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- \*1531 ASBESTOS IN MOUNT DRUITT ELECTORATE SCHOOLS—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Which schools in the Mount Druitt electorate are currently affected by friable or loose asbestos?

Answer—

No schools in the Mount Druitt electorate are currently affected by friable or loose asbestos.

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- \*1812 SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS WITHOUT FLASHING LIGHTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many school zone signs without flashing lights are there currently in the Maitland electorate?
  - (a) Please disaggregate by school.
- (2) What is the anticipated cost of the manufacture, installation and maintenance of a school zone sign with flashing lights?
- (3) Does Transport for NSW have plans to install further school zone signs with flashing lights in the Maitland electorate?
  - (a) If so, when?
  - (b) Which schools?

Answer—

I am advised:

The New South Wales Government is committed to improving the safety of all road users, especially the most vulnerable members of our community, our children.

The Government has implemented a safe system in New South Wales school zones, in which a 40km/h speed limit applies and high visibility safety treatments like signage, road markings and flashing lights are in place. Higher fines and demerit points also apply within school zones. Every school in New South Wales has at least one set of school zone flashing lights, and there are additional flashing lights at more than 500 schools with multiple entrances. Over 6,000 school zone flashing lights are now in place to warn motorists when they enter a 40km/h school zone.

There are 61 school zone flashing lights signs in the Maitland electorate, protecting students at 34 schools. The cost of installing flashing lights varies, depending on the conditions in each school zone. Transport for NSW installs flashing lights in all new school zones.

- \*1813 PUBLIC SECTOR AGENCIES IN MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Treasurer—

How many public sector agencies are located in the Maitland electorate as at 26 September 2019?

Answer—

This question is more appropriately directed to individual portfolio Ministers and cluster secretaries. The Treasury cluster does not have any offices in the Maitland electorate.

- \*1814 DAVIS OVERPASS ROOTY HILL—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Have there been any traffic studies carried out on Davis Overpass located on Francis Road, Rooty Hill?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) On what date was the study undertaken?
    - (ii) What was the purpose of the study?
    - (iii) What was the determination of the study?
    - (iv) What were the recommendations of the study?

Answer—

I am advised:

No traffic studies have been completed at this time.

\*1815 HERMIDALE PUBLIC TOILETS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Local Government—

Given there is currently no 24-hour access to public toilet facilities in Hermidale, will the Minister fund the installation of public toilets?

Answer—

(1) Council is the appropriate body to make decisions on behalf of the community regarding the allocation of public resources to projects. The installation of public toilets is a matter for Bogan Shire Council to consider as part of its Community Strategic Plan.

\*1816 BUNNERUNGEE BRIDGE—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) On what date did the Roads and Maritime Services identify there was a defect in the deck of the Bunnerungee Bridge?

(2) What factors do Roads and Maritime Services consider in the prioritisation of bridge repairs?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) 23 October 2019.

(2) Transport for NSW regularly inspects all its assets, including bridges, as part of its inspection regime. Defects are identified and prioritised according to the type of bridge structure and general condition.

Transport for NSW is committed to getting Bunnerungee Bridge operating at full capacity as quickly as possible with specialist materials currently being sourced, fabricated and delivered to site.

Transport for NSW aims to have the State road network always open to the gazetted class of vehicle that uses the road. After Bunnerungee Bridge was closed due to safety concerns, Transport for NSW and Wentworth Shire Council worked together to build a new road crossing of the Great Darling Anabranch along the Silver City Highway to keep motorists and freight moving.

\*1817 MENINDEE WEIR—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) Has a development application been lodged for the removal of the old Menindee Weir?

(a) If so, what was the outcome?

Answer—

I am advised:

A Development Approval (DA) is not required for the removal of the Old Menindee Town Weir. Work is well under way to gain all required approvals, including cultural heritage and environmental approvals, to enable the redundant Weir to be removed in early 2020.

As part of the approvals, consultation has been undertaken with Traditional Owners, who have not only indicated their support for the weir's removal but have also identified some innovative solutions, which we will be adopting, to create places for spiritual practices.

Removal of the Old Menindee Town Weir will not only reinstate critical fish passage within a section of the Lower Darling River which is particularly important for native Golden Perch and Murray Cod but will also create a safer environment for boating and other water-based recreational activities.

The local community, through the Menindee Lakes Stakeholder Advisory Group, is aware and supportive of the removal of the Old Menindee Town Weir.

Where possible local contractors will be engaged as part of the weir's removal.

\*1818 MOAMA POLICE STATION CAPITAL WORKS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) Considering that the Moama Police Station has been prioritised for capital works redevelopment, what are the timeframes involved in the internal review process?

(2) When will a funding announcement be made?

(3) When is the redevelopment expected to commence?

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Answer—

The redevelopment of Moama Police Station has been listed as a priority for the 2020-21 financial year.

\*1819 GRIFFITH DRINKING WATER NSW HEALTH VERBAL APPROVAL—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Did NSW Health provide verbal approval on 6 July 2017 stating that they did not have concerns with Griffith City Council's use of Lake Wyangan water during July 2017, as stated in a letter to me from Griffith City Council dated 27 September 2019?

(a) If so:

(i) Why did NSW Health provide verbal approval given they do not have a formal role in the approval of drinking water supplies of local water utilities?

(ii) Which section of NSW Health gave the verbal approval?

(iii) What action will be taken if the information regarding NSW Health approval is inaccurate?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response to LA1287.

\*1820 ROYAL COMMISSION INTO MURRAY-DARLING BASIN PLAN—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

(1) Considering that the answer to LA Q1253 referred to your public statements in the Budget Estimates 2019-20 transcript, page 12, but this transcript does not indicate whether you have or will formally approach the Commonwealth Government to request a Commonwealth royal commission into the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, have you made a formal approach to the Commonwealth Government to request a Commonwealth royal commission?

(a) If so, on what date?

(b) If not, will you make a formal approach to the Commonwealth Government to request a Commonwealth Royal Commission in the future?

(i) If so, on what date?

Answer—

I refer you to my previous answer to LA Q1253. please direct any further questions regarding the Murray-Darling Basin Plan to the Minister for Water.

\*1821 SYDNEY TRAINS INFRINGEMENTS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) For each line on the Sydney Trains network, what are the total number of Transport Command Police Officers deployed on a standard:

(a) Weekday;

(b) Weekend?

Answer—

I am advised:

Police officers from the three Police Transport Commands are flexible resources deployed across the entire public transport network.

\*1822 LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION COSTS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) How does the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) calculate the costs incurred by defending itself against claims brought by public and social housing tenants through the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT)?

(2) How many NCAT hearings does LAHC attend annually in relation to public and social housing tenants' complaints?

(a) What is the average time spent in preparation and appearance for each hearing?

(3) Who is responsible for providing staff and/or lawyers to defend LAHC against claims brought by public and social housing tenants through NCAT?

(a) How many lawyers/staff are employed for this purpose?

(b) What is the cost of employing these staff?

Answer—

I am advised:

That the Department of Communities and Justice manage, advocate and represent the New South Wales Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) in respect of tenant-initiated claims in the New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT).

Ms Jenny Leong, MP is requested to redirect her queries to the Hon. Gareth Ward, MP, Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

\*1823 DORRIGO AVENUE HOXTON PARK ROAD RIGHT TURNS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Will the Minister rule out prohibiting right hand turns from Dorrigo Avenue into Hoxton Park Road and from Hoxton Park Road into Dorrigo Avenue at Hoxton Park?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is proposing to change the Hoxton Park Road/Dorrigo Avenue intersection to a left in/left out only arrangement as part of the broader planning for Hoxton Park Road upgrade. Community consultation occurred with feedback being considered. No decision has been made at this stage.

\*1824 COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING REGISTER LIVERPOOL COUNCIL AREA—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

How many buildings within the Liverpool Council area were on the combustible cladding register as at 20 August 2019?

Answer—

Eighty eight buildings were listed on the Cladding Regulation Online Registration System (Combustible Cladding Register) with an address in the Liverpool City Council local government area as at 20 August 2019. It is important to note that buildings on the Combustible Cladding Register still require further assessment and do not necessarily have cladding that is unsafe or which increases the risk of fire spreading.

\*1825 WALKING AND CYCLING PROGRAM LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) How many projects were nominated in the Liverpool electorate under the 2019-2020 Walking and Cycling Program?

(a) How many of these were funded?

Answer—

I am advised:

All councils that were successful in their application for funding under the 2019-20 Active Transport (Walking and Cycling) Program were notified in writing by Transport for NSW after the release of the NSW State Budget 2019-20 earlier this year.

\*1826 GREEN SPACES IN LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

How many additional open green spaces have been provided by the Government in the Liverpool electorate since your appointment as a Minister?

Answer—

The Government will provide Liverpool City Council (Council) up to \$200,000 in funding under the Metropolitan Greenspace Program Financial Year 2018/19 grant round to prepare a masterplan to help deliver the Green Grid for the Georges River Parklands and Chipping Norton Lakes Corridor. The masterplan will provide long-term vision for the Georges River Parklands and Chipping Norton Lakes as a regional open space. The funding agreement is currently with Council for execution.

Residents of the Liverpool electorate will also have access to the new open green space that has been announced in neighbouring suburb of Leppington. The Leppington Park will be a new 7-hectare open space and the NSW Government is investing \$4 million for the park. The project was announced in

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February 2019, and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is in early discussions with Liverpool City Council about the project.

\*1827 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL NURSES SICK LEAVE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) What is the total sick leave days taken by nurses at Liverpool Hospital in the:

- (a) 2017-18 financial year;
- (b) 2018-19 financial year?

Answer—

The number of sick leave days taken per year by nursing staff at Liverpool Hospital during 2017-18 and 2018-19 was 6.5 days on average.

\*1828 IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF STATE OWNED CORPORATIONS ISSUES PAPER—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier—

What action, if any, flowed from the Issues Paper on Improving the Effectiveness of State Owned Corporations that was issued by the Government in 2013?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Treasurer.

\*1830 GEORGE ZISOPOULOS REINSTATEMENT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Following the decision of the Full Bench of the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales on 4 October 2017, when will George Zisopoulos return to work?

Answer—

I am advised:

Mr Zisopoulos has returned to the workplace.

\*1831 REVIEW OF MANDATORY PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) Did you commission a review of mandatory professional indemnity insurance for legal practitioners to be conducted by the Department of Justice, or any other body?

- (a) If yes:
  - (i) When did the review commence;
  - (ii) When did the review conclude;
  - (iii) When and where may the results of the review be viewed?

Answer—

I am advised:

No.

\*1833 CAMPBELLTOWN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) In the last 12 months has there been around a 14 per cent increase in Emergency Department presentations at Campbelltown Hospital?

(2) Is Campbelltown Hospital receiving approximately \$9 million less in funding then what the spent last year?

(3) Will you allocate additional resources to this very busy Emergency Department?

- (a) If so:
  - (i) What specific additional staff will be provided?
  - (ii) When will they commence?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) Information on Emergency Department presentations is publicly available from the Bureau of Health Information.

(2) Campbelltown Hospital received growth funding for the 2019-20 financial year that equated to (a) 6.1 per cent increase in funding.

(3) (a) and (b) Campbelltown Hospital is undergoing a \$632 million Stage 2 redevelopment which will include a significant expansion of the Emergency Department.

Numerous enhancements in the medical, nursing and corporate workforce have been made since 2017, and additional Medical Officers will begin in the Campbelltown Hospital Emergency Department from February 2020.

\*1834 SOUTH COAST LINE SERVICES NEW CARRIAGE TRAINS PEAK HOURS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) On what date will the South Coast Line services with the new 10 carriage trains during peak hours commence?

(2) On what date will work commence on extensions to the platforms at:

- (a) Port Kembla;
- (b) Wollongong;
- (c) Thirroul;
- (d) Bellambi;
- (e) Kiama?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The first of the New Intercity Fleet trains will arrive in December 2019. A timeline for them to enter service will be confirmed once they have progressed through the early stages of final testing and verification to ensure they are safe and compliant with all relevant standards and requirements.

(2) Work is planned to begin in late 2020.

\*1835 WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL EPILEPSY OUTPATIENT CLINIC CHRISTMAS NEW YEAR PERIOD—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Will the weekly outpatient clinic at Wollongong Hospital for patients with epilepsy be operating over the 2019 Christmas and New Year period?

Answer—

The outpatient clinic, which provides non-urgent care, will be paused for two weeks over the Christmas period. Wollongong Hospital will continue to provide urgent care and treatment, including for acute epilepsy presentations, during this time.

\*1836 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL MIRRABOOK UNIT BEDS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Have any beds in the Mirrabook Unit in Shellharbour Hospital closed in the past 6 months?

(2) Are there any plans to close beds in the unit in the next six months?

Answer—

I am advised two beds closed temporarily on 4 November 2019 to ensure the safety of staff and consumers. Bed capacity and nursing numbers are reviewed daily.

\*1837 BULLI LOOKOUT TRACK RE-OPENING—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) Will the New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service re-open the Bulli Lookout Track?

- (a) If so, when?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) The New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service will not re-open the Bulli Lookout Track.

(a) Not applicable.

(b) The track is closed due to the high risk of landslides and rockfalls. Geo-technical assessment has confirmed any future remedial work to re-open the track is unsafe and not feasible.

\*1838 AUSTRALIAN MADE STEEL IN THE WESTMEAD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

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- (1) What is the proportion of Australian-made steel which is being, or has been, used to construct the major publicly-funded Westmead redevelopment infrastructure project?
- (2) From which steelworks was the steel used, or to be used, sourced?
- (3) What is the total value of the Australian-made steel used, or to be used, for the Westmead redevelopment project?
- (4) If no Australian-made steel is used, or to be used, for the Westmead redevelopment project, what are the reasons for this decision?

Answer—

At least 80 per cent of structural steel and 100 per cent of reinforcement steel used in the Westmead redevelopment is Australian made. This Australian-made steel is sourced from Infrabuild mills.

I am advised that, to date, over \$7 million has been spent on steel for the Westmead redevelopment project.

\*1839 PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH ACT—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) Will the Government establish a public inquiry into Section 14 of the Mental Health Act as was resolved by the Legislative Council in 2012?
  - (a) If not, what are the reasons for not implementing the Legislative Council's resolution?

Answer—

(1) No, a public inquiry into Section 14 of the Mental Health Act is no longer necessary.

(a) The coronial inquest into the deaths of Mrs Chloe Heuston and Mr Nicholas Waterlow handed down its findings in January 2014, recommending the Government consider amendment to section 14 of the Act.

The Government conducted a review of the Act from 2012 to 2013. This resulted in the formation of an Expert Reference Group in 2014 to consider possible amendments to the Act identified through the review. The Expert Reference Group, convened under the review of the Act, gave special consideration to the Coroner's recommendations. These processes served the purpose of reviewing section 14 of the Act. The Expert Reference Group determined that no changes to section 14 were required.

To ensure the issues raised in the inquest regarding section 14 were addressed, NSW Health provided clarification to clinicians via a communique, training, information sessions and factsheets about the 'risk of serious harm' criterion within section 14 and its application when considering involuntary treatment under the Act.

It was made clear that the definition of 'serious harm' is a broad concept encompassing many types of harm including emotional harm, self-harm, violence, aggression, neglect to self or others and harm that may arise should an illness not be treated.

\*1840 AUSTRALIAN MADE STEEL USED IN PROJECTS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the proportion of Australian-made steel which is being, or has been, used to construct the following major publicly-funded infrastructure projects:
  - (a) Sydney Metro;
  - (b) Newcastle Light Rail;
  - (c) NorthConnex;
  - (d) Pacific Highway upgrade - Woolgoolga to Ballina;
  - (e) Sydney Light Rail;
  - (f) WestConnex;
  - (g) Parramatta Light Rail;
  - (h) Albion Park Rail Bypass?
- (2) From which steelworks was the steel used, or to be used, sourced?
- (3) What is the total value of the Australian-made steel used, or to be used, for each project in (1) (a) to (h)?
- (4) If no Australian-made steel has been used, or is to be used, in any of the projects in (1) (a) to (h) what are the reasons for this decision?

Answer—

I am advised

The Government does not mandate the use of Australian steel in its infrastructure projects, which would contravene obligations under Free Trade Agreements which do not allow for preference to be given to local suppliers.

The Government has worked with the Australian Steel Institute and Standards Australia to develop a new standard and certification regime for the fabrication and erection of structural steel; and has mandated that all steel used on its projects must comply with Australian and New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 5131 Structural steelwork - Fabrication and Erection.

The Government's procurement reforms have increased local involvement in infrastructure development. Suppliers bidding for projects valued at more than \$10 million are required to show how they will support local industry including local jobs and skills development, in accordance with the NSW Government's Small and Medium Enterprises Policy Framework.

\*1841 AUSTRALIAN MADE STEEL USED IN THE ANZAC MEMORIAL CENTENARY PROJECT—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) What is the proportion of Australian-made steel which is being, or has been, used to construct the major publicly-funded Anzac Memorial Centenary infrastructure project?
- (2) From which steelworks was the steel used, or to be used, sourced?
- (3) What is the total value of the Australian-made steel used, or to be used, for the Anzac Memorial Centenary project?
- (4) If no Australian-made steel is used, or is to be used, for the Anzac Memorial Centenary project, what are the reasons for this decision?

Answer—

Australian-made recycled steel sourced from a New South Wales based steelworks was used in the construction of the Anzac Memorial Centenary project.

\*1842 AUSTRALIAN MADE STEEL USED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What is the proportion of Australian-made steel which is being, or has been, used to construct the major publicly-funded International Convention Centre infrastructure project?
- (2) From which steelworks was the steel used, or to be used, sourced?
- (3) What is the total value of the Australian-made steel used, or to be used, for the International Convention Centre project?
- (4) If no Australian-made steel has been used, or is to be used, for the International Convention Centre project, what are the reasons for this decision?

Answer—

The International Convention Centre (ICC) Sydney project used around 16,500 tonnes of structural steel with a proportion of this steel being locally sourced and fabricated.

The Government does not have cost information for specific building elements as the ICC Sydney was delivered by Lendlease as part of a Public Private Partnership with Infrastructure NSW.

\*1843 TEN YEAR LICENCE RESTRICTIONS FOR CLASS C AND R—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

For what reason are ten year licence renewal options unavailable to individuals who are aged 45 years or older who hold an unrestricted licence of class C (car) and/or R (rider)?

Answer—

I am advised:

A licence holder aged 45 years or older must have an eyesight test every five years, and is therefore only eligible for a five-year licence.

\*1844 TEN YEAR LICENCE RENEWAL RESTRICTIONS FOR CLASS R OR LR—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

For what reason are ten year licence renewal options unavailable to individuals who hold an unrestricted Rigid (R) or Light Rigid (LR) licence?

Answer—

I am advised:

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The rules for drivers of heavier vehicles are stricter than those for other drivers due to the higher safety risk associated with heavier vehicles.

Those holding LR (Light Rigid), MR (Medium Rigid) and HR (Heavy Rigid) licences are not eligible for a ten year licence because they are required to pass an eyesight test at the time of a licence renewal, or show evidence that they have passed an eyesight test in the previous 12 months.

\*1845 LICENCE RENEWAL FEE DISCOUNT ELIGIBILITY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) How many individuals in the following suburbs are eligible for the 50 per cent discount on their licence renewal fee:

- (a) Canley Heights;
- (b) Canley Vale;
- (c) Carramar;
- (d) Fairfield;
- (e) Fairfield East;
- (f) Fairfield Heights;
- (g) Fairfield West;
- (h) Guildford;
- (i) Guildford West;
- (j) Old Guildford;
- (k) Smithfield;
- (l) Villawood;
- (m) Wakeley;
- (n) Woodpark;
- (o) Yennora?

Answer—

I am advised

- (a) 5,299
- (b) 5,018
- (c) 1,491
- (d) 8,179
- (e) 1,472
- (f) 2,659
- (g) 5,527
- (h) 11,017
- (i) 1,543
- (j) 658
- (k) 5,650
- (l) 2,621
- (m) 2,691
- (n) 759
- (o) 561.

\*1846 LICENCE CONSOLIDATION REFUND—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Should an individual opt to consolidate their boat licence with their unrestricted drivers licence, will they be refunded the difference for the cost of the remaining years on the boat licence?

- (a) If yes, will the refund be a percentage of the remaining duration of the licence?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

There is no additional fee for a combined licence.

Customers can only opt into a combined licence when they are renewing their New South Wales driver licence. As such, to obtain a combined licence, customers must pay the renewal fee for their driver licence and the pro rata licence fee due on their boat licence to align the expiry dates. This product combines the licence cards only. The licences remain separate and there is no change to the way a driver or boat licence is obtained or maintained.

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- \*1847 **AGRICULTURAL CURRICULUM**—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

As part of the New South Wales curriculum review, will consideration be given to amending the curriculum for agricultural subjects to include a focus on sustainable farming practices?

Answer—

The New South Wales Curriculum Review is taking a long-term view about how we can build on our current high standards, rather than reviewing each learning area or syllabus.

Sustainable farming practices are featured in the current New South Wales curriculum.

In the New South Wales primary curriculum, students learn about and plan for the sustainable use of resources, including in food and fibre production. In secondary schools, the Technology (Mandatory) Years 7 and 8 syllabus provides opportunities for all students to learn about processes of food and fibre production, including the sustainable supply of agriculturally produced raw materials.

In the new Agricultural Technology Years 7-10 syllabus sustainable farming is central to the aim of the course: to develop skills in the effective management of sustainable production and marketing practices that are environmentally and socially responsible.

Sustainable agricultural production and marketing is a key objective in the Agriculture Years 11-12 syllabus, specifying that students develop: knowledge of, and skills in, decision-making and the evaluation of technology and management techniques used in sustainable agricultural production and marketing. The syllabus also provides opportunities for students to engage with sustainable farming practices.

- \*1848 **ROAD SAFETY SCHOOL INITIATIVES**—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Considering the death toll on roads in rural areas is four times higher than metropolitan areas, will the Government fund a driving simulator to travel to far west schools to educate children on the dangers of texting while driving and the effects of alcohol and other drugs on a person's ability to control a vehicle?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has designed and implemented best-practice training and education initiatives that support young drivers gaining experience over time in lower risk situations. While technology has a significant role to play in the novice driver pathway it is essential that programs and initiatives endorsed by the Government are evidence based.

The Centre for Road Safety has considered the value of driving simulators; however research has found that simulator technology has not yet advanced to the point where it can reliably be used for driver training or as a substitute for practical on-road driving experience, and for this reason does not currently fund driver simulators.

- \*1849 **BREWARRINA ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE**—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering that the Brewarrina Aboriginal Medical Service is currently operating out of rented premises, will the Government fund the construction of a new building?

Answer—

There are opportunities for Aboriginal Medical Services and Local Health Districts to submit proposals for consideration for funding from the NSW Health Aboriginal Minor Capital Works Program.

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There have been a number of successful applications within the Western NSW Region across the 2018-19 and 2019-20 financial years, totaling \$1.3 million. I am advised the next call for submissions is anticipated to occur in early 2020.

\*1850 PASSFIELD PARK SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Are business cases prepared for all public school redevelopments?
- (2) How long will it take to prepare the business case for the redevelopment of Passfield Park School?
- (3) Do you support expediting the preparation of the business case for Passfield Park School in order to ensure the cost of its redevelopment is included in the 2020-21 budget?
  - (a) If yes, what steps will the Department of Education take to expedite the time taken to prepare the business case for Passfield Park School?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) Yes. The Department of Education prepares a business case for all major redevelopments of schools.
- (2) The Department is fast-tracking the project to upgrade Passfield Park School.
- (3) Yes.
  - (a) Recent designs for schools for specific purposes will inform the Passfield Park School upgrade design, which will be tailored to the needs of the students at Passfield Park School. The Department will tailor its engagement practices to efficiently guide stakeholders through the accelerated project process.
  - (b) Not applicable.

\*1851 INTEREST RATES VULNERABLE CONSUMERS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) What action is the Government taking to regulate the high interest rates charged by pawnbrokers to consumers?
- (2) What research has been undertaken to assess the impact of these interest rates on vulnerable members of the community?
- (3) Is the Government planning further reform in this area to assist vulnerable consumers?

Answer—

- (1) Under the Pawnbrokers and Second-hand Dealers Act 1996 (the Act), the pawnbroker must give the customer a copy of a pawn ticket. Amongst other things, the pawn ticket must include the rate of interest charged and an equivalent annual interest rate. The interest rate must not be more than those that are displayed on a sign in the pawnbroking shop.
- (2) NSW Fair Trading consistently monitors the industries and occupations it regulates, frequently liaises with key stakeholders in each sector and advises the Government accordingly.
- (3) The Act is not the subject of a current review or reform project.

\*1852 MACQUARIE FIELDS SCHOOLS UPGRADE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Were business cases prepared for the following school upgrades:
  - (a) Wairoa School;
  - (b) William Stimson Public School;
  - (c) Rowland Hassall School?
- (2) If so, how long did it take to prepare each business case?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) (a) There is currently no major capital works project at Wairoa School.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) Yes.
- (2) The Department of Education took approximately four months to prepare the business case for the project at William Stimson School and approximately three months for the project at Rowland Hassall School.

\*1853 VARROVILLE HOMESTEAD—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Premier representing the 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 advice requested from the State Heritage Council on site-specific exemptions to the recommended heritage listing of a curtilage extension at Varroville Homestead?
- (2) Has other advice been requested on site-specific exemptions to heritage listings?
- (3) Have there been any other requests for site-specific exemptions to the recommended heritage listing Varroville Homestead?
  - (a) If so, who requested them and what was the nature of their request?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No.
- (3) No.

\*1854 COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUPS AND INDIGENOUS ADVISORY GROUPS REMUNERATION OF VOLUNTEER MEMBERS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Considering the intention behind Community Advisory Groups and Indigenous Advisory Groups is to have local community views represented in the decision-making process for Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanisms (SDLAMs), why is the Government not providing remuneration for volunteer members, many of whom are from struggling rural communities, for their time and travel?

Answer—

I am advised:

As part of the Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) Program, members of Community Advisory Groups and Indigenous Advisory Groups are reimbursed for actual expenses related to travel and meetings.

The New South Wales Government is exploring all options to ensure people can be a part of the consultation process.

\*1855 PRIVATE IRRIGATION COMPANIES OVERSIGHT—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Which Government body is responsible for providing oversight of private irrigation companies, such as Murray Irrigation and Murrumbidgee Irrigation?
  - (a) If someone has a complaint about a private irrigation company, which Government entity can they contact to deal with their complaint?

Answer—

I am advised:

Irrigation Corporations are unlisted public companies (limited by shares) owned by the irrigators to whom they supply water. Like all businesses of this type in New South Wales they are regulated by a number of State and Commonwealth agencies in relation to different aspects of their operations.

In relation to activities governed by water management legislation, the Natural Resources Access Regulator regulates Irrigation Corporations under the Natural Resources Access Regulator Act 2017, the Water Management Act 2000 and associated regulations, to ensure they take and use water in accordance with the relevant conditions of their licences and approvals – as it does with all water users in New South Wales.

\*1856 INDUSTRIAL MANSLAUGHTER LAWS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Considering it is the position of other Australian State jurisdictions, will the Government enact or commit to industrial manslaughter laws following the independent review of national workplace safety laws, the review of the model Work Health and Safety (WHS) laws by Safe Work Australia, which recommended a uniform offence of industrial manslaughter?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

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(1) The Decision Regulation Impact Statement (Decision RIS) by Safe Work Australia does not recommend a uniform offence of industrial manslaughter be included in the model WHS laws.

\*1857 WATERCRAFT ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEES—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Considering that owners are now required to pay \$342 for the annual registration of their personal watercraft and the annual registration of small water vessels up to 3 metres in length is \$67, what is the justification for this price increase?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW's Maritime branch is a self-funded agency that administers fees related to recreational and commercial boating. The fees it charges reflect the cost of providing its services.

In the case of personal watercraft (PWC), it has been found necessary to provide extra resources to improve rider safety and compliance with boating regulations.

A disproportionate part of the work by Maritime Boating Safety Officers is related to PWC. In recent years, PWC have been responsible for 12 per cent of all recreational vessel serious injury incidents, even though they account for only about four per cent of recreational vessel registrations.

Transport for NSW employs a Safety Education and Compliance Team to deal specifically with PWC safety and compliance issues. This is necessary because PWC are a major source of complaints on New South Wales waterways.

\*1858 RURAL AND REGIONAL TOURISM—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

Considering the significant impact the ongoing drought is having on small business in rural and regional New South Wales, what measures will the Government implement to increase tourism and visitation to rural and regional New South Wales to help improve economic activity, keep country businesses afloat and country people employed?

Answer—

The Government, through Destination NSW, works closely with stakeholders to devise and implement strategies to promote tourism regions across the State and offers a variety of product development, promotion and trade marketing opportunities to assist the tourism industry in reaching consumers and trade in key markets in New South Wales, Australia and overseas.

Destination NSW delivers industry development workshops to tourism operators in rural and regional New South Wales. The workshops are aimed at helping tourism operators to grow their businesses.

The Government is also delivering a number of funding programs for rural and regional tourism projects, including:

- \$300 million invested in infrastructure grants through the Regional Growth - Environment and Tourism Fund to increase tourist visitation to regional New South Wales and create jobs.
- \$11.4 million through the Drought Stimulus Package for five-tourism related projects:
  - Upgrade to Scone Airport
  - Upgrade to Broken Hill Airport
  - Transformation of the historic Girilambone Railway Station into a Railway Heritage Museum and Indigenous Art Gallery
  - Upgrade to the Deniliquin Ute Muster' site
  - Upgrade to the Coonamble Riverside Caravan Park.
- Destination NSW's \$200,000 tourism recovery package to support the Menindee tourism industry and the Central Darling Shire.

In addition, the dedicated six regional Destination Networks continue to actively support initiatives that aim to drive tourism growth in their respective regions.

\*1859 DROUGHT RELIEF—Mr Philip Donato asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

Considering the effect the drought is having on non-agricultural small businesses in rural and regional New South Wales, what financial assistance or relief measures will the Government implement to ease

the financial burden on these struggling businesses so they can retain staff and continue operating to provide goods and services to people living in country communities?

Answer—

New South Wales is suffering through one of the worst droughts on record. Recognising a whole-of-government response is needed for current and future drought events, the Government has formed the Office of Drought Response. The Office is working to ensure water security, address the impact of drought on businesses and communities and provide ongoing support to farms.

The Government is investing \$1.8 billion to ensure our drought-affected small businesses and communities are provided with immediate support, as well as ensuring we invest in the right infrastructure to future-proof and provide support when we come to face the next drought.

The \$170 million Drought Stimulus Package is providing an immediate economic stimulus by fast tracking investment projects that provide employment opportunities and boost local economies in drought affected areas. Projects that support regional communities by generating local jobs and stimulating the local economy have been identified for funding.

The Government is providing additional support to non-agricultural small businesses in drought affected regions. For example, Business Connect provides support for farm and non-farm businesses, and advisory services and skills training for small businesses. Skills training is also available for drought affected farmers and non-farm businesses, to broaden skills and earn additional income. This helps keep people in their local communities. This is provided through the Smart and Skilled Targeted Priorities Prevocational and Part Qualifications Program.

The Government initiated the Buy Regional Campaign, which is a website to connect shoppers with regional sellers, listing businesses in easy to browse categories. Since launching, more than 250 businesses in regional NSW have listed and more than 286,000 people have visited the webpage. Australia Post figures show there has been a 30 per cent increase in parcels sent from regional towns for this time of year.

SafeWork NSW and Fair Trading NSW are waiving occupational licence fees for those living in drought affected areas and experiencing financial hardship. Revenue NSW is working to ensure their debt recovery actions do not result in undue hardship for people impacted by drought and they provide hardship relief services to people who are in debt or require payroll tax assistance.

\*1860 LIGHT RAIL SAFETY AUDITS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Was the same safety audit used to assess the Newcastle Light Rail and the CBD and Eastern Suburbs Light Rail project?

Answer—

I am advised:

A road safety audit examines proposed or existing roads and related areas from the perspective of all road users to identify any safety deficiencies and areas of risk.

In New South Wales, qualified teams of professionals, independent of project design teams, carry out road safety audits in accordance with the Austroads Guide to implementing road safety audits as well as the NSW Centre for Road Safety's guidelines for safety audit practices.

It should be noted there are no sections along the CBD & South East Light Rail alignment where cyclists are permitted to ride along the tracks.

\*1861 LIGHT RAIL WHEELCHAIR SAFETY—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Following the death of Danny Egan in Newcastle, has any work been done to ensure that people using wheelchairs will not also get stuck in the light rail tracks?
- (2) Were the risks to people in wheelchairs included in the original or most recent safety audits of light rail tracks?
  - (a) If not, why?
- (3) Considering the review of the light rail intersection following the death of Danny Egan, what changes made since the review was released will improve safety for people with wheelchairs?
  - (a) What still needs to be done?
- (4) Have adjustments been made with respect to the safety of people using wheelchairs along the CBD and Eastern Suburbs Light Rail?

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I am advised:

(1) and (3) A safety review was coordinated and recommendations were made which included installation of signage aimed at cyclists. The identified hazard was specifically relating to cyclists crossing the tracks at less than a 60 degree angle could lead to a wheel catching longitudinally in the track. Wheelchair users should cross the light rail tracks at designated pedestrian crossings which are positioned at 90 degrees removing the risk of catching a wheel in the track.

(2) Road safety audits are a holistic assessment of the road and roadside environments from the perspective of all road users, including people in wheelchairs. These assessments should include any risks to people in wheelchairs as they move to and from the light rail stops and also along footpaths through the urban domain.

(4) Through the road safety audit process on CBD South East Light Rail a number of risks have been raised in relation to designated crossing paths and footpaths and shared paths that run parallel to the light rail tracks. These risks have been addressed by relocating track cross overs away from designated crossing points and removing slip, trip and fall risks throughout the urban domain. Further clarification has also been provided from the project team on how the tactile indicators have been designed and implemented around stops in conjunction with disability requirements.

\*1862 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL WARNING SIGNS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) What is the specific number and location of the warning signs installed since the Government released the review of road safety in relation to the Newcastle Light Rail project?

(a) Why were these locations chosen?

(2) Has Transport for NSW met with the City of Newcastle regarding safe alternative routes?

(3) Will the Government commit to funding an east-west cycling link?

(a) If so, when will it be built?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Seven. They include:

- Two signs on Hunter Street approaching Worth Place;
- One sign on Auckland Street approaching Hunter Street;
- One sign on Merewether Street approaching Hunter Street;
- One sign on Hunter Street approaching Merewether Street;
- One sign on Darby Street approaching Hunter Street;
- One sign on Hunter Street approaching Darby Street.

The signs are located where cyclists are required to cross the light rail tracks.

In addition to the warning signs, an additional 11 sets of pavement cycle logos and arrows have been installed at the above locations to help cyclists cross the tracks at the appropriate location and angle.

Additional signposting has also been provided in the mixed running section of Newcastle Light Rail between Newcomen Street and Telford Street, prohibiting cyclists on the road and advising of a shared path facility on the northern side of Scott Street and an alternative path through Pacific Park and Hunter St for westbound cyclists.

(2) Yes.

(3) and (4) Transport for NSW will contribute funding to help Newcastle City Council provide safer cycling options around the mixed running area in the Newcastle CBD.

\*1863 CYCLING STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Is it correct that workshops with cycling stakeholders were held by Transport for NSW in October 2018?

(a) If so, were the workshops related to planning for the Inner City Regional Bike Network, first proposed by the City of Sydney and listed as a priority by Infrastructure Australia?

(2) Did the Government assist with the development of a strategic business case that would have progressed the City of Sydney's proposal?

(a) If not, why not?

(b) If so:

- (i) Is the Government now preparing to submit its own proposal?
- (ii) When will it be publicly available?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Transport for NSW regularly meets with a range of stakeholders on various matters.

(2) The Government recognises that more people than ever before are walking or cycling to work or for leisure and fitness. Thanks to the strong economic management of the Government, we have recently committed to investing a further \$197 million into walking and cycling infrastructure over the next four years. This will bring the Government's total investment to over \$600 million, the largest commitment in the State's history.

In the State Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2038, Infrastructure NSW recommended to the Government that Transport for NSW:

- develop business cases on a city-by-city basis for an annual program of investment, to be delivered in partnership with local government, over the next 10 years in a network of protected cycleways linking major strategic centres throughout the Eastern Harbour City, the Central River City and the Western Parkland City; and
- in partnership with local government, develop a 10-year rolling program that prioritises active transport at high volume and high profile locations in the Sydney CBD and other strategic centres.

The Government supports both of the recommendations of Infrastructure NSW and Transport for NSW continues to develop a strategy for consideration by the Government.

\*1864 ADDITIONAL CROSSING GUARDS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) When will the 300 additional crossing guards promised by the Government in the 2019 election be deployed to schools?
- (2) At which schools will the 300 additional crossing guards be deployed?
  - (a) Will a crossing guard be deployed at Haberfield Public School considering the high number of near-misses on Bland Street?
  - (b) Will a crossing guard be deployed at Marrickville West Public School considering the high number of near-misses on Beauchamp Street?
- (3) Will the existing formula used to determine applications for crossing guards be amended?
  - (a) If so, how?
    - (i) When will this change come into effect?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The new school crossing supervisors will be deployed over three years. The first stage began in September 2019.

(2) The first round of 80 of 300 new crossing supervisors has been identified and placement has commenced.

(a) Yes, in late 2019.

(b) Marrickville West Public School unsuccessfully applied for a school crossing supervisor in 2015. The school may re-apply under the new criteria. Information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

(3) The criteria have already been changed, in early 2019.

\*1865 LIVERPOOL ROAD ASHFIELD CLEARWAY PLANS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Are there currently plans within Roads and Maritime Services to introduce weekend clearways on Liverpool Road in Ashfield?

Answer—

I am advised:

At this time, Transport for NSW has not progressed with any investigation of weekend clearways along Liverpool Road.

A copy of the clearways strategy can be found at [www.transport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/media/documents/2017/sydney-clearways-strategy.pdf](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/media/documents/2017/sydney-clearways-strategy.pdf)

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\*1866 POLICE BODY CAMERAS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Under what circumstances are New South Wales Police Officers required to activate and record interactions using their body cameras?
- (a) Under what circumstances are they allowed to turn body cameras off and cease recording interactions?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information, including standard operating procedures and guiding principles is available on the NSW Police Force website, at [https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/onlineservices/requesting\\_information/disclosurelogs2019](https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/onlineservices/requesting_information/disclosurelogs2019).

\*1867 COOKS RIVER NATURALISATION—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What has been the total funding allocated to naturalising the banks of the Cooks River in each of the past eight financial years (as at 13 November 2019)?
- (2) What naturalisation projects have been funded over this time?
- (3) What projects are currently planned to further naturalise the banks of the Cooks River?

Answer—

(1)

Financial Year	Sydney Water funding for naturalising its assets along Cooks River main waterway
2011-12	\$780,000
2012-13	\$740,000
2013-14	\$3,780,000
2014-15	\$2,700,000
2015-16	\$210,000
2016-17	\$100,000
2017-18	\$0
2018-19	\$0

(2) In 2015 Sydney Water completed naturalisation works at three sites along the Cooks River (Heynes Reserve, Canterbury, near Fifth Ave, Campsie and near Second Ave, Croydon Park). This work saw 1.1 kilometres of the river's banks naturalised at a cost of \$8.6 million. (3) There are four Sydney Water projects currently under consideration to improve waterway health for the Cooks River. Two of these (Muddy Creek and Alexandra Canal) are on tributaries of the Cooks River:

- Muddy Creek – naturalisation of approximately 1400m of creek bank at White Oak Reserve, Rockdale.
- Alexandra Canal renewal – renewal with potential naturalisation for approximately 2300m of canal between the Cooks River and Alexandria.
- Mildura Reserve – Construction of gross pollutant trap, bioretention system and stormwater treatment wetland, Campsie.
- Maria Reserve and Ford Park – renewal and potential naturalisation as well as potential gross pollutant traps and bioretention systems.

\*1868 REVIEW OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL RELATIONS COST—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Treasurer—

- (1) What has been the total cost to date (as at 13 November 2019) of producing the New South Wales review of Federal financial relations?
- (a) What is the total budget allocated to the review?

Answer—

The NSW Review of Federal Financial Relations was announced in the NSW 2019-20 Budget, with the task of reviewing the State's revenue system as it relates to Commonwealth funding and its interactions with the state tax system.

The Government has not committed new money to undertaking the Review; rather - funds have been allocated from existing resources to support it.

\*1869 QUALITY LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS PROGRAM CENTRAL COAST REGION—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many grant applications were received from the Central Coast region for the Quality Learning Environments program?
  - (a) How many of these grant applications were approved?
  - (b) Which were the successful applications for the Central Coast region?

Answer—

(1) Ten applications were received from the Central Coast region in the 2019-20 Quality Learning Environments program.

(a) Ten grant applications were approved.

(b) The ten services with grant applications that were successful in the Central Coast region are:

- Long Jetty Pre-School
- Parklands Community Pre-School
- The Entrance Pre-School Kindergarten
- Gosford Cubbyhouse Long Day Care Centre Incorporated
- Goodstart Early Learning Green Point
- Goodstart Early Learning Woy Woy
- Diocese of Broken Bay Early Learning Centre - Terrigal
- Goodstart Early Learning Kincumber
- Goodstart Early Learning Tuggerah
- Mission Australia Early Learning Woodbury Park

\*1870 LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICTS SMALL BUSINESSES PAYMENTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

In each Local Health District, what is the percentage of compliance in paying small business suppliers within 20 calendar days of received an invoice for goods and services?

Answer—

I am advised all NSW Health local health districts are complying with the Faster Payment Terms policy of paying 80 per cent or more of small businesses within 20 days of receiving a correctly rendered invoice.

\*1871 BULLI HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Are you and the Ministry aware that the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD) has deemed that the land which Bulli Hospital currently sits on will be surplus to their requirements once the new hospital is operating early in 2019?
- (2) Are you aware of the request from the ISLHD that the proceeds from this sale be returned back to health initiatives for the region?
- (3) Will all funds raised from the sale be returned back to health initiatives for the region?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Yes.

(3) Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District is able to apply to the Ministry of Health to retain any net sale proceeds following disposal, in accordance with established processes..

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\*1872 DROUGHT RELIEF APPLICATIONS AND ADVERTISEMENT—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) How many applications have been made for Drought Transport Subsidies as at 14 November 2019?
  - (a) How many of these applications have been approved?
  - (b) How many of these applications were denied?
  - (c) What has been the total amount subsidised?

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- (d) What was the average wait time for assessing and processing the claims?
- (2) How many impacted farmers have been advised of the support available through the Emergency Drought Relief Package?
  - (a) When were they informed?
  - (b) How were they informed?
  - (c) How many times were they informed?

Answer—

- (1) The total number of applications for the Drought Transport Subsidy received at 19 November: 16,607
  - (a) 13,869 approved, 1,681 cancelled (as a result of consolidating cases) 237 withdrawn, and 629 pending.
  - (b) 191 refusals
  - (c) \$108.96 million provided to farmers
  - (d) An average of 18.8 business days to approval.
- (2) The Government has an ongoing program and communicates its assistance to farmers through a range of channels including Local Land Services, (LLS), the Rural Assistance Authority (RAA), Rural Resilience Program workers, Rural Financial Counsellors, Service NSW offices, hotlines, websites including the NSW DroughtHub, Facebook pages, advertisements in rural press, attendance and presentation at key events and visits to affected communities by staff and the Government Drought Bus'.

\*1874 MAITLAND POLICE CALL-OUTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many call-outs did police in the Maitland Local Government Area attend in the each year from 2016 to 2019 (as at 14 November 2019)?
  - (a) How many of these call-outs related to illicit drug use?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 17,567 in 2016, 18,630 in 2017, 19,005 in 2018, and 15,985 in 2019.
- (a) 42 in 2016, 55 in 2017, 53 in 2018, and 44 in 2019.

Note - figures for 2019 are from 1 January to 14 November.

\*1875 NEW MAITLAND HOSPITAL PROJECT PROGRESS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Regarding works at the new Maitland Hospital (NMH) site in Metford, has the project's Stage 2 State Significant Development application, submitted in July 2019 to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, been approved?
  - (a) What, if any, alterations to the original plan were or will be required for approval?
  - (b) Which fully public health services will operate at the time of the NMH's opening?
  - (c) What complementary/private health care facilities will operate from the NMH site at the time of opening?
  - (d) Is the project on track to open in early 2022?
  - (e) Is the project running to budget?
  - (f) How much funding has been spent to date (as at 14 November 2019)?
  - (g) When is the main works stage anticipated to commence?

Answer—

The Stage 2 State Significant Infrastructure application for the project was issued in September 2019 and approval was received in early December 2019. The submission for the Detailed Design of the new Maitland Hospital included a new rooftop helipad and relocated carpark to the north of the building for improved access.

Emergency care, chemotherapy chairs, surgical services, critical care, maternity services, paediatric care, a cardiac catheterisation unit, inpatient beds, mental health, palliative care and outpatient clinics including dental services will be provided by the new hospital. All of these services are publicly provided and funded.

The new Maitland Hospital is on track to be completed in early 2022. The project is progressing on time and within budget. The main works contract was awarded in mid-December and main works have commenced.

\*1876 DRUGS IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

- (1) How many inmates incarcerated in New South Wales correctional facilities (as at 11 November 2019) were known to have a prior or active drug addiction at the time of their incarceration?
  - (a) What drug rehabilitation services are accessible by inmates of New South Wales correctional facilities?
  - (b) What drug rehabilitation services are accessible by former inmates of New South Wales correctional facilities upon their release?
- (2) What drugs, by drug type and number of incidents, have been confiscated, either from inmates or visitors to New South Wales correctional facilities, in 2019 (to 14 November 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) On 11 November 2019, there were a total of 13,640 inmates in New South Wales correctional facilities. Screening for immediate risks and needs is conducted on reception to a Correctional Centre through the Intake Screening Questionnaire (ISO). The ISQ includes questions about whether the inmate is withdrawing or expecting to withdraw from drugs or alcohol. Out of the total inmates at 11 November, 13,265 responded to the ISQ with 5,069 inmates responding yes to withdrawing or expecting to withdraw from drugs.

(a) A range of addiction support groups are available in New South Wales prisons for drug and alcohol treatment based on the twelve-step principles. These include group programs and self-help programs such as Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous in some centres.

The EQUIPS (Explore Question Understand Investigate Practice and Succeed) Addiction program is designed to address addictive behaviour and provide a pathway of support for participants.

Remand Addiction Intervention is a modified version of the 20-session EQUIPS Addiction program. It meets the needs of inmates on remand who are yet to be sentenced.

The Intensive Drug and Alcohol Treatment Program on the John Morony Correctional Complex is a treatment facility incorporating a range of therapeutic, health, education, vocation and pre-release interventions. The Program focusses on addressing substance dependence, offending behaviour and reintegration.

The Health Survival Tips Program is part of Corrective Services' strategy to support the reduction in the risk of transmission of communication diseases for drug users.

The Compulsory Drug Treatment Correctional Centre offers a treatment program which allows the New South Wales Drug Court to order sentenced, repeat drug-related offenders to a prison that provides comprehensive drug treatment and rehabilitation. The program is designed for eligible offenders with long-term drug addiction. It involves pharmacotherapy treatment and cognitive behavioural therapy. There is also intensive case management of offenders in close partnership with Corrective Services NSW, the Drug Court program, NSW Health and other service providers.

The Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network delivers health care and specialist alcohol and drug programs and services to offenders in New South Wales correctional centres. Justice Health's role also includes the assessment of offenders' needs and management of intoxication and withdrawal on entry into a correctional centre. A range of pharmacotherapies for managing addictions including opioid substitution therapies are also offered by Justice Health.

Other options available to inmates are brief one-on-one interventions targeting alcohol, drugs and addictions.

(b) Inmates released on parole or other order can access a range of rehabilitation services in the community. These services are primarily provided and/or delivered by NSW Health and non-government organisations.

Community Corrections manage the release of inmates subject to statutory parole, State Parole Authority parole and Commonwealth parole orders to the community. Inmates are interviewed by a Community Corrections officer prior to release to determine their accommodation and support needs. This may include any specific supports which target an offender's alcohol and other drug (AOD) use.

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The Community Corrections Practice Guide for Intervention (PGI) is a framework of structured interventions for Community Corrections Officers to use when supervising an offender in the community. The PGI contains modules that assist offenders in dealing with addictions, such as 'Managing Cravings'.

The EQUIPS Addiction program (see (1) (a)) is also available to offenders in the community.

(2) Between 01/01/2019 and 14/11/2019, there were total of 2,738 incidents where the contraband type "Drugs" has been detected. These incidents include all contraband located in the correctional facilities such as on a person, prison cells or in the car park. A breakdown of drug type is listed below:

Drug type	Count
Buprenorphine	1445
Cigarette	45
Crystal	262
Excess Medication	72
Green Vegetable Matter	180
Methadone	15
Other	105
Powder	82
Prescription Medication	188
Cannabis Seeds	8
Steroid Vial	22
Substance Gel	1
Substance Liquid	10
Tablet Illicit	90
Tobacco	615
Total	3140

\*1877 FISH RESCUE STRATEGY—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) How many identified fish kills occurred in 2019 (as at 14 November 2019)?
  - (a) What were the dates and locations for each incident?
- (2) How many media releases has the Minister or Department of Primary Industries distributed advising of the success of the Government's \$10 million Fish Rescue Strategy (as at 14 November 2019)?
  - (a) What was the date of each media release?
- (3) How much of the \$10 million has been spent (as at 14 November 2019)?
- (4) How many fish have been rescued (as at 14 November 2019)?
  - (a) What is the number of fish saved of each species?

Answer—

A total of 77 fish kills have occurred so far in New South Wales in 2019, as at 14 November. 45 have been in freshwater environments and 32 in coastal or marine systems. All media releases relating to the drought response measures to protect native fish can be found at <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/media-centre/releases>.

The Government has committed \$4.5 million to the expansion of the Narrandera hatchery and the remaining funds have been allocated across a range of measures including assessment of priority fish refuges for protection, fish rescue and relocation operations and artificial aeration measures.

The Department has rescued and relocated 1,762 fish between 1 September 2019 and 9 November 2019. This includes:

- Murray Cod 699
- Golden Perch 499
- Olive Perlet 471
- Silver Perch 42
- Southern Purple Spotted Gudgeon 35
- Eel-tailed Catfish 10
- Un-specked Hardyhead 2
- Carp Gudgeon 2
- Bony Bream 2.

\*1878 MEHI RIVER FISH KILL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) When did the Minister become aware of the recent fish kill in the Mehi River?
- (2) What is the advice of Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Fisheries Officers regarding the extent and potential cause of the latest fish kill?
- (3) How many fish were discovered dead?
  - (a) How many types of species and which species were identified?
- (4) What DPI Fisheries resources have been deployed to the Mehi River to investigate the latest fish kill and, if possible, salvage fish stock for the Government's native species rescue and breeding program?
- (5) When will the results of the water samples be known?
  - (a) Will they be publicly be available?
- (6) Was this fish kill caused by the environmental flow out of Copeton Dam just days before?
  - (a) Were you advised of this Commonwealth order?
    - (i) If so, when?
    - (b) Were you alerted to the potential fish kill that could be caused?
- (7) What is DPI Fisheries' strategy to ensure the clean-up of fish kills given the Government expects there could be further incidents during summer?
- (8) What does the disposal process involve?
  - (a) How and where are the dead fish disposed of?

Answer—

- (1) I was informed of the fish death associated with the release of water into the Mehi on 29 October 2019.
- (2) The fish death is a result of low dissolved oxygen levels that occur when rivers recommence flowing after extended dry periods. The accumulation of organic matter such as leaf litter and grasses within the channel reduce available oxygen when the flow first arrives. This is a normal occurrence when rivers start to flow again after dry periods.
- (3) In total, up to 400 fish are believed to have died
  - (a) The majority of the fish have been Bony herring, however small numbers of Golden perch, Murray cod and Carp have also died.
- (4) NSW DPI Fisheries staff, including Fisheries Officers and Managers attended all locations of reported fish deaths and worked with water managers to assess the causes of the fish death event. No live fish were removed given the impacts on water quality are very short-term in nature and the refuge pools have been replenished to enhance the long-term survival prospects of resident native fish.
- (5) Data on water quality was collected by field staff from DPI Fisheries and Environment, Energy and Science (EES) during the event using water quality probes.
  - (a) The data will be made available to the public.
- (6) The release of water from Copeton Dam resulted in small-scale mortalities, however significant benefits were achieved for native fish through replenishment of refuge pools to assist survival of the population throughout summer.
  - (a) DPI Fisheries has been involved in negotiations with water holders over the release
    - (i) Discussions commenced with the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office, EES and local stakeholders in September 2019
    - (b) All agencies involved were made aware of the potential risks.
- (7) The Government has convened a list of preferred suppliers to assist with fish clean up operations should further fish deaths occur over the coming summer season.
- (8) The disposal of fish is undertaken as per Environmental Protection Authority requirements in either dedicated or temporary landfill arrangements.
  - (a) The dead fish are disposed in a local landfill facility.

\*1879 MAITLAND RAILWAY ROUNDABOUT TRAFFIC MONITORING—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) What monitoring of eastbound traffic has been conducted at the Maitland Railway Roundabout at the intersection of New England Highway, Church Street and Cessnock Road between Thursday 17 October 2019 and Friday 8 November 2019?
  - (a) What has this monitoring indicated about the efficacy of the new traffic control light for

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eastbound traffic entering the roundabout?

- (b) What impact has it made on peak period traffic in the morning and afternoon?
- (c) What impact has the operation of the new traffic light had on traffic flow through the roundabout?
- (d) What were motorists' average peak period wait times prior to installation of the new traffic control light?
- (e) What are motorists' average peak period wait times now (as at 14 November 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Site monitoring was undertaken during peak times on 23 October and 1 November 2019. Site monitoring was also undertaken during peak times on 10 October and 16 October.

(a) The signals are not intended to improve efficiency for eastbound traffic but to provide more gaps for westbound traffic.

(b) Morning traffic queues on Cessnock Road should be reduced when the widening works on Cessnock Road are completed.

For the afternoon peak, the impacts observed have been in line with the traffic modelling, which indicated a 150 metre reduction to queue lengths.

(c) Traffic through the roundabout has improved for Church Street and the New England Highway westbound. Traffic flow from Cessnock Road is unchanged. Eastbound traffic is experiencing delays as a result of the traffic lights, but queueing was observed to clear between signal phases.

(d) For eastbound traffic, 28 seconds during the morning peak and 106 seconds in the evening peak.

(e) For eastbound traffic, 36 seconds during the morning peak and 95 seconds in the evening peak.

\*1880 NSW RURAL WOMEN'S NETWORK AND NSW RURAL WOMEN'S GATHERING FUNDING—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

(1) How much did the Government expend on funding the NSW Rural Women's Network in each of the 2011-2012 to 2018-19 financial years?

(a) What is the budget for the NSW Rural Women's Network in the 2019-20 financial year?

(2) How much did the Government expend on funding the NSW Rural Women's Gathering in each of the 2011-2012 to 2018-19 financial years?

(a) What is the budget for the NSW Rural Women's Gathering in the 2019-20 financial year?

Answer—

(1) The total government funding expended on the NSW Rural Women's Network in each financial year from 2011-2012 to 2018-19 is as follows.

2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
\$287,926	\$248,253	\$277,459	\$248,476	\$201,717	\$264,074.03	\$276,040	\$298,635

The budget for the 2019-2020 is \$363,160.00.

(2) The Government provided sponsorship of \$30,000 excluding GST for the annual NSW Rural Women's Gathering in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2018-19.

The 2019 Walcha Rural Women's Gathering received \$30,000 excluding GST sponsorship. As announced in November, the 2020 Forbes Rural Women's Gathering will receive \$30,000 in event sponsorship.

\*1881 RURAL AND REGIONAL ON DEMAND PUBLIC TRANSPORT PILOT PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) How many locations were involved in the Rural and Regional On Demand Public Transport pilot program?

(a) Where were these locations?

(2) Have all pilots now been completed?

(a) If not, what locations are still trialling?

(b) If not, when will these trials be completed?

(3) Will all trial results be made available to the public?

(4) Will the cost of the trial at each location be made available to the public?

(5) Have additional sites for trials been considered?

- (a) If yes, what are the locations being considered?
- (6) Have any of the existing locations had their trial period extended?
  - (a) If yes, which locations?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This information is available on Transport for NSW's Open Data website.
- (2) No.
  - (a) Central West, Mudgee to Dubbo, Tamworth to Moore Creek, Moree, Coffs Harbour, Northern Rivers, Burrumbottok to Albury, Holbrook, Sapphire Coast, and South Coast to Canberra.
  - (b) The Rural and Regional On Demand pilots were rolled out progressively from November 2018 to July 2019. The initial term of each pilot was six months. Transport for NSW has the option to extend each pilot by three further terms of six months, up to a maximum of 24 months.
- (3) This information is regularly published on the Transport for NSW Open Data website.
- (4) The estimated contract cost (including GST) for the Rural and Regional On Demand pilots is published on the NSW eTendering website in accordance with disclosure requirements.
- (5) No.
- (6) Yes.
  - (a) All except the Holbrook to Albury and Wagga Wagga service, which is still in its initial term.

\*1882 FIXING COUNTRY ROADS PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How much has been allocated from the Fixing Country Roads program to targeted infrastructure funding in the Cessnock electorate?
- (2) Which specific programs have been targeted for funding?
  - (a) What is the specific amount allocated to each program?
  - (b) What are the projected completion dates for these programs?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

\*1883 VISITING MEDICAL OFFICERS AT CESSNOCK HOSPITAL AND KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many Visiting Medical Officers (VMOs) were assigned across all hospitals in the Hunter New England Local Health District (HNELHD) as at:
  - (a) 31 October 2019;
  - (b) 31 October 2018?
- (2) How many VMOs were authorised to attend patients at the Emergency Departments across the HNELHD as at:
  - (a) 31 October 2019;
  - (b) 31 October 2018?
- (3) How many VMOs were assigned to Cessnock District Hospital as at:
  - (a) 31 October 2019;
  - (b) 31 October 2018?
- (4) How many VMOs were authorised to attend patients at the Cessnock District Hospital Emergency Department as at:
  - (a) 31 October 2019;
  - (b) 31 October 2018?
- (5) How many VMOs were assigned to Kurri Kurri Hospital as at:
  - (a) 31 October 2019;
  - (b) 31 October 2018?
- (6) How many VMOs were authorised to attend patients at the Kurri Kurri Emergency Department as at:
  - (a) 31 October 2019;
  - (b) 31 October 2018?

Answer—

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

Emergency Departments across the local health district are serviced by Visiting Medical Officers (VMOs), General Practitioner VMOs, Career Medical Officers, Staff Specialists, and/or registrars.

\*1884 SECURITY IMPROVEMENT AUDITS AT CESSNOCK HOSPITAL AND KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Has a Security Improvement Audit (SIA) been completed at Cessnock Hospital?
  - (a) If not, what is the anticipated completion date?
  - (b) Are all buildings and constructions included in the SIA?
    - (i) If not, why not?
- (2) Has an SIA been completed at Kurri Kurri Hospital?
  - (a) If not, what is the anticipated completion date?
  - (b) Are all buildings and constructions included in the SIA?
    - (i) If not, why not?
- (3) Is the SIA at each hospital completed progressively or in full at the initial inspection?
- (4) Are individual departments located within hospital grounds required to be audited separately during the audit cycle or are they considered to be one location?

Answer—

SIAs at Cessnock Hospital and at Kurri Kurri Hospital are underway, and expected to be completed in December 2019.

All buildings and constructions at a location are included in the SIA, and individual departments are not required to be audited separately. SIAs are completed progressively, in multiple stages.

\*1885 TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES ON REGULATED RIVER SYSTEMS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Which towns and communities that are not on regulated river systems are projected to run out of water in the next six months (as at 14 November 2019)?
  - (a) Have they all been contacted by WaterNSW?
    - (i) If not, which towns and communities are still to be contacted?
  - (b) Was the contact prior to media reports on 14 and 15 September 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

In regional New South Wales, Local Government owned water utilities are responsible for the water security in their communities. This responsibility extends to providing advice to the Government about the status of drought impacted water supplies.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is closely monitoring the drought situation and its impact on towns and communities throughout regional New South Wales. The department collects information from Local Government owned water utilities and reports the status drought impacted water supplies. Reporting is collated in a risk based manner, with both time to failure and population factoring into the risk ranking.

As at 20 November 2019, the following towns and communities outside of regulated river systems are at risk of water supply failure in the next 6 months:

- Taree, Wingham, Pacific Palms, Hallidays Point, Nabadac, Forster, Tuncurry, Lansdowne, Harrington and Crowdy Head
- Bellingen
- Glenn Innes
- Tenterfield
- Coonabarabran
- Gloucester, Barrington
- Bourke
- Walgett
- Walcha
- Murrumbidgee
- Bribbaree

- Pooncarie
- Girilambone
- Coolabah
- Caragabal
- Fifield
- Weemelah
- Oxley Village
- Hillview Estate
- Louth
- Gongolgon
- Cumnock
- Yeoval
- Tilpa
- White Cliffs
- Nymagee
- Tooraweenah
- Emmaville
- Graman
- Bellbrook
- Willawarrin
- Bonalbo
- Tottenham
- Stroud and Stroud Rd
- Comboyne
- Long Flat
- Telegraph Point
- Nundle
- Bendemeer
- Jennings
- Urbenville, Woodenbong & Muli Muli
- Drake
- Collie
- Nevertire
- Dunedoo.

The Government has already committed more than \$130 million in drought assistance funding, specifically targeted to the support water supplies to the highest risk towns and communities. This includes water carting operations that are supporting water supplies to a number of the towns and communities listed above.

Water NSW is the bulk water authority in regulated valleys. Outside of the regulated valleys, WaterNSW has no responsibility for water supplies to towns and communities. The government has otherwise been in routine contact with Regional NSW's local water utilities throughout the drought.

\*1886 NON-URBAN WATER METERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many non-urban water meters will be affected by ownership and changes from Government to private?
- (2) What is the current age of the oldest meter?
- (3) Will any of the meters be replaced prior to changing ownership due to the age of the infrastructure?
  - (a) If so, how many of the existing meters are anticipated to fall into this category?
- (4) Will all Government-owned meters be fully tested and a certification be provided to the property owner confirming that they are in full working order prior to the change of ownership?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) About 3,000.
- (2) About 10 years old.
- (3) Meters may be upgraded or replaced if the upgrades or replacements are necessary to meet the metering standards under the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018.

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(4) Yes.

\*1887 CESSNOCK HOSPITAL AND KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL NURSE STAFFING—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Do both Cessnock Hospital and Kurri Kurri Hospital have adequate staffing to ensure that the six nurse hours per patient per day is met?
  - (a) If yes, is this met by existing nurses working overtime or increased staffing numbers?
  - (b) If no, has recruitment of required staff commenced?
    - (i) What is the increase to staffing numbers required for each hospital to meet guidelines?
- (2) When existing staff leave, retire or take leave, are they replaced or are existing staff working overtime?
- (3) What is the average time frame required to replace a position left vacant for any reason?

Answer—

Nursing hours per patient day (NHPPD) at Kurri Kurri's medical ward was increased to six in late October 2019. Since that time the ward has consistently provided, or exceeded, the required six NHPPD.

Pursuant to the Award, the required staffing of the medical ward at Cessnock Hospital will increase to six NHPPD within the next three years at a date to be determined by the Ministry of Health.

The Hunter New England Local Health District has mechanisms in place to identify vacancies and recruit to positions in accordance with Award requirements, service delivery needs and models of care at Cessnock and Kurri Kurri Hospitals.

\*1888 SENIORS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) What locations were the Seniors Christmas Concerts held in for each year from 2011 to 2018?
  - (a) How many concerts were held in each of these years at each location?

Answer—

The Seniors Christmas Concerts are held annually all around regional New South Wales in rotating locations.

\*1889 ORAL AIRWAYS REGIONAL AND RURAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Are staff who work in rural and regional hospital Emergency Departments (ED) and who are trained in the First Line Emergency Care Course authorised or permitted to insert oral airways during the course of their work in EDs?
  - (a) If not, which hospitals have staff who are not authorised or permitted?
  - (b) If not, which health district is each of these hospitals located in?
- (2) Do all rural and regional hospitals retain oral airways on site as part of their medical equipment in their departments, wards and theatres?
  - (a) If not, what percentage do?
  - (b) If yes, who is authorised or permitted to use them?

Answer—

Yes. All nursing staff working in New South Wales rural and regional hospitals do Basic Life Support (BLS) training and are therefore allowed to insert an oral airway.

It is usual practice for all clinical areas to retain Oropharyngeal airway equipment for use in emergency situations. The NSW Health Rural Adult Emergency Clinical Guideline stipulates the minimum requirements for an adult emergency trolley. This includes Oropharyngeal equipment.

\*1890 RED CROSS MOBILE BLOOD BANK FAR WEST AND OUTBACK NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Will funding be provided for the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank to visit towns in Far West and Outback New South Wales on a regular basis?

Answer—

Governments, through the National Blood Authority, fully fund the Australian Red Cross LifeBlood (LifeBlood) to collect, test, process and distribute blood and products derived from it. It is within the remit of LifeBlood to determine the arrangements for collecting blood.

\*1891 COBAR HOSPITAL BLOOD PRODUCTS SUPPLY—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Does Cobar Hospital have stored blood products on supply in case of emergency?
  - (a) If not, why?
- (2) Is the Minister satisfied with the current arrangement of New South Wales Police escorting blood products from Dubbo Hospital, which is over 300 kilometres away?

Answer—

In emergencies the NSW Ambulance aeromedical teams bring blood products with them directly to a site. These teams are able to access additional supplies from other nearby NSW Health facilities if more blood is needed.

Local health districts determine where blood and blood products should be held, balancing many considerations. These products need careful handling, storage and management to ensure patient safety and to minimise wastage of this scarce resource.

I am advised that under the current arrangement blood is provided by courier for non emergency situations. The police are only involved in transporting blood supplies when emergency supply is exhausted and there is no other form of emergency transport available.

\*1892 ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED PATIENTS WEST AND FAR WEST LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Aside from Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) reimbursements, what is the Government doing to assist elderly and handicapped patients in the West and Far West Local Health District to travel to specialist medical appointments?
- (2) Will the Government fund patient transport positions to assist elderly and handicapped patients in remote areas to travel to medical appointments?

Answer—

(1) In addition to IPTAAS, transport to specialist medical appointments is supported by the Broken Hill Health Service Patient Transport Service or the provision of taxi vouchers.

In Balranald, a patient transport service is available for Aboriginal consumers to access health care services in Swan Hill and Mildura.

For patients living across the Far West Local Health District, local health service workers or volunteers may provide transport assistance to appointments, or patients will use the local community bus (for example Live Better Community Transport).

(2) Broken Hill Health Service and Balranald Multipurpose Service both employ 1 full-time equivalent patient transport officer. In the case of Balranald Multipurpose Service this is partly funded by Maari Ma Aboriginal Health Corporation and is provided for Aboriginal consumers.

\*1893 BUS STOP UPGRADES FUNDING—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How much funding did the Government provide in the 2018-19 financial year to local councils in rural and regional areas for infrastructure associated with bus stop upgrades?
- (2) How much funding did the Government provide in the 2018-19 financial year to local councils in greater metropolitan Sydney for infrastructure associated with bus stop upgrades?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

(2) In the 2018-19 financial year the Government provided \$1.023 million in funding as part of the Bus Priority Infrastructure Program (BPIP) to six local councils in the greater Sydney metropolitan area for bus stop relocations and improvements.

The funding was provided as grants to Councils as part of a program to improve bus reliability, to carry out bus stop related works such as bus shelter relocations, street furniture relocations, minor footpath adjustments and bus stop waiting area improvements, where such bus stop adjustments have been identified as part of a BPIP work package.

This is part of the Government's commitment to improve the on time running of bus services across Sydney. However, funding is not typically provided to Councils for business as usual upgrades to bus stops outside of the BPIP program of works.

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\*1894 CRITICAL COMMUNICATIONS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) What proportion of stage 2 of the Critical Communications Enhancement Program has been completed to date (as at 14 November 2019)?
- (2) By what date will stage 2 of the Critical Communications Enhancement Program be completed?
- (3) What proportion of stage 3 of the Critical Communications Enhancement Program has been completed to date (as at 14 November 2019)?
- (4) By what date will stage 3 of the Critical Communications Enhancement Program be completed?
- (5) By what date will stage 4 of the Critical Communications Enhancement Program be completed?
- (6) What is the estimated total cost of stage 4 of the Critical Communications Enhancement Program?
- (7) How many people live in areas which would benefit from stage 4 of the Critical Communications Enhancement Program?

Answer—

Stages 2 and 3 of the Critical Communications Enhancement Program are being delivered concurrently. As at 14 November 2019, 41 per cent of Stages 2 and 3 has been delivered. Expected date of completion is Q4 2021.

Stage 4 of the Critical Communications Enhancement Program is subject to a future business case by the New South Wales Telco Authority. The business case will examine optimised delivery and roll-out of the program including schedule and funding.

Delivery of Stage 4 will provide Government Radio Network (GRN) coverage to an additional ~240,641 people and achieve 98 per cent population coverage.

\*1895 COMMUTER CAR PARKING SPACES ALONG SYDENHAM-BANKSTOWN LINE METRO CONVERSION—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

How many additional commuter car parking spaces will be constructed at stations affected by the Sydenham-Bankstown line Metro conversion?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on both the Sydney Metro and Department of Planning, Industry and Environment websites.

\*1896 SHOPPING TROLLEY DUMPING—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) What assistance does the Government provide to local councils to manage the problem of shopping trolleys being dumped in local streets?
- (2) How much funding did the Government provide in the 2018-19 financial year to local councils to help them manage the problem of shopping trolleys being dumped in local streets?

Answer—

(1) Under the Impounding Act 1993 (the Impounding Act), councils have powers to help them deal with the problem of abandoned shopping trolleys. Authorised

officers are able to impound trolleys that are abandoned and to charge retailers a fee for their release.

Other relevant laws also empower councils to manage this issue such as under the Local Government Act 1993 and the Protection of the Environment (Operations) Act 1997, which gives an authorised officer the power to fine a person caught abandoning a trolley in a watercourse.

Additionally, under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, councils can apply conditions of development consent to shopping centre developments to require them to manage shopping trolleys.

Many councils have adopted a combination of regulatory and non-regulatory approaches to reduce the number of abandoned shopping trolleys. The Government encourages continued collaboration between local government and industry.

In August of this year, I requested the Office -of Local Government (OLG) to undertake a review of the Impounding Act, including the management of abandoned shopping trolleys. OLG has received correspondence from interested stakeholders relating to the issue of shopping trolleys and as such, it will be an integral part of the discussion during the public consultation period for the review. A discussion paper has been released for public consultation and we encourage all interested parties to provide a submission.

(2) While the Government does not directly provide funding to local councils for the management of abandoned shopping trolleys, councils collect rates and fine revenue which are used to deliver a range of regulatory and other functions, at each council's discretion. Councils can also recover impounding costs from the owners of impounded animals or articles.

\*1897 NEWCASTLE BUS STOP RELOCATIONS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Have a number of bus stops in Newcastle been relocated without consultation with Council and residents and without consideration by Newcastle Council's Local Traffic Committee?
- (2) What process should Transport for NSW and Keolis Downer follow if they would like to relocate a bus stop?
  - (a) Will the Minister ensure this process is followed by the department and bus operators?
- (3) Will the Minister instruct Transport for NSW and Keolis Downer to consult with Council and residents before moving any more bus stops in the network?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A number of bus stops in Newcastle have been relocated to better enable the roads authority to make those stops compliant with disability legislation.
- (2) As per the Passenger Transport Regulation 2017, stops are only located or relocated with the approval of the roads authority for the road concerned, typically local councils.
  - (a) Yes.
- (3) Transport for NSW and bus operators are always ready to brief residents on request, as to why specific stops have been moved in order to enable compliance with disability legislation and improve customer/operational safety.

\*1898 OFFSHORE SAND DREDGING FOR BEACH NOURISHMENT PURPOSES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Does the Minister support an inquiry into offshore sand dredging for beach nourishment purposes?
- (2) Will tenders be invited for sand extraction in a reserve block off Stockton beach for sand nourishment purposes?

Answer—

The government is investigating all available options to address sand erosion at Stockton beach. Extracting sand offshore for beach nourishment purposes is one of the potential options under consideration.

\*1899 STOCKTON BEACH EROSION MANAGEMENT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Considering the extreme erosion occurring at Stockton Beach, can Newcastle Council prioritise completing the Stockton portion of their Coastal Management Program (CMP) and have this endorsed by the department so they can begin implementing long-term solution to address erosion whilst completing the CMP for the rest of the coastline within the local government area?
- (2) Considering the Minister's declaration of Stockton Beach as an 'open coast location' and her commitment that this would allow for grant applications to be fast-tracked, has the Minister made a decision on Newcastle Council's funding application lodged with the Minister's department on 4 October 2019 for sand to be sourced from commercial sources to replenish Stockton Beach?
  - (a) If not:
    - (i) Why not?
    - (ii) When will a decision be made on this application?

Answer—

- (1) Yes. A coastal management program may be made in relation to the whole, or any part, of the area included within the coastal zone; and is a decision for Council.
- (2) Yes.

\*1900 CARRINGTON BOAT RAMP—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Are there any plans to upgrade Carrington Boat Ramp?

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- (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Given that Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) manages the Carrington Boat Ramp, will RMS apply for funding from the Boating Now program for a grant to improve the facility?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is undertaking remediation works on the Carrington foreshore revetment and is considering options to improve accessibility at Carrington Boat Ramp as part of these ongoing works.

\*1902 INCLUSIVE EDUCATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that Queensland has an inclusive education policy that was implemented in mid-2018?
- (2) Does New South Wales have an inclusive education policy?
  - (a) If not, will an inclusive education policy similar to the policy in Queensland be implemented in New South Wales?
- (3) Why does the current Disability Strategy provide no guidance on what evidence based inclusive education is?
  - (a) Will the Minister provide a clear definition of inclusive education in the Disability Strategy currently being implemented within the Department of Education?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

(2) The Department's Disability Strategy outlines a vision for building a better education system for students with disability in New South Wales public schools, including an inclusive education system.

The commitment to inclusion is reiterated in the Progress Report: Improving outcomes for students with disability 2019 tabled in Parliament in October 2019.

(3) The Department's Disability Strategy commits to building the evidence base against which we will evaluate our progress. This includes a new Disability Strategy innovation program, and sharing best practice across the New South Wales public system. The Disability Strategy innovation program is partnering with schools to test innovative ideas and build the evidence base of what works to improve educational and inclusion outcomes in New South Wales public schools.

In addition to the Disability Strategy, the Progress Report: Improving outcomes for students with disability 2019, sets out the vision for an inclusive education system in New South Wales. The report states:

"We are committed to inclusion in New South Wales education.

Inclusion means all students, regardless of disability, can access and fully participate in learning at their local school, alongside their similar aged peers, supported by reasonable adjustments and teaching strategies tailored to meet their individual needs.

We are committed to building the capacity of our mainstream public schools to meet the needs of their local students unless there are compelling individual reasons why a different option would better support the student.

We acknowledge that this needs to be balanced against parental choice regarding the most appropriate setting for their child, and will continue to work with parents and education experts to individualise support so that every child can be engaged with learning and flourish at school."

\*1903 RANGERS IN NEW SOUTH WALES NATIONAL PARKS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

How many Rangers were employed by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service in each year from 2011 to 2019 (as at 14 November 2019)?

Answer—

Information on Full Time Equivalent (FTE) rangers in the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) for the years between 2011 and 2017 can be found in the response to 2017-18 Budget Estimates Supplementary Questions for the Portfolio of Environment, Heritage, and Local Government. FTE ranger numbers for 2018 and 2019 is as follows:

Year	FTE
2018	205.6 (July)
2019	220.3 (November)

Further, the total number of FTE field officers within NPWS has increased from 669 in 2011 to 695 in 2019 and the total number of FTE staff within NPWS has increased from 1,650 in 2011 to 1,668 in 2019.

\*1904 YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL PORTABLE GIRLS' DORM—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Considering portable dorms for girls at Yanco Agricultural High School were constructed 25 years ago as a temporary measure, when will the Government build a permanent girls' dorm building?
- (2) Does the temporary girls' dorm, in use for 25 years, meet all relevant Work Health and Safety standards?
- (3) Why is the accommodation for boys and girls at this public school of a different standard?

Answer—

(1) Facilities at Yanco Agricultural High School currently meet the needs of current and future enrolment demands.

(2) Yes.

(3) The Principal of Yanco Agricultural High School determines the composition of boys and girls in dormitory areas, taking into account the Australian Boarding School regulations and current enrolments.

\*1905 TEMORA AGRIBUSINESS FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Has the Foreign Investment Review Board allowed a foreign company to buy a Temora agribusiness for \$62 million less than a group of Riverina farmers was willing to pay?
  - (a) If so, has the Minister asked the Commonwealth Government why that decision was made?
    - (i) If so, what was the answer provided?
    - (ii) If not, will the Minister be making representations to the Commonwealth Government for Riverina farmers to question this decision?

Answer—

I am advised that this is a matter for the Commonwealth Government.

\*1906 WATER LOSSES CLASSIFICATION—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

When and why was the decision made to classify over river bank flows, evaporation and seepage from river beds into aquifers as losses to the environment, thereby further reducing the consumption pool and reliability of general security allocations, considering that prior to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan these were all considered as environmental gains along the Murray River System?

Answer—

The Government has indicated support for the Commonwealth Government's review of Water Sharing arrangements.

\*1907 TEACHERS DROUGHT AFFECTED COMMUNITIES—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What measures will the Government implement to retain existing teaching and non-teaching staff in schools in the drought-affected rural communities in the electorate of Orange, which have reportedly suffered a recent decline in student numbers as a direct result of drought-induced jobs losses in their respective communities?

Answer—

The Department of Education is providing drought staffing entitlement maintenance to assist eligible schools in areas of drought which may have their enrolments decline due to population movement. By providing drought staffing maintenance to affected schools, the Department enables schools to retain their existing teaching and non-teaching staff for the drought period.

In the Orange electorate, 12 schools are automatically eligible for drought staffing maintenance. A further

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four schools in the electorate have applied and been approved to receive drought maintenance for 2020.

Any of the remaining schools in the Orange electorate which have not applied for drought maintenance and feel the drought has affected their enrolments are encouraged to apply for drought maintenance under special consideration.

\*1908 CHARLESTOWN ELECTORATE SPEED LIMIT REVIEW—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Why has it taken Roads and Maritime Services over ten months to review speed limits on Croudace Road, Tingira Heights, and Lake Road, Windale, following a complaint from a constituent in January 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

Speed zone reviews are carried out in accordance with the NSW Government Speed Zone Review Guidelines and are required to take in a number of key factors that require detailed analysis. This includes, but is not limited to:

- The surrounding environment
- Traffic volumes
- Pedestrian activity
- Road design

Speed zone reviews also require consultation with key stakeholders including Council, the local Police and the office of the local member.

The speed zone reviews on Croudace Road, Tingira Heights, and Lake Road, Windale have been completed and are currently going through the required approval process.

\*1909 SOCIAL HOUSING APPLICANTS SUPPORT SERVICES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

What support services are available to extended families seeking a larger home to accommodate their needs?

Answer—

There are a range of support services the Department of Communities and Justice provides to eligible clients to assist them to meet their household needs in the private market, further information on these products is available at: [www.dcj.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au).

I am advised that existing social housing tenants can apply to transfer to a different property that better meets the needs of the household. This includes where there is severe overcrowding.

\*1910 WALLSEND SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

How much money was allocated to funding School Crossing Supervisors in the Wallsend electorate in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2018-19?

Answer—

I am advised:

2015-16 - \$295,000

2016-17 - \$295,000

2017-18 - \$312,000

2018-19 - \$347,000

\*1911 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND DENTURE WAITING TIME—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) What is the current waiting time for patients seeking dentures in the Hunter New England Local Health District (as at 14 November 2019)?

(a) What steps is the Minister taking to reduce this waiting time?

Answer—

All dental patients at the District are assessed and prioritised for care according to the urgency of their condition and clinical needs. Patients requiring emergency care are treated immediately and are not placed on a list.

The District's Oral Health Service is recruiting dentists and dental prosthetists to increase the capacity for all dental treatment, including the provision of dentures.

The District maximises dental activity through extended-hours clinics and also outsources activity to private dental practitioners under the Oral Health Fee for Service Scheme when most appropriate.

I am advised dental staff rotate to rural locations to reduce waiting times throughout the region. The District is actively reviewing clinical and administrative processes to improve care.

\*1912 ASBESTOS PROPERTY SALES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

Is it legal to sell a property with fire-damaged asbestos?

Answer—

Yes.

Real Estate agents and certificate holders must understand their legal obligations around not misrepresenting properties for sale. The Misrepresentation Guidelines issued by NSW Fair Trading clarify the types of statements or actions which could be interpreted as a misrepresentation or concealment of material facts under the Property, Stock and Business Agents Act 2002.

\*1913 WALLSEND COMMUTER CARPARKS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) How many commuter car parks are available for commuters at the following railway stations:

- (a) Broadmeadow;
- (b) Cardiff;
- (c) Fassifern?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding commuter car park availability is publicly available on the Transport for NSW and Transport Info websites.

\*1914 OPAL CARD FEES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What fees and charges per annum were charged to Opal Card retailers from in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2018-19?

Answer—

I am advised:

Opal retailers are independent retailers operating under agreement with Epay Australia to provide Opal services and other Epay products.

Transport for NSW does not have visibility of the fees charged to each individual Opal Retailer as the agreement is strictly between Epay Australia and the retailer.

\*1915 WALLSEND BUS STOPS RELOCATION CONSULTATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Has meaningful consultation been undertaken with affected residents and local councils by Kelolis Downer or Transport for NSW representatives regarding the relocation of bus stops, considering the new wayfinding bus stops and signage rolled out across the Wallsend electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW and bus operators are always ready to brief residents on request, on why specific stops have been moved to enable compliance with disability legislation and improve customer/operational safety.

\*1916 WALLSEND OPAL CARD RETAILERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

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How many Opal Card retailers were located in the Wallsend electorate in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2018-19?

Answer—

I am advised:

Below is the average number of retailers in the Wallsend Electorate for the requested period. There are currently 28 Opal retailers in the Wallsend Electorate.

Year	Average number of retailers
2015	25
2016	32
2017	31
2018	28
2019	25

\*1917 NEWCASTLE BUS STOP INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

How much funding was provided to the City of Newcastle to support the construction or upgrade of bus stop infrastructure in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2018-19?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my previous answer, LA Q9816 from the 56th Parliament.

\*1918 CARDIFF COMMUTERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) How many commuters travelled from Cardiff Railway Station to the following stations in the 2018-19 financial year:

- (a) Hornsby;
- (b) Epping;
- (c) Strathfield;
- (d) Central?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Transport for NSW Open Data Hub.

\*1919 LIVERPOOL-BANKSTOWN VIA REGENTS PARK TRAIN SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Will the Government reinstate the Liverpool-Bankstown via Regents Park services that were removed in October 2013, in light of the planned Sydenham to Bankstown line conversion and the impact the project will have on communities west of Bankstown during and after construction?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer provided at the Sydenham-Bankstown Line Conversion public hearing held on 7 November 2019.

\*1920 BANKSTOWN METRO STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Is the Government intending to build the Bankstown metro station aboveground, considering evidence given by Chief Executive of Sydney Metro Mr Jon Lamonte to the Legislative Council Inquiry into the Sydenham-Bankstown Line Conversion, page 58 of the hearing transcript from 7 November 2019, where he indicated that the Bankstown metro station will not be built underground?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on both the Sydney Metro and Department of Planning, Industry and Environment websites.

- \*1921 LAND FOR BANKSTOWN METRO TURN BACK—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Is the Government intending to acquire any land to build the Metro turn back at Bankstown?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on both the Sydney Metro and Department of Planning, Industry and Environment websites.

- \*1922 TEACHERS PAY INEQUALITY BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Considering the response to LA Q1133, received on 25 September 2019, how will the pay inequality that exists for teachers in public schools in the Bankstown electorate, between teachers who commenced on or after 1 January 2016 and teachers who commenced before 1 January 2016, be resolved?

Answer—

The pay inequity for pre-2016 teachers has been resolved in the latest Award agreed between the Department of Education and the Teachers Federation in December 2019.

- \*1923 BANKSTOWN TO CABRAMATTA TRAIN SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Is the Government intending to replace trains with buses at smaller stations between Bankstown and Cabramatta, including Carramar, Villawood and Leightonfield, considering the Transport for NSW document 'Sydney's Rail Future Implementation Plan December 2013' which states at page 70 that small stations Carramar, Villawood and Leightonfield will be provided with alternative modal transport arrangements in peak periods and at page 208 that it is a preferred option that customers at smaller stations between Bankstown and Cabramatta would have to use bus transport to larger stations?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer provided at the Sydenham-Bankstown Line Conversion public hearing held on 7 November 2019.

- \*1924 SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN METRO JOURNEY TIMES CARRAMAR TO SEFTON—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What action is the Government taking to ensure that commuters to the west of Bankstown will not face increased journey times following the implementation of the Sydenham to Bankstown Metro?

Answer—

I am advised:

Customers who interchange at Bankstown Station on to the metro will benefit from increased services, with a train every four minutes in the peak in both directions. At some stations, like Wiley Park and Canterbury, there are currently only four trains every hour in the peak – and only in one direction. New metro rail services will also be faster, saving customers more than 60 minutes per week between Bankstown and the CBD.

- \*1925 BANKSTOWN TO CABRAMATTA RAIL SERVICES FUTURE STRATEGY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Can the removal of rail services between Bankstown and Cabramatta be ruled out, considering figure 51 at page 111 of the Transport for NSW document entitled 'Future Transport Strategy 2056' which shows the removal of rail services between Bankstown and Cabramatta?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no plans to remove Carramar, Villawood, Leightonfield, Chester Hill, Sefton, Birrong, Yagoona from the rail network.

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The Future Transport 2056 strategy is the Government's strategic vision for integrated land use and transport over the next 40 years to meet demands of predicted population growth. A copy of the Strategy is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

A key component of the Strategy is the Services and Infrastructure Plan for Greater Sydney which defines the network required to meet customer needs and deliver responsive, innovative services.

The plans contain conceptual-level maps which illustrate the future city-shaping and cityserving networks in 2036 and 2056. These future network visions will develop over time with a range of initiatives identified for future investigation.

\*1927 BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE SCAM PROTECTION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

What steps has the Government taken to protect elderly and other vulnerable people in the Bankstown electorate against fraud and scams?

Answer—

In 2018, the Engagement Team within Regulatory Services, BRD, conducted 10 information seminars in the Bankstown electorate that covered scams in its entirety or in part. The Engagement Team also attended two interagency meetings where the topic of scams was discussed. The target groups included, youth, seniors, and the general community.

In 2019, the Engagement Team conducted two seminars with youth and seniors in the electorate where the topic of scams made up half of the presentation.

The Engagement Team is actively partnering with community organisations to broaden the reach across the community, including the provision of regular scams and shopping rights updates for newsletters and monthly meetings.

\*1928 METROPOLITAN WATER SECURITY—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What measures has the Government introduced since 2017 to ensure the metropolitan water supply is resilient to stress and shocks (to 14 November 2019)?
- (2) What new water sources has the Government invested in since 2017 to ensure the metropolitan water supply is secure and affordable (to 14 November 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) Since 2017, in line with the Metropolitan Water Plan, the Government and water utilities are currently making the most of Sydney's existing water supplies in the current drought by introducing a range of measures:

- Switching on the existing Sydney Desalination Plant in January 2019, which reached full production of 90 billion litres a year (around 15 per cent of Sydney's needs) in July 2019.
- Sydney Water's 'Love Water' communications campaign, which resulted in a 7 per cent demand reduction over the summer of 2018-19 (prior to the introduction of water restrictions).
- Introducing Level 1 and Level 2 water restrictions in June 2019 and December 2019 respectively, which together are expected to achieve a 13.7 per cent reduction in demand.
- Increasing water transfers from the Shoalhaven River to the Sydney system. In August 2019, the Government increased transfers of water from Tallowa Dam up to three metres below the dam's full supply level (FSL-3), an increase from the previous requirement of one metre below FSL (FSL-1). Pumping down to FSL-3 provides an additional 14.5 billion litres of water when it is available, that can be transferred. Since the new FSL-3 level came into effect, WaterNSW has transferred an additional 20 billion litres of water from Tallowa Dam to Sydney.
- Recommissioning WaterNSW's deep water pumping infrastructure at Nepean and Warragamba Dams, which were built (but never used) during the depths of the millennium drought.
- Providing recycled water (reducing demand for potable water) through Sydney Water's existing recycled water schemes that currently supply almost 43 billion litres of water a year.
- Extending demand management through an additional \$6 million investment to expand Sydney Water's household WaterFix program, a subsidised service to fix leaking taps and to install water efficient showerheads. To date, this program has achieved forecast ongoing water savings of over 54 million litres per year.

- Reducing water network leakage by investing \$30 million per year over the past 2 years in deploying additional Sydney Water work crews on the ground and increasing active leak detection by 40 per cent. Despite the continuing drought conditions, this investment has resulted in the number of outstanding leaks now being at pre-drought levels.

(2) The investment the Government has made in new water sources since 2017 are:

- In August this year, commencing the planning work for the expansion of the Sydney Desalination Plant to double its capacity from 90 gegalitres per year to 180 gegalitres per year. If the drought continues in 2020, the Government will consider proceeding with construction of the expansion.
- Sydney Water and WaterNSW are progressing infrastructure options to connect the Prospect and Macarthur water supply systems and accessing deep water at Avon Dam.

\*1929 COOGEE ELECTORATE SOCIAL AND PUBLIC HOUSING—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Can a complete list of the social and public housing dwellings in the Coogee electorate be provided for the current year (as at 14 November 2019)?
- (2) How many Government owned dwellings does the Land and Housing Corporation own in the Coogee electorate (as at 14 November 2019)?
  - (a) How many of those are managed by Housing NSW?
  - (b) How many of those are managed by Bridge Housing?
  - (c) How many of those are managed by other third party operators?
- (3) How many public housing dwellings in the Coogee electorate have been sold since 2011 (as at 14 November 2019)?
- (4) How many public housing dwellings have been built since 2011 (as at 14 November 2019)?
- (5) How much capital expenditure has been spent on public housing since in each year from 2011 to 2019 (as at 14 November 2019)?
- (6) What is the breakdown of this expenditure per dwelling?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) LAHC does not release property address details for privacy reasons.
- (2) LAHC currently owns 1,352 dwellings, including 12 with shared ownership. It also head leases 4 dwellings.
  - (a) 1,123 are managed by Housing NSW;
  - (b) 165 are managed by Bridge Housing;
  - (c) 64 are managed by other third party operators.
- (3) 1 public housing dwelling has been sold since 2011 (as at 14 November 2019) in the Coogee electorate.
- (4) 1 public housing dwelling has been built since 2011 (as at 14 November 2019).
- (5)

Year	Capital Expenditure spent on public housing each year (as at 14 November 2019)
2011/12	\$1,295,767
2012/13	\$501,344
2013/14	\$1,776,420
2014/15	\$1,280,266
2015/16	\$658,260
2016/17	\$463,387
2017/18	\$650,201
2018/19	\$418,627
2019/20	Information is not available until after the annual audit.

- (6) Capital maintenance expenditure is across not only dwellings, but common areas including grounds and roofs, which make the compilation complex, compounded by multiple systems in place over the time period

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\*1930 WATER SMART CITIES PROGRAM—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Are the documents related to the Water Smart Cities Program, which is referred to in the 2017 Metropolitan Water Plan, publicly available?
  - (a) If not, will the Minister make the documents related to this program available?
- (2) How much money has been dedicated to the Water Smart Cities Program since 2017 (as at 14 November 2019)?
- (3) What is the scope of operation of the Water Smart Cities Program?
- (4) How many people have been employed to work directly on this program (as at 14 November 2019)?
- (5) What are the measurable outcomes since 2017 that the Water Smart Cities Program has delivered (as at 14 November 2019)?
- (6) How much water has been saved by the Water Smart Cities program since 2017 (as at 14 November 2019)?
- (7) How many new water sources have been delivered by the Water Smart Cities Program since 2017 (as at 14 November 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Funding for the Water Smart Cities Program was repurposed in January 2018 for a revised project. The unspent funds were transferred to Sydney Water to support demand management initiatives, including the Water Fix program, which will partially subsidise 21,000 four-star showerheads and fully subsidise the call out fee (\$80) for a plumber to repair leaks in homes. It is estimated that over seven years, this will save 2.8 gegalitres of water.

\*1931 BULLI HOSPITAL ADDITIONAL PARKING LAND—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Is the Government prepared to retain some of the land on which the current Bulli Hospital sits to be used for additional parking when the new facility is opened?
  - (a) If so, how much of his land will be retained for additional parking?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised the feasibility of maintaining part of the current site was considered, however after due deliberation was not pursued, including due to the topography of the site.

\*1932 ADDITIONAL NURSES AND MIDWIVES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many of the additional 5,000 nurses and midwives promised at the last State election have been employed since 1 July 2019?
- (2) Where have these additional nurses and midwives been employed?

Answer—

Information on nursing and midwifery staff is published each year in the NSW Health Annual report.

\*1933 WOLLONGONG SOCIAL HOUSING MAINTENANCE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many social housing properties have been constructed over the last five years (as at 14 November 2019) in the:
  - (a) Wollongong local government area;
  - (b) Wollongong electorate?
- (2) How many of the social housing properties mentioned in (1) have been:
  - (a) detached houses;
  - (b) townhouses;
  - (c) duplexes;
  - (d) apartments?
- (3) In which suburbs have these constructions been built?
- (4) What has been the total value of these constructions?
- (5) How many repairs and maintenance jobs has the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) undertaken over the last five years (as at 14 November 2019) on its properties in the:

- (a) Wollongong local government area;
- (b) Wollongong electorate?
- (6) How many of these repairs and maintenance jobs mentioned in (5) have been for:
  - (a) apartments;
  - (b) duplexes;
  - (c) townhouses;
  - (d) detached houses?
- (7) What has been the total value of the repairs and maintenance mentioned in (5)?
- (8) What are the total proceeds from NSW Land and Housing Corporation sales over the last five years (as at 14 November 2019) in the:
  - (a) Wollongong local government area;
  - (b) Wollongong electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) 96 social housing properties have been constructed or acquired over the last five financial years to 30 June 2019 in the Wollongong local government area.
- (b) 41 social housing properties have been constructed or acquired over the last five financial years to 30 June 2019 in the Wollongong electorate.
- (2) Of the properties mentioned in (1), they are:
  - (a) 2 (cottage) detached houses;
  - (b) 3 townhouses;
  - (c) 0 duplexes;
  - (d) 132 apartments.
- (3) These constructions including acquisitions in the Wollongong Local Government Area have been built in Berkeley, Bellambi, Corrimal, East Corrimal, Russell Vale, Tarrawanna, Towradgi and Unanderra.
- (4) The total value of these constructions (including acquisitions) injected into the local community is \$31.2 million.
- (5) (a) Approximately 150,000 repairs and maintenance jobs were undertaken on properties over the last five financial years to 30 June 2019 in the Wollongong Local Government Area.
- (b) Approximately 79,000 repairs and maintenance jobs were undertaken on properties over the last five financial years to 30 June 2019 in the Wollongong Electorate.
- (6) Over the last five financial years to 30 June 2019, in the Wollongong Local Government Area:
  - (a) Approximately 46,300 were for apartments;
  - (b) Approximately 8,500 were for villas/duplexes;
  - (c) Approximately 29,000 were for townhouses;
  - (d) Approximately 66,200 were for (cottages) detached houses.
- (7) The total value of the repairs and maintenance mentioned in Question 5 is \$113 million over the last five financial years to 30 June 2019 in the Wollongong Local Government Area and, \$60.5 million over the last five financial years to 30 June 2019 in the Wollongong Electorate.
- (8) The total proceeds from New South Wales Land and Housing Corporation sales over the last five financial years to 30 June 2019 in the:
  - (a) Wollongong Local Government Area is approximately \$52.7 million;
  - (b) Wollongong Electorate area is approximately \$13.8 million.

\*1934 KING STREET WARRAWONG MASTER PLAN—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Has Property NSW developed a master plan for the land on King Street Warrawong located on the foreshore of Lake Illawarra?
  - (a) If so, when will a draft master plan be released for public discussion?
  - (b) If so, who was consulted in the development of the draft master plan?

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- (c) If not, what are Property NSW's plans for this site?
- (2) How much has been spent on maintenance and repairs at the site in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2018-19?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Property NSW (PNSW) is at concept planning stage and assessing a range of future uses for the site.
- (a) Refer to (c).
- (b) Refer to (c).
- (c) PNSW continues to consider all opportunities for the site, part of this process has included consultation with the Wollongong City Council to assist in determining the best strategic future use of the site to benefit the broader Illawarra community.
- (2) Figures provided below are for the entire Kully Bay site that is owned by PNSW:

Financial year	Expense total
2014	\$28,748*
2015	\$297,588
2016	\$334,321
2017	\$343,570
2018	\$348,396
2019	\$222,660

\* System limitations only provide data back to part of 2014. Expenses are only for a 2-month period between May 2014 and June 2014.

\*1935 DAMS EVAPORATION RATES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What is the current estimate of average daily water loss through evaporation from the following dams (as at 14 November 2019):
- Avon;
  - Cordeaux;
  - Cataract;
  - Warragamba;
  - Nepean;
  - Woronora?
- (2) If estimates are not available for individual dams, what is the average daily water loss through evaporation for dams that supply Greater Sydney and the Illawarra region (as at 14 November 2019)?
- (3) What is the estimated daily water loss through leakage in the Sydney Water reticulation system (as at 14 November 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The annual evaporation rates are as follows, based on data since 2000:
- Avon – 9,077 Megalitres per annum;
  - Cordeaux – 5,725 ML/a;
  - Cataract – 6,791 ML/a;
  - Warragamba – 78,542 ML/a;
  - Nepean – 3,390 ML/a;
  - Woronora – 3,199 ML/a;
- (2) N/A.
- (3) The current water leakage is estimated to be 129.6ML/day.

\*1936 PRIVATE PROPERTY FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What is the regulatory process for fire hazard reduction in forests located on private property in New South Wales?

- (2) What is the average time taken to determine fire hazard reduction in forests on private property in New South Wales?
- (3) Which agency is responsible for approval of fire hazard reduction in forests on private property in New South Wales?
- (4) What costs are involved in the fire hazard reduction process?
  - (a) Who meets those costs in undertaking the hazard reduction?

Answer—

These questions should be referred to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

\*1937 NSW LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION VALUE FOR MONEY PROCESS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What is the length of time taken for the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) to make decisions in regard to the value for money process in the repair and maintenance of social housing?
- (2) What is the median time period for negotiations between the LAHC and its contractors?
- (3) What steps are involved in determining the value for money process?
- (4) Who in LAHC is responsible for evaluating and determining the value for money process?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Assuming no change of scope, LAHC can accept the quotation immediately – if the quotation is suitable – or in up to 10 days if negotiations are required.
- (2) A median time is not known, however assuming no change in scope, LAHC will accept a quote in up to 10 days of receiving it.
- (3) Following receipt of the quotation from the contractor, LAHC will review and accept or reject the quotation in accordance with LAHC's internal procedures, generally in up to 10 days.
- (4) Responsibility for determining the value for money process falls to LAHC officers, in accordance with the LAHC Instrument of Delegation.

\*1938 FORESTRY CORPORATION DIVISIONS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Which forests in New South Wales are managed by the Forestry Corporation's:
  - (a) softwood division;
  - (b) hardwood division?

Answer—

Forestry Corporation has a full list of all State forests under its management on its website at:

[https://www.forestrycorporation.com.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/436189/List-of-State-Forests.pdf](https://www.forestrycorporation.com.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/436189/List-of-State-Forests.pdf).

This list indicates which division is responsible for management of each forest, as well as denoting which forests are partially managed by each division.

\*1939 MINERALS EXPLORATION TENURES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) What is the process for the administration of the granting and the renewal of minerals exploration tenures in New South Wales?
- (2) What is the average time for the processing of tenure renewals?
- (3) Is there a difference in processing times for renewals for minerals and coal explorations?
  - (a) If so, why is there a difference?
- (4) What plans has the Government considered to improve processing times?

Answer—

- (1) The process for the grant or renewal of a mineral exploration licence is outlined in the Industry Guideline for Minerals Explorers: A guide to the regulatory and titles administration framework for minerals (non-coal) exploration licences in New South Wales. This can be found on the Division of Resources and Geoscience's website at [resourcesandgeoscience.nsw.gov.au](http://resourcesandgeoscience.nsw.gov.au).
- (2) The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's service delivery standard timeframe for processing renewal applications for exploration licences is 45 business days.
- (3) No.

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- (4) the Department's Division of Resources and Geoscience is developing a new Title Management System that includes a custom-built digital workflow system to improve efficiency and transparency of titles processing.

\*1940 PUBLIC SECTOR EFFICIENCY DIVIDENDS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Treasurer—

- (1) Are any departments, agencies or statutory authorities exempt from the Government's efficiency dividend announced in the 2019-20 Budget?
  - (a) If so, which departments, agencies and statutory authorities are exempt?
  - (i) For how long will these organisations be exempt from the efficiency dividend?

Answer—

The savings and reform measures in the 2019-20 Budget will assist in streamlining service delivery in line with recent machinery of Government changes. These savings will also enable the Government to continue growing critical frontline services for the people of New South Wales.

Exemptions to have been applied to key frontline areas including health services, teachers, the police force, train and bus drivers and social workers.

Overall, total employee related expenses and numbers for the New South Wales public sector continue to grow over the budget and forward estimates period, with targeted back-office efficiencies being reprioritised to deliver more frontline services to the community.

\*1941 WINDANG BRIDGE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the purpose of the working group mentioned in the frequently asked questions document dated August 2019 published by Roads and Maritime Services in relation to the Windang Bridge rehabilitation work on Lake Illawarra?
  - (a) How many times has the working group met since it was established?
  - (b) What are the dates of meetings undertaken so far?
- (2) What is the communication plan for community feedback to be provided on the future of the Windang Bridge?
- (3) Is there a plan to replace the Windang Bridge?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The purpose of the group will be to collaborate on longer term planning and investment for Windang Bridge and other assets along the foreshore.

(2) A communication plan for community feedback is one of a range of topics that will be discussed by the working group.

Community interests are currently represented by a number of community members who sit on the Lake Illawarra Estuary Management Committee facilitated by Wollongong and Shellharbour city councils.

(3) No.

\*1942 WOY WOY ROAD AND BRISBANE WATER DRIVE GOSFORD ELECTORATE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many vehicles utilise Woy Woy Road each weekday?
- (2) How many vehicles utilise Brisbane Water Drive each weekday?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Woy Woy Road is a regional road managed by Central Coast Council. Transport for NSW does not have any traffic volume data for Woy Woy Road.

- (2) Weekday traffic volumes on Brisbane Water Drive are:
  - 20,614 vehicles – 2017
  - 20,204 vehicles – 2018.

\*1943 ICARE PARALYMPIAN MENTORING PROGRAM COST—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) What was the annual cost of running iCare's Paralympian Mentoring Program for the financial years:
  - (a) 2015-16;

- (b) 2016-17;
- (c) 2017-18;
- (d) 2018-19?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Treasurer.

\*1944 EDUCATION PROTOCOL TRANSITION OF HEAD TEACHERS TO CLASSROOM POSITIONS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What is the current Department of Education and Training protocol for the transition of Head Teachers, or other members of the leadership team, back into classroom positions?

Answer—

Teachers are promoted to executive teacher positions including head teacher, assistant principal and deputy principal, through a merit selection process.

An executive teacher could request to regress to a classroom teacher position as a 'compassionate transfer' under section 51A of the Teaching Service Act 1980. A decision to approve a section 51A transfer for a teacher from an executive position to a classroom teacher position, is only to be made for individuals with exceptional and compelling circumstances.

At any time, an executive teacher can also apply for any advertised classroom teacher positions in locations of their choice through an open merit process.

\*1945 FIRST HOME BUYERS GRANT UPTAKE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Customer Service—

(1) What has been the uptake of the New South Wales' First Home Buyers Grant in the Central Coast electorates of Gosford, Wyong, The Entrance and Swansea in the financial years:

- (a) 2015-16;
- (b) 2016-17;
- (c) 2017-18;
- (d) 2018-19?

(2) What was the total income in each electorate listed above received in stamp duty in the financial years:

- (a) 2015-16;
- (b) 2016-17;
- (c) 2017-18;
- (d) 2018-19?

Answer—

As the following questions falls within the responsibilities of the Minister for Finance and Small Business, I have been advised with the following answers:

(1) (a) 188.

(b) 160.

(c) 164.

(d) 162.

(2) (a) \$219,941,679.

(b) \$231,236,629.

(c) \$228,336,277

(d) \$167,398,866

Notes:

(1) Data as at 27 November 2019.

(2) Answer (1) includes all grants paid between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2019.

(3) Answer (2) includes all land related transfer duty assessed between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2019.

(4) The following electorates are determined by the postcodes as listed by the NSW Electoral Commission:

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- Gosford: 2083, 2250, 2256, 2257, 2775;
- Wyong: 2250, 2258, 2259, 2261, 2262, 2263;
- The Entrance: 2250, 2258, 2259, 2261;
- Swansea: 2259, 2262, 2280, 2281.

\*1946 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) What is the current rate of family or domestic violence in the Shellharbour electorate (as at 14 November 2019)?
  - (a) How does the current figure compare to the current average across New South Wales?
  - (b) How does the current figure compare to the figure for the Shellharbour electorate in 2014 and 2009 (5 and 10 years previously)?
- (2) What Government-funded programs are currently in place in the Shellharbour electorate to tackle family and domestic violence locally?
  - (a) What is the total funding amount that these programs will receive in the 2019-20 financial year?
  - (b) What is the total funding amount that these programs received in the 2018-19 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

The New South Wales Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research's Crime Mapping tool provides crime trends by local government areas and can be accessed at <http://crimetool.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/bocsar/>.

New South Wales Government funded programs currently in place in the Shellharbour area include: Specialist Homelessness Services; Targeted Early Intervention/Community Builders; Keep Them Safe Development Projects; Targeted Early Intervention/Aboriginal Child, Youth and Family Strategy; and Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Program.

The New South Wales Government funding for these programs in the Shellharbour area for 2018-19 was over \$5.1 million. The Government has committed over \$6.3 million for these programs in 2019-20, noting actual payments may vary slightly.

Residents eligible for support in Shellharbour can also access the Start Safely program, which is delivered across New South Wales. Funding information by electorate for the program is not available.

\*1947 DAPTO PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What feedback was received by the Department of Education for the Dapto Public School upgrade following the display of the development application for the project by Wollongong City Council?
- (2) Will changes be made to the project as a result of this feedback?
  - (a) If so, what will change?
- (3) What is the current timeline for this project's development, construction and completion?
- (4) When can the local community expect an update on this project?

Answer—

- (1) Wollongong City Council is currently reviewing the Development Application and has requested additional information, which the Department of Education has provided. As part of the Development Application process, feedback from Council will be provided in the form of draft conditions.

- (2) When the Council issues draft conditions, the Department will review these and respond appropriately.

- (3) The Development Application process is underway, and the upgrade is forecast for completion in early 2021.

- (4) A community update will be issued when the Development Application process has concluded.

\*1948 SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE SCHOOLS MAINTENANCE BACKLOG—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What is the total estimated cost of current school maintenance backlog in public schools the Shellharbour electorate?
- (2) What specific schools currently have a maintenance backlog, and what are the nature of their maintenance issues (as at 14 November 2019)?

(3) What is the Government doing to clear this backlog?

Answer—

(1) The total planned maintenance budget for schools in the Shellharbour electorate is approximately \$7 million.

(2) Planned maintenance is being undertaken at the following Shellharbour schools:

- Balarang Public School
- Barrack Heights Public School
- Dapto High School
- Dapto Public School
- Flinders Public School
- Hayes Park Public School
- Illawarra Environmental Education Centre
- Kanahooka High School
- Koonawarra Public School
- Lake Illawarra High School
- Lake Illawarra South Public School
- Lakelands Public School
- Mount Brown Public School
- Mount Warrigal Public School
- Oak Flats High School
- Oak Flats Public School
- Peterborough School
- Shell Cove Public School
- Shellharbour Public School
- Warilla High School
- Warilla Public School

The planned maintenance being completed includes painting, ceiling and soffit repairs, fencing, flooring, roof replacements, painting and window and door repairs

(3) The 2019-20 State Budget continues the Government's record investment to address high priority, planned and deferred maintenance in schools.

A total of \$622 million was committed to clear the existing school maintenance backlog in all schools by July 2020.

\*1949 SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE SCHOOL ENROLMENT FIGURES—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) What are the enrolment figures for each public school in the Shellharbour electorate (as at 14 November 2019)?

- (a) Which schools have experienced an increase in enrolments in 2019 (when compared to 2018)?
- (b) Which schools have experienced a decline in student numbers in 2019 (when compared to 2018)?

Answer—

(1) (a) The following schools in the Shellharbour electorate have more enrolments on 14 November 2019, when compared to 2018:

Enrolments

School Name	14 November 2018	14 November 2019
Dapto High School	886	902
Dapto Public School	721	738
Flinders Public School	566	588
Hayes Park Public School	546	556
Kanahooka High School	577	579
Lake Illawarra High School	522	523
Lakelands Public School	318	329
Mount Brown Public School	354	385

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Mount Warrigal Public School	298	307
Oak Flats Public School	472	477
Peterborough School	98	106
Shell Cove Public School	535	542
Shellharbour Public School	478	492
Warilla High School	1,133	1,274
Warilla North Public School	159	162

(1) (b) The following schools in the Shellharbour electorate have fewer enrolments on 14 November 2019, when compared to 2018:

Enrolments

School Name	14 November 2018	14 November 2019
Balarang Public School	272	270
Barrack Heights Public School	241	225
Koonawarra Public School	264	261
Lake Illawarra South Public School	234	216
Oak Flats High School	672	643
Warilla Public School	257	251

\*1950 ASSAULT ON POLICE OFFICERS IN SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many incidences of assault on police officers have occurred in the Shellharbour electorate over the last 12 months (to 14 November 2019)?
- (2) How does this figure compare to the 12 months prior?
- (3) Have incidences of assaults on police officers increased or decreased over the last 10 years?

Answer—

Any attack on our police is both shocking and disgusting. Assaulting a police officer is an extremely low act and deeply affects the community. Police officers serve and protect the community and deserve to be treated with respect at all times. The Government will continue to do all we can to support police and ensure they are treated with the respect they deserve.

As state electoral boundaries are not maintained as part of the statistical geography within NSW Police Force systems, statistics by electorate are not available.

\*1951 SAND MINING PROPOSAL NEAR BANKS OF MINNAMURRA RIVER—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What is the status of Boral Limited's proposal to expand sand mining operations near the banks of the Minnamurra River?
- (2) Is the Government aware of the level of community opposition to the project?
  - (a) How will the Government respond to this opposition?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The application, Dunmore Lakes Sand Extraction Project - Modification 2, is currently under assessment by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department). Once the Department's assessment is finalised, the application will be referred to the Independent Planning Commission for determination, and the local community will have another opportunity to raise any concerns directly with the Commission before any final decision is made.

(2) The Department is aware of community concerns about this proposal and will fully consider the issues raised by the community in its assessment of the application in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

\*1952 SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What is the current total number of demountable classrooms in the Shellharbour electorate (as at 14 November 2019)?
- (2) Have any additional demountable classrooms been installed in public schools within the

Shellharbour electorate so far in 2019 (as at 14 November 2019)?

(a) If so, how many and in which schools?

- (3) Have any public schools within the Shellharbour electorate had demountable classrooms removed from site so far in 2019 (as at 14 November 2019)?

Answer—

(1) 48.

(2) Yes.

(a) One at Flinders Public School; three at Warilla High School; and one demountable with two teaching spaces at Peterborough School.

(3) No.

\*1953 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of public comments by the Member for Kiama that the Albion Park Rail Bypass may be opened earlier than late 2022?

(a) Has the expected opening date changed?

(i) If so, what is the new date?

- (2) What work has so far been completed on the bypass?

- (3) What work remains to be done on the project?

- (4) Has Australian-made steel been used on this project?

(a) If so:

(i) What is the proportion of Australian-made steel used on the project;

(ii) Where has this steel been sourced from?

(b) Where is the other steel sourced from?

- (5) How many people are employed on this project?

(a) How many are apprentices and trainees?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The project is on track to be delivered by 2022, weather permitting.

(2) Recent activities include bulk earthwork and excavation, bridge piling, installing safety and environmental controls, clearing trees and vegetation, installing site fencing, barriers and signage, identifying, protecting and relocating utility services such as gas, power, water and communications, importing materials, installing drainage.

(3) Upcoming activities include bridge construction (piers, girder delivery and installation, bridge decks) and pavement construction.

(a) to (c) Yes, however, not all sourcing of steel products is complete and therefore a breakdown is not available.

Typically the fabrication of steel components (both structural and plate steel and reinforcing steel) is completed by specialist subcontractors and suppliers who source their materials from an unrestricted market.

All steel supplied must comply with the requirements of the Deed between Fulton Hogan and Roads and Maritime Services, including respective Australian Standards.

Reinforcing steel is typically sourced from Australian mills when available with any market shortfall imported from overseas.

Structural and Plate steel is typically sourced from a wholesale supplier. Structural steel sections are no longer manufactured in Australia. Plate steel is manufactured in Australia.

(4) As of October 2019, there were 403 full time equivalent positions working on the Albion Park Rail bypass project including Transport for NSW staff, staff employed through main contractor Fulton Hogan and associated subcontractors.

(a) There are currently 21 apprentices and 18 trainees engaged on the project.

\*1954 ILLAWARRA LINE TRAIN DELAYS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many instances of trains being delayed by over 10 minutes have occurred on the Illawarra line

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over the last month (to 14 November 2019)?

(2) What were the causes of these delays?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) From 14 October 2019 to 14 November 2019, 51 trains operating between Sydney and Kiama were delayed by over 10 minutes.

(2) Punctuality can be affected by a number of factors. These include:

- Passenger illness;
- Fatalities;
- Severe weather conditions;
- Vandalism and anti-social behaviour;
- Mechanical failure;
- Track and infrastructure faults.

When delays occur, NSW TrainLink works hard to bring services back to normal as soon as possible.

\*1955 SPEED CAMERAS FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) How many mobile speed cameras were deployed in each year from 2017 to the present (as at 14 November 2019) in each of the following suburbs?

- (a) Canley Heights;
- (b) Canley Vale;
- (c) Carramar;
- (d) Fairfield;
- (e) Fairfield East;
- (f) Fairfield Heights;
- (g) Fairfield West;
- (h) Guildford;
- (i) Guildford West;
- (j) Old Guildford;
- (k) Smithfield;
- (l) Villawood;
- (m) Wakeley;
- (n) Woodpark;
- (o) Yennora?

Answer—

I am advised:

In the Fairfield electorate there were 557 mobile speed camera deployments. The Government does not provide detailed deployment information for the mobile speed camera program.

Mobile speed camera sites are selected using criteria set out in the New South Wales Speed Camera Strategy. They include crash history, police and community nominations and degree of safety risk.

\*1956 FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) How many signs related to speed cameras are erected in the following suburbs in the Fairfield electorate:

- (a) Canley Heights;
- (b) Canley Vale;
- (c) Carramar;
- (d) Fairfield;
- (e) Fairfield East;
- (f) Fairfield Heights;
- (g) Fairfield West;
- (h) Guildford;
- (i) Guildford West;
- (j) Old Guildford;
- (k) Smithfield;

- (l) Villawood;
- (m) Wakeley;
- (n) Woodpark;
- (o) Yennora?

Answer—

I am advised:

There is a standard three signs in advance of all fixed speed cameras and one sign on approach to red light speed cameras. Locations are publicly available on the Centre for Road Safety website.

\*1957 PINCH POINT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

When was an application for funding lodged under the Pinch Point Program for upgrades to the intersection of Nelson Street and Horsley Drive at Fairfield?

Answer—

I am advised:

There is no formal public application process.

In October 2019, the Government approved funding to develop the \$450 million Pinch Point Program, which includes the Horsley Drive/Nelson Street intersection at Fairfield.

\*1958 MULTICULTURAL GRANT PROGRAMS FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

(1) How many applicants from the Fairfield electorate received funding through any of the Multicultural Grant programs during the financial years of:

- (a) 2017-18;
- (b) 2018-19;
- (c) 2019-20 (as at 14 November 2019)?

(2) What was the funding breakdown for each of the following financial years by applicant:

- (a) 2017-18;
- (b) 2018-19;
- (c) 2019-20 (as at 14 November 2019)?

Answer—

Information on Multicultural New South Wales Grants Program funding is available in the respective Multicultural NSW Annual Reports, which are available on the Multicultural NSW website.

\*1959 FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE SPEED CAMERA SIGNAGE PROJECTED COST FOR REMOVAL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Considering the Government's proposal to remove speed camera signage throughout the state, what is the projected cost to remove all speed camera signage from the Fairfield electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

No change to speed camera signage policy has been announced by the Government.

\*1960 COMMUNITY AND SMALL BUSINESS CCTV FUND APPLICANTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

When will the successful applicants of the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund be announced?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 16 September 2019, the Premier, Attorney General and I announced the first round of 31 successful applicants. Other successful applicants will be notified progressively as more applications are approved.

More information is available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/your-government/the-premier/media-releases-from-the-premier/cctv-to-capture-crooks-on-candid-camera/>.

\*1961 TRANSPORT PLAN PARRAMATTA CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO BADGERYS CREEK AIRPORT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

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Does the Government have any long-term transport plans to connect the Parramatta Central Business District to the Badgerys Creek Airport via the new stadia facilities at the Fairfield Showground in Prairiewood?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding the Government's long term integrated transport plans for New South Wales is publicly available on the Future Transport website.

\*1962 PINCH POINT PROGRAM APPLICATION AUTHORITY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Who is the authority in charge of approving or rejecting project submissions under the Government's \$450 million Pinch Point Program?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is responsible for reviewing and approving the release of funding associated with the \$450 million Pinch Point Program.

\*1963 FAIRFIELD SHOWGROUND GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Local Government—

What was the Government's monetary contribution towards the construction and ongoing operations of the stadia facilities at Fairfield Showground?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Premier.

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\*1964 COMMUNITY SERVICE OBLIGATIONS OF POWER PROVIDERS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

During scheduled power outages, what are the community service obligations of power providers towards people on life support?

Answer—

Part 7 of the National Energy Retail Rules imposes obligations on energy retailers and distributors in relation to life support customers and planned interruptions. These rules are regulated by the Australian Energy Regulator.

\*1965 VISITING MEDICAL OFFICERS IN THE HUNTER NEW ENGLAND LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) In the 2018-19 financial year, what was the allocated budget for the contracting of Visiting Medical Officers for the Hunter New England Local Health District?

(a) What was the actual amount spent for the contracting of officers?

(2) What service providers were contracted to provide Visiting Medical Officer services?

Answer—

This information can be found publicly on the NSW Health website at: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/annualreport/Publications/2019/hnelhd.pdf>.

The information requested is not held centrally. Local health districts contract VMOs directly and through employment agencies as needed to cover vacancies and leave.

\*1966 VISITING MEDICAL OFFICERS IN THE FAR WEST LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) In the 2018-19 financial year, what was the allocated budget for the contracting of Visiting Medical Officers for the Far West Local Health District?

(a) What was the actual amount spent for the contracting of officers?

(2) What service providers were contracted to provide Visiting Medical Officer services?

Answer—

This information can be found publicly on the NSW Health website at: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/annualreport/Publications/2019/fwlhd.pdf>.

The information requested is not held centrally. Local health districts contract VMOs directly and through employment agencies as needed to cover vacancies and leave.

\*1967 VISITING MEDICAL OFFICERS IN THE WESTERN NSW LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) In the 2018-19 financial year, what was the allocated budget for the contracting of Visiting Medical Officers for the Western NSW Local Health District?

(a) What was the actual amount spent for the contracting of officers?

(2) What service providers were contracted to provide Visiting Medical Officer services?

Answer—

This information can be found publicly on the NSW Health website at: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/annualreport/Publications/2019/wswlhd.pdf>

The information requested is not held centrally. Local health districts contract VMOs directly and through employment agencies as needed to cover vacancies and leave.

\*1968 GOAT MUSTERING CONTRACTS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) How many Goat Mustering Contracts within National Parks are currently active across New South Wales (as at 19 November 2019)?

(a) Where are these contracts active?

(b) When will these contracts expire?

(2) What is the average duration of a Goat Mustering Contract?

(3) What is the current tendering process for Goat Mustering Contracts in National Parks (as at 19 November 2019)?

Answer—

(1) 18.

(a) Yathong Nature Reserve, Mount Grenfell, Sturt National Park, Mutawintji, Paroo-Darling, Mungo National Park, Tarawi Nature Reserve, Mallee Cliffs National Park, Culgoa National Park, Gundabooka, Ledknapper Nature Reserve, Nocoleche Nature Reserve, Toorale, the Pilliga, Warrumbungle National Park and Ginghet Nature Reserve.

(b) These contracts expire between December 2019 and December 2020.

(2) Goat mustering contracts have either a six or 12 month duration.

(3) The tendering process is completed as per Government procurement guidelines, including advertisement through eTendering and in local newspapers.

\*1969 SCHOOL BUS ROUTE EXTENSIONS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) What factors are considered when reviewing an application for the extension of school bus route?

(2) Will a review of the current application process for school bus route extensions be conducted?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Factors are considered include

- Effects on current users;
- Suitability of the timetable;
- Practicality of the proposed route;
- Safety;
- Cost;
- Local government approval for use of the local roads.

(2) Transport for NSW has no plans to review the process.

\*1970 MURRAY DARLING BASIN PLAN ICAC INVESTIGATION—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Premier—

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- (1) Has the Independent Commission against Corruption (ICAC) finalised its investigation into alleged corruption and water theft under the Murray Darling Basin Plan, following referrals to ICAC on this matter in July 2017?

(a) If not, when is this investigation likely to be finalised?

- (2) Why is there no information publicly available on the progress of this important investigation?

- (3) Will the Government make the full final report on this investigation available to the public?

Answer—

The Independent Commission against Corruption (ICAC) is an independent statutory body which reports directly to the Parliament. The Government cannot, nor should it attempt to, direct the ICAC in the exercise of its functions.

The ICAC provides any reports it prepares in relation to investigations to the Presiding Officer of each House of Parliament.

- \*1971 SUPPORT FOR TRANSPORTING WATER DONATIONS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Considering that, in response to LA Q1285 about support for volunteers transporting donated bottled water to towns experiencing water shortages, you said the Government is working with community groups to help with distribution, which Government department is helping these community groups?

(a) Which Government website provides information on how a community group can seek Government help?

(b) What phone number should community group calls if they want Government help transporting water donations?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 19 August 2018 the New South Wales Government announced it was partnering with Givit as an official partner to manage offers of assistance for farmers, their families and rural communities experiencing hardship due to the current drought. Information relating to this programme is available on the NSW Drought Hub (<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/droughthub>), and on the Givit website ([www.givit.com.au](http://www.givit.com.au)). The Government has partnered with a very small number of community organisations to address specific needs in particular communities.

Information for community groups is available on the Givit website (<http://www.givit.org.au/charity-registration>).

- \*1972 OVERSIGHT OF COUNCIL WATER SUPPLY FUNCTIONS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Which Government body is responsible for providing oversight of local government water supply functions?

(a) If someone has a complaint about drinking water quality that is not being dealt with by the relevant council, which Government entity can they contact to deal with their complaint?

Answer—

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Water Group (DPIE Water) oversees the strategic planning for, and proper operation of, safe and secure water supply service provision and associated management of water treatment infrastructure, while NSW Health regulates drinking water quality requirements.

- \*1973 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL PUBLIC ALLERGY CLINIC—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Will the newly redeveloped constructed Griffith Base Hospital include a public allergy clinic?

(a) If so, when will the public allergy clinic be opened?

- (2) Why was there no mention of a public allergy clinic in the Griffith Base Hospital Master Plan or Clinical Services Plan?

- (3) What consultations has NSW Health undertaken with the Griffith public and hospital staff in regards to the public allergy clinic?

Answer—

The Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment Early Works includes the construction of a new building for Ambulatory Care, a 'Wellness Centre'. The Wellness Centre has been planned for flexible use, and will be commissioned from mid 2020.

The Clinical Service Plan outlines the need for flexible ambulatory clinics.

The Murrumbidgee Local Health District determines clinical services based on demand and through appropriate local processes.

\*1974 CROSSING SUPERVISORS SAFETY CRITERIA—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Will the Minister consider amending the Transport for NSW criteria for the assessment of school crossing supervisors to facilitate increased safety of school children across the State by including the following:

- (a) Roadway gradient on approach;
- (b) Distance from any crest in roadway to crossing site;
- (c) Line of sight distance to crossing site;
- (d) Total safe stopping distances required for laden heavy vehicles, comprised of perception distance, reaction time and braking distance, including any gradient to factor the distance?

Answer—

I am advised:

All crossings in New South Wales are designed to meet the requirements of the current Guide to Road Design to take into account road geometry and sight distance requirements and are marked and signed in accordance with AS1740.10.

Information is available on the Centre for Road Safety website.

\*1975 CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What contingency planning has taken place in relation to the implications for assessment, rating and continuous improvement in the early childhood learning sector in New South Wales in the event that Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) does not receive Federal Government funding after 30 June 2020?

Answer—

The Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) does not undertake assessment and rating of services. This function is undertaken and funded by each State and Territory regulatory authority.

Continuous improvement is a principle under the National Quality Framework that is supported by all States and Territories through their respective regulatory functions including through the assessment and rating process.

A review into the functions of the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) has recently been completed. The key finding from the Final Report is that ACECQA plays a vital role in the administration of the National Quality Framework.

Ongoing funding for ACECQA has been provided by the Commonwealth Government in the mid-year financial economic outlook.

\*1976 SUPPORT FOR ACECQA FUNDING—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What representations has the Minister made in support of further Federal Government funding after 30 June 2020 for the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA)?

Answer—

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- \*1977 BUDGETARY PROVISIONS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What budgetary provisions are being planned for the funding of additional activities in assessment, rating and continuous improvement in the early childhood learning sector in New South Wales in the event that the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) does not receive Federal Government funding after 30 June 2020?

Answer—

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- \*1978 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE APPLICATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

How long does it take to process an application to be appointed as a Justice of the Peace?

Answer—

I refer to my answer to LA Q1703.

- \*1979 FERAL CATS REMOVAL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Local Government—

What action can residents take to remove feral cats?

Answer—

Cats (*Felis catus*) are an introduced predator to Australia. Feral cats are the same species as domestic cats but live, hunt and breed in the wild.

Cats are regulated in New South Wales under several separate laws which intersect in practice:

- as companion animals,
- as animals that are protected to ensure their welfare, and
- as animals that are a potential source of risk to the natural environment.

Under the Companion Animals Act 1998 (CA Act), domesticated, feral, and unowned semi-domesticated, stray or community cats:

- are prohibited from the following places and may be lawfully seized by a member of the public (section 30):
  - food preparation/consumption areas; and
  - wildlife protection areas.
- may be lawfully seized by a person, including an authorised officer or member of the public, if the cat is in a private or public place and the seizure prevents injury or death to a person or animal (other than vermin) (section 32).
- are prohibited from inclosed lands, if not under effective control of some competent person and may be injured or destroyed by the occupier of the land if the cat approaches any animal being farmed on the land (section 32).

Any seizure under the CA Act must comply with the animal welfare provisions in the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 (POCTA Act). Under the POCTA

Act, a person must not commit an act of cruelty upon an animal.

A person who lawfully seizes an animal under the authority of the CA Act, must deliver it to its owner, a council pound or other approved premises (such as the Royal Society for the Protection of Animals (RSPCA) NSW or the Animal Welfare League (AWL) NSW), as soon as possible.

- \*1980 YOUTH KOORI COURT EXPANSION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

What plans does the Government have for the expansion of the Youth Koori Court?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government committed \$2.7 million over three years to the expansion of the Youth Koori Court to Surry Hills Children's Court as part of the 2018-19 Budget. The Surry Hills Youth Koori Court opened in February 2019, doubling the capacity of the program to help vulnerable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

The Government will consider further expansion of the Youth Koori Court following an evaluation of the Court.

- \*1981 LEGAL AID PAYMENTS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) Was \$150,950 paid to or on behalf of Luke Sparos in relation to legal aid?

(a) If so, what was the basis of this decision?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2017, \$150,950 was paid to Mr Luke Sparos. This was not in relation to 'legal aid', but pursuant to an Order issued by the Supreme Court of NSW.

The basis for this decision is set out in the judgments of Justice Natalie Adams in *R v Sparos* (No 1) [2017] NSWSC 1410 and *R v Sparos* (No 2) [2017] NSWSC 1462.

- 1982 POLICE MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- \*1983 LIVERPOOL COURT HOUSE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

How frequently is the fifth and most recently added court room at Liverpool Court House utilised for court sittings (as at 19 November 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at 19 November 2019, courtroom five at Liverpool Courthouse sits Monday through to Thursday for call-over by a Registrar. The courtroom also hears Local Court Small Division Claims matters twice per month.

- \*1984 CAMPBELLTOWN LEGAL PRECINCT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) What funds have been allocated for the development of a new legal precinct in Campbelltown?

(2) What discussions, if any, have you or your Department had with your Federal counterpart concerning the development of a legal precinct in Campbelltown?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice is working with existing resources to review the feasibility of developing a justice precinct in south west Sydney.

The Government has contacted the Commonwealth Government in relation to this potential development.

- \*1985 NSW LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

What action does the Government propose in relation to the NSW Law Reform Commission Report No 145 of the Guardianship Act?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the answer to LA Q1659.

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\*1986 CAMDEN COUNCIL REDISTRIBUTION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Local Government—

Will Camden Council undergo a ward boundary redistribution before the next council election?

Answer—

I am advised that Camden Council approved a ward boundary adjustment at its meeting of 26 November 2019.

\*1987 SPECIALIST LYMPHEDEMA THERAPY WAIT TIMES—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many specialist lymphedema therapists are employed in the South East Sydney Health District (as at 19 November 2019)?
  - (a) How many hours does each therapist work per week?
- (2) How long is the waiting list for specialist lymphedema therapy (as at 19 November 2019) at:
  - (a) Royal Prince Alfred Hospital;
  - (b) St George Hospital?
- (3) How much money was invested in training for lymphedema specialists in the 2018-19 Budget?
- (4) How many extra lymphedema therapists were employed after the specialist training was conducted in February 2019 (as at 19 November 2019)?

Answer—

There is no employment category of specialist lymphoedema therapist. Lymphoedema clinical work is performed by a range of clinical classifications.

The local health districts and specialist health networks allocate funding as appropriate, to support services and staff training needs. Acute lymphoedema or early intervention is prioritised for initial assessment and treatment of patients.

The February 2019 workshop was developed to provide practical support for implementing the best practice outlined in the document Lymphoedema a guide for clinical services.

\*1988 MAMMOGRAM WAIT TIMES AT THE ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What is the current waiting time to receive a mammogram at the Royal Hospital for Women?
- (2) What is the waiting time for a mammogram being conducted at the Royal Hospital for Women if you are a:
  - (a) Patient;
  - (b) Patient of Breast Screen New South Wales?
- (3) What is the average wait time for a mammogram across all NSW Health funded mammogram sites across New South Wales?

Answer—

There is no waiting list for diagnostic breast services. Patients referred to the NSW Women's Breast Service are clinically assessed and are seen within clinically recommended timeframes.

\*1989 ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN FUNDING—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How much money was allocated to the Royal Hospital for Women in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20 (as at 19 November 2019)?
- (2) Are there any future plans for redevelopment of the Royal Hospital for Women?

Answer—

- (1) Budget information is available on Local Health District websites.
- (2) Planning for the Randwick Campus Redevelopment will include planning for services at the Royal Hospital for Women.

\*1990 ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN GENDER STAFF RATIOS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What is the ratio of men to women working at the Royal Hospital for Women (as at 19 November 2019)?
  - (a) What is the ratio of men to women employed in:

- (i) Senior executive roles;
- (ii) Specialist surgeons;
- (iii) Senior medical staff;
- (iv) College trainee program positions;
- (v) College non-training junior medical officers?

Answer—

Women represent 86 per cent of all staff at the hospital.

I am advised the percentage of women is higher in each of the roles listed.

\*1991 UNMANNED TRAIN STATIONS SOUTH COAST LINE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Given that currently during the evening there are unmanned train stations on the South Coast Line, will there be train guards on the new trains in each of the following years:
- (a) 2020;
  - (b) 2021;
  - (c) 2022;
  - (d) 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

The new intercity trains will have two staff members on board. This will ensure that customers who are less able can travel with confidence knowing there will be someone to assist them should they need it. Transport for NSW has been working with unions since 2016 on this matter and will continue to do so to determine the responsibilities of intercity train staff.

The new intercity trains will also have better on-board technology, such as CCTV cameras, customer help point alarms and fire detection technology, which will increase safety and security.

\*1992 PAEDIATRIC OPERATION WAIT LIST—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many children were on the paediatric operation wait list in New South Wales in:
- (a) 2016;
  - (b) 2017;
  - (c) 2018;
  - (d) 2019 (as at 19 November 2019)?
- (2) How many paediatric operations were undertaken in:
- (a) 2016;
  - (b) 2017;
  - (c) 2018;
  - (d) 2019 (as at 19 November 2019)?

Answer—

Children and young people referred for surgery are allocated an appointment in order of clinical priority, so that the most urgent patients are seen first. This is reviewed and managed daily as part of normal business processes, in line with NSW Health Policy.

New South Wales continues to deliver excellent elective surgery performance. In the July to September 2019 quarter, 96.6 per cent of all patients had their elective surgery within the timeframe set by their doctor.

This year the New South Wales Government has invested funding for additional elective surgeries in all local health districts.

\*1993 BLUE RIDGE HARDWOOD INCOME SUPPORT PAYMENTS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of public concern raised by employees at Blue Ridge Hardwood about the status of income support payments of \$150,000 per employee if they are sacked?
- (a) What is the current implementation status of the package for Blue Ridge Hardwood workers (as at 19 November 2019)?
- (2) How many Blue Ridge Hardwood employees have been retrenched (as at 19 November 2019)?

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- (a) How many workers have received the income support assistance as announced by the Member for Bega, Mr Andrew Constance MP, on 21 February 2019 (as at 19 November 2019)?
- (3) How many workers have received assistance (as at 19 November 2019) with:
  - (a) Retraining;
  - (b) Relocation?
- (4) What forms of communication have been undertaken to inform workers of their entitlements under the Government's package?
- (5) What are the main elements of the \$10 million support package?
  - (a) How much was allocated to each element of the package?
- (6) How much of the package (as at 19 November 2019):
  - (a) Has been spent;
  - (b) Remains?
- (7) Did the Minister make an announcement on 21 February 2019 confirming the offer to ensure there was no misinformation or confusion?
  - (a) If so, why does there appear to be confusion about the status of the package by Blue Ridge Hardwood employees?

Answer—

- (1) (a) The Government stands by its commitment of significant support for Blue Ridge Hardwoods workers to secure jobs with the new wood supply agreement holder, or alternative employment if appropriate. To date, however, Blue Ridge Hardwoods has continued to operate at full capacity.
- (2) (a) None, as Blue Ridge Hardwoods is currently operating as normal.
- (3) (a) and (b) None. See answer to Question (2) (a).
- (4) At his request, communication with his employees has been through the principal of Blue Ridge Hardwoods, Mr Allan Richards. Senior government officials have contacted or met with Mr Richards on several occasions to advise him on the package.
- (5) Blue Ridge Hardwoods workers who are retrenched and not offered ongoing jobs in the South Coast forest industry will be provided assistance to secure work in other industries, or in the forestry industry in other regions. This would include skills assessment, retraining and related employment support, as well as financial assistance with relocation where that is required to secure employment. The Government will also consider direct financial payments to employees who have not been successful at securing other employment following redundancy from Blue Ridge Hardwoods, and measures to support re-employment. Eligibility for financial payments would be determined following a case by case assessment at that time. To ensure flexibility, the overall budget has not been broken down to individual elements.
- (6) (a) and (b) None, as Blue Ridge Hardwoods is currently operating as normal.
- (7) The Honourable Andrew Constance MP, issued a media release on this issue on 21 February 2019. The release is available online.

\*1994 MYUNA BAY SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE—Ms Lynda Voltz asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) Why has the risk assessment not yet been completed with regard to the temporary closure of the Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre?
  - (a) Will a final decision about the centre be made once the risk assessment is completed?
  - (b) If the centre is permanently closed, will a new centre be built?
- (2) If the centre is to be re-opened:
  - (a) When will staff be expected to return to work?
  - (b) At what capacity will they be working initially?
  - (c) When is it expected that the centre will be functioning at full capacity again?
- (3) If the centre is to be closed permanently, will the following options, which were previously offered, still be available for current staff:
  - (a) Voluntary redundancy;
  - (b) Mix and match voluntary redundancy;
  - (c) Relocation to another sport and recreation centre;
  - (d) Re-training of skills to be transferred to an alternative position within another Government agency;
  - (e) Being placed in the talent pool for an alternative position within another Government agency?

- (4) If the centre is to be temporarily closed or re-located, will the following options be available for current staff:
- (a) Voluntary redundancy;
  - (b) Mix and match voluntary redundancy;
  - (c) Temporary re-location to other sport and recreation centres within a reasonable distance of Myuna Bay;
  - (d) Re-location to a new sport and recreation centre?

Answer—

On 12 December 2019, I announced that a new Sport and Recreation Centre will be built in the Lake Macquarie area.

Details relating to this announcement can be found in my Media Release issued on this date.

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\*1995 ENERGY AND WATER OMBUDSMAN—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Considering the Energy and Water Ombudsman provides an independent and binding dispute resolution service to customers, will membership become compulsory for all water utility and irrigation companies?
- (a) If so, when?
  - (b) In the meantime, where can customers go to address complaints about fees, charges and the delivery of urban and irrigation water?

Answer—

I am advised:

Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW (EWON) membership is compulsory for Sydney Water, Hunter Water and WaterNSW as well as water utilities licensed under the Water Industry Competition Act.

Regional NSW's Local Government water utilities may choose to become EWON members, though it is not compulsory.

Irrigation Corporations handle complaints through internal procedures. Complainants who are unhappy with established dispute resolution processes or the response from an Irrigation Corporation can contact the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

\*1996 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXIS—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many applications has the Government received for the Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Interest Free Loans Scheme (as at 20 November 2019)?
- (2) How many interest free loans have been approved for wheelchair accessible taxis in New South Wales (as at 20 November 2019)?
  - (a) If none, why not?
  - (b) What grounds have loans been denied on?
- (3) How many applications has the Government received for the Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Interest Free Loans Scheme from the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie region (as at 20 November 2019)?
- (4) How many interest free loans have been approved for Wheelchair Accessible Taxi vehicles in the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie region (as at 20 November 2019)?
  - (a) If none, why not?
  - (b) What grounds have loans been denied on?
- (5) Are there any other schemes operating in New South Wales similar to the zero200 scheme in Sydney, which allows those requiring a wheelchair accessible taxi to dial 000 and alerts all operators to the request?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If so, are there any plans to introduce such a scheme in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie?

Answer—

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I am advised:

- (1) 88 applications were received in 2019.
  - (2) 39 were approved. This in addition to 19 that have been approved since 2016.
  - (3) Four applications were received from the Lower Hunter in 2019.
  - (4) One. This is in addition to three that have been approved since 2016.
  - (5) No. The Zero200 service was developed for use in the Sydney metropolitan area, where there are multiple providers. In other areas it is more efficient for a customer to directly contact a local provider.
- The Newcastle and Lake Macquarie area is serviced by 34 wheelchair-accessible taxis - 33 of them are available by contacting 13cabs on 13 22 27.
- Wheelchair-accessible services are not restricted to taxi service providers, as hire vehicle operators can also provide wheelchair-accessible services. Throughout New South Wales, local community transport service providers may also offer wheelchair-accessible services.

\*1997 MACARTHUR SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) In relation to the Macarthur Service NSW Centre during the financial year 2018-19:
  - (a) How many people attended;
  - (b) How many vehicle registration-related applications were submitted;
  - (c) How many driver and rider licence renewal applications were submitted;
  - (d) How many driver and rider licence tests were conducted;
  - (e) What were the average customer waiting times?
- (2) In relation to the Macarthur Service NSW Centre during the period of 1 July 2019 to 20 November 2019:
  - (a) How many people attended;
  - (b) How many vehicle registration-related applications were submitted;
  - (c) How many driver and rider licence renewal applications were submitted;
  - (d) How many driver and rider licence tests were conducted;
  - (e) What were the average customer waiting times?

Answer—

- (1) In relation to the Macarthur Service NSW Centre during the financial year 2018-19:
  - (a) 225,217 over the counter transactions (an average of 18,768 per month);
  - (b) 158,805 over the counter transactions;
  - (c) 32,450 over the counter transactions;
  - (d) 16,513;
  - (e) 10 minutes and 20 seconds.
- (2) In relation to the Macarthur Service NSW Centre during the period of 1 July 2019 to 20 November 2019:
  - (a) 88,475 over the counter transactions (an average of 22,118 per month);
  - (b) 64,710 over the counter transactions;
  - (c) 14,472 over the counter transactions;
  - (d) 12,639;
  - (e) 8 minutes and 54 seconds.

\*1998 DRIVING INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many infringement notices were issued for driving offences to residents of the Macquarie Fields electorate during the period 1 July 2019 to 20 November 2019?
  - (a) What was the total revenue raised from all that were issued?
- (2) How many infringement notices were issued for parking offences to residents of the Macquarie Fields electorate during the period 1 July 2019 to 20 November 2019?
  - (a) What was the total revenue raised from all that were issued?

Answer—

- (1) 16,660
  - (a) \$5,858, 137
- (2) 17,324
  - (a) \$2,937,393

Notes

- 1. Data as at 21 November 2019 and may change retrospectively as further fines are loaded to the system
- 2. Data includes fines issued between 1 July 2019 and 20 November 2019
- 3. Data is based on the postcode of the current party to the fine where the postcode falls within the Macquarie Fields electorate as per the NSW Electoral Commission website. These postcodes include: 2167, 2170, 2174, 2179, 2558, 2560, 2564, 2565 and 2566
- 4. Driving offences in question one are considered to be offences that are driving recordable (and exclude all parking offences). 'Driving recordable' means offences that have occurred while a person is in charge of a vehicle.
- 5. Parking offences in question two are considered to be offences that are categorised under parking infringement types.

\*1999 DRIVER AND RIDER LICENCES DELIVERY—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) How many driver and rider licences, in all classes, have been mailed to their owner from 1 February 2018 to 20 November 2019?
  - (a) Of these, how many have been reported by the licence holder as stolen or not delivered?

Answer—

- (1) 4,211,792.
- (a) Stolen - 42,083; Not Delivered - 41,732. It is important to note, if a customer reported the licence as stolen, this could be due to a number of reasons such as, the licence being stolen from the individual and not from a letterbox.

\*2000 SCHOOL CLASSROOM AIR-CONDITIONING—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many schools in the Macquarie Fields electorate have air-conditioning in all classrooms (as at 20 November 2019)?
- (2) How many schools in the Macquarie Fields electorate do not have air-conditioning in all classrooms (as at 20 November 2019)?
  - (a) Which schools do not have air-conditioning in all classrooms?
  - (i) When will air-conditioning be installed in all classrooms in these schools?

Answer—

The Department is undertaking an extensive due diligence and audit process to verify air conditioning systems in all 2,200 schools.

The review is forecast to be completed by mid-2020.

\*2001 MURRAY ELECTORATE BOORGA AND DICKIE ROADS SEALING—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the Government made a pre-election commitment to seal Boorga and Dickie Roads near Lake Wyangan, why has physical work on this project not yet commenced?
  - (a) On what day will the sealing of the roads commence?
  - (b) When will this project be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the previous response, LA Q382.

\*2002 NIMMIE-CAIRA PROJECT—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

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Considering the undertakings made during the Nimmie-Caira Project Advisory Committee Meeting No. 11 in June 2018, when will Nimmie Caira be returned to a rateable land within the Hay Shire Council?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Water, Property and Housing.

\*2003 APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many people have started an apprenticeship since 1 July 2019, by trade (as at 20 November 2019)?
- (2) How many school-based traineeships and school-based apprenticeships were there in the 2019 school year (as at 20 November 2019)?

Answer—

- (1) 5,260 people have started an apprenticeship since 1 July 2019. Number by vocation as at 26 November 2019 listed in Appendix E.
- (2) Across New South Wales public schools there were 2,684 students who participated in a school based apprenticeship or traineeship in 2019 up until 20 November 2019.

\*2004 SUPERVISED SCHOOL CROSSINGS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the cost of installing a supervised school crossing at an existing site?
- (2) What is the recurrent annual operating cost of a supervised school crossing?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Between \$20,000 and \$25,000.
- (2) Between \$18,000 and \$21,000.

\*2005 HAZARD REDUCTION BURNS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

Considering the recent bushfires in New South Wales National Parks, will consideration be given to implementing a broadened strategic hazard reduction burn program to minimise future risk to human life, livestock, property and national parks' fauna and flora?

Answer—

Over the four-year period from 2015-2019, the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) undertook 75 per cent of all prescribed burning in New South Wales, despite managing only nine per cent of the land in New South Wales. It undertook more prescribed burning than all other organisations in New South Wales combined.

The extent of bushfires this season is exceptional, influenced by the severity of the drought and its impact on vegetation. NPWS staff have, as at 29 November 2019, contributed more than 21,000 staff days to fighting bushfires this season, including fighting fires that are not on national parks and did not start on national parks. In doing so, NPWS works in close collaboration with the NSW Rural Fire Service.

I have asked NPWS to conduct a review of the fire management strategies they have in place. This review will include, but is not limited to, hazard reduction activities. I want to make sure that we have the best fire management strategy in place to protect, people, property, and National Park flora and fauna.

\*2006 PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ART GALLERY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of a possible underground pedestrian link between the College Street underpass to the western edge of Hyde Park and the St James Station Concourse?
- (2) What options has the Government considered to extend easy pedestrian access to the Domain Moving Walkway and Art Galley?
- (3) What plans does the Government to improve pedestrian access to the Art Gallery?

Answer—

- (1) This matter should be referred to the Minister for Transport and Roads.
- (2) Preliminary discussions are being conducted with the Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust (RBGDT) and the Art Gallery of New South Wales (AGNSW) to assess improvements for pedestrian access from the Domain Carpark to the AGNSW.

(3) AGNSW is connected to the broader Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain, Macquarie Street, St Mary's Road and Sir John Young Crescent by heritage significant and other existing pathways.

The New South Wales Government is currently upgrading the AGNSW as part of the Sydney Modern Project. Pedestrian access to the AGNSW will be affected for the next three years as that construction is ongoing. During this time, both the RBGDT and AGNSW are working with a precinct working group to progressively improve the visitor experience, including pedestrian access improvements.

\*2007 MENTAL HEALTH ACT REVIEW—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) When does the Government plan to next review the Mental Health Act 2007?
- (2) How will the Government ensure that people with lived experience are included in the design and implementation of the review?
- (3) What program will the Government provide for consumer and community participation in a review?
- (4) What is the timeline for the:
  - (a) Review;
  - (b) Consultation;
  - (c) Report?
- (5) Will the Government commit to legislative changes to improve operation of the Act and outcomes for consumers?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to improve mental health illness prevention, treatment, support and recovery?

Answer—

(1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) The Mental Health Act 2007 underwent a statutory review in 2012 and 2013. The review of the Act confirmed that the policy objectives of the Act remain valid and provide an appropriate legislative framework for the mental health system. Following the review, amendments were made to the Act to improve assessment and care planning for consumers. The role of carers was also strengthened. Consumers and carers had an integral role in the 2012-13 review. Future reviews of mental health legislation will involve consumers and carers, in accordance with the Agency for Clinical Innovation's principles for patient experience and consumer engagement.

(6) Supporting mentally healthy communities is a priority for the Government. The \$2.1 billion recurrent investment, in the 2019-20 budget for mental health services, focuses on improving the lives of people living in New South Wales with mental illness by delivering better care in hospital and making supports available for them, their families and carers, in the community.

Key initiatives include:

- \$100 million per annum over four years to strengthen early intervention and specialist community mental health teams, enhance psychosocial supports, and continue the transition of long-stay patients into the community
- \$39.4 million to deliver a further 1,400 mental health admissions in addition to the 37,500 currently provided
- \$42 million for additional community-based mental health services and supports.

In addition, \$20 million was committed in 2018-19 to improve therapeutic environments inside mental health units and commence planning for a number of key projects as part of the \$700 million State Wide Mental Health Infrastructure Program. A further \$22 million was allocated in the 2019-20 budget to continue the Program. The program includes:

- New specialist mental health units including 6-10 beds for children and adolescents, 20 beds for older persons, 20 medium secure beds, and 6-12 beds for mothers and their babies
- Up to 260 new community-based beds to support the transition of long stay mental health patients from hospital and the recovery of consumers in the community
- Additional beds for the forensic mental health network, and
- Physical upgrades or refurbishments of a number of existing acute mental health units, including in Tamworth and Albury.

\*2008 CCTV ON PRIVATE PROPERTY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) What regulation governs the installation and use of surveillance devices, such as CCTV, in cases where people record neighbours or passers-by without consent on:
  - (a) Privately rented or owned residential property;

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- (b) Property that is part of a strata title;
- (c) Multi-unit complexes, residential parks or retirement villages?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of concerns there is a legislative gap in situations where people use CCTV to monitor neighbours' property or the public domain without consent?
- (3) Is it true that it is an offence to record audio without consent but not an offence to record images?
- (4) Is it true that costly legal proceedings under the tort of nuisance may be the only option after mediation when surveillance of a neighbour's property is not covered under current legislation?
- (5) What assessment has the Government carried out to remedy this gap?
- (6) What plans are there to ensure surveillance and monitoring laws keep pace with the increasing use of CCTV cameras on private property in order to protect privacy?

Answer—

I am advised:

Several laws and regulations may apply to the installation and use of surveillance devices, including the Surveillance Devices Act 2007, Workplace Surveillance Act 2005, Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979 (Cth), strata by-laws, local council laws and regulations, planning permissions and relevant criminal laws.

Section 8 of the Surveillance Devices Act 2007 (the Act) governs the installation, use and maintenance of optical surveillance devices on or within premises and vehicles. Offences regarding the use of surveillance devices are contained in the Act. The Act prohibits certain installations, use or maintenance of surveillance devices. Offences vary by the type of surveillance device used.

A statutory review of the Act was completed in 2018. No amendments were recommended in relation to the use of CCTV to monitor neighbouring properties. The Government will continue to monitor the law in relation to the use of surveillance devices.

If a person is concerned about the use of surveillance to monitor a neighbouring property, they can seek advice from their local council, seek mediation at a Community Justice Centre, or if there are concerns the footage or surveillance is being used for an unlawful purpose they can report it to the NSW Police Force. A common law claim of nuisance may be able to be made on the basis of unreasonable interference with the enjoyment of a person's property, however independent legal advice should be sought about the specific circumstances of a case.

Currently, Australian jurisdictions do not recognise a specific cause of action for serious invasions of privacy. The Government considered the issue in 2016 and 2017 following the NSW Standing Committee on Law and Justice's report 'Remedies for the Serious Invasion of Privacy in New South Wales'. Without a national approach, a New South Wales cause of action would complicate Australian privacy law, and potentially increase the regulatory burden for New South Wales businesses and encourage forum shopping where breaches cross jurisdictions. In 2017 New South Wales received insufficient interest from other Australian jurisdictions to establish a working group to pursue a uniform approach to serious invasions of privacy.

At a national level, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission in 2019 and the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) in 2014 recommended the creation of a cause of action for serious invasions of privacy. The ALRC report also recommended that State and Territory governments should give jurisdiction to courts and tribunals to hear complaints about the installation and use of surveillance devices that monitor neighbours on residential property. The Government will further assess the need for reform once the Commonwealth Government responds to the inquiries.

\*2009 SUPPORT FOR FORMER INSTITUTIONAL CARE LEAVERS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier—

- (1) Considering it is 10 years since the New South Wales Government apology, what assessment has the Government made of progress with redress and support for former institutional care leavers?
- (2) How does the Government ensure that children who suffered forms of abuse other than sexual assault get help?
- (3) What funding and resources does the Government provide to care leavers to speak for themselves and advocate?
- (4) How does the Government ensure that former institutional care leavers have access to housing and health services, including dental health?
- (5) How does the Government ensure services recognise the premature ageing and health impacts on former institutional care leavers when setting eligibility for services and support?
- (6) What education and information does the Government provide to ensure officers in Government

agencies follow trauma-informed care approaches in work with former institutional care leavers?

- (7) What changes to aged care and social security has the Government lobbied for with the Commonwealth Government?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to ensure compassionate response to the lifetime traumatic impacts of child abuse in institutional care?

Answer—

- (1) The Government provides a range of support and assistance to former institutional care leavers.

In October 2018, the Government announced a comprehensive \$127 million package over four years to implement recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (Royal Commission).

This includes assistance for care leavers provided through New South Wales' participation in the National Redress Scheme for Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse. New South Wales was the first jurisdiction to pass referring legislation and join the National Redress Scheme. The Scheme commenced on 1 July 2018 and includes (i) payments to survivors of up to \$150,000, (ii) counselling/psychological support and (iii) direct personal responses from responsible institutions.

The Department of Communities and Justice also funds targeted services for former institutional care leavers providing a range of practical support and assistance including counselling, referrals to health, dental, legal and family support services, advocacy and assistance with records access.

- (2) Further to the support services outlined at question one, a victim of an act of violence is eligible to apply for support through the Government's Victims Support Scheme, established under the Victims Rights and Support Act 2013. The Victims Support Scheme makes provision for financial assistance for both immediate needs and longer-term economic loss as well as a lump sum payment in recognition of the victim's pain and trauma (recognition payment). It also provides access to counselling for victims.

NSW Health delivers programs to prevent and reduce the effects of interpersonal violence, abuse and neglect on children, young people, and adults. Services include Child Protection Counselling Services, Child and Adult Sexual Assault Services, Domestic Violence Routine Screening, therapeutic services for children with problematic or harmful sexual behaviours towards others, Aboriginal Family Wellbeing and Violence Prevention Workers, social work services and some specialised counselling services for people who have experienced domestic violence.

The Government has implemented all 15 recommendations of the Royal Commission about improving the capacity of civil litigation systems to respond to child abuse. Most of these reforms extend to forms abuse other than sexual abuse.

- (3) Children and young people currently in care and leaving care can have their voice heard in many ways. There are several advisory groups and panels across Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) and the community sector. CREATE, a national peak body for children and young people in care, is funded to deliver sector development and systemic advocacy services for children and young people with an out-of-home care experience in New South Wales.

- (4) The Government has implemented a priority housing category for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse. The NSW Sexual Assault Strategy also includes a priority action to prioritise adult survivors of child sexual assault, where eligible, for social housing. Clients that are able to demonstrate they have an urgent housing need may be assessed as having a higher priority need. This change means that child sexual abuse survivors will be better able to secure affordable housing so they can work on getting their lives on track and fully participate in the community.

In New South Wales, free dental care is available for all children under the age of 18, through Local Health District Public Dental Services. Adults who hold a Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card or Commonwealth Seniors Card are also eligible for this service. Public dental services are provided according to criteria that prioritises emergency situations, as well as patient groups in most need and at highest risk of disease. Additional health services programs have been described in question two.

- (5) NSW Health is exploring options to improve health service understanding of the components and importance of trauma-informed care. This work will consider the specific needs of care leavers and will complement existing education and training provided by NSW Health through the Education Centre Against Violence (ECAV) and Health Education and Training Institute (HETI).

- (6) When working with people who have come into contact with the child protection and out-of-home care systems a trauma informed approach to practice is used. This practice approach is outlined in DCJ's NSW Practice Framework and ensures that interactions are respectful of, and aware of the impact of, past experiences.

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The Education Centre Against Violence (ECAV) also has a long history of delivering traumainformed training to assist workers to understand and respond effectively to underlying trauma. ECAV has a dedicated team of Aboriginal Trauma Informed trainers who educate non-Aboriginal workers on how to make their services more culturally competent and safe for Aboriginal people. In addition to this, ECAV offers a series of Cultural Equity programs that encourage workers to develop skills and knowledge in engaging and supporting people from migrant and refugee backgrounds in culturally safe ways.

Furthermore, the Health Education and Training Institute provides health staff with training and development opportunities across a range of health topics, including violence, abuse and neglect.

(7) Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACATs) assist with linking Care Leavers to the Commonwealth Caring for Forgotten Australians, Former Child Migrants and Stolen Generations 2016 resource, designed to enhance aged care services to provide the best possible care.

NSW Health continues to work with the Commonwealth to support the Advisory Committee that seeks opportunity to mitigate the impact of past trauma on Stolen Generations survivors and support access to culturally safe Aged Care pathways.

ACATs also assist with linking Care Leavers to the Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN), a national independent peak body who represent and advocate for Care Leavers at all levels of government.

(8) Further to the response to question one, in October 2018 the Government announced a comprehensive \$127 million package over four years to implement recommendations from the Royal Commission. The package will strengthen measures to prevent child sexual abuse, ensure greater access and quality of treatment and support for victims and survivors, strengthen the criminal justice response to child sexual abuse.

NSW Health has received funding of \$67.7 million over 5 years and \$19 million per annum thereafter for the New South Wales response to the Royal Commission. The funding will improve support and treatment for victims and survivors and responses to children with problematic or harmful sexual behaviour.

The Government is continuing to implement its response to the recommendations of the Royal Commission. Enhancements are designed to meet service gaps identified by the Royal Commission and are focused on prevention, early intervention, improving access to therapeutic services, and meeting the needs of groups who are proportionately impacted by sexual abuse.

\*2010 EASTERN SUBURBS RAILWAY ART GALLERY STATION PROPOSAL—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of proposals for a railway station adjacent to the Art Gallery of New South Wales on the Eastern Suburbs Railway line, as discussed in the 2014 Royal Botanic Garden and Domain Draft Master Plan?
  - (a) What consideration has the Government given to a railway station at this location?
- (2) What other options has the Government considered to improve public transport access to the Art Gallery?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to improve transport to this cultural facility in conjunction with the Sydney Modern project planned to be completed in 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) There are no plans to build a railway station adjacent to the Art Gallery of New South Wales. The gallery is already served by Martin Place and St James stations only 500 metres away. In addition, the new Sydney Metro City and Southwest station at Martin Place is expected to further improve visitor access to the gallery.

The Art Gallery of New South Wales is also directly served by the 441 bus route from Town Hall Station, providing convenient access for those with limited mobility.

(2) to (3) Opportunities to provide additional bus services to the Art Gallery of New South Wales will be considered as part of future service planning.

\*2011 PLASTICS EXPOSURE SAFETY CONCERNS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made about the Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute's findings in Environmental Health Perspectives of positive associations between exposure to Bisphenol A (BPA) and Bisphenol S (BPS) and the incidence of type 2 diabetes?
- (2) What liaison has the Government carried out with Food Standards Australia New Zealand about health or safety concerns with BPA and BPS exposure?
- (3) What community education is the Government carrying out about health and safety concerns with BPA and BPS, including with:
  - (a) Food and beverage containers;
  - (b) Thermal cash register receipts?
- (4) What action is the Government taking to educate the community about alternatives to BPA and BPS products?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to protect community health from hazardous plastics?

Answer—

Regulation and monitoring of Bisphenols is the responsibility of Commonwealth agencies, with a number of agencies involved in the safety, regulation and monitoring of Bisphenol in food and other products.

\*2012 ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG SERVICES INNER CITY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What data does the Government collect about demand and supply of alcohol and other drug (AOD) services including:
  - (a) Number of people on wait-lists for services;
  - (b) Average waiting times to access services;
  - (c) Number of alcohol residential rehabilitation beds?
- (2) What is the trend in demand for AOD services in the inner city?
  - (a) How many people access these services each year?
- (3) What proportion of people presenting for help at detoxification and treatment services are turned away due to capacity issues?
- (4) What services does the Government currently provide or fund in the inner city?
  - (a) How many offer:
    - (i) Withdrawal management;
    - (ii) Residential rehabilitation;
    - (iii) Day rehabilitation programs;
    - (iv) Specialist counselling;
    - (v) Group programs?
- (5) What AOD services are provided for parents with children to receive treatment?
- (6) How does the Government assess the level of need for services and whether demand is being met?
  - (a) What additional services have been assessed as being needed?
- (7) What plans does the Government have to increase access to AOD services?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare annual report on alcohol and other drug treatment service activity includes service type, service sector, remoteness area and principal drug of concern.

(3) Waiting times and waiting lists are managed locally and people are assessed according to clinical need to manage demand.

(4) Local health districts and funded non-government services provide a range of treatment, case management and support services. The NSW Health website provides further information about services.

(5) Specialised support is available to pregnant women and their families through the Substance Use in Pregnancy and Parenting Program. NSW Health also funds residential rehabilitation services for women and children and Family Drug Support which provides telephone support to people impacted by a family member's drug use.

(6) and (7) The Government considers factors such as population demographics, changing patterns of drug use, new treatment evidence, funding from different levels of government, local service needs and health system innovation when planning for alcohol and other drug services.

Collected data such as emergency department presentations, hospital admissions, alcohol and other drug treatment service use, and drug related deaths, are also considered.

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The Government has invested an additional \$75 million over four years to increase access to alcohol and other drug treatment services.

The Government has appointed a Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice'. The Special Commissioner will provide his report to the Governor on 28 January 2020, for consideration by the Government.

\*2013 PALLIATIVE CARE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) Since LA Q7488 of the first session of the 56th Parliament, what action has the Government taken to increase access to palliative care, including:
  - (a) Community services;
  - (b) Home-based services;
  - (c) Services for Aboriginal people?
- (2) What community-based palliative care services operate in the inner city?
- (3) What action has the Government taken to increase the number of specialist palliative care trained physicians and nurses?
- (4) What palliative care services operate in the inner city for people with dementia in community and home settings?
- (5) What assessment has the Government made of the successful Nightingale Program in South Australia?
  - (a) How has it been implemented in New South Wales?
- (6) What liaison with the Commonwealth has the Government carried out to streamline care pathways for people with dementia?
- (7) What action has the Government taken to increase the rate of advance care planning and educate the community about this approach?
- (8) What further action does the Government plan to support equitable, evidence-based and accessible palliative care services?

Answer—

As part of the 2019-20 NSW Budget, the Government invested an additional \$45 million over four years to enhance the palliative care workforce and local services. This investment will support the recruitment of 100 palliative care nurses, more Aboriginal health workers, provide digital health solutions to improve access to care in regional and rural communities, and enable capital works refurbishment to have a more home-like environment at local facilities.

This recent investment is in addition to a \$100 million package for palliative care announced as part of the 2017-18 Budget.

The NSW End of Life and Palliative Care Framework 2019-24 was released in February 2019 and outlines the vision and strategic direction for palliative care in NSW. The Framework is available on the NSW Health website.

In New South Wales, palliative care and end of life care is provided across a number of settings, including in hospitals, specialist facilities, in people's homes and community settings. Palliative care services and models of care are designed at a local level to meet the local population needs. This may include targeted approaches for particular population groups such as people with dementia.

NSW Health works with the Commonwealth to streamline care pathways for people with dementia. New South Wales has had significant involvement in the Commonwealth consultation processes to develop the Specialist Dementia Care Program (SDCP). Under this program, the Commonwealth will establish one Specialist Dementia Care Unit (SDCU) within each of the 31 Primary Health Network (PHN) regions across Australia. In New South Wales, clinical support will be provided to residents of these facilities by NSW Health. These units will provide care for people exhibiting very severe behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia (BPSD) who are unable to be effectively cared for by mainstream aged care services.

NSW Health is also a member of the National Dementia Working Group. This group is overseeing the evaluation of the National Framework for Action on Dementia 2015-2019 and the development of an options paper for national strategies to address dementia into the future.

I am advised NSW health is aware of the Nightingale palliative care program for people with dementia that was implemented in Adelaide.

NSW Health provides information and resources on Advance Care Planning (ACP) on its website, and collaborates with other agencies to deliver the Government website Planning Ahead Tools which contains valuable information on Advance Care Planning, Making a Will and appointing an Enduring Guardian.

NSW Health has also produced a 'Making an Advance Care Directive (ACD)' package which will assist people to be confident that their decision and wishes are understood by health care.

\*2014 OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE INDOOR SPACE WAIVER POLICY—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) On what date did the Out of School Hours Care Indoor Space Waiver Policy come into effect?
  - (a) How have the details of the policy been made available to services and potential services?

Answer—

The policy came into effect on 1 July 2019.

Information was provided to sector peak associations at a Before and After School Care Ministerial Round Table on 2 July 2019.

In addition, the following actions have been undertaken:

- Letters have been sent to Outside School Hours Care services who had recently been refused a space waiver, with advice about reapplying under this new policy at no additional cost;
- The Early Childhood Education Directorate website has been updated to provide information on the new policy;
- The Department of Education sent an email to all Principals and services on school sites explaining the new policy.

\*2015 OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE INDOOR SPACE WAIVER POLICY DIMENSIONS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What are the smallest dimensions of indoor space that have been approved under the Out of School Hours Care Indoor Space Waiver Policy?

Answer—

The smallest dimensions of indoor space that have been approved since the Out of School Hours Care in a School Environment Policy statement came in to effect is 2 square metres for each school aged child.

\*2016 OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE INDOOR SPACE WAIVERS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) In relation to the Out of School Hours Care Indoor Space Waiver Policy, as at 20 November 2019 how many services have applied for:
  - (a) a temporary indoor space waiver;
  - (b) an ongoing indoor space waiver?
- (2) How many services as at 20 November 2019 have received:
  - (a) a temporary indoor space waiver;
  - (b) an ongoing indoor space waiver?

Answer—

(1) (a) and (b) From 1 July 2019 to 20 November 2019, the Regulatory Authority received 54 applications (regarding 50 individual services) for waivers in relation to Regulation 107 Indoor Space at Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) services. Over this period, the average processing time for indoor space waivers for OSHC services was less than 20 calendar days, well within the 60 day legislative requirement.

(2) (a) and (b) As at 20 November 2019, 7 applications have been made for a temporary indoor space waiver.

As at 20 November 2019, 47 applications have been made for an ongoing indoor space waiver.

As at 20 November 2019, no services have received a temporary indoor space waiver.

As at 20 November 2019, 5 services have received an ongoing indoor space waiver.

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\*2017 CASTLEREAGH STREET CYCLEWAY—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) As identified in the Government's transport plan five years ago, will the Government immediately fund and build a safe and separated cycleway along Castlereagh Street?
- (2) Given recommendations from the report were not just to ban bikes from tramways, but included the development of safe and rideable alternatives, will the Government deliver this outcome in Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised:

The New South Wales Government recognises that more people than ever before are walking or cycling to work or for leisure and fitness.

Thanks to the strong economic management of the New South Wales Government, we have recently committed to investing a further \$197 million into walking and cycling infrastructure over the next four years. This will bring the Government's total investment to over \$600 million, the largest commitment in the State's history.

The New South Wales Government is committed to continuing to encourage people to walk and cycle as part of their everyday commute. We recognise that not only does it help relieve pressure on our roads and public transport system but walking and cycling are healthy, active ways to travel. By continuing to invest in the construction of new separated paths and infrastructure, we help keep people safe while encouraging more people to take up these modes of travel.

A two-way separated cycleway on Castlereagh Street between Hay and Liverpool streets was opened in 2015. Together with the east-west cycleway on Liverpool Street, this completed the first north-south cycleway connection through the Central Business District (CBD). The New South Wales Government will monitor transport movements in the Sydney CBD following the commencement of services on the CBD and South East Light Rail.

The New South Wales Government will consider any further request for funding for additional cycling infrastructure on Castlereagh Street from the City of Sydney as part of Transport for NSW's annual Active Transport Investment Program. Transport for NSW is continuing to engage with the City of Sydney in this regard.

2018 M4 EAST TOLLING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

\*2019 HEAVY VEHICLE SAFETY—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will the Government require all heavy vehicles be fitted with side underrun protection, blind spot sensors or high visibility cabins to reduce the chance of a cyclist or pedestrian fatality?
- (2) When will Government procurement contracts set these standards?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) All vehicles supplied to the Australian market for use in road travel must comply with safety, security and environmental standards known as the Australian Design Rules (ADRs). ADRs are a matter for the Federal Government.

(2) Transport for NSW is currently considering further improvements to heavy vehicle safety standards on major infrastructure projects. This will complement the Safety, Productivity and Environment Construction Transport Scheme (SPECTS) designed to improve the safety, environmental performance and productivity of heavy vehicles used by the construction industry in New South Wales.

2020 RURAL FIRE SERVICE WOMEN VOLUNTEERS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

\*2021 CYCLING AND TRAMWAY FINES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the proposed fine for a cyclist entering a tramway?
- (2) How will the fine amount compare to an offence of disobeying a No Entry sign?
- (3) When will regulation commence and fines start being issued?
- (4) Will there be a grace period where warnings are issued?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (5) Will there be an education first approach, rather than issuing fines?

Answer—

- (1) The fine for a bicycle rider riding in a tramway is \$268.
- (2) The fine for a bicycle rider disobeying a No Entry sign is \$114.
- (3) and (4) There have been no changes to the tram lane or tramway rules. The regulation introducing fines for tramway offences commenced on 1 February 2019. Prior to this commencing, drivers and riders who committed a tramway offence would have been required to go to court where the maximum penalty for this offence is \$2,200.
- (5) Community education campaigns have been developed and implemented to help the public stay safe around the new CBD and South East Light Rail. This includes the "Heads Up, Play It Safe around Light Rail" campaign which educates the community about how to safely interact with light rail.
- Enforcement is a matter for the NSW Police Force.

\*2022 GEORGE STREET CYCLEWAY—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has the Government consulted with the City of Sydney in regards to its decision to ban cyclists on George Street between Town Hall and Wynyard?
- (2) Given end-of-trip facilities play a significant role in increasing cycling participation rates in the Central Business District, how will the Government work with the City of Sydney to ensure this decision does not impact such facilities?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my answer to LA Q2025, and note that Transport for NSW is working with the City of Sydney on further dedicated cycling options to encourage cycling to and within the Sydney Central Business District (CBD).

2023 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES FUNDING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

2024 RURAL FIRE SERVICE FUNDING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

\*2025 BICYCLE COURIERS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How will the Government support businesses along the Central Business District and Eastern Suburbs light rail route where bicycle couriers are banned from entering the tramways?
- (2) How many deliveries by bicycle are required by businesses along George Street and in surrounding areas?
- (3) Is there a plan for how goods and services could be delivered to premises if bicycle couriers are banned from entering tramways?
- (4) Has there been engagement with businesses to understand the economic impact if bicycle delivery services cease?

Answer—

I am advised:

As with existing rules for the Inner West Light Rail, cyclists are not permitted to ride within the CBD and South East Light Rail tram corridor for safety reasons, including for their own safety. Vehicles and bicycles will only be able to enter the pedestrian zone between Wynyard and Town Hall when accessing a private driveway (or if cyclists dismount).

Cyclists can access the pedestrian zone to make deliveries but will need to dismount and walk in with their bikes from the nearest east west street (Hunter Street, King Street, Market Street, Park/Druitt Street or Bathurst Street) to their destination. This is necessary to ensure the safety of large numbers of pedestrians using the pedestrian zone.

Cyclists can use general traffic lanes along George Street so long as they are travelling in the same direction as vehicular traffic and they are able to ride through Sydney city on a continuous north to south cycleway via Castlereagh, Liverpool and Kent Streets.

Communications material will be distributed to bicycle courier operators. Food delivery companies have been briefed.

\*2026 SELF-FUNDED RETIREE ENERGY REBATE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Customer Service—

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What is the total cost to the Government of managing the "one click energy switch"?

Answer—

The operations costs of Energy Switch for the financial year 19-20 was \$590,000. There have been over 85,000 price comparisons since the inception of the program, with over 10,000 switches initiated. The average annual saving per switch is \$440.

In June this year, gas was added to the service. There have been over 13,000 comparisons and 1,500 initiated switches with an average saving of \$153 per year.

\*2027 TUGGERAH PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLMENTS—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Why is the Department of Education capping enrolments at Tuggerah Public School and reducing the school's classroom capacity considering demand for places at the school continues to grow and the school is the only public education facility located in the Tuggerah growth corridor?

Answer—

The enrolment cap is established centrally based on the number of students that can be enrolled at a school based on the school's permanent classroom accommodation. The permanent classroom accommodation at Tuggerah Public School is not reducing in capacity.

The enrolment cap establishes whether or not the school may have the capacity to accept non-local enrolments. It is not a limit on the number of local enrolments a school can take.

Tuggerah Public School will continue to enrol and accommodate students who live in the local intake area, regardless of the school's enrolment cap status.

\*2028 FERAL CAT CONTROL—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What steps have been taken to protect native species from feral cats?
- (2) Is assistance available to councils to help them control feral cat populations in their area?

Answer—

- (1) Feral cats kill millions of native animals across Australia every night. Cats have contributed to most mammal extinctions in Australia and are recognised as the greatest threat to our surviving mammals. Unfortunately, there is currently no effective broadscale control technique. However, the Government is implementing the following measures to protect native species from feral cats:

- The Government is establishing three large feral-cat free areas, using conservation fencing, into which regionally extinct mammals can be reintroduced. The establishment of a network of large feral cat-free areas is recognised as an essential part of an overall strategy to protect threatened mammals from the impact of cats. Two regionally extinct mammals – the Bilby and the Bridled Nailtail Wallaby – have already been reintroduced.
- Targeted trapping and shooting programs are undertaken to control feral cats in priority areas. Much of this control work occurs under the Government's Saving our Species program and as part of national park management activities.
- The Government is investing \$14.7 million over five years in an applied research project to develop and demonstrate effective feral cat management strategies including baiting.
- New South Wales initiated, and chairs, an intergovernmental working group which will report to Commonwealth and State Environment Ministers on the potential application of synthetic biology (e.g. genetic editing technology) to feral cat control.

- (2) Local Land Services helps local councils and other stakeholders to manage pest animals, including feral cats. This includes planning and coordination, as well as building capacity to undertake pest animal management. Further questions about the role of Local Land Services should be directed to the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales.

2029 RURAL FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL EQUIPMENT—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

\*2030 YARRA BAY CRUISE SHIP TERMINAL—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will the Government make public the strategic documents related to the proposed cruise ship terminal at Yarra Bay?
- (2) Why has the Government not yet released the strategic documents, including the business case, related to building a cruise ship terminal at Yarra Bay?

- (3) Why has the Government not consulted the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council on the development of the cruise ship terminal at Yarra Bay?
  - (a) Considering the potential destruction of significant Aboriginal heritage and culture in Yarra Bay, why does the Government want to build the terminal at this location?
- (4) Considering Newcastle airport is a shared facility, why has the proposal to use Garden Island for the cruise ship terminal been rejected on national security grounds?
- (5) Why is Newcastle Airport currently operational under this shared design if there is a security concern over this design?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Documents prepared for the Strategic Business Case are not publicly available.
- (2) The Strategic Business Case is an internal government document not intended for public release.
- (3) The Port Authority of New South Wales met with representatives of the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council in October 2019 as part of the first round of community engagement. Consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders will continue during the development of the Detailed Business Case.
- (a) The Detailed Business Case will consider a range of matters including technical assessments, economic benefits, traffic impacts, environmental impacts as well as the heritage and cultural values of the sites. While investigations are underway no investment decision has been made regarding a future cruise terminal.
- (4) The Commonwealth Government advised the New South Wales Government in mid-2018 that shared use of Garden Island is not feasible due to significant challenges in managing berth space and infrastructure alongside expanding Navy operations.
- (5) This is a matter for the Commonwealth Government.

\*2031 TAFE PEER TUTORING PROGRAM - RANDWICK TAFE—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Considering the Head Teacher of Literacy of Randwick College advised the Principal of Randwick Boys High School that the TAFE Peer Tutoring Program, run between the TAFE and the school, would not be able to run in 2020 due to changes in staffing within the section and TAFE systems, what are the staff changes that will not allow for the program to run in 2020?
- (2) Will the Minister provide the planning documents that outline the future plan for Randwick TAFE over the next:
  - (a) 12 months;
  - (b) 5 years;
  - (c) 10 years?

Answer—

I am advised by TAFE NSW Randwick that peer tutoring at Randwick Boys High School continues and will commence in Term 2, 2020. The program timetable allows for schools in Term 1 to complete orientation programs, finalise timetables and identify students requiring literacy and numeracy support.

\*2032 ROZELLE INTERCHANGE TUNNELING UNDER 73-79 RYAN STREET, LILYFIELD—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What are the laws around compulsory acquisition depths below people's homes?
- (2) What is the Government or Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) doing to compensate home owners for the immediate devaluation their property after a search of certificates of title by a prospective buyer reveals RMS acquisition with 6 metres only of substratum remaining under their homes?
- (3) How can a limited subsurface depth of 6 metres remaining after acquisition not be a threat to the stability of homes at 73-79 Ryan Street, Lilyfield?
- (4) How can a limited subsurface depth of 6 metres only under 73-79 Ryan Street, Lilyfield after acquisition not be a disadvantage when trying to sell on?
- (5) How will the real impact of this subsurface excavation from 6 metres depth onwards to construct 5 tunnels and a construction zone under 73-79 Ryan Street, Lilyfield, be assessed?
- (6) What assurance can be given that the acquisition of subsurface land below the property at 73-79 Ryan Street, Lilyfield will be limited to 6 meters depth?

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- (7) What are the findings of the geotechnical investigations being conducted in relation to potential damage to properties by contractors gauging subsurface land to construct multiple shallow tunnels under 73-79 Ryan Street, Lilyfield?
- (8) What are the mitigation measures to be implemented in advance of excavation and during tunnel excavation to minimise any impacts of the tunnelling process to properties on the surface at 73-79 Ryan Street, Lilyfield?
- (9) Is it correct that the contractors have approval to tunnel 24 hours a day, seven days a week?
- (10) How many days per week and for how many hours per day will the tunnelling activities occur directly under and in the vicinity of 73-79 Ryan Street, Lilyfield?
- (11) How many truck movements carrying soil will there be per hour, per day during tunnelling?
- (12) With five tunnels and a construction zone proposed directly below 73-79 Ryan Street, Lilyfield, will noise and vibrations generated by tunnelling activities go on five times as long and five times as loud?
- (13) Who sits on the Independent Property Assessment Panel?
  - (a) Is there a member from the community on the panel?
- (14) Is the Minister aware that residents at 73-79 Ryan Street, Lilyfield are currently subject to vibrations, unacceptable levels of noise and pollution from the design investigation work, drilling, potholing and utility work in Ryan Street and from major work including tunnelling being carried out in the Rozelle Rail Yards and on Lilyfield Road?
- (15) Has the Minister given serious consideration to the possibility that the 50 metre high gum tree growing on the nature strip opposite 73-79 Ryan Street, Lilyfield could be uprooted during tunnelling activities and fall over to damage person and property?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW now manages all property acquisitions for the Rozelle Interchange project.

Subsurface land is required to create a path for the tunnel and is acquired in accordance with the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991. Further information about the acquisition process can be found at [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/about/what-we-do/landacquisition.html](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/about/what-we-do/landacquisition.html). These acquisitions are highly unlikely to affect the surface area and any building or other structures.

The construction of tunnels for the Rozelle Interchange will follow well established construction methods used across Sydney for years. The project will be built safely and in compliance with strict conditions set out in the project's planning approval. Extensive monitoring both inside the tunnel and on the surface will detect any ground movement. Every section of newly-excavated tunnel is checked by geotechnical and engineering teams.

Tunnelling will operate 24-hours a day, seven days, with the impact on properties above expected to be minimal and temporary. Vibration and noise levels will depend on factors such as ground conditions, building types, existing background noise levels and the age of the building (older buildings were built to different standards than newer ones). Residents may notice some vibration and noise impacts while construction occurs directly below or near their properties. In most cases, ground-borne noise from tunnelling will be less than the noise of a refrigerator.

As part of the project's conditions of approval, an Independent Property Impact Assessment Panel was established, comprising independent geotechnical and engineering experts. As per the conditions, the panel is responsible for reviewing Condition Survey Reports undertaken pre-construction and post-construction, resolving any property damage disputes and the establishment of ongoing settlement and vibration monitoring requirements.

While no impact to homes is expected, any impact found to be caused by construction will be addressed at no cost to residents.

With regard to 73-79 Ryan Street, Lilyfield, the shallowest tunnel at this location will be 16 metres. Transport for NSW is acquiring substratum to six metres, with the additional 10 metres required for ground support, including rock bolts. Given the tunnel depth, it is highly unlikely the project will impact the stability of the gum tree in question.

\*2033 DRUG SUMMIT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Considering it has been 20 years since the last drug summit, will another summit be held to discuss drug law reform in New South Wales?
  - (a) If so, when will it be held?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice' (methamphetamine) was established on 28 November 2018. It consulted on the prevalence and impact of ice and other illicit amphetamines usership and included a review of existing measures to manage usership through law enforcement, education, treatment, and rehabilitation responses.

Special Commissioner Professor Dan Howard SC will provide his report to the Governor by 18 January 2020. The Government will respond in due course.

2034 YASS VALLEY YOUTH REFUGE CAMPAIGN—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

\*2035 HAZARD REDUCTION BURNING ILLAWARRA ESCARPMENT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

What was the amount of hazard reduction burning undertaken across the Illawarra escarpment area in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2018-19?

Answer—

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) undertook 881 hectares of hazard reduction burning from 2011/12 to 2018/19 in the Dharawal National Park, Budderoo National Park, and Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area.

Hazard reduction by NPWS on the Illawarra escarpment is carried out as part of a co-ordinated approach involving the NSW Rural Fire Service and other relevant agencies. The level of hazard reduction burning carried out is consistent with the relevant Bushfire Risk Management Plan, prepared under the Rural Fires Act 1997, and fire management strategies prepared under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

Over the last four years, NPWS has carried out more than 75 per cent of all prescribed burning in New South Wales. NPWS also carries out other hazard reduction activities such as slashing of woody debris and grass.

\*2036 WESTERN SYDNEY EMPLOYMENT—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

What is the Government's plan to provide jobs across Western Sydney?

Answer—

As part of the commitment by three levels of Government through the Western Sydney City Deal, 200,000 jobs will be created in the Western Parkland City (which includes the Aerotropolis) over the next 20 years. The Aerotropolis will be the catalyst for employment growth in the metropolitan centres of Liverpool, Penrith and Campbelltown, and the

broadier Western Parkland City.

The Government's significant infrastructure spend is aligned to supporting the growth of diverse and high-value jobs, development of high-quality skills, and industry sector specialisations in the region.

\*2037 WESTERN SYDNEY HOSPITALS—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering the population of Western Sydney is forecast to increase by 1.3 million people, what new hospitals is the Government planning to build in the area?

Answer—

The Government has committed more than \$6 billion for health facilities to respond to demand in the Western Sydney region. Information on these projects can be found on the Health Infrastructure website.

NSW Health continues to work with the Greater Sydney Commission and other agencies to consider changes to future health service demand for the region.

\*2038 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Local Government—

(1) What is the Government's plan to ensure the Emergency Services Levy is not a burden on local councils in the 2019-20 financial year?

(a) Will any additional costs be incurred by councils?

Answer—

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In October last year, Parliament approved reforms to workers' compensation entitlements for firefighters, to make it easier for those diagnosed with certain types of cancers to receive immediate medical care, and support for their families. This is an important protection for those who have given service in the past, as well as our present and future emergency services workers.

The New South Wales Government continues to apply the same formula and approach for funding of the emergency services, which has been in place for a number of years under both Labor and Coalition governments.

The New South Wales Government will rebate to councils the first year's payment of the council contribution to the Emergency Services Levy attributable to the presumptive cancer legislation. The total amount of this rebate is \$13.6 million.

\*2039 WESTERN SYDNEY SCHOOLS—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

What new schools is the Government planning to build to provide for the forecast 1.3 million people set to populate Western Sydney?

Answer—

The Department of Education is addressing population growth in the Western Sydney region by providing both new and upgraded schools. This will provide additional learning space for students in the area.

New schools in planning and delivery include:

- East Leppington Public School
- Gregory Hills Primary School
- Catherine Field Primary School
- Edmondson Park (Primary and Secondary School)
- New Primary School (Liverpool Electorate)
- Oran Park Secondary School
- Jordan Springs Public School
- Penrith Lakes Environmental Education Centre
- Fernhill School for Specific Purposes (Completed 2016)
- Wilton Public School (Completed 2016)
- Glenmore Park/Mulgoa Primary School
- Spring Farm Public School
- Arthur Phillip High School
- Westmead New Primary School

The Department is also providing additional learning space through the upgrade of up to 40 schools within the region.

\*2040 WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT FLIGHT PATHS—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

(1) What is the Government's position in relation to the flight paths of the Western Sydney Airport?

(a) What consultations have been undertaken to engage affected communities?

Answer—

The Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development is responsible for the development of flight paths for the future Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport.

The Forum on Western Sydney Airport links the community and stakeholders with the Federal Government and the Western Sydney Airport on the development of flight paths.

\*2041 WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT JET FUEL SUPPLY—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

(1) What is the Government's plan to provide jet fuel to Western Sydney Airport?

(a) What funding has been budgeted to do so?

Answer—

The provision of jet fuel to Western Sydney Airport is a matter for the Federal Government. Preliminary work is currently being undertaken to identify route options for future fuel pipeline connection.

A Deloitte report commissioned by the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities found that on opening in 2026, it will be most cost efficient to deliver fuel to the airport by truck and, on opening, Western Sydney Airport will require five fuel trucks per day.

\*2042 WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT SUPPORT TO LOCAL COUNCILS—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Local Government—

What support and subsequent funding is the Government providing to councils in Western Sydney to ensure the success of Western Sydney Airport?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

\*2043 WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

What is the Government's plan to provide road infrastructure and subsequent connections to Western Sydney Airport from and to the entire Sydney Metropolitan Area?

Answer—

The Commonwealth and New South Wales Governments are investing \$3.6 billion into the Western Sydney Infrastructure Fund which will deliver major road projects providing improved access to the Western Sydney Airport such as Northern Road, Bringelly Road, Camden Valley Way and the M12.

These projects will link to the M4, M5 and M7, connecting into the current Sydney road network.

\*2044 WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT RAIL CONNECTION—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

What is the Government's position on connecting Western Sydney Airport to the city via heavy rail?

Answer—

As part of the Western Sydney City Deal, the Commonwealth and New South Wales Governments have committed to deliver Stage 1 of Sydney Metro Greater West for the opening of Western Sydney Airport in 2026. This will connect the airport with the T1 line at St Marys.

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\*2045 HUNTER VALLEY FLOOD MITIGATION SCHEME—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) Have inspections of the Hunter Valley Flood Mitigation Scheme (HVFMS) during 2019 identified any drought-related damage to the levees or associated infrastructure?

(2) How much money was spent on capital works upgrades to the HVFMS during each of the 2015-16 to 2018-19 financial years?

(3) How much money was spent on maintenance work to the HVFMS during each of the 2015-16 to 2018-19 financial years?

(4) When was the most recent engineering report on the current structural integrity of the HVFMS provided to the Government?

(a) What action items were identified in that engineering report?

(5) What is current status of flood gate inspections and repairs within the HVFMS (as at 21 November 2019)?

Answer—

These questions should be referred to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing.

\*2046 NEWCASTLE-SINGLETON RAIL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) How will NSW TrainLink provide the additional services for the Newcastle-Singleton train trial from 5 January 2020?

(2) Will extra trains be used to supplement the Hunter Rail Car/Endeavour fleet?

(a) If so, where will the extra trains be sourced from?

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- (3) Will there be changes to the existing Hunter Line timetable?
- (4) How many Hunter Line timetable changes are required to accommodate the Newcastle-Singleton train trial?
- (5) When will the revised timetable be made available for Maitland commuters to assess the impact on their weekday and weekend travel plans?
- (6) What consultation process has there been surrounding the services?
- (7) What evaluation of the new services regime will be undertaken?
- (8) When will the new service be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The two additional daily return services from Singleton to Newcastle will be provided using existing fleet.

The addition of these services will not impact existing Hunter Line services and there will be no change to the timetable outside of these new services. The extra services will be added as a single timetable change on 5 January 2020.

In developing a new service plan for Singleton, consultation was undertaken with Singleton Council, local advocacy groups and community representatives.

A number of factors will be taken into consideration when evaluating the additional services including patronage, reliability and customer satisfaction.

\*2047 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Treasurer—

- (1) How many public sector agencies were located in the Maitland electorate as at 21 November 2019?
- (2) In each financial year from 2010-11 to 2019-20 (to 21 November 2019), what was the total number of employees from the Maitland electorate employed by the Treasury cluster, by department?

Answer—

This question is more appropriately directed to individual portfolio Ministers and cluster secretaries. The Treasury cluster does not have any offices in the Maitland electorate.

\*2048 RAWORTH BACKLOG SEWER SERVICES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Has the Minister received any briefing or request from Hunter Water regarding the Raworth backlog sewer scheme since April 2019 (as at 21 November 2019)?
- (2) Given that then Minister, the Hon. Niall Blair MLC, advised Cessnock City Council in writing on 19 December 2016 that Raworth was among proposed locations for backlog sewer after the Wyee scheme's completion in 2020, what preparation and planning work has Hunter Water undertaken on this project since 19 December 2016 (as at 21 November 2019)?
- (3) Does the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Review of Developer Charges and Backlog Sewerage Charges for Metropolitan Water Agencies provide any commentary on one-off funding arrangements by Government to provide the capital cost towards sewerage of unsewered areas?
- (4) What are the current impediments to a Ministerial Direction to have Hunter Water progress plan for the Raworth backlog sewer scheme to service the 52 properties that are currently unsewered?
- (5) How many other estates in Maitland are not sewerage?
  - (a) What arrangements are in place to deliver sewer to these areas?

Answer—

I am advised:

That this information is available within IPART's 2018 Final Determination 'Maximum prices for connecting, or upgrading a connection, to a water supply, sewerage, or drainage system, Sydney Water, Hunter Water and Central Coast Council', and Hunter Water Corporation's submission to IPART's 2018 review, which are both available on IPART's website.

\*2049 Q FEVER—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many confirmed cases of Q Fever have been reported in each financial year between 2011-12 and 2019-20 (as at 21 November 2019)?
- (2) How many people in New South Wales have been vaccinated against Q Fever in each financial year between 2011-12 and 2019-20 (as at 21 November 2019)?
- (3) How many people have died as a result of being infected by Q Fever in each financial year between

2011-12 and 2019-20 (as at 21 November 2019)?

Answer—

- (1) Statistics on notifications of Q fever are available on the NSW Health website.
- (2) This information is not available to NSW Health.
- (3) I am advised the Australian Bureau of Statistics provide this data, which is on a calendar year basis.

\*2050 SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many school zone signs without flashing lights are there currently in the Maitland electorate (as at 21 November 2019)?
  - (a) Which schools in the Maitland electorate have school zone signs without flashing lights?
- (2) What is the anticipated cost of the manufacture, installation and maintenance of a school zone sign with flashing lights?
- (3) Does Transport for NSW have plans to install further school zone signs with flashing lights in the Maitland electorate?
  - (a) If so when and what schools will this occur in?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is committed to improving the safety of all road users, especially the most vulnerable members of our community, our children.

The Government has implemented a safe system in New South Wales school zones, in which a 40 kilometres per hour speed limit applies and high visibility safety treatments like signage, road markings and flashing lights are in place. Higher fines and demerit points also apply within school zones.

Every school in New South Wales has at least one set of school zone flashing lights, and there are additional flashing lights at more than 500 schools with multiple entrances. Over 6,000 school zone flashing lights are now in place to warn motorists when they enter a 40 kilometres per hour school zone.

There are 61 school zone flashing lights signs in the Maitland electorate, protecting students at 34 schools. The cost of installing flashing lights varies, depending on the conditions in each school zone. Transport for NSW installs flashing lights in all new school zones.

\*2051 ON-FARM EMERGENCY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE REBATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Has the Minister made representations to the Commonwealth on extending the On-Farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate to vegetable growers?
  - (a) If not, why has the Minister not done so?
- (2) What is included in the Government's drought assistance plan for vegetable growers in the case that their water allocations are exhausted?
- (3) What is the current value of the vegetable producing industry to the New South Wales economy?

Answer—

- (1) I have made representations to the Commonwealth regarding the horticultural and cropping sectors. The scheme has since been expanded to include Horticulturalists with permanent plantings.
- (2) Vegetable growers may be eligible for a range of financial assistance, including the Emergency Drought Relief (EDR) Transport Subsidy, the Drought Assistance Fund (OAF) loan, and the Farm Innovation Fund (FIF) loan. Information about accessing alternative water supplies can be found at: [www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/allocations-availability](http://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/allocations-availability).
- (3) The value of the New South Wales vegetable industry was \$498 million in 2017-18, and is estimated by DPI to have increased by 1.6 per cent to reach \$505.8 million in 2018-19.

2052 NSW FIREARMS PERMIT APPLICATIONS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

\*2053 MAITLAND-SINGLETON EXPRESS BUS SERVICE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many passengers used the route 180X Maitland to Singleton bus between 28 August 2018 and 28 August 2019?
- (2) What is the future of the 180X Maitland-Singleton bus services when the Singleton-Newcastle Hunter Line train trial commences on 5 January 2020?

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- (3) Has any arrangement been made between Transport for NSW and its contracted bus operator, Hunter Valley Buses, regarding the future of the 12 Lochinvar services each week which are part of the 180X timetable?
- (4) What is the Opal tap-on/tap-off data for Lochinvar stops 1 July 2018-30 June 2019 including bus stops (ID: 232132, 232133, 232134, 232135, 232136, 232137, 2320164, 2321168, 2321169, 232170, 232171, 232172, 232173)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) 2,382.

(2) Transport for NSW will monitor the patronage of the 180X service and work with Hunter Valley Buses to implement any required changes.

(3) No.

(4) The numbers below include taps with an Opal card, school student travel and on-board cash ticket sales. Tap-off figures are low because many schoolchildren do not tap off.

Bus stop usage: 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

Stop no.	Description	Boardings	Tap Off
232132	New England Hwy opp. All Saints College	23,442	3,507
232133	Lochinvar Public School, New England Hwy	7,407	1,447
232134	New England Hwy opp. Windermere Rd	207	307
232135	New England Hwy at Windermere Rd	1,374	208
232136	New England Hwy opp. Lochinvar Public School	395	115
232137	All Saints College, New England Hwy	30,056	12,726
232170	New England Hwy opp. River Rd	23	204
232171	New England Hwy at Walkers Hill Lane	6	78
232172	Walkers Hill Lane opp. New England Hwy	161	4
232173	New England Hwy at River Rd	1,001	394
2320164	New England Hwy opp. Oswald Rd	4	131
2321168	New England Hwy opp. 768	1	18
2321169	New England Hwy opp. Harpers Hill Lane	78	1

\*2054 DOONSIDE RAILWAY STATION RELOCATION PLANS—Mr Stephen Bali asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Is the Government contemplating any plans to relocate Doonside Railway Station from its current location?

Answer—

I am advised:

No.

\*2055 BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL FLAMMABLE CLADDING—Mr Stephen Bali asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Will the relevant Government representative provide the necessary evidence to Blacktown City Council as to the safety of the cladding on the Blacktown Hospital buildings, considering the list of buildings to be investigated due to potential cladding safety concerns provided to Blacktown City Council?

Answer—

I am advised the appropriate information can be provided to Blacktown City Council upon request.

\*2056 PUBLIC SECTOR ROLES IN CESSNOCK—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Premier representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) In order to implement the 2019-20 Budget, how many public sector roles in the Cessnock electorate will be reduced or cut?
- (2) Which specific departments/agencies located in the Cessnock electorate will be impacted by reductions/cuts to public sector roles?

Answer—

I am advised,

Questions relating to the budget are a matter for the Treasurer.

Matters relating to employment in individual departments are the responsibility of the portfolio Ministers and cluster secretaries.

\*2057 HOMELESSNESS IN HUNTER REGION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many homeless people have been housed in the Hunter region in the 2017-18 financial year?
- (2) How many homeless people have been housed in the Hunter region in the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 financial years?

Answer—

I am advised, the number of homeless people housed in the Hunter New England District for the financial years, 2017-18, 2016-17 and 2015-16 can be found on Dashboard 4 on the Department of Communities and Justice website at [www.dcj.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au).

\*2058 BARNARD RIVER SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) With regard the Barnard River Scheme which was constructed between 1983 and 1985, is the pipeline which feeds into a tributary of the Hunter River currently operational and in use?
  - (a) When was the latest water transfer initiated?
- (2) Who is the current owner of the scheme?
  - (a) Has this ownership changed since construction?
- (3) What is the volume of water trigger in the Hunter River for Bayswater Power Station to utilise the scheme?
  - (a) How many times has this been required since 2003?
  - (b) What volume of water was transferred in each of these periods?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The pipeline is not currently operational.

(a) The last water transfer occurred in the water year ending June 2011.

(2) AGL Macquarie Pty Limited

(a) Yes. AGL Macquarie Pty Ltd acquired the Barnard River Scheme as part of the purchase of Macquarie Generation Assets in September 2014. Prior to purchase, the Barnard Scheme was operated by Macquarie Generation, a State Owned Corporation.

(3) and (3) (a) There is no water trigger within the Hunter Valley for Bayswater Power Station to use the scheme.

Financial Yearh (July to June) Ending	ML extracted
2011	19,571
2010	13,188
2009	20,544
2008	26,735
2007	1,798
2006	4,405

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\*2059 EXPRESS PASSENGER TRAIN (XPT) FLEET CENTRE PINS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Where will the replacement centre pins in the express passenger train (XPT) locomotive fleet be manufactured?

(a) Where will the work of replacing the pins take place?

Answer—

I am advised:

The replacement centre pins for the XPT fleet are manufactured by Bradken Pty Ltd, located in Ipswich, Queensland.

Work to replace the pins is performed by Sydney Trains fleet maintenance staff at Sydenham Maintenance Centre.

As at 25 November 2019, 10 centre pins have been delivered and installed in XPT power cars (2 pins per car); meaning over 25 per cent of the fleet (5 of 19 power cars) have new centre pins.

The remaining centre pins will be delivered and installed progressively until all pins across the fleet have been replaced.

\*2060 SPEED HUMPS ON CLASSIFIED STATE ROADS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) How many speed humps used as a traffic speed calming measure are located on classified State roads?

(a) What suburbs are they located in?

(b) Do they all have a 25 kilometre speed limit?

(c) Is the Local Council consulted prior to the decision to install?

(d) Are Police consulted prior to the decision to install?

(e) Is the community consulted prior to the decision to install?

(f) Are Schools, businesses and residents in the immediate vicinity consulted prior to install?

(2) How many have been installed since 1 July 2016 (as at 21 November 2019)?

(3) How many have been removed since 1 July 2016 (as at 21 November 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW does not maintain an active registry of speed humps used as a traffic speed calming measure on classified State roads.

Where proposed works directly impact the community or customers, Transport for NSW undertakes community and stakeholder engagement. In the case of roadworks, the Local Traffic Committees, which are convened by councils and with representation from Police, are used for feedback from councils and Police. Community consultation is driven by the approval process where community notification/consultation is required.

\*2061 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN CESSNOCK—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

What road improvements are currently underway within the Cessnock electorate as of 25 October 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

Cessnock City Council completed spray seal works on the State Road network during the week of 11 November 2019. These works were completed on behalf of Transport for NSW under the Regional Maintenance Council Contract.

2062 WESTON FIRE STATION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

\*2063 EXPRESS PASSENGER TRAIN (XPT) FLEET—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) How many locomotives are in the express passenger train (XPT) fleet?

(2) How many carriages are in the XPT fleet?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question was asked of the Minister for Transport and Roads, but has been referred to me, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, for response.

The XPT fleet comprises 19 power cars and 60 carriages.

\*2064 UPPER NEPEAN SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Is there a long term strategic plan for the Upper Nepean Scheme?
  - (a) If yes, when was the current strategic plan finalised?
    - (i) When was the strategic plan last reviewed?
    - (ii) When is the strategic plan next scheduled for review?
  - (b) If yes, are the affected Local Government Areas asked for input by Water NSW?
    - (i) Is the strategic plan made public and where can it be located?
  - (c) If no, has a long term strategic plan been considered?
    - (i) When was this decision last reviewed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
  - (a) 2017.
    - (i) 2017.
    - (ii) 2020-21.
  - (b) For relevant sections.
    - (i) Not at this time.
  - (c) Not applicable.

\*2065 FIRE HAZARD REDUCTIONS GEORGES RIVER—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Have fire hazard reductions taken place in and around the bushland areas surrounding the Georges River near the suburbs of Glenfield, Long Point, Minto Heights, as well as the Leacock Regional Park?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If so, on what dates did these fire hazard reductions take place?

Answer—

- (1) Leacock Regional Park is the only national park reserve surrounding the Georges River near the suburbs of Glenfield, Long Point and Minto Heights. Extensive mechanical fuel reduction is undertaken in Asset Protection Zones. These Zones are treated twice annually in accordance with the fire management strategy for the reserve.
  - (a) The National Parks and Wildlife Service has completed the required planning to implement a hazard reduction burn. A hazard reduction burn will occur when weather and vegetation conditions are suitable.
  - (b) Not applicable.

\*2066 SECONDARY MATHEMATICS TEACHERS VACANCIES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) As at 21 November 2019, how many vacancies were there of suitably qualified and accredited secondary mathematics teachers in New South Wales public schools:
  - (a) Across New South Wales;
  - (b) In the Macquarie Fields electorate?

Answer—

- (1) As at 21 November 2019,
  - (a) Across New South Wales there were 89 vacant mathematics teaching positions with a total of 88.6 FTE.
  - (b) In the Macquarie Fields electorate there was one vacant mathematics position with an FTE of

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\*2067 CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ELIGIBILITY MACQUARIE FIELDS ELECTORATE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) How many residents in the Macquarie Fields electorate are eligible for the Government's Creative Kids vouchers rebates?
  - (a) Of those who are eligible, how many have claimed Creative Kids vouchers?
- (2) How many organisations in the Macquarie Fields electorate are registered as providers and are eligible to receive the Creative Kids vouchers?
  - (a) Of these registered providers, how many offer activities categorised as:
    - (i) Visual arts;
    - (ii) Creative industries;
    - (iii) Literary and linguistic arts;
    - (iv) Performing arts?
- (3) How many organisations in the Macquarie Fields electorate have applied to be providers as of 21 November 2019?
  - (a) How many of these applications have been approved?
  - (b) How many of these applications have been declined and why?

Answer—

(1) Service NSW does not have data related to eligibility of New South Wales families. If you are a parent, carer or guardian, the student will be eligible if they are:

- a New South Wales resident;
- aged between 4.5 and 18 years;
- enrolled in school (from Kindergarten to Year 12, including those who are home-schooled or enrolled in secondary school education at TAFE NSW)
- a current Medicare card holder.

(a) As of 21 November, a total of 2,671 vouchers have been created on behalf of children attending schools in the Macquarie Fields electorate with 879 vouchers being redeemed by local providers.

(2) 15.

(a) The number of activities offered by these registered providers in each of the below categories are:

Visual arts	1
Creative industries	2
Literary and linguistics arts	6
Performing arts	14
Cultural experiences	0

(3) Seventeen organisations have applied to be providers in the Macquarie Fields electorate as of 21 November 2019?

(a) 15.

(b) No providers have been rejected. Three programs from two providers are awaiting a response from the provider to complete the registration process.

\*2068 TUGGERAH LAKES EXPERT REVIEW COMMITTEE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Has a \$200,000 Expert Review Committee been formed to review the health of Tuggerah Lakes?
  - (a) What process will be used to form it?
  - (b) If so, what action has the Committee taken to date?
  - (c) If not, when will this Committee be established to conduct the Review?

Answer—

- (1) Formation of the Committee is in progress.
  - (a) The Committee is being established according to the processes outlined in the Government Board and Committee Guidelines and the Appointment Standards – Boards and Committees in the NSW Public Sector.
  - (b) Not applicable.
  - (c) The Guidelines establish the process for forming a new committee. This process is underway to

ensure the committee is formed as soon as possible.

\*2069 CRITICAL COMMUNICATIONS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Customer Service—

Why has the Government only provided two-thirds of the funding necessary for the Critical Communications Enhancement Program, which is needed to improve communications relied on by the Rural Fire Service and other emergency services?

Answer—

Consistent with best practice infrastructure delivery the Critical Communications Enhancement Program is being delivered in stages. Each preceding stage underpins the business case for the final stage of the full statewide rollout.

2070 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL EXPANSION BUSINESS CASE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

\*2071 WAIT TIMES FOR CHEMOTHERAPY AT THE MATER HOSPITAL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) What is the current wait time to receive chemotherapy at Newcastle's Mater Hospital?

(2) What action is being taken to reduce the wait times for chemotherapy at Newcastle's Mater Hospital?

Answer—

The timeframes for chemotherapy treatment are clinically determined according to the Medical Oncology Group of Australia guidelines for cancer treatment. These guidelines state that appropriate timeframes can vary from two days to eight weeks from presentation, depending on the patient's diagnosis, treatment and condition.

Patients requiring urgent, life-saving treatment are always seen immediately. All chemotherapy appointments are reviewed daily and are moved forward wherever possible.

\*2072 LAND CLEARING IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) How many hectares of land were cleared in New South Wales in each of the following years:

- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2012;
- (c) 2013;
- (d) 2014;
- (e) 2015;
- (f) 2016;
- (g) 2017;
- (h) 2018;
- (i) 2019 (as at 21 November 2019)?

(2) What action is being taken to reduce land clearing in New South Wales?

Answer—

(1) Land clearing rates for 2010-11 to 2017-18 are published at [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/native-vegetation/reports-and-resources/reports](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/native-vegetation/reports-and-resources/reports).

Data for 2018-19 is not yet available.

(2) The land management and biodiversity conservation laws provide protections and safeguards to help ensure clearing does not exceed levels inconsistent with the principles of ecologically sustainable development. For example:

- the Land Management (Native Vegetation) Code 2018 does not permit clearing activities on sensitive land and only restricted activities are allowed on vulnerable land
- set asides are established in perpetuity if certain types of vegetation are cleared.

In addition, the land management and biodiversity conservation laws:

- have expanded the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme to facilitate ecologically sustainable development
- provide financial incentive for landholders to conserve biodiversity on their land
- protect native plants and animals through the Saving our Species program.

The Government is also investing in compliance and monitoring systems to improve the detection of

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unexplained clearing.

\*2073 LOCAL SPORT DEFIBRILLATOR GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

How many defibrillators have been provided to sport clubs in the Newcastle electorate through the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program (as at 21 November 2019)?

Answer—

Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program information can be found in the Office of Sport's annual reports.

\*2074 NEWCASTLE CRUISE TERMINAL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer—

(1) Has the \$12.7 million for the Newcastle Cruise Terminal been withdrawn?

(a) If so, why?

Answer—

No.

\*2075 HUNTER SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

(1) Considering the draft concept plan for the Hunter Sports and Entertainment Precinct was released in July 2017, when will the final plan be released?

(a) Has Cabinet considered the final plan?

(b) If the final plan has not been finalised, when will it be finalised?

(2) Has funding been found to complete the strategic business case for the Hunter Sports and Entertainment Precinct?

(3) Considering the Hunter Sports and Entertainment Precinct is considered the next key site for major sporting and economic development in Greater Newcastle, why has the masterplan process stalled?

Answer—

A Strategic Business Case is currently being finalised for submission.

\*2076 NEWCASTLE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT BUSINESS CLOSURES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

(1) Have a large number of businesses recently closed in the Newcastle Central Business District?

(2) Can the Minister confirm if the Newcastle Diggers RSL Club, which has been operating for 99 years, is closing in early December?

(3) What assistance is being provided to struggling businesses in Newcastle?

Answer—

The Government is delivering a \$93 billion infrastructure program across New South Wales. This program is delivering new and upgraded schools, hospitals, roads, rail and more. In addition to creating jobs, delivering better services and connecting communities, this investment is creating opportunities for small businesses to grow and get ahead.

For example, The Newcastle Light Rail is a high capacity, frequent and reliable service through the city centre, connecting key activity precincts and opening up great renewal opportunities.

More than 3,000 individuals worked on the site, most being locals. The project employs more than 20 people on an ongoing basis, including drivers and operational control centre staff.

Light rail will play an important role in keeping the city moving, and reducing congestion into the future.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Counts survey, released each year in February, shows the business entries and exits for the financial year prior. The most recent release shows an increase of 769 businesses in the Newcastle Local Government Area from June 2017 to June 2018.

The Government notes that the Newcastle Herald recently reported that the Board of the Newcastle Diggers RSL Club voted to close the club on December 2.

The Government is committed to supporting businesses across the state, including those in Newcastle.

The Government provides a wide range of services to support businesses to grow, which includes the following:

- Exploring opportunities for further taxation relief to encourage growth - for example through the raising of the payroll tax threshold, up to \$1 million in 2021-22

- Investing in new skills for business - through programs such as Smart and Skilled which offers fully subsidised business management, digital or financial skills training for New South Wales small businesses
- Creating fair procurement opportunities - through encouraging small business participation in government contracts under the Small to Medium Enterprise (SME) and Regional Procurement Policy
- Enabling better access to cash flow and capital - through faster payment terms for small businesses doing business with government
- Making it easier to start a business - through the Easy to Do Business Program, by reducing red tape and digitising and streamlining the processes required to set up a small retail business such as a cafe or restaurant
- Providing tools to build resilient businesses - through the Business Connect Program which provides general fee-free business advisory services to small businesses in New South Wales
  - Over the past 12 months, Business Connect services have supported over 1,700 small businesses across the Hunter and Central Coast. Small businesses in the region have received over 7,600 hours of one to one advice, including at 67 events across the region.

The Government also supports small business through the NSW Small Business Commissioner, who is an independent advocate for small businesses. The NSW Small Business Commission engages closely with industry to monitor issues faced by small businesses across the state.

2077 NEWCASTLE PORT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

\*2078 MURRAY-DARLING BASIN PLAN ICAC REPORT—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Premier representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Has the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) finalised its investigation into alleged corruption and water theft under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, following referrals to ICAC on this matter in July 2017?
  - (a) If not, when is this investigation likely to be finalised?
- (2) Why has information on the progress of this investigation not been made publicly available?
- (3) Will the Government make the final report on this investigation publicly available?

Answer—

The Independent Commission against Corruption (ICAC) is an independent statutory body which reports directly to the Parliament. The Government cannot, nor should it attempt to, direct the ICAC in the exercise of its functions.

The ICAC provides any reports it prepares in relation to investigations to the Presiding Officer of each House of Parliament.

2079 MOAMA POLICE STATION CAPITAL WORKS FEMALE TOILET—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

\*2080 BIOSECURITY MANAGEMENT PLAN FARM ENTRY—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Considering the NSW Department of Primary Industries' requirement for people entering areas where a Biosecurity Management Plan applies to comply with the plan, can a farmer deny entry to the following officials if they fail to comply with the measures outlined in the farmer's Biosecurity Management Plan:
  - (a) Water corporation official;
  - (b) Member of a joint water supply scheme?

Answer—

The NSW Department of Primary Industries' imposes no such requirement.

\*2081 RECYCLED WATER—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What cost-benefit analysis has the Government conducted regarding recycling water for non-potable use?
- (2) What cost-benefit analysis has the Government conducted regarding treating wastewater and grey-water to drinking standards?
- (3) How does this analysis compare recycling to desalination and recycling storm-water?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to expand existing water recycling schemes in New South

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- (5) What plans does the Government have to provide information and education about water recycling given misinformation and concerns expressed in other jurisdictions?
- (6) Noting the January 2018 IPART decision, will the Government remove financial disincentives for commercial water recycling operators to provide recycled water in residential developments?
- (7) What assessment has the Government made about the benefits of dual plumbing of new buildings and developments to provide for recycled water distribution?
- (8) What further plans does the Government have to secure Sydney's future water supply?

Answer—

I am advised:

My department and Sydney Water will be carrying out analysis of rainfall independent sources of water that can be used to supplement the water supply. This will include water recycling for non-potable uses. The analysis will be prepared in 2020.

The analysis for water recycling options will also be compared to other rainfall independent sources of water such as desalination.

Sydney Water's price submission to IPART notes that there is an opportunity to double water recycling over the next 25 years. The Government will be considering this potential in more detail in 2020. Seeking community input is an integral part of the Government's consideration in how we assess the opportunities for water recycling.

In response to the IPART determination, the Government commissioned an independent review to identify barriers to investment in cost-effective recycling. That review found that the methodology underlying IPART's January 2018 wholesale pricing determination was sound and provided the correct signal for cost effective investment in recycled water.

In line with the 2017 Metropolitan Water Plan, the Government and water utilities are undertaking the following measures to secure Sydney's water supply:

- Switching on the Sydney Desalination Plan in January 2019, which reached full production in July 2019.
- Introducing Level 1 and Level 2 water restrictions in June 2019 and December 2019 respectively,
- Instituting water transfers from the Shoalhaven River to the Sydney water supply.
- Recommissioning deep water pumping infrastructure at Nepean and Warragamba Dams that was built, but never used, during the Millennium Drought.
- Providing recycled water through Sydney Water's existing recycled water schemes that supply about 43 billion litres of water a year.
- Investing an additional \$6 million to expand Sydney Water's household WaterFix program, a subsidised service to fix leaking taps and to install water efficient showerheads.
- Reducing water network leakage by investing \$30 million per year over the past two years to deploy additional Sydney Water work crews on the ground and increasing active leak detection by 40 per cent.

\*2082 ISOLATED AND REMOTE CHILDREN COMPUTERS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What is the estimated cost of providing a pre-school child in one of the programs provided by either the School of the Air at Broken Hill or the Department of Education at Dubbo with the same specification of computer as is provided for a kindergarten child who is educated in an isolated and remote location?

Answer—

A school base (T4L) laptop on contract is \$696.31. The associated on-site infrastructure required to facilitate connectivity, support and maintenance of this computer for a new remote home site, distance education student, is an additional \$5,785.

2083 PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION REMOTE AND ISOLATED HOMES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

\*2084 FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ISOLATED AND REMOTE EDUCATION—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What financial support is available to assist with travel costs for the face-to-face components of programs for pre-school children provided by the School of the Air at Broken Hill or the Department of Education at Dubbo?

Answer—

There is no financial assistance available centrally to assist with travel costs for the face-to-face components of distance education programs for pre-school children.

Principals have access to discretionary funds to support student needs, if required.

2085 FUNDING FOR RETAINING WALL FOR NEW LAMBTON HEIGHTS INFANTS SCHOOL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

\*2086 FUNDING FOR DRAINAGE ASSOCIATED WITH SURFACE RENEWAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Why has the Department of Education not provided money for Glendore Public School to do earthworks and drainage associated with the surface renewal of an existing multi-purpose court?

Answer—

The multi-purpose court at Glendore Public School is currently operational and being maintained.

\*2087 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS TO FUND UPGRADES TO STORMWATER NETWORK—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Are there any plans to give Hunter Water the regulatory requirement to fund upgrades to the stormwater network they own so they can address the flooding issues in the Wallsend Central Business District?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under its legislative framework, Hunter Water Corporation's primary regulatory document is its Operating Licence. This document is prepared independently of Government by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). Hunter Water Corporation's current Operating Licence expires on 30 June 2022, and I am advised that IPART will commence an End of Term review in early 2021.

2088 IMPOUNDING OF UNREGISTERED DIRTBKES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

\*2089 FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT A SHOWER AND CHANGE ROOM FOR PARENTS AND CARERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Why did the Government not provide funding for Hunter New England Health District to construct a shower/change room for parents and carers in the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at the John Hunter Hospital?

Answer—

\$14.9 million in funding was provided to Hunter New England Local Health District for the construction of the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit.

\*2090 FUNDING FOR WALLSEND PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Why has the Department of Education not provided funding for Wallsend Public School to renovate the existing eight girls toilets to improve their appearance, hygiene and amenity?

Answer—

The Department of Education has a well-defined maintenance strategy that ensures all statutory and preventive maintenance is completed as the first priority to ensure our schools are safe and compliant.

Planned maintenance is undertaken in parallel and in consultation with the school Principal.

I am advised that the toilets at Wallsend Public School are currently in excellent condition.

\*2091 FUNDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF AN UNSAFE KITCHEN—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

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Why has the Department of Education not provided funding for Shortland Public School to remove an old unsafe kitchen from the school hall and build a new one?

Answer—

Under the Department of Education's normal life cycle calculations, the kitchen in the hall at Shortland Public School is timetabled for refurbishment in 2024-2025. It is not currently in use but is in a safe condition. The school also has a canteen in Block A that is in satisfactory condition.

\*2092 CENTRAL COAST ADDITIONAL SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) How many additional social housing homes have been constructed or acquired in each year from 2012 - 2019 (as at 21 November 2019), broken down by type of addition (constructed or acquired) and number of bedrooms, in:

- (a) Swansea;
- (b) Wyong;
- (c) The Entrance;
- (d) Gosford;
- (e) Terrigal?

Answer—

I am advised the number of social housing homes which have been constructed or acquired in each of the financial years from 2012 to 2019 broken down by the number of bedrooms. Please see Appendix A.

\*2093 CENTRAL COAST SOCIAL HOUSING TOTAL STOCK—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) What was the total number of social housing homes in each year from 2012 to 2019 (as at 21 November 2019), broken down by number of bedrooms, located in:

- (a) Swansea;
- (b) Wyong;
- (c) The Entrance;
- (d) Gosford;
- (e) Terrigal?

Answer—

I am advised the total number of social housing homes in each of the financial years from 2012 to 2019, broken down by number of bedrooms. Please see Appendix B.

\*2094 WATER SUPPLY STANDING AND USAGE CHARGES—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

What are the standing charges and the usage charges paid by consumers of domestic potable water in each Local Government area in the state?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government's local water utility performance monitoring online portal (<https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/water-utilities/lwu-performance-monitoring-data>) provides information on annual (standing) charges and usage charges paid by consumers of domestic potable water supplied by council local water utilities in regional New South Wales.

The table in Appendix C also sets out the charges levied by each council local water utility in 2018-19.

2095 CENTRAL COAST FIREFIGHTING RESOURCES—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

2096 THE ENTRANCE POLICE STATION UPGRADE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

\*2097 CENTRAL COAST SOCIAL HOUSING REMOVAL—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) How many social housing homes have been removed from use in each year from 2012 to 2019 (as at 21 November 2019), broken down by number of bedrooms, in:

- (a) Swansea;
- (b) Wyong;
- (c) The Entrance;
- (d) Gosford;
- (e) Terrigal?

Answer—

I am advised:

The number of social housing homes removed (demolished for redevelopment, sale, or homes no longer head leased) in each of the financial years from 2012 to 2019, broken down by number of bedrooms in Appendix D.

- 2098 AUSLAN INTERPRETERS DURING TELEVISED EMERGENCY BRIEFINGS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2099 STACEY STREET AND FAIRFORD ROAD UPGRADE STAGE 1 COMPULSORY ACQUISITIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2100 BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- \*2101 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—
- (1) How many people in the 2019-20 financial year to date (as at 21 November 2019) have presented to the Bankstown Hospital Emergency Department and have been triaged with a mental health related issue?
- (a) How many of these people received a mental health assessment?
  - (b) How many of these people were admitted into Banks House?
  - (c) How many were referred to the community?
  - (d) How many left the Emergency Department prior to being assessed by a mental health clinician?
  - (e) How many received no further treatment or referral?

Answer—

From 1 July to 30 November 2019, 811 people were identified as mental health patients and received an assessment. Of these more than half required no further referral, 25 per cent were admitted to Banks House Inpatient Mental Health Unit and the remainder referred to Community Mental Health services, with one patient leaving the Emergency Department before being assessed.

- 2102 STACEY STREET AND THE HUME HIGHWAY, BANKSTOWN UPGRADE COMPULSORY ACQUISITION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2103 STACEY STREET AND HUME HIGHWAY, BANKSTOWN UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2104 STACEY STREET AND FAIRFORD ROAD UPGRADES STAGE 2—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2105 METRO CITY AND SOUTHWEST SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN SECTION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- \*2106 BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE CLASS 2 BUILDING COMPLAINTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Have any complaints been made to the Minister or his Department about the design and/or construction of Class 2 buildings within the Bankstown electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has not received specific complaints or representations relating to the design or construction of Class 2 buildings within the Bankstown electorate.

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- 2107 BUS SERVICES CONTRACT OSMBSC 01—Mr Chris Minns to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2108 BUS SERVICES CONTRACT OSMBSC 02—Mr Chris Minns to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2109 BUS SERVICES CONTRACT OSMBSC 03—Mr Chris Minns to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2110 BUS SERVICES CONTRACT OSMBSC 04—Mr Chris Minns to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2111 BUS SERVICES CONTRACT OSMBSC 06—Mr Chris Minns to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2112 BUS SERVICES CONTRACT OSMBSC 07—Mr Chris Minns to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2113 BUS SERVICES CONTRACT OSMBSC 08—Mr Chris Minns to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2114 BUS SERVICES CONTACT NISC001—Mr Chris Minns to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- \*2115 COOGEE ELECTORATE PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) For each public school and public high school in the Coogee electorate, what is the:

- (a) Maintenance backlog as of November 2019?
- (b) Anticipated expenditure in the 2019-20 financial year?
- (c) Number of demountable units as of November 2019?
- (d) Teaching staff employed in the 2019 school year?
- (e) Number of teaching spaces in the 2019 school year?
- (f) Utilisation in 2019 (percentage of school's capacity utilised)?
- (g) Number of teaching spaces with air-cooling as of November 2019?
- (h) Predicated enrolment numbers for the 2020 school year?

Answer—

(1) (a) As stated in the answer provided in LA Q756, \$2.2 million has been allocated (and work is underway) to clear the maintenance backlog at public schools in the Coogee electorate.

(b) The anticipated expenditure in the 2019-20 financial year is not yet available.

(c) There is a total of six demountable units in public schools in the Coogee electorate.

(d) As at 27 November 2019, the total teaching entitlement at public schools in the Coogee electorate is 430.078 FTE.

School Code	School Name	School level	Total Revised 20.19 teaching FTE as at 27 November 2019
1372	Bronte Public School	P	20.793
5516	Centennial Park School	SSP	7.724
1573	Clovelly Public School	P	32.332
1616	Coogee Public School	P	32.469
8588	NSW School of Languages	S	89.300

2930	Rainbow Street Public School	P	26.306
8161	Randwick Boys High School	S	47.500
8220	Randwick Girls High School	S	66.300
4250	Randwick Public School	P	48.855
3703	South Coogee Public School	P	30.914
5545	Sydney Childrens Hospital School	SSP	7.779
3953	Waverley Public School	P	19.806

(e) There is a total of 221 teaching spaces across the 11 public schools in the Coogee electorate.

(f) There is 82 per cent utilisation of public schools in the Coogee electorate.

(g) The Department of Education is aware of 31 air conditioned teaching spaces. Some schools opt to use their own funds to install air conditioning.

(h) Predicted enrolment numbers for 2020:

- Bronte Public School - 382
- Centennial Park School - 42
- Clovelly Public School - 596
- Coogee Public School - 610
- Rainbow Street Public School - 416
- Randwick Boys High School - 665
- Randwick Girls High School - 969
- Randwick Public School - 962
- Sydney Childrens Hospital School - 440
- Waverley Public School - 340
- South Coogee Public School - 562

In total, the predicted student enrolments for 2020 in the Coogee electorate is 5984.

2116 RANDWICK HOSPITAL CAMPUS CYCLING ACCESS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

\*2117 GREATER SYDNEY AREA WATER INITIATIVES—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) Excluding dams, what initiatives is the Government looking at in the following water related areas:

- (a) Water saving measures in the Greater Sydney area?
- (b) Water generating measures in the Greater Sydney area?
- (c) Water capture initiatives in the Greater Sydney Area?
- (d) Financial incentives for water reduction in New South Wales?

Answer—

Information on a number of water related programs the Government is considering are included in the Sydney Water and Water NSW IPART pricing proposals. These are available at:

<https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Industries/Water/Reviews/Metro-Pricing/Prices-for-Sydney-Water-Corporation-from-1-July-2020>

<https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Industries/Water/Reviews/Metro-Pricing/Prices-for-WaterNSW-Greater-Sydney-from-1-July-2020>

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\*2118 YASS DISTRICT HOSPITAL SENIOR MANAGEMENT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Does Yass District Hospital have a full complement of Board members?
  - (a) If not, when will the full Board be appointed?
- (2) Does Yass District Hospital have a permanent Chair?
  - (a) If not, when will a permanent Chair be appointed to Yass District Hospital?
- (3) Has a permanent General Manager of the Yass District Hospital been appointed?
  - (a) If not, when will a permanent General Manager be appointed?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Hospitals in New South Wales do not have individual boards.
- (3) The General Manager Northern Cluster manages Yass District Hospital.

\*2119 YASS VALLERY HEALTH REVIEW—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Has a full clinical health review been conducted for Yass Valley since 2012?
  - (a) If so, what was the outcome of the review?
  - (b) If not, when will a full clinical health review for the Yass Valley be completed?

Answer—

The Yass Health Services Plan in 2012 used a ten year planning horizon. The next review would be due in 2022. Complementary planning processes have been undertaken during this period.

\*2120 MOBILE SPEED CAMERA OPERATORS PERMANENT CONTRACTS—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Did Transport for NSW have any role in the switching of the contracts of 140 mobile speed camera operators, employed by contractor Redflex Traffic Services, from permanent to casual in early October?
- (2) Will the Government intervene to ensure that these workers' permanent contracts, commencing in December 2018 and to run until 30 June 2023, are honoured?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) It would be inappropriate to comment on the employment decisions of private companies.
- (2) Transport for NSW does not have any involvement in the internal employment arrangements of private sector companies with which it has contractual arrangements.

\*2121 LISMORE ENVIRONMENT CENTRE TRAIN AND COACH TIMETABLES—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Why is it that NSW Trainlink can only supply two hard copy North Coast train and coach timetables at a time to the Lismore Environment Centre, which operates what is commonly called the Lismore transit centre building?
- (2) Will NSW Trainlink in future be able to supply bulk copies of a pre-existing brochure for the convenience of local residents and visitors who access NSW Trainlink services?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW TrainLink refers customers to online and mobile apps for timetable information, as these services are the most up-to-date. They also provide service disruption information.

Sufficient timetables are sent to regional stations for customer use. Those who are unable to attend in person can call 131 500 to have a timetable sent to them.

NSW TrainLink also supplies its accredited agents with printed timetables. Lismore Environment Centre is not an accredited agent.

\*2122 EMERGENCY DROUGHT TRANSPORT SUBSIDY—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

Will you consider calls from Northern Rivers farmers for the Emergency Drought Transport Subsidy, administered by the Rural Assistance Authority, to be uncapped for all eligible farmers across the State until the current prolonged drought breaks?

Answer—

The Government is continually monitoring the drought conditions and adjusting assistance measures accordingly.

\*2123 CANE DRAIN OUTLETS APPROVALS AND MAINTENANCE—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Would you consider the Richmond River Cane Growers Association proposal to simplify approvals for, and maintenance of cane drain outlets on the Richmond, Tweed and Clarence rivers, to prevent future fish kills and enhance agricultural productivity by reducing water retention and flooding on farmland, allowing water to flow more freely into the river systems?
  - (a) Will a 'one-off' Ministerial exemption be provided to local shire councils immediately to allow urgent cleaning of these drain outlets, many of which have been silting up since the mid-1990s?
  - (b) Will responsibility for ongoing maintenance be handed from cash-strapped flood mitigation authorities to local shire councils, and ongoing consistent funding be provided, to allow them to maintain outlets without interference from other agencies?
  - (c) Will a system of grouping or classification of outlets, with associated maintenance protocols similar to the Queensland system of accepted development, be developed and adopted in New South Wales as a means of streamlining council approvals?

Answer—

Approval processes for drain clearing activities are currently required to consider the land ownership, environmental and land use implications as part of the assessment process.

The Government is currently reviewing the regulatory and approvals framework through the Coastal Drainage Management Project (the Project). The project will identify options for simplifying the current approvals regime and include stakeholder consultation.

Rous County Council is the flood mitigation authority operating across the local government areas of Ballina, Byron, Lismore and Richmond Valley. The Council is responsible for the construction and replacement of flood mitigation infrastructure including the routine maintenance of various canals and floodgates.

Rous County Council has the advantage of covering the majority of the Richmond River catchment rather than individual local government areas. Each local government is represented on the Council and contributes to the costs of providing the services that benefit the total catchment.

The Coastal Drainage Management Project will identify and consider a range of options for drainage management including industry accreditation, best practice and farm planning processes. Key stakeholders will be consulted on how such mechanisms could be included in a future approvals framework.

\*2124 PROPERTIES FOR DIVESTMENT BY PROPERTY NSW—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) In relation to LAQ 1337, what is the location and value of properties for divestment by Property NSW in the:
  - (a) Heathcote electorate;
  - (b) Keira electorate;
  - (c) Wollongong electorate;
  - (d) Shellharbour electorate;
  - (e) Kiama electorate;
  - (f) South Coast electorate?
- (2) What factors will contribute to a decision on the sale of the properties identified?
- (3) What was the market valuation for each property identified for sale?
- (4) Will the proceeds of the sale of each property be allocated for reinvestment in the relevant electorate?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) As at 13 December 2019, out of those electorates, two properties, one located in the Keira electorate and the other located in the Wollongong electorate, are being divested by Property NSW.
- (2) Real property assets are identified for sale where they are surplus to the owning department or agency's requirements, and no other department or agency requires them to deliver on other Government priorities.
- (3) Market valuations on these properties are currently underway on these properties.
- (4) As with other assets, the Government will allocate the sale proceeds from these properties to deliver on the Government's key policy priorities of delivering a strong economy; providing the highest quality education; creating well connected communities with quality local environments, putting the customer at the centre of everything we do; and breaking the cycle of disadvantage.

\*2125 NSW 2040 ECONOMIC BLUEPRINT—Mr Paul Scully asked the Treasurer—

- (1) What are the improved transport infrastructure plans for Wollongong mentioned in the NSW 2040 Economic Blueprint published on 20 November 2019?
  - (a) What is the current planning status for these projects?
  - (b) What is the approval process for these projects?
  - (c) What funds have been allocated for these projects?
- (2) What are the technological advances boosting economic opportunities for Wollongong mentioned on page 9 of the NSW 2040 Economic Blueprint?
- (3) What is the official status of the NSW 2040 Economic Blueprint?
- (4) Will the Government formally respond to the recommendations contained in the NSW 2040 Economic Blueprint?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If so, on what date will the response be published?

Answer—

The New South Wales 2040 Economic Blueprint is a landmark document designed as a roadmap for the continued success of the New South Wales economy going into the future. Under the economic prosperity of the Government, New South Wales is well on its way to becoming the first two trillion dollar state by 2040.

The Blueprint does not make recommendations on specific infrastructure plans or technological advances for any particular region or town, including Wollongong. Rather, the document makes high-level recommendations.

The Economic Blueprint was prepared by the NSW Chief Economist at the request of the Treasurer. The views expressed in the Blueprint are those of the Chief Economist and were informed by an extensive consultation process, as well as a detailed review of existing government strategies and will be considered by government.

\*2126 SECURITY STAFF AT WOLLONGONG AND PORT KEMBLA HOSPITALS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many security staff have been injured at work at the following hospitals for each year of the last five years (as at 21 November 2019):
  - (a) Wollongong Hospital;
  - (b) Port Kembla Hospital?
- (2) What was the nature of the injuries sustained by security staff in Wollongong and Port Kembla Hospital?
- (3) How were the vacant positions of the security staff filled during this period of injury?
- (4) How many positions remained vacant during this period of injury at:
  - (a) Wollongong Hospital;
  - (b) Port Kembla Hospital?
- (5) Are all security staff positions currently filled at Wollongong Hospital and Port Kembla Hospital?
  - (a) If not, how many are vacant?
  - (b) If not, what plans are there to fill these vacant positions?

Answer—

Information on Workers Compensation claims is published in the NSW Health Annual Report. Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District has mechanisms in place to identify vacancies and recruit to positions in accordance with service delivery needs and models of care at Wollongong and Port Kembla Hospitals.

I am advised there is one part-time vacancy at Port Kembla Hospital that is currently being recruited. All security staff positions at Wollongong Hospital are currently filled.

\*2127 PAEDIATRIC SERVICES REVIEW WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Does the statewide review of paediatric services being conducted by Professor Richard Henry include an examination of paediatric services at Wollongong Hospital and an assessment of the need for a specialist paediatric surgeon to be located at Wollongong Hospital?
  - (a) When is the review due to be completed?
- (2) Has Professor Henry had any discussions with the staff or administration of Wollongong Hospital?
  - (a) If so, when did this occur?
  - (b) If not, will these discussions be held?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
  - (a) Professor Henry will provide a report to the Secretary of NSW Health no later than six months from the start date of the review.
- (2) Yes.
  - (a) September 2019.

\*2128 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT NOMINATIONS FOR FEDERAL FUNDING—Mr Paul Scully asked the Treasurer—

- (1) What infrastructure projects were nominated by the Government as part of the \$3.8 billion Commonwealth funding package foreshadowed?
- (2) Were any infrastructure projects nominated from the Wollongong region?
  - (a) If so, what were the projects?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

Under the Government in conjunction with the Commonwealth Government, we're taking New South Wales from good to great by undertaking the largest infrastructure investment this State has ever seen, creating thousands of jobs in the process and delivering world-class transport and infrastructure to the people of New South Wales.

Discussions between New South Wales and the Commonwealth, regarding potential Commonwealth support for New South Wales infrastructure projects, are ongoing.

\*2129 HYDROGEN STRATEGY—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Does New South Wales have a strategy for the use of hydrogen as an energy source?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If so, what are the elements of the strategy?
- (2) What funding has been made available for the implementation of a New South Wales hydrogen strategy?
  - (a) When was that funding allocated?
  - (b) How much of the funding has been invested?
  - (c) What are the projects that have been funded?

Answer—

(1) The Government supports the National Hydrogen Strategy, which provides a framework for Australian governments and industry to work together to build Australia's hydrogen industry. Further information about the strategy is available at [www.industry.gov.au/data-and-publications/australias-national-hydrogen-strategy](http://www.industry.gov.au/data-and-publications/australias-national-hydrogen-strategy).

The New South Wales has also set a goal of requiring 10 per cent of the state's gas to come from green hydrogen by 2030.

(2) As each component is developed for implementation, appropriate budgets will be determined.

\*2130 FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Have fire hazard reduction taken place in and around the following parks?
  - (a) Royal National Park;

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- (b) Dharawal National Park;
  - (c) Garrawarra State Conservation Area;
  - (d) Heathcote National park;
  - (e) Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area;
  - (f) Macquarie Pass National Park and
  - (g) Jervis Bay National Park?
- (2) If fire hazard reduction has not taken place in and around the parks in (1), why not?
- (3) On what date did the fire hazard reductions in and around the following parks take place?
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  - (g) Jervis Bay National Park?

Answer—

(1) Yes, except for Macquarie Pass National Park.

(2) The fire management strategy for Macquarie Pass National Park specifies no planned burning due to the severe impact that frequent burning would have on the moist rainforest communities in the park.

Mechanical hazard reduction works are conducted approximately three to four times per year to protect the historic Nurrewin house located in the reserve.

(3) The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has conducted 59 hazard reduction burns in these parks over the last 10 years, including:

- (a) 13 in Royal National Park;
- (b) six in Dharawal National Park;
- (c) six in Garrawarra State Conservation Area;
- (d) 10 in Heathcote National Park;
- (e) one in Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area;
- (f) 23 in Jervis Bay National Park.

Hazard reduction by NPWS is carried out as part of a coordinated approach involving the NSW Rural Fire Service and other relevant agencies. Over the last four years, NPWS has carried out more than 75 per cent of all prescribed burning in NSW, often in collaboration with the Rural Fire Service or Fire and Rescue.

The level of hazard reduction burning carried out during this period in the reserves identified above is consistent with the Bushfire Risk Management Plans for the areas, prepared under the Rural Fires Act 1997, and the relevant fire management strategies prepared under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

NPWS also carries out other hazard reduction activities such as slashing of woody debris and grass.

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\*2131 PORT KEMBLA COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND—Mr Paul Scully asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Considering projects that are funded under the Port Kembla Community Investment Fund (PKCIF), Round Two, on what date will the reports for the following projects be made available to the relevant department and agencies:
  - (a) Port Kembla Surplus Industrial Land Activation Project;
  - (b) Report on Heavy Metal Contaminants from Industrial Activity in Port Kembla Environmental Project;
  - (c) Will these reports be published and made available for public scrutiny?
    - (i) If so, when?
    - (ii) If not, why not?

Answer—

There has been no undertaking that all documents pertaining to projects funded by the Port Kembla Community Investment Fund would be made publicly available, as some reports contain sensitive and/or commercial in confidence information

2132 TRAIN CLEANING SERVICES EMPLOYMENT NUMBERS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

2133 NEW INTERCITY FLEET TESTING—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

2134 KANGY ANGY RAIL MAINTENANCE FACILITY CONSTRUCTION—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

\*2135 NEW BEDS AT GOSFORD HOSPITAL—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What is the increase in the number of beds since the opening of the new facilities at Gosford

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- (2) Which departments have had new beds opened at Gosford Hospital in the 2018-19 financial year?
- (3) How many surge beds are available to Gosford?
  - (a) What is the additional funding allocated to resource these beds?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Multiple departments have benefited from increased beds across Gosford Hospital. The additional beds have a phased approach to opening as the expansion was based to support demand to 2027. Gosford Hospital is able to flex beds to meet demand by using built capacity. It should be noted that looking only at bed numbers is an outdated approach, and does not reflect the volume and quality of health services delivered to patients in our hospitals or in the community. Nor do these numbers reflect the innovative models of care NSW Health has that provide integrated care outside of the hospital, closer to patients' homes and utilising new technologies

(3) (a) Gosford Hospital budget information is publicly available on the Central Coast Local Health District website.

\*2136 CHILDREN IN STATE GOVERNMENT CARE ABSENT UNKNOWN LOCATION—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Considering Katrina Bohnenkamp's disappearance from Government care in 2012, why has the Department of Communities and Justice adopted a policy of not counting children as being in State care if they are absent unknown location, putting thousands of vulnerable children at risk?
- (2) How many children have been moved from the Department of Family and Community Services/ Department of Juvenile Care to absent unknown location in each of the financial years from 2012-13 to 2018-19?

Answer—

I am advised absent location unknown refers to children and young people who have left an authorised placement.

Permanency for children in out-of-home-care (OOHC) a priority for the Government. The placing of children in permanent homes will continue to be front and centre of decisions made by the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ).

Community Services staff are trained to respond quickly if a child in out-of-home care is missing. In such instances, staff work in partnership with police, family and carers to locate the missing child. All reasonable attempts are made to locate and continue to support these children and young people.

I am advised data on 2018-19 entries and exits for Out of Home Care for New South Wales is available in the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) Annual Report or on the Department of Communities and Justice website at [www.dcj.com.au](http://www.dcj.com.au).

\*2137 GIFTS AND BENEFIT REGISTERS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Premier representing the 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 Auditor-General's report entitled Internal Controls and Governance 2019, why has the Government not taken any action to ensure that gifts to public servants are properly monitored and registered?

Answer—

I am advised,

As referred to in the Auditor-General's report of 2019, Internal Controls and Governance 2019, the Public Service Commissioner issued a direction on 31 October 2014 instructing the heads of government sector agencies to implement the Managing Gifts and Benefits: Minimum Standards by 1 September 2015, and requiring employees to comply with those standards.

\*2138 GOSFORD HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT RESOURCING—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What is the percentage increase in activity at the Gosford Hospital Emergency Department in the 2018-19 financial year?
- (2) What resources have been provided to the hospital to deal with the extra activity?

Answer—

- (1) This information is publicly available from the Bureau of Health Information.
- (2) In addition to increased funding, Gosford Hospital has increased its nursing, medical and support positions and enhanced some clinical services.
- \*2139 CENTRAL COAST LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT BUDGET—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) Has the 2018-19 New South Wales Central Coast Local Health District Budget increased above Consumer Price Index (CPI)?
- (2) Which departments received an above CPI budget increase?
- Answer—
- (1) Yes.
- (2) All Central Coast Local Health District facilities.
- 2140 MISSING PERSONS REGISTRATION TIME—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2141 PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR MARINE RESCUE VOLUNTEERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2142 CLOSURE OF CARRAMAR TRAIN STATION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2143 CLOSURE OF YENNORA TRAIN STATION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2144 PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- \*2145 FUNDING FOR ORGANISATIONS THAT PROMOTE AND SUPPORT SUICIDE PREVENTION STRATEGIES—Mr Guy Zangari 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 provided to non-government organisations to promote and support suicide prevention strategies within the South-West Sydney Local Area Health District?
- (2) Which non-government organisations within the South-West Sydney Local Area Health District are recipients of Government funding to promote and support suicide prevention strategies in the region?
- Answer—
- The Towards Zero Suicides Premier's Priority sets an ambitious target to reduce the suicide rate by 20 per cent by 2023, is the first step in our state's journey to zero suicides. The Government is investing \$87 million over the next three years into eight Towards Zero Suicides initiatives, which will deliver a range of major new suicide prevention services via the health system.
- Non-government organisations will also deliver some initiatives and these are in the stage of design and commissioning. Every local health district, including South Western Sydney Local Health District, will receive new services through these initiatives.
- \*2146 FUNDING FOR COUNSELLING SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—
- Which non-government organisations within the South-West Sydney Local Area Health District are recipients of Government funding for the provision of counselling services to the community?
- Answer—
- NSW Health supports and funds 19 non-government organisations and affiliated health organisations to provide counselling services. These include: CORE Community Services, the Grow Community, Mission Australia, Odyssey House, the Noffs Foundation, Drug and Alcohol Multicultural Education Centre, the St Vincent de Paul Society, Bankstown Women's Health Centre, the Benevolent Society, Fairfield Women's Health Service, Liverpool Women's Health Centre, WILMA Women's Health, Southern Highlands Bereavement Care Service, Grow Community, Gandangarra, Karitane, Braeside Hospital, Benevolent Society, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), Impact Counselling.

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2147 RESIDENCE OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

\*2148 RESTORATION WORKS OF THE LENNOX BRIDGE, LANSDOWNE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Considering the restoration works of the Lennox Bridge, Lansdowne, were anticipated to be completed in 2019, yet works have not begun, why have the works been delayed?
- (2) When are restoration works scheduled to commence?
- (3) When are these works anticipated to be completed?

Answer—

These questions should be referred to the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts.

2149 CLOSURE OF VILLAWOOD TRAIN STATION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

\*2150 HERITAGE COUNCIL NSW PUBLISHED MINUTES—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Premier representing the 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 a decision on the heritage controls for the Swan Hill Timber Truss Bridge was to be resolved at the June meeting of the New South Wales Heritage Council, why has no decision been made?
  - (a) When will a decision be made and published?
  - (b) Why have no minutes been published on the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment website for the June, July, August or September Heritage Council meetings?

Answer—

I am advised,

The Heritage Council discussed heritage controls of the Swan Hill Bridge at its meeting of 5 June 2019 and accepted a revised Timber Truss Bridge Strategy.

Administrative changes led to delays in the publication of the Heritage Council Minutes. All ratified minutes are now available to be viewed at <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritage/heritagecouncil/meetingminutes.htm>.

2151 WESTERN SYDNEY AEROTROPOLIS WOLLONGONG LINKS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

## Appendix A

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**Appendix B**

State Electorate	Financial Year	Property Count					
		Studio	1 bed	2 beds	3 beds	4+ beds	Total Units
Swansea	2011-12	-	226	126	334	44	730
	2012-13	-	226	125	333	44	728
	2013-14	2	205	126	360	50	743
	2014-15	2	216	126	359	48	751
	2015-16	2	216	126	358	48	750
	2016-17	2	215	125	358	50	750
	2017-18	1	215	125	358	49	748
	2018-19	1	215	124	358	49	747
Wyong	2011-12	8	280	320	419	105	1,132
	2012-13	8	280	320	399	104	1,111
	2013-14	10	238	317	377	91	1,033
	2014-15	10	238	318	377	91	1,034
	2015-16	10	242	321	376	91	1,040
	2016-17	10	242	323	373	95	1,043
	2017-18	9	242	323	369	95	1,038
	2018-19	8	242	323	366	93	1,032
The Entrance	2011-12	7	376	268	667	123	1,441
	2012-13	7	376	269	663	123	1,438
	2013-14	12	366	222	576	112	1,288
	2014-15	12	366	222	575	112	1,287
	2015-16	12	366	222	572	113	1,285
	2016-17	12	390	269	572	113	1,356
	2017-18	12	390	268	571	112	1,353
	2018-19	12	390	268	568	112	1,350
Gosford	2011-12	30	593	536	391	64	1,614
	2012-13	30	591	531	377	64	1,593
	2013-14	28	521	457	321	54	1,381
	2014-15	28	542	467	322	55	1,414
	2015-16	28	542	465	322	54	1,411
	2016-17	26	532	467	317	53	1,395
	2017-18	20	532	465	310	52	1,379
	2018-19	20	532	463	306	52	1,373
Terrigal	2011-12	-	51	96	203	28	378
	2012-13	-	51	96	202	28	377
	2013-14	-	62	131	307	48	548
	2014-15	-	62	131	307	48	548
	2015-16	-	62	131	307	48	548
	2016-17	-	62	131	305	48	546
	2017-18	-	62	131	304	48	545
	2018-19	-	62	131	304	47	544

## Appendix C

## Local Water Utilities – Charges for the year 2017-18

Local Water utility	Annual fixed Charge (Standing Charge) for water supply in \$	Step 1 - Upper Limit in kL	Usage Charge for Step 1 (c/kL)	Step 2 - Upper Limit in kL	Usage Charge for Step 2 (c/kL)	Step 3 - Upper Limit in kL	Usage Charge for Step 3 (c/kL)
Armidale City Council	137.7	225	139	All	234	N/A	N/A
Armidale Regional Council	220	100	247	250	328	All	373
Armidale Shire Council	204	350	218	All	327	N/A	N/A
Armidale Shire Council	199	600	110	All	180	N/A	N/A
Armidale Regional Council	175	250	195	All	293	N/A	N/A
Armidale Shire Council	215	All	286	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Armidale Shire Council	126	365	175	All	265	N/A	N/A
Armidale Shire Council	523	All	94	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Armidale Shire Council	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Armidale Shire Council	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Armidale Shire Council	670	All	197	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Armidale Shire Council	190	All	216	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Armidale Shire Council	448.5	All	190	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Armidale Shire Council	179	450	247	All	370	N/A	N/A
Armidale Shire Council	377.2	300	230	500	550	All	740
Armidale Shire Council	426	All	98	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Armidale Shire Council	197.72	All	229	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Armidale Shire Council	199	All	350	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Armidale Shire Council	230	All	275	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Armidale Shire Council	118	450	241	All	361	N/A	N/A

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Cobar Shire Council	255	450	219	550	325	All	414
Cobar Water Board	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Coffs Harbour City Council	143	365	279	All	419	N/A	N/A
Coolamon Shire Council	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Coonamble Shire Council	254	450	85	All	125	N/A	N/A
Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council	336	All	204	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cowra Shire Council	203	All	312	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dubbo Regional Council	258.32	All	197	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Edward River Council	341.5	800	95	All	135	N/A	N/A
Essential Energy	327.68	All	180	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eurobodalla Shire Council	309	All	355	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Federation Council	100	450	150	All	225	N/A	N/A
Fish River Water Supply	156	200	47	All	125	N/A	N/A
Forbes Shire Council	228	All	121	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gilgandra Shire Council	257	All	114	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Glen Innes Severn Council	313	450	235	All	360	N/A	N/A
Goldenfields Water County Council	188.8	All	231	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Goulburn Mulwaree Council	170	292	280	All	378	N/A	N/A
Greater Hume Shire Council	314	200	170	All	260	N/A	N/A
Griffith City Council	138	200	72	All	138	N/A	N/A
Gunnedah Shire Council	184	400	117	All	176	N/A	N/A
Gwydir Shire Council	420	600	140	All	205	N/A	N/A
Hawkesbury City Council	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Local Water utility	Annual fixed Charge (Standing Charge) for water supply in \$	Step 1 - Upper Limit in kL	Usage Charge for Step 1 (c/kL)	Step 2 - Upper Limit in kL	Usage Charge for Step 2 (c/kL)	Step 3 - Upper Limit in kL	Usage Charge for Step 3 (c/kL)
Hay Shire Council	135	300	114	All	170	N/A	N/A
Hilltops Council	303	All	312	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Inverell Shire Council	364	600	148	All	173	N/A	N/A
Junee Shire Council	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kempsey Shire Council	295	250	241	All	348	N/A	N/A
Kyogle Council	374	200	170	All	210	N/A	N/A
Lachlan Shire Council	406	600	250	All	380	N/A	N/A
Leeton Shire Council	268	300	102	600	149	All	160
Lismore City Council	260	All	355	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lithgow City Council	185	250	316	All	474	N/A	N/A
Liverpool Plains Shire Council	684	300	161	All	213	N/A	N/A
Lockhart Shire Council	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MidCoast Council	276	200	328	All	366	N/A	N/A
Mid-Western Regional Council	151	All	297	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Moree Plains Shire Council	240	750	158	All	205	N/A	N/A
Murray River Council	259	600	100	All	150	N/A	N/A
Murrumbidgee Council	210	125	44	All	66	N/A	N/A
Muswellbrook Shire Council	175	350	177	All	265	N/A	N/A
Nambucca Shire Council	136	All	284	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Narrabri Shire Council	353	All	97	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Narrandera Shire Council	284.2	All	107	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Narramine Shire Council	224	All	125	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oberon Council	340	All	288	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Orange City Council	256.28	450	234	All	350	N/A	N/A
Parkes Shire Council	180	400	190	All	330	N/A	N/A
Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	200	270	280	All	560	N/A	N/A
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council	257	All	380	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richmond Valley Council	146	200	222	All	338	N/A	N/A
Riverina Water County Council	160	500	144	All	215	N/A	N/A
Rous County Council	156.95	N/A	226	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Shoalhaven City Council	82	All	170	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Singleton Council	137.5	450	195	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Snowy Monaro Regional Council	252	300	300	All	375	N/A	N/A
Snowy Valleys Council	136	All	220	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tamworth Regional Council	263	400	150	800	225	All	338
Temora Shire Council	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tenterfield Shire Council	408	450	317	All	476	N/A	N/A
Tweed Shire Council	169.5	300	290	All	435	N/A	N/A
Upper Hunter Shire Council	206	75	213	All	330	N/A	N/A
Upper Lachlan Shire Council	426	200	289	All	383	N/A	N/A
Uralla Shire Council	316	All	230	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wagga Wagga City Council	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Walcha Council	231.5	300	300	All	437	N/A	N/A
Walgett Shire Council	479	500	82	All	117	N/A	N/A
Warren Shire Council	357	450	111	All	168	N/A	N/A
Warrumbungle Shire Council	399	All	205	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Local Water utility	Annual fixed Charge (Standing Charge) for water supply in \$	Step 1 - Upper Limit in kL	Usage Charge for Step 1 (c/kL)	Step 2 - Upper Limit in kL	Usage Charge for Step 2 (c/kL)	Step 3 - Upper Limit in kL	Usage Charge for Step 3 (c/kL)
Beddian Shire Council	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Geelong Shire Council	280	250	125	All	280	N/A	N/A
Geelong Shire Council	158	225	178	All	267	N/A	N/A
Geelong Shire Council	460	All	320	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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State Electorate	Financial Year	Studio	1 bed	2 beds	3 beds	4+ beds	Total Units
Swansea	2011-12	-	-	1	1	-	2
	2012-13	-	-	2	1	-	3
	2013-14	-	-	-	-	1	1
	2014-15	-	-	-	1	2	3
	2015-16	-	-	-	1	-	1
	2016-17	-	1	1	-	-	2
	2017-18	1	-	-	-	1	2
	2018-19	-	-	1	-	-	1
Wyong	2011-12	-	-	1	17	2	20
	2012-13	-	-	2	19	2	23
	2013-14	-	-	1	5	2	8
	2014-15	-	-	-	-	3	3
	2015-16	-	-	-	1	1	2
	2016-17	-	-	-	3	1	4
	2017-18	1	-	-	4	0	5
	2018-19	1	-	-	3	2	6
The Entrance	2011-12	-	1	2	5	1	9
	2012-13	-	-	2	4	1	7
	2013-14	-	-	1	3	3	7
	2014-15	-	-	-	1	0	1
	2015-16	-	-	-	3	0	3
	2016-17	-	-	1	2	0	2
	2017-18	-	-	-	1	1	3
	2018-19	-	-	-	3	0	3
Gosford	2011-12	-	-	2	20	-	22
	2012-13	-	-	7	15	-	22
	2013-14	2	-	-	4	0	6
	2014-15	-	-	3	2	0	5
	2015-16	-	-	3	1	1	9
	2016-17	2	10	3	5	1	21
	2017-18	6	-	2	8	1	17
	2018-19	-	-	2	4	0	6
Terrigal	2011-12	-	-	1	4	1	6
	2012-13	-	-	-	1	-	1
	2013-14	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2014-15	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2015-16	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2016-17	-	-	-	2	-	2
	2017-18	-	-	-	1	-	1
	2018-19	-	-	-	-	1	1

## Appendix E

## Apprenticeship Approvals by Vocation, 1 July 2019 to 26 November 2019

Vocation Name	Total
Aeroskills (Avionics) Certificate IV	53
Aeroskills (Avionics) Diploma	1
Aeroskills (Mechanical) Certificate IV	58
Aeroskills (Mechanical) Diploma	2
Animal Care and Management - Farriery Certificate III	3
Automotive - Agricultural Mechanical Technology Certificate III	5
Automotive - Automotive and Marine Trimming Technology Certificate III	1
Automotive - Body Repair Technology Certificate III	46
Automotive - Body Repair Technology Certificate III (Advanced Entry)	3
Automotive - Electrical Technology Certificate III	53
Automotive - Glazing Technology Certificate III	7
Automotive - Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Technology Certificate III	122
Automotive - Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology Certificate III	335
Automotive - Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology Certificate III (Advanced Entry)	2
Automotive - Marine Mechanical Technology Certificate III	8
Automotive - Mobile Plant Technology Certificate III	26
Automotive - Motorcycle Mechanical Technology Certificate III	7
Automotive - Sales Certificate III	29
Automotive - Underbody Technology Certificate III	44
Automotive Manufacturing Technical Operations - Bus/Truck/Trailer Certificate III	14
Automotive Refinishing Technology Certificate III	62
Automotive Refinishing Technology Certificate III (Advanced Entry)	4
Beauty Therapy Certificate IV	32
Bricklaying/Blocklaying Certificate III	75
Carpentry and Joinery Certificate III	49
Carpentry and Joinery Certificate III (Advanced Entry)	1
Carpentry Certificate III	615
Carpentry Certificate III (Advanced Entry)	20
Civil Construction - Bridge Construction and Maintenance Certificate III	5
Civil Construction - General Certificate III	23
Civil Construction - Pipe Laying Certificate III	4
Civil Construction - Plant Operations Certificate III	70
Civil Construction - Road Construction and Maintenance Certificate III	19
Construction Carpentry - Formwork and Falsework Certificate III	1
Construction Carpentry - Formwork/Falsework Certificate III	34
Electricity Supply Industry - Power Systems - Distribution Overhead Certificate III	1
Electricity Supply Industry - Power Systems - Transmissions Overhead Certificate III	1
Electrotechnology - Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Certificate III	148
Electrotechnology - Appliance Service Certificate III	3
Electrotechnology - Data and Voice Communications Certificate III	1
Electrotechnology - Electrical Fitting Certificate III	78
Electrotechnology - Electrical Machine Repair Certificate III	4
Electrotechnology - Electrician Certificate III	654
Electrotechnology - Electronics and Communications Certificate III	67
Electrotechnology - Industrial Electronics and Control Certificate IV	1
Electrotechnology - Instrumentation and Control Certificate III	4
Electrotechnology - Security Equipment Certificate III	9
Engineering - Composites Trade Certificate III	5
Engineering - Electrical/Electronic Trade Certificate III	25
Engineering - Fabrication Trade Certificate III	175

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Vocation Name	Total
Engineering - Jewellery Manufacture Certificate III	2
Engineering - Locksmithing Certificate III	9
Engineering - Mechanical Trade Certificate III	154
Engineering Certificate IV	14
Fire Protection Certificate III	33
Forest and Forest Products - Saw Doctoring Certificate III	1
Forest and Forest Products - Wood Machining Certificate III	2
Furnishing - Cabinet Making (Furniture) Certificate III	33
Furnishing - Cabinet Making (Furniture) Certificate III (Advanced Entry)	1
Furnishing - Cabinet Making (Kitchens and Bathrooms) Certificate III	85
Furnishing - Cabinet Making (Kitchens and Bathrooms) Certificate III (Advanced Entry)	1
Furnishing - Flooring Technology Certificate III	32
Furnishing - Furniture Finishing Certificate III	2
Furnishing - Glass and Glazing Certificate III	19
Furnishing - Picture Framing Certificate III	5
Furnishing - Timber and Composites Machining Certificate III	10
Furnishing - Upholstery Certificate III	1
Hairdressing - Barbering Certificate III	48
Hairdressing Certificate III	224
Hairdressing Certificate III (Advanced Entry)	7
Horticulture - Landscape Construction Certificate III	105
Horticulture - Parks and Gardens Certificate III	80
Horticulture - Production Nursery Certificate III	2
Horticulture - Retail Nursery Certificate III	1
Horticulture - Sports Turf Management Certificate III	33
Hospitality - Asian Cookery Certificate III	17
Hospitality - Commercial Cookery Certificate III	318
Hospitality - Commercial Cookery Certificate III (Advanced Entry)	3
Hospitality - Commercial Cookery Certificate IV	2
Hospitality - Commercial Cookery Certificate IV (Advanced Entry 1)	2
Hospitality - Patisserie Certificate III	5
Joinery Certificate III	11
Marine Craft Construction Certificate III	9
Meat Processing (Retail Butcher) Certificate III	54
Painting and Decorating Certificate III	74
Painting and Decorating Certificate III (Advanced Entry)	1
Plumbing Certificate III	361
Polymer Technology - Injection Moulding Technician Certificate IV	1
Printing and Graphic Arts - Print Manufacturing Certificate III	2
Printing and Graphic Arts - Printing Certificate III	11
Retail Baking (Bread) Certificate III	35
Retail Baking (Cake and Pastry) Certificate III	19
Retail Baking (Combined) Certificate III	29
Retail Baking (Combined) Certificate III (Advanced Entry)	1
Roof Plumbing Certificate III	88
Roof Tiling Certificate III	21
Shopfitting Certificate III	31
Signs and Graphics Certificate III	24
Solid Plastering Certificate III	11
Stonemasonry (Monumental / Installation) Certificate III	5
Telecommunications - Network Build and Operate Certificate III	9
Telecommunications Technology Certificate III	117
Wall and Ceiling Lining Certificate III	32

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Vocation Name	Total
Wall and Floor Tiling Certificate III	53
Wall and Floor Tiling Certificate III (Advanced Entry)	1
Total	5260

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**Questions to Chairs of Committees**

<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 0001 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGE AND ETHICS**—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Chair of the Legislative Assembly Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics, Mr Peter Sidgreaves MP—

- (1) On what date(s) has the Legislative Assembly Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics (the Committee) met since your appointment as Chair?
- Where were each of those meetings held?
  - What was the duration of each meeting (as recorded in the minutes)?
  - 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 0002 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENT, INDUSTRY AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Chair of the Legislative Assembly Committee on Investment, Industry and Regional Development, Mr Justin Clancy MP—

- (1) On what date(s) has the Legislative Assembly Committee on Investment, Industry and Regional Development (the Committee) met since your appointment as Chair?
- Where were each of those meetings held?
  - What was the duration of each meeting (as recorded in the minutes)?
  - 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)?

Answer—

Issues discussed at committee meetings are confidential to committee members until the committee resolves to report their findings to the House.

More information around committees can be found on the Parliament of NSW website.

**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?
- Where were each of those meetings held?
  - What was the duration of each meeting (as recorded in the minutes)?
  - 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)?

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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)?

(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 0005 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON LAW AND SAFETY—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Chair of the Legislative Assembly Committee on Law and Order, Ms Wendy Tuckerman MP—

(1) On what date(s) has the Legislative Assembly Committee on Law and Safety (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)?

Answer—

I was elected to the role of chair of the Law and Safety Committee on the 20 June 2019.

Any issues discussed at committee meetings are confidential to committee members until the committee resolves to report their findings to the House.

More information around committees can be found on the Parliament of NSW website.