder meetings.

During the consultation process, 1,204 individuals and volunteer involving organisations participated in the online survey process. In addition, 62 volunteer involving organisations and New South Wales government agencies participated in two group workshops and a series of one-to-one meetings. The state peak for sport, Sport NSW also contributed to the development of the strategy.

Ongoing engagement and consultation is an essential part of the Strategy's implementation. The Government is committed to the volunteer-centred approach outlined in the Strategy. An interim Evaluation Report will be published in Financial Year 2025/26 to report on progress against the Strategy's objectives.

\*4826 BUDGET MEASURES: OLDER WOMEN'S HOMELESSNESS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Why has the Government again chosen not to lower the threshold age at which women can be placed on the priority list from 80 years of age to 55 years of age, as is the case in Victoria?
- (2) What proportion of the 1,300 new social housing dwellings funded in the NSW Budget will be designated for older women facing homelessness?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) delivers social housing in accordance with the Social Housing Eligibility and Allocations Policy Supplement.

Priority housing aims to meet the urgent housing needs of applicants who require long-term housing assistance.

To be eligible for priority housing, applicants must meet all three of the following criteria:

- Eligible for social housing, and
- In urgent need of housing, and
- Unable to resolve that need themselves in the private rental market.

All three requirements need to be established before an individual can be assessed as a priority applicant.

To be eligible for priority housing, an applicant must meet the general eligibility criteria for social housing. This includes meeting the income requirements.

Secondly, an applicant may demonstrate that they have an urgent housing need if they are experiencing one or more of the following:

- Unstable housing circumstances including homelessness or living in crisis accommodation, and/or
- At risk factors including domestic and family violence, and/or
- Existing accommodation is inappropriate for their basic housing requirements including due to medical, disability or overcrowding.

Finally, a social housing provider will assess an applicant's ability to resolve their urgent housing need in the private rental market by considering a number of factors that may make it difficult to rent privately. Examples include the applicant's housing requirements, availability and affordability of private rental accommodation, and the applicant's personal or medical circumstances.

Social housing is allocated to priority approved applicants ahead of most other applicants on the NSW Housing Register. This reflects their need for urgent housing assistance.

DCJ has a number of property types including general properties, Aboriginal Housing Office properties and housing for seniors or people living with a disability/State Environmental Planning Policy 5.

DCJ matches clients to properties based on the property type, location and attributes including the number of bedrooms, age restrictions and disability modifications.

Questions about the specific property type being delivered by Land and Housing Corporation should be directed to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing, the Hon. Melinda Pavey MP.

\*4827 SHOALHAVEN HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Considering the \$4 million allocated in this year's budget for Shoalhaven Hospital upgrade, what specific planning and preparatory works will be undertaken using these funds?
  - (a) How long will it take to complete these initial works?

Answer—

(1) – (a)

The funding will support activities such as detailed site investigations, enabling works and initial design works.

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\*4828 TRANSPORT OF NSW REGIONAL SENIORS TRANSPORT CARD—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Considering the Keira Electorate Report for the NSW Budget 2020-21 Multi-Electorate Transport Program has the Transport for NSW Regional Seniors Transport Card listed, does this mean that a decision has been changed to include people living in Keira as eligible for this card?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no changes to the eligibility criteria for the Regional Seniors Travel Card trial. The eligibility for 2021 will remain as outlined on the Service NSW website.

\*4829 SOCIAL HOUSING DWELLINGS—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Treasurer—

(1) Considering the announcement of \$400 million for 1,200 new social housing dwellings in New South Wales, how many social housing dwellings will be in rural New South Wales?

(a) How many of these are going to be in the Lismore electorate?

(2) Will local businesses be given priority in awarding the contracts to build these dwellings, creating extra jobs in the regions?

Answer—

I am advised that this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Housing.

\*4830 HOUSING SECTOR APPRENTICES—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Treasurer—

(1) Considering the announcement of \$80 million for 300 apprentices in the housing sector, is this for social housing?

(a) How many of these are going to be in the Lismore electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Housing.

\*4831 LAUREL LODGE—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Considering the Lismore district's unacceptably high levels of homelessness and rental stress, will the Government consider keeping Laurel Lodge, a block of 12 units in central Lismore now surplus to NSW Health's needs, in public hands to be utilised as affordable or social housing?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Health and Medical Research.

\*4832 VETERANS MINISTER—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Premier—

When will the Government appoint a full-time Minister for Veterans to show due respect for veterans and their families after the less-than-satisfactory situation of having an Acting Minister in place for more than a year?

Answer—

The Hon Dr Geoff Lee MP currently has Ministerial responsibility for the Veterans portfolio.

\*4833 MURWILLUMBAH EDUCATION CAMPUS—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Is the Government aware that the plan to close four schools to create the 'mega' Murwillumbah Education Campus by 2024 would lead to the loss of 17 or more full-time equivalent teaching positions, as estimated by the NSW Teachers Federation after its analysis of a sensitive Ministerial briefing paper?

Answer—

No permanent staff member will lose employment as a result of this project. The permanent teacher staffing entitlement at Murwillumbah Education Campus will be managed in accordance with the relevant Award and state-wide staffing formulae agreed with the NSW Teachers Federation.

\*4834 BASIX REGULATIONS—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Is there merit in changing the BASIX regulations to include solar panels for all new residential buildings in New South Wales, reducing demand on future energy needs, providing long-term cost benefits to householders, more jobs for installers and reduced costs by installing solar systems during construction?

Answer—

I am advised:

BASIX provides an effective incentive to install solar power for new homes, whilst allowing residential development proponents the flexibility to nominate either energy efficient appliances, onsite renewable energy sources, or both, to achieve the BASIX Energy Target. This flexibility is essential for the Government to support the building industry to continue to innovate into the future.

\*4835 SCHOOL COUNSELLORS IN LISMORE ELECTORATE—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Considering the election commitment for two experts at each secondary school as part of a February 2019 promise for an \$88-million investment in students' mental health and well-being, how many full-time counsellors or psychologists and student support officers have been allocated to secondary schools within the Lismore electorate?

Answer—

The total School Counselling allocations for secondary schools within the Lismore electorate as at 24 November 2020 are in the table below.

School Name	School Counselling Allocation FTE
The Rivers Secondary College, Lismore High Campus	0.60
Murwillumbah High School	0.75
Kyogle High School	0.55
The Rivers Secondary College, Richmond River High Campus	1.00
Tenterfield High School	0.30
The Rivers Secondary College, Kadina High Campus	0.60
Wollumbin High School	0.45
Total	4.25 FTE

NOTE: All high schools will receive a full time school counselling allocation by June 2023.

The Student Support Officer Positions in the Lismore electorate are below:

School Name	Positions
Tenterfield High School	1
The Rivers Secondary College, Richmond River High Campus	1
Kyogle High School	1 (from July 2021)
Murwillumbah High School	1 (from July 2021)
The Rivers Secondary College, Kadina High Campus	1 (from July 2021)
The Rivers Secondary College, Lismore High Campus	1 (from July 2021)
Wollumbin High School	1 (from July 2021)

The Government is on track to deliver its \$88.4 million election commitment by 2023. Already, in 2020, the Government has hired 25 counsellors. 50 counsellors will be hired next year, and the final 25 positions will be hired in 2022.

\*4836 NORTHERN RIVERS RIVER CATCHMENTS—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Will the Government invest \$5 million in four Rous County Council-managed projects to enhance the health of river catchments on the Northern Rivers and address water security under the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation's priority regional Watershed Initiative, which requires a \$150-million investment over the next 10 to 15 years?

Answer—

The Government takes the issues of poor water quality and flood risk management in coastal catchments seriously and continues to support investment through state and local government led funding and delivery programs.

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A number of possible funding routes currently exist for the Northern Rivers Watershed Initiative. Funding for catchment health and flood risk improvement initiatives in New South Wales is prioritised and delivered through established funding delivery programs, including the Coastal and Estuary Grants Program, NSW Floodplain Management Program, and NSW Environmental Trust. These fall within the portfolio of the Minister for Energy and Environment.

The Northern Rivers Watershed Initiative is also being considered through the Draft Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy, which has recently been released for public exhibition. The Northern Rivers Watershed Initiative is included in the long list of options presented in the draft strategy. The "high priority" project of natural flood mitigation proposed as part of the Northern Rivers Watershed Initiative is consistent with the option for a river recovery program as presented in the Draft Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy.

Development of the strategy is now moving into the assessment phase, where the options will be assessed and prioritised. Other possible funding avenues may be considered if the Northern Rivers Watershed Initiative or the river recovery program are recommended as options in the final strategy.

New South Wales' north coast catchments have been the subject of increased investment through the Marine Estate Management Strategy, which commenced in 2018. Through initiative 1 of the Strategy, funding has been committed to North Coast catchments through the 'Clean Coastal Catchments Program' and an on-ground works program, with Richmond River being a priority catchment for action under this initiative. Marine Estate Management Strategy funding for on-ground works is directed towards riparian management, bank stabilisation and activities to address runoff. The Clean Coastal Catchments Program is focussed on agricultural related activities such as improving blueberry, vegetable, and macadamia farming practices.

I encourage the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation (NRJO) councils to consider existing state and federal funding programs for implementation of eligible Northern Rivers Watershed Initiative strategies. The NRJO are also encouraged to work with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment during development of the Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy to ensure a rigorous assessment of the Northern Rivers Watershed Initiative, together with the other options for catchment health and flood mitigation.

\*4837 NURSES IN SCHOOLS—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

Will the Government significantly boost its newly-announced commitment of 100 nurses to service the State's 2,200 public schools so that nurses are embedded in every school, mindful of the COVID-19 pandemic's far-reaching impacts on students' mental health and well-being this past year and in coming years?

Answer—

The Government commitment of \$46.8 million over four years in the 2020-21 NSW Budget will support the recruitment of Wellbeing and Health In-reach Nurse (WHIN) Coordinator positions from six trial sites to 106.

The previous success of Wellbeing Nurses has seen them operate across three to four smaller schools to service an entire community. This is so they understand the needs of students and their families and can coordinate appropriate assessments and referral to health and social services.

The additional Wellbeing Nurses will be located in schools in vulnerable communities and work in partnership with school learning and wellbeing teams. The Coordinator positions are in addition to many other Government funded health and wellbeing support initiatives available to New South Wales school student including School Counsellors, Wellbeing Student Support Officers and School-Link Coordinators.

\*4838 GREATER SYDNEY SPORT FACILITY FUND ROUND THREE—Ms Lynda Voltz asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

When will applications be opened for Round Three of the Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund?

Answer—

Opening and closing dates for Greater Cities and Regional Sports Facility Fund will be announced shortly.

\*4839 GREATER CITIES AND REGIONAL SPORTS FACILITY FUND ROUND ONE AND TWO—Ms Lynda Voltz asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) When will applications be opened for Round 1 of the Greater Cities and Regional Sports Facility Fund?
  - (a) When will they close?
- (2) What is the amount of funds available in Round 1?
- (3) When will applications be opened for Round 2 of the Greater Cities and Regional Sports Facility Fund?
  - (a) When will they close?
- (4) What is the amount of funds available in Round 2?

Answer—

Opening and closing dates for the Greater Cities and Regional Sports Facility Fund will be announced shortly. \$50 million will be available for each funding round.

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\*4840 BOLWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Considering that \$100,000 was allocated in the 2020-21 NSW Budget to the Bolwarra Public School upgrade project that was completed in 2019, is this funding to correct imperfections in the initial upgrade works?
- (2) Has a scope of works been completed?
  - (a) If so, what is the scope of works for the upgrade?
- (3) Has worked commenced?
  - (a) If so, when did it commence?
  - (b) If not, when will it commence?
- (4) When is the project scheduled to be completed?

Answer—

Once a project is handed over and operational, financial completion of a project generally extends beyond this into future financial years and is reflected in subsequent budget papers as such. This has been the case for Bolwarra Public School.

\*4841 PLANNING, INDUSTRY AND ENVIRONMENT CLUSTER'S PLAN—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Does the Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) Cluster's plan announced in the 2020-21 NSW Budget to allocate almost \$32 million for the lease acquisition for the Office Hub in 854 Hunter Street, Newcastle include relocating staff from regional offices?
  - (a) If so, which offices?
  - (b) If so, how many from each office?
- (2) How many staff will be located at the Hunter Street Office Hub?
- (3) Are staff currently working at the Hunter Street Office Hub Site?
  - (a) If so, when did they commence at the location?
  - (b) If not, when will they commence at the location?
- (4) Will the \$7.6 million allocated in the 2020-21 NSW Budget to complete the consolidation of regional offices in Orange impact workers currently located at the Maitland office?
  - (a) How will the consolidation effect future employment numbers at the Maitland office?
- (5) How many Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster employees were located at the Maitland office in the 2018-19 to 2019-2020 financial years?
- (6) Will the guarantee made during Budget Estimates in October 2019 that all jobs will remain in Maitland stand?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Store Office Hub project consolidates staff from existing offices in Newcastle. There are no plans to relocate tenancies outside of Newcastle.

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(2) There are currently 460 Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) staff relocating to 'The Store' at 854 Hunter Street, Newcastle.

(3) (a) No, staff are not currently working at the Hub located at The Store site.

(b) The Store is currently under construction and fit-out. This is due to be completed by April 2021, when staff will be relocated from existing Newcastle tenancies into the Hub

(4) No, it will not impact workers currently located in the Maitland Office.

(5) DPIE was established on 1 July 2019 under a machinery of government (MoG) change. As at 1 April 2020 there were 335 DPIE staff located in the Maitland office. On 2 April 2020 another MoG change occurred which established the Department of Regional NSW (DRNSW). As a result of this latter MoG change, 283 of the 335 DPIE staff at the Maitland office transferred to DRNSW and the remaining 52 staff continue to be employed by DPIE.

(6) DPIE has no plans to relocate any of its staff based in the Maitland office.

\*4842 ASHTONFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Considering \$3.761 million was allocated in the 2020-21 Budget for the Ashtonfield Public School upgrade, has a scope of works been completed?

(a) If so, what is the scope of works for the upgrade?

(2) Has work commenced?

(a) If so, when did it commence?

(3) When is the project scheduled to be completed?

Answer—

The Department of Education has commenced a project to upgrade Ashtonfield Public School. The project will deliver:

- A new permanent two storey building, which will provide innovative and flexible learning spaces for 12 classes. The new building will also have new toilet amenities.
- An upgrade to the canteen with works on the covered outdoor learning area (COLA).
- An upgrade to the hall and library.
- Increase staff parking with 14 additional spaces.
- Landscaping and walkways.

The project is forecast for completion in Late 2021.

The information requested has been shared with the school community and made available via the School Infrastructure NSW website at [www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au). Further updates will be available as the project progresses.

\*4843 RUTHERFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Considering \$1.861 million was allocated in the 2020-21 NSW Budget to the Rutherford Public School upgrade that was completed in January 2020, is this funding for the delayed school library project?

(2) Has a scope of works been completed?

(a) If so, what is the scope of works for the upgrade?

(3) Has work commenced?

(a) If so, when did it commence?

(b) If not, when will it commence?

(4) When is the project scheduled to be completed?

(5) Why was the library not built in the initial upgrade?

Answer—

(1) The 2020-21 NSW Budget allocated funding to facilitate financial completion of the upgrade at Rutherford Public School and deliver the additional scope of the new library.

(2) The approved scope of works has been completed. The additional work includes demolition of the existing library and construction of the new library in the undercroft of the new homebase building.

(3) No, however the contract was awarded in early December 2020.

(a) and (b) Demolition work on the existing library is scheduled for the 2020-21 summer holidays.

(4) Completion is scheduled for mid-2021.

(5) The library did not form part of the original scope of works.

\*4844 NEW MAITLAND HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Considering the New Maitland Hospital website advises the hospital will open in early 2022, and in the 2020-21 NSW Budget papers the completion date for the New Maitland Hospital is June 2023, which date is correct?

(2) If the hospital opening is delayed until June 2023 will the existing Maitland hospital be able to cope with the continued high increase in our population over the next two and a half years?

Answer—

The new Maitland Hospital is on track for completion in 2022. The Budget Papers state that "the completion dates identified in Chapter 4 are the financial completion dates, which involve the finalisation of all commercial payments and confirmation that all contractual obligations have been met. This may occur 12-18 months after the building becoming ready for commissioning and occupation by patients and staff."

\*4845 GHOST LICENCES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

(1) What is the total value of the 'ghost licences' in relation to the Barclay Report the Minister referred to on the ABC Country Hour program on 4 November 2020?

(2) What will be done with them?

Answer—

The Economic Analysis and Social and Economic monitoring following the NSW Commercial Fisheries Business Adjustment Program report made four recommendations, all of which have been supported by the Government. Work has already commenced to establish an ongoing social and economic monitoring framework for the sector.

A copy of the report and Government's response is available here; <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/commercial/reform>.

\*4846 MAITLAND ELECTORATE SCHOOLS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) How many schools in the Maitland electorate are currently over capacity, listed by school and percentage?

(2) What steps are being taken to meet future enrolment demand and growth in Maitland electorate schools?

(3) Why did the 2020-21 NSW Budget not include funding for a new school in the Maitland electorate?

(4) When will Gillieston Public School receive funding for an urgent upgrade?

Answer—

(1) Every eligible student who wishes to attend a New South Wales public school will be given a place at their local school. Accordingly, the Department of Education does not have fixed enrolment capacities at New South Wales public schools. Schools have the ability to adapt to fluctuating enrolments through the use of a combination of temporary and permanent teaching spaces.

(2) and (3) The Department aims to meet future demands through a range of infrastructure solutions. This includes greater utilisation of existing schools, in addition to expansions. These solutions are fully explored and tested before significant investments are made into establishing and operating new schools.

(4) There are no major capital works currently planned for Gillieston Public School.

\*4848 SHARK STRATEGY—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

(1) Was money allocated in the 2020-21 NSW Budget for the \$8 million Shark Strategy announced in July 2020?

(a) If so, which Budget Paper Number were the details listed in?

(b) Was the \$8 million funded in total or over several years?

(2) Considering in Budget Paper No. 3 under the Regional NSW, \$315,000 was listed as 'New Works' for 'Enhancing Shark Mitigation and Ocean Beach Safety', what will this project consist of?



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(a) Is it part of the \$8 million Shark Strategy?

Answer—

(1) Yes

(a) Refer to Outcome Statement Chapter 6 Regional NSW Cluster.

(b) The \$8 million was in total for 2020/21 .

(2) The \$315,000 was a capital allocation to upgrade the existing network of 21 VR4G tagged shark listening stations.

(a) Yes. It is part of the \$8 million 2020/21 NSW Shark Program announced on 1 July 2020.

\*4849 NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN FUNDS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) Considering fees charged by NSW Trustee and Guardian on accounts held for underage clients who receive compensation from the Victims Compensation Tribunal and have those funds held in trust, is there a percentage of funds received and held in trust that trigger a fees 'cease to charge' to ensure trust balances are not eroded by fees?

(a) If so, what is the balance percentage?

(b) If not, why not?

(2) If underage clients have lost the majority of their compensation to fees that have been charged, is there an avenue whereby they can appeal?

(a) Do they have to wait until they 'come of age'?

(b) Can family members appeal on their behalf before they 'come of age'?

(3) Was this addressed by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of New South Wales when fees were reviewed in 2014?

(a) Has there been any more recent review of fees for NSW Trustee and Guardian since 2014?

(i) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about NSW Trustee and Guardian (NSWTG) fees for the administration of trusts is available on the NSW TG website at <https://www.tag.nsw.gov.au/fees-forms/fees>. NSW TG's Fee Waiver Policy allows for reductions or waivers where fees would cause hardship or are inequitable.

As part of usual practice, NSW TG reviews fees charged to trusts prior to distribution, and considers reductions or waivers in some cases, including where the trust has been held for less than 12 months or the balance of the trust is less than the amount received and there has been no call on the funds.

NSWTG's fees and charges, authorised by the NSW Trustee and Guardian Regulation 2017, were approved by the Government and took effect on 1 July 2016. These fees are based on recommendations made in the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunals (IPART) 2014 Review. NSW TG's fees are subject to review from time to time, taking into account the cost of service delivery, the comparable cost of similar services and fairness, equity and transparency for customers.

\*4850 SCHOOL SECURITY FENCING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Which schools in the Cessnock electorate have not had security fencing installed as at 19 November 2020?

(2) When was the last correspondence between the Department of Education and each of these schools in relation to security fencing?

(3) When is the estimated completion of security fencing installation for each of these schools?

Answer—

The local School Infrastructure NSW office works regularly with New South Wales public schools to ensure that the appropriate facilities are provided and to carry out regular maintenance.

There are nine schools in the Cessnock electorate which do not currently have security fencing installed: Broke Public School, Congewai Public School, Ellalong Public School, Kitchener Public School, Laguna Public School, Milbrodale Public School, Mulbring Public School, Nulkaba Public School and Paxton Public School. The Department utilises a range of risk mitigation strategies, such as intruder alarms, video surveillance systems, security guard services and security fencing and gates to mitigate security

risks identified at schools. Schools can also receive security guard services in response to alarm activations and after-hours calls from the community and static guard placements when required.

The Department administers the Security Initiatives Program to help address security matters at New South Wales public schools. Under the Program, schools are assessed for support based on their level of comparative risk and are prioritised accordingly.

\*4851 WEAPON PROHIBITION ORDERS INFORMATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What are the types of weapons that are included in the NSW Weapon Prohibition Orders Information?
  - (a) Are all these weapons classified as illegal?
- (2) In general, where are these types of weapons obtained/purchased?
- (3) How many prosecutions have been launched for selling the types of weapons listed in Question 1, since 1 January 2017:?
- (4) How many prosecutions have been launched for manufacturing the types of weapons listed in Question 1, since 1 January 2017:?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Refer to Schedule 1 of the Weapons Prohibition Act 1998 (the Act). It is an offence under Section 7 of the Act to possess or use a prohibited weapon without a permit.
- (2) Refer to Part 3 of the Act.
- (3) 17.
- (4) 31.

\*4852 TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAY PATROL COMMAND OFFICERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Upon the construction completion of the new Cessnock Police Station will officers attached to the Traffic and Highway Patrol Command be permanently stationed there?
  - (a) If so, will these officers be transferred from existing Traffic and Highway Patrol Command positions at other stations or will they fill new positions?
  - (b) If so, how many Traffic and Highway Patrol Command positions will be made available?
- (2) How many Traffic and Highway Patrol Command positions are there (as at November 2020) at the following stations:
  - (a) Branxton Police Station;
  - (b) Bulga Police Station;
  - (c) Cessnock Police Station;
  - (d) Kurri Kurri Police Station;
  - (e) Singleton Police Station;
  - (f) Wollombi Police Station;
  - (g) Maitland Police Station;
  - (h) Lochinvar Police Station;
  - (i) Belmont Police Station;
  - (j) Charlestown Police Station;
  - (k) Morisset Police Station;
  - (l) Toronto Police Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A Highway Patrol office will be established in the new Cessnock Police Station. The allocation of staffing numbers is currently being determined.
- (2) Traffic and Highway Patrol positions are not attached to individual police stations. These positions are instead managed centrally and deployed across boundaries to meet changing community needs and respond to changing crime patterns and emerging issues. As at 24 November 2020, there are 1,426 authorised police positions and 1,341 police officers at the Traffic and Highway Patrol Command.

\*4853 UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE ACT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

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- (1) Since 2 April 2019, on how many occasions has a report been requested from the Council of the University of Newcastle as per Section 21D of the University of Newcastle Act 1989?
  - (a) What commercial activities have these report requests related to?
  - (b) On how many occasions has the Minister met with the Council of the University?
    - (i) How many of these meetings have occurred in the Hunter?
    - (ii) How many of these meetings have occurred in Sydney?
- (2) Since 2 April 2019, on how many occasions has Section 41 of the Apprenticeship and Traineeship Act 2001 been enacted by the Commissioner concerning the suspension of apprenticeships and traineeships?
  - (a) Is the Ministerial office provided statistics or information in relation to those individuals affected by Section 41?
  - (b) Of those individuals who have had their apprenticeships or traineeship suspended by the Commissioner:
    - (i) How many have been withdrawn upon appeal?
    - (ii) How many have been sustained upon appeal?

Answer—

I have not requested a report from the Council of the University of Newcastle as per Section 21d of the University of Newcastle Act 1989 between 2 April 2019 and 1 December 2020.

I am advised that Section 41 of the Apprenticeship and Traineeship Act 2001 has not been used between 2 April 2019 and 1 December 2020.

As the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, I meet regularly with university representatives including Vice-Chancellors. All of my meetings are disclosed and are a matter of public record.

\*4854 STATE GUARANTEE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer—

Considering the NSW State Guarantee for the NSW University Sector which received Expressions of Interest (EOI) from 8 universities as at 30 June 2020:

- (1) How much of the \$750 million available has been requested?
- (2) Will a State Guarantee be issued for each individual applicant or a Guarantee for the total amount requested by all universities?
- (3) As an applicant can apply more than once, are borrowings approved to operate concurrently?
- (4) Can a university which did not submit an EOI as at 30 June 2020 submit an application at a later date?

Answer—

Through the initial expression of interest process, the university sector indicated total potential borrowings of between \$550 million and \$620 million to be considered under the scheme. Not all universities have progressed applications beyond the initial expression of interest stage.

The total value of loans to be guaranteed will depend on the outcome of negotiations between universities and their commercial lending partners, as well as eventual financing decisions made by the universities. Under the scheme, the State will guarantee loans between individual universities and their commercial banking partners.

No applicant has applied to have the State guarantee more than one loan. However, if a university applies to have multiple commercial loans guaranteed by the State, and the application is successful, the loans could operate concurrently.

The final date for universities to submit applications was 31 August 2020. NSW Treasury has maintained ongoing consultation with the university sector throughout the application and assessment stages. University applications received after the final application date are considered on a case-by-case basis.

\*4855 STATEFLEET DECOMMISSIONING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer—

- (1) Has the decommissioning of StateFleet on 1 July 2016 had the desired effect of freeing up approximately \$1 billion in capital over the past 4 years?
  - (a) If not, what value has been achieved?
  - (b) How many of the over 22,000 passenger and light commercial vehicles (at that time) remain in the government owned fleet currently?
- (2) Has each government agency engaged with a fleet manager provider to deliver fleet services?
  - (a) How many private sector Fleet management providers are included in contract 300?

- (i) Which providers are they?
- (b) How many Lessors are on contract 333?
  - (i) Which lessors are they?
- (3) Other than WaterNSW, what other government agencies have moved from motor vehicle leases to an outright purchase model?

Answer—

The decommissioning of Statefleet has freed up (between 1 July 2016 and 31 October 2020) approximately \$925 Million in capital. As of 31 October 2020, 742 passenger and light commercial vehicles remain in the government owned fleet.

Each government Cluster has engaged a Fleet Management Provider through Contract 300 Fleet Management Panel.

Contract 300 has two Fleet Management Providers - Smartfleet Management Pty Ltd and Sgfleet Australia Pty Ltd.

Contract 333 has four Lessors - Custom Service Leasing Pty Ltd, Interleasing (Australia) Ltd, Lease Plan Australia Ltd and Toyota Fleet Management.

We have no information on any New South Wales government agencies moving from motor vehicle leasing to an outright vehicle purchase model since the StateFleet decommissioning.

\*4856 NEW SOUTH WALES VETERANS STRATEGY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) How many individuals took the opportunity to participate in the online survey to assist in the development of the NSW Veterans Strategy?
  - (a) Of those who participated in the online survey, how many have been contacted by the Office of Veterans Affairs for follow-up?
  - (b) How was the online survey promoted within the community?
- (2) How many individuals participated in each of the focus groups that were held between August and September 2020?
  - (a) How were individuals informed of the opportunity to register for the focus groups?
- (3) What opportunities are available for individuals who have not participated in the online survey or focus groups to make contribution towards the development of the NSW Veterans Strategy?
- (4) What is the current timeline for the release of the NSW Veterans Strategy?

Answer—

I am advised:

2,243 individuals completed the online survey including veterans, current serving Australian Defence Force, partners, spouses and family members as well as supporters.

The survey was confidential for privacy reasons, however those veterans that registered with the Office for Veterans Affairs to receive ongoing communications received information inviting them to participate in the forums and they are also receiving Veterans Employment Program updates.

The survey was promoted through the RSL NSW, War Widows and Legacy, NSW Office for Veterans Affairs and through other veterans' networks as well as via the Anzac Memorial and the Veterans Employment Program Social media profiles including Facebook and LinkedIn. A media release also went out on 16 June 2020. In addition to the survey there were a number of focus group discussions with stakeholders to enable contributions to the Veterans Strategy. The Strategy proposes ongoing consultations and forums with a broad range of stakeholders.

The Strategy is proposed to be released in 2021.

\*4857 EFFLUENT PONDS AND SITES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Which effluent ponds/sites in the Cessnock electorate are being tested for COVID-19 fragments?
  - (a) How often is testing conducted?
- (2) Which effluent ponds/sites in the Cessnock electorate are not being tested for COVID-19 fragments?

Answer—

(1) – (2)

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NSW Health does not provide services or collect data and information on the basis of electorate.

\*4858 BARWON ELECTORATE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT MEASURES—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) Considering \$169.4 million was allocated in the 2020-21 Budget for mental health support programs, how much is allocated to the Barwon electorate for Mental Health Support measures?
- (2) Which towns in the Barwon electorate will receive mental health support, including community health workers, virtual mental health systems, well-being and in-reach nurses?
- (3) Of the 12 mental health and wellbeing community collaboratives announced in the budget, will any of these be established in the Barwon electorate?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

\*4859 REGULATORY COSTS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Is it normal for regulatory costs to be recouped directly from the relevant industry?
- (2) Do coal mining companies pay for the regulatory oversight of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA)?

Answer—

1. This question should be directed to the Treasurer.
2. The Environment Protection Authority falls under the remit of the Minister for the Environment.

\*4860 TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN CHARGES—Mr Roy Butler asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Considering the NSW Trustee and Guardian charge a large amount to executor wills, what is the justification for these costs when independent solicitor have quoted around a quarter of what NSW Trustee and Guardian charge people?
- (2) What justification does the NSW Trustee and Guardian have to charge a commission fee on top of the fees charged for various management, administration, regulation, further commission, photocopying, postage and telephone charges?
- (3) Are the fees and charges levied by the NSW Trustee and Guardian justified and in line with community expectations?

Answer—

I am advised:

A solicitor acting for an Estate assists and advises an Executor, whereas when NSW Trustee and Guardian (NSWTG) acts as Executor of an Estate, NSWTG performs all of the duties of an Executor. This includes work to obtain a grant of probate and the administration and distribution of the Estate, including:

- Organising and paying for the deceased's funeral
- Identifying assets and liabilities
- Identifying, locating and communicating with beneficiaries
- Communicating with asset holders
- Obtaining valuations for assets
- Preparing and filing documents for the purpose of obtaining the grant of probate or letters of administration
- Opening and maintaining the estate trust account
- Securing assets
- Arranging insurance
- Paying all ongoing expenses while the Estate is being administered
- Arranging for the maintenance and clearing of any real estate
- Arranging the sale or transfer of assets
- Arranging for tax to be calculated and paid
- Paying any Estate liabilities
- Preparing statements of account
- Auditing and distributing the Estate in accordance with the terms of the Will.

Accordingly, charges that NSW TG makes for administering an Estate are structured differently to charges that a private solicitor makes.

The authority for NSW TG to charge fees is set out in the NSW Trustee and Guardian Regulation 2017. NSW TG's fees and charges are based on recommendations made in the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunals (IPART) 2014 Review and took effect on 1 July 2016.

NSW TG's fees are subject to review from time to time, taking into account the cost of service delivery, the comparable cost of similar services and fairness, equity and transparency for customers.

Further information about NSW TG's fees is available on the NSW TG website: <https://www.tag.nsw.gov.au/fees-forms/fees>.

**\*4861 DIAGNOSTIC INSTRUMENTS AT THE CANTERBURY HOSPITAL—**Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Why is there no renal dialysis, angiogram or MRI scanning technology and only limited ultrasound capacity at the Canterbury Hospital ?
- (a) When will this situation be rectified?

Answer—

(1) – (a)

Canterbury Hospital has well established networks with Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Camperdown and Concord General Repatriation Hospital in Concord, that ensure the availability of services such as renal dialysis, angiograms and MRI scanning technology for the local community.

**\*4862 CANTERBURY HOSPITAL—**Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Since 2015, how many women with gestational diabetes have been treated at Canterbury Hospital (to 19 November 2020)?
- (a) What are the projected figures for the next five years?
- (2) What is the Government's plan to assist women with gestational diabetes in the Canterbury electorate?
- (3) When will the Government fund the Canterbury Hospital redevelopment?

Answer—

(1) – (3)

I am advised that between January 2015 and October 2020, approximately 2,400 women with gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) have been treated at Canterbury Hospital.

Canterbury Hospital provides evidenced based models of care and diabetes services, including a combined obstetrics and endocrine clinic which delivers multidisciplinary care in an outpatient setting for pregnant women diagnosed with GDM.

The Sydney Local Health District Diabetes Plan 2019-2024 provides guidance on diabetes prevention, intervention and care at Canterbury Hospital and other District facilities.

**\*4863 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND AWARENESS—**Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) How much funding has the Government given to local organisations for mental health services in the Canterbury electorate?
- (2) What ways has the Government increased awareness among the multicultural community, particularly within the Greek, Chinese and Arabic community in the Canterbury electorate?

Answer—

(1) Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

(2) Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

NSW Health follows the NSW Plan for Healthy Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities: 2019-2023

The Transcultural Mental Health Centre is a statewide NSW Health service that supports NSW Health to improve the mental health and wellbeing of culturally and linguistically diverse populations.

**\*4864 SCAM AWARENESS—**Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

What initiatives are being undertaken to assist the multicultural community in the Canterbury electorate

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with scam awareness in different languages?

Answer—

NSW Fair Trading provides community education and awareness to community members from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds on consumer rights issues through a range of initiatives and activities delivered via multiple communication channels.

Zoom presentation

- On 17 November 2020, a presentation about scams was conducted through Zoom for the Canterbury City Community Centre seniors' group. This presentation was delivered in plain English to ensure attendees from CALD backgrounds were able to understand the information content. There were 18 attendees at this event.

Publication distribution

- Last year, Fair Trading produced a suite of five translated brochures consisting of relevant consumer rights topics, including scam awareness which provides information on different types of scams and tips to avoid becoming a victim. The brochure is aimed at community members with no access to internet or digital resources.
- In April 2020, Fair Trading distributed about 3,000 copies of the Avoid getting scammed brochure in English, Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Korean and Vietnamese to community organisations and service providers delivering services to community members from CALD backgrounds based and/or delivering services covering the Canterbury electorate.
- 10,800 copies of the Avoid getting scammed brochures were also sent to the NSW State Library which have been circulated to local libraries in New South Wales including libraries covering the Canterbury electorate.
- The Avoid getting scammed brochure was also mailed out directly to the following community partners in the Canterbury electorate:

Organisations	Address	Langu
Arab Council Australia (ACA)	Fairfield (Previously located in Bankstown) services Canterbury and surrounding areas;	Arabic and English
Australian Korean Welfare Association (AKWA)	Campsie	Korean and English
CASS settlement services; (Chinese Australian Services Society Cooperatives)	Campsie	Chinese and English
Metro Assist (Migrant Resource Centre)	Campsie	Arabic, Chinese, English, Korean, Farsi, Vietnamese
Navitas English Bankstown	Bankstown	Arabic, Chinese, English, Korean, Farsi, Vietnamese
Vietnamese Community in Australia, NSW Chapter;	Bankstown (covers clients from Bankstown, Canterbury, Marrickville, Cabramatta and Bonnyrigg areas)	English and Vietnamese

Language radio initiatives

- Fair Trading has been working in collaboration with multilingual media for many years to help educate and provide awareness to the Mandarin and Cantonese speaking communities in NSW about their consumer rights. As a result, a free 30-minute monthly radio program has been produced with SBS radio and Sound of Hope radio in Mandarin and presented by Mandarin Chinese speaking staff members. This program is broadcast state-wide.

During COVID-19 one of the topics covered was about shopping online safely - avoid being scammed. They were delivered on:

- SBS Mandarin monthly radio program from 8 June - 13 July 2020
- Global (Sound of Hope) Mandarin radio program from 17 June - 15 July 2020

NSW Fair Trading's website language page

- Fair Trading's website has a dedicated section for people who speak a language other than English. The dedicated language page contains 21 language pages with publications in over 50 topics in different formats.
- Scams information in different language can be downloaded from the website and includes:

- Avoiding scams fact sheet Arabic, Chinese, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish & Vietnamese
- Top 10 tips - avoid getting scammed brochure Arabic, Chinese, English, Farsi, Korean and Vietnamese
- Be scam aware postcard Arabic, Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese
- Top tips - avoiding scams video Arabic, Korean, Vietnamese
- Avoiding scams Steve's story video Arabic, Cantonese, Farsi, Khmer, Korean and Mandarin

Talking Together project Educational resources

- The Talking Together project aims to engage and empower people with disability about their consumer rights. The project was developed in partnership with a range of community organisations, including the Ethnic Community Services Co-operative.
- The initiative produced two videos - called Top tips avoiding scams and Avoiding scams Steve's story - in English and in six community languages Arabic, Cantonese, Farsi, Khmer, Korean and Mandarin. These resources have been widely distributed to CALD organisations in New South Wales and they can be viewed at on the NSW Fair Trading website.

\*4865 BUS STOPS AND SHELTERS IN THE CANTERBURY ELECTORATE—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will bus stops in the Canterbury electorate be re-introduced?
- (2) How much money is being spent on bus shelters for the Canterbury electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No. The Bus Priority Infrastructure Program improves the reliability of buses by combining, relocating and removing bus stops. This results in improved bus travel speeds and times, and improved road safety. The program also supports future growth in bus services on key corridors, connecting city and suburban centres.
- (2) City of Canterbury-Bankstown Council is responsible for bus shelters in the Canterbury electorate.

\*4866 CANTERBURY RACECOURSE—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

What plans does the Government have for Canterbury racecourse?

Answer—

I am advised:

Canterbury Bankstown Council (Council) is preparing a Canterbury Racecourse Planning Strategy (Planning Strategy) for the Canterbury Park Racecourse site. Council has invited the Greater Sydney Commission and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, to provide input to the preparation of the Strategy.

\*4867 ELECTIVE STREAMS AND COUNSELLING SERVICES—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Will consideration be given to an elective stream at Canterbury Boys?
- (2) How many counsellors are assigned to schools in the Canterbury electorate as at 19 November 2020?

Answer—

(1) Currently, there isn't any evidence to suggest that very high potential and gifted students in a selective setting cannot be accommodated for in the area around Canterbury Boys' High School.

(2) The total school counselling allocations for schools within the Canterbury electorate as at 19 November 2020 are in the table below.

School Full Name	Allocation
Belmore Boys High School	0.45
Belmore North Public School	0.45
Belmore South Public School	0.30
Campsie Public School	0.65
Canterbury Boys' High School	0.40
Canterbury Girls' High School	0.90
Canterbury Public School	0.30
Canterbury South Public School	0.20



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Clemton Park Public School	0.50
Earlwood Public School	0.50
Edgeware School	0.35
Harcourt Public School	0.50
Kingsgrove North High School	1.00
McCallums Hill Public School	0.40
Undercliffe Public School	0.15
Total	7.05

\*4868 ALFRESCO GRANT FUND PROGRAM—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Will consideration be given to an alfresco grant fund program for communities and councils to support local artists and creative cultural activities, particularly in the Canterbury electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government recently launched the Summer Fund program, with grants of up to \$10,000 available to every council in New South Wales to boost free, small-scale activations and events in public spaces in and around high streets and local centres.

One objective of this fund is to support engagement or employment of creative workers, food and beverage operators and producers. More information is available at: <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/premiers-priorities/great-public-spaces/festival-of-place/summer-fund>.

\*4870 BROADMEADOW TRANSPORT HERITAGE DEPOT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) What are the Government's plans for the Broadmeadow Transport Heritage Depot?

(2) I refer to my correspondence to Transport for NSW; will the department provide a briefing on the future of the site?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Broadmeadow site is currently being reviewed by Transport for NSW as part of a broader strategy to repurpose existing sites.

As part of the review, Transport for NSW is assessing future transport needs and options for potential site uses.

Transport for NSW acknowledges interest in the area and any future plans will involve consultation with the community and stakeholders.

No correspondence has been received from the Member for Newcastle regarding this matter.

\*4871 CARRINGTON BOAT RAMP UPGRADE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) What has caused the delays in the Carrington Boat Ramp upgrade?

(a) When will the works commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

The project was intended to commence during the winter months of 2020, however, the land is now being investigated for a potential Native Title and Aboriginal Land claim which has delayed the start of the works.

Construction is ready to proceed subject to confirmation of Native Title and Aboriginal Land claims resolution.

Transport for NSW is targeting to commence work in the first quarter of 2021.

\*4872 NEWCASTLE WEST HUNTER WATER PUMP STATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of concerns raised about an odour emanating from the Hunter Water sewage pump station located in Newcastle West?
  - (a) Why is there an odour emanating from this pump station?
- (2) What action to date has Hunter Water taken to address the concerns of residents in the area?
- (3) Is there any further action proposed by Hunter Water to address this issue?
- (4) What is the long term solution to fixing the odour issue at this pump station?
  - (a) What is the estimated cost of this solution?
- (5) Are representatives from Hunter Water happy to meet with community members to discuss their concerns about the odour issue?
- (6) Why has this issue not been addressed?
- (7) When will this issue be resolved?

Answer—

As this is an operational matter, I have sought advice from Hunter Water Corporation.

Hunter Water has advised that it is aware of odour complaints in the vicinity of the Newcastle 1 Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS). The Newcastle 1 WWPS is one of the oldest and largest pump stations in Hunter Water's area of operations, servicing the western parts of the Newcastle CBD as well as the suburbs of Adamstown, Broadmeadow, Hamilton, Islington, Mayfield, New Lambton, Tighes Hill and Wickham. The WWPS is located next to Cottage Creek, which at times, can also generate strong odours. In recent years, there has been significant high-rise development in the immediate vicinity of the WWPS.

Based on its current design, untreated air from the pump station is passively ventilated from a 27-meter high, 110-year old wooden vent stack. The new neighbouring commercial and residential developments are significantly taller than the height of the existing vent stack, and this has likely contributed to nuisance odours and complaints.

In response to complaints, I am advised that Hunter Water has initiated a range of actions to reduce odour. This includes recent cleaning of the sewer mains in this location and an interim upgrade to limit air movement and reduce 'leakage' of untreated air from the WWPS. This interim upgrade is underway and is expected to be completed early in 2021. In response to complaints, approximately \$215,000 has been spent developing and implementing improvements to the operation of the WWPS to reduce nuisance odours.

I am advised that Hunter Water is also currently progressing investigative work for a larger capital solution to install an odour control unit. Concept design work is currently underway, and pending finalisation, Hunter Water will work to confirm costings and feasibility.

I am advised that Hunter Water has been responsive to the concerns raised and appreciates the ongoing patience of the Newcastle West community while upgrade works continue.

**\*4873 ARTS FUNDING FOR NEWCASTLE**—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Premier representing the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Is the Newcastle local government area eligible for funding from the new Arts Maintenance and Upgrade Fund?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Arts Maintenance and Upgrade program addresses a backlog of critical building works. The Program focuses on shovel-ready projects and provides valuable and immediate economic stimulus to create new jobs and facilitate preservation of jobs. The Program concentrates on upgrades to cultural institutions such as the State Library, the Sydney Opera House and the National Art School which have backlog maintenance or upgrade projects ready for delivery and, as such, is not a grants program open for applications. The focus is on delivering improved accessibility, sustainability and amenities for patrons and leveraging the opportunity for greater access while these facilities are underutilised due to COVID-19.

**\*4875 NEWCASTLE VELODROME**—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Has the Minister been advised that the Newcastle Velodrome is falling into a state of disrepair?
- (2) What funding is this facility eligible for from Crown Lands?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The facility is eligible to apply for funding assistance via the 2021-22 Crown Reserve Improvement Fund. Information regarding the Crown Reserve Improvement Fund is available at <https://reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au/funding/crif>.

\*4876 INSTALLATION OF FISH CLEANING TABLES AT HORSESHOE BEACH—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What funding is available from Transport for NSW for facilities such as fish cleaning tables?
- (2) Will consideration be given to the installation of a fish cleaning table on land owned and managed by Transport for NSW at Horseshoe Beach?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Funding has been provided from the Recreational Fishing Trusts for various fish cleaning table projects and other fishing facilities throughout New South Wales.
- (2) Transport for NSW and the NSW Department of Primary Industries will explore opportunities for the installation of fish cleaning facilities at Horseshoe Beach in Newcastle.

\*4877 NATURAL RESOURCE ACCESS REGULATOR—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How much funding did the Natural Resource Access Regulator receive in:
  - (a) 2017-18;
  - (b) 2018-19;
  - (c) 2019-20?
- (2) How much funding will the Natural Resource Access Regulator receive in:
  - (a) 2020-21;
  - (b) 2021-22?

Answer—

- (1) (a) In 2017-18 Natural Resource Access Regulator (NRAR) funding was \$2.3 million. This represents funding from 30 April 2018 (when NRAR was formally established) to 30 June 2018 only.
- (b) In 2018-19 NRAR's funding was \$24.4 million.
- (c) In 2019-20 NRAR's funding was \$25.3 million.
- (2) (a) As of 30 November 2020 NRAR's expected funding for 2020-21 is \$28.5 million.
- (b) NRAR's funding for 2021-22 is still to be determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of New South Wales review.

\*4878 WYANGALA DAM—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Will any extra water stored in Wyangala Dam as a result of the \$650 million New South Wales and Commonwealth Government project to raise the dam wall be used by nearby gold mines?

Answer—

The Wyangala Dam project, which will provide up to an additional 650 gigalitres of water storage, aims to create greater security and reliability for existing water entitlement holders in the Lachlan valley.

There is no intention for any new water entitlements to be provided following the raising of the dam wall. This includes new and existing mining operations in Central West New South Wales.

\*4879 WATER PROFIT TAXES—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Considering the Government approves Water Access Licences for companies registered in international tax havens such as the Cayman Islands, what actions and oversight does the Government take to ensure these foreign companies pay all applicable state and federal taxes on their water profits?

Answer—

Foreign ownership is regulated by the Commonwealth Government.

Federal taxes are the responsibility of the Commonwealth Government.

State tax policy is the responsibility of the Treasurer.

State tax administration is the responsibility of the Minister for Customer Service.

New South Wales maintains three key registers relevant to water markets:

- NSW Water Register
- Water Access Licences (WAL) Register
- Environmental Water Register

New South Wales has also developed tools to help market participants easily access, understand and analyse water and trade information. These include:

- The WaterInsights Portal
- Water Information Dashboards

The Government is working with communities to improve access and transparency to water market information.

Everyone is encouraged to have their say in this process at: <https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/licensing-trade/trade/have-your-say>.

\*4880 TAFE COURSES—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) On which campuses will the following courses be offered in 2021 by TAFE NSW:
  - (a) Certificate III in Instrumentation and Control (UEE31220);
  - (b) Certificate IV in Instrumentation and Control (UEE42211)?
- (2) Will NSW TAFE guarantee that the Certificate III and Certificate IV Instrumentation and Control courses will include at least 280 hours of practical and theory-based classes for students regardless of which campus they are enrolled at?
- (3) How many NSW TAFE teachers are currently qualified to teach the following courses, broken down by permanent, temporary and casual staff:
  - (a) Certificate III in Instrumentation and Control (UEE31220);
  - (b) Certificate IV in Instrumentation and Control (UEE42211)?
- (4) How many NSW TAFE teachers will be employed in 2021 who are qualified to teach the following courses, broken down by permanent, temporary and casual staff:
  - (a) Certificate III in Instrumentation and Control (UEE31220);
  - (b) Certificate IV in Instrumentation and Control (UEE42211)?

Answer—

I am advised that all courses on offer at TAFE NSW, including the Certificates III and IV in Instrumentation and Control, may be located on the TAFE NSW website by using the 'Find a Course' section on the landing page which is available at [www.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.tafensw.edu.au).

I am also advised that as a Registered Training Organisation, TAFE NSW delivers the Certificates III and IV in Instrumentation and Control in compliance with the national training package, which is routinely updated in consultation with industry.

I am further advised that the Certificate III in Instrumentation and Control consists of 756 hours of theory and practical units, and that a student will have 400 to 500 hours of theory and practical units to complete in the Certificate IV depending on the pathway they have taken to enter the course.

I am also informed that as TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment it does not report on the qualifications or number of teaching staff in individual teaching sections or on individual campuses. I understand that information on staffing may be found in the Number of Employees section of the TAFE NSW annual report, available at [www.tafensw.edu.au/corporate/annual-report](http://www.tafensw.edu.au/corporate/annual-report).

\*4881 COVID-19 QUARANTINE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the COVID-19 hotel quarantine program?
- (2) How does the government ensure accurate information is provided to exemption applications about eligibility and approval?
- (3) What is the trend in complaints about how the scheme is applied?
  - (a) What are the key concerns raised about the scheme?
  - (b) What action has been taken in response to these complaints?
- (4) What assessment has the government made of recommendations of the Victorian review of its hotel quarantine programs?

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- (a) Will the Government implement any changes to the New South Wales scheme based on the recommendations of that review?
- (5) What assessment has the government made of the need for changes to New South Wales hotel quarantine based on the South Australian experience?
- (6) What is the expert health advice about alternatives to hotel quarantine:
- (a) For people returning to Australia?
- (b) Where hotel quarantine imposes significant health, family or welfare impacts?
- (7) What further plans does the government have to improve the COVID-19 quarantine scheme?

Answer—

- (1) The Commonwealth Government has completed a National Review of Hotel Quarantine.
- (2) The NSW Health website articulates the criteria and requirements for hotel quarantine applications. The website includes frequently asked questions with answers provided in plain English. The Government website also directs applicants to quarantine and exemption information.
- (3) (a) and (b) Concerns may be raised around financial, medical and health, and other compassionate matters.

Concerns are reviewed and applicants are contacted and provided with the appropriate response and relevant advice.

- (4) (a) The Victorian COVID-19 Hotel Quarantine Inquiry Interim Report was released on 21 December 2020 and is being carefully considered by New South Wales.

- (5) A review of the South Australian Hotel Quarantine program has not been released.

- (6) (a) NSW Health currently supports a mandatory hotel quarantine model for all returning international travellers unless they have an exemption or are permitted to perform home quarantine under the relevant Order, or they arrive directly from a country with special travel arrangements such as New Zealand.

- (b) Where returning international travellers are identified to have specific health or social concerns, they will be accommodated in the special health accommodation for the period of their quarantine. The special health accommodation has a range of medical and mental health supports in place.

Exemptions from hotel quarantine are assessed on a case-by-case basis by Authorised Medical Officers.

- (7) The Government will continue to evaluate the New South Wales COVID-19 Quarantine Program in light of recommendations made by the National and Victorian reviews.

\*4882 INNER CITY SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Does the Government have plans to sell any inner city social housing properties?
- (a) What properties have been identified for sale?
- (2) Does the Government have plans to redevelop inner city social housing properties?
- (a) What properties have been identified for redevelopment?
- (3) Has the Government requested any assessments from the Land and Housing Corporation about possible sales of social housing properties in the inner city?
- (4) What investigation has been done into building new social housing units on vacant Land and Housing Corporation land at Nicholson Street Woolloomooloo?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to increase the number of social housing units in the Sydney electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (a) The following properties in the Sydney LGA have been identified for sale:
- 61 Arundel Street, Glebe
  - 92 Cowper Street, Glebe
  - 202 Palmer Street, Darlinghurst
- (2) There are five renewal projects in the preliminary rezoning phase within the City of Sydney local government area:
- (a) Waterloo South; 600 Elizabeth Street; Redfern; 17-31 Cowper Street and 2A-2D Wentworth Park Road, Glebe; Franklyn Street, Glebe; and Explorer Street, Eveleigh.

(3) Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) continually reviews its portfolio in collaboration with Government.

(4) The vacant land at Nicholson Street, Woolloomooloo is currently being explored by LAHC for future opportunities, including its potential to deliver new social housing.

(5) LAHC is continually reviewing its portfolio, including properties within the Sydney electorate, to support the priorities of the Government's social housing policy, Future Directions for Social Housing in NSW. This review includes opportunities to develop new social housing. Dependant on planning approval, the five projects detailed above (2) will see a 38 per cent overall increase in social housing numbers averaged over the five projects.

This is an increase of 341 dwellings to approximately 1,263, up from 922. This will result in the replacement of all 922 dwellings to meet current design standards and create better social outcomes for vulnerable communities.

\*4883 FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) When was the curriculum last updated to include new information and evidence about the long history of Aboriginal occupation and care for country, culture and language?

(2) How does the Government ensure that:

- (a) All school students learn about Indigenous culture and history in New South Wales schools?
- (b) Indigenous Elders and community leaders provide firsthand knowledge and stories to students?
- (c) Teachers and other school staff have knowledge and resources to provide?
- (d) Indigenous students have access to Aboriginal teachers and assistants?

(3) What further action will the Government take to bolster First Nations school education?

Answer—

(1) The History K–10 Syllabus was published in 2012 and includes content and examples related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures.

(2) (a) Students in New South Wales schools learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures as a learning across the curriculum priority, which has been included in over 60 syllabuses since 2015.

(b) As part of the Department of Education's Aboriginal Education Policy and the renewed Partnership Agreement 2020-2030 Walking Together, Working Together between the Department and the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) Incorporated, local Aboriginal people are encouraged to be part of the planning process in all school communities.

Principals and/or school representatives regularly contact their Local AECG, Aboriginal education consultants, Local Aboriginal Land Councils or language centres. This approach reflects the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) 2008, Working with Aboriginal Communities: A Guide to Community Consultation and Protocols.

For delivery of specialised Aboriginal Studies and Aboriginal Languages syllabi, and for any other units of work with a particular or sustained focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, all New South Wales public schools can ensure successful and sustainable learning outcomes by working in partnership with their local Aboriginal community(ies).

(c) The Department provides Aboriginal cultural education for staff and education about Aboriginal Australia for all students. This is part of the Aboriginal Education Policy. The Department provides appropriate and relevant training and resources to assist with the implementation of this policy in line with the key focus of achieving improved educational outcomes in Aboriginal education.

Mandatory Aboriginal perspectives and specific content in all New South Wales syllabi for the Australian curriculum require schools to build capacity in their staff to work effectively with Aboriginal people.

The Department provides professional learning on Aboriginal histories and culture. Courses aim to build the knowledge and understanding of teaching and school staff about the issues, history and diverse culture of Aboriginal Australia. Under the 2020-2030 Working Together, Walking Together Partnership Agreement, the Department and the New South Wales AECG aim to work towards all teaching and non-teaching staff completing Aboriginal cultural awareness training, with refresher courses every three years.

The New South Wales AECG, as the Department's peak advisory body, provides professional learning for many schools through its 'Connecting to Country', 'Healthy Culture Healthy Country', 'Engaging with

Aboriginal Communities' and 'View From The Shore' professional learning programs. These programs provide a much needed cultural conduit between the teaching fraternity and Aboriginal peoples and communities.

(d) The Department is strongly committed to the employment of Aboriginal people, including Aboriginal teachers and support staff. The permanent employment of Aboriginal teachers is prioritised under the Staffing Agreement between the Department and the NSW Teachers Federation. Aboriginal teachers are permanently appointed to schools based on their qualifications and the needs of the school.

Many schools with a significant number of Aboriginal students have a staffing entitlement to an Aboriginal Education Officer. Schools are also able to use flexible funding to employ an Aboriginal Education Officer. Schools are also able to identify support roles in schools to be filled by an Aboriginal person.

(3) The Government supports Recommendation 5.3 of the NSW Curriculum Review to "develop a curriculum that specifies what every student should know and understand about Aboriginal cultures and histories, and incorporate this into Human Society and its Environment".

\*4884 SUPPORTED TRANSITION AND ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the Supported Transition and Engagement Program (STEP) achievement in housing homeless people with high level needs with wrap around support services?
- (2) How long does STEP funding allow for ongoing support?
- (3) What is the evidence about significantly higher success rates where support services are provided for longer periods of up to three years?
- (4) What is the evidence about significantly higher success rates where support services are provided 24 hours a day when required?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to provide expanded support for STEP clients with very high needs?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to ensure homeless people with very high support needs have the support needed to maintain a home and get back on their feet?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Centre for Evidence and Implementation has been engaged to undertake an evaluation of the Supported Transition and Engagement Program (STEP), to determine the feasibility, effectiveness and economic benefit of the program. An evaluation is underway, due to be completed by the end of 2021.

(2) STEP contains a number of 'packages' that offer varying targeted support:

- Package A provides wrap-around support for people sleeping rough in the Inner City, it is funded until 31 May 2022.
- Package B provides post-crisis support: for people recently housed by the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) Homelessness Outreach Support Team (HOST), to be funded until 30 June 2024.
- Package C provides wrap-around support for people sleeping rough who are in, or wish to reside in regional areas and is funded until 31 May 2022.
- STEP-Link support provides for people who have been accommodated in temporary arrangements in response to COVID-19 and is funded until 30 June 2021.

(3) and (4) Research indicates that rough sleepers often require intensive, active and longer-term responses. Findings from previous programs implemented to support rough sleepers in the inner city show clients with higher levels of vulnerability can need longer-term housing and support packages of up to three years, while clients with lower levels of vulnerability require shorter-term responses of up to 18 months.

(5) The STEP evaluation will inform future directions for the program.

(6) In 2020-21, the Government is committing \$291.8 million to deliver a range of specialist homelessness services across New South Wales. In addition, Together Home is a \$65 million investment to support people who are street sleeping across New South Wales into stable accommodation linked to wrap around support.

The Government will continue to invest in critical services supporting people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

\*4885 DATA PRIVACY PROTECTIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the Australian Privacy Commissioner's 2020 survey showing that 83% of Australians want governments to do more to protect the privacy of their data?
- (2) What consideration has the Government given to stronger data privacy protections in recognition of new technologies including online Service NSW transactions, remote working and study, health contact tracing and artificial intelligence?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to provide stronger enforcement of privacy provisions?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to protect privacy and personal data?

Answer—

(1) The Government acknowledges that Australians want greater data privacy protection and is taking a range of actions to improve this, as noted in the answers to questions (2) to (4)

(2) We recognise that advances in technology and digital service delivery provide benefits to customers but can also present privacy and security risks. The Government is mitigating these risks through a range of operational and policy safeguards that strengthen data privacy protections.

Cyber security is a critical enabler for digital transformation and the delivery of digital services to New South Wales citizens. Strengthening cyber security is a key focus of this Government's efforts to improve data protection. We have allocated \$240 million to the Digital Restart Fund to improve cyber security maturity across the sector.

Service NSW has reviewed and strengthened its privacy and security policies, recognising the responsibility that comes with being entrusted with large amounts of citizens' data. Service NSW adopts a risk-based approach to data protection when developing and implementing new technologies and digital practices. Service NSW has partnered with Cyber Security NSW to ensure it applies the NSW Cyber Security policy robustly to its online services. It is also accelerating its cyber security plans and modernising legacy business processes to keep customer information as safe as possible.

This Government is at the fore front of policy innovation in emerging and digital technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence, Smart Infrastructure and the Internet of Things. Whenever we issue new policies that apply to emerging technologies, data and privacy safeguards are front of mind. For example, the Artificial Intelligence Ethics Policy, issued by the Department of Customer Service, includes privacy and information security principles that are mandatory for all government agencies when designing solutions that include an Artificial Intelligence component. This is in addition to any other privacy requirements that apply to Information and Communication Technology projects generally. Similarly, the Smart Infrastructure Policy, which is a key enabler of Smart Places, sets out mandatory minimum requirements for privacy and security that agencies must adhere to.

To help health contact tracing in a data secure way, Service NSW has created a unique, free QR code for businesses that customers can scan when they visit. This facilitates a seamless check-in and tracing process, with the app sending customer information direct to Service NSW. Businesses do not store customer data and NSW Health can access the data kept by Service NSW if necessary.

(3) The Government will introduce a Mandatory Notification of Data Breach scheme that will require New South Wales agencies to notify the Information and Privacy Commission of data breaches of personal information or health information that are likely to result in serious harm. We believe this is a positive reform that will promote trust in the Government's digital agenda and lift culture and capability across the sector.

The Government supports applying New South Wales privacy legislation to State Owned Corporations. This will create consistency with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 and provide a clear legislative right to members of the public. We look forward to presenting these privacy reforms to Parliament in due course.

(4) The Government is continuously enhancing privacy protections for the people of this State as customer needs, technologies and cyber security threats evolve. For example, Service NSW is modernising and improving its systems and practices with enhanced cyber security measures and automated secure archiving of personal information. Service NSW staff must complete mandatory cyber security and privacy training to ensure they are properly skilled to protect data and keep pace with the demands of cyber security in the twenty first century.

The Cyber and Privacy Resilience Governance Group has been set up to oversee the Department of Customer Service's Project Trust program. That program aims to make the Department and Service NSW an exemplar in cyber security and privacy management and to share learnings across government. Project Trust is one of the ways that this Government is building its resilience to cyber and privacy risks and



ensuring that we are optimally placed to prepare for, prevent, detect, respond and recover from cyber and privacy incidents.

We will continue to issue and update whole of government technology policies to ensure they apply best practice data protection. Some examples are the Government policy on the Internet of Things and the NSW Data Strategy. The NSW Data Strategy, currently being developed, will include guidance on how agencies can share data safely while protecting personal information.

\*4886 INDIGENOUS CHILDREN IN CARE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Has the number of Indigenous children in out-of-home care been increasing and is it expected to continue to increase, and is it ten times the rate of removal for non-Aboriginal children?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the 'Family Matters Report 2020' data showing 40 per cent of children in out-of-home care in New South Wales are Aboriginal despite only 5 per cent of children being Aboriginal?
- (3) What consideration has the Government given to an independent Aboriginal Child Protection Commission to ensure self-determination for Aboriginal families at risk?
- (4) What action is the Government taking to meet the Closing the Gap commitment to a 45 per cent reduction in the number of Aboriginal children in out-of-home care by 2031?
- (5) What additional early intervention and family support services does the Government plan to provide or fund to address community need?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to support Aboriginal families with children and children remain in family care?

Answer—

I am advised that Government reforms have resulted in 33 per cent fewer Aboriginal children and young people entering care in 2019-20 compared to 2015-16.

According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's Child Protection Australia publication, in 2018-19 the rate of entry of Aboriginal children into out-of-home care (OOHC) was 8.3 children per 1,000 Aboriginal children aged 0 to 17 years. This is 10 times higher than for non-Aboriginal children (0.8 children per 1,000 non-Aboriginal children).

New South Wales had the equal second lowest rate of entries per 1,000 Aboriginal population (with Tasmania), behind only Northern Territory at 8.1 per 1,000 Aboriginal children. Furthermore, in contrast to the overall national trend, New South Wales' rate of entry of Aboriginal children has been decreasing since 2015-16, and remained stable in 2017-18 and 2018-19.

The number of Aboriginal children in OOHC in New South Wales has remained stable for the past five years.

For those children in care, the Government is working hard to restore children to their families, where it is safe to do so. In 2019-20, 21 per cent more Aboriginal children were restored to their families than in 2018-19.

After careful consideration of all recommendations, the Government response to the Family is Culture Independent Review of Aboriginal Children in OOHC Review Report was released on 8 July 2020: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/families/out-of-home-care/nsw-response-to-the-family-is-culture-review>.

A detailed report on progress to date and plans for future implementation was released on 25 November 2020 and is available on the Department of Communities and Justice website.

The Government response outlines a number of new initiatives to strengthen oversight and accountability for Aboriginal children in care, including appointment of the Deputy Children's Guardian for Aboriginal Children and Young People. There will also be a focussed review to commence in 2024, which will consider the need for additional changes to legislation and court processes.

The Government funds a range of prevention and early intervention services to support Aboriginal families to stay together. In 2017, new evidence-based preservation programs Functional Family Therapy Child Welfare (FFT-CW) and Multi-systemic Therapy for Child Abuse and Neglect (MST-CAN) were introduced as part of an investment of \$190 million over four years to keep families together. The Government committed 900 places each year for these programs.

Two Aboriginal-specific services, Intensive Family Based Services and Nabu, are receiving \$8 million in funding for 2020-21 and will support over 460 Aboriginal children.

We have also invested \$22.8 million in early intervention service delivery directly to Aboriginal families and communities, across the Targeted Earlier Intervention and Aboriginal Child and Family Centres programs.

In 2019-20, 908 families were referred to a Family Group Conference, a voluntary, strengths-based form of Alternative Dispute Resolution, with 698 conferences convened. 47 per cent of families who participated in conferences were Aboriginal. The majority of children who had a conference were successfully diverted from entry into OOHC.

For those children in care, the Government is working hard to restore children to their families, where it is safe to do so. In 2019-20, 21 per cent more Aboriginal children were restored to their families than in 2018-19.

Under the Permanency Support Program, 55 per cent of all preservation packages are allocated to an Aboriginal community controlled organisation or partnership. An additional 30 family preservation packages are being delivered by the Department of Communities and Justice's internally commissioned Wurrimbirra Aboriginal family preservation service. In 2019-20, 274 families began receiving services, 76 per cent of whom were Aboriginal families.

The Government acknowledges and is taking action to address the over representation of Aboriginal children in OOHC by working closely with families, communities and Aboriginal organisations to keep more children safely at home.

\*4887 TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AMONG THE HOMELESS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Are rates of traumatic brain injury among the long term homeless population up to 53 percent higher, compared to less than two per cent in the general population?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the adequacy of support services and housing for homeless people with traumatic brain injury?
- (3) What programs does the Government provide or fund to ensure wraparound support for homeless people with traumatic brain injury?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to ensure homeless people with traumatic brain injury are housed with high level support?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government provides assistance to people, including those with acquired brain injury (ABI) who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to support them into housing or sustain their tenancy. I am advised as at 30 September 2020, there are 3,872 participants with National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) plans in New South Wales who have a primary disability of ABI.

The \$65 million Together Home initiative provides trauma-informed wrap-around services to support people rough sleeping into long-term housing and address underlying risk factors associated with homelessness.

Homelessness NSW administers High Needs packages for the Together Home Program for people requiring additional intensive support to maintain their housing. All program participants are assisted with a referral to the NDIS. The NDIS supports people with a permanent and significant disability who require specialist-housing solutions, including assistance with the delivery of supports that cater for their extreme functional impairment or very high support needs, through Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA). Participants with ABI may be eligible for SDA. The NDIS may also fund Home Modifications or Assistive Technology to make it easier for an NDIS participant to adapt their accommodation to their specific needs.

NDIS participants can also be supported through Supported Independent Living (SIL). SIL is help with and/or supervision of daily tasks to develop the skills of an individual to live as independently as possible. These are the supports provided to a participant in their home, regardless of property ownership, and can be in a shared or individual arrangement.

In addition, the Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI) is an innovative partnership program between NSW Health, Department of Communities and Justice and the non-government sector that provides housing linked to recovery based clinical and psychosocial rehabilitation services for people with a range of levels of mental illness.

The Government has also committed \$15.1 million to deliver Sustaining Tenancies in Social Housing, which provides tenants with one-on-one tailored case management to address complex needs.

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\*4888 OUT AND ABOUT SCHEME—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) What strategies is the Government using to ensure that people without smartphones, computers and internet access can access the Out and About scheme?
- (2) What measures will be used to protect individuals' privacy and personal information?
- (3) What consultation has been carried out with representatives for people with disability and older people about accessibility?
- (4) What further plans does the Government have to ensure everyone can benefit from this scheme?

Answer—

- (1) Dine & Discover NSW will be available to people who don't have a smart phone or access to the Service NSW app. To participate in Dine & Discover NSW, you must have a MyServiceNSW account.
- (2) Service NSW has accelerated their cyber security plans and the modernisation of legacy business processes to keep customer information as safe as possible.
- (3) Service NSW will pilot this program before it is available to all customers to ensure people from different demographics and backgrounds will be able to access and use the vouchers.
- (4) We will the pilots feedback as a way to enhance our delivery and approach of the program to ensure we are delivering on our key values, keeping the customer at the centre of what we do.

\*4889 STATE WIDE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Considering the State Wide Enhancement Program was meant to deliver 700 new New South Wales paramedics to bolster the current levels of staff, was supposed to decrease response times, decrease workload and fatigue for Ambulance staff, and that extra staff are being used to fill gaps in the rosters and are expected to work at 2010 minimum operating levels, when will 2020 minimum operating levels be in place?
- (2) When will the maintenance of all rosters to be funded?

Answer—

NSW Ambulance is on track to deliver the additional 750 paramedics and control centre staff announced in June 2018.

In 2010, NSW Ambulance replaced Minimum Operating Levels with Zone or Sector deployment targets. This meant the former station based system moved to a Zone based system (a group of stations within a regional area), giving NSW Ambulance the flexibility to move paramedics to nearby stations to maintain coverage.

NSW Ambulance fills vacancies according to community need. Where vacancies occur due to short-term unplanned absences such as sick leave, NSW Ambulance employs a variety of mechanisms to boost staffing.

\*4890 WALLSEND ELECTORATE GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) In each New South Wales government school in the Wallsend Electorate area in the 2011, 2015 and 2019 calendar years, what was the:
  - (a) Total number of enrolled students;
  - (b) Total number of teaching hours;
  - (c) Operational budget;
  - (d) Capital budget?

Answer—

(1) (a)

School	2011 Enrolments	2015 Enrolments	2019 Enrolments
Beresfield Public School	322	297	308
Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Campus	691	714.6	604.8
Callaghan College Wallsend Campus	906	1113	1077

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Cardiff North Public School	121	153	161
Elernmore Vale Public School	389	407	376
Glendale East Public School	166	201	232
Glendale Technology High School	793.4	813.4	773.2
Glendore Public School	443	446	609
Heaton Public School	159	178	192
Jesmond Public School	172	170	179
Lambton Public School	345	378	382
Maryland Public School	495	469	436
Minmi Public School	117	116	113
New Lambton Heights Infants School	53	79	77
New Lambton Public School	600	623	680
Newcastle Middle School	44	43	37
Newcastle Senior School	31	49	53
Plattsburg Public School	208	250	226
Shortland Public School	256	222	233
Tarro Public School	104	140	164
Wallsend Public School	258	256	275
Wallsend South Public School	558	549	516
Waratah Public School	387	313	348
Waratah West Public School	80	74	89
Total	7,698.4	8,054	8,141

Source

Education Statistics and Measurement Unit, Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation, NSW Department of Education (DoE). Extracted from NSSC datacube in November 2020.

Notes

- Enrolment data is collected each August as part of the Mid-Year Census collection.
- Data is full-time equivalent (FTE) enrolments, rather than headcount.
- Current (2020) state electorate boundaries are used. Changes to state electorate boundaries prior to the 2015 election changed the schools designated to be within this electorate.

Notes

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Data is full-time equivalent (FTE) enrolments, rather than headcount.

Current (2020) state electorate boundaries are used. Changes to state electorate boundaries prior to the 2015 election changed the schools designated to be within this electorate.

(b) In accordance with current industrial instruments teachers in New South Wales public primary schools deliver 21 hours 45 minutes of face to face learning per week. Teachers in New South Wales public high schools are required to teach 1,120 minutes per week plus up to 120 minutes for sport and

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head teachers in high schools are required to teach 880 minutes per week plus up to 120 minutes for sport.

HR systems capture the full-time equivalency (FTE) of staff; however, the actual time teachers spent delivering classes is managed locally within their schools in accordance with the industrial instruments and on the School Day Factsheet: [https://beta.dec.nsw.gov.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/264795/Th e-School-Day-Fact-Sheet-October-2016.pdf](https://beta.dec.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/264795/Th_e-School-Day-Fact-Sheet-October-2016.pdf).

The total (FTE) of staff delivering teaching, exclusive of non-teaching executive and support staff in the Wallsend electorate were:

Year	FTE
2011	510
2015	532
2019	562

These figures include full-time equivalent permanent, temporary and casual staff including classroom teachers, head teachers and teaching principals at all government schools other than Schools for Specific Purpose (SSP Principals under the Teaching Principal classification are exempted from delivering face to face learning).

(c) School funding arrangements have been subject to change over the period from 2011 to date.

Funding is provided to all New South Wales public schools according to the Resource Allocation Model (RAM) with 2016 being the first year that all New South Wales public schools had fully transitioned to this model. Detail is published at: <https://data.cese.nsw.gov.au/data/dataset/resource-allocation-model>.

Budget allocations to New South Wales public schools were provided on a different basis prior to 2016, and as a result are not directly comparable.

(d) All project expenditure is published in the Infrastructure Statement within 2019-20 NSW Budget Paper 2 on a yearly basis once a construction contract is awarded.

Allocation of minor capital works funding to individual schools is at the discretion of the Department in accordance with the size and scope of individual projects.

\*4891 COOLER CLASSROOMS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Has work been completed for all schools in the Wallsend electorate who were successful in round one of the Cooler Classrooms Fund as at 16 November 2020?

(a) If not, why not?

(2) When will the outstanding works be completed for each school?

(3) Have all Wallsend Schools which lodged second round applications with the Cooler Classroom Fund been assessed as at 16 November 2020?

(a) If not, why not?

(b) If so, when will works commence for each school?

Answer—

The Cooler Classrooms Program is a five-year, \$500 million commitment to install cooling, heating and fresh air ventilation systems at more than 900 New South Wales public schools. Schools with a mean maximum January temperature of 30°C or above automatically qualified for the program. Schools in this category have been prioritised for delivery. No schools in the Wallsend electorate meet the criteria for this category.

Schools with a mean maximum January temperature below 30°C were invited to apply to the program. In Round 1, this included six schools in the Wallsend electorate with two schools now completed. The timeframe for installation of the systems is different at each school due to a range of factors such as the scope of works, heritage considerations and the electrical capacity at the school. The Department of Education remains in contact with all Principals whose schools are eligible under the Program regarding the proposed schedule for individual schools.

A further six applications were received in Round 2. These are currently being assessed.

\*4892 HOMEBUILDER GRANT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer representing the Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many people in New South Wales have (as at 16 November 2020):
- Applied for the HomeBuilder grant?
  - Received the HomeBuilder grant?
  - Been unsuccessful in their application to receive the HomeBuilder grant?

Answer—

(1) (a) As at 16 December 2020 Revenue NSW has received 7,894 applications for the HomeBuilder grant that are at varying stages of completion by customers.

(b) Applications can be submitted once contracts are signed but payments are made as follows:

- For a new build – after foundations have been laid and the first progress payment has been made to the builder;
- For a substantial renovation –after construction has commenced and evidence is submitted showing payments of at least \$150,000 of the contract price have been made to the builder;
- For an off the plan home/new home contract – after evidence is submitted showing that the property has been registered under the applicants name on the certificate of title.

As at 16 December 2020 Revenue NSW had made 1,121 payments in HomeBuilder grants to applicants on behalf of the Commonwealth Government.

(c) As at 16 December 2020, 122 applications did not meet the criteria for the grant and consequently were not approved.

\*4893 SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many of the school zone signs without flashing lights are there currently in the Wallsend electorate?
- (2) At what schools are these signs located?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Every school in New South Wales has at least one school zone with a set of flashing lights installed.

There are 41 schools in the Wallsend electorate and some of these schools share school zones given their close proximity to one another.

There are 186 pairs of 'Start School Zone' signs in the Wallsend electorate and 86 of these are flashing light school zone signs (86 pairs of 'Start School Zone' signs with one flashing light per pair.) There are 100 school zones signs in the Wallsend electorate that do not have flashing lights.

(2) These signs are at Beresfield Public School, Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College, Callaghan College - Wallsend Campus, Cardiff North Public School, Elernmore Vale Public School, Francis Greenway High School, Glendale East Public School, Glendale High School, Glendore Public School, Heaton Public School / Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Campus, Holy Cross Primary School, Jesmond Public School, Lambton High School, Lambton Public School, Maryland Public School, Minmi Public School, New Lambton Heights Infants School, New Lambton Public School, Newcastle Waldorf School, Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Our Lady of Victories Primary School / Margaret Jurd College, Shortland Public School / Autism Association of NSW Hunter School, St John's Primary School, St Patrick's Primary School, St. Phillips Christian College, Tarro Public School, Wallsend Public School, Wallsend South Public School, Waratah Public School / St Phillips Christian College, Waratah West Public School.

\*4894 AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN SCHOOLS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Which schools in the Wallsend electorate have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) installed onsite?

Answer—

All schools are required to develop first aid response protocols which include a risk management approach to developing and implementing a first aid plan.

Each school's first aid plan details the management strategies to be applied to ensure the provision of appropriate equipment, facilities, first aid officers, training and local response protocols to meet local needs.

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To support staff and students in the event of an emergency, the Department has mandatory training requirements in place in relation to emergency care and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). It is a mandatory requirement for each New South Wales public school to arrange annual face-to-face CPR training for staff. This annual training can be extended to regular casual staff working at the school, canteen staff and volunteers.

The Department has published Defibrillator Guidelines to provide advice and support to schools considering the purchase of defibrillators as first aid equipment. A purchasing contract is in place to ensure equipment is readily available for easy purchase where schools elect to include a defibrillator in their plans.

\*4895 AMBULANCE STAFF—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many Full Time Equivalent NSW Ambulance staff were employed in the Hunter Zone 1 and Hunter Zone 2 as at:
  - (a) 30 June 2010?
  - (b) 30 June 2015?
  - (c) 30 June 2020?

Answer—

- (1) (a) - (c)

I am advised the number of NSW Ambulance staff employed in the Hunter Zone 1 and Hunter Zone 2 increased by approximately 90 full time equivalent staff during this period.

\*4896 KANGY ANGY RAILWAY MAINTENANCE FACILITY—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the railway maintenance facility recently constructed at Kangy Angy for the new Intercity fleet, what is the total final cost of construction of the facility?
- (2) What is the separate cost of the bridge spanning the North Line linking Enterprise Drive with the facility?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The contract with John Holland to design and build the New Intercity Fleet maintenance facility at Kangy Angy is available on the NSW Government's eTender website.
- (2) The cost of the access bridge forms part of the maintenance facility design and construct contract and is not available as a separate cost.

\*4897 SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Were any students suspended from the following schools during 2020:
  - (a) Wyoming Public School;
  - (b) Valley View Public School;
  - (c) Niagara Park Public School;
  - (d) Narara Public School;
  - (e) Lisarow Public School;
  - (f) Ourimba Public School;
  - (g) Tuggerah Public School;
  - (h) Berkely Vale Public School;
  - (i) Brooke Avenue Public School;
  - (j) Bateau Bay Public School;
  - (k) The Entrance Public School?
- (2) If so, how many students were suspended and what was the duration of the suspension(s)?

Answer—

The Department of Education publishes data on short suspensions and long suspensions broken down by gender, age groups, the Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) geographical area map, and for Aboriginal students on its Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation website.

The Department also publishes data on expulsions by ABS's geographical area map on this website.

To protect the privacy of students, the Department does not publish suspension and expulsion data by school district or individual schools. The Department also does not publish the duration of each student's suspension.

\*4898 CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA GOVERNMENT PROPERTY SALES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) During the 2019-20 financial year, did the Government sell any Government properties within the Canterbury Bankstown Local Government Area (LGA)?
- (2) If so, for each property sold, what was:
  - (a) The location?
  - (b) The sale price?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.

Please note:

- The data is sourced from the Government Property Register (GPR) and as at 23 November 2020.
- The Report is aggregate data of all property assets transferred by New South Wales government cluster agencies (including State Owned Corporations and Public Trading Enterprises), as at the above date, over the period disclosed.
- The Report excludes transfers within New South Wales government agencies and entities.
- The Report excludes transfers from 'NSW Land and Housing Corporation'.
- The Report excludes transfers where the value is \$0.
- The Report includes sale/transfer of land, commercial, infrastructure and residential assets and transfers to non-government/not for profit sector(s).
- Other than the stated exclusion, the Report includes all property asset sales/transfers (registered dealings) for each cluster which have been registered on the Land Titles System and identified in the GPR.
- The year of recorded sales is based on when the settlement date is recorded through the registration of a property dealing in the Land Titles System. The clusters are based on the current government cluster classifications as at the date of the Report (not historic), noting that agencies may have moved between clusters during the reporting period.
- The Report may differ from any reports or information provided by Property NSW and/or individual agencies as the Report relies on registration of Transfers of Land at the Land Titles System.
- The local government areas (LGA) boundaries are based on the current government LGA boundaries as at the date of the Report (not historic), noting that boundaries may have moved during the reporting period.
- The Suburb and LGA information is based on what was present in GPR at the time of transaction and/or displayed in the NOS (Notice of Sale) form. Some Transactions affect land over more than one suburb and/or LGA, in order to ensure consistency in regard to total value and transactions, some of the suburbs were merged.
- A single transaction may affect more than a single asset/suburb and/or LGA. Each Transaction is identified by a Dealing Number, which details all affected GPR Properties.

\*4899 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL GREENFIELD SITE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Considering the NSW Budget 2020-21 referred to a "Greenfield site" as the location of the new Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital, what is the location of the Greenfield site or sites being considered for the development of the Hospital?
- (2) When will the location of the site or sites be disclosed?

Answer—

(1) – (2)

I refer the Member to the response provided to question LA 3927.

\*4900 GREENFIELD SITE VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—



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Considering the NSW Budget 2020-21 referred to a "Greenfield site" as the location of the new Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital, will any Greenfield site selected for the new Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital be independently valued, and any possible remediation works required independently assessed, prior to being purchased by the Government, as to avoid a repeat of the recently revealed purchase of contaminated land in Parramatta for the light rail project?

Answer—

(1)

I refer the Member to the response provided to the question LA 3927.

\*4901 HOSPITAL SITE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering the Budget 2020-21 referred to a "Greenfield site" as the location of the new Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital, what will happen to the existing hospital site once the new Hospital is completed in 2028?

Answer—

(1)

The NSW Government will undertake investigations as part of the detailed project planning to determine the future use of the existing Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital site.

\*4902 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES REDEVELOPMENT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering the Government's statement at pages 2-8 and 4-17 of Budget Paper No. 3 Infrastructure Statement 2020-21, which now refers to the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital Redevelopment as 'Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital and Community Health Services Redevelopment', what is the reason the Government has changed its naming of this project?

Answer—

(1)

The 2020-21 NSW Budget refers to the project as the 'Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital and Community Health Services Redevelopment'.

This is the full name of the project in the South Western Sydney Local Health District's 2018 Asset Strategic Plan.

\*4903 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering the Budget 2020-21 stated the completion date for the redevelopment of the Bankstown-Lidcombe Emergency Department is June 2022, and that the Budget 2019-20 stated the completion date would be 2021, and that the Budget 2018-19 stated the completion date would be 2020, what was the cause of the two delays to the redevelopment?

Answer—

(1)

Completion dates listed in the Budget Papers relate to expected financial completion, as identified within the document.

The Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital Emergency Department acute zone expansion has been completed. I am advised the refurbishment of the existing Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital Emergency Department is well underway.

\*4904 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT COMPLETION DELAYS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Considering the 2020-21 NSW Budget stated the completion date for the redevelopment of the Bankstown-Lidcombe Emergency Department is June 2022, and that the 2019-20 NSW Budget stated the completion date would be 2021, and that the 2018-19 NSW Budget stated the completion date would be 2020, has an assessment been undertaken into the impact of these delays on the operation of the Bankstown-Lidcombe Emergency Department?

(a) If so, what was the outcome of any assessment?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1)

I refer the Member to the answer provided to LA 4903.

\*4905 BIRRONG BOYS AND GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) When will funding be allocated for upgrades at:

- (a) Birrong Boys High School;
- (b) Birrong Girls High School?

Answer—

The upgrades at Birrong Boys High School and Birrong Girls High School are currently in the planning stage.

Progress on the project will be communicated to the school community through regular project updates. Further information is available on the project page of the School Infrastructure NSW website at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/b/Birrong-Boys-HS-and-Birrong-Girls-HS-upgrade.html>.

\*4906 SCHOOL UPGRADES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) What is the timeframe for the commencement and completion of upgrades at:

- (a) Bankstown North Public School;
- (b) Birrong Boys High School;
- (c) Birrong Girls High School?

Answer—

(1) (a) The upgrade at Bankstown North Public School is currently in the design stage.

Progress on the project will be communicated to the school community through regular project updates. Further information is available via the project page on the School Infrastructure NSW website at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/b/bankstown-northpublic-school-upgrade.html>.

(b) and (c) The upgrades at Birrong Boys High School and Birrong Girls High School are currently in the planning stage.

Progress on the project will be communicated to the school community through regular project updates. Further information is available via the project page on the School Infrastructure NSW website at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/b/Birrong-Boys-HS-and-Birrong-Girls-HS-upgrade.html>.

\*4907 WOLLONGONG ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE AND STADIUM—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

(1) What minor works will be undertaken by Venues NSW on the:

- (a) Wollongong Entertainment Centre;
- (b) Wollongong Stadium?

(2) What is the expected cost of each project?

(3) What is the expected completion date as a result of initiatives in the 2020-21 Budget?

Answer—

Works at Wollongong Entertainment Centre and Wollongong Stadium will be undertaken as per the Venues NSW capital works program to ensure both venues can continue to deliver an exciting range of sporting and entertainment events for the people of Wollongong, the wider Illawarra, and New South Wales.

\*4908 WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE HOUSING UNITS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) How many new housing units will be built or purchased in the Wollongong electorate as a result of initiatives in the 2020-21 NSW Budget?

(2) How many housing units will receive an upgrade in the Wollongong electorate as a result of initiatives in the 2020-21 NSW Budget?

Answer—

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I am advised:

- (1) As a result of initiatives in the 2020-21 NSW Budget, 20 new housing units are forecast to be built or purchased in the Wollongong electorate.
- (2) As a result of the \$200 million Maintenance Stimulus funding announced in the Government 2020-21 NSW Budget, a program of significant maintenance and upgrades to social housing is being developed that will ensure the properties most in need of an upgrade are prioritised.

\*4909 FAST RAIL - SYDNEY TO BOMADERRY PROGRAM—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What projects will be undertaken under the Fast Rail Sydney to Bomaderry program?
- (2) For each project what is the:
  - (a) Estimated cost;
  - (b) Expected completion date?
- (3) By how many minutes will this reduce the journey time between Sydney and:
  - (a) Bomaderry;
  - (b) Wollongong?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding the Government's commitments regarding rail improvements between Sydney and Bomaderry are publicly available.

\*4910 SMALL BUSINESS FEE AND CHARGE REBATES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) What fees and charges will small businesses be eligible to seek a rebate for?
- (2) What was the total revenue raised from these fees and charges in 2019-20?
- (3) What was the total revenue raised from small businesses in the Wollongong local government area from the fees and charges in 2019-20?
- (4) Upon payment of the fees and charges:
  - (a) Will small businesses be immediately notified that they may be eligible for a rebate of these fees and charges?
  - (i) If so, through which mediums will this notification be provided?
- (5) Why are rebates for fees and charges only available from April 2021?

Answer—

The budget for the \$1500 voucher scheme is \$472 million over the two years 2020-21 and 2021-22.

The vouchers will be available for small and medium sized businesses that do not pay payroll tax.

The scheme will operate from 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2022. The opening date of this scheme coincides with the ending of the current COVID-19 license and fee waiver program.

In March 2020 the Government announced an \$80 million program to waive a range of licence and registration fees for small businesses including liquor licences and licences for tradespersons. This scheme started in April 2020 and will end in April 2021.

From the start of program to 30 November 2020 a total of 143,136 waivers have granted to the value of \$47,765,360.

A breakdown of this information by local government area is not available.

Further details about the new \$1500 voucher scheme, including the eligibility criteria and the full range of fees and charges to which the vouchers can be applied, are still being finalised and will be provided closer to the scheme's roll-out in April 2021.

\*4911 LED LIGHT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

How many schools in the Wollongong electorate will receive LED lights under the LED light replacement program in schools announced in the 2020-21 budget?

What is the timetable for the completion of light replacements under this program?

How are schools selected and prioritised to receive LED light replacement under the program?

Answer—

The \$157.8 million LED Lighting Upgrade Program will replace inefficient lights with Smart LEDs, in up to 1,000 public schools across New South Wales over a two-year period.

Schools will be selected and prioritised according to factors such as greatest impact on savings, educational outcomes and other benefits. The Program will also target schools that are yet to benefit from an infrastructure project. Participating schools will be announced at the appropriate time.

\*4912 ROOF REPLACEMENT PROGRAM—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many schools will receive a replacement roof under the Roof Replacement Program?
- (2) How many of those schools will be replacing a metal roof?
- (3) Will a tender be sought and issued for each school?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) Will the Government require tenderers to prioritise the use of local metal roofing products?
  - (a) If so, how will this be achieved?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) It is estimated that the program could involve up to 400 schools.
- (2) Material selection will suit the building type and address any heritage considerations.
- (3) and (4) The program will benefit local communities by creating over 300 jobs across regional New South Wales. Wherever possible, local contractors and suppliers will be engaged to ensure that the impact of this stimulus is felt in the regions.

\*4913 SYRINGES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many syringes are purchased by NSW Health each year?
- (2) How many of the syringes are sourced from NSW suppliers?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) How many of the syringes in (1) are made in NSW?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) How many additional syringes are forecast to be needed to administer a COVID-19 vaccine should one become available?
- (5) Will priority be given to sourcing syringes for the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine from New South Wales suppliers?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) NSW Health typically uses an average of 36 million syringes per year.

I am advised that though there are no local manufacturers of syringes in Australia, contracted suppliers may have local operations in areas such as sales, administration, warehousing and logistics operations.

NSW Health's procurement activities are undertaken in accordance with the Government's Procurement Policy Framework.

- (4) and (5)

Planning for the COVID-19 Vaccination Program is being undertaken by the Commonwealth Government in collaboration with the states and territories. Contracts are in place to ensure ample supply of consumables.

\*4914 TIMBER EXPORTS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Have any New South Wales timber exports been banned from China as has timber from Queensland and Victoria recently? If so:
  - (a) What reasons have been provided for the ban?
  - (b) What has been the response of the Government?
  - (c) How much New South Wales timber is affected by the ban?
  - (d) What is its export value?

Answer—

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Timber harvested in New South Wales is primarily for domestic processing, but some timber salvaged from bushfire-affected plantations that exceeded local processing capacity has been exported via Queensland and Victoria during this calendar year. This is not occurring at present.

The Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment has written to Chinese authorities, seeking an end to the suspension of log exports from both Queensland and Victoria.

The Government continues to liaise with its Commonwealth counterparts and other key stakeholders in relation to this developing issue.

**\*4915 HARDWARE STORE TIMBER PRODUCT SUPPLIES**—Mr Paul Scully asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

(1) Has Bunnings indicated to the Government or its agencies that it may follow its recent decision in Victoria in relation to native timber products, and not stock similarly sourced New South Wales timber products in its New South Wales warehouses?

(a) If so, what were the reasons given?

(2) Has any other hardware retailer or timber wholesaler made any similar approaches to the Government?

(a) If so, what has been the response of the Government or its agencies?

Answer—

I refer the Member, Mr Paul Scully MP, to a previous question (LA 4564; 22 October 2020) and answer (4 November 2020) regarding timber wholesalers and the stocking of NSW sourced timber.

Forestry Corporation has not been advised by any of its customers that they are considering not selling NSW timber, nor is it aware of any such conversations occurring between those customers and retailers or wholesalers in their supply chain.

Additionally, note the enclosed letter sent to Bunnings proactively in July, reiterating the environmentally sustainable approach to harvesting timber in NSW.

**\*4916 TAREE AGED CARE TEAM**—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

What has been done to replace the mental health psychiatry staff positions that have become vacant in the Taree Aged Care team?

Answer—

Aged care psychiatry in Manning is provided by Hunter New England Mental Health Services, in collaboration with Manning Aged Care Team. Models of care have changed over time following clinical service planning, ensuring that the most effective care and treatment possible is provided in the least restrictive environment appropriate for each person.

**\*4917 WIDENING MANNS ROAD**—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) What is the estimated total cost of the widening of Manns Road from Narara to West Gosford?

(2) What is the delivery timeline for the project?

Answer—

I am advised:

1. The estimated cost of this project is subject to a final business case.

2. Timing for construction is not confirmed and is subject to completion of a final business case and construction funding being allocated.

**\*4918 ELECTRICITY NETWORK DOWNTIME**—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) What was the total downtime of the electricity network in New South Wales during 2019?

(2) According to the contracts signed with private providers for our electricity networks:

(a) What entity is responsible for funding repairs and ensuring continuity of service, the Government or the private provider?

(3) What guarantees are in place to ensure New South Wales communities are not being left without electricity for extended periods of time?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of New South Wales (IPART) performance reporting required of the New South Wales electricity distribution network operators shows that on average, customers across New South Wales experienced an average of one interruption during the 2019-20 financial year with the five year average interruption time being 118 minutes. Interruptions caused by natural disaster events, such as severe storms and bushfires, are excluded from reporting against the standard as these events are beyond the reasonable control of network operators to completely mitigate in terms of impact.

(2) (a) The functions of the electricity distribution network operators are to establish, maintain and operate facilities for the distribution of electricity in New South Wales. These functions are carried out by the businesses under the economic regulation of the Australian Energy Regulator.

(3) Reliability conditions are part of the licence conditions imposed on the New South Wales electricity distribution network operators. These licences are available to view on the IPART website.

\*4919 INTERCITY FLEET STATION UPGRADES—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) What are the "infrastructure modifications and upgrades" required on the Central Coast and Newcastle Line to support the New Intercity Fleet?

(2) Which stations are affected by these changes?

(3) What is the current schedule for the rollout of said upgrades?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Modifications and upgrades are needed to existing rail infrastructure across the electrified network to accommodate the New Intercity Fleet.

Along the Central Coast and Newcastle Line this has included platform extensions, trackwork, modifications to signalling and overhead wiring structures, installation of car markers, CCTV, PA, lighting and station furniture, and the installation of new on-track safety technology.

(2) Work was carried out at 38 stations on the Central Coast and Newcastle Line, including Newcastle Interchange, Hamilton, Broadmeadow, Adamstown, Kotara, Cardiff, Cockle Creek, Teralba, Booragul, Fassifern, Awaba, Dora Creek, Morisset, Wyee, Warnervale, Wyong, Tuggerah, Ourimbah, Lisarow, Niagara Park, Narara, Gosford, Point Clare, Tascott, Koolewong, Woy Woy, Wondabyne, Hawkesbury River, Cowan, Berowra, Mount Kuring-Gai, Mount Colah, Asquith, Hornsby, Epping, Strathfield, Redfern, Central.

(3) Modifications to support the introduction of the New Intercity Fleet on Central Coast and Newcastle Line were completed in November 2020.

\*4920 NEWCASTLE BUILDING LEASE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Considering the 2020-21 Budget allocates \$32 million for a building lease in Newcastle for up to 460 staff:

(1) Where will these staff be drawn from?

(2) Will the Central Coast Department of Finance Services and Innovation office lose staff to Newcastle?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The staff who are being relocated to The Store are from existing Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's (DPIE) offices in central Newcastle. There are a number of DPIE tenancies which are expiring, which provides an opportunity to consolidate the Department's accommodation footprint. There are no plans to relocate offices from outside Newcastle to The Store.

(2) There are no plans to relocate any staff from the Central Coast Department of Customer Service (formerly the Department of Finance Services and Innovation) into the DPIE lease at The Store.

\*4921 GOSFORD SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What is the value of outstanding maintenance for all schools in the Gosford electorate?

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Answer—

Completed maintenance activities identified for the Gosford electorate from the 2019-20 planned maintenance program totalled \$5.4 million.

Expenditure for the current financial year will be determined at year end.

\*4922 GOSFORD SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What is the total cost of outstanding maintenance on social housing properties in the Gosford electorate?
- (2) How much of the announced maintenance injection fund will be spent on properties in the Gosford electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) does not retain data in a reportable form at the state electorate level to respond to this question.

LAHC routinely carries out maintenance through responsive maintenance requests and planned maintenance programs to keep its properties in good condition, and to ensure they continue to align with the NSW Residential Tenancies Act 2010 clean, safe and habitable standard. The maintenance expenditure is directly based on priority and need. Any responsive maintenance requests, including those received through the contractor managed maintenance line, are assessed using the Asset Maintenance Services Contract's criticality repairs matrix, which is prioritised on safety and risk (frail aged and disabled, WHS/health and hygiene, security, major components failure etc). All maintenance work is delivered within the established timeframes set by the criticality repairs matrix.

For planned maintenance programs, LAHC undertakes a range of property assessment surveys on an annual basis which assist in providing up to date knowledge of the asset condition. Information gathered from assessment surveys is used to develop planned and preventative maintenance programs, and any required maintenance is reflected in each annual program as it is identified.

(2) As stated above, the LAHC does not retain data in a reportable form at the state electorate level. In total across New South Wales LAHC expects to spend around \$70 million in financial year 2021 and a further \$90 million in financial year 2022. The remaining \$40 million will be allocated to community housing projects across the State.

The program formulation is in its early stages and will be progressively determined to ensure that it responds to current and emergent priorities across New South Wales. Work orders valued at around \$4.2 million have been issued across NSW as at 1 December 2020, with the balance to be progressively issued across the forward period.

\*4923 SHARK MITIGATION MEASURES—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

How much was allocated in the 2020-21 budget for provision of shark mitigation measures in the Central Coast Local Government Area?

Answer—

On 1 July 2020, I announced a new \$8 million 2020-21 Shark Program to protect beachgoers along the New South Wales coast, including: drones; SMART drumlines; the VR4G tagged shark listening stations; the nets and helicopters in the Shark Meshing Program; the Shark Observation Grants Program; shark and social research; and the SharkSmart app and community education program.

Of that \$8 million, coastal councils will receive both direct and indirect allocations.

Direct allocations in the Central Coast Local Government Area in 2020/21 include:

- Central Coast South Shark Meshing contract; and
- Central Coast North Shark Meshing contract.

Indirect allocations include:

- Contracted helicopter surveillance flights from South Wollongong to Stockton under the Shark Meshing Program from 1 September 2020 - 30 April 2021.
- Surf Life Saving NSW drone surveillance flights at two Central Coast beaches (Avoca and Shelly) of a 34-beach contract.

- The SharkSmart app, associated community education program, shark and social research to inform mitigation measures.

\*4924 TAFE STAFFING—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) What is the ratio of permanent staff to part-time, and to casual staff in TAFE across New South Wales?
- (2) What support or provision is provided to part time staff who are 'acting up' in roles in regional communities?
- (3) How are casual TAFE teachers remunerated for non-teaching preparation related to administration
- (4) As there is no permanence, how is succession for permanence planned for future roles when non-permanent teachers who have no access to resources?

Answer—

I am advised that information on TAFE NSW staff can be found in the TAFE NSW annual report, under the Number of Employees section, available at: <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/corporatefcannual-report>.

I am further advised that TAFE NSW provides various resources to support new teachers and Head Teachers, including online induction and onboarding resources accessible via Teaching@TAFE and Capability Central. I further understand that teachers and Head Teachers are supported by Education Capability Partners and Regional Education Quality teams in each region.

I am also advised that provisions relating to payment of Related Duties for casual teachers, including lesson preparation, marking, enrolment and administration, are currently provided for in accordance with Clause 37.7 of the TAFE NSW Teachers and Related Employees Enterprise Agreement 2016.

I am informed that TAFE NSW remains committed to regularly reviewing its workforce and converting temporary employees to permanent employment in order to promote job security. I understand that approximately 85 teachers were advised of their conversion before the commencement of Term 4, in line with this policy.

\*4925 HIGH SCHOOL SITE AT SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK—Ms Lynda Voltz asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) When will the Government confirm a site for the new high school at Sydney Olympic Park, as promised nine years ago?
- (2) Has the Government provided parents with any consultation or correspondence to explain the ongoing delay in naming a site for this promised high school?
- (3) When can the community expect some indication from the Government on when this high school's construction will begin?

Answer—

The site has been identified on Burroway Road, Wentworth Point, adjacent to Wentworth Point Public School.

Details of the new school are shared as they become available on the School Infrastructure NSW website at [www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au).

\*4926 PENINSULA PARK—Ms Lynda Voltz asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has the Government issued a contract for Stage 2 of Peninsula Park Wentworth Point that was originally promised a completion date of 2016?
  - (a) If so when will construction begin?
  - (b) If not why has this project been delayed?
- (2) What is the revised timeline for completion of Peninsula Park?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding the Peninsula Park at Wentworth Point is publicly available.

\*4927 SYDNEY OLYMPIC PRECINCT POLICE OFFICERS—Ms Lynda Voltz asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many police officers and NSW Police employees are currently working within the Sydney Olympic Park precinct?
- (2) How many police officers or NSW Police employees are expected to be relocated to the Sydney Olympic Park precinct over the next two financial years?



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- (3) Have any properties currently under the control of the NSW Police in the Sydney Metropolitan area been identified for possible sale or disposal?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) has established offices in the Sydney Olympic Park precinct and the further movement of NSWPF personnel and resourcing into Sydney Olympic Park will deliver improved operational efficiencies and allow for a number of financial efficiencies to be met. However, the NSWPF is still currently in the planning phase regarding the movement of people and resources into Sydney Olympic Park. Further, the NSWPF does not disclose the exact location or duty type of resources in non-police premises for security reasons.

No police-controlled properties in the Sydney metropolitan area are currently before me in my capacity as Minister for Police for consideration of a divestment recommendation.

\*4928 PARRAMATTA PARK TRUST—Ms Lynda Voltz asked the Treasurer—

- (1) Where does Parramatta Park Trust appear in the agency breakdowns in the 2020-21 Budget Papers?
- (2) If it has been included in another item, which item?
- (3) What is the allocation and forward allocation specifically for Parramatta Park Trust for the following years:
  - (a) 2018-19;
  - (b) 2019-20;
  - (c) 2020-21;
  - (d) 2021-22;
  - (e) 2022-23;
  - (f) 2023-24?

Answer—

Parramatta Park Trust is not separately reported as an agency in the 2020-21 NSW Budget papers. The treatment of small entities controlled by the Government and not considered material is noted in table A4.1 of NSW Budget Paper No. 1.

For the allocation and forward allocation for the above listed years, this would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

\*4929 PARRAMATTA SPEEDWAY—Ms Lynda Voltz asked the Treasurer—

- (1) Where do funds for the rebuild of the Parramatta Speedway appear in the Infrastructure Statement of the 2020-21 Budget Papers?
- (2) If it has been included in another item, which item?
- (3) What is the completion date for this project?

Answer—

The funds sit in the Sydney Metro West Project (Page 4-51 of the Infrastructure Statement). The Government has committed to delivering the Speedway prior to the start of 2021 racing season.

\*4930 OFFICE OF SPORT LEASE ACQUISITIONS—Ms Lynda Voltz asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

Considering that the Budget Papers Infrastructure Statement 2020-21 identifies under the Office of Sport Lease Acquisitions between \$250,000 and \$20 million, \$5,564,000 for Sydney Olympic Park: What are the properties or assets identified for this allocation?

Answer—

I am advised: The listed lease acquisition of \$5,564,000 is the existing office space for Office of Sport at Sydney Olympic Park amortised over five years, which is funded from existing budget allocations. Under AASB 16 Leases in Australian Accounting Standards, new leases and lease extensions are required to appear in the Budget Infrastructure Statement for agencies.

\*4931 RANDWICK BOYS' AND RANDWICK GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOLS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) When the slated upgrades are completed, what will be the capacity of:
  - (a) Randwick Boys' High School;

- (b) Randwick Girls' High School?
- (2) Will the upgrades to Randwick Boys' High School create more public school places for boys in the Eastern Suburbs?
- (3) Will the upgrades to Randwick Girls' High School create more public school places for girls in the Eastern Suburbs?
- (4) When will the scope of works be available for the upgrades to:
  - (a) Randwick Boys' High School;
  - (b) Randwick Girls' High School?
- (5) Since the response to LA Q2545, what update can be provided as to when the upgrades will commence at:
  - (a) Randwick Girls' High School;
  - (b) Randwick Boys' High School?
- (6) What is the estimated date of completion for the upgrades to:
  - (a) Randwick Boys' High School;
  - (b) Randwick Girls' High School?
- (7) Why has no money been allocated to Randwick Girls' and Randwick Boys' High Schools in the 2020-21 NSW Budget?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Every eligible student who wishes to attend a New South Wales public school will be given a place at their local school. Accordingly, the Department of Education does not have fixed enrolment capacities at New South Wales public schools. Schools have the flexibility to adapt to fluctuating enrolments through the use of a combination of temporary and permanent teaching spaces.

(4) to (6) The progress of individual projects will be communicated to school communities through regular project updates. Further information is available on the School Infrastructure NSW website at [www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au).

(7) A project to upgrade Randwick Boys High School and Randwick Girls High School has been identified as an Assurance Review project in the 2020-21 NSW Budget.

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<b>Publication Of Questions</b>	<b>Question Asked On</b>
Q & A No. 30 (Including Question Nos 1489 To 1530)	Tuesday 15 October 2019

**QCC 0003 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Greg Warren To Ask The Chair Of The Legislative Assembly Committee On Community Services, Ms Wendy Lindsay MP—**

**(1) On What Date(S) Has The Legislative Assembly Committee On Community Services (The Committee) Met Since Your Appointment As Chair?**

(A) Where Were Each Of Those Meetings Held?

(B) What Was The Duration Of Each Meeting (As Recorded In The Minutes)?

(C) What Policy Issues/Other Matters Were Discussed At Each Meeting?

**(2) On What Date(S) Are Any Future Meetings Of The Committee Scheduled To Be Held?**

**(3) Besides The Meetings Identified In Part (1), What Other Activities Have You Engaged In As Part Of Your Role As Chair Of The Committee?**

**(4) On Average, Approximately How Many Hours Per Week Do You Spend Completing Work Directly Relating To Your Role As Chair Of The Committee (Not Including Work Performed By Your Staff Or Committee Secretariat Staff)?**

**QCC 0004 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Greg Warren To Ask The Chair Of The Legislative Assembly Committee On Transport And Infrastructure, Ms Robyn Preston MP—**

**(1) On What Date(S) Has The Legislative Assembly Committee On Transport And Infrastructure (The Committee) Met Since Your Appointment As Chair?**

(A) Where Were Each Of Those Meetings Held?

(B) What Was The Duration Of Each Meeting (As Recorded In The Minutes)?

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**Appendix A**

Post code	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
2320	\$89,390	\$102,209	\$128,015	\$180,184	\$179,821	\$159,223	\$166,154	\$143,811	\$155,971	\$97,072	\$13,416
2321	\$28,494	\$41,398	\$42,963	\$85,845	\$57,630	\$63,459	\$60,937	\$65,894	\$71,341	\$59,736	\$10,314
2322	\$46,835	\$48,596	\$65,676	\$83,459	\$82,256	\$89,566	\$76,600	\$75,729	\$82,096	\$65,907	\$10,477
2323	\$71,200	\$73,964	\$89,298	\$114,784	\$100,494	\$109,595	\$104,405	\$93,236	\$107,749	\$81,810	\$7,035
2335	\$28,377	\$26,729	\$29,800	\$36,412	\$32,396	\$30,576	\$31,087	\$24,790	\$39,109	\$27,335	\$3,689
2421	\$1,548	\$2,650	\$9,668	\$11,533	\$11,837	\$7,079	\$10,544	\$7,094	\$15,314	\$10,345	\$697

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**Appendix B**

As at 14 December 2020:

Local Government Area	Approved		Not Approved		In Progress	
	Applications	Amount	Applications	Amount	Applications	Amount
Albury	754	\$5,115,000	98	\$735,000	14	\$125,000
Balranald	23	\$145,000	3	\$15,000		
Bega Valley	283	\$1,875,000	43	\$385,000	5	\$40,000
Berrigan	186	\$1,250,000	20	\$155,000	2	\$20,000
Edward River	101	\$715,000	9	\$80,000	2	\$15,000
Federation	194	\$1,325,000	30	\$255,000	1	\$10,000
Greater Hume	144	\$1,060,000	16	\$125,000		
Hay	11	\$60,000	2	\$20,000	1	\$5,000
Murray River	154	\$1,165,000	39	\$295,000		
Murrumbidgee	60	\$400,000	4	\$40,000		
Snowy Monaro	109	\$790,000	14	\$125,000	1	\$5,000
Snowy Valleys	44	\$285,000	7	\$60,000	2	\$15,000
Wentworth	47	\$335,000	4	\$35,000		
Unknown/ Other	133	\$895,000	61	\$440,000	1	\$10,000
Grand Total	2,243	\$15,415,000	350	\$2,765,000	29	\$245,000

Industry Sub Type	Approved		Not Approved		In Progress	
	Applications	Amount	Applications	Amount	Applications	Amount
Construction Services	277	\$1,960,000	28	\$225,000	3	\$25,000
Agriculture	270	\$1,970,000	25	\$200,000		
Food and Beverage Services	214	\$1,315,000	32	\$220,000	4	\$30,000
Accommodation	172	\$1,330,000	38	\$320,000		
Professional Scientific and Technical Services (Except Computer System Design and Related)	158	\$1,160,000	18	\$155,000	1	\$10,000
Other Store-Based Retailing	123	\$710,000	18	\$125,000	2	\$15,000
Personal and Other Services	118	\$680,000	20	\$160,000	3	\$25,000
Repair and Maintenance	104	\$645,000	22	\$180,000	1	\$10,000
Property Operators and Real Estate Services	71	\$545,000	8	\$70,000		
Road Transport	67	\$475,000	6	\$45,000	1	\$10,000
Building Construction	52	\$390,000	12	\$115,000	1	\$5,000
Agriculture Forestry and Fishing Support Services	47	\$350,000	11	\$85,000		
Medical and Other Health Care Services	53	\$305,000	4	\$30,000		
Administrative Services	46	\$330,000	8	\$60,000	1	\$5,000
Building Cleaning Pest Control and Other Support Services	36	\$245,000	16	\$120,000	2	\$15,000
Sports and Recreation Activities	42	\$305,000	8	\$60,000		
Other Goods Wholesaling	23	\$160,000	6	\$55,000	3	\$30,000
Adult Community and Other Education	24	\$175,000	3	\$20,000	1	\$10,000
Non-Store Retailing and Retail Commission- Based Buying and/or Selling	21	\$135,000	2	\$10,000		

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Industry Sub Type	Approved		Not Approved		In Progress	
	Applications	Amount	Applications	Amount	Applications	Amount
Auxiliary Finance and Insurance Services	15	\$120,000	7	\$45,000		
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	0	\$150,000	1	\$10,000	1	\$10,000
Food Retailing	20	\$105,000	1	\$5,000		
Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Parts Retailing	19	\$130,000	2	\$20,000		
Aquaculture	17	\$135,000	3	\$25,000		
Rental and Hiring Services (except Real Estate)	14	\$95,000	3	\$25,000		
Finance	11	\$90,000	3	\$20,000	1	\$5,000
Fuel Retailing	10	\$50,000	5	\$30,000		
Food Product Manufacturing	13	\$80,000	1	\$5,000		
Basic Material Wholesaling	12	\$85,000	1	\$10,000		
Computer System Design and Related Services	7	\$60,000	5	\$35,000		
Postal and Courier Pick-up and Delivery Services	8	\$65,000	1	\$5,000	3	\$30,000
Fishing Hunting and Trapping	7	\$50,000	4	\$40,000		
Social Assistance Services	8	\$40,000	3	\$20,000		
Transport Equipment Manufacturing	10	\$80,000	1	\$10,000		
Creative and Performing Arts Activities	7	\$50,000	3	\$30,000		
Machinery and Equipment Wholesaling	10	\$65,000				
Other industries (less than 10 applications each)	117	\$780,000	21	\$175,000	1	\$10,000
Grand Total	2,243	\$15,415,000	350	\$2,765,000	29	\$245,000