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*0156 EXTENSION OF ENERGY ACCOUNTS PAYMENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME VOUCHERS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

Will there be consideration and support for the Energy Accounts Payment Assistance Scheme extending the voucher system to include households on farms so that equitable access to financial assistance is available to all households?

Answer—

Households on farms are already eligible to receive Energy Accounts Payments Assistance (EAPA) in line with the EAPA Guidelines. Requests for exceptional circumstances assistance from farms may be addressed to the NSW Drought Coordinator.

*0157 MAINTENANCE OF SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many social housing properties in the Illawarra are waiting on maintenance as at 24 May 2019?
- (2) In 2019, how many calls per day has the maintenance line received for the months of:
 - (a) January;
 - (b) February;
 - (c) March?
- (3) Considering that the Family and Community Services website states that the maximum wait time for maintenance to be completed is 20 days, how many properties in the Illawarra have been waiting longer than this timeframe as at 24 May 2019?
- (4) How much of the Family and Community Services budget for 2018-19 is left as at 25 May 2019?

Answer—

(1) to (3) I am advised the number of maintenance requests changes daily and the Department of Family and Community Services routinely carries out maintenance to keep its properties in good condition, and to ensure consistent maintenance standards across the state. More information on maintenance requests is available at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

(4) Information regarding financial expenditure is available in the Department of Family and Community Services Annual Reports at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*0158 RAIL DEPOTS IN THIRROUL—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering land that is used for rail depots adjacent to Church Street Thirroul, are there any plans to sell or re-purpose this parcel of land?
 - (a) If so, what are these plans?
- (2) Will the area the Thirroul Men's Shed currently use be impacted in any way?
- (3) If so:
 - (a) What will be happening to that part of the land?
 - (b) Have discussions commenced with representatives from the Men's Shed regarding the issue?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has no current plans to sell the subject land at Church Street, Thirroul.

Any plans to re-purpose the land will be subject to community consultation, including with the Thirroul Men's Shed.

*0159 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DROUGHT AFFECTED FARMERS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) What is the current number of vacant Rural Financial Counsellor positions as at 28 May 2019?
 - (a) In which locations are these positions currently vacant?
 - (b) How long have these positions been vacant?
- (2) Will the Government undertake to provide immediate funding to supplement Commonwealth funding to employ administrative staff and temporary staff to assist the Rural Financial Counsellors as an additional drought relief measure?

Answer—

The Rural Financial Counselling Service is a Commonwealth government program. While the Government contributes funding, the Australian Government is responsible for the day to day management of the program across Australia. This includes determining, with each of its providers, the locations of these services.

With regard to current vacancies, the Government does not hold this information.

At the request of the Commonwealth, the Government has agreed to extend the delivery of the Rural Financial Counselling Service program to 31 December 2020.

*0160 SANTOS TEST WELLS IN THE PILLIGA FORREST—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that Santos continue to flare gas from their test wells in the Narrabri Coal Seam Gas project during declared Total Fire Bans?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the Rural Fire Service has expressed concern over this practice?
- (3) What is the legal basis that exempts Santos from complying with Total Fire Bans?

Answer—

I am advised:

Exemptions from the requirements of total fire ban are granted in accordance with section 99(3)(b) of the Rural Fires Act 1997.

The Schedule for Standard exemptions was published in the Government Gazette No 16 of 9 February 2018 and contains an exemption for fire lit, maintained or used to dispose of gaseous exhaust emissions through a chimney in connection with the exploration, collection, drainage, refining, manufacture or purification of gas, oil or metal provided that the fire is lit, maintained or used in a manner which will prevent escape of the fire.

A small number of Rural Fire Services volunteers raised concerns in the past with the local rural fire district and with different levels of government.

The local rural fire district in conjunction with the Forestry Corporation of NSW regularly liaises with rural fire brigades and with Santos about bush fire management plans and emergency procedures.

*0161 FUNDING FOR FOUNDATION BROKEN HILL—Mr Roy Butler asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

Will the Deputy Premier commit to funding a full time Executive Research Officer for Foundation Broken Hill over the next three years?

Answer—

The Government acknowledges the work of the Broken Hill Foundation in advancing the social and economic interests of Far West New South Wales. The Government is committed to all regional citizens and has recently appointed a dedicated Minister for Western New South Wales the Honourable Adam Marshall MP to look after communities in this region.

Broken Hill has been the recipient of significant Government investment, including \$500 million for the Broken Hill Pipeline and \$2.56 million for the Jubilee Oval Upgrade.

The Government is keen to establish a greater presence in the region and will achieve this through the establishment of a Regional New South Wales office in Broken Hill. This office will improve government service delivery and economic development outcomes for people in Western New South Wales. The Broken Hill Foundation will be one of the key stakeholders that we work with to improve the lives of people in Broken Hill and Regional New South Wales.

*0162 AERIAL FIREFIGHTING APPLIANCE FOR ORANGE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Will consideration be given to the allocation and permanent placement of an aerial firefighting appliance in Orange to combat fires, undertake rescues and other non-fire operations, for large scale and intricate operations in commercial buildings such as shopping centres, industrial complexes and multi-storey buildings in the Central West, where a growing number of such buildings now exist?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) has a network of aerial appliances across the state to provide appropriate fire response to all areas. As part of FRNSW's ten-year Aerial Strategy, in 2018-19, FRNSW ordered an additional three aerial appliances at a cost of \$6.8 million, expanding the existing fleet from 22 to 25 appliances.

FRNSW continually reviews its service delivery requirements in different areas as development and change occurs. This includes Orange and the Central West.

*0163 SHARK NETTING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) What assessment has been made on the impact of shark netting at New South Wales beaches on marine animals from 2015 to 2019 (as at 9 May 2019)?
- (2) What assessment has been made on the impact on marine animals listed as endangered?
- (3) What is the Government's estimate on the number of marine animals killed from shark nets at New South Wales beaches from 2015 to 2019 (as at 9 May 2019)?
 - (a) What species were killed?
- (4) What is the annual cost of the shark meshing program in New South Wales?
- (5) On how many days of the year does the program operate?
- (6) What commitment will the Government give to replacing shark nets with other measures that don't harm or kill marine life?
- (7) What alternatives is the Government investigating?
- (8) To what extent will these alternatives be used at beaches in New South Wales next summer?

Answer—

- (1) The following assessments have been conducted and are publicly available at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au:
 - Five year Review of the 2009 Joint Management Agreements for the NSW Shark Meshing (Bather Protection) Program January 2016.
 - Annual Performance Reports of the Shark Meshing Program 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18.
 - Reports of New South Wales North Coast shark net trials - 2016-17 and 2017-18.
- (2) The impact on marine life is detailed in the annual performance reports, available online at: www.sharksmart.nsw.gov.au/shark-nets.
- (3) As per question 2, the impact on marine life is detailed in the annual performance reports, available online at: www.sharksmart.nsw.gov.au/shark-nets.
- (4) The annual cost for the shark meshing program in the Newcastle-Sydney-Wollongong region is approximately \$1.6 million.
- (5) In the Newcastle-Sydney-Wollongong region, the shark meshing program operates from 1 September to 30 April the following year.
- (6) A range of technology is used to reduce the impact of nets on threatened species, including 'dolphin pingers' and 'whale alarms' which are fitted on nets to deter the marine mammals from the area. Public safety remains the number one priority when it comes to shark management in New South Wales and the Government remains committed to implementing the most effective bather protection measures.
- (7) This Government has been investigating and trialling new and emerging technologies for bather protection since October 2015 through the Government's five year, Shark Management Strategy. Details are available at: www.sharksmart.nsw.gov.au.
- (8) New and emerging technologies are continuing to be trialled along the New South Wales Coast and outcomes can be viewed at www.sharksmart.nsw.gov.au. In addition, full details of the summer program will be available at: www.sharksmart.nsw.gov.au.

*0164 COMMUNITY BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

What steps will be undertaken to remedy the under-resourcing of community based mental health services and the inadequacy of emergency response teams in the South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) (as identified in the SWSLHD Mental Health Strategies Plan 2015-2024, Page 13)?

Answer—

The South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) Mental Health Service has received funding from the Ministry of Health for an additional 13 Full-time equivalent (FTE) positions to be recruited to enhance core community mental health services. These positions will be added to existing core services to enhance capacity in teams across the age span.

Since April 2019, the SWSLHD has collaborated with NSW Ambulance to deliver the Rapid Emergency Mental Health Service. This involves a senior mental health nurse responding with Ambulance paramedics to a Triple Zero '000' call, who completes a mental health assessment to determine whether the person can be referred to a community mental health service, or transported to the emergency department.

*0165 MOTHER-BABY SPECIALIST MENTAL HEALTH UNIT—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

(1) Have the 6 to 12 beds in a mother-baby specialist mental health unit, announced in the NSW Budget 2018-19, been delivered (as at 9 May 2019)?

(a) If so:

- (i) How many beds are there in total?
- (ii) Where are these beds located?
- (iii) What has the occupancy rate for these beds been so far?

(b) If not:

- (i) Why not?
- (ii) When will they be delivered?

Answer—

Two dedicated mother-baby units will be established under the State Wide Mental Health Infrastructure Program. The units will be located at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney and Westmead Hospital in Western Sydney. Further service planning in 2019 will detail the scope of the new mother-baby units, how the units will integrate with other services on the hospital sites and when the units will be built.

*0166 DRAFT BILL TO AMEND THE CORONERS ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) Has a Bill to amend the Coroners Act been drafted?

(a) If so:

- (i) When did you receive it?
- (ii) Did you require it to be altered?

Answer—

I am advised:

A Bill to amend the Coroners Act 2009 is being considered carefully.

*0167 FORMER AMBULANCE STATION AT FORBES STREET, LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

What is proposed to be done with the building that was an ambulance station in Liverpool on Forbes Street, near the intersection with Campbell Street?

Answer—

Construction of the new Liverpool Superstation has made the former Forbes Street Liverpool site surplus to requirements. In April 2019, the Forbes Street property was transferred to the South West Sydney Local Health District.

*0168 RELEASE OF INFORMATION BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier—

What steps will you take to increase the level of authorised proactive release of information by government departments and agencies granted what the Information and Privacy Commission NSW has described as the 'low compliance' of agencies?

Answer—

Guidelines surrounding release of information are covered under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 ('the Act').

The Information and Privacy Commissioner monitors compliance with the Act.

*0169 COMMENCEMENT OF MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) When will construction of a multi-storey car park commence at:

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- (a) Edmondson Park Railway Station;
(b) Leppington Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available.

Transport for NSW is currently assessing options to provide up to 700 additional commuter car parking spaces at Edmondson Park Station and approximately 350 additional commuter car parking spaces at Leppington Station.

Transport for NSW continues to investigate short, medium and long term options for Edmondson Park and Leppington Stations in consultation with both Liverpool City Council and Camden Council.

Transport for NSW will keep the community informed as this project progresses, including opportunities to provide public feedback.

- *0170 AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE ACT AND REGULATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier—

When will a Bill be introduced to amend the Public Interest Disclosure Act and Public Interest Disclosure Regulation 2011 to implement the 2017 recommendations of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Ombudsman, the Law Enforcement Commission and the Crime Commission?

Answer—

I refer you to my answer to the Member for Balmain's Question without Notice during Legislative Assembly Question Time on Wednesday 19 June 2019.

- *0171 COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRES FUNDING—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

Why was no explanation provided to Community Legal Centres as to why full funding was not granted to them for the period commencing 1 July 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

All community legal centres that applied for funding were provided with information explaining why some community legal centres received less State Government and Public Purpose Fund funding than in 2018-19.

Letters to community legal centres regarding their funding allocations included a contact person who could provide further information.

- *0172 JOHN EDMONDSON HIGH SCHOOL COOL CLASSROOMS FUNDING—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

When will installation of air conditioning occur at John Edmondson High School granted Cool Classrooms Phase 1 funding was approved in November 2018?

Answer—

Air conditioning installation at John Edmondson High School is currently scheduled to commence during 2019 subject to any requirement for an electrical supply upgrade.

- *0173 NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL PROCEEDINGS AT TWEED HEADS LOCAL COURT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

What security or staff is provided at proceedings of NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal when it sits at Tweed Heads Court House and the Member attends only by audio visual means?

Answer—

I am advised:

Tweed Heads Court House is staffed by registry staff five days a week. Sheriff's officers are available to provide additional security when requested.

*0174 WELFARE RIGHTS CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Will you restore the funding of \$52,000 for the period of 2018-19 to 2019-20 recently cut from the Welfare Rights Centre?
 - (a) If not:
 - (i) Why not?
 - (ii) What was the rationale for the original cut?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government's investment in community legal centres is at record levels in 2019-20, having increased 85 per cent since 2015-16.

No community legal centre, including those that provide services to vulnerable clients, will receive less in 2019-20 than in 2016-17 in State Government and Public Purpose Fund funding.

The funding for some community legal centres in 2019-20 is lower than for 2017-18 or 2018-19 because additional 'one-off' State funding was allocated to centres in those years.

Compared with 2016-17, the Welfare Rights Centre will receive over \$152,000 more funding per year from 2019-20 onwards.

*0175 BELLAMBI WASTERWATER MANAGEMENT PLANT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Has Sydney Water transferred ownership of Bellambi Wasterwater Management Plant land to the local Aboriginal Land Corporation?
- (2) What is the current status of the land owned by Sydney Water?
- (3) Are there any plans to carry out remediation works on this site?
 - (a) If so, when are these works planned to take place?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Water owns two parcels of land at Bellambi Point. One is operational and features the Bellambi Wastewater Treatment Plant. The other parcel is former operational land which is now a Declared Aboriginal Place. This declaration under the National Parks and Wildlife Act is due to the land being a spiritual place for Aboriginal people and that it contains evidence of Aboriginal presence over a long period of time.

Sydney Water is currently in the process of preparing the Aboriginal Place land for transfer to the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council. In preparation for transferring the land, Sydney Water is working to obtain an alternative vehicle access point to the treatment plant via Robert Cram Drive at Bellambi. Securing this access involves obtaining a licence from NSW Land and Housing Corporation, acquiring a parcel of land from Public Works Advisory, registering new easements and constructing a new entrance road.

The Aboriginal Place is approximately 8.5 hectares of open space and surrounds the treatment plant. A large portion of the Aboriginal Place was previously an operational part of the treatment plant. However, in 2005 the treatment plant was converted into a wet weather detention and treatment facility and it now operates during high rainfall or storm events.

As part of the conversion of the treatment plant, an area now located within the Aboriginal Place was remediated through a process of capping and containment. On completion of the remediation work, an accredited site auditor concluded the site was suitable for open space use subject to implementation of an environmental management plan.

The environmental management plan recommends annual inspections of the capping layer. When the land is transferred, Sydney Water will provide a copy of the environmental management plan to the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council.

*0176 SUPERVISED ZEBRA CROSSING IN CANOWINDRA—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Will consideration be given to installing a supervised zebra crossing for the 300 combined students from both Canowindra Public School and St. Edwards Primary School by on Tilga Street, Canowindra?

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Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services recently met school representatives from both St Edwards Primary and Canowindra Public School. A range of measures are being considered to improve the safety of children crossing Tilga Street.

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*0177 UPGRADES AT MACARTHUR, CAMPBELLTOWN AND LEUMEAH RAILWAY STATION—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Since 29 March 2015 (to 29 May 2019), what are the details of upgrades that have occurred at:
 - (a) Macarthur Railway Station,
 - (b) Campbelltown Railway Station,
 - (c) Leumeah Railway Station?
- (2) Since 29 March 2015 (to 29 May 2019), what has been the total cost of upgrades at:
 - (a) Macarthur Railway Station,
 - (b) Campbelltown Railway Station,
 - (c) Leumeah Railway Station?
- (3) What are the details of planned or scheduled upgrades, which will occur during this current term of government, at:
 - (a) Macarthur Railway Station,
 - (b) Campbelltown Railway Station,
 - (c) Leumeah Railway Station?
- (4) What is the projected cost of upgrades at:
 - (a) Macarthur Railway Station,
 - (b) Campbelltown Railway Station,
 - (c) Leumeah Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about upgrades to stations is available on Transport for NSW website.

Macarthur, Campbelltown and Leumeah Stations are fully accessible and these upgrades were carried out prior to March 2015.

The Government is committed to delivering safe, modern and accessible public transport infrastructure across the state which is why more than \$2 billion has been invested in the Transport Access Program since 2011.

At present, 176 of the 308 stations on the suburban and intercity networks are accessible which covers around 90 per cent of all customer journeys.

*0178 REGIONAL MOBILE BLACKSPOTS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Where does the Government plan to distribute the Regional Digital Connectivity Package, in particular, the \$300 million mobile phone blackspots portion of the package (@JohnBarilaroMP, Twitter, 19 May 2019)?
 - (a) When will this be distributed?

Answer—

The 2019-20 Budget commits funding (\$400 million over the next four years) to progress the Government's regional digital connectivity commitments. This includes \$300 million for the elimination of mobile blackspots across regional New South Wales. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is presently undertaking investigative and program design works. More information will be published online at www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/regional-nsw/regional-digital-connectivity-program as this program.sses.

*0179 POLICE STAFF LEVELS IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What planned increased police officer allocations are there for Moama and Yenda Police Districts to improve community safety?
- (2) What percentage of the Government's promised extra 1,500 police officers over the next four years will be posted to rural and regional New South Wales (Premier's Media Release dated 20 November 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Eighteen Rural Crime Investigator positions will be created across rural and regional New South Wales over the next four years. A Specialist Elder Abuse Officer for all 58 police commands as part of Crime Management Units to look at strategies of prevention and support. An additional officer in all 58 police commands to monitor offenders on the Child Protection Register. Extra 22 police officers will form additional Domestic Violence High Risk Offender Teams to proactively target offenders and support survivors across New South Wales. A further 91 officers to Region Enforcement Squads and Raptor Units to fight serious and organised crime. 100 high visibility police across five policing regions in New South Wales.

The Commissioner of Police allocates police officer positions based on operational requirements.

All police positions attached to Police Districts or Police Area Commands are flexible resources available to respond to incidents. Local resources are also supplemented by specialist police including highway patrol, major crime squads and covert resources which are managed centrally, but can be deployed across boundaries to meet changing community needs and respond to changing crime patterns and emerging issues.

*0180 NURSE TO PATIENT RATIOS IN MURRAY ELECTORATE—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What are the current safe patient to nurse and midwife ratios at hospitals and Multipurpose Services across the Murray electorate (as at 29 May 2019)?
 - (a) When can these hospitals expect to see their staffing ratios change as a result of the 5,000 extra nurses and midwives to be recruited (Premier's Media Release dated 17 February 2019)?
 - (b) What will be the resulting nurse to patient ratios in these hospitals?

Answer—

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate. Wards and services are staffed in accordance with the staffing provisions in the Public Health System Nurses' and Midwives' (State) Award requirements of Nursing Hours per Patient Day in applicable settings.

*0181 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

What process or portioning model does the Government employ to calculate each local council's contribution to the NSW Emergency Services through the emergency services levy?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under existing statutory funding arrangements, local government contributes 11.7 per cent towards the funding targets set for the emergency services agencies each financial year.

Contributions for each council are calculated using differing methodologies for the three emergency services agencies.

*0182 GROUNDWATER INTERCEPTED BY THE MAULES CREEK MINE—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Which Groundwater Sharing Plan covers the groundwater intercepted as a form of take by the Maules Creek Mine?
- (2) What level of groundwater take is authorised and licensed for at the Maules Creek mine?
 - (a) How is this take measured?
 - (b) Has the Minister undertaken any inquiries to ensure this measure is accurate?
 - (i) If so, what type of inquiry has the Minister undertaken?

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Answer—

(1) Maules Creek Mine intercepts groundwater from two Water Sharing Plan areas, which include the:

- Water Sharing Plan for the Upper and Lower Namoi Groundwater Sources 2003.
- Water Sharing Plan for the NSW Murray Darling Basin Porous Rock Groundwater Sources 2011.

(2) I understand groundwater take at the Maules Creek Mine is currently licensed by 306 units of entitlement in the porous rock groundwater source and 251 units of entitlement in the upper Namoi alluvial groundwater sources. Further to this, Whitehaven holds an additional 292 units of entitlement in the upper Namoi alluvial ground water source and 800 units in the porous rock groundwater source that is not currently accounting for water take at the mine.

(a) I have been advised that where the groundwater take is from the excavation, the predictions in the groundwater modelling form the basis for the water take. Measurements of pumping volumes from the pit, combined with an analysis of inputs such as rainfall, are used to understand the actual water take. Where the groundwater take is from a bore, measurements are taken directly from meters.

(b) I understand the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) has received complaints about the groundwater use at the mine, and I have been advised that NRAR will be undertaking a review of the groundwater model and current groundwater usage at the mine to determine whether it is compliant.

I am aware the operators of Maules Creek Mine, Boggabri Coal Mine and Tarrawonga Coal Mine are currently working through an update to the groundwater model that covers all three sites. This update will include all relevant monitoring and usage data, and ensure confidence in the predictions of the groundwater water take. The Department of Planning and Environment, Department of Industry Water and NRAR are involved in reviewing this model update.

*0183 RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

When can I expect a response to my letter to the previous Minister for Education dated 5 March 2019 concerning New South Wales teacher pay discrepancy?

Answer—

On 21 March 2019, the NSW Department of Education sent an email response to Mr Chanthivong's letter of 5 March 2019, to the constituent he was representing and included a CC copy to Mr Chanthivong.

The response was provided in this way due to caretaker arrangements in place for Ministerial correspondence in the lead up to the 2019 NSW State Election.

*0184 NEW PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN EDMONDSON PARK—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Where will the new public high school in Edmondson Park be located?
- (2) When will construction begin on the new public high school in Edmondson Park?
- (3) When will the new public high school in Edmondson Park be open to students?

Answer—

(1) to (3) The project is in the early stages of planning.

*0185 STUDENTS RESIDING IN EDMONDSON PARK—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many students residing in Edmondson Park are enrolled at:
 - (a) Prestons Public School;
 - (b) Dalmeny Public School;
 - (c) Bardia Public School;
 - (d) Casula Public School;
 - (e) John Edmondson High School?

Answer—

There are 347 students residing in Edmondson Park that attend local public schools.

*0186 UPGRADING MACQUARIE FIELDS RAILWAY STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

How much has been spent on upgrading Macquarie Fields railway station from 1 July 2018 to 27 May

2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about upgrades to stations is available on Transport for NSW website.

*0187 RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

When can I expect a response to my letter to you dated 4 April 2019 regarding the cancellation of train services on 3 April 2019 and 4 April 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads responded to your letter on 6 June 2019.

*0188 FAST-CHARGING EV POINTS IN THE SUMMER HILL ELECTORATE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What plans does the Government have to roll out fast-charging EV points in the Summer Hill electorate as part of the Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Plan announced during the 2019 State election?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is conducting a procurement process to partner with industry and local councils to deliver electric vehicle charging points in commuter carparks in the Greater Sydney Metropolitan Area and Regional New South Wales.

*0189 CRIMES AMENDMENT (INTIMATE IMAGES) ACT 2017—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) Considering that The Australian Research Council has recently found that 1 in 10 Australian women have had intimate photos shared without their permission, how does the Attorney General gauge the effectiveness of the Crimes Amendment (Intimate Images) Act 2017 No 29?

(2) Does the Attorney General anticipate any further changes to the Act in light of the report?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Crimes Amendment (Intimate Images) Act 2017 amended the Crimes Act 1900 to introduce a new Division 15C, directly addressing the actual and threatened recording and distribution of intimate images without consent.

Since its commencement in August 2017, and to May 2019, 398 charges for these offences have been finalised, resulting in 297 findings of guilt. New South Wales was one of the first jurisdictions in Australia to criminalise the taking and distribution, and threatened taking and distribution, of intimate images without consent. New South Wales' intimate image offences cover a range of conduct, and carry maximum penalties equal to or higher than those in place for comparable offences in other Australian states and territories.

*0190 ACTS OF STRANGULATION IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEGISLATION—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

Considering that new data reveals that there has been almost 500 prosecutions for strangulation since 2016 in Queensland following the introduction of legislation in 2016, does the Government intend to table similar legislation in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

In New South Wales, section 37(1A) of the Crimes Act 1900 commenced in 2018. It created a strangulation offence that was specifically formulated to recognise and address domestic violence strangulation. It carries a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment.

*0192 ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL MATERNITY PATIENTS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

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- (1) How many maternity patients have been refused admission to Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) and transferred to other hospitals across New South Wales on account of the maternity ward at RPA being at capacity in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2017-18?
- (2) What has been the total capacity of the maternity ward at RPA in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2017-18?
- (3) How many neo-natal beds have been available in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2017-18 at RPA?
- (4) What has been the total capacity of the Intensive Care Unit at RPA in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2017-18?

Answer—

- (1) The incidence of diverting maternity patients is not captured.
- (2) Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Maternity ward capacity from 2011-12 to 2017-18 consists of 86 beds in total.
- (3) RPA Newborn Care Unit capacity from 2011-12 to 2017-18 consists of 34 beds in total.
- (4) The RPA Adult Intensive Care Unit total capacity has increased from 48 beds in 2011-12 to 53 beds in 2017-18.

*0193 SOUTH COAST TRAIN LINE SERVICES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the response to LA Q9852 stating that "The Government is committed to ensuring that improvements are delivered wherever possible to meet customer needs on South Coast trains" when can commuters expect to see eight carriages on weekend services?
- (2) How many complaints have been received about a lack of carriages on South Coast Line trains in the past 12 months (to 28 May 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available.

*0194 DENTAL VOUCHERS IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many dental vouchers have been distributed in the Illawarra in the 2018-19 financial year (as at 28 May 2019)?
- (2) What is the average waiting time for someone needing urgent attention for dental services in the Illawarra?
- (3) Are there plans to reduce these waiting times?

Answer—

As at 1 June 2019, the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District had issued 7,527 dental vouchers for the financial year 2018-19.

Public dental services are provided according to clinical criteria. Patients requiring the most urgent care are given immediate appointments and do not appear on waiting list numbers.

The Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District is addressing public dental waiting times through a range of strategies.

*0195 SPEED CAMERA REVENUE IN THE CABRAMATTA ELECTORATE—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

How much revenue has been raised from fixed-speed cameras located within the Cabramatta electorate in the 2017-18 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised that this information is publicly available on the NSW Revenue website <https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au>.

*0196 INSPECTIONS OF MINE IN RUSSELL VALE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) In 2018 to 2019 (to 29 May 2019), how many times has the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) undertaken inspections to assess compliance with environment protection licence conditions at the mine in Russell Vale which were:

- (a) Announced;
- (b) Unannounced?
- (2) Were any concerns raised about coal dust?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) What was the nature of these concerns?
 - (ii) What action was taken by the EPA as a result?

Answer—

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has undertaken five inspections of the mine site during this time. Due to safety requirements, no inspections were unannounced.

No concerns have been raised about coal dust during EPA inspections. The EPA has responded to one allegation of other types of dust from the premises.

A complaint was received by the EPA on the 7 May 2019, alleging dust discharge from trucks had increased during the removal of coal waste material from the coal wash emplacement area.

In response, the EPA undertook an inspection of the premises on 15 May 2019. The EPA observed that adequate controls were in place to manage dust and that there was no visible emission of dust from the truck loading operations or from truck transportation of the material.

*0197 SUPPORTING THE CANCER COUNCIL—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Considering that the Cancer Council is the single largest non-governmental organisation leading ground breaking research, advocacy and prevention programs, what does the Government plan to do in order to support the Cancer Council and its mission to eradicate cancer?
- (2) Will the Government consider allocating a portion of the 2019-2020 budget to assist the Cancer Council in researching a cure for all cancers?

Answer—

Since 2011 the Government has invested more than \$210 million in research through the Cancer Institute NSW.

The Cancer Institute NSW works closely with the Cancer Council NSW and the Cancer Council Australia to drive the objectives of the NSW Cancer Plan, including through funding investments.

The Cancer Institute NSW will continue to partner with the Cancer Council NSW in 2019 -20.

*0198 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE AND PARKING PLAN FOR CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What does the Government plan to do in order to mitigate the growing needs of the Cabramatta electorate, in respect to public transport and road infrastructure?
- (2) Does the Government plan to invest in building a new multi-storey carpark in Cabramatta, in order to alleviate the growing parking needs of constituents?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about planned public transport and road infrastructure projects is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*0199 CRIME RATES IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Considering that approximately 77 robbery offences have been recorded in the Fairfield Local Area Command District since January 2019, what is the Government doing to support NSW Police in containing the growing crime rates?
- (2) Will the Government seek to invest in more frontline police officers?

Answer—

I am advised:

Strike Force Assert was set up in Fairfield City Police Area Command to break up gangs of young people gathering in and around shopping centres and transport hubs late at night. Strike Force Assert has twelve full-time officers from the Proactive Crime Team, Detectives and the Intelligence Unit, with additional assistance from the Police Transport Command and the Region Enforcement Squad.

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The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research reports that for the two years to March 2019, Fairfield generally has experienced a continued trend of stable or decreased crime across the board. Break and Enter offences involving a dwelling are down over 40 per cent.

Police will continue to take a proactive approach to targeting people engaging in criminal activity so perpetrators face the penalties they deserve.

The Government has committed a record \$583 million in funding for the recruitment of 1,500 extra police officers over four years to keep our communities safe. I am pleased to say that this is the largest increase in the NSW Police Force in over 30 years.

*0200 WATER SHARING PLANS REVIEW PROCESS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Why were no independent reports into the sustainable yield of the aquifer for the Lower Murray Groundwater Water Sharing Plan commissioned as part of the review process being undertaken into the new Water Sharing Plan?
- (2) Considering the time constraints for new and replacement Water Sharing Plans by 1 July 2019, what is the continual review process that will be adhered to and included within the new Water Sharing Plans?

Answer—

(1) In April 2016, the NSW Natural Resources Commission published the results of an independent review of the Water Sharing Plan for the Lower Murray Groundwater Source 2006. This report is available on the Natural Resources Commission's website https://www.nrc.nsw.gov.au/_literature_217009/2015_WSP_reviews_-_Final_report.

(2) NSW water sharing plans are valid for 10 years from their commencing date. Amendments to water sharing plans are made throughout their life to ensure they comply with changing legislation and to facilitate their implementation. However, near the end of the ten year term, a formal review is completed by both the department and the Natural Resources Commission to identify the necessary alterations to deliver better outcomes. Further, in accordance with s.44 of the Water Management Act 2000, the Natural Resources Commission will audit water sharing plans within the first five years of a plan.

The review processes are undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Water Act 2007 (Cth) and the Basin Plan 2012.

*0201 QUALIFIED EVIDENCE COLLECTION NURSES—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many female Nurse Examiners qualified to carry out Adult Sexual Assault Forensic Examination under the 2005 NSW Health Policy Directive have been deployed in the Murray electorate?
- (2) How many cases of female sexual assault victims have had to travel long distances for forensic examination since the NSW Health Policy Directive?

Answer—

Centralised NSW Health data is not available on distances travelled for forensic examination since 2005 across New South Wales, and health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

NSW Health has a network of NSW Health Sexual Assault Services in every Local Health District, available to all people in New South Wales.

In October 2015, the Government announced \$1.3 million over four years to expand the number of qualified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) in high-risk and rural and regional communities. This money has been used for training and support of SANEs through the Education Centre Against Violence, and the training is now funded recurrently to support and expand the SANE workforce.

NSW Health has also recently launched the Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Clinical Advice Line (CASACAL) which went live on 18 February 2019. CASACAL provides specialist advice to SANEs and doctors to support quality forensic examinations close to home for children and young people, and reduce delays.

*0202 CAMPBELLTOWN AND MACARTHUR TRAIN STATIONS ELECTION COMMITMENTS—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the Commonwealth Government's \$30 million election commitment for 1,000 additional parking spaces at Campbelltown and Macarthur Train Stations, what details can be provided in relation to:
 - (a) When construction on the additional car parks will commence?
 - (b) When the new parking spaces are expected to be accessible?
 - (c) Where the new parking spaces will be located?
 - (d) What the design of the new parking facilities will look like?
 - (i) Will they be multi-storey car park complexes or single level, uncovered parking like the existing complex on Farrow Road, Campbelltown?
 - (e) How does the Minister plan to ensure the Commonwealth Government's promise is delivered?
- (2) Why was a promise made by the Premier, in her capacity as Transport Minister in 2015, to build 450 additional spaces at Campbelltown Train Station not kept in 2018?
- (3) Will you guarantee that the additional parking will be free?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This is a matter for the Commonwealth Government.
- (2) Please refer to the letter sent to the Clerk on 21 October 2018 in response to the petition lodged on 27 September 2018.
- (3) This information is publicly available.

*0203 GOVERNMENT OWNED LAND—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What land does the Government own in the Granville electorate as at 29 May 2019?
- (2) What lands is it envisaged that the Government will acquire:
 - (a) In the Westmead Priority Precinct;
 - (b) In the Wentworthville Priority Precinct;
 - (c) For public spaces in the Granville electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This question is best directed to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing who can inform the Member of the total Government-owned land across various Departments.
- (2) Planning for the Westmead and Wentworthville areas is on-going.

At this stage, it is not possible to determine what land will be acquired for public space.

Any land identified for acquisition will be undertaken transparently, supported by a due-diligence process and in accordance with the requirements of relevant legislation.

*0204 NON-RECURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS IN THE KEIRA ELECTORATE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How much non-recurrent infrastructure funding was spent in schools located in the Keira electorate in each year from 2015 to 2019 (as at 28 May 2019)?
- (2) Which schools were these improvements made at?
 - (a) What facility was constructed and/or replaced?
- (3) Are there any works planned for Keira schools in the 2018-19 financial year which have been delayed?
 - (a) Where are these located?
 - (b) When are they now expected to be completed?

Answer—

- (1) Approximately \$5.87 million over the last five years.
- (2) See Appendix A.
- (3) No works have been delayed.

*0205 COAL SEAM GAS EXTRACTION REGULATIONS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

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Will the Government stand by its endorsement of the recommendations made in the Final Report of the Independent Review of Coal Seam Gas Activities in New South Wales by ensuring they are implemented in full before any new gas production is commenced?

Answer—

Under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the Independent Planning Commission is the consent authority for the development application for the Narrabri Gas Project.

The Commission is legally obliged to follow due process and determine the application on its merits, in accordance with existing Government legislation, policies and guidelines.

The Government is finalising its response to the Chief Scientist and Engineer's recommendations in the Independent Review of Coal Seam Gas Activities in New South Wales. Any further recommendations will be considered in the final assessment of the Narrabri Gas Project.

*0206 NARRABRI COAL SEAM GAS PROJECT—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Considering that the Final Report of the Independent Review of Coal Seam Gas Activities in New South Wales recommends "seeking a three-layered policy of security deposits, enhanced insurance coverage and an environmental rehabilitation fund", how does Santos Narrabri Coal Seam Gas project meet these recommendations?
- (2) Is the Minister aware of the concerns held by the Narrabri Shire Council in its submission to the Environmental Impact Statement?
 - (a) What actions are planned to address these issues?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that Santos has refused to answer Narrabri Shire Council questions in its Supplementary Response to Submissions?
 - (a) Will any action be taken to ensure Narrabri Shire Council receives answers?
 - (i) If so, what action will be taken?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is undertaking a comprehensive assessment of the merits of the Narrabri Gas Project. This evaluating the risks associated with the construction, operation and decommissioning of the project.

The Government, led by the Environment Protection Authority, is finalising its response to the Chief Scientist and Engineer's recommendation to consider whether enhancements to the insurance and environmental risk coverage of the Coal seam gas industry is necessary.

Any recommendations from this review will be considered in the final assessment of the Narrabri Gas Project.

(2) I am aware of Narrabri Shire Council's concerns about the Narrabri Gas Project.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has met with Council on several occasions to discuss its concerns, and will continue to work closely with Narrabri Shire Council through the remainder of the assessment process to ensure these concerns are addressed.

Santos has provided supplementary information to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, including a further response to Narrabri Shire Council's concerns.

The Department has sent this information to Council for review and will meet with Council shortly to discuss its residual concerns.

*0207 BARDIA ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL KISS 'N' RIDE AREA—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Why was Bardia Public School not notified that the kiss 'n' ride area on the new Macdonald Road would be closed from Wednesday 8 May 2019?
- (2) Why was a pedestrian crossing not included on Macdonald Road as part of the Bardia Public School upgrade?
- (3) Is it considered safe for primary-aged students to leave the safety of the 40 kilometres per hour school zone on Macdonald Road to walk to the lights at the busy Campbelltown Road intersection so they can cross the road to get to Bardia Public School?
- (4) Why is the Department waiting until 2020 to convert the former Macdonald Road into a long kiss 'n'

ride zone and 40 vertical parking spaces?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Bardia Public School was advised by Roads and Maritime Services in March 2019 about the closure of the kiss 'n' ride area on New MacDonald Road. Roads and Maritime Services advised that a two week notice period would be provided prior to its closure. This closure was scheduled for mid-April 2019 and New MacDonald Road was scheduled to open on 30 April 2019. The kiss 'n' ride closure was later rescheduled for 8 May 2019 and the road opening rescheduled for 27 May 2019.
- (2) The pedestrian crossing cannot be installed until the traffic warrants for the intersection of Arthur Allen Drive and New MacDonald Road are achieved.
- (3) Students, parents and staff at Bardia Public School have been provided with safe options to walk to school which are outlined in the school travel plan. The school travel plan details the safe walking route to the pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Campbelltown Road and New MacDonald Road.
- (4) The new kiss 'n' ride zone in Old MacDonald Road cannot be completed until after the new intersection at Campbelltown Road and New MacDonald Road has opened.

*0208 GREEN OPEN SPACE AT HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Considering your comments to Parliament during Question Time on 9 May 2019 that open space and green corridors "are important for physical and mental health and wellbeing in our communities", and "they enhance and preserve our biodiversity, our bushland and Sydney's beauty", will you stop the sale of land of green open space at Hurlstone Agricultural High School?

Answer—

I am advised:

The land at the Hurlstone Agricultural High School is currently not public open space. Planning for Glenfield provides an opportunity to provide a large amount of useful public open space, including playing fields, public spaces and green corridors, and enhance access to transport, jobs and services.

*0209 WICKED CAMPER VANS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Considering the New South Wales Country Womens' Association's condemnation of offensive and misogynistic comments regularly seen on Wicked Camper vans, does the Government plan to introduce legislation to deregister vehicles which do not comply with advertising standards, as is done in Queensland and Tasmania?

Answer—

I am advised:

The types of phrases and slogans appearing on Wicked Campervans are unacceptable and the company should take immediate steps to remove offensive material from their vehicles. In addition, consumers are able to send a strong signal to vehicle operators that do not conduct themselves in line with community expectations by boycotting their business. I am advised that existing New South Wales legislation may provide appropriate means of dealing with offensive paintwork and language.

*0210 CBD TRANSPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What consultation will the Government carry out with passengers and the wider community about integrating bus services throughout the CBD with the CBD and South East Light Rail and Metro lines?
- (2) Will the Government provide free transport through the CBD on the light rail as was formerly provided on the 555 bus?
- (3) What changes are planned for north south bus services in the CBD, and what consideration has the government given to using Elizabeth Street?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to reduce walking distances and inconvenience for passengers having to change between bus, light rail and train services?
- (5) What consideration has the Government given to improving CBD walkability and pedestrian access as part of these changes?
- (6) Will the Government ensure there are no Opal card penalties for changing transport modes with light rail and Metro?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to improve transport safety and convenience, and

reduce traffic in the CBD?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (5) Transport for NSW (TfNSW) develops its transport network in response to passenger demand and growth. The integration of all modes including pedestrians, buses, light rail, heavy rail, ferries and cyclists provides a connected network for our customers.

The opening of the light rail will improve transport connectivity for customers providing a north south transport spine through the heart of the CBD. This is further supported by current north - south bus corridors (York, Castlereagh and Elizabeth Street), and the city circle heavy rail network. Changes to the south east bus services will be planned based on demand using latest opal data and integrated into the broader transport network, including opportunities for cross regional services.

Since the 2015 bus changes in the CBD, we have seen a 28 per cent increase in interchanging between modes with customers having easy access to the wider transport network which has been supported following the introduction of Opal cards, and more recently, the introduction of contactless pay.

There is currently no plan to introduce free transport through the Sydney CBD, noting that for customers commuting into the city, they can interchange at multiple locations between modes to complete their journeys.

In recent years, we have seen strong growth in people choosing to move through the Sydney CBD with around 90 per cent of trips in the heart of the city made by foot. Since 2015 we have also seen a sustained reduction of 12 per cent in vehicles accessing the CBD core during the weekday morning peak between 6:00 to 10:00 am.

TfNSW has reduced the maximum overall cycle length for signals in the Sydney CBD, making all phases faster. It means no one has to wait more than 90 seconds for a green light. Shorter wait times and more frequent crossing opportunities have kept pedestrians moving, reducing the risk of jaywalking and pedestrian crashes.

A successful trial of pedestrian countdown timers at six CBD intersections in 2014-15 has led to the rollout of 37 countdown timers across the state.

In 2016, the 40 kilometres per hour high pedestrian activity area speed limit was extended to a much larger part of the CBD to further improve pedestrian and cycling safety and amenity.

TfNSW continues to work closely with Councils to improve walking and cycling routes and spaces for people through place management initiatives as part of major infrastructure projects (such as the creation of pocket parks along the light rail alignment in Surry Hills).

(6) Adult Opal card holders get a \$2 discount for every transfer between metro/train, ferry, bus or light rail as part of one journey within 60 minutes from the last tap off. Child/Youth, Gold Senior/Pensioner and Concession Opal card holders get a \$1 discount for every transfer between modes.

(7) Information is available on the Future Transport 2056 website.

*0211 PUBLIC TRANSPORT FARES—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) What was the average amount spent on public transport fares by holders of Opal cards for the weeks commencing:

- (a) 1 March 2013;
- (b) 1 March 2014;
- (c) 1 March 2015;
- (d) 1 March 2016;
- (e) 1 November 2016;
- (f) 1 March 2017;
- (g) 1 March 2018;
- (h) 1 March 2019?

(2) What was the average amount spent on public transport fares by holders of Gold Opal cards for the weeks commencing:

- (a) 1 March 2013;
- (b) 1 March 2014;
- (c) 1 March 2015;
- (d) 1 March 2016;
- (e) 1 November 2016;

- (f) 1 March 2017;
(g) 1 March 2018;
(h) 1 March 2019?
- (3) What was the average amount spent on public transport fares by holders of Opal cards living in the Granville electorate for the weeks commencing:
(a) 1 March 2013;
(b) 1 March 2014;
(c) 1 March 2015;
(d) 1 March 2016;
(e) 1 November 2016;
(f) 1 March 2017;
(g) 1 March 2018;
(h) 1 March 2019?
- (4) What was the average amount spent on public transport fares by holders of Gold Opal cards living in the Granville electorate for the weeks commencing:
(a) 1 March 2013;
(b) 1 March 2014;
(c) 1 March 2015;
(d) 1 March 2016;
(e) 1 November 2016;
(f) 1 March 2017;
(g) 1 March 2018;
(h) 1 March 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

We do not track card holders due to privacy requirements.

*0212 MULTICULTURAL NSW—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) What grants did the former Minister for Multiculturalism commit to making in the period from January to March 2019?
(a) Which Multicultural NSW Fund will these grants be made from?
(b) What assessment was undertaken by Multicultural NSW for each grant?
(c) On what dates were the grants transferred to each recipient?

Answer—

All grants administered by Multicultural NSW are reported in the Agency's Annual Report, including details of recipients and amounts funded. This report is tabled in the Parliament of New South Wales annually and is available on the Multicultural NSW website once tabled.

*0213 IMPROVEMENT TO CYCLING ACCESS AT SYDENHAM STATION—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What improvements to cycling access are scheduled to occur at Sydenham Station as part of the proposed Sydney Metro conversion on the T3 Bankstown Line?

Answer—

I am advised:

The information is available in the Sydenham Interchange Access Plan on the Sydney Metro website.

*0214 GONG SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Do you consider that the free Gong Shuttle Bus is very well utilised and a vital piece of transport infrastructure in Wollongong?
(2) Have you ever taken a ride on the free service?
(3) What discussions have you had since 1 April 2019 in relation to the funding for the free Gong Shuttle Bus?
(a) If discussions were held, who were they with?

Answer—

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I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW regularly monitors the patronage of all contracted bus services, including the Gong Shuttle, which is a popular service with passenger numbers averaging 254,840 each month from July 2018 to April 2019.
- (2) No.
- (3) None.

*0215 BEHAVIOUR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS IN THE KEIRA ELECTORATE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many students have been suspended from schools located in the Keira electorate in each year from 2016 to 2019 (as at 28 May 2019)?
 - (a) Of these, how many were associated with bullying of another student?
- (2) How many parents and/or carers have been issued with an 'Inclosed Lands Protection' order for schools located in the Keira electorate in each year from 2016 to 2019 (as at 28 May 2019)?

Answer—

- (1) In the Keira electorate, 666 students were suspended in 2016; 705 students in 2017; 826 students in 2018; and as of 28 May 2019, 390 students have been suspended.
 - (a) The number of suspensions associated with bullying of another student were 24 of the 666 of the total suspensions in 2016; 31 of the 705 suspensions in 2017; 33 of the 826 suspensions in 2018; and as at 29 May 2019, 25 of the 390 suspensions.
- (2) In the Keira electorate, three parents and/or carers were issued with an 'Inclosed Lands Protection' order in 2016, none in 2017, one issued in 2018, and as of 28 May 2019, no parents and/or carers have been issued with an 'Inclosed Lands Protection' order.

*0216 CORRECTIONS BUDGETS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What is the budget for Family and Community Services allocated funding for family support for those with a family member in a correction centre?
 - (a) How has this trended over the last five years?

Answer—

The Department of Family Community Services (FACS) funds a range of support services for families in New South Wales who have a family member in a correctional centre. FACS and other New South Wales government agencies also fund specialised programs based within correctional centres that support children and young people with an incarcerated parent.

The Government has increased the range of early intervention and evidence-based services available to families in recent years.

*0217 EQUITABLE PROTECTION OF INCOME FOR POLICE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

What is the updated advice to the response to LA Q9276, stating that the former Minister for Police had requested advice from First State Super on possible options to resolve concerns by police regarding the equity in income protection for police aged 60 years to the income protection provided to police officers aged 59 and younger, and that he had undertaken to advise the NSW Police Association in the months following?

Answer—

I am advised:

Discussions are ongoing between the Government and First State Super.

*0218 COMPONENT OF LOCAL LAND SERVICES ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR ON-GROUND PROJECT—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) How much of the \$8,209,440 overall funding allocated by Central Tablelands Local Lands Services, for the five substantial projects to be carried out over the next five years will be used for on-ground projects?
 - (a) What percentage is this of the overall funding?
- (2) What are the purposes for the non on-ground component of the \$8,209,440 projects funding?

Answer—

The Commonwealth Government National Landcare Program announced funding of projects for Central Tablelands Local Land Services on 30 November 2018. Central Tablelands Local Land Services successfully tendered to deliver the services in the Central Tablelands Region in an open competitive tender process. Of the Commonwealth Government's Regional Land Partnership funding 2019-2023 - \$5,863,667, is for the delivery of 5 projects. These projects include;

- Improving/stabilising the trajectory of Swainsona recta;
- Improving/stabilising the trajectory of Regent Honeyeater;
- Improving the condition of White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland;
- Reduce the threats of invasive species on the natural heritage Outstanding Universal Value of The Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area; and
- Increase in the capacity of Central Tablelands agriculture systems to adapt to significant changes in climate and market demands for information on provenance and sustainable production.

The Central Tablelands Region also successfully tendered for funding for core services associated with the delivery of the above listed projects. This includes community engagement, project planning and facilitation and communications activities.

*0219 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT ANNUAL AVAILABILITY CHARGES—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Can Bathurst Regional Council legitimately include Essential/Fire Service goods capacity provided to properties in the calculation of s501 Local Government Act Annual Availability Charges to the Water and Sewer Services also provided?
- (2) Can Bathurst Regional Council legitimately change the purpose of supplied Essential/Firefighting Services and Fore Service goods for firefighting purposes to that of Drinking Water conditioned in Development Approvals and Construction Certificates at any stage after 30 days of those Development Approvals and Construction Certificates having been issued?
- (3) Will Bathurst Regional Council using methodology raised in this question be addressed by your ministry?

Answer—

- (1) The annual Water Access Charge applies to all facilities connected to the town water supply, regardless of whether the water is used for drinking or firefighting. The Access Charge helps to pay for building and maintaining water infrastructure such as water treatment plants, reservoirs, pumps and water mains.
- (2) The Access charge applies whether water from the town supply is used for drinking or firefighting. It is levied for each connection that a property has. If a property requires two water meters, due to fire safety regulations, then the owner will need to pay two access charges.
- (3) I am advised that Bathurst Regional Council appears to have applied the provisions of s501 correctly. It is the council's responsibility to ensure that water customers pay their fair share towards the cost of providing and maintaining water supply infrastructure.

*0220 CITY WEST CYCLE LINK—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Is the Government supportive of a City West Cycle Link connecting the Greenway to Anzac Bridge?
- (2) Has Roads and Maritime Service or the Sydney Motorway Corporation met with bicycle advocates, Inner West Council or other stakeholders in regards to the proposal and if so, what decisions were made in relation to the proposal?
- (3) Is the proposal feasible within the existing designs for the WestConnex M4-M5 Project?
 - (a) If so, how would the project need to change to accommodate the project?
- (4) What other possibilities are there to realise the project?

Answer—

I am advised:

The M4-M5 Link project provides an east-west connection through the up-to-10 hectares of green space of the new Rozelle Park (formerly Rozelle Rail Yards) to Anzac Bridge and the CBD in the east. It will also include improved active transport connections between Easton Park, Rozelle and Jubilee Oval near the Tramsheds. The M4-M5 Link project is unable to conduct work outside of its project boundary.

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Roads and Maritime Services and Inner West Council are continuing to discuss how the Rozelle Interchange project's improved active transport links will integrate into the local area's existing active transport network.

*0221 IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF URBAN RIVERS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Will the Government act to improve the health of our urban rivers, including the Cooks and Parramatta Rivers, by incorporating Water Sensitive Urban Design into the State Environmental Planning Policy, as done in Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The Government is continually improving land use planning measures to address water quality and quantity, which are instrumental to the health of our urban rivers.

For example, the Government recently introduced the Coastal Management State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP), which requires development proposals around coastal catchments and waterways, such as the Parramatta and Cooks Rivers, to avoid adverse impacts on water quality and water flows, as well as the marine environment.

*0222 HAZARD REDUCTION BURNS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What assessment has the government made of impacts of recent hazard reduction burns on Greater Sydney's air quality and health?
 - (a) What changes will be made as a result?
- (2) What other changes have been made to hazard reduction burns since LA Q8659?
- (3) What improvements have been made to the community notification process to help prevent health impacts?
- (4) What changes have been made to risk assessment for hazard reduction burns considering the likelihood and consequence of burn escape and smoke impacts?
- (5) What options that don't involve burning has the Government considered to reduce bushfire hazards in areas adjacent to greater Sydney?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to prevent hazard reduction burn escape and smoke impacts?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) works with land managers and other agencies, using weather forecasts, smoke plume modelling and NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) background pollution modelling, to inform decisions about whether to conduct the hazard reduction work. Adjustments are made if modelling predicts that the smoke from a hazard reduction burn is likely to have an impact on large numbers of people. Hazard reduction burns may be postponed, or adjustments may be made to their ignition and burning strategies if necessary. For example, between 14 and 27 May 2019, 14 hazard reduction burns were postponed to minimise the smoke impact around the Greater Sydney area.

(2) The NSW RFS worked with the Bureau of Meteorology, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) and interstate agencies through the Australasian Fire and Emergency Services Authorities Council (AFAC) Predictive Services Group to develop and implement a national fire behaviour and smoke prediction modelling system, which was implemented in September 2018 and has significantly improved the accuracy of predicted fire behaviour, smoke levels and smoke movement. The Hazard Reduction Burning Smoke steering committee is piloting protocols for hazard reduction burning risk assessments and the communication of predicted impacts of smoke from hazard reduction burns. The protocol sets out clear responsibilities and agreed messaging to the community when bush fires and hazard reduction activities are likely to cause smoke that will impact the community.

(3) The recently updated Fires Near Me application provides the ability to 'push' smoke advisory messages to users that contain important information (including expected timeframes and health advice) if the community is likely to experience significant smoke impact during a hazard reduction burn. This information is also provided across NSW RFS social media platforms and the NSW RFS website. Additionally, the NSW RFS has a dedicated Hazard Reduction webpage that lists all proposed hazard reductions.

Health information relating to smoke from bush fires and hazard reduction burns is available on the NSW Health website or the Asthma Foundation website. NSW Health issues air pollution alerts when advised by the Office of Environment and Heritage that poor air quality is forecast.

(4) The NSW RFS currently uses smoke plume modelling to determine the level of risk and make informed decisions about communication and operational scheduling. Current prescribed burn plans are carefully prepared to consider contingencies in the event of burn escape and must comply with environmental approvals relating to smoke impact. A number of risk assessment tools are also being developed.

(5) There are other types of hazard reduction outside of controlled burning. These include mechanical clearing such as slashing of undergrowth, or even the use of hand tools to reduce ground fuel. However, mechanical clearing or removing fuel by hand is not effective in reducing the risk of bush fires, nor is it always practical. Mechanical works cannot be used as the sole method to reduce hazards given the sheer amount of land to be treated across New South Wales. This is especially the case in areas with difficult terrain.

(6) The Government is always examining new methods of fuel reduction. As part of the Government's Clean Air Strategy, the NSW RFS and other key agencies are working together to evaluate the pilot of an interagency smoke communication protocol. The pilot has been extended for a further season to refine the process with new and emerging technologies.

*0223 CONSTRUCTION NOISE REGULATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Is it true that maximum noise levels set in the 2009 Interim Construction Noise Guideline is not mandatory, noise controls are only guidelines and can be breached without penalty?
- (2) Is it true that noise complaints can be made to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Environment Line 24 hours a day seven days a week but investigation and enforcement is not immediate and may be some days later?
- (3) Is it true that the 2009 Interim Construction Noise Guideline was to be reviewed after three years as set out in the 'Interim Construction Noise Guideline information sheet' published in July 2009?
- (4) With respect to LA Q5196, what action has been taken to review the 2009 Interim Construction Noise Guideline since May 2017 (to 29 May 2019)?
- (5) What community consultation has been carried out for this review?
- (6) How does the Government ensure that new technologies are used in projects and activities covered by the 2009 Interim Construction Noise Guideline?
- (7) When does the Government expect changes to the Interim Construction Noise Guideline?
- (8) What further action does the Government plan to provide strong protection for citizens affected by construction noise?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Energy and Environment.

*0224 MASS DUCK MORTALITY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Can you confirm allegations of a recent mass mortality of thousands of baby ducks in one of the 27 intensive sheds at the Pepe's Ducks intensive duck farm in the Hilltops Shire?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) What is the total number of mortalities?
 - (ii) What was the cause of death?
 - (iii) What was the method and location of duck corpse disposal?
 - (iv) Why wasn't this mass mortality reported to the authorities?
- (2) What consideration will you give to introducing a duck specific code of practice to accommodate the unique and sentient needs of these aquatic birds given the ducks in this facility do not have access to water?

Answer—

- (1) The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals New South Wales investigated a mass mortality event that took place at a farm in the Hilltops Shire in March 2018. The investigation found an error with the ventilation system and no disease was detected. Corrective actions have been taken

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to ensure there are no future incidents. No other large mortality events have occurred since this event.

- (2) The welfare of ducks is regulated under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 and the associated Regulation. The Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals - Domestic Poultry (4th edition, 2002) is prescribed as a guideline under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, which means it is not mandatory but can be used as evidence in proceedings under the Act or Regulation. There is a national project underway to develop Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Poultry, which includes ducks.

*0225 389 BUS SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What assessment has the Government carried out into the reliability of the 389 bus service since the route was changed?
 - (a) What is the outcome of this assessment?
- (2) Is it true that there are large numbers of cancellations and late services on this bus route?
- (3) What survey has the Government carried out of Pyrmont residents, workers and visitors about transport needs?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of:
 - (a) The need for additional peak hour services;
 - (b) Level of need and service levels before 7 am and after 10 pm?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to introduce buses that cause less air and noise pollution on this route?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to make changes to this timetable and/or route?
- (7) What plans does the Government have to improve connections with other bus services at Bondi Junction?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to match 389 bus services with community need?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) From January to April 2019, over 93.5 per cent of route 389 services operated on time each month, with a cancellation rate of 0.5 per cent. Adjustments are currently being considered to strengthen the resilience of the service.

(3) Sydney Metro West has been working with stakeholders, local communities and industry to refine the project – so that it delivers a fast, safe and reliable metro journey while providing the most benefits to local communities. Community engagement has defined Sydney Metro since 2011 with, for example, stations added to the Northwest project as a result of community feedback. The Government has proposed stations at Westmead, Parramatta, Sydney Olympic Park, North Strathfield, Burwood North, Five Dock, The Bays and the Sydney CBD. The project is also investigating strategic options for two additional stations at Rydalmere and Pyrmont.

A series of early engagement events for Sydney Metro West have been held throughout 2017 and 2018, involving the community, stakeholders and industry. Feedback received during these engagements has helped shape the project, including proposed alignment and stations. This is why Pyrmont and Rydalmere continue to be assessed for feasibility and affordability.

The planning approvals process for Sydney Metro West is anticipated to commence later this year, at which time the community will be encouraged to have its say on the project including proposed station locations.

(4) The existing timetable for route 389 provides for frequent and regular services between Pyrmont and the City from early morning until late at night, seven days a week. Alternative bus, light rail and ferry services also provide regular travel options for customers travelling to and from Pyrmont.

(5) There is no immediate plan to introduce electric buses on route 389.

(6) to (8) Route 389 provides connections to a large number of bus and rail services in the Sydney CBD and Bondi Junction.

Transport for NSW will continue to monitor services and, where necessary, consider bus service adjustments.

*0226 CBD AND SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL PROJECT – TREE REPLACEMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many trees have been removed for the CBD and South East Light Rail project?

- (2) Are further tree losses expected for the project and if so, how many more trees will be removed?
- (3) How many trees have been planted to compensate for the loss of trees and where have they been planted?
- (4) How many trees have been planted:
 - (a) In Moore Park;
 - (b) In Centennial Park;
 - (c) Along Anzac Parade?
- (5) What size trees were transplanted (in either height and diameter, or litres)?
- (6) To what extent have trees been transplanted in the vicinity of the location that trees were removed from?
- (7) What tree species have been planted?
- (8) What tree species were planted:
 - (a) In Moore Park;
 - (b) In Centennial Park;
 - (c) Along Anzac Parade?
- (9) Who is responsible for maintaining the health of transplanted trees?
- (10) Have the replanting ratios of the Revegetation Compensation Package been achieved?
- (11) What further tree planting is planned to compensate for tree losses as a result of this project?

Answer—

I am advised:

The latest version of the Tree Report (Aboriginal Impact Assessment) is available on the Sydney Light Rail project website.

The light rail vegetation program ensures two new trees for every small tree removed, four for every medium tree and eight for every large tree. Replacement trees will be of high quality stock and will generally be about 200L in size.

More than 540 trees have been planted in the Centennial Parklands and more than 90 trees in the CBD and Surry Hills.

Revegetation planting continues in consultation with the relevant land owner (City of Sydney, Randwick City Council and Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust).

*0227 INDIGENOUS INCARCERATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier—

- (1) What action has the Government taken in response to the 2017 Australian Law Reform Commission report 'Pathways to Justice—An Inquiry into the Incarceration Rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples'?
- (2) Is it true that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are:
 - (a) Seven times more likely than non-Indigenous people to be charged with a criminal offence and appear before the courts;
 - (b) 11 times more likely to be held in prison on remand awaiting trial or sentence; and
 - (c) 12.5 times more likely to receive a sentence of imprisonment?
- (3) Is it true that:
 - (a) 76 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners have been in prison before;
 - (b) 45 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander offenders receive a sentence of less than six months; and
 - (c) Few received a community-based sentence?
- (4) What changes have been made to reduce Indigenous incarceration by:
 - (a) Expanding justice investment approaches;
 - (b) Reforming remand, bail and sentencing procedures;
 - (c) Repealing mandatory or presumptive sentencing provisions;
 - (d) Education programs for people serving short sentences or on remand;
 - (e) Ensuring legal representation and advice and legislate for custody notification;
 - (f) Developing targeted responses to Indigenous women;
 - (g) Amending fine enforcement to avoid imprisonment;
 - (h) Supporting Indigenous community programs to address alcohol-related offending;
 - (i) Reviewing police procedures to prevent discrimination in discretion;
 - (j) Implementing Aboriginal Justice Agreements?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to address the serious concerns raised in this report?

Answer—

The Government recognises that Aboriginal offenders continue to be over-represented in the New South Wales criminal justice system. The Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) Inquiry identified positive initiatives in New South Wales including the New South Wales statutory cautioning scheme and the NSW Work and Development Orders Scheme (which enables vulnerable people with accumulated fines to clear their debt by undertaking activities that benefit the community).

More recent reforms continue to align New South Wales practice with the ALRC recommendations. This includes the package of sentencing and parole reforms, which commenced in September 2018. As noted in the Government submission to the ALRC, these initiatives are focussed on reforming the criminal justice system to reduce contact with the criminal justice system for key groups, in particular for Aboriginal people, whilst also ensuring community safety. They aim to address how the system as a whole supports Aboriginal people and those with other vulnerabilities.

These reforms have a range of benefits, including for our Aboriginal communities, such as:

- Reforms to community-based sentences are expected to have a positive impact on overrepresentation. In the past, many Aboriginal offenders were sentenced to imprisonment due to their ineligibility for Intensive Correction Orders, as they could not fulfil the mandatory work requirement because of location, mental health, cognitive impairments or substance abuse issues. As part of the reforms to community-based sentencing, the Government has made the work condition optional instead of mandatory and has given courts a wider range of other conditions to address the causes of offending and hold offenders accountable.
- Parole reforms provide greater flexibility to the State Parole Authority to reconsider an offender's case earlier than 12 months after a decision to refuse or revoke parole. Offenders including Aboriginal offenders will have the opportunity to be considered for parole earlier in a broader range of circumstances.

In addition to these reforms, a new Youth Koori Court opened in Surry Hills in February 2019. Broader work across Government has focused on working with Aboriginal people to improve opportunities for Aboriginal people to break the cycle of disadvantage. This includes OCHRE, the community-focused strengths based plan for Aboriginal Affairs, Their Futures Matter which involves whole of government reforms to better support vulnerable children and families, and a new social impact investment program focused on Aboriginal Economic Development.

The new Stronger Communities cluster brings together the Family and Community Services and Justice clusters. The new cluster provides the opportunity to focus on prevention and early intervention into the social welfare system within the entire law and order system. This will support and drive major change in how New South Wales looks after its most vulnerable people.

*0228 OUTPATIENT CLINICS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) To what extent have New South Wales public hospitals been closing outpatient clinics and referring patients to private health services?
- (2) Which clinics have been closed at which hospitals?
 - (a) In each clinic that has been closed, where are patients being referred?
- (3) Are these decisions made at statewide or health district level?
 - (a) What criteria are used?
 - (b) How does the Government ensure equity of access across New South Wales?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to ensure patients have full access to public hospital outpatient clinics?

Answer—

NSW Health hospitals and community health clinics provide a full range of non-admitted services which include procedural, diagnostic, medical, nursing and allied health specific services.

Outpatient services are delivered in hospital outpatient clinics and community clinics.

In 2016-17, NSW Health was the largest provider in Australia of public outpatient services with more than 8,000 outpatient clinics providing over 18 million service events each year.

The type of outpatient services a facility provides is decided locally, in response to local population needs.

NSW Health is working in partnership with primary health networks and general practice to support patient access to public hospital outpatient clinics.

In 2018-19, an extra \$759 million has been provided for acute hospital services. This includes an additional 400,000 non-admitted patient services.

*0229 PRESCHOOL PLACES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Is it true that the Government only fully funds places at community preschools and only one in six New South Wales preschoolers attends a community preschool?
 - (a) If not, what are the correct figures?
- (2) What programs apply to support families with children attending other preschool/early childhood programs including long day childcare?
- (3) What community preschools operate in the Sydney electorate?
 - (a) How many places are funded in this electorate?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to support and increase access to preschool for three and four-year-olds?

Answer—

(1) Start Strong funding is provided to community preschools and long day care services. More information can be found on the Department's website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/early-childhood-education/operating-an-early-childhood-education-service/grants-and-funded-programs/start-strong>

In 2018, over 98,000 children in the year before full-time schooling received Start Strong funding. This represents more than 90 per cent of the total number of children receiving early childhood education in their year before full-time schooling in New South Wales.

(2) The Commonwealth has primary responsibility for funding long day care services in line with their responsibility for workforce participation, and the New South Wales government has primary responsibility for funding community preschools, who receive no financial support from the Commonwealth.

Additionally, Start Strong funding is provided to long day care services. A number of other programs are available to long day care services to support children and families, including professional development opportunities available through the Sector Development Program and the Quality Learning Environments Program.

Information regarding these programs is available on the Department's website at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/early-childhood-education/operating-an-early-childhood-education-service/grants-and-funded-programs>

- (3) There are five community preschools in the Sydney electorate. These are listed in the table below.
 - (a) Funding for community preschools is calculated based on enrolments. Enrolment information for individual services fluctuates from year to year.

There is no cap on the number of children funded through Start Strong. The following table shows the total funded enrolments at community preschools in the Sydney electorate.

Service Name	Total Funded 2018-19
Hilda Booter Kindergarten	81
Broughton Street Kindergarten	37
KU John J Carroll Preschool	61
Poet's Corner Kindergarten	36
Wunanbiri Pre-School	45

Source: August 2018 Preschool Census, March 2019 Ad Hoc Preschool Census

(4) From 1 January 2019, funding has been extended to all three-year olds in community preschools to support universal access to two years of early childhood education.

In the 2018-19 NSW Budget the Government also announced funding of \$42.1 million over four years to support the creation of additional preschool places in areas of need and demand. An additional \$20 million was announced earlier this year for new and existing community preschools to allow them to build, renovate or extend their facilities to cater for increasing enrolments across the State.

Information on Start Strong Capital Works Grants is available at:

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<https://education.nsw.gov.au/early-childhood-education/operating-an-early-childhood-education-service/grants-and-funded-programs/capital-works-grants>

*0230 SYDNEY METRO STATUTORY AUTHORITY—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many staff are employed in:
 - (a) Planning Sydney Metro;
 - (b) Construction of Sydney Metro;
 - (c) Delivering Sydney Metro;
 - (d) Operating Sydney Metro?
- (2) When was the Sydney Metro Board appointed?
- (3) What are the names of the members of the Sydney Metro Board?
- (4) On how many occasions has Sydney Metro been required to supply the Minister or a person nominated by the Minister with any information relating to its activities that the Minister or person may require, under the provisions of s38K of the Transport Administration Act 1988?
- (5) What total amount has been paid into the Sydney Metro Fund under the provisions of s80FH of the Transport Administration Act 1988?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Information regarding the number of public sector employees in government agencies is regularly made publicly available by the Public Service Commission.
- (2), (3) and (5) This information is publicly available.
- (4) As the Minister responsible for the administration of the Transport Administration Act 1988, I am regularly briefed on matters relating to the statutory functions of those New South Wales government agencies constituted by the Transport Administration Act 1988, including Sydney Metro.

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*0231 KAHIBAH ROAD AND CITY ROAD INTERSECTION FATALITIES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many fatalities have been recorded at the intersection of City Road and Kahibah Road since 2012 (to 30 May 2019)?
- (2) How many crashes have been recorded at the intersection of City Road and Kahibah Road since 2012 (to 30 May 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There have been no fatalities recorded at the intersection of City Road and Kahibah Road since 1 January 2012 to 30 May 2019.
- (2) There have been 7 crashes recorded at the intersection of City Road and Kahibah Road since 1 January 2012 to 30 May 2019.

*0232 REVENUE NSW COLLECTIONS UNIT PERFORMANCE TARGETS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) Do employees within the Collections Unit of Revenue NSW work toward targets or KPI's in terms of the value of fines that they are able to successfully pursue?
- (2) How much revenue is each employee of the Collections Unit of Revenue NSW expected to recoup by way of meeting their targets?
- (3) What is the annual target of value of fines recovered for Revenue NSW Collections Unit?
- (4) If an employee within the Collections Unit of Revenue NSW is falling behind, or operating below, the expected targeted performance standard in terms of funds recovered by collection actions, are these employees performance managed and do they face disciplinary action?
 - (a) If so, how many public servants have been managed in such a way in each year from 2013 to 2018?
- (5) Has a public servant employee of the Collections Unit of Revenue NSW ever been dismissed for

repeated failure to meet the expected performance levels in terms of revenue collected?

(a) If so, how many employees have been dismissed in each year from 2013 to 2018?

Answer—

(1) The Revenue NSW Collections staff have a range of KPI's depending on their skills sets and work allocation. The focus of these KPI's is on resolving customer issues through reviewing the fine, clarification, receiving payment, establishing a payment plan or referring a vulnerable customer for support.

The KPI's include:

- Providing customers with the correct information and an exceptional customer experience.
- Resolving customer enquiries and reducing customer effort.
- Completing actions productively and with a low rate of errors, rework and customer recontact
- For calls relating to a review, increasing finalisation through responding accurately to requests for review enquiries and seeking payment where appropriate.
- For written requests for review, to deliver quality outcomes when processing requests for review and to offer first contact resolution and reduce hand offs and second review/escalation.

(2) There are no targets for Collection Centre staff to recoup revenue.

(3) There is no annual target of value of fines to collect for the Collections Unit.

(4) The department has a performance development program that sets staff performance and development objectives for a 12-month period. Any instances of unsatisfactory performance are managed in accordance with the departments 'managing for improvement' guidelines which comply with the Government Sector Employment Act.

(5) No.

*0233 OFFICE STATE REVENUE MAITLAND STAFFING—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

(1) How many staff from the Review Unit at the Maitland Office of State Revenue NSW were:

- (a) Made redundant in 2018;
- (b) Transferred to another office in 2018?

(2) How many staff were hired to conduct reviews of penalty notices at the Maitland Office in:

- (a) 2018;
- (b) 2019?

(3) Why was the Review Unit disbanded?

Answer—

(1) (a) 56 staff applied for and were provided with a voluntary redundancy (VR) as part of the Maitland Collection Centre restructure.

(1) (b), (2) (a) and (b) 0

(3) The Restructure Management Plan was implemented to develop a more holistic, personalised service for fines customers creating the opportunity to improve customer experience, increase staff productivity and provide faster resolution and less touch points for the customer.

*0234 IMPROVING STREAMS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) In each year from 1969 to 2019 (to 29 May 2019), how much did it cost to fully ameliorate the coast of flooding in each of the following streams:

- (a) Tweed;
- (b) Richmond;
- (c) Clarence;
- (d) Hastings;
- (e) Manning?

(2) How much water, on average over 50 years, does each of the rivers in (1) discharge into the ocean?

(3) What is the relationship between the prices irrigators pay for stored water versus the profits derived from its use?

(4) What are the relative costs of construction and total CO2 emissions of concrete walls and earth filled dams?

Answer—

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(1) This is a matter for the Minister for Energy and Environment.

(2) This information is publicly available on the WaterNSW website at <https://realtime.data.waternsw.com.au> (under 'Rivers and Streams').

Please see Appendix B for the mean annual recordings of flows from gauging stations at the bottom of each catchment (closest available to the ocean), over the period 1 January 1969 to 6 June 2019 (where available).

(3) The prices that water users pay are determined by IPART and reflect WaterNSW's fair and efficient costs. Profits derived from the use of this water are dictated by market conditions which impact on the prices the irrigators are able to receive for their products.

(4) Each individual dam site has unique geological and hydrological characteristics, which inform the type, material, construction methods and size of the dam wall constructed. As a result, there is no generic design that is applied to a site. It is therefore impracticable to provide an accurate comparison of the relative costs and emissions of concrete wall dams and earth filled dams; other than to say that earth filled dams will intuitively have less carbon dioxide emissions than concrete dams.

*0235 MAINTENANCE AT OURIMBAH RAILWAY STATION MASTER'S COTTAGE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What maintenance works have been undertaken on the Ourimbah Railway Station Master's Cottage in each year from 2015 to 2019 (to 29 May 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Station Master's Cottage has received routine maintenance including an annual termite inspection, condition inspection and works as required to maintain the property in its current condition.

Additional works are scheduled for completion in June 2019, including:

- Minor works on the roof
- New eaves, gutters and downpipes
- Timber cladding repairs and minor window repairs
- External repainting
- Floor repairs.

*0236 BUS ROUTES—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) What is the best way for bus riders to make suggestions for improvements to bus services?

(2) What information is required for Transport for NSW to:

- (a) Determine changes to a bus route;
- (b) Establish a new bus route;
- (c) Establish a new metrobus route?

Answer—

I am advised:

Customers can provide suggestions about bus services to www.transportnsw.info.

Information is used by Transport for NSW when considering changes to existing bus routes, or introducing new routes, include changes in customer demand, travel patterns, major new projects, and current and projected population and employment numbers.

*0237 MENTAL HEALTH PEER WORKFORCE—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

What percentage change has been made in the mental health peer workforce in the Hunter between March 2018 and June 2019?

Answer—

Data for June 2019 is not yet available. Hunter New England Local Health District advise that mental health peer workers increased from 5.8 full-time equivalent (FTE) in January to March 2018 to 9.3 FTE in January to March 2019, an increase of 60 per cent.

*0238 REVENUE NSW REVIEWS AND TIMELINES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) In each calendar year since 2011 (to 30 May 2019), how many reviews of penalty notices conducted by Revenue NSW have been finalised and the applicant notified?
- (a) What is the break-down of reviews conducted per venue in which they were undertaken at various locations across New South Wales?
- (b) Of those reviews received and finalised, for each calendar year in (1), how many were finalised:
- Within 21 days and according to venue/site?
 - Requiring additional information within 22 to 56 days and according to venue/site?
 - Requiring no additional information within 22 to 42 days and according to venue/site?
 - Between 56 or 42 days, as per legislative requirements, and 90 days and according to venue/site?
 - Within 91 to 180 days and according to venue/site?
 - After 181 days and according to venue/site?

Answer—

(1) 2,339,726

- (a) Revenue NSW Systems do not record where reviews take place. However, reviews were undertaken in Maitland from 2011 to 2017. From 2017 onwards, locations included Maitland, Lithgow and Gosford.
- (b) Processed requests for review where date of request between 1 January 2011 and 31 May 2019

Calendar Year	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)
2011	145,141	16,207	37,005	10,837	1,722	175
2012	151,031	17,943	52,120	7,751	1,234	77
2013	206,379	17,390	62,492	6,995	898	87
2014	256,572	7,065	42,259	2,514	565	100
2015	231,095	9,246	37,838	2,940	446	65
2016	245,061	5,906	20,476	1,579	407	73
2017	49,076	14,148	223,172	2,825	424	18
2018	103,837	16,831	183,406	3,156	544	6
2019 (to 31 May 2019)	91,471	5,839	110,575	1,001	173	0

*0239 EMPOWERING HOMES PROGRAM—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) When will up to 300,000 owner-occupants of households with an annual income of up to \$180,000 be able to apply for no-interest loans of up to \$9,000 for battery systems and up to \$14,000 for solar-battery systems as promised by the Government?
- (2) What will be the total estimated cost to the taxpayer of the Government's Empowering Homes solar battery program over its decade-long rollout?

Answer—

- (1) The program is expected to be launched in summer 2019-20.
- (2) The projected costings for the program are detailed in the Parliamentary Budget Office - Election Policy Costing Paper Y029, which is publicly available at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/pbo/Pages/2019-Coalition-election-policy-costings.aspx.

*0240 COST OF PALLIATIVE CARE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What was the average cost to the New South Wales health system, per patient, of palliative care during the 2017-18 financial year?
- (a) How much of this cost was, on average, borne by the patient?

Answer—

In 2017-18, the average cost to the NSW Health system per episode of palliative care was:

- \$5,191 per inpatient episode of care
- \$256 per non-admitted episode of care.

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Public health services are provided under Medicare for public patients, including inpatient and community palliative care.

*0241 PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH TOURETTE'S SYNDROME—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

Considering how misunderstood Tourette's Syndrome is, are there any specific programs to help address challenges faced by people living with Tourette's Syndrome in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised that this is a matter for the Minister for Health, the Honourable Brad Hazzard MP.

*0242 GOSFORD SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What number of students enrolled at Gosford Selective High School lived outside the Central Coast in each of the 2017 to 2018 academic years?

Answer—

The number of Year 7 to 12 students enrolled at Gosford Selective High School who lived outside the Central Coast in the 2017 academic year was 258 students and in the 2018 academic year it was 255.

Given that we cannot qualify what the Member means by 'outside the Central Coast', we have used the Central Coast Local Government Area to define 'the Central Coast'.

*0243 PORT OF NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer—

- (1) How many bids for the Port of Newcastle lease did the Government:
 - (a) Receive;
 - (b) Consider?
- (2) On what date did the Government require Newcastle Port Corporation (NPC) to amend the Term Sheets with Newcastle Stevedores Consortium (NSC) to require NSC to reimburse the Government for any cost the Government incurs in paying compensation to NSW Ports, for container traffic at the Port of Newcastle above a minimal specified cap?
- (3) On what date did the NPC amend the Term Sheets with NSC to require NSC to reimburse the Government for any cost the Government incurs in paying compensation to NSW Ports, for container traffic at the Port of Newcastle above a minimal specified cap?
- (4) On what date did NPC conclude its negotiation with NSC without reaching an agreement for developing the container terminal site?

Answer—

The Port of Newcastle transaction unlocked valuable resources which have been used to revitalise central Newcastle. Newcastle received \$340 million of the gross proceeds from the transaction, alongside investment from the Government, which was able to fund and build the Newcastle CBD Light Rail.

The opening and successful operation of the Newcastle Light Rail throughout the CBD is a sign of the Government's commitment to Newcastle, alongside our major investments in health and schools in the area.

We encourage the Opposition to stand with the Government to support Newcastle and stop talking the city down.

*0245 VESTING CROWN LAND IN CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) With regard to the Land Negotiation Program and the transferring of suitable Crown land to local Councils, how many properties have been transferred to Cessnock City Council?
- (2) How many properties were:
 - (a) Deemed suitable to transfer to Cessnock City Council;
 - (b) Rejected for transfer by Cessnock City Council?
- (3) How many of the transferred properties have been subject to a reclassification of the category for rating purposes?
- (4) How many have now been rated as:
 - (a) Residential?
 - (b) Business?
 - (c) Farmland?

(d) Mining?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) No properties have been transferred to Cessnock City Council as the Land Negotiation Program is not negotiating with Cessnock City Council.

(2) Because the Land Negotiation Program is not negotiating with Cessnock City Council, this question is not applicable.

(3) and (4) Refer to Answer 2.

*0246 ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

Considering the recent decision of the Independent Planning Commission to decline the development application for the Next Generation 'Energy From Waste' facility at Eastern Creek, and based on the advice of the Environmental Protection Agency, will the Government now legislate against the creation of such facilities within Sydney metropolitan areas?

Answer—

The NSW Energy from Waste Policy ensures that energy recovery poses a minimal risk of harm to our environment and our communities. The policy covers all areas of New South Wales, including the Sydney metropolitan area.

Facilities wanting to recover energy from waste must comply with the policy, regardless of location.

*0247 HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) How many new Housing NSW properties have been built in each suburb of the Maitland electorate in each financial year from 2009-10 to 2018-19?

(a) How many bedrooms did each property have?

(2) How many properties have Housing NSW purchased in each suburb of the Maitland electorate in each financial year from 2009-10 to 2018-19?

(a) How many bedrooms did each property have?

(3) How many properties have Housing NSW disposed of in each suburb of the Maitland electorate in each financial year from 2009-10 to 2018-19?

(a) How many bedrooms did each property have?

Answer—

I am advised that information regarding the number of social housing properties in New South Wales is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*0248 REVENUE NSW STAFFING AND LOCATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

(1) As at May 30 for each year from 2011 to 2019, in which locations across New South Wales were the review of fines undertaken, within the Services Unit of Revenue NSW?

(a) How many full time equivalent staff were employed in each of these centres for the purposes of review at that time?

Answer—

(1) Revenue NSW Systems do not record where reviews take place. However, reviews were undertaken in Maitland from 2011 to 2017. From 2017 onwards, locations included Maitland, Lithgow and Gosford.

(a) Collection Centre staff process calls, reviews and email enquiries. No positions are dedicated to processing reviews exclusively.

*0249 WICKED CAMPER VANS ON NEW SOUTH WALES ROADS—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) What is the legal framework that governs what are commonly called Wicked Camper Vans?

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- (a) If there is no legal framework, what action has been taken or is under consideration which can cause offensive painted slogans to be removed from such vans and/or remove these vans from our roads?
- (2) What action has been taken or under consideration regarding a national cross-jurisdictional approach to rid our roads of these vans as their slogans can be misogynistic and racist?

Answer—

I am advised:

The regulation of road transport falls within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Transport and Roads. Questions about vehicles should be directed to the Minister.

There are existing criminal offences in New South Wales that could apply to offensive slogans on vehicles, for example:

- Section 4 of the Summary Offences Act 1988 where driving a vehicle with an offensive slogan near a public place or a school could constitute "offensive conduct", and
- Section 578C of the Crimes Act 1900 which provides that a person must not publish, exhibit, let or hire anything that can be read or looked at that is indecent.

*0250 EXPRESS TRAIN SERVICES TO GRANVILLE STATION—Ms Lynda Voltz asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) When will the express train services promised by the Government return to Granville Station?
- (2) Will express services also be returned to Auburn and Lidcombe Stations?
- (3) Will the returned services include the 100 previously reduced by the Government?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is investigating options to improve services for customers travelling from Granville Station.

Providing more express services is a complex task and requires detailed planning, including a timetable restructure and a re-signalling project with further analysis needed to ensure other services are not negatively impacted.

Transport for NSW will keep customers updated to ensure plenty of time to plan ahead of any changes.

*0251 COMMUNITY AND SMALL BUSINESS CCTV FUND MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

When will the eligibility criteria for the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund be expanded to include community groups and small businesses in the Maitland electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Community and Small Business CCTV Fund will be rolled out in Western and South-Western Sydney over four years before being assessed for expansion to other areas in New South Wales.

Further information about the program is available at www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au.

*0252 GOVERNMENT PROTOCOLS—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Premier—

- (1) What protocols are in place for Ministers of the Crown to liaise with State Members of Parliament offices on policy and grant announcements, and notifications of and invitations to attend Ministerial visits to electorates?
- (2) Are there different protocols for Nationals Members of Parliament who hold Ministerial and Parliamentary Secretaries rank, and their liaison with Opposition Members of Parliament, whose seats lie in rural and regional New South Wales?

Answer—

The Government was elected to govern for all citizens and communities across New South Wales.

*0253 DESTINATION NSW REGIONAL CONFERENCING ACTION PLAN—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

- (1) Is Newcastle eligible for conference funding provided through the Destination NSW Regional Conferencing Action Plan?

- (a) If not:
 (i) Why not?
 (ii) Will the Minister review this decision?

Answer—

(1) No.

(a) (i) The aim of the NSW Regional Conferencing Strategy and Action Plan's funding program, the Regional Business Event Development Fund, is to focus and assist those areas outside of established conferencing destinations such as Newcastle, which already draw significant benefit from established business events infrastructure and proximity to Sydney.

(ii) Each year (financial year), arrangements and opportunities for all regional funding programs are considered.

*0254 NEWCASTLE BUSES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Are there any plans to change bus services operated by Keolis Downer from 30 June 2019?
- (2) Will there be any reductions to bus services from 30 June 2019?
- (3) What consultation will be carried out if there are to be changes to the network?
- (4) Will the Minister hold an open and transparent review of the bus services operated by Keolis Downer?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to the Newcastle Transport media release on 3 June 2019.

*0255 LIFTS AT HAWKESBURY RIVER RAILWAY STATION—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What is the timeline for delivering lifts at Hawkesbury River Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

Planning is underway for an accessibility upgrade at Hawkesbury River Station, under the Transport Access Program. Information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*0256 UPGRADE THE CENTRAL COAST HIGHWAY BETWEEN THE M1 AND THE CORNER OF WOY WOY ROAD—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What plans does the Government have to upgrade the Central Coast Highway between the M1 on/off ramps and the corner of Woy Woy Road to improve traffic flow and ensure growth is possible in the Somersby industrial estate?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services is working with the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment on the Central Coast Southern Growth Corridor which includes the Mount Penang precinct. Roads and Maritime has been in discussions with Hunter Central Coast Development Corporation about the Mount Penang Master Plan.

Roads and Maritime has completed a Draft Central Coast Network Strategy. The strategy identified the Central Coast Highway and Woy Woy Road intersection as an initiative for investigation in the medium term (next 10 years).

Roads and Maritime will also be undertaking further analysis along the corridor associated with the Government's Central Coast Regional Plan 2036.

*0257 GOSFORD HOSPITAL MULTISTOREY PARKING FACILITY—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What have been the weekly patronage numbers of the new Gosford Hospital multistorey parking facility since opening as at 30 May 2019?
 (a) What were the anticipated numbers?

Answer—

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Arrangements for reporting on parking utilisation by Secure Parking to the Local Health District are being finalised. Sufficient car park spaces were released on opening to meet demand.

*0258 LIFTS AT NARARA RAILWAY STATION—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What is the timeline for delivering lifts at Narara Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

Planning is underway for an accessibility upgrade at Narara Station, under the Transport Access Program. As part of this process, preliminary investigations will be undertaken to help identify what is needed to make this station fully accessible.

Subject to community consultation and planning approvals, construction is expected to start in mid-2021.

*0259 NEWCASTLE STATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) What plans does the Government have to activate the Newcastle Station site?

(a) How much is being spent on activating the site this year?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation (the Corporation) owns and manages the Newcastle Station site and is focused on creating a vibrant destination with events, retail offerings and activation for the community to enjoy.

The Corporation's strategy is to activate the Newcastle Station site by offering an attractive event site where event managers choose to host their events.

The Corporation does not pay for events to be held at the Newcastle Station site. All events are run by independent event managers. Income from event hire is invested into the ongoing maintenance of the site.

*0260 SUPERCARS SPECIAL EVENT BUSES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Did Newcastle Transport operate the Special Event Bus Services for the 2018 Newcastle 500 Supercars event?

Answer—

I am advised:

Newcastle Transport operated extra bus services on existing routes and a Park and Ride shuttle bus between McDonald Jones Stadium and Newcastle CBD.

*0261 PORTABLE DEFIBRILLATION UNITS IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

How many grant applications for portable defibrillation units have been successful in the Wallsend electorate?

Answer—

There was one successful application in 2017-18.

There were 13 successful applications in 2018-19.

Details of recipients and grants below:

2017-18

Applicant	Grant \$
Newcastle Small Bore and Air Rifle Club Incorporated	1,250.00

2018-19

Applicant	Grant \$
New Lambton Football Club	1,250.00
South Wallsend Junior Soccer Club Incorporated	1,250.00

Beresfield Football Club Incorporated	1,250.00
Lambton Park Tennis Club Incorporated	1,250.00
Newcastle University Rugby Union Club Incorporated	1,250.00
West Leagues Netball Club	1,250.00
Maryland Fletcher Football Club Incorporated	1,250.00
Hunter Valley Traditional Archers Incorporated	1,248.00
Beresfield Memorial Cricket Club	1,144.00
Beresfield United Senior Soccer Club	1,144.00
Shortland R.S.L. Junior Soccer Club Incorporated	1,144.00
Glendale Rugby League Football Club Incorporated	1,129.00
Rose Walton Memorial Benefit Fund	1,125.00

*0262 STUDENTS WITH TOURETTE'S SYNDROME—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Are there any specific programs to help address challenges faced by students diagnosed with Tourette's Syndrome in New South Wales public schools?

Answer—

New South Wales public school students with disability, including those with Tourette's syndrome, can access a range of programs and services that address their additional learning and support needs. The type and level of support provided to students is based on their personalised needs. This support is established through a personalised learning and support process in consultation with the student, parents or carers, and specialist staff where needed. Support may include adjustments to teaching, learning and assessment, provision of specialist support, or attendance in a special school or specialist support class.

*0263 OFFICERS AND STAFF AT CENTRAL COAST POLICE DISTRICTS—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What is the current number of sworn officers attached to the:
 - (a) Tuggerah Lakes Police Districts;
 - (b) Brisbane Waters Police Districts?
- (2) What is the current number of unsworn staff attached to the:
 - (a) Tuggerah Lakes Police Districts;
 - (b) Brisbane Waters Police Districts?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Commissioner of Police is responsible for the allocation of police positions based on operational requirements. All positions attached to Police Area Commands and Police Districts are supplemented by specialist police who work wherever they are needed across the state.

*0264 DREDGING OF THE ENTRANCE CHANNEL—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How much money has been allocated to dredging of The Entrance channel over the last four years?
 - (a) Has all the monies been expended?
 - (b) Has the funded dredging program been completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Water, Property and Housing.

*0265 BRISBANE TO MELBOURNE RAILWAY LINE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the completion date for the Brisbane to Melbourne Railway line?
- (2) What is the recommended maximum speed with current rolling stock in good maintenance?

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(3) Is the line capable of being upgraded to hold similar high speed operations without spending billions of dollars?

Answer—

I am advised:

Inland Rail is a 1,700 kilometres freight rail infrastructure project connecting Melbourne and Brisbane via New South Wales. Comprising 13 individual projects, approximately 60 per cent of the rail line is in Regional New South Wales.

The project is federally funded and Australia Rail Track Corporation is the delivery agency.

The Government appreciates the national significance and is supportive of the Inland Rail project and is working collaboratively with the Commonwealth Government and the Australian Rail Track Corporation to advance this project.

Project information is available on the Inland Rail website <https://inlandrail.artc.com.au/program>.

*0266 LICENCED COMMERCIAL FISHERS ON THE CENTRAL COAST—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

What is the current number of licenced commercial fishers residing on the New South Wales Central Coast as at 29 May 2019?

Answer—

Based on reported residential postcodes, there are 80 licenced commercial fishers assigned to the Central Coast fisheries compliance office district.

*0267 M5 AND M5 TUNNEL VEHICLE NUMBERS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) In each year from 2015 to 2018, how many vehicles travelled on the M5:

- (a) Eastbound;
- (b) Westbound?

(2) In each year from 2015 to 2018, how many vehicles travelled in the M5 East tunnel:

- (a) Eastbound;
- (b) Westbound?

(3) In each year from 2015 to 2018, what was the daily average number of vehicles travelling on the M5:

- (a) Eastbound;
- (b) Westbound?

(4) In each year from 2015 to 2018, what was the daily average number of vehicles travelling in the M5 East tunnel:

- (a) Eastbound;
- (b) Westbound?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (3) Information is publicly available on Transurban's website.

(2) 2015 - 50,903,305

2016 - 51,581,703

2017 - 51,267,580

2018 - 51,629,085.

(4) 2015 - 139,461

2016 - 164,320

2017 - 140,459

2018 - 141,450.

*0268 PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How many people made use of Palliative Care services in New South Wales in the 2017-18 financial year?

Answer—

In 2017-18, there were 34,595 inpatient and 234,179 non-admitted episodes of palliative care provided by NSW Health services.

*0269 COMMENCEMENT OF STAGE 5 OF THE NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What is the commencement date for works on Stage 5 of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services expects to award the contract to build the new shared path bridge over Newcastle Road shortly. Construction is expected to start in late 2019.

*0270 HEAVY VEHICLE LICENCE ASSESSMENTS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many Roads and Maritime Service employees qualified to conduct practical driving assessments for heavy vehicles, specifically Multi Combination (MC), are based in regional areas as at 30 May 2019?
- (2) Why are some of the 1,550 MC licence holders within the electorate of Murray, required to travel at their own expense to town centres up to three hours drive away in order to undertake MC licence practical driving assessments because there are insufficient qualified MC assessors within the major town centres of Murray?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Roads and Maritime Services does not directly employ heavy vehicle driving assessors, but rather assessors are employed by Registered Training Organisations accredited by Roads and Maritime) to deliver Heavy Vehicle Competency Based Assessment for applicants wishing to have a Multi Combination licence.
- (2) Locations where practical heavy vehicle driving assessments are offered throughout New South Wales are determined by assessors. Neither the Registered Training Organisations nor Roads and Maritime manage where assessors are based, as market forces dictate which regional and metro areas will have a higher concentration of assessors.

*0271 HILLSTON TOWNSHIP WATER LICENCE—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Why is the Hillston Township required to apply annually for their 270 megalitres high security river entitlement?

Answer—

I understand Hillston township has a specific purpose access licence with a 270 unit entitlement in the Lachlan Regulated River Water Source.

There is no requirement to apply annually for specific purpose access licences.

*0272 JORDAN SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Prue Car asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What is the current timeline for the construction and completion of the Jordan Springs Public School as at 29 May 2019?

Answer—

Site establishment has begun for the new primary school at Jordan Springs, early works are due to commence in June 2019, and the project is forecast for completion in late 2020.

*0273 PALLIATIVE CARE—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What does the Government specifically plan to do in order to assist Fairfield and Liverpool Hospitals with the growing number of palliative care-related hospitalisations?
- (2) Will the Government consider introducing treatment subsidies for palliative care patients?
- (3) Will the Government invest in more advocacy and support programs to support palliative care patients who are admitted in multicultural communities such as Cabramatta?

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Answer—

(1) to (3) As part of the four year additional \$100 million investment in palliative care all districts are able to recruit additional nursing and allied health staff that continue to support onsite specialist nursing consultative service, specialist palliative care wards, renal supportive care programs, respiratory and palliative care clinics.

Both Fairfield and Liverpool Hospitals provide End of Life Care Home Support Packages, which assist with community based patient care and carer support at the end of life.

In addition, Health Care Interpreter Services are available free of charge to all public health patients, their carers and families using NSW Health services.

*0274 NAPLAN OUTAGE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

How many schools in the Wallsend electorate were impacted by the NAPLAN computer outage?

Answer—

11 NAPLAN Online schools in the Wallsend electorate reported to the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) that they had connectivity issues on Tuesday 14 May 2019 when the national assessment platform experienced widespread issues.

Five of these affected schools in the Wallsend electorate chose to re-sit the relevant NAPLAN test(s) and provided NESA with lists of students who were expected to re-sit the tests.

*0275 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH PALLIATIVE CARE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) What is the capacity of Hunter New England Health to deliver palliative care?

(a) How many beds are available for palliative care as at 28 May 2019?

Answer—

Hunter New England Local Health District offers community, inpatient and consultative end of life care. Across New South Wales, specialist palliative care services are delivered in a range of settings and are provided in a networked arrangement, complementing the care provided by primary care services.

*0276 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND ARTISTIC TREASURES—Ms Sonia Hornery 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—

Have cultural institutions in New South Wales played any role in preserving archaeological and artistic treasures from the Middle East during recent conflicts?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences is in the process of acquiring a 3D printed sculpture, 'King Uthal', designed and created by the Iranian born American artist Morehshin Allahyari in 2016. It is one of 12 objects from the 'Material Speculation: ISIS' series produced in 2015 - 2016. This object is a digital fabrication which resembles, as closely as possible, the 'real' King Uthal sculpture destroyed by ISIS forces in 2015 as part of a program which claimed it sought to erase statues and figures that promote idolatry.

In 2014, the Art Gallery of New South Wales hosted Afghanistan: hidden treasures from the National Museum, Kabul, an exhibition of ancient artefacts that had been hidden by museum staff in Kabul to protect them from bombs, looters and a Taliban decree to destroy all 'idolatrous' images. The exhibition featured art and cultural treasures spanning a period from 2200BCE to 200CE and derived from important Silk Road archaeological sites.

*0277 ISLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL AIR-CONDITIONING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Are there any plans to provide air-conditioning for Islington Public School?

(a) If so, will solar panels be installed as part of this project?

(2) Do all public schools funded under the Cooler Classrooms Fund receive investments in solar panels?

(3) If solar panels are only installed after the school meets certain criteria, what are these criteria?

- (4) If solar panels are installed under the Cooler Classrooms Fund, does the investment only offset the power required by new air conditioners or is funding available to offset other electricity consumption at the school?
- (5) Will financial savings made from solar panels be returned back to the school or are these funds provided to the Department of Education?

Answer—

(1) to (4) Islington Public School successfully applied for funding to have air conditioning installed under Round One of the Cooler Classrooms program.

The Department of Education is continuing to install solar across the state and is prioritising the highest emitting schools. Where feasible photovoltaic (PV) solar panels will be installed as part of the program to offset the energy consumed by the new air conditioning systems. The due diligence process will determine whether solar panels are a viable power source for the school by considering the availability of suitable roof space and total capacity of the school's PV solar system.

(5) If a school makes financial savings through energy efficiency activities, including the installation of solar panels, the school is entitled to keep the savings.

*0278 NEW BRIDGE IN TABULAM—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will construction of a new bridge crossing the Clarence River be delayed or halted by any onsite issues with the project's contractors?
- (2) Will the new Tabulam Bridge meet its scheduled completion date and be open to traffic by mid-2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services has engaged a new contractor (Georgiou Group) to complete the project. The previous contractor is working with Roads and Maritime Services and the new contractor to ensure a smooth handover with the project on track for completion mid-2020, weather permitting.

*0279 ANSON STREET AND WARRENDINE STREET INTERSECTION SAFETY UPGRADES—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Will consideration be given to funding the safety upgrades to the busy intersection of Anson Street and Warrendine Street, Orange should the assessment necessitate those upgrades to prevent foreseeable dangers which have been identified and raised by residents and nearby shop owners?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a local road intersection under the care and control of Orange City Council. Roads and Maritime will continue to work with Orange City Council to improve this intersection.

*0280 WATER FOR TENTERFIELD SHIRE—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What is the Government doing to implement a range of urgent, practical measures to guarantee water security for the drought-affected Tenterfield Shire?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that Tenterfield could experience critical water shortages by October this year as Tenterfield Dam's levels are at 35 per cent and may not have significant rain fall during winter?
- (3) Why was the Natural Resources Access Regulator refused a licensing application from Tenterfield Shire Council earlier this month to draw water from the dormant Apex Park Bore for livestock watering purposes?

Answer—

(1) The Government is aware of the water security issue at Tenterfield. The Government has been working closely with Tenterfield Shire Council to ensure the town does not run out of water. A meeting between key agencies was held with Council in Tenterfield to discuss the situation and potential solutions, which I understand was extremely productive.

I have approved an initial sum of \$373,000 in emergency assistance to enable Council to immediately commence investigations for additional bore water supplies. Further funding assistance can be made available to Council once the outcome of these investigations is known.

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(2) During the meeting with Council a range of worst-case planning scenarios were discussed. It was agreed that Council will commence investigations into potential emergency water source (groundwater) options as soon as possible.

The absolute worst-case scenario would see Tenterfield Dam being exhausted at the end of 2019. As part of Council's current investigations, they will be confirming the safe yield of their existing emergency bore and the storage capacity of the Tenterfield Dam, which will enable refinement of this estimate.

(3) I am advised Natural Resources Access Regulator was not in a position to process Council's application for a Water Supply Works Approval for a basic landholder rights bore, as Council is not eligible to apply for an approval for this purpose. Various options were discussed with Council during the meeting, including Council potentially reapplying for a Work Approval for production purposes. The location of this previously abandoned test bore is also a complicating factor, as it does not comply with the relevant water sharing plan rules, in terms of its close proximity to a local stream .

*0281 HUNTER AND DARBY STREET BUSINESSES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) What support has been provided to businesses on Hunter Street and Darby Street impacted by light rail construction and the associated downturn in business?
- (2) How many businesses have closed in the 2017-18 financial year on:
 - (a) Hunter Street;
 - (b) Darby Street?
- (3) What support is the Government offering businesses on Hunter Street?
- (4) Will the Minister meet with small businesses in Newcastle to discuss the issues they are facing?

Answer—

The Newcastle Light Rail project is part of an integrated transport solution for Newcastle. 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. 4,000 new homes and almost 8,000 more jobs are expected in the city centre by 2036. Light rail will play an important role in keeping the city moving, and reducing congestion into the future.

Local engagement managers and business advisors were available to provide businesses with personalised advice and assistance.

During construction, pedestrian access to businesses was maintained. Revitalising Newcastle made adjustments to its program in order to support businesses, including establishing short-term parking on Hunter Street, and not commencing construction in front of retailers until after Christmas in 2017, as a result of direct feedback. Revitalising Newcastle also hosted and supported a series of free outdoor entertainment and events to bring people to the city, collectively attracting an estimated 100,000 people.

The NSW Small Business Commissioner extended a direct offer of support to Newcastle businesses at a forum held on 24 January 2018.

I am advised there were a small handful of businesses that closed or relocated. Between mid-2017 and September 2018 (the end of construction) 35 new businesses were established.

*0282 STOCKTON CENTRE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many jobs will be lost from the Stockton Centre?
- (2) Will those affected by job losses be given redundancy payments?
 - (a) If not why not?
- (3) Why did the Minister fail to mention the job losses when he recently toured the facility?
- (4) Will the Minister reconsider his decision to remove jobs from the Stockton Centre?
- (5) On 18 March 2014 in the Legislative Council, former Minister for Disability Services John Ajaka stated "To address concerns held by some staff, I have met with representatives from the Stockton branches of the New South Wales Nurses Association and the Public Service Association and I reiterate that this Government will provide continuing employment for all those who want it." Will you stand by this commitment?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised the roles impacted by the Hunter Residences redevelopment program will be managed in accordance with standard government process, including support for staff to find alternate roles, matching roles in other Government departments, and as a final step, redundancies.

In addition, I am advised some staff who will not be transferring to the smaller-group homes will have the opportunity to transition to the health system, should they wish to and should an appropriate position be available.

The decision to redevelop and devolve all large residential centres was a decision made by the Government in 1998, predating the National Disability Insurance Scheme and has had bipartisan support since this time.

*0283 NORTHERN RIVERS COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRE FUNDING—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Why has Government funding been reduced to the Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre by \$50,000 each year from 2020 to 2023, which could lead to the elimination of outreach services in Murwillumbah, Tweed Heads, Pottsville, Casino or Grafton, from 1 July 2019?
- (2) How could the new competitive tendering process help vulnerable clients to navigate the court system?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government's investment in community legal centres is at record levels in 2019-20, having increased 85 per cent since 2015-16.

No community legal centre, including those that provide services to vulnerable clients, will receive less in 2019-20 than in 2016-17 in State Government and Public Purpose Fund funding.

The funding for some community legal centres in 2019-20 is lower than for 2017-18 or 2018-19 because additional 'one-off' State funding was allocated to centres in those years, including to the Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre.

*0284 S-SET TRAINS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the response to LA Q9498 which states that 'the S-Sets were temporarily put back on the network to provide additional services to help meet that demand. The Government is replacing these with 24 new Waratah-style trains which are now being rolled out on the network' and the Transport for NSW website which advises that the entire fleet is expected to be on the tracks in early 2019, are all 24 new Waratah Series 2 trains in operation?
- (2) Has the decommissioning of the non-air-conditioned S-Sets begun?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes.

*0285 NORTHCOTT DRIVE AND CITY ROAD INTERSECTION FATALITIES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many fatalities have been recorded at the intersection of City Road and Northcott Drive since 2012 (to 30 May 2019)?
- (2) How many crashes have been recorded at the intersection of City Road and Northcott Drive since 2012 (to 30 May 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There were no fatalities at the intersection of City Road and Northcott Drive recorded between 1 January 2012 and 30 May 2019.
- (2) There have been 15 crashes recorded at the intersection of City Road and Northcott Drive between 1 January 2012 and 30 May 2019.

*0286 OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE REPATRIATION PROGRAM—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Considering the disbanding of the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH), will the OEH's Repatriation Program continue?

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(a) If so, under which body will it continue?

Answer—

Responsibility and management of the Repatriation Program transferred to the Department of Premier and Cabinet on 1 July 2019. The program continues to operate within the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Further questions relating to the Repatriation Program should be directed to the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts.

*0287 THREATENED SPECIES RECOVERY PLANNING—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

Considering the disbanding of the Office of Environment and Heritage, which body is now responsible for the Aboriginal community involvement in threatened species recovery planning?

Answer—

The Office of Environment and Heritage functions for threatened species conservation, including Aboriginal community involvement, will continue in the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

*0288 COMMUTER CARPARK FUND—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) What is the process for securing funds from the Commonwealth Government's \$500 million commuter car park fund, as per the 2019-20 Commonwealth Budget?

(a) Will Cardiff Station receive any of this funding?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government expects the \$500 million Commuter Car Park Fund, established within the Commonwealth Government's Urban Congestion Fund, to be administered under the National Partnership Agreement on Land Transport Infrastructure Projects.

The Commonwealth Government made a number of specific commitments from the Commuter Car Park Fund in the lead up to the 2019 federal election. The Government is not aware of a Commonwealth commitment for Cardiff Station.

*0289 CITY ROAD AND SCENIC DRIVE INTERSECTION UPGRADES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Considering that Roads and Maritime Services has identified the intersection of City Road and Scenic Drive as 'an issue for further investigation' and stated that 'there are opportunities to provide improvements', what construction works have been undertaken to prevent further accidents at this intersection?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2013, Roads and Maritime Services reduced the speed limit near the intersection from 80 kilometres per hour to 70 kilometres per hour. Adjustments were also made to the northbound merge to improve the sight distance for right turning traffic into Scenic Drive.

Roads and Maritime is currently completing investigation work at the City Road and Scenic Drive intersection including option design, traffic modelling of options, and economic analysis.

*0290 MOVING OF YEARS 3 TO 6 FROM MARSDEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Prue Car asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

When was the decision made by the Department of Education to move Years 3 to 6 from Marsden Park Public School to Riverstone Public School?

Answer—

The Department of Education will not move Years 3 to 6 from Marsden Park Public School. The school will be expanded to cater for its current enrolment growth.

*0291 FUNDING FOR THE DRIFTWAY AT LONDONDERRY—Ms Prue Car asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What correspondence has been sent to Hawkesbury and Penrith City Councils about requests for funding for the Driftway at Londonderry?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services has corresponded with Hawkesbury City Council in relation to opportunities for safety improvements at the intersection of The Driftway and Londonderry Road.

*0292 OVERCROWDING AT MARSDEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Prue Car asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What options were considered by the Department to deal with overcrowding at Marsden Park Public School, before the option to move Years 3 to 6 to Riverstone Public School were presented to parents and the community?

Answer—

I am advised that the Department of Education monitors population and development trends so that it can plan to meet enrolment needs in schools across New South Wales. To do so, the Department regularly consults with relevant departments and agencies such as the Department of Planning and Environment, local councils and local developers.

The Department uses numerous strategies to manage fluctuating enrolment demands in the short to medium term including enforcing the Department's school enrolment policy to restrict out of area enrolments, reviewing school catchment boundaries to improve utilisation across schools in a local area, and providing additional demountable facilities, including classrooms and specialist spaces as required.

In cases of sustained and stable enrolment increases, the Department provides additional permanent facilities, or new schools, as necessary.

*0293 REVENUE NSW MAITLAND COMPLAINTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

(1) In each year since 2011 (to 30 May 2019), how many complaints have been received following a review of penalty notice fine, with regard to work completed in the services unit of Revenue NSW based at Maitland?

(2) In each year since 2011 (to 30 May 2019), after receiving complaints following a review of penalty notice fine completed in the services unit of Revenue NSW based at Maitland, how many times has a matter (fine) been re-opened and reconsidered?

(a) On how many occasions did the reconsideration of the matter subsequently lead to the original decision to refuse withdrawal of the fine being overturned?

Answer—

I am advised that the Chief Commissioner of Taxation can reopen or reconsider matters if it is deemed necessary. I am confident that the Commissioner acts with the utmost integrity and addresses each complaint individually.

*0294 REVENUE NSW MAITLAND OFFICE BUSINESS UNITS HOURS OF WORK—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

(1) For each year from 2014 (to 30 May 2019), how many hours of work in the Collections Unit were completed by staff from the Services (Review) Unit at the Maitland offices of Revenue NSW?

(2) For each year from 2014 (to 30 May 2019), how many hours of work in the Services (Review) Unit were completed by staff from the Collections Unit at the Maitland offices of Revenue NSW?

Answer—

Revenue NSW staff are employed to work up to 35 hours per week Monday to Friday between the hours of 7:00 am to 7:00 pm under public sector industrial instruments that provide for standard and flexible working arrangements to enable the business to align its people resources to meet the needs and demands of its customers.

Reviews vary by complexity and time taken to complete as each individual case is unique in its content and its circumstances.

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*0295 ROOTY HILL TRAIN STATION UPGRADE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Is there a plan to replace the footbridge or to create a standalone footbridge with ramps, as part of the Rooty Hill Train Station upgrade, to allow residents to access both the north and south sides of the CBD?

Answer—

I am advised:

As part of the Rooty Hill Station upgrade, a new pedestrian footbridge and stairs are being installed, along with four new lifts.

*0296 PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE MOUNT DRUITT ELECTORATE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Considering that January 2019 was recorded as Australia's hottest month on record, what plans exist to install air conditioning to all Public Schools of the Mount Druitt electorate to alleviate extreme heat conditions during the summer months?

Answer—

The Government is investing a record \$500 million over five years in the Cooler Classrooms Program to ensure up to 1,000 public schools will receive air conditioning.

The following schools in the Mount Druitt electorate have been approved as part of the program to date:

- Plumpton House School
- Blakett Public School
- Chifley College Mount Druitt Campus
- Chifley College Shalvey Campus
- Dawson Public School
- Hebersham Public School
- Niland School
- Noumea Public School
- Shalvey Public School

The Cooler Classrooms delivery team will need to assess the best installation designs including the condition of existing air conditioning equipment, school power supply and heritage issues before finalising timeframes.

*0297 FUNDING FOR LOVE BITES PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) Will the Minister provide funding to the Love Bites Program for all State secondary schools in the 2019-20 Budget?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Funding to deliver programs in state secondary schools falls within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning. The question should be directed to that Minister for a response.

*0298 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DISCLOSURE SCHEME FUNDING AND APPLICATIONS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) Will the Minister provide funding in the 2019-20 Budget for the Domestic Violence disclosure Scheme?

(a) If not, why not?

(2) How many people have made an application under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme, as at 30 May 2019?

(a) Of these people, how many people were from:

- (i) Oxley;
- (ii) Shoalhaven;
- (iii) Sutherland;
- (iv) St George?

- (b) Of these people, how many were:
- (i) A person at risk?
 - (ii) A third party?
- (c) Of these applications, how many revealed a history of violent criminal offences?

Answer—

I am advised:

Based upon evaluation recommendations and feedback from stakeholders, the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme pilot was discontinued in New South Wales as of 30 June 2019.

The Government will continue to consider longer term plans for the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme, what the most effective model is, and intend to continue consulting relevant stakeholders to seek their views about an optimal design.

A summary of the evaluation of the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme pilot can be found at www.women.nsw.gov.au.

*0299 MAITLAND HOSPITAL NURSING RATIOS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) In regards to the Government's promise to increase nursing hours per patient day from 5.2 to 6 hours for peer group B hospitals, what is the timeframe for the Minister to increase staffing hours at Maitland Hospital (peer group B)?
- (2) When will the Minister direct Hunter New England Health to increase staffing hours at Maitland Hospital in line with his commitment to our community?

Answer—

Hunter New England Local Health District is required to staff hospital wards in accordance with the provisions of the Public Health System Nurses' and Midwives' (State) Award (the Award). Maitland Hospital is meeting its Award staffing obligations.

The Government has committed to increasing Nursing Hours Per Patient Day in Peer Group B and C hospital to six hours over the next four years.

*0300 CHILD PROTECTION HUNTER NEW ENGLAND REGION—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

Considering the latest child protection data for January 2018 to December 2018 revealed that 14,596 children in the Hunter New England region were deemed as being at risk of significant harm, the highest in any region, and only 20 per cent of those children were assessed face-to-face, what steps are being undertaken to address this matter?

Answer—

The preliminary figures for the first nine months of 2018-19 (July 2018 - March 2019), show an increase of more than 9 per cent in the number of children assessed face-to-face, compared to the same nine month period in 2017-18.

If this performance is maintained, 2018-19 will see the most children ever assessed face-to-face in a year.

Further information can be found on: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/about/media/releases/more-children-seen.-more-family-support,-fewer-children-admitted-into-care>.

*0301 MAITLAND PUBLIC HOSPITAL ASSAULTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many incidents of assault were recorded at Maitland Public Hospital in each year from 2015 to 2019?
- (2) How many positions were there for security personnel at Maitland Hospital in each year from 2015 to 2019?

Answer—

Information on assaults is published in the NSW Health Annual Report.

NSW Health has an extensive support program in place to assist staff including nurses and paramedics when they experience stressful or traumatic situations in their work, and is committed to maintaining the safety of staff and patients in all public hospitals across New South Wales.

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*0302 CANTERBURY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL ASSEMBLY HALL PLANS—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What plans are there for the building of a school assembly hall at Canterbury Boys High School?

Answer—

There are no plans to upgrade the multipurpose gymnasium/hall at Canterbury Boys High School.

*0303 ELECTRICITY PRICES AND RENEWABLE ENERGY REBATE IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) Considering that the cost of living is at an all-time high, what does the Government plan to do in order to mitigate electricity costs for households in and beyond the Cabramatta electorate?

(2) Will the Minister consider introducing a rebate for those who would like to opt for installing solar panels or battery packs in their households?

Answer—

(1) The Government provides a wide range of assistance measures to reduce the cost of living for eligible New South Wales residents, including more than 70 rebates and savings. Full details are available on the Cost of Living website at www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/cost-living.

- Low Income Household Rebate for electricity
- Gas Rebate
- Medical Energy Rebate
- Life Support Rebate
- Family Energy Rebate

The Government also provides the Energy Account Payment Assistance (EAPA) scheme, a voucher scheme for households experiencing a short-term in financial crisis.

From 2017-18 the Government increased the budget for the rebates programs by 20 per cent.

Around 10,800 customer accounts in the Cabramatta electorate accessed a Low Income Household Rebate in 2017-18 with a total value of around \$2.7 million, and around 700 customers accessed support from the EAPA scheme with a total value of around \$209,000.

The introduction of the new Seniors Energy Rebate on 1 July 2019 will provide New South Wales households, including in the Cabramatta electorate, where the electricity account holder has a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card with a rebate of \$200 a year.

(2) The Government is committed to providing opportunities for the households of New South Wales to take greater control over their energy costs. As of April 2019, there are over 457,000 homes and businesses with rooftop solar in New South Wales with a capacity over 1,800 megawatts representing over \$4 billion investment by New South Wales customers.

New South Wales households and businesses may be eligible for an upfront discount for the purchase of solar systems through the Australian Government's Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme (SRES).

The Government's new Empowering Homes Program will be available to homeowners in the Cabramatta electorate with an annual income of up to \$180,000 to apply for interest-free loans of up to \$9,000 to add batteries to their existing solar system, or up to \$14,000 to install a new solar-battery system. Further information, including details on how to access Empowering Homes, will be available later in the year.

*0304 TRAINS SYDNEY TO CENTRAL COAST SEATING CAPACITY—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) In relation to seating capacity on trains on the Sydney to Central Coast line, are any passengers who commence their journey on the Central Coast required to stand for any part of their journey due to a lack of vacant seats?

(2) Are any passengers who end their journey at Central Coast stations required to stand for any part of their journey due to a lack of vacant seats?

(3) Is there any publicly available information on seating capacity and utilisation?

(a) If so, please provide advice on where the information is available?

Answer—

I am advised:

Train load data is available on the Transport for NSW Open Data hub.

*0305 SPEED CAMERA REVENUE THE ENTRANCE—Mr David Mehan asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

How much revenue has been raised from fixed and mobile speed cameras located within The Entrance electorate and within the Central Coast region respectively during each financial year from 2011 to 2019 (as at 30 May 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised that this information is publicly available on the NSW Revenue website <https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au>.

*0306 THE ENTRANCE CENOTAPH MAINTENANCE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

What funding has been provided to the trustee of The Entrance Cenotaph, located on Marine Parade adjacent to the Memorial Park, The Entrance, for upkeep and maintenance of the site?

Answer—

The Office of Veterans Affairs has provided advice to the trustee of The Entrance Cenotaph about available sources of Government grant funding.

*0307 STAFFING VACANCIES AT MURRUMBIDGEE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) How many permanent staffing vacancies are there currently at Murrumbidgee Regional High School?

- (a) Which positions remain vacant?
- (b) How long have these positions been vacant?

Answer—

(1) There are currently two permanent staffing vacancies at Murrumbidgee Regional High School.

- (a) One Technology and Applied Science (Home Economics) teaching position at the Wade Site and one Personal Development Health and Physical Education teaching position at the Griffith site. Recruitment to fill both these positions is currently underway.
- (b) These positions have been vacant since 29 January 2019.

*0308 OUTREACH OFFICERS AT TAFE NSW—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

(1) How many full-time equivalent school outreach officers were employed by TAFE NSW:

- (a) As of 28 May 2019;
- (b) As of 30 June 2018;
- (c) As of 30 June 2017;
- (d) As of 30 June 2016;
- (e) As of 30 June 2015;
- (f) As of 30 June 2014;
- (g) As of 30 June 2013;
- (h) As of 30 June 2012;
- (i) As of 30 June 2011;
- (j) As of 30 June 2010?

Answer—

TAFE NSW does not currently employ, nor has it ever employed School Outreach Officers.

TAFE NSW employs TAFE Services Coordinators who collaborate with a range of stakeholders to ensure that the needs of local communities are met by their campuses. These positions are in addition to specialist Aboriginal Language positions and Employability Skills Head Teacher positions. TAFE NSW teaching areas deliver tailored training programs, designed to provide support to those with barriers to learning, including the unemployed, young people at risk, students in rural and remote areas, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and learners with a disability, to help them get the skills they need to secure a job.

*0309 SCHOOL MOBILE PHONE BAN—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

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When will the Department of Education begin enforcing the ban on digital devices in classrooms?

Answer—

The restriction on the use of mobile digital devices in New South Wales government primary schools will be implemented in Term 3, 2019 on a pilot basis, with full implementation to occur in 2020.

*0310 NEWCASTLE RECREATION RESERVE HERITAGE LISTING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp 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 LA Q9120, has the Heritage Council of NSW finished its consultation with the future land owners of part of the reserve?
 - (a) If not, when are these consultations expected to be completed?
- (2) When does the Minister envisage consideration been given to the recommendation of the NSW Heritage Council to list the Newcastle Recreation Reserve 1, 1A, 3, 5A Ordance Street, Newcastle on the State Heritage Register as required under section 34(1) of the Heritage Act 1997?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Heritage Council of NSW is currently concluding its consultation with the Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council, new land owners of part of the reserve.
- (2) Following consideration of advice from the Heritage Council of NSW, a decision will be made on its recommendation.

*0311 PLANS FOR DISPOSAL OF WASTE FROM COAL SEAM AQUIFER WATER—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Will the Minister provide a list of the waste products that will be produced as a result of treating the water removed from the coal seam gas aquifer in the manner described by Santos?
 - (a) How much waste product will be produced (in tonnes)?
- (2) Will the Minister provide a list of waste management facilities that have the capacity to receive the waste produced by the water treatment?
- (3) Will the Minister provide the traffic management plans that relate to the waste management disposal planning?

Answer—

I am advised :

(1) The Environmental Impact Statement and the Submissions Report for the Narrabri Gas Project lodged by Santos identify the waste streams likely to be generated by the project and how much waste product is likely to be produced. This report is publicly available on the Department of Planning and Environment's major project's website.

(2) Testing undertaken to inform the environmental assessment for the Narrabri Gas Project indicates that the salt would be classified as general solid class waste under the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Waste Classification Guidelines (2014).

Based on this classification, the salt would be able to be disposed of at an appropriately licenced waste facility that can accept general solid class waste and has suitable leachate management controls in place.

(3) Santos prepared a detailed traffic impact assessment for the project as part of its application. If the application is approved, Santos would be required to prepare a Traffic Management Plan. The plan would include management of traffic movements associated with the transport of waste products from the site.

*0312 WALGETT HIGH SCHOOL STABILITY OF STAFFING—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Since 1999 (to 30 May 2019), how many principals has Walgett High School had?
 - (a) What reason was provided for the departure of each principal?
- (2) Since 1999 (to 30 May 2019), what has been the average length of tenure for teachers at Walgett High School?
 - (a) What reason was provided for the departure of each teacher?

Answer—

- (1) 11.

- (a) When staff leave a school, only a separation type is captured and this does not provide a specific reason for departure. Since 1999, based on separation types, eight principals moved out of the school and two resigned.
- (2) 3.5 years.
- (a) When staff leave a school, only a separation type is captured and this does not provide a specific reason for departure. Since 1999, separation types included moved out of the school, resigned, retired, transferred out of the Department and deceased.
- *0313 EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE AND CONDUCT DIRECTORATE—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) How many cases are currently being investigated by the Employee Performance and Conduct (EPAC) directorate as at 30 May 2019?
- (2) How many staff members are currently on "other duties" while being investigated by the EPAC directorate?
- (3) How many cases were investigated by the EPAC process during the:
- (a) 2018 school year;
- (b) 2017 school year?
- (4) How many staff members have been demoted since 2017 (to 30 May 2019) as a result of an EPAC investigation?
- (5) How many staff members have had their employment terminated since 2017 (to 30 May 2019) as a result of an EPAC investigation?
- Answer—
- (1) 544
- (2) 40
- (3) (a) 713
- (b) 777
- (4) 16
- (5) Information in relation to teacher conduct and performance, including dismissals, is published annually at <https://data.cese.nsw.gov.au/data/dataset/teacher-conduct-and-performance>.
- *0314 STUDENTS DIAGNOSED WITH ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) How many students identifying as having Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder are currently enrolled in New South Wales public schools from:
- (a) Kindergarten to Year 2;
- (b) Years 3 to 6;
- (c) Years 7 to 10;
- (d) Years 11 and 12?
- Answer—
- This data is not held centrally in the Department of Education.
- The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students With Disability which collects data about school students with disability across Australia, does not list specific disabilities, just the four categories of physical; cognitive; social/emotional; and sensory.
- *0315 LANDCOM APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- (1) What was the recruitment process put in place for the appointment of John Brogden as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for Landcom, including the time period?
- (2) How many recruitment processes for the position of CEO were there before Mr Brogden was offered the position as permanent CEO for Landcom?
- (3) Was the recruitment process that saw the Landcom CEO position advertised on 17 June 2017 undertaken by an external recruitment agency?
- (a) If so, who was the agency?

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- (4) Of the applicants who applied for the Landcom CEO position after the job was advertised on 17 June 2017, did the recruiters recommend any applicants be offered the job?
- (5) How many people applied for the position of CEO after October 2017?
- (6) Was the position externally advertised after October 2017?
- (7) Was the advertisement process that took place after October 2017 facilitated by an external organisation?
 - (a) If so, who was the agency?
- (8) When was Mr Brogden first offered the position of CEO, and by whom?
- (9) What was the recruitment process put in place for the appointment of Rob Vellar as Executive Manager of Compliance at Landcom?
- (10) What qualifications does Mr Vellar hold?
- (11) Has Mr Vellar held any previous positions in compliance or corporate governance?
- (12) How long did the recruitment process take?
- (13) How many applicants applied for the role?
- (14) Was the process facilitated by an external organisation?
 - (a) If so, who?
- (15) What salary is Mr Vellar currently on?
- (16) What was the recruitment process put in place for the appointment of Dan Maloney as Head of Media at Landcom?
- (17) What qualifications does Mr Maloney hold?
- (18) How long did the recruitment process take?
- (19) How many applicants applied for the role?
- (20) Was the process facilitated by an external organisation?
 - (a) If so, who?
- (21) What salary is Mr Maloney currently on?
- (22) What reasons did Karen Penrose give for resigning as Director of Landcom in 2017?
- (23) When did Karen Penrose give her notice of resignation?
- (24) What reasons did Matthew Quinn give for resigning as Director of Landcom in 2018?
- (25) When did Matthew Quinn give his notice of resignation?
- (26) What reason did Lisa Rippon Lee give for resigning her position as Head of Corporate Affairs in May 2018?
- (27) When did Lisa Rippon Lee first give notice of her intention to resign?
- (28) What reasons did Gai McGrath give for leaving the board in mid-2018?
- (29) When did Gai McGrath give notice of her intention to resign?
- (30) What reasons did Ken Maher give for leaving the board at the end of 2017?
- (31) When did Ken Maher give notice of his intention to resign?
- (32) According to the Landcom Annual Report 2018, Mr John Brogden did not attend two board meetings "due to the nature of the discussions at those meetings". On what dates were these board meetings?
- (33) Who is investigating the bullying allegations involving Landcom Chairman Suzanne Jones?
- (34) Has the investigation into the bullying regarding Suzanne Jones been finalised?
- (35) Has Suzanne Jones at any time received any counselling with regard to any bullying allegations?
- (36) Has any legal action been undertaken by any former employee of Landcom in regard to bullying allegations by Suzanne Jones?
- (37) Has Suzanne Jones been reinstated as Chair of Landcom since taking leave in December 2018?
- (38) What time period did the bullying allegations raised against Amanda Chadwick cover?

Answer—

- (1) The recruitment process that resulted in the appointment of John Brogden as Chief Executive Office for Landcom was undertaken externally by Spencer Stuart from December 2017 to May 2018.
- (2) Two.
- (3) Yes.
 - (a) Russell Reynolds.
- (4) No.
- (5) As this was an executive search process rather than a candidate application process, the executive search firm actively considered 252 people. Of the 252 people actively considered, the executive search firm spoke to 61 of those identified. Of those 61 people, 28 people went on to participate in a telephone screening before 12 were interviewed face to face. Five of those interviewed went on to be interviewed by the Board of Landcom.

- (6) See answer to Q5.
 (7) Yes.
 (a) Spencer Stuart.
 (8) The Landcom Board offered Mr Brogden the role of CEO in May 2018.
 (9) The role was externally advertised, followed by an interview and reference process.
 (10) Mr Vellar holds a Master of Commerce, Master of Law, Graduate Diploma Legal Practice and Bachelor of Law.
 (11) Yes.
 (12) 6 months.
 (13) 97.
 (14) No.
 (a) See answer to Q14.
 (15) Mr Vellar is no longer an employee of Landcom.
 (16) Head of Media is not a role at Landcom.
 (17) Mr Maloney has a Bachelor of Arts.
 (18) See answer to Q16.
 (19) See answer to Q16.
 (20) See answer to Q16.
 (21) Mr Maloney's salary is equivalent to a public service SEB 1.
 (22) Ms Penrose did not give any reasons for her resignation.
 (23) 31 July 2017.
 (24) Mr Quinn did not give any reasons for his resignation.
 (25) 23 March 2018.
 (26) Ms Rippon Lee did not resign from Landcom.
 (27) See answer to Q26.
 (28) Ms McGrath's term expired and she was not reappointed.
 (29) See answer to Q28.
 (30) Mr Maher's term expired and he was not reappointed.
 (31) See answer to Q30.
 (32) 19 October 2017 and 16 March 2018.
 (33) The Department of Treasury is responsible for this matter.
 (34) Yes.
 (35) No.
 (36) No.
 (37) Yes.
 (38) From 6 November 2018 to 28 November 2018

*0316 SERVICE NSW MERRYLANDS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) Considering the Minister's announcement on 14 February 2019 that Merrylands "will get a Service NSW", has it been delivered?
 (a) If so:
 (i) Where has it been delivered?
 (ii) When did the Service NSW Merrylands open?
 (iii) What services does the Service NSW in Merrylands offer?

Answer—

I outlined the Government's \$70 million commitment to fund new centres, including a centre at Merrylands in my Media Release of 18 June 2019. Ten new centres will be added in Sydney's growth suburbs to ensure more people have access to a conveniently located Service NSW outlet.

Locations of the 10 new Service NSW Centres are:

- Merrylands
- Engadine
- Revesby
- Glenmore Park
- Roselands
- Northmead
- Schofields
- Prestons/Edmondson Park

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*0317 DEFIBRILLATORS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Are all public schools in New South Wales equipped with defibrillators?
 - (a) If not, which schools in the Cessnock electorate have defibrillators on site?
 - (b) Of these schools, was the equipment provided by the department or privately funded?
- (2) If the school is utilised by a third party, for example, the Australian Electoral Commission or NSW Electoral Commission, is the third party required to provide a defibrillator if there is not one on site?

Answer—

(1) No. Defibrillators are not a mandatory item of first aid or emergency equipment within New South Wales public schools. Based on legislation and advice from the NSW Ministry of Health, the Department of Education's policy is that schools and workplaces may make a decision to purchase and maintain a defibrillator as part of their first aid equipment if there is an identified risk.

(a)

- Cessnock Public School
- Cessnock East Public School
- Cessnock West Public School
- Cessnock High School
- Edgeworth Heights Public School
- Edgeworth Public School
- Ellalong Public School
- Kearsley Public School
- Kurri Kurri High School
- Kurri Kurri Public School
- Laguna Public School
- Mount View High School
- Pelaw Public School
- West Wallsend High School
- Weston Public School

(b) Nine schools purchased their defibrillator. Six schools privately funded their defibrillator.

(2) No.

*0318 HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What was the the total number of Housing NSW properties in the Maitland electorate in each financial year from 2009-10 to 2018-19 (to 30 May 2019)?
- (2) In each financial year from 2010 to 2018 (to 30 May 2019), how many of these properties were vacant pending repairs/maintenance prior to a new tenant moving in?

Answer—

The number of public housing properties that are vacant changes frequently as properties are vacated by tenants and prepared for reletting. I am advised that information regarding the number of social housing properties in New South Wales is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au

*0319 SMITHFIELD ROAD WIDENING PROJECT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the projected completion date for the Smithfield Road widening project?
 - (a) What percentage of works have been completed so far (as at 30 May 2019)?
 - (b) How much is this project projected to cost?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The completion date is mid-2020, weather permitting.
 - (a) The project is about 20 per cent complete, as of 30 May 2019.

(b) \$16.4 million has been allocated to complete this project.

*0320 EASY ACCESS UPGRADES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Are any easy access upgrades scheduled to take place at any of the following train stations:
 - (a) Fairfield Train Station;
 - (b) Carramar Train Station;
 - (c) Canley Vale Train Station;
 - (d) Yennora Train Station;
 - (e) Villawood Train Station;
 - (f) Guildford Train Station?
- (2) If yes:
 - (a) What is the scope of the works;
 - (b) When are works projected to commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

Details of upcoming upgrades under the Transport Access Program are available on the Transport for NSW website.

*0321 CHANGES TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Treasurer—

Considering the recent changes to the increased contribution target associated with the Emergency Services Levy, what figures were used to determine the projected increase in costs to the Emergency Services Levy as a result of anticipated new workers compensation claims resulting from one of the twelve specific work related cancers for volunteer and career firefighters?

Answer—

I am advised that this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

*0322 CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Treasurer—

With regards to the recent changes to the increased contribution target associated with the Emergency Services Levy, what consultation occurred with key stakeholders prior to the increase in costs associated with the Emergency Services Levy which will commence on 1 July 2019?

Answer—

I am advised that this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Customer Service.

*0323 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL UPGRADE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What is the projected completion date for the upgrade works being undertaken at Fairfield Hospital?
 - (a) What percentage of works have been completed so far?
 - (b) What is the total projected costs for these works?

Answer—

(1) (a) to (b) Approximately 90 per cent of the work has been completed. The project budget is just over \$7 million.

*0324 ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS IN THE NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

How many volunteer firefighters are presently active in the NSW Rural Fire Service?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at 18 June 2019, the total number of NSW Rural Fire Service volunteers was *71,259.

NSW Rural Fire Service members contribute to brigades in many and varied ways and not just in firefighting roles. In addition to attending fires, contributions include brigade administration, training, community engagement, permit issuing and equipment maintenance.

* This figure has been amended since original publication on 27 June 2019 upon further advice received

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from the relevant agency.

*0325 SLEEPING ROUGH AND HOMELESSNESS OUTREACH SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What funding has the Government provided for outreach services to support those who are sleeping rough and homeless in the:
- (a) Fairfield Local Government Area;
 - (b) Cumberland Local Government Area?

Answer—

The 2018-19 NSW Budget commits more than \$1 billion for homelessness services over the next four years to support people that are homeless or at risk of homelessness, with \$61 million in new funding over four years to implement the NSW Homelessness Strategy.

In 2018-19 this includes \$202.8 million for specialist homelessness services across New South Wales, including in the Fairfield and Cumberland Local Government Areas.

More information on specialist homelessness services is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at:

<https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/providers/funded/programs/homelessness/specialist-services/our-programs> and
<https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/ways/services>.

*0326 PRESENTATIONS OF HOMELESSNESS AT THE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – FAIRFIELD OFFICE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

How many individuals presented as homeless to Family and Community Services Fairfield Office in each year from 2011 to 2019 (to 30 May 2019)?

Answer—

Information regarding households assisted with temporary accommodation can be found on the Family and Community Services website at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>.

*0327 LAKE ILLAWARRA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Has the Lake Illawarra Coastal Management Program been finalised with the Government?
- (a) If not, why not and when is it expected to be finalised?
 - (b) If so:
 - (i) Has the Program been made publicly available?
 - (ii) If so, how can it be accessed?

Answer—

These questions should be referred to the Minister for Local Government.

*0328 PRIORITY AND GENERAL HOUSING APPLICANT WAITING PERIODS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What was the average wait time for a priority housing applicant to be housed in the Shellharbour electorate in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2018-19 (to 30 May 2019)?
- (2) How do the above figures compare to the average wait time across New South Wales for the same year?
- (3) What was the average wait time for a general housing applicant to be housed in the Shellharbour electorate in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2018-19 (to 30 May 2019)?
- (4) How do the above figures compare to the average wait time across New South Wales for the same year?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter should be referred to the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

*0329 PLANNING CONTROLS FOR THE HIGHEST GROWTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Will the Department introduce any additional planning controls for the highest growth local government areas in the 2018 Sydney Housing Supply Forecast data, considering that the data is based on current zonings and trends in residential construction?

Answer—

I am advised:

Councils' planning is guided by the district plans, which outline the housing required in each council area. The Greater Sydney Commission will work with councils to identify longer-term housing needs.

Councils in the Greater Sydney region are reviewing their local planning framework as they prepare their local strategic planning statements (LSPS). Councils will shortly commence exhibition of their draft LSPS.

These statements will show how the council will implement the relevant district plan priorities and will outline a 20-year land-use planning vision and priorities for the council area. Once adopted by council and endorsed by the Greater Sydney Commission, these statements will guide where future development will be located, including areas where additional residential development may be considered.

Amendments to planning controls that are required to deliver the right mix of housing will then be a matter for each council to consider.

*0330 CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

(1) Will the Government invest additional resources into the child protection system, in light of the data from the Caseworker Dashboard March 2019 Quarter?

(a) If so:

(i) What additional resources will be allocated?

(ii) What is the timeframe for their allocation?

(b) If not, why not?

(2) Is the Government willing to work with the Opposition in a bi-partisan way to reform the child protection system, in light of this data?

Answer—

I am advised the March 2019 Caseworker Dashboard shows the caseworker vacancy rate remains at 0 per cent, with 49 newly funded roles filled and more caseworkers to commence in the June 2019 quarter.

Family and Community Services caseworkers saw 27,841 children in the 12 months to 31 December 2018, an increase of 5 per cent - or 1,377 more children compared to the twelve month period ending 30 September 2018.

The 2019-20 Budget provides extra funding to recruit additional child protection staff.

*0331 STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY (EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND CHILD CARE FACILITIES) REVIEW—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Will there be a review of the State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) (Educational Establishments and Child Care Facilities) in light of concerns raised by Australian Childcare Alliance regarding the approval of a development application for childcare centres that are located near an existing, operating brothel?

Answer—

I am advised:

The State Environmental Planning Policy (Educational Establishments and Childcare Facilities) 2017 (Education and Child Care SEPP) commenced in September 2017.

In conjunction with Local Environmental Plans and the Child Care Planning Guideline, the Education and Child Care SEPP contains a number of controls to restrict the co-location of child care facilities with incompatible uses, such as restricted premises or sex services premises.

*0332 AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACROSS NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) Has the State Environmental Planning Policy for Affordable Rental Housing 2009 achieved its goal of increasing the amount of affordable housing across New South Wales?

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(2) Will the Government consider the amendments proposed by the City of Sydney in Council Resolution 13.4 of 11 March 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Since the State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 was made in 2009, there has been an increase in the number of applications for these forms of development, particularly for secondary dwellings and new generation boarding houses.
- (2) Councils are currently developing their Local Strategic Planning Statements and Local Housing Strategies, which will support councils to strategically plan and provide greater housing diversity for their communities. I am open to considering any suggestions from councils that will deliver improved housing affordability and affordable housing for the people of New South Wales.

*0333 SOUTH WEST METRO CONSTRUCTION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Will the South West Metro be constructed underground between Punchbowl and Bankstown?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available.

*0334 PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS INDEPENDENT REVIEW—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

Considering the response to LA Q9740, has the Government implemented any changes as a result of the December 2018 report by PricewaterhouseCoopers entitled 'Independent review of the reduction in the number of children reported at Risk of Significant Harm (RoSH) seen in 2017-18'?

Answer—

The Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) is implementing the recommendations in the PricewaterhouseCoopers report of December 2018.

More information on the increase in children seen is available on the FACS website at:

<https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/about/media/releases/more-children-seen,-more-family-support,-fewer-children-admitted-into-care>

*0335 SOUTH WEST METRO—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the exact location of the proposed turn back facility for the South West Metro?
- (2) What land acquisitions are proposed for the South West Metro with respect to both the Bankstown CBD and the turn-back facility?
- (3) What is the timeframe, costings and details of any negotiations that have taken place with either Canterbury-Bankstown Council, private land owners, or government agencies in relation to land acquisitions?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Government will update the community on these matters in due course.
- (2) This information is publicly available.
- (3) Sydney Metro is continuing to work closely with key stakeholders, including Canterbury-Bankstown Council and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, to plan for the strategic transformation of Bankstown CBD.

*0336 FIRE AND RESCUE NSW FIREFIGHTERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

How many firefighters are presently employed by Fire and Rescue NSW?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available in Fire and Rescue NSW Annual Reports, available at www.fire.nsw.gov.au (under Publications).

*0337 ASSAULT RECORDED AT SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How many incidents of assault were recorded at Shellharbour Hospital in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2018-19 (as at 30 May 2019)?

Answer—

Information on assaults is published in the NSW Health Annual Report. NSW Health has an extensive support program in place to assist staff including nurses and paramedics when they experience stressful or traumatic situations in their work.

*0338 ILLAWARRA WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTRE—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) What was the total amount of Government funding provided to the Illawarra Women's Health Centre in each financial year from 2013 to 2018-19 (to 30 May 2019)

(2) Considering the extremely high demand for this service, and the high incidence of domestic and family violence and mental illness in the Illawarra community, will the Government be increasing this funding in the 2019-2020 financial year?

(a) If so, by how much?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) The NSW Health Non-Government Organisation Program has funded the Illawarra Women's Health Centre as follows:

2013-14 - \$443,217

2014-15 - \$458,917

2015-16 - \$475,239

2016-17 - \$505,739

2017-18 - \$509,339

2018-19 - \$519,400

(2) The NSW Health Non-Government Organisation Program will provide similar funding 2019-20.

*0339 REPORTED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED ASSAULT INCIDENTS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) What was the total number of reported domestic violence related assault incidents in the Shellharbour local government area in 2018?

(2) What was the rate of these incidents in the Shellharbour local government area per 100,000 population in 2018?

(3) How do the figures in (1) and (2) compare to the same relative figures in each year from 2013 to 2018?

(4) What was the total number of reported domestic violence related assault incidents in the Wollongong local government area in 2018?

(5) What was the rate of these incidents in the Wollongong local government area per 100,000 population in 2018?

(6) How do the figures in (4) and (5) compare to the same relative figures in each year from 2013 to 2018?

Answer—

I am advised

Information about crime rates is publicly available from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) at www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au.

*0340 TRAFFIC AND CONGESTION PATTERNS ON THE PRINCES HIGHWAY AND M1 MOTORWAY—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Is the Government monitoring traffic and congestion patterns along the Princes Highway and M1 Motorway whilst construction of the Albion Park Rail bypass is underway?

(a) If not, why not?

(b) If so:

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- (i) What pattern changes (if any) have been observed?
- (ii) Will future changes and observations be reported to the public?

Answer—

Roads and Maritime has observed that the patterns of congestion are similar to those before the start of construction. Any substantial change in congestion patterns would be taken into consideration when planning construction activities.

*0341 HER SPORT HER WAY GRANTS—Ms Lynda Voltz asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) What amount in full will be allocated to fund the grants programme announced under the Her Sport Her Way four year strategy?
- (a) When will this grant process open?

Answer—

The \$5 million Her Sport Her Path strategy aims to increase the number of women and girls playing sport.

The grant process opening date is yet to be confirmed.

*0342 COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY SCAN MACHINES AT WESTMEAD HOSPITAL—Ms Lynda Voltz asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How many computed tomography (CT) scan machines are currently operational at Westmead Hospital?

Answer—

Westmead Hospital currently has two CT scan machines in operation.

*0343 JOURNEYS ON THE GONG SHUTTLE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

How many passenger journeys took place on the Gong Shuttle in each of the 2017-18 to 2018-19 (to 30 May 2019) financial years?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW records show that in the 2017-18 financial year, there was an estimated 3.25 million passenger boardings on the Gong Shuttle. In the 2018-19 financial year, up until May 2019, there was an estimated 2.87 million passenger boardings.

*0344 WEEKEND SERVICES ON THE SOUTH COAST LINE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many weekend services on the South Coast Line are:
 - (a) 4 carriage services;
 - (b) 8 carriage services?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*0345 PAYROLL TAX REVENUE COLLECTED—Mr Paul Scully asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) Between 1 July 2018 and 30 May 2019, how much payroll tax revenue has been collected from businesses in the electorates of:
 - (a) Heathcote;
 - (b) Keira;
 - (c) Wollongong;
 - (d) Shellharbour;
 - (e) Kiama?
- (2) How many businesses in each of the electorates listed in (1) have been required to pay payroll tax in the current financial year as at 30 May 2019?

Answer—

The Government is committed to supporting small business in New South Wales by reducing red tape, cutting taxes and creating the right environment for businesses to start and grow.

As a part of the 2018 - 19 NSW Budget, the payroll tax threshold in New South Wales was lifted from \$750,000 to \$850,000. This threshold has again been lifted in the recent 2019 - 20 NSW Budget to \$900,000, with the payroll tax threshold set to continue to increase each year until it reaches \$1 Million in 2021-22.

This measure will see \$881 million put back in the pockets of business owners in electorates - including in Heathcote, Keira, Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama - across New South Wales, with individual businesses saving up to \$13,625 a year and around 5,000 businesses no longer paying this tax.

*0346 RELOCATION OF PUBLIC SECTOR JOBS FROM SYDNEY TO WOLLONGONG—Mr Paul Scully asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

How many public sector jobs have been relocated from Sydney CBD to Wollongong since the Government announced its "Decade of Decentralisation" policy (to 30 May 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised that this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing.

*0347 PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) How many people are on the waiting list for public housing in the Wollongong electorate as at 30 May 2019?

(2) How long is the average wait for people on the public housing waiting list to secure housing in the Wollongong electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter should be referred to the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

*0348 UNANDERRA STATION LIFTS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Will the funds promised for Unanderra Station lifts be allocated in the 2019-20 budget?

(2) When will community consultation on the upgrade of Unanderra station commence?

(3) What is the average number of days that the community consultation is undertaken?

(4) What is the average number of days between the completion of community consultation and the commencement of construction on similar access upgrades involving the construction of lifts?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Funding for Unanderra Station planning activities has been allocated.

(2) and (3) Community consultation for the Unanderra Station upgrade will start once project planning has progressed, including preparation of the Review of Environmental Factors scheduled for early 2020.

(4) The time between conclusion of community consultation and start of construction varies for each project, given the need to secure planning approval, achieve contract award and finalise design.

*0349 MAINTENANCE IN THE WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) How many properties in the Wollongong electorate submitted maintenance requests each month in:

- (a) 2018;
- (b) 2019?

(2) How many properties in the Wollongong electorate had maintenance requests approved each month in:

- (a) 2018;
- (b) 2019?

(3) What was the total expenditure on maintenance activities on properties in the Wollongong electorate each month in:

- (a) 2018;
- (b) 2019?

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Answer—

I am advised that information on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) maintenance program, including expected response times, is available on the FACS website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*0350 EXTRA SCHOOL COUNSELLORS AND SCHOOL SUPPORT OFFICERS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) When will the Government deliver on its promise to provide 100 extra school counsellors and 350 extra school support officers?

(a) How many of the extra school counsellors will be allocated to the Illawarra?

(b) How many of the extra school support officers will be allocated to the Illawarra?

Answer—

The \$88 million package will be phased in over three calendar years, with positions in schools commencing Term 1 2020.

This funding will result in every New South Wales government high school having a full-time school counselling position and a full-time student support officer position. This applies to Five Island Secondary College, Illawarra Sports High School, Smiths Hill High School and Warrawong High School which are the four high schools in the Illawarra area.

*0351 ILLAWARRA LEGAL CENTRE FUNDING—Mr Paul Scully asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) Will the Illawarra Legal Centre be provided with detailed advice and statistics on why their funding for 2019-20 has been set at the same dollar amount as funding in 2016-17?

(a) If so, when will this be provided?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Illawarra Legal Centre, and other community legal centres that applied for funding, were provided with information explaining why some community legal centres received less State Government and Public Purpose Fund funding than in 2018-19.

Letters to community legal centres regarding their funding allocations included a contact person who could provide further information.

The funding for some community legal centres in 2019-20 is lower than for 2017-18 or 2018-19 because additional 'one-off' State funding was allocated to centres in those years, including to the Illawarra Legal Centre.

No community legal centre that provides services to vulnerable clients will receive less in 2019-20 than in 2016-17 in State Government and Public Purpose Fund funding.

The Government's investment in community legal centres is at record levels in 2019-20, having increased 85 per cent since 2015-16.

*0352 ELECTION COMMITMENT FOR LISMORE—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

(1) What is the current status of the Government's election commitment of \$100,000 in seed funding to establish a new Northern Rivers Wildlife Hospital in Lismore as at 30 May 2019?

(2) What is the current status of the Government election commitment of \$35,000 for equipment for Friends of the Koala Incorporated's Koala Care and Treatment Centre in East Lismore as at 30 May 2019?

Answer—

The Government will honour all of its election commitments in this term of Government.

Administration and delivery details will be made available once confirmed.

*0353 DIVERSION OF STORMWATER COMMITMENT—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

What progress has been made on the Government's commitment of \$2.5 million towards the diversion of

stormwater before it flows into the ocean at Coogee as at 30 May 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

The report for the Coogee Beach Stormwater Quality Improvement Feasibility Study was submitted to the Coogee Beach Stormwater Quality Working Group in December 2018 and finalised in January 2019. Randwick Council are considering the findings and conducting further investigation to assist the working group in selecting and refining the preferred option for diverting stormwater away from Coogee Beach.

*0354 SURF LIFE SAVING NSW FUNDING—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Considering that this summer has been the most dangerous on record, why has \$1.3 million of grant funding been withdrawn from Surf Life Saving NSW?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to LA Q122.

*0355 RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE 378 BUS ROUTE—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

When will the Government re-establish the 378 bus route, following the commitment made during the 2019 State Election?

Answer—

I am advised:

A number of service improvements are planned for Sydney as part of the Government's commitment to introduce 14,000 additional weekly services across Sydney, the Illawarra, Hunter and Central Coast over the next four years. This includes the re-introduction of route 378 Bronte to the CBD.

Transport for NSW is currently finalising which of these services can be delivered in the next 12 months.

The implementation of extra services is based on a range of factors including Opal data and feedback from stakeholders, including the community, and the availability of resources such as bus fleet.

*0356 RANDWICK TAFE—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

Will the Minister exclude the sell-off or privatisation of Randwick TAFE?

Answer—

I am advised that TAFE NSW has divested part of the campus carpark to Health Administration Corporation for the construction of a super ambulance station. This will not impact training delivery at the site. There are no further plans for divestment.

*0357 HOUSING NSW WAITING LIST AND NEW HOUSING UNITS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) Considering the long waiting list of families for Housing NSW properties, what does the Government plan to do in order to alleviate waiting times?

(2) Does the Government plan to invest in more housing units in Cabramatta to mitigate the number of local families awaiting an offer from Housing NSW?

Answer—

New South Wales now has the biggest social housing building program of any state or territory across the country. The \$22 billion Communities Plan program under Future Directions for Social Housing in New South Wales is delivering 23,000 social housing, 500 affordable and 40,000 private housing dwellings across New South Wales.

I am also advised that Phase 1 and 2 of the Social and Affordable Housing Fund is targeting the delivery of 3,400 additional social and affordable homes across New South Wales.

Information on both initiatives is available on the Department of Family and Community Services' website at www.housing.nsw.gov.au.

*0358 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE BACKLOG—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Does the Government still plan to uphold their funding commitment to mitigate the maintenance

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backlog costs?

- (a) How will this be rolled out across New South Wales?
(2) How will the Government determine which schools receive priority funding to mitigate their respective maintenance backlog costs?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
(a) School Infrastructure NSW is managing the roll out.
(2) All schools with a maintenance backlog will receive funding.

*0359 INBOUND AND OUTBOUND TOLLS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What was the average daily number of inbound vehicles passing through the westernmost tollgates in each of the following periods:
(a) August 2017;
(b) February 2018;
(c) August 2018;
(d) February 2019?
(2) What was the average daily number of outbound vehicles passing through the westernmost tollgates in each of the following periods:
(a) August 2017;
(b) February 2018;
(c) August 2018;
(d) February 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

Daily Traffic data for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 April 2018 is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

Traffic data from 31 October 2018 can be found on Transurban's website. This data can be found in Transurban's quarter updates, half-year results or full year results depending on the time frame of the data being sought. The data can also be found on the NSW Toll Road Data website.

*0360 APPLICATIONS FOR MY COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANTS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Treasurer—

As at the close of applications, how many applications were received for My Community Project grants in each electorate?

Answer—

The first round of My Community Project closed for applications on 22 May 2019, with 1,854 completed submissions received during the application stage.

The community was asked to put forward projects in six categories and responded impressively, with the Government receiving 212 applications for Accessible Communities, 207 for Cultural Communities, 669 for Healthy Communities, 250 for Liveable Communities, 393 for Revitalising Communities and 123 for Safe Communities.

*0361 MISSING CHILDREN FIGURES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Does the Department of Family and Community Services hold information regarding the number of children living in out-of-home care who have gone missing for over three months?
(a) If not, does the Department plan to develop a way to obtain these figures?

Answer—

As the new Minister I will be taking responsibility for the wellbeing and safety of our most vulnerable children very seriously.

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.

*0362 GOSFORD HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

How many students, as a percentage, attend Gosford High School from postcodes outside the Central Coast local government area?

Answer—

The percentage of students who attended Gosford Selective High School from postcodes outside the Central Coast Local Government Area is 25.9 per cent.

*0363 ROLLOUT OF CCTV CAMERA IN MERRYLANDS AND GRANVILLE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

When was the rollout of street CCTV cameras, indicated in the 2019 election campaign, delivered in Granville and Merrylands?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government's \$5 million Community and Small Business CCTV Fund will be rolled out in Western and South Western Sydney over four years.

Eligible small businesses and community groups can now apply for up to \$5000 in funding, with applications to be assessed by the NSW Police Force and the NSW Department of Justice.

*0364 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (CARE AND PROTECTION) AMENDMENT BILL 2018—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

(1) Have you or any of your representatives met with the Community Legal Centres NSW to discuss their concerns about the implementation of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Amendment Bill 2018?

(a) Have there been any attempts made to engage with any of the stakeholders who signed the open letter from Community Legal Centres NSW's website expressing their concerns?

Answer—

I am advised that a series of workshops were held across New South Wales in early 2019 to discuss implementation of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Amendment Act 2018. Workshop participants included Community Legal Centres NSW and several community legal centres.

The Department of Family and Community Services also convenes, on behalf of the Government, a Care and Protection Legal Advisory Group to discuss implementation of the child protection legislative amendments. This group includes a range of legal stakeholders, including several community legal centres.

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*0365 1-3 BIGGE STREET WARWICK FARM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) Did a Joint Regional Planning Panel approve the building at 1-3 Bigge Street, Warwick Farm?

(a) If so:

(i) When did it approve the building?

(ii) Who were the members of the Panel?

(iii) What conditions, if any, were applied in relation to the cladding on the building?

Answer—

I am advised that:

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

*0366 RESTORATION OF SHORT TERM PARKING SPACES IN WARWICK FARM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Will you agree to restore short term parking spaces at 12-4 Hume Highway, Warrick Farm?

(a) If not, why not?

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Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services has no current plans to restore the short-term parking spaces on Hume Highway, Warwick Farm.

The clearways on this section of the highway operate 6:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday to Friday and 9:00 am to 6:00 pm Saturday, Sunday and public holidays, to provide a quicker and more reliable journey for both motorists and freight.

As part of the clearway project, Roads and Maritime worked with Liverpool City Council, to offset five short-term business parking spaces from the highway into the adjacent side street. In November 2018, six new timed parking spaces were provided on Goulburn Street, which is within 50 metres of the highway shops. This is in addition to the carpark at the rear of the shops at Warwick Farm.

Parking is now available outside of the clearway hours on the highway, adjacent to the Warwick Farm shops.

*0367 DEER CONTROL PROGRAM FOR NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) When will the commitment of \$9 million for a deer control program in New South Wales, announced by the Deputy Premier in February 2018, be delivered?
- (2) Will the program include a pilot research project to be delivered by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services into deer control techniques?
- (3) How much of the \$9 million commitment will be spent in the Illawarra?
 - (a) How will these funds be spent?
- (4) When will the program commence and conclude in the Illawarra?
- (5) Will the Government consult with Wollongong Council in the design and implementation of this program?

Answer—

The deer control program is administered by the National Parks and Wildlife Service which falls under the responsibility of the Minister for Energy and Environment.

*0368 APPROVAL OF THE PAPER MILL DEVELOPMENT SITE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Did a Joint Regional Planning Panel approve the development site called 'The Paper Mill' at the intersection of Atkinson and Shepard Streets, Liverpool?
 - (a) If so, what requirements, if any, were imposed to provide parking spaces?

Answer—

I am advised that:

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

*0369 CONTAMINATED SOIL AT PREMISES IN NELSON PARADE, HUNTERS HILL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Have detailed design works been completed by Property NSW for an alternative remediation strategy for contaminated soil at premises in Nelson Parade, Hunters Hill?
 - (a) If so, when were they complete?
 - (b) If not, when will they be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes. Following a detailed design phase, the Government lodged a Submissions Report, including a Remediation Action Plan, with the Department of Planning and Environment in late May.

*0370 USAGE OF ELECTRONIC FILING IN THE DISTRICT COURT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

What has been the level of usage of electronic filing methods in the District Court?

Answer—

I am advised :

The NSW Online Registry enables registered users to lodge and manage civil claims.

According to the latest available data, approximately 93 per cent of forms in the District Court were filed via the NSW Online Registry for these matters in the period 1 April 2019 to 30 June 2019.

*0371 ASSISTANCE TO UNIT OWNERS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

(1) Is there any Government compensation or assistance available to unit owners whose units are in buildings that were approved by Joint Regional Planning Panels and are now subject to orders to remove cladding on the building?

- (a) If there is, what are the details?
(b) If there is not, why not?

Answer—

There are a number of options that may be available for building owners in New South Wales to obtain financial redress if combustible cladding is installed on their building.

Residential building owners in New South Wales are protected by statutory warranties on all residential building work. Owners can claim on these statutory warranties for any defective building work within set periods, up to six years for major defects. In April 2018, the Government amended the Home Building Regulation to specify that cladding which is likely to cause a fire safety threat to occupants is a major defect and therefore covered for the maximum warranty period of six years.

Owners can access NSW Fair Trading's Dispute Resolution and Inspection Service to mediate disputes over alleged defective residential building work during the warranty period. Fair Trading's inspectors are able to issue rectification orders to builders if work is deemed defective.

In addition to claims against a builder for breach of statutory warranties, owners can exercise their legal rights to pursue claims against any other party who may have contributed to the installation of unsafe cladding.

*0372 WELFARE RIGHTS CENTRE SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

Will the services offered by the Welfare Rights Centre be restricted in 2020-21 following a reduction in staff levels as a result of the funding cut imposed by the Government for 2019-20?

Answer—

I am advised:

See the answer to LA Q174. Compared to 2016-17, the Welfare Rights Centre will receive over \$152,000 more funding per year from 2019-20 onwards.

The Welfare Rights Centre is responsible for determining how it manages its staffing arrangements.

*0373 COMMENCEMENT OF THE MODERN SLAVERY ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier—

When do you propose the Modern Slavery Act will commence?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts.

*0374 GRANVILLE RAILWAY STATION JOURNEYS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) What was the average number of daily, weekday travellers passing through Granville station in the month of March in each year from 2011 to 2019?

(2) What was the average daily revenue generated from ticket sales/Opal journeys for weekday travellers passing through Granville station in the month of March in each year from 2011 to 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The average number of weekday entries and exits at Granville station in the month of March in each year between 2014 and 2019 are as follows:

Year	Average Station Entries and Exits
2019	12,829

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2018	13,046
2017	13,050
2016	11,948
2015	11,622
2014	10,128

(2) The average weekday revenue generated from Opal trips for passengers originating or terminating at Granville station in the month of March in each year between 2014 and 2019 is as follows:

Year	Average Daily Revenue Generated
2019	\$28,981
2018	\$28,725
2017	\$28,730
2016	\$22,758
2015	\$18,986

The data shown comes from Opal card activity only. Opal card use at Granville station commenced in 2014 and magnetic strip tickets (MST) were used in conjunction with Opal cards up to 31 July 2016. Prior to the introduction of the Opal card revenue for trips to a single train station, such as Granville, using MSTs is not captured and cannot be reported.

Hence revenue data prior to 1 August 2016 is incomplete. All revenue, excluding GST, from Opal cards associated with trips that originate or terminate at Granville station is included.

*0375 HIGH SCHOOL OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many out of zone applications were received for term 1 at the following schools:
 - (a) Arthur Philip High School;
 - (b) Auburn Girls High School;
 - (c) Granville Boys High School;
 - (d) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;
 - (e) Greystanes High School;
 - (f) Holroyd High School;
 - (g) Macarthur Girls High School;
 - (h) Merrylands High School;
 - (i) Parramatta High School?
- (2) How many out of zone applications were successful for term 1 at the following schools:
 - (a) Arthur Philip High School;
 - (b) Auburn Girls High School;
 - (c) Granville Boys High School;
 - (d) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;
 - (e) Greystanes High School;
 - (f) Holroyd High School;
 - (g) Macarthur Girls High School;
 - (h) Merrylands High School;
 - (i) Parramatta High School?

Answer—

- (1) Total applications received:
 - (a) Arthur Phillip High School - 13
 - (b) Auburn Girls High School - 2
 - (c) Granville Boys High School - 51
 - (d) Granville South Performing Arts High School - 9
 - (e) Greystanes High School - 222
 - (f) Holroyd High School - 148
 - (g) Macarthur Girls High School - 478
 - (h) Merrylands High School - 126
 - (i) Parramatta High School - 508
- (2) Total applications successful:
 - (a) Arthur Phillip High School - 4
 - (b) Auburn Girls High School - 2

- (c) Granville Boys High School - 49
- (d) Granville South Performing Arts High School - 4
- (e) Greystanes High School - 35
- (f) Holroyd High School - 63
- (g) Macarthur Girls High School - 204
- (h) Merrylands High School - 98
- (i) Parramatta High School - 0

*0376 WESTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT'S HEALTH SERVICES PLAN—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What progress is being made in achieving the following objectives in Western Sydney Local Health District's Health Services Plan, "Growing Good Health in Western Sydney":
- (a) Increase the focus on prevention and early intervention by intervening early in the course of the illness e.g. for young people, and at times of transition when clients are stepping up or down levels of care;
 - (b) Continue to expand the perinatal mental health service (statewide role);
 - (c) Expand co-design with carers and consumers;
 - (d) Improve the general health and wellbeing of people with mental illness;
 - (e) Enhance the capacity and capability of the mental health workforce including peer, Aboriginal, and multidisciplinary trained staff;
 - (f) Improve recovery-oriented, trauma informed and family-focused care;
 - (g) Make care more connected e.g. strengthen regional planning with Western Sydney Primary Health Network and reorientate mental health services to achieve balanced investment in service priorities, within a regional context;
 - (h) Provide safe, high quality and client focused care by reducing coercive practices, personalising rehabilitation programs and improving physical healthcare;
 - (i) Act to prevent suicide by improving follow-up from ED after self-harm presentation, and using evidence-based clinical interventions;
 - (j) Enhance services in community settings;
 - (k) Optimise future capital investment to deliver safe, therapeutic and dignified care in modern, purpose-built facilities co-located on general hospital sites;
 - (l) Maximise opportunities for information technology solutions to improve integrated care and partnerships with service providers?

Answer—

The District has a robust internal reporting mechanism to ensure continued progress against objectives. Achievements are highlighted in the publicly accessible Year in Review report delivered annually at: http://www.wslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/1232/WSLHD_year-in-review_2017-18.pdf.aspx

*0377 NSW FARMERS' SURVEY—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Has the NSW Farmers' survey published in June 2019 been reviewed?
- (a) If so, how will the Government respond to the identified issues raised by survey respondents?

Answer—

The Government has a productive and ongoing dialogue with NSW Farmers and its Drought Taskforce.

The Government recently announced more than \$355 million in additional drought support for producers and rural and regional communities. This new support was in addition to \$400 million of drought support measures committed to prior to the New South Wales election, bringing the total available support to more than \$1.8 billion.

NSW Farmers' President James Jackson welcomed these new measures as good news with long term benefits in line with the Association's previous representation to government.

NSW Farmers' will also be actively engaged in the development of a long term drought strategy. This will give farmers more clarity on the approach the Government will take to preparing for, managing and recovering from drought in the future.

*0378 INCREASING POLICE OFFICERS AT THE CENTRAL WEST POLICE DISTRICT—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

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Will consideration be given to increasing the number of proactive police officers at the Central West Police District to provide the necessary resources to target the rise in property crime being witnessed by a concerned community?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Commissioner of Police is responsible for the allocation of police positions based on operational requirements. Allocations of officers from the next graduating class will be announced on the day of attestation by the Commissioner. All positions attached to Police Area Commands and Police Districts are supplemented by specialist police who work wherever they are needed across the state.

*0379 PLACEMENT OF A GENERAL PURPOSE POLICE DOG AND HANDLER AT ORANGE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Will consideration be given to the placement of a General Purpose Police Dog and Handler at Orange to extend the capabilities and effectiveness of proactive and frontline police officers across the Central West?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are dog handling teams based in a number of regional Police Districts. These resources can be deployed to any Police District or Police Area Command in the state. The decision to deploy is driven by criminal intelligence and the requirement to provide support to Districts and Commands as needed.

*0380 ADDITIONAL HEALTH WORKERS FOR THE MURRUMBIDGEE AND FAR WEST LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICTS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many of the 5,000 nurses and midwives announced by the Government (NSW Health website, 17 February 2019) will be employed in the:
 - (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District;
 - (b) Far West Local Health District?
- (2) How many of the 1,060 doctors and specialists announced by the Government (NSW Health website, 17 February 2019) will be employed in the:
 - (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District;
 - (b) Far West Local Health District?
- (3) How many of the 880 allied health workers announced by the Government (NSW Health website, 17 February 2019) will be employed in the:
 - (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District;
 - (b) Far West Local Health District?

Answer—

- (1) (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District will receive at least 197 new nurses and midwives.
(b) Far West Local Health District will receive at least 36 new nurses and midwives.
- (2) (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District will receive at least 16 new doctors.
(b) Far West Local Health District will receive at least 2 new doctors.
- (3) (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District will receive at least 25 new allied health workers.
(b) Far West Local Health District will receive at least 5 new allied health workers.

*0381 UPGRADES TO LEETON AND DENILIQUIN BASE HOSPITALS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) On what date will the Government deliver the:
 - (a) \$2.5 million infrastructure works on the Leeton Hospital?
 - (b) \$3.2 million infrastructure works on the Deniliquin Hospital?

Answer—

As committed to by this Government, work will begin at Leeton Hospital and Deniliquin Hospital during the current four year term.

*0382 SEALING BOORGA AND DICKIE ROADS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

When will the Government deliver the \$500 million commitment to seal Boorga Road and Dickie Road (NSW Nationals website, 10 March 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has committed \$500 million to help councils repair, maintain and seal local roads in regional areas through its Fixing Local Roads program. This includes \$5.6 million to seal Boorga Road and Dickie Road. The first funding for the Fixing Local Roads program is included in the 2019-20 Budget.

*0383 STAFFING OF HOSPITALS AND MULTIPURPOSE SERVICES IN THE BARWON ELECTORATE—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) As at 31 March 2019, how many staff positions at Hospitals and Multipurpose Services were vacant at:

- (a) Baradine;
- (b) Boggabri;
- (c) Bourke;
- (d) Brewarrina;
- (e) Broken Hill;
- (f) Canowindra;
- (g) Cobar;
- (h) Collarenebri;
- (i) Condobolin;
- (j) Coolah;
- (k) Coonabarabran;
- (l) Coonamble;
- (m) Cudal;
- (n) Dunedoo;
- (o) Eugowra;
- (p) Gilgandra;
- (q) Goodooga;
- (r) Gulargambone;
- (s) Gulgong;
- (t) Ivanhoe;
- (u) Lightning Ridge;
- (v) Menindee;
- (w) Narrabri;
- (x) Narromine;
- (y) Nyngan;
- (z) Peak Hill;
- (aa) Tibooburra;
- (ab) Tottenham;
- (ac) Trangie;
- (ad) Trundle;
- (ae) Tullamore;
- (af) Walgett;
- (ag) Warren;
- (ah) Wee Waa;
- (ai) Wellington;
- (aj) White Cliffs;
- (ak) Wilcannia?

(2) As at 31 March 2019, for each of the locations in (1):

- (a) How long has each position been vacant?
- (b) How many of these positions were:
 - (i) Full-time;
 - (ii) Part-time;
 - (iii) Visiting medical officers?
- (c) How many of these positions were:
 - (i) Doctors;

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- (ii) Nurses;
- (iii) Allied health;
- (iv) Administrative?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The data requested is not readily available. Local health districts have mechanisms in place to identify vacancies and recruit positions in accordance with service delivery needs and models of care across those Districts.

*0384 WILD DOG EXCLUSION FENCE—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) When will construction commence on the extension of the Wild Dog Exclusion Fence along the borders of South Australia and Queensland as announced during the election campaign?
 - (a) When can the community expect this work to be completed?

Answer—

During the 2019 Election campaign, the Government committed to extending the wild dog fence.

A project plan, including construction details is currently under consideration, however planning and approvals are expected to take 12 months with construction expected to be completed in 2021.

*0385 WILCANNIA WEIR PROJECT—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

What is the project timeline, including project commencement and completion dates, for the Wilcannia weir project as announced during the election campaign?

Answer—

In November 2018, the Government and Commonwealth Government committed \$15 million each to building a new weir for a total of \$30 million.

The community has recently agreed on the preferred location for the new weir and some additional technical investigations are nearing completion to finalise the preferred option.

The Government is in the final stages of completing the first stage of this project.

The Government has elected to handover the project to WaterNSW to deliver as a priority.

*0386 TRANSFER OF PEOPLE INTO THE MOUNT DRUITT ALLOCATION ZONE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

How many people have been transferred into the Mount Druitt allocation zone, as a result of a Family and Community Services initiated transfer, from other allocation zones as at 4 June 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter should be referred to the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

*0387 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES RESPONSE TIMES—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What are the average response times in metropolitan areas, for police and emergency services to respond to incidents as at 4 June 2019?
- (2) What are the average times for police and emergency services to respond to incidents, when they are required to cross the Francis Bridge Overpass in Rooty Hill during peak hours as at 4 June 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Police response times are reported annually in the NSW Police Force (NSWPF) Annual Report and Budget papers. Similarly Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) response times to fire incidents are reported in the agency's annual report. A range of factors, including the number of calls being responded to at any time, the time of day, traffic density, weather conditions and the distance to travel, influences response times.

(2) During peak hours, traffic banks up along the approaches to the Francis Bridge Overpass, causing delays to commuters and emergency services on this route.

Emergency response times vary as most incidents do not occur in the same location and emergency

services may respond using different routes for the same area.

*0388 SOCIAL HOUSING MAINTENANCE IN THE MOUNT DRUITT ALLOCATION ZONE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) How many social housing properties in the Mount Druitt Allocation Zone have outstanding maintenance requests as of the 13 April 2019?

(a) What is the current time frame for maintenance requests to be completed (as at 4 June 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised that information on the Department of Family and Community Services' (FACS) maintenance program, including expected response times, is available on the FACS' website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

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*0389 INFORMATION ACCESS SELF-ASSESSMENT AND PRIVACY SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOLS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Premier—

Will you guarantee that all Government ministers, departments and agencies will use the Information Access Self-Assessment Tool and the Privacy Self-Assessment Tool launched by the NSW Information and Privacy Commission last week?

Answer—

I expect all Ministers, departments and agencies to comply with their statutory information access and privacy obligations.

*0390 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE JUSTICE STRATEGY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) When will the Domestic Violence Justice Strategy be completed and released?

(2) How many community, professional or other social groups have been consulted?

(a) Of these, how many were from the Illawarra?

(3) How many online surveys were completed?

(a) Of these, how many were from the Illawarra?

Answer—

I am advised:

Work on a new Domestic Violence Justice Strategy is ongoing. This includes work to ensure that the new justice strategy aligns with other government domestic violence strategies being developed. The new Domestic Violence Justice Strategy will be completed and released as soon as practicable.

To date, the Department of Communities and Justice has consulted with 26 community organisations, peaks and legal professional groups, which primarily operate state-wide.

The Department of Communities and Justice received 199 responses to an online survey conducted for service users. Of the 157 participants who provided their postcodes, six listed their area of residences as being in the Illawarra region.

*0391 DEMENTIA STRATEGIES FOR LOCAL COUNCILS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering the Committee for Sydney found in its recent report, 'Dignity and Choice: an inclusive future for our ageing population' that 300,000 New South Wales residents are expected to be living with dementia by 2050 and that councils are yet to develop adequate dementia strategies, how will the Minister address this issue?

Answer—

Implementing dementia strategies fall across a number of portfolios, however I am advised that the Office of Local Government works with councils across New South Wales to address community issues, including health issues like dementia through the Integrated Planning and Reporting process.

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Councils are aware that they have to adapt to the needs of an ageing population in innovative and practical ways. The Integrated Planning and Reporting process gives councils the opportunity to actively listen to their communities and invite them to contribute to the prioritisation of expenditure of ratepayers funds.

While most councils do not directly provide health services to the community, they are able to advocate for, and influence decisions made, as part of planning processes or with other levels of government.

The Office of Local Government has developed a webpage to assist councils to address issues for our ageing population as part of the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework. It sets out steps to take in planning for an ageing population and provides links to key sources of information.

*Please be advised that this response has been amended since it was published on 10 July 2019.

*0392 FUNDING FOR WEE WAA HOSPITAL—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) In the 2018-19 financial year (to 5 June 2019), what was the Budget allocation for the provision of General Practice Locum services at the Wee Waa Hospital?
 - (a) How much of this Budget was expended on the provision of this service?
- (2) Does North West Medical Services currently hold the contract to provide services at the Wee Waa Hospital?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) When did this contract commence?
 - (ii) When did this contract expire?
 - (iii) When was the contract for this service tendered out?
 - (i) Through what means was the contact tendered?
 - (iv) What is the nature of services provided by North West medical Services?
 - (v) Does North West Medical Services use a room or rooms at Wee Waa Hospital?

Answer—

North West Health Services does not hold a contract to provide medical services at Wee Waa Community Hospital.

Hunter New England Local Health District is currently advertising for a General Practitioner Visiting Medical Officer (VMO) to provide medical services at Wee Waa Community Hospital. In the meantime, measures have been put in place to ensure medical services continue at the hospital while recruitment is in progress. Locum VMOs are providing some medical services at the hospital.

*0393 VISITING MEDICAL OFFICER CONTRACTED TO WEE WAA HOSPITAL—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Does Wee Waa Hospital currently have any General Practitioner Visiting Medical Officers contracted (as at 5 June 2019)?
- (2) As at 5 June 2019, is Hunter New England Local Health District in any negotiations for the provision of Visiting Medical Officer services with General Practitioners operating in Wee Waa?

Answer—

See answer to LA Q392.

*0394 NUCLEAR REACTORS FOR NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Considering your trip to the United States of America investigating nuclear reactors for New South Wales and the 18 sites that were identified as possible sites for nuclear power plants, were any of the 18 sites located in the Illawarra?
 - (a) If so, where?

Answer—

The Government has no policy for identifying sites for nuclear power plants.

*0395 PUBLIC SCHOOL MAINTENANCE IN THE MURRAY ELECTORATE—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Which public schools in the Murray electorate will receive new and upgraded facilities as part of the Government's commitment to reduce the school maintenance backlog (Premier's Media Release, 29 January 2019)?
- (2) Considering that the hospitality kitchens at Deniliquin High School have been on the maintenance list for six years, will Deniliquin High School receive funding to upgrade these hospitality facilities?
 - (a) If so, what date will that funding be received?

Answer—

- (1) The Government's commitment to reduce the school maintenance backlog includes maintenance at all schools in the Murray electorate. New and upgraded facilities are provided under the capital works budget, they are not maintenance.
- (2) The food technology facilities at Deniliquin High School are nominated for upgrade. Funding for minor works projects is allocated on a competitive basis according to greatest need.

*0396 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ATTITUDES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

Considering the findings of the National Community Attitudes Towards Violence Against Women Survey regarding the attitudes of a significant amount of young people to sexual assault and domestic violence, how is the Government working to change attitudes amongst young men in public schools?

Answer—

I am advised:

Education and changing attitudes of young men, in relation to sexual assault and domestic violence, in public schools are matters that fall within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning. The question should be directed to the Minister.

*0397 SUPPORT SERVICES FOR CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) What services does the Government have in place to encourage victims of domestic violence from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities to speak out and report their experiences?
- (2) Will the Government invest in building a domestic violence shelter in the electorate of Cabramatta that caters from individuals with a CALD background?

Answer—

I am advised:

As part of the \$20 million Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund, the Government has funded projects that are targeted at culturally and linguistically diverse communities. These include:

- The Safety Without Borders project, focussing on creating and implementing a suite of culturally appropriate domestic and family violence prevention programs in asylum seeker and refugee communities
- The From the Ground Up to Equality project, which is a whole of community prevention program aimed at challenging the specific drivers of violence in the Arabic speaking community and is being delivered by Arab Council Australia.

Further information around the Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund can be found at www.women.nsw.gov.au.

Additionally, in 2018-19 the Government allocated over \$202.8 million to homelessness services across New South Wales. This includes funding for specialist homelessness services that have crisis accommodation (refuges) and provide responses to women experiencing domestic and family violence, including in Cabramatta. All specialist homelessness services are available for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, with the exception of services specifically for Aboriginal people.

Information about specialist homelessness services can be found at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*0398 SERVICES FOR MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE GRANVILLE ELECTORATE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

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- (1) What facilities, provided by the Area Health Service, are operating in the Granville electorate to provide services for patients with a mental illness or people recovering from a mental illness as at 5 June 2019?
 - (a) Of these facilities:
 - (i) How many are group homes?
 - (ii) How many residents are able to be housed in each group home?
 - (iii) How many residents are currently housed in each group home?
- (2) As at 5 June 2019, how many residents of the Granville electorate are:
 - (a) Receiving treatment for mental illness;
 - (b) In supported accommodation as a result of mental illness?

Answer—

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

*0399 LOCATION OF THE NAMOI CATCHMENT RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the Namoi Catchment Risk Assessment Tool (NCRAT) and its function?
 - (a) What is the current status of the NCRAT as at 5 June 2019?
 - (b) Who currently holds the information relating to the NCRAT?
- (2) What information is available on the NCRAT's current usage in assessing the potential risks of multiple Coal Seam Gas and Coal mining projects within the Namoi Catchment?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
 - (a) Local Land Services is not actively developing Namoi Catchment Risk Assessment Tool (NCRAT) at this time.
 - (b) North West Local Land Services
- (2) NCRAT is not currently used in assessing the potential risks of multiple Coal Seam Gas and Coal mining projects within the Namoi Catchment as it is not designed for site or project scale risk assessment.

*0400 HEART CENTRE FOR CHILDREN AT THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, WESTMEAD—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many patients have been treated at the Heart Centre for Children at the Children's Hospital, Westmead in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2017-18?
- (2) How many have been treated at the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2017-18?
- (3) Considering 129 doctors from the latter have opted to leave the Sydney Children's Hospital Network, how is the Minister going to ensure cardiatric services will continue to be offered at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick?

Answer—

The number of babies, children and adolescents with congenital heart disease treated at the Heart Centre for Children at the Children's Hospital, Westmead each year is publicly available.

The number of patients who have received care at the Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick in each financial year is publicly available.

Protocols are in place to ensure emergency cases are managed appropriately by relevant emergency, cardiac and intensive care specialists.

*0401 REGION 6 BUSES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering that Transit Systems did not meet on-time running targets in every month since it took over operations of Region 6 buses, does the Minister stand by his comments claiming privatisation would improve bus services for Inner West commuters?
- (2) Will the Minister ask for a review of Transit Systems' performance prior to the five year review stipulated in the contract signed by the Government?
- (3) Considering Transit Systems have not improved performance, what other mechanisms are available to the Government to improve service delivery by Transit Systems under the stipulations of the contract?
 - (a) Will these mechanisms be exercised?

(i) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

Region 6 buses operate on some of the busiest roads in Sydney and carry passengers on some of our most popular routes.

In the first four years of the contract, we will have delivered an extra 4.8 million kilometres of bus services - all at a reduced cost to tax payers. Patronage in the region has grown by almost 20 per cent in the last 11 months while there have been more than 40,000 trips on the On Demand service, which was expanded late last year to cover more areas.

A number of improvements have already been delivered in Region 6 since Transit Systems took over in July 2018, including more than 270 additional weekly services added to popular routes, recruitment of over 500 new drivers, as well as 28 new buses on the road. The number of cancelled trips has decreased significantly since 1 July 2018, and is now at its lowest rate with just 0.30 per cent of scheduled trips cancelled in April 2019.

*0402 RECOMMENDATION OF THE REPORT OF THE STATUTORY REVIEW OF SURROGACY ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) Will you implement the recommendation of the Report of the Statutory Review of Surrogacy Act dated July 2018?

(a) If so, when?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is considering the Report's recommendations.

*0403 NATIVE VEGETATION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) How much land has been cleared since the Native Vegetation Act was repealed as at 4 June 2019?

(2) How do you explain the 79 per cent increase in clearing native vegetation including a 108 per cent increase in land clearing for crops and pasture and 80 per cent increase in logging of native forests between 2015 and 2017?

Answer—

(1) I am advised this information is not yet available.

(2) I am advised of the following:

The figure of 79 per cent quoted refers to the total increase in the rate of woody vegetation loss (without fire) for both native and non-native species from 2015 to 2017.

The 108 per cent increase in clearing for crops and pastures can be attributed to two sources. The first is clearing that cannot be associated with an approval or exemption. The second is clearing authorisations under the Native Vegetation Act 2003, which last up to 15 years.

The figure of 80 per cent referred to in the question is the total increase across all forestry. Most of this logging is pine and hardwood plantation forestry, which increased by 9,890 hectares during this period. Native logging on privately owned land increased by 1,200 hectares in the same period.

*0404 HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES IN THE KEIRA ELECTORATE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) What is the total number of Housing NSW properties in the Keira electorate in each financial year from 2009-10 to 2018-19?

(a) How many of these properties were left vacant for a period of more than two months pending repairs/maintenance prior to a new tenant moving in each financial year from 2009-10 to 2018-19?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding the number of social housing properties in New South Wales is available on the

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Department of Family and Community Services website: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

The number of public housing properties that are vacant changes frequently as properties are vacated by tenants and prepared for reletting.

*0405 SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE KEIRA ELECTORATE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) In each financial year from 2009-10 to 2018-19, what was the average waiting time for a priority NSW Housing applicant to be housed in the Keira electorate?
- (2) In each financial year from 2009-10 to 2018-19, how many NSW Housing applicants on a 'General' housing wait list were allocated properties?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter should be referred to the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

*0406 SUBLIME WALKING TRACK—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the popular Sublime walking track?
- (2) Is the Minister further aware of the high usage of the track and the associated parking issues especially at the Austinmer end of the track?
- (3) Considering how popular this track is, has the Government sought advice in relation to extending the track to link to the Southern Gateway Centre?
 - (a) How many meters of track would be required to complete this extension?
 - (b) Is the Minister aware of any issues that would prohibit this extension?
 - (i) If so what are they?
 - (c) How much would it cost to have this extension of the track to the Southern Gateway Centre?
 - (d) Is Destination Wollongong supportive of this extension?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) It is my understanding that the walking track is popular, receives high visitation, and walkers often park their cars in residential streets in Austinmer.
- (3) A walking track linking the Southern Gateway and Sublime Point was identified in the 2006 Illawarra Escarpment Walking Tracks Master Plan. The track is also proposed as part of the Illawarra Escarpment walking track from Stanwell Park to Mt Kembla.
 - (a) The extension of track from Sublime Point to Southern Gateway would require two kilometres of existing track to be upgraded and 800 metres of new track.
 - (b) Yes
 - (i) Wollongong City Council must provide approval for the track, given a section of the track is Council land.
 - (c) The extension is estimated at \$350,000.
 - (d) Destination Wollongong is an entity funded by Wollongong Council and its views on the master plan are provided to Council.

*0407 BUSINESS CONNECT ASSISTANCE AND EVENTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many businesses have sought assistance from Business Connect between January 2018 and December 2018 from the following postcodes:
 - (a) 2515;
 - (b) 2516;
 - (c) 2517;
 - (d) 2518;
 - (e) 2519?
- (2) How many businesses attended events conducted by Business Connect between January 2018 and December 2018 from the following postcodes:
 - (a) 2515;
 - (b) 2516;
 - (c) 2517;
 - (d) 2518;

(e) 2519?

Answer—

(1) (a) 13

(b) 7

(c) 9

(d) 27

(e) 28

(2) (a) 6

(b) 4

(c) 1

(d) 3

(e) 23

*0408 T5 GLENFIELD TO BLACKTOWN TRAIN SERVICES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Was the 8:12am T5 train service from Glenfield to Blacktown on 3 June 2019 cancelled?

(a) If so:

(i) Why was the service cancelled?

(ii) How were commuters notified about the cancellation?

(2) How many times has the 8:12am T5 train service from Glenfield to Blacktown been cancelled from 7 January 2019 to 4 June 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Yes, the service was cancelled due to mechanical issues. Customers were notified via announcements at train stations and service information on transport apps.

(2) Three times.

*0409 VACANT HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) As at 4 June 2019, how many vacant Housing NSW properties are there for each of the following postcodes:

(a) 2167;

(b) 2564;

(c) 2565;

(d) 2566;

(e) 2558;

(f) 2174;

(g) 2179?

Answer—

I am advised:

The number of public housing properties that are vacant changes frequently as properties are vacated by tenants and prepared for reletting.

Please visit the Department of Family and Community Services website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*0410 TRANSPORT ACCESS PROGRAM FUNDING ALLOCATIONS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Considering advice received in correspondence on 30 May 2019 from the Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads, that "The NSW Government remains committed to providing accessible, modern and integrated infrastructure where it is needed most", why were Clarendon, East Hills and Como stations allocated funding in the Transport Access Program when they were ranked below Macquarie Fields Station in the 'Sydney Trains Prioritisation Assessment for the TAP 3 Strategic Business Case'?

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Answer—

I am advised:

The Government remains committed to providing accessible, modern and integrated infrastructure where it is needed most. As you may be aware, the Government recently allocated a further \$133 million to the Transport Access Program, boosting our total investment to \$2 billion. Since the program began in 2011, more than 450 projects have been completed or are underway. This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges and commuter car parks. This has made more than 90 per cent of customer journeys accessible.

As you are aware, the Transport Access Program assessment process uses evidence based criteria, including current and future patronage. It also takes into account the needs and demographics of customers who use the station. It also considers the location of important services, such as hospitals or schools and the accessibility of nearby transport interchanges. Improved accessibility at Maquarie Fields Station will be considered as part of this assessment process.

*0411 EXPRESS TRAIN SERVICES TO GRANVILLE STATION—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

When will the Government deliver on its election commitment to deliver express train services to Granville station?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my previous response to LA Q250.

*0412 NON-SAFETY RELATED PARKING FINES—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Treasurer—

- (1) What does the Government plan to do in light of Local Government NSW opposing their proposal to eradicate non-safety related parking fines?
- (2) Will the Government consider imposing sanctions on the 108 councils in New South Wales who objected to their proposal to eliminate non-safety related parking fines?

Answer—

Over 2018-19, the Government lowered a group of 52 non-safety related parking fines issued by New South Wales government authorities and made it possible for Local Councils and Universities to also opt in to charge the lower fines. On 31 January 2019, a 10 minute grace period was introduced for certain paid parking offences of one hour or more.

The Government urges councils to do what is right for their rate-payers and lower parking fines in the community.

*0413 GRANVILLE TAFE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) How many students are enrolled at Granville TAFE as at 5 June 2019?
- (2) How many full time equivalent teaching staff are employed at Granville TAFE as at 5 June 2019?
- (3) What was the total revenue for student fees at Granville TAFE in 2013 to 2015 (to 25 June 2015)?
- (4) How many courses are currently offered at Granville TAFE as at 5 June 2019?
- (5) What operating and capital funding is allocated to Granville TAFE in the 2018-19 financial year (to 5 June 2019)?
- (6) How many students are expected to graduate from Granville TAFE with the following qualifications:
 - (a) Bachelor degree;
 - (b) Associate degree;
 - (c) Diploma;
 - (d) Certificate IV;
 - (e) Certificate III;
 - (f) Certificate II;
 - (g) Certificate I;
 - (h) Accredited short course?

Answer—

I am advised that information on enrolments, staffing, revenue, courses, funding and students is available in the TAFE NSW annual report, which can be found at <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/corporate/annual-report>.

*0414 REBATES AND SUBSIDIES FOR RECHARGEABLE ELECTRIC POWERED VEHICLES—Mr Philip Donato asked the Treasurer—

Will consideration be given to introducing a rebate or subsidy to the residents of New South Wales who purchase a new rechargeable electric powered motor vehicle to encourage and facilitate the lowering of emissions from fossil fuel powered vehicles?

Answer—

I am advised that this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Transport and Roads.

*0415 HOMELESSNESS IN CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What is the Government planning to do in order to mitigate the number of homeless people from growing?
- (2) Does the Government have a plan to ensure that homeless individuals from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are catered for, specifically in areas such as the Cabramatta electorate?

Answer—

The Government has committed more than \$1 billion for homelessness services over the next four years, which includes new funding of \$61 million over four years to implement the NSW Homelessness Strategy 2018-2023.

On 13 February 2019 the Government signed an agreement with the Institute of Global Homelessness and other non-government partners as part of the 'A Place to Call Home' initiative, which commits to:

- Reducing rough sleeping in the City of Sydney by 25 per cent by 2020
- Reducing rough sleeping in the City of Sydney and NSW by 50 per cent by 2025
- Working towards zero rough sleeping in the City of Sydney and New South Wales.

Further information about the 'A Place to Call Home' initiative on the Institute of Global Homelessness website: <https://www.ighomelessness.org/a-place-to-call-home-initiative> The Specialist homelessness services (SHS) program is the primary Government response to homelessness. Non-government organisations are funded to deliver a range of services to support a diverse group of people who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.

All specialist homelessness services are available for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness - with the exception of services specifically for Aboriginal people.

Further information about these homelessness services and the NSW Homelessness Strategy 2018-2023 can be found at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>.

*0416 WATER RESTRICTION IMPACT ON CABRAMATTA ELECTORATE—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Considering that water restrictions have now come into effect, has a social impact assessment been conducted (as at 4 June 2018)?
 - (a) If so, how will the water restrictions effect constituents in the Cabramatta electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning and Environment undertook extensive community engagement and social research to better understand community attitudes to residential water restrictions and conservation measures under the 2017 Metropolitan Water Plan.

The 2017 Metropolitan Water Plan was based on the findings of broader social surveys, technical studies, economic modelling and analyses and independent reviews.

In December 2018, Sydney Water conducted further research through a series of deliberative forums to test community attitudes to water usage and demand management options in the context of the Metropolitan Water Plan.

This research found customers were supportive of the need to save water during a drought and understanding of the need for water restrictions. However, research was not conducted or tested specifically by New South Wales electorate.

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*0417 CANLEY VALE STATION UPGRADES—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Are there any easy access upgrades scheduled to take place at Canley Vale Station?
(a) If so, when will these works commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*0418 RANDWICK AND COOGEE BUS TIMETABLES AND ROUTES FORMAL REVIEW—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

On what date was the last formal review of the Randwick and Coogee bus timetables and routes?

Answer—

I am advised:

Adjustments to services and timetables in the eastern suburbs are made periodically to reflect changes in customer demand or to accommodate changes in road conditions.

*0419 ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGE STATIONS IN THE ORANGE ELECTORATE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) How many electric vehicle recharge stations are currently in operation in the Orange electorate as at 5 June 2019?
(a) Where are electric vehicle recharge stations located?
(2) How many electric vehicle recharge stations are planned or proposed for the Orange electorate?
(a) Where will these be located?

Answer—

As the issue of electric vehicle charging stations falls within the responsibilities of the Transport for NSW, this question should be asked of the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

*0420 USE OF GLYPHOSATE BY LOCAL COUNCILS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Local Government—

How is the Government and its agencies working to eliminate the use of Roundup (glyphosate) by New South Wales councils, which has been linked to several illnesses including non-Hodgkin lymphoma, pancreatic cancer and leukaemia?

Answer—

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) is responsible for the regulation of agricultural products containing glyphosate.

APVMA has considered recent international decisions regarding these products and found no grounds to take regulatory action in Australia. The Authority's current advice is that approved products containing glyphosate can continue to be used safely according to label directions.

It is a matter for councils to consider the advice provided by the APVMA, and to ensure that appropriate workplace health and safety procedures are in place for safe chemical handling.

*0421 ABORIGINAL FLAGS AT NSW POLICE STATIONS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Considering that police stations in Western Australia will now permanently fly the Aboriginal flag as part of an effort to improve relations with indigenous Australians, will the Minister direct NSW Police stations to do the same?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) is authorised to fly the New South Wales State Flag and, when there is more than one flagpole at the location, the New South Wales Police Flag. The flying of other flags at NSWPF premises is only permitted following a Flag Advice from the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

A great deal of work is being done in New South Wales to strengthen the relationship between Aboriginal

communities and police under the banner of the Aboriginal Strategic Direction.

*0422 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT THE INTERSECTION OF RAILWAY TERRACE AND WEST STREET, PETERSHAM—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) investigated options to improve pedestrian safety at the intersection of Railway Terrace and West Street, Petersham, including rephasing lights to allow pedestrians longer to cross?
- (2) Considering that the intersection is heavily utilised by students of Petersham Public School, the NSW School of Languages, and the projections of population in the immediate vicinity of the crossing, what options are available to RMS to improve pedestrian safety at this location?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2015, Roads and Maritime Services adjusted the signal phasing to restrict motorists turning right between 6:00 am and 9:00 pm seven days a week, unless the green arrow is displayed.

Since this change, the number of daytime crashes has reduced, with only two reported crashes to June 2019. These crashes both involved vehicles turning right into West Street and colliding with through traffic on Railway Terrace.

Inner West Council has designed a separated cycleway through Lewisham, to improve safety and amenity for pedestrians and cyclists at this intersection.

*0423 GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT'S INTEGRATED DESIGN POLICY—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What legal weight does the Government Architect's integrated design policy for the built environment of New South Wales, Better Placed, have in the current State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP)?
- (2) How is the Government working to ensure the design standards laid out in the Better Placed policy document are enforced in the planning approvals process?
- (3) Do the works associated with the WestConnex project in Haberfield and Ashfield comply with the design standards laid out in this policy document?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Better Placed is given legal effect:

- By environmental planning instruments such as local environmental plans requiring the consideration of the policy;
- In relation to State significant development or State significant infrastructure, by the Planning Secretary's environment assessment requirements requiring assessment of the project against the policy; and
- By consent authorities deciding to take the policy into consideration when it is relevant to an application for consent.

(2) Planning applications are required to give consideration to the objects of the Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the Act), including to promote good design and amenity of the built environment. Better Placed supports assessment by planners and decision-makers to ensure development demonstrates good design.

(3) The conditions of approval for the M4 East project (approved on 11 February 2016) were granted before the publication of Better Placed.

The conditions of approval for the works associated with the M4-M5 Link Tunnels require that the Urban Design and Landscape Plan must include demonstrated consideration of design objectives, principles and standards including the urban design principles outlined in Better Placed.

See condition E134 in the conditions of approval for this project:

<https://majorprojects.accelo.com/public/5f97265d6e3da061f13b9c86a82e82c2/WestConnex%20M4-M5%20Link%20Instrument%20of%20Approval.pdf>

*0424 PAEDIATRIC CARDIAC SERVICES AT THE SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS RANDWICK AND WESTMEAD—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) When will the Government resolve the long-running dispute over paediatric cardiac services at

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Sydney Childrens' Hospital, Randwick and Sydney Childrens' Hospital, Westmead?

- (2) Will the Government provide additional funding for paediatric cardiac services for the:
- Sydney Childrens' Hospital, Randwick;
 - Sydney Childrens' Hospital, Westmead?

Answer—

- An external panel commissioned by NSW Health has reviewed the governance of the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network. Following a broad consultation process, this review is now complete. The report from the Expert Review Panel is currently being considered by NSW Health. Further consultation will occur at a roundtable meeting on July 27, with invitations extended to clinicians, nurses, allied health professionals, managers from paediatric services across New South Wales.
- The Government is investing more than \$1 billion to ensure both The Children's Hospital at Westmead and Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick have the best facilities and services in the world in which to care for sick children.

*0425 RANDWICK BOYS AND RANDWICK GIRLS HIGH SCHOOLS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- When will a decision be made regarding the potential transition of Randwick Boys High School to a co-educational high school?
- When will the proposed infrastructure upgrades to both Randwick Boys High School and Randwick Girls High School commence?

Answer—

- Feedback from the community consultation process regarding the suggestion to transition Randwick Boys High School into a co-educational facility is currently being considered.
- In June 2018, an upgrade to Randwick Boys High School and Randwick Girls High School was announced. The proposed works are to include the incorporation of community accessible features. The projects are in the early stages of planning, with consultation with principals and Parents and Citizens representatives currently occurring, noting that the scope of the projects could be informed as part of the considerations from the consultation.

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*0426 CLOSURE OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN PARKES—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- Are there any plans to close maternity services at the Parkes Hospital?
 - If the maternity services are being removed from Parkes Hospital, could you provide the reason for the removal of this service to this growing township?

Answer—

No, consultation is currently occurring regarding the future model of care for maternity services in Parkes.

*0427 HOUSING IN GRIFFITH—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Considering that there are up to 2,175 homeless people living in Griffith in any given year, and another 2,796 people live in marginal housing and struggling as they have to pay as much as 50 per cent of their weekly income on rent, how is the Government addressing housing in Griffith?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter should be referred to the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

*0428 SERVICES FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS IN GRIFFITH—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering that there is no designated private space for sexual assault victims at Griffith Base Hospital, no social worker at Griffith Base Hospital and there is only one doctor accredited to examine sexual assault victims, when will the community of Griffith be provided with more services for victims of sexual assault?

Answer—

I am advised that Griffith Base Hospital has two Medical Forensic Examiner doctors to provide sexual assault medical forensic services, two qualified Sexual Assault Counsellors and a full time social worker who conduct crisis and ongoing counselling for sexual assault victims in Griffith and surrounds.

The District provides a 24 hours per day, 7 days per week crisis response to recent victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child physical abuse and neglect. Ongoing therapeutic and support services are also provided to these client groups and their non-offending family members.

*0429 NSW HEALTH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADMISSIONS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) In each year since 2002 (to 6 June 2019), what is the total number of hospitalisations of women in New South Wales who have been assaulted by a partner?
 - (a) For each of these hospitalisations, how many women sustained:
 - (i) Head injuries;
 - (ii) Neck injuries;
 - (iii) Non-fatal strangulation or choking;
 - (iv) Assault with a weapon;
 - (v) Assault with bodily force;
 - (vi) Sexual violence?
 - (b) In which NSW Local Health Districts did each of these hospitalisations occur?
- (2) In each year since 2002 (to 6 June 2019), what is the total number of hospitalisations of men in New South Wales who have been assaulted by a partner?
 - (a) For each of these hospitalisations, how many women sustained:
 - (i) Head injuries;
 - (ii) Neck injuries;
 - (iii) Non-fatal strangulation or choking;
 - (iv) Assault with a weapon;
 - (v) Assault with bodily force;
 - (vi) Sexual violence?
 - (b) In which NSW Local Health Districts did each these of hospitalisations occur?

Answer—

Data on interpersonal-violence-related hospitalisations can be found at http://www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au/Indicator/inj_violhos/inj_violhos_perp.

*0430 NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL IN MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Will funding be provided to build a new primary school and high school in Maitland in the 2019-20 Budget?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Does the Government have any plans to build a new primary school and high school in the Maitland electorate within the next four years?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so:
 - (i) What type of school will be built?
 - (ii) Where will it be located?
- (3) Does the Government have any plans to expand any existing primary schools and high schools in the Maitland electorate within the next four years?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) Will the Member for Maitland be consulted with in relation to the need and possible construction or expansion of any new schools?
 - (a) If so, when?

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Answer—

The 2019-20 Budget does not provide funding to build any new schools in the Maitland electorate.

The Department of Education monitors enrolment demands in addition to working with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment in regards to population projections to meet school infrastructure needs across New South Wales.

In cases of sustained and stable enrolment increases, the Department provides additional permanent facilities or new schools if necessary.

In the electorate of Maitland, School Infrastructure is currently overseeing major upgrades to Ashtonfield Public School, Bolwarra Public School and Rutherford Public School.

Since 2011, the Government has delivered upgrades to Hunter River Community School, Francis Greenway High School and Rutherford High School. As with all projects, engagement with local communities and other stakeholders is critical and will occur as required.

*0431 STAYING HOME LEAVING VIOLENCE PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) What data is available regarding the uptake and the performance of the Staying Home Leaving Violence program?
- (2) Which towns and cities in New South Wales:
 - (a) Have access to Staying Home Leaving Violence?
 - (b) Do not have access to Staying Home Leaving Violence?
- (3) Why is the program not available to victim-survivors in all towns and cities across New South Wales?
- (4) Does the Government plan on expanding the program to more locations in New South Wales?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) When?
 - (ii) Which locations?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has invested an additional \$6.2 million to expand the Staying Home Leaving Violence program to five new sites under the NSW Homelessness Strategy. The sites are located in Albury, Coonamble/Walgett, Griffith, Port Stephens and Richmond Valley.

The Government will continue to further invest in valuable programs that support women and children experiencing domestic and family violence to remain safely in their home, or their home of choice.

Further information about Staying Home Leaving Violence, including locations and how to access the program, can be found at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*0432 KOALA POPULATION IN THE HUNTER—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Where are recognised koala habitats in the Cessnock electorate?
- (2) What is the estimated koala population of the Hunter region?
 - (a) How many of these koalas live in habitats confined within the Cessnock electorate?
- (3) Is the Government considering extending the private land purchase program to the Cessnock electorate as foreshadowed in the media release by the former Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter on 24 October 2018?
 - (a) If so, in what locations?
- (4) How does the Government contact property owners who may be eligible to become involved in the program?
- (5) If the program is to be rolled-out in the Cessnock electorate, when can residents expect this to occur?

Answer—

- (1) There is a regionally significant koala population around the Yengo National Park area near the southern boundary of the Cessnock electorate.
- (2) The size of the koala population in the Hunter region is unknown. The number of koalas living within the Cessnock electorate is unknown.

- (3) The koala land purchase program is state wide. Landowners who have koala habitat on their land can offer it for sale to National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS). If land is offered to NPWS, including in the Cessnock electorate, it will assess the land for potential acquisition.
- (4) NPWS acquires land from willing vendors who have their property listed on the open market, or contact NPWS to offer their land for sale. NPWS does not canvass individual landholders.
- (5) The koala land purchase program is state wide. Landowners who have koala habitat and an interest of selling their land can find further information at <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/threatened-species/programs-legislation-and-framework/nsw-koala-strategy/purchasing-land-with-priority-koala-habitat>.

*0433 ROLL-OUT OF THE COOLER CLASSROOMS POLICY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Considering that the Cooler Classrooms policy was announced in the June 2018 Budget, how many existing schools have had air-conditioning installed in all classrooms and libraries?
- (2) How many new schools have had air-conditioning installed in all classrooms and libraries?
- (3) How many upgraded schools have had air-conditioning installed in all classrooms and libraries?
- (4) How many existing schools in the Cessnock electorate:
 - (a) Have had air-conditioning installed in all classrooms and libraries?
 - (b) Have had air-conditioning installed in some classrooms and libraries?
 - (c) Are scheduled to have air-conditioning installed in all classrooms and libraries before the end of 2019?

Answer—

(1) to (3) The Government is delivering the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of New South Wales. This includes a record \$500 million for the sustainable Cooler Classrooms program to provide air conditioning to schools announced as part of the 2018-19 Budget last year.

Since commencing the program, School Infrastructure NSW has completed due diligence at 671 schools. 18 schools have had air conditioning installed in all eligible classrooms and libraries and 126 projects are currently underway. 25 new and upgraded schools have also had air conditioning installed in all eligible classrooms and libraries across the state.

(4) In the Cessnock electorate, one school has had air conditioning installed in all eligible classrooms and libraries. A further two schools are scheduled to have air conditioning installed in all eligible classrooms and libraries by the end of 2019.

*0434 SEALING OF THE THE IVANHOE ROAD (MR67) FROM IVANHOE TO BALRANALD—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Will the Government commit to funding the construction and sealing of the remaining unsealed sections of the Balranald-Ivanhoe Road (MR67) dubbed the 'Wool Track', a strategic freight route for agriculture and mining?

Answer—

I am advised:

Wool Track Road is a Regional Road maintained by Balranald and Central Darling Shires. In 2012, the Government committed \$4.7 million to seal the remainder of the road.

Balranald Shire and Central Darling Shire Councils completed the reconstruction and sealing works for the full length of Wool Track Road from Balranald to Ivanhoe on 30 June 2019.

*0435 NEWCASTLE TRANSPORT - BUS ON-TIME RUNNING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Why has Newcastle Transport not met their KPI for Buses - On-time running for 11 months out of the last 16 months (January 2018 to April 2019)?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that Newcastle Transport is the only operator in the Hunter to not meet their On-time running KPI?
- (3) Is this an acceptable level of service for customers?
- (4) What action will be taken to address this issue?
- (5) Why has the Minister yet to deliver the "world-class" transport network he promised Newcastle?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Over the last two years, Newcastle has been a city under transformation, with on time running impacted by a number of external factors including traffic congestion, unprecedented construction activity in the CBD and the introduction of major events.

On time running has been consistently improving since the first network review took effect in July 2018 and Newcastle Transport has met the on time running target in four out of the past five months.

Newcastle Transport service changes to improve reliability across the network, improve connectivity between modes, better enable customers to plan their trips, and double the On Demand service area in Lake Macquarie to reach 27,000 additional residents, will come into effect on 30 June 2019.

The Newcastle Transport contract is designed to provide the operator a strong incentive to design a network and run services that meet local needs. This model is working, with public transport patronage in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie increasing. In April 2019, there were more than 534,000 customer trips across bus, ferry and light rail, compared to 438,000 trips in April 2018, which is a 22 per cent increase in public transport usage.

*0436 SPOT ZONING PLANNING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What is the Government's proposed timeframe for ending spot rezoning?
- (2) Does the Government propose to end sport rezoning by way of legislative reform?
 - (a) If so, when will a bill be introduced?
 - (b) If not, how does the Government propose to end spot zoning?

Answer—

I am advised:

The need for spot rezonings will be reduced as local councils adopt their Local Strategic Planning Statements and subsequently amend their Local Environmental Plans to implement these strategic statements.

*0437 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT MEDICAL STAFF AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) In each year since 2012 how many full-time equivalent medical staff were employed at Fairfield Hospital (to 6 June 2019)?
 - (a) What is the breakdown by role?

Answer—

The total full-time equivalent medical staff at Fairfield Hospital increased by 25 per cent from 2012 to 2019 (as at 6 June 2019). Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need at any point in time.

*0438 FIRE SAFETY IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Do all public hospitals and health care facilities in New South Wales meet the minimum legal requirements to ensure compliance with State fire safety requirements?
 - (a) If not:
 - (i) Where are these facilities located?
 - (ii) When are these facilities scheduled to meet compliance?

Answer—

NSW Local Health Districts and other Specialised Health Networks are responsible for ongoing management of the properties they occupy, including but not limited to fire safety compliance. This includes managing identified risk, rectification and remediation.

*0439 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY INCREASE TO COUNCILS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Will consideration be given to deferring the increase to the Emergency Services Levy payable by Canterbury Bankstown and other councils for 12 months in order to undertake consultation with councils and allow them adequate time to factor any increase into their budgets?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Emergency Services Levy is primarily increasing to ensure our firefighters receive the support they need should they be diagnosed with one of 12 prescribed cancers presumed to have developed as a result of their firefighting work.

*0440 REVENUE NSW HOTLINE—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Premier—

- (1) How many times has the Premier's electorate office contacted the Revenue NSW MP hotline:
 - (a) Before 7 February 2019?
 - (b) Since 7 February 2019 (as at 6 May 2019)?

Answer—

Revenue NSW has a process for reviewing fines, fees and infringements. A review can be requested by a member of the public.

Further, to assist Members of the Parliament of New South Wales to fulfil their roles as representatives of their constituents, Revenue NSW also provides an MP hotline. This service is available to all Members' electorate office.

I am advised that this service has been in place since 2005.

*0441 CREATE NSW'S ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2018—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) How many of the successful applications to Create NSW's Arts and Cultural Development Program were from rural/regional areas?
- (2) What was the maximum funding amount provided to any one applicant?
- (3) What was the minimum funding amount provided to any one applicant?
- (4) How many different types or categories of organisations were successful?
- (5) Had any of the successful applicants received funding from this program previously?
 - (a) If so, how many?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 156 successful applicants were from rural/regional areas.
- (2) \$300,000
- (3) \$690
- (4) 10 artform organisation categories
 - Collections and Cultural Heritage
 - Community Arts and Cultural Development
 - Multi-artform
 - Dance
 - Literature
 - Music (including Opera and Musical Theatre)
 - Theatre (including Circus and Physical Theatre)
 - Visual Arts (including Craft and Design)
 - Design
 - Screen
- (5) Yes

*0442 SOCIAL HOUSING AND COMMUNITY HOUSING PROPERTIES IN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many vacant social housing and community housing properties are there in the Cessnock electorate as at 30 April 2019?
 - (a) How many of these have been approved for sale?
- (2) How many are currently undergoing renovation/maintenance with a view to re-let to tenants as at 6 June 2019?
- (3) How many have been sold since 1 July 2015 (to 6 June 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

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The number of vacant public housing properties changes frequently, as properties are routinely vacated by tenants and prepared for reletting.

Information concerning the sale of properties is published in the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) annual report, available on the FACS website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*0443 BUILDING PROFESSIONALS BOARD—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) What reasons were provided by the Building Professionals Board for not paying 23.57 per cent of invoices on time, by value during the second quarter of the 2017-18 financial year?
- (2) What reasons were provided by the Building Professionals Board for not paying 48.04 per cent of invoices on time, by value during the fourth quarter of the 2017-18 financial year?
- (3) How often does the Building Professionals Board meet?
- (4) What is the amount of remuneration received by each board member?
- (5) Besides attending board meetings, what other responsibilities do members of the Building Professionals Board have?

Answer—

- (1) Of the 34 invoices processed during the second quarter, 20 were 'not paid on time' because:
 - three had the invoice date and due date as the same date, and therefore were reported as not paid on time
 - six were received from the vendor on or after the due date
 - 10 were delayed because they were originally sent to the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation (DFSI) instead of the Building Professionals Board (the Board)
 - one was processed late by the Board.
- (2) Of the 40 invoices processed during the fourth quarter, 29 were 'not paid on time' for the following reasons:
 - 19 had the invoice date and due date as the same date, and therefore were reported as not paid on time
 - three invoices were received by the Board after the due date
 - three invoices were delayed because they were originally sent to the DFSI instead of the Board
 - two were sent late by the vendor
 - one had to wait until the item was delivered before processing payment
 - one was delayed due to the transfer of the Board to NSW Fair Trading.
- (3) to (5) The functions of the Board are outlined in the Building Professionals Act 2005.

*0444 COOLER CLASSROOMS PROGRAM RECIPIENTS IN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Considering the Cooler Classrooms Program recipients, will schools in the Cessnock electorate which have not been named in round one be included in round two?
- (2) When are round one installations expected to be completed?

Answer—

- (1) Bellbird Public School and Mulbring Public School in the Cessnock electorate have made applications under Round 2 of the Cooler Classrooms Program . Applications are independently assessed on aspects including temperature, humidity levels, the design of the classrooms and libraries, local topography, heritage issues and existing electrical infrastructure.
- (2) Work has been completed at Edgeworth Public School. The delivery phase is underway at West Wallsend High School, Abermain Public School and Cessnock High School. Work is scheduled to begin later this year at Millfield Public School. Work at other schools in the electorate will commence progressively after July 2020.

*0445 RELIABILITY OF NEWCASTLE BUSES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Considering that Keolis Downer buses have not met on time running for 16 out of the last 21 months, what action is being taken to increase the reliability of Newcastle buses in the Wallsend electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to the previous response, LA Q435.

*0446 CALVERY MATER HOSPITAL STAFF—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What is the total number of staff members employed at the Calvary Mater Hospital as at 6 June 2019?
- (2) How many positions are vacant?
- (3) How many staff positions are:
 - (a) Full-time;
 - (b) Part-time?
- (4) How many of these positions are:
 - (a) Doctors;
 - (b) Nurses;
 - (c) Allied health;
 - (d) Administrative staff?

Answer—

The Calvary Mater Newcastle has mechanisms in place to identify vacancies and recruit positions in accordance with service delivery needs and models of care at the hospital.

*0447 LOW RISE MEDIUM DENSITY HOUSING CODE MORATORIUM—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Will local councils be granted an extension to the moratorium to the Low Rise Medium Density Housing code, which is due to expire in July 2019?

Answer—

As of 1 July 2019, the Low Rise Medium Density Housing Code will apply in 82 council areas across New South Wales. Forty-five councils have been granted a temporary deferral of the Code until 31 October 2019.

*0448 LOCAL COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON UPDATE OF LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLANS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What consultation, if any, has been undertaken with local councils or Local Government NSW in relation to imposing on councils a mandatory review and update of Local Environmental Plans (LEPs)?
- (2) How often does the Minister propose Local Councils should review and update their LEPs?

Answer—

(1) The review and update of an Local Environmental Plans (LEP) is a requirement of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and is the responsibility of local councils. This requirement was one of the amendments to the Act passed by the Parliament of New South Wales and introduced in March 2018 following extensive consultation with local councils, Local Government NSW and other stakeholders.

(2) The Act requires that councils must regularly review their LEPs having regard to changes in population, infrastructure, strategic plans and other key indicators. Every five years a Council is to determine whether an LEP is to be updated.

In the Greater Sydney Region, the Act requires that as soon as practicable after the making of a district strategic plan, the councils of local government areas in the district to which the plan applies must review their LEPs for the area and update the LEPs as necessary to give effect to the district plan.

*0449 ACCOMODATING STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What efforts are being made to ensure that Wallsend public schools are accommodating for all students regardless of disability status?

Answer—

The Government and the Department of Education are committed to providing children and young people with a disability, their families, and the broader community with an education that meets their needs.

Public school students with disability and additional learning and support needs can access a range of supports and services that address their needs. The type and level of support provided to students is based on their personalised needs. This support is established through a personalised learning and support process in consultation with the student, parents or carers, and specialist staff where needed. Support may include adjustments to teaching, learning and assessment, provision of specialist support, or attendance in a special school or specialist support class.

All regular New South Wales public schools, including public schools in Wallsend electorate, receive an allocation of funding and resources to meet the additional learning and support needs of students. Principals are able to use their school's resources flexibly to respond to the needs of individual students. The Department also provides individually targeted resources for students with a confirmed disability.

Students are also provided with quality transition education programs which have a clear focus on quality of life outcomes, and schools collaboratively negotiate Individual Learning Plans with families and allied health and wellbeing professionals for each student. The school works closely with families and community support agencies to discover and develop the potential of every child.

*0450 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT OFFICERS AT PORT STEPHENS HUNTER POLICE DISTRICT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) How many full-time equivalent officers were assigned to the Port Stephens Hunter Police District in 2018?

(a) Is this considered at strength, above strength or below strength?

(i) On what criteria is this determined?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on police officer numbers is available in the NSW Police Force annual report which can be accessed at www.police.nsw.gov.au.

The Commissioner of Police is responsible for the allocation of police positions based on operational requirements and Government Commitments.

The NSW Police Force facilitates flexible workforce allocation and deployment to meet demand and community need. All police positions attached to Police Area Commands or Police Districts are flexible resources available to respond to incidents. Local resources are supplemented by specialist police who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to respond to changing community needs, crime patterns and emerging issues.

*0451 POLICE RESPONSE TIMES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) What is the expected average response time for the NSW Police Force to respond after a crime is reported?

(2) In 2018, what was the average response time in:

(a) Newcastle City Police District;

(b) Lake Macquarie Police District;

(c) Port Stephens Hunter Police District?

Answer—

I am advised:

Police response times are reported annually in the NSW Police Force (NSWPF) Annual Report. A number of factors, including the number of calls being responded to at any time, the time of day, traffic density, weather conditions and the distance to travel, influences response times.

*0452 SHARING INFORMATION BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

What action has been undertaken to ensure information between Family and Community Services, NSW Police and the NSW Department of Education is always shared and that child welfare reporting protocols are always followed, considering the 'Inquest into the death of LB' before Deputy State Coroner Harriet Grahame that vital information was not shared and protocols were not complied with?

Answer—

I am advised the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 establishes the process for mandatory reporters, who suspect a child or young person is at risk of significant harm, to make a report to Family and Community Services (FACS) and provides the framework for the exchange of information between prescribed bodies. Mandatory reporters include workers in health care, welfare, education, children's services, residential services and law enforcement.

Further, the Joint Child Protection Response Program (JCPRP), a tri-agency government partnership between FACS, NSW Police Force and NSW Health, has signed a statement of intent to reflect a renewed commitment to the multi-disciplinary, child-focused management of criminal child abuse in New South Wales.

Further information on the JCPRP can be found at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>.

FACS will continue to closely consider the Coroner's findings, and will acknowledge any recommendations to further improve agencies' responses to vulnerable children and families.

*0453 PORT OF NEWCASTLE DECISION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer—

- (1) On what date did the Government inform each of the following parties of the decision to require a developer of a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle to reimburse the Government for any cost the Government incurs to a lessee of Port Botany and Port Kembla for container traffic at the Port of Newcastle above a minimal specified cap:
 - (a) Parliament;
 - (b) Australian Competition and Consumer Commission;
 - (c) IFM Investors;
 - (d) Hastings Funds Management;
 - (e) Newcastle Port Corporation?

Answer—

Information has been provided in Questions on Notice and on Hansard to similar questions on this matter.

The Port of Newcastle Transaction unlocked valuable resources which have been used to revitalise Newcastle. The opening and successful operation of the Newcastle Light Rail throughout the CBD is a sign of the Government's commitment to Newcastle, alongside our major investments in health and schools in the area.

We encourage the Opposition to stand with the Government to support Newcastle and stop talking the city down.

*0454 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL STAFF—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What is the total number of staff members employed at the John Hunter Hospital as at 6 June 2019?
- (2) How many positions are vacant?
- (3) How many staff positions are:
 - (a) Full-time;
 - (b) Part-time?
- (4) How many of these positions are:
 - (a) Doctors;
 - (b) Nurses;
 - (c) Allied health;
 - (d) Administrative staff?

Answer—

The Hunter New England Local Health District has mechanisms in place to identify vacancies and recruit positions in accordance with service delivery needs and models of care at John Hunter Hospital and across the local health district.

*0455 EXPANSION OF PARK AND RIDE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Considering the popularity of park and ride shuttle bus services in the Wallsend area, has the Department undertaken feasibility studies regarding the expansion of park and ride facilities?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Government funding for the Park and Ride service was linked to alleviating the impact of light rail construction in the city centre and it was only ever designed to be temporary.

Light rail services are now up and running, completing Newcastle Transport's multimodal service offering.

Park and Ride users represent only around 1% of bus customers in the Newcastle Transport area.

Current timetabled bus routes servicing the city have capacity to carry existing park and ride users. Alternatively, customers may choose to park their car close to any frequent bus route to complete their journey into the city. Newcastle Transport's new bus network offers four frequent routes that run every 15 minutes and eight services that run every 30 minutes on weekdays.

*0456 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT OFFICERS AT LAKE MACQUARIE POLICE DISTRICT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) How many full-time equivalent officers were assigned to the Lake Macquarie Police District in 2018?

(a) Is this considered at strength, above strength or below strength?

(i) On what criteria is this determined?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on police officer numbers is available in the NSW Police Force annual report which can be accessed at www.police.nsw.gov.au.

The Commissioner of Police is responsible for the allocation of police positions based on operational requirements and Government Commitments.

The NSW Police Force facilitates flexible workforce allocation and deployment to meet demand and community need. All police positions attached to Police Area Commands or Police Districts are flexible resources available to respond to incidents. Local resources are supplemented by specialist police who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to respond to changing community needs, crime patterns and emerging issues.

*0457 REHABILITATION PROGRAMS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

(1) Considering the current rules and guidelines for prisoners coming up to and seeking parole or release within the prison system, is the rehabilitation program always introduced at the end of a prisoner's sentence?

(2) Can a prisoner or their lawyer make a request for the rehabilitation program earlier within their gaol term?

(3) Are all prisoners required to complete a rehabilitation program?

(4) Are the rehabilitation programs conducted within the gaols or at separate rehabilitation centres?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) No. Many programs are offered at any time during the inmate's sentence. Sex offender programs are offered near the end of an inmate's sentence where the development and maintenance of skills through programs is best observed.

(2) Placement into a Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) program is based on the assessed needs and earliest possible release date of the inmate, not on request by an inmate or their legal representative.

(3) No. With the exception of the compulsory drug treatment program no programs are mandatory. Referrals to CSNSW offender rehabilitation programs are underpinned by the Risk-Need-Responsivity Model of offender management. The risk principle establishes that higher risk sentenced offenders are prioritised for placement in rehabilitation programs.

Where an assessment indicates that an offender is eligible for a rehabilitation program, steps are taken to motivate an offender to participate. There are potentially consequences for non-participation, including not progressing in security classification to minimum security or refusal of parole.

(4) All inmates rehabilitation programs are conducted within correctional centres. Some programs may require an inmate to be transferred to a specific correctional centre or area of a correctional centre to participate in a program.

*0458 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DISCLOSURE SCHEME—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Will the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme evaluation by Urbis be made public?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (2) How much funding has been provided to this program as at 6 June 2019?
- (3) What was the reason for the program being discontinued?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme evaluation is publicly available at www.women.nsw.gov.au.

In April 2016, the Government announced an investment of \$2.3 million in the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme pilot over two years.

Based upon evaluation recommendations and feedback from stakeholders, the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme in its current form was discontinued in New South Wales as of 30 June 2019.

The Government will continue to consider longer term plans for the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme, what the most effective model is, and intend to continue consulting relevant stakeholders to seek their views about an optimal design.

*0459 REVENUE NSW DATA FILE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) Did the Revenue NSW data file provided to the Minister's office, which was later the basis for the Sydney Morning Herald article "Labor leader's staff used secret hotline to blame wife for speeding" on 8 February 2019, contain any personal data of any constituent or residents of the Macquarie Fields electorate?
 - (a) If so, have any of the people referred to above been informed that the data file contained their personal information?
 - (i) If so, on what date were they informed?
 - (b) If not, when will the people referred to above be informed that the data contained their personal information?
 - (i) By what method will they be informed?

Answer—

The Office of the Hon Victor Dominello requested a summary of representations made by Members of Parliament on behalf constituents relating to penalty infringement notices.

The document supplied by Revenue NSW in or around July 2018, contained a spreadsheet relating to the MP hotline which was sent in error.

I am advised that a significant majority of individuals listed in this document had separately made written representations to their local Member of Parliament and/or the Minister regarding their penalty infringement notice.

In November 2018, the Commissioner of Revenue advised the Minister's Chief of Staff of this and requested that the document in question be deleted. The Minister's Chief of Staff subsequently confirmed that the document had been deleted by all members of staff with access to it.

I am advised that Revenue NSW advised the Information and Privacy Commission of the matter at this time and has subsequently undertaken a review of its policies and procedures regarding the release of personal information.

As you would be aware, upon receipt of a complaint from the Member for Maroubra in February 2019, NSW Police commenced inquiries. According to a recent Police statement, those inquiries have now concluded, with no further investigation possible in the absence of further evidence.

*0460 AIR CONDITIONING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS CANTERBURY ELECTORATE—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Does the Government intend to install air conditioning for all public schools in the Canterbury electorate?
- (2) What amount, if any, does the Government intend to spend over the next four years to install air conditioning in public schools in the Canterbury electorate?

Answer—

The Government is committed to providing students with healthy and comfortable learning environments. That's why we've invested a record \$500 million to provide a sustainable air conditioning program for New South Wales schools.

To ensure the Government responds to the needs of students in the hottest parts of the State, we will provide air conditioning in classrooms and libraries at schools that experience a mean maximum January temperature of 30 degrees celsius and above.

Schools that experience a mean maximum January temperature below 30 degrees celsius can apply for funding to receive air conditioning in their classrooms and libraries. This will allow more schools to benefit from air conditioning than ever before.

Schools in the Canterbury electorate are encouraged to apply for funding.

*0461 EXPANSION OF MEN'S BEHAVIOUR CHANGE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Will the Government expand the ENGAGE Men's Behaviour Change domestic violence program to the additional nine locations as promised?
 - (a) Where will the nine sites be located?

Answer—

I am advised:

The expansion of the ENGAGE domestic violence intervention program to eight locations at Blacktown, Penrith, Bankstown, Fairfield, Liverpool, Wollongong, Cessnock and Maitland was recently completed. The Government intends to roll out the ninth site as soon as possible.

*0462 FIRE DANGER RATING SIGNS IN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many fire danger rating signs are there in the Cessnock electorate?
 - (a) How many of these signs are:
 - (i) Traditional?
 - (ii) Electronic?
- (2) Since 2011 to 6 June 2019, how many fire danger ratings signs have been removed from the Cessnock electorate?
 - (a) How many of these signs have been replaced?
- (3) Has NSW Rural Fire Service identified locations in the Cessnock electorate where fire danger rating signs will be installed in the next 12 months (from 6 June 2019)?
- (4) When was the fire danger rating sign at the intersection of Lake Road and Allandale Street, Kearsley removed?
- (5) Will a new fire danger rating sign be installed at the intersection of Lake Road and Allandale Street, Kearsley?
 - (a) If so, when can the local community expect the installation to happen?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are eight traditional fire danger rating signs in the Cessnock area.
- (2) Three signs have been removed from North Rothbury, Millfield and Neath.
 - (a) No signs have been replaced to date.
- (3) Not as yet. The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) is leading a three year National Fire Danger Rating System program due to conclude in 2022. This will bring about new signage. The NSW RFS will carry out a review into the appropriate location of signs across the state after the program has concluded.
- (4) Road works were undertaken on the intersection of Lake Road and Allandale Street, and as part of these works the sign was removed.
- (5) This will be re-assessed following completion of the National Fire Danger Rating System program.

Fire Danger Rating signage has been in existence for several decades and an assessment of the effectiveness of Fire Danger Rating signs will be undertaken as part of the National Fire Danger Rating

System program. This evaluation will consider how individuals obtain, process and communicate Fire Danger Rating information in a timely and effective manner.

Furthermore, there are a variety of sources available to individuals to obtain information about Fire Danger Ratings, in addition to a physical Fire Danger Rating sign. This includes:

- NSW RFS website at <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fdr-and-tobans?a=1421>
- NSW RFS Bush Fire Information Line on 1800 NSW RFS (679 737)
- NSW RFS Headquarters, which can be contacted on 02 87 41 5555
- Fire Control Centres (FCC): the address and phone number of each FCC can be found on the NSW RFS website
- Fires Near Me smart phone application (recently updated) that also provides the ability for users to receive notifications applicable to a local government area, or set up 'watch zones' to keep updated on specific areas of New South Wales
- rural fire brigades, and
- when there are Total Fire Bans in effect or dangerous Fire Danger Ratings predicted, the NSW RFS media will release public safety messaging via their social media platforms, and radio and television broadcasts.

*0463 DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS IN THE MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many demountable buildings are currently located at each school in the Maitland electorate as at 30 May 2019?
 - (a) At each of these schools, what is the age of the demountable buildings?
- (2) What is the average age of demountables across the Maitland electorate?
 - (a) Are all of these demountables air-conditioned?
- (3) How many demountable classrooms have been replaced with permanent classrooms in the Maitland electorate in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2018-19 (as at 30 May 2019)?

Answer—

There are 71 demountable buildings across 22 schools in the Maitland electorate.

The average age of demountable building is 20.5 years.

All demountable classrooms in the Maitland electorate are air-conditioned.

The Department of Education regularly replaces demountables with permanent facilities through the Government's investment in school capital works.

*0464 PERPETRATOR BEHAVIOUR CHANGE PROGRAMS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) How many perpetrator behaviour change programs were funded by the Government in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2018-19 (to 6 June 2019)?
 - (a) What were each of the perpetrator behaviour change programs?
 - (b) How long was each program run for?
- (2) Were follow ups completed with the participant to ensure they were maintaining positive behaviours?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) Who delivered the follow-ups?
 - (ii) What was the maintenance regime in terms of frequency and length of time?
- (3) Were current or ex partners of the perpetrator included in the program?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) How were they supported?
 - (ii) How were they otherwise involved in the program?
 - (iii) What efforts were taken to maintain their safety?
- (4) How many perpetrators were:
 - (a) Actively engaged in family court actions?
 - (b) Subject to family court orders ?
- (5) How many perpetrators breached court orders:
 - (a) Before the Program;
 - (b) During the Program;

(c) After the Program?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2018-19, the Government invested \$4.5million in non-government organisations to lead community-based perpetrator interventions (men's behaviour change programs), and further build the capacity and capability of the domestic and family violence sector.

Funding has been allocated to community-based Men's Behaviour Change Programs, which have been piloted in four regions in New South Wales, specifically in Campbelltown, Tuggerah, Lismore/Tweed Heads and Coffs Harbour.

These programs have since expanded, prioritising rural and remote areas which were previously unserved locations, and areas with high rates of domestic and family violence.

*0465 LAND AT GILLIESTON HEIGHTS FOR SCHOOL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) Has Planning NSW received any expressions of interest from developers to provide land for a new school site at Gillieston Heights as outlined in the transitional arrangements for the Hunter Region Special Infrastructure Contribution?

(a) When was this contribution option first made available to developers?

(2) Does Planning NSW have any preferred site or sites within the Gillieston Heights Urban Release Area for a new school?

(3) What action has Planning NSW taken since the option was first offered to gauge developer interest in the proposition?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) No.

(a) When Gillieston Heights Stage 2 was rezoned in 2010.

(2) The Department of Education is responsible for school infrastructure in New South Wales. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (OPIE) works with the Department of Education to identify and, where possible, assist in securing school sites.

(3) Refer to answer (1).

*0466 NAPLAN COMPUTER OUTAGE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) How many schools in the Maitland electorate were impacted by the NAPLAN computer outage?

(a) Which schools were impacted?

(2) How many students were impacted in the Maitland electorate by the NAPLAN computer outage?

(a) Have these students resat the test?

(i) If so, how many resat the test?

Answer—

(1) 13 schools in the Maitland electorate reported to the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) that they had connectivity issues on Tuesday 14 May.

(a) For the privacy of the schools concerned, NESA has not published the list of schools that experienced connectivity issues.

(2) Schools were asked to indicate if they were impacted and which students would be re-sitting the test.

(a) 93 students within the Maitland electorate re-sat NAPLAN tests on Tuesday 28 May.

*0467 UPGRADES TO THE HEAVY VEHICLE REST AREA AT LITTLE TOPAR—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Will the Government commit to seeking funding from the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program or providing funding for an expanded heavy vehicle parking area at the Topar Road House on the Barrier Highway?

(2) Is the Government aware that the insufficient parking is impeding truck driver's safety by forcing drivers to park on the side of the road to comply with their rest requirements?

Answer—

I am advised:

Road safety is a key focus for the Government. Roads and Maritime Services reviews and prioritises rest area needs across the state, in line with current guidelines.

Previous planning for the Barrier Highway has not identified a need for heavy vehicle parking expansion at the Little Topar Road House. The existing parking area can cater for an estimated five to 10 heavy vehicles, depending on the size.

Roads and Maritime will work with the road house manager to explore options to improve safe parking at the Little Topar Roadhouse and adjacent rest area. If appropriate and within the guidelines for the next round of the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program, Roads and Maritime will develop any proposal in consultation with the road house manager.

*0468 COOKS RIVER HEALTH—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What amounts, if any, has the Government spent over the last eight years to improve the health of the Cooks River (to 6 June 2019)?
- (2) What amounts, if any, does the Government intend to spend in the future to improve the health of the Cooks River?

Answer—

(1) The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has provided \$320,500 in Council Litter Prevention Program grants between 2014 and 2019 to support projects which improve the health of the Cooks River.

This includes:

- A grant of \$110,500 awarded to the Cooks River Alliance in 2014/15 for the Cooks River: Cutting the Litter project
- A grant of \$110,000 awarded to the City of Canterbury Bankstown Council in 2018/19 for the Cooks River Rescue! Lakemba Industrial Area project
- A grant of \$100,000 awarded to Strathfield Council in 2018/19 for the Hey Tossler! South Strathfield Industrial Area project.

(2) The next round of NSW EPA Council Litter Prevention Program grants is expected to open in the near future.

*0469 CANTERBURY HOSPITAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What was the Government's capital expenditure for upgrades at Canterbury Hospital during each financial year from 2010-11 to 2018-19 (as at 6 June 2019)?
- (2) What amount, if any, has the Government reserved for future upgrades at Canterbury Hospital?
- (3) How many full-time equivalent staff were employed at Canterbury Hospital during each financial year from 2010-11 to 2018-19 (as at 6 June 2019)?

Answer—

(1) Canterbury Hospital was substantially rebuilt in 1998. Since 2011, Canterbury Hospital has expended a total of \$5.38 million for capital projects. In addition, an allocation of \$1 million was made for Canterbury Hospital planning in 2018-19.

(2) Canterbury Hospital is staffed according to the agreed Nursing Hours per Patient Day formula. In 2018-19, 721 full time equivalent staff work at the Hospital.

*0470 CANTERBURY ELECTORATE SOCIAL HOUSING CAPITAL EXPENDITURE—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What was the Government's capital expenditure in relation to social housing in the Canterbury electorate during each financial year from 2010-11 to 2018-19 (as at 6 May 2019)?
- (2) What amount, if any, has the Government reserved for future capital expenditure in relation to social housing in the Canterbury electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding financial expenditure is available in the Department of Family and Community Services Annual Reports at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*0471 STOCKTON EROSION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

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Will consideration be given to allowing offshore sand dredging for beach nourishment purposes at Stockton to address coastal erosion?

Answer—

The Newcastle Coastal Zone Management Plan, certified in 2018 and prepared by Newcastle City Council, provides for a detailed investigation of sand nourishment sources for Stockton Beach.

*0472 NEWCASTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many demountable classrooms are in use at each of the following schools:
 - (a) Hunter School of Performing Arts;
 - (b) Newcastle High School;
 - (c) Tighes Hill Public School;
 - (d) Hamilton North Public School;
 - (e) Mayfield West Public School;
 - (f) Mayfield East Public School;
 - (g) Islington Public School;
 - (h) Lambton High School;
 - (i) The Junction Public School;
 - (j) Hamilton South Public School;
 - (k) Adamstown Public School;
 - (l) Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus;
 - (m) Stockton Public School;
 - (n) Merewether Heights Public School;
 - (o) Newcastle East Public School;
 - (p) Merewether High School;
 - (q) Fern Bay Public School;
 - (r) Carrington Public School;
 - (s) Hamilton Public School?
- (2) For each of the schools in (1), what is the school maintenance backlog figure as at 6 June 2019?
- (3) For each of the schools in (1), what is the current enrolment capacity as at 6 June 2019?

Answer—

- (1) 24 demountable classrooms are currently in use.
- (2) The total maintenance backlog is valued at \$9,750,481.
- (3) Every eligible student who wishes to attend a New South Wales government school will be given a place at their local school. The Department of Education does not have fixed enrolment capacities at New South Wales government schools. Schools have the capacity to adapt to fluctuating enrolments though the use of a combination of temporary and permanent teaching spaces.

*0473 NEWCASTLE PARK AND RIDE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will the Minister re-consider his decision to stop funding the Newcastle park and ride service?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Government funding for the Park and Ride service was linked to alleviating the impact of light rail construction in the city centre and it was only ever designed to be temporary.

Light rail services are now up and running, completing Newcastle Transport's multimodal service offering.

Park and Ride users represent only around 1% of bus customers in the Newcastle Transport area.

Current timetabled bus routes servicing the city have capacity to carry existing park and ride users. Alternatively, customers may choose to park their car close to any frequent bus route to complete their journey into the city. Newcastle Transport's new bus network offers four frequent routes that run every 15 minutes and eight services that run every 30 minutes on weekdays.

*0474 MONTHLY OPAL TRIPS BY CARD TYPE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Why has Transport for NSW stopped counting 'other' trip types used in the Monthly Opal Trips by Card Type for Newcastle Transport when the 'other' trip types include free travel passes, Broadmeadow park-and-ride and special events?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer to my 2018 response to LA Q7893.

The bus patronage 'other' category is still available for use and will be populated with special event integrated ticketing data each November.

*0475 REVENUE NSW DATA LEAK—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Customer Service—

(1) Was any personal data of constituents in the Newcastle electorate involved in the leak of Revenue NSW data to the media?

(a) If so, will these constituents be advised of the leak?

Answer—

The Office of the Hon Victor Dominello requested a summary of representations made by Members of Parliament on behalf constituents relating to penalty infringement notices.

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*0476 HUNTER WATER ADDITIONAL DIVIDEND—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) Considering the Government is requiring Hunter Water to pay an additional \$100 million dividend and Hunter Water will need to borrow these funds from TCorp, what is the cost of Hunter Water servicing this debt?

(2) Will the cost of servicing this debt be passed on to customers?

(a) If not, how will the interest be paid?

(3) Will the cost of servicing this debt result in reduced funds in Hunter Water's budget to deliver improved services and infrastructure for their customers, like sewer services to customers in Hexham?

(a) If not, why not?

(4) Why has the Government imposed this water tax on Hunter Water customers?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Information on Hunter Water's debt and interest costs is available within Hunter Water's audited financial reports, tabled annually in Parliament and available from Hunter Water's website.

(2) Hunter Water's actual debt levels, dividends and borrowing costs do not impact Hunter Water prices, as set by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART).

(a) When determining prices, IPART assumes that water utilities borrow 60 per cent of the value of their regulatory asset base. When determining prices, IPART provides each utility an allowance for efficient debt costs based on these assumed borrowings. Hunter Water's actual debt represents 51 per cent of the value of the regulatory asset base, well below the level used by IPART to set prices.

(3) Distributions from Hunter Water do not impact customer prices or level of service.

(a) See response to Question (2)

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- (4) Consistent with its legal obligations as a State Owned Corporation, the Government expects Hunter Water to operate at least as efficiently as any comparable business and to maximise the net worth of the State's investment.

*0477 FORMER WICKHAM SCHOOL OF ARTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Is the former Wickham School of Arts building listed on Hunter Development Corporation's Register under section 170 of the Heritage Act 1977?
(a) What maintenance and security arrangements are in place for this building?
- (2) Does the Government have any plans:
(a) For future adaptive reuse of this site?
(b) To demolish the building?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Yes, the former Wickham School of Arts is listed on the section 170 Register of Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation (HCCDC).

(a) The Wickham School of Arts is secured with perimeter fencing and the building is visually inspected on a daily basis by HCCDC's maintenance contractor. This allows any safety risks to be immediately identified. The building is not safe for entry due to known structural issues and the presence of asbestos.

Security patrols also occur at regular intervals outside of business hours.

(2) (a) The Wickham School of Arts is within HCCDC's Honeysuckle urban renewal project and sits within a larger site earmarked for future development. Any adaptive reuse options for the building will be considered in detail when future development proposals for the site are called for. The community will be consulted on any future uses of the Wickham School of Arts building.

(b) HCCDC has no plans to demolish the Wickham School of Arts building.

*0478 SECURING WATER FOR WENTWORTH GOLF COURSES—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Why did the Department of Industry not support the Wentworth Shire Council using a small portion of the Wentworth and Dareton water allocations to assist the Wentworth and Coomealla Golf Courses in the keeping of their grounds?

Answer—

Wentworth Council applied to trade water from their local water utility licence to general security licences held by Coomealla and Wentworth golf courses in August 2018.

At the time, the application to trade water was not approved due to a rule in the Water Sharing Plan for the New South Wales Murray and Lower Darling Regulated Rivers Sources 2016 that prohibited the trade. The particular rule, clause 61(1)(c), prohibited trades from a local water utility access licence to any other category of access licence when the volume of water in Menindee Lakes is below 480,000 megalitres. At the time of the application, 3 August 2018, the total Menindee Lakes storage volume was 215,500 megalitres.

Clause 61 (1) (c) of the water sharing plan was amended on 21 June 2019 so that it only applies to local water utilities in the Lower Darling water source and will allow local water utilities in the Murray water source to maintain their support of important community facilities in the Murray valley.

*0479 RURAL CRIME INVESTIGATOR—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Considering that there are currently only three rural crime investigators based in Griffith, Deniliquin and Dareton and that the Murray electorate covers an area of approximately 107,362.20 square kilometres and a population of 56,264 people, when will consideration be given to the need for more than three investigators in order to protect the valuable property and assets of rural communities?

Answer—

I am pleased to advise that there are four Rural Crime Investigators in the Murray electorate; one at Dareton, one at Griffith and two at Deniliquin. These officers are coordinated by the Southern Zone Rural Crime Prevention Team based in Cootamundra and work in conjunction with an Albury-based Rural Crime Investigator in the Murray Police District. Additionally, the Cootamundra based Rural Crime

Intelligence Analyst increases the Team's ability to strategically address rural crime in the electorate by analysing and targeting these offences.

In February 2019, 18 additional Rural Crime Prevention Team Positions were announced. These positions will boost the overall number of rural investigators to sixty across the state.

*0480 APPLICATIONS UNDER THE FIXING COUNTRY ROADS PROGRAM—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

When will the Government be reopening applications under the Fixing Country Roads program to allow rural Councils access to the additional \$543 million from Restart NSW Fund?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about the Fixing Country Roads program is available on the Transport for NSW website. Applications are expected to reopen later in the 2019-20 financial year.

*0481 CLOSURE OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN FORBES—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Are there any plans to close hospital theatre services at the Forbes Hospital?

(a) If the theatre services are being removed from Forbes Hospital, could the Minister provide the reason for the removal of this service to this growing township?

Answer—

No.

*0482 CHARTER VESSELS AMPLIFIED MUSIC—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) How many chartered vessels are registered to provide amplified music in Sydney Harbour as at 6 June 2019?

(2) What proactive enforcement does Roads and Maritime Services operate to address amplified noise from chartered vessels, in particular 'party boats'?

(a) What is the trend in complaints about offensive noise from these boats?

(3) What plans does the Government have to strengthen enforcement?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Commercial vessels operating on Sydney Harbour are not required to be registered to emit amplified music.

(2) Noise originating from Commercial vessels is governed by the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 and the Protection of the Environment Regulatory Authority under the Act.

In managing noise from vessels, Roads and Maritime has adopted a Code of Conduct for charter vessels operating with amplified music systems. The Code is available on the Roads and Maritime website.

If noise from boats is deemed offensive, Roads and Maritime may issue a Noise Abatement Direction. Noise concerns by a vessel operator can be reported to Roads and Maritime's Information Line on 13 12 36, (8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday, and 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Saturday and Sunday). For matters outside Roads and Maritime operating hours, the NSW Police Marine Area Command can be contacted on (02) 9320 7499.

(2) (a) Roads and Maritime received 33 noise complaints of charter vessels on Sydney Harbour during the 2018-19 boating season, however, after investigation, no compliance action was taken. During the 2017-18 boating season, 22 noise complaints were received. In comparison to the number of charter vessels operating, the number of complaints received, and no compliance action taken, Roads and Maritime does not view this as a significant issue beyond its current practise and management of noise.

(3) It is considered the current level of activity and managing of noise on Sydney Harbour requires no further increase in enforcement. A targeted and educative approach will continue to be applied to the 2019-20 boating season.

*0483 MEDICINAL CANNABIS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) In each year from 2015 to 2018, excluding clinical trials, how many prescriptions for medicinal

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cannabis were:

- (a) Approved by NSW Health
 - (b) Dispensed in New South Wales?
- (2) What clinical trials did the Centre for Medicinal Cannabis Research and Innovation Advisory Council assess in each year from 2015 to 2018?
 - (3) What assessment is the council doing on the need for further reform to medical cannabis programs, policies and laws including decriminalisation and supply to ensure people who are seriously ill have access to appropriate treatment?

Answer—

NSW Health does not hold data on the number of written or dispensed prescriptions for cannabis medicines. Dispensing records are required to be held in the dispensing pharmacy or with the prescriber if they supply the medicine.

NSW Health only issues authorities to prescribe or supply Schedule 8 cannabis medicines.

The role of the Advisory Council is not to assess but to advise on work and research priorities of the Centre for Medicinal Cannabis Research and Innovation; review and comment on commissioned reports as required; and advise on research and industry networks.

It is not the role of the Advisory Council to undertake assessments. In addition to research advice, the Advisory Council has provided advice on improved patient access, national regulatory consistency, better practitioner and consumer support, and education.

*0484 FOOD DELIVERY RIDERS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) What liaison does the Government carry out with food delivery companies to ensure they provide riders information about the road rules and have safety equipment?
- (2) What other action does the Government take to ensure that food delivery bike riders understand the road rules and are using appropriate safety equipment?
- (3) Does the Government plan education specific to food delivery riders to address concerns about breaches of the road rules and ensure they have appropriate safety equipment?

Answer—

- (1) SafeWork NSW, NSW Police Force, relevant councils (including Council of the City of Sydney) and other Government Agencies have ongoing engagements with the major food delivery companies. Education and compliance activities are undertaken with these companies to assist them in providing information about the road rules and safety equipment to food delivery bike riders.
- (2) Bicycle riders are subject to the same road rules as other vehicles in New South Wales. The Agencies have adopted a graduated approach that incorporates education, information and compliance activities for both road and workplace safety. In addition to this engagement, Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and Transport for NSW - Centre for Road Safety provide online resources for employers and bike riders including: "Road Safety and Your Work – A Guide for Employers" and the "Bicycle Riders Handbook".
- (3) SafeWork NSW has ongoing engagements with key industry stakeholders to promote education and awareness campaigns and activities to enhance rider safety. SafeWork NSW has met with groups representing bike riders to influence and improve safety induction and training provided to riders before they commence work as delivery cyclists.

*0485 AIR QUALITY STANDARDS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What work is the Government doing to push for increases to the national air quality standards, which were set over 20 years ago and are lower than comparable countries?
- (2) What consideration will the Government give to adopting state-based air quality standards above the national standards?
- (3) What commitment will the Government give to raising air quality standards for nitrogen oxides and sulphur dioxide in New South Wales in line with world's best practice?
- (4) To what extent is the Government committed to strengthening limits on toxic pollution that large polluters like coal fired power stations are permitted to emit?

Answer—

- (1) The Government is participating in a review of national air quality standards for sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and ozone being undertaken by the National Environment Protection Council.

(2) Nationally consistent air quality standards enable jurisdictions to deliver air pollution policy that suits their needs. The Government is working towards improving average air quality results across New South Wales so that adverse impacts are reduced and public health outcomes continuously improve.

The proposed new standards include establishment of a nitrogen dioxide population exposure reduction framework. This framework aims to continually drive air quality improvement across all communities, even if standards are met.

(3) The proposed new standards have been developed by referencing leading international standards and World Health Organization guidance.

(4) The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has a comprehensive and robust framework for regulating emissions from power stations in New South Wales. This includes emission concentration standards, or limits, for coal fired electricity generation. The regulatory limits are being reviewed to ensure they continue to provide an appropriate level of protection of human health and reflect modern emissions control technology.

In addition, Environment Protection Licences issued by the EPA require power stations to meet legally enforceable conditions relating to air, noise, water, waste and land contamination. The EPA is currently working with all power station operators in New South Wales to revise concentration limits and improve monitoring and reporting.

*0486 POLLUTION REDUCTION TECHNOLOGY IN COAL-FIRED POWER STATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) Which power stations in New South Wales has the Government assessed for potential installation of toxic chemical emission reduction technologies such as flue gas desulfurisation and selective catalytic reduction?

(a) What conclusions were made as a result of the assessments?

(2) What assessment has been made on the potential of such technologies to improve air quality in New South Wales?

(3) What consideration will be given to requiring existing coal fired power plants to install new technologies to reduce toxic air emissions?

Answer—

(1) A detailed assessment of flue gas desulfurisation and selective catalytic reduction has not been undertaken for any coal fired power station in New South Wales. A detailed engineering analysis would be necessary to draw any conclusions on the ability to install these technologies at existing coal fired power plants.

(2) The Government considers evidence for improving air quality and managing emissions across all sources and sectors.

(3) The regulation of emissions is outcomes-based and requirements for emissions from coal fired power plants are reviewed at least every five years.

*0487 PROCUREMENT POLICY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Treasurer—

(1) What consideration will be given to updating the NSW Government Procurement Policy Framework 2015 to strengthen the priority given to environmental and social values so that they must be given equal consideration to value-for-money considerations?

(2) What assessment has been made on how stronger environmental procurement requirements could boost recycling and green industries in New South Wales?

(3) What other environmental benefits were identified if stronger environmental procurement requirements were introduced?

(4) Which industries were identified to benefit?

(5) What social benefits were identified for New South Wales if stronger social procurement requirements were introduced?

Answer—

(1) The overarching consideration for New South Wales government procurement is to achieve value for money. The revised NSW Government Procurement Policy Framework, which commenced 1 July 2019, retains this requirement. More information can be found here - <https://www.procurepoint.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-reform/nsw-government-procurement-policy-framework>

The Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) and Regional Procurement Policy, which came into effect 1 February 2019, requires agencies to include an SME and Sustainability evaluation criteria for all procurements valued over \$3 million (excluding GST). The evaluation criteria must have a non-price

weighting of at least 15 per cent and consider how potential suppliers will support the government's economic, ethical, environmental and social priorities. A minimum 10 per cent of the total non-price weighting, i.e. two thirds of the 15 percent, must be allocated to SME participation, consistent with relevant exemptions in International Procurement Agreements. SMEs are defined as Australian or New Zealand based enterprises with fewer than 200 full time equivalent staff.

For procurements valued at less than \$3 million, where an agency seeks more than one quote, agencies are encouraged to include a non-price evaluation criteria that addresses these government priorities.

(2), (3) and (4) I am advised that these questions are more appropriately directed to the Minister for Environment.

NSW Procurement is responsible for the Procurement Policy Framework, SME and Regional Procurement Policy, and Aboriginal Procurement policies. The NSW Environment Protection Authority and the Office for Environment and Heritage are responsible for government waste management, resource efficiency and recycling and reuse policies, including related procurement initiatives.

(5) The SME and Regional Procurement Policy, Aboriginal Procurement Policy and Aboriginal Participation in Construction Policy aim to achieve the following social benefits:

- Supporting local jobs and building skills by providing opportunities for SMEs to benefit from government procurement spend
- Supporting 3,000 full time equivalent employment opportunities for Aboriginal people through NSW Government procurement activities by 2021
- Supporting sustainable growth of Aboriginal owned businesses by driving demand via government procurement of goods and services.

*0488 PARKLANDS COMPENSATION FOR LIGHT RAIL—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) Has the over \$9 million compensation package to "reimburse expenses, offset temporary and permanent loss of revenue and replace any affected assets, including trees" as a result of the CBD and South East Light Rail project been received by the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust?

(a) If so, have any of the funds been spent?

(i) If so, what are the details of how they were spent?

(2) As at 6 June 2019, what has been the total actual expenditure of funds:

(a) By the Trust?

(b) On Moore Park by the Trust?

(3) What projects are being considered to receive funding using this money?

(4) To what extent will the funds be used to:

(a) Improve grasslands and soft landscaping in Moore Park?

(b) Remove on-grass parking associated with events on Moore Park?

(5) What consultation will the trust undertake before spending the full funds?

(6) To what extent will the trust establish a plan for expenditure of the funds with projects, benefits and measureable costs and timelines?

Answer—

Funding has been provided to the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust in relation to the CBD and South East Light Rail project. Funds received and Trust expenditure are available in annual reports.

Further the CBD and South East Light Rail project has directly funded tree replacement, hard landscaping and amenities.

Decision making at the Parklands is guided by the Centennial Park Master Plan 2040 and the Moore Park Master Plan 2040.

*0489 NSW GOVERNMENT RESOURCE EFFICIENCY POLICY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) To what extent have New South Wales government agencies improved waste efficiency in accordance with requirements in the NSW Government Resource Efficiency Policy (GREP) in each year from 2016 to 2018?

(2) What assessment has been made on the achievements and what work is being done to improve waste efficiency by government agencies?

(3) How have New South Wales government agencies improved market growth and innovation for recycled and sustainability sourced material over the last three years?

- (4) Which industries and companies benefited most?
(a) How do these industries and companies benefit?
- (5) What action is being taken to increase the support government agencies provide in sustainability innovation in this state?

Answer—

(1) Up to 2018, the Government Resource Efficiency Policy required agencies to report on their top three waste streams by total volume and cost.

Since 2016, there has been an increase in the number of agencies reporting waste volume and cost with 52 per cent of agencies reporting in 2018, up from 40 per cent in 2016.

(2) Reporting rates are improving, representing an increased focus on waste reduction opportunities. The Government is committed to the development of agency specific waste-efficiency plans, which is a new element of the 2019 update to the Government Resource Efficiency Policy.

Future waste efficiency improvements are being achieved through the inclusion of stronger reporting requirements by the waste services industry, as part of the current renewal of the Whole of Government Waste Services contract.

Additional improvements are being made through the implementation of the waste efficiency plans currently being developed by Government agencies.

(3) The Government has been influencing market growth and innovation of sustainable products through procurement policies and provision of grants to business and industry for recycling and innovation projects.

Procurement evaluation includes a minimum 15 per cent weighting for environmental and social considerations for goods and services.

More than \$40 million in industry grants have been made available since 2016 to support recycling and innovation. These programs have provided grants to a range of sectors, including civil construction, waste processing, manufacturing, and biowaste and organics processing.

(4) Organisations operating in the following industries have benefited most from the various grant programs described above:

- Waste recyclers
- Diverse manufacturers
- Construction
- Agriculture
- Local councils

(a) These industries have benefitted by receiving grants to cover up to 50 per cent of project capital costs.

(5) The funding commitments in 2017 and 2018 from the Government's Climate Change Fund support numerous programs to foster sustainability innovation, especially in energy management.

Waste Less, Recycle More is an \$802 million program in New South Wales designed to improve resource recovery and waste management.

Circulate is a six-year, \$5.46 million program designed to fund innovative, commercially oriented industrial ecology projects.

The Product Improvement Program offers grants to fund innovative research and development projects that will help to develop new, or expand existing, recycled material markets. Total funding for the program is \$6.3 million.

*0490 INTEGRATED TICKETING AT THE SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) What work is the Government doing to ensure integrated ticketing can be provided for Sydney Football Stadium and the Sydney Cricket Ground events when the City and South East Light Rail starts operating?
- (2) What assessment has been done on the changes to car parking demand and traffic congestion in the region associated with events as a result of the light rail?
- (3) What consideration be given to ensuring all events at Sydney Football Stadium and the Sydney Cricket Ground provide integrated ticketing for public transport when the light rail services the region?

Answer—

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- (1) Transport for NSW has negotiated integrated ticketing for some clubs, codes and major events at the Sydney Cricket Ground.
- (2) The Stage I and Stage II development applications include full traffic studies, which cover changes to precinct usage as a result of the light rail.
- (3) Transport for NSW is currently in discussion with other codes, clubs and event promoters to encourage integrated ticketing for events in the Moore Park precinct.

*0491 M4 CYCLE PATH—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) When will the cycleway alongside the M4 from Duck Creek to the Cumberland Highway be cleaned up?
- (2) Which agency/agencies should cyclists complain to when rubbish is dumped on the cycleway?
- (3) What actions are being taken to encourage cycling despite the rubbish dumped on the cycleway?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) This cycleway is managed by different entities consisting of WestConnex, Roads and Maritime Services maintenance contractor DM Roads and Cumberland Council. WestConnex and DM Roads' sections were reported in good condition recently. The Member of Parliament's concern has been raised with both and they will continue to monitor and maintain their sections of the cycleway. Concerns about the cycleway west of Franklin Street, Mays Hill should be forwarded to Cumberland Council.

(3) Sydney's Cycling Future is available on Transport for NSW's website.

*0492 JOBS ACTION PLAN AND FRESH START SUPPORT NSW—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

- (1) How many applications from small businesses based in the Granville electorate have been received for a payroll rebate under the Jobs Action Plan and Fresh Start Support NSW as at 6 June 2019?
- (2) How many applications from small businesses based in the Granville electorate have received a payroll rebate under the Jobs Action Plan and Fresh Start Support NSW as at 6 June 2019?
- (3) What is the total value of grants to small businesses based in the Granville electorate that have been received for a payroll rebate under the Jobs Action Plan and Fresh Start Support NSW as at 6 June 2019?

Answer—

(1) 625

- Jobs Action plan Rebate - 625
- Fresh Start Support Rebate - 0

(2) 240

- Jobs Action plan Rebate - 240
- Fresh Start Support Rebate - 0

(3) \$680,870

- Jobs Action plan Rebate - \$680,870
- Fresh Start Support Rebate - 0

*0493 NEWCASTLE TRANSPORT ON-DEMAND SERVICE CONSULTATION—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What forms of consultation were undertaken prior to the expansion of the Newcastle transport on-demand service?
 - (a) On what dates was consultation undertaken for the Newcastle transport on-demand service?
 - (b) Which stakeholders were consulted prior to the expansion of the Newcastle transport on-demand service?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Newcastle Transport operator continuously monitors and reviews the network using an evidence based approach.

Feedback from the community, customers and drivers was incorporated into the service improvements that will take effect on 30 June 2019.

The On-Demand trial enjoyed consistent month-on-month growth in customer numbers, and data from the trial shows that locals are ready to embrace new mobility solutions. On average, more than 2,500 passengers have used the Newcastle On Demand service each month over the past year and made around 30,000 trips.

*0494 NEWCASTLE TRANSPORT ON-DEMAND TRIAL PASSENGER FIGURES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What are the passenger figures, month by month, for the Newcastle Transport on-demand trial?

Answer—

I am advised:

As indicated in my response to LA Q9691, this information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*0495 NEWCASTLE TRANSPORT ON-DEMAND TRIAL ACTIVE VEHICLES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) How many on-demand vehicles in the Newcastle transport zone have been actively on the road during the trial period, which was due to finish in early 2019?

(2) How many on-demand vehicles in the Newcastle transport zone will be actively on the road post-trial from 30 June 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

The number of On Demand vehicles is dependent on the time of day and the number of bookings. On Demand vehicles are deployed as required.

*0496 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY 2019-20—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) Will the Emergency Services Levy payable in 2019-20 by Canterbury Bankstown Council be 10.8 per cent, while the increase to the levy payable in the same year by the City of Sydney Council is half that?

(a) If so, why has the Canterbury Bankstown's levy increase been double the increase to Sydney's levy?

(b) If not, what will the increase in the levy be in 2019-20 for:

(i) Canterbury Bankstown Council;

(ii) City of Sydney Council?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on the Emergency Services Levy payment is available in the Fire and Emergency Services Levy Act 2017.

*0497 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

What consultation, if any, took place between the Minister or his representatives and local councils before the Minister decided to increase the contribution of local councils to the Emergency Services Levy by \$19 million for 2019-20?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government publicly announced its intention to introduce amendments to workers compensation legislation to reverse the onus of proof for New South Wales firefighters with diagnosed certain cancers on 27 September 2018.

Under existing statutory funding arrangements, local government is required to contribute 11.7 per cent towards the funding targets set for the emergency services agencies for the next financial year. These arrangements were directly referenced when the legislation was introduced to Parliament on 24 October 2018.

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*0498 COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING REGISTER CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN AREA—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) How many buildings in the Canterbury Bankstown local government area are on the combustible cladding register?

(a) How many of those buildings have been issued with a fire safety order?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter should be referred to the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation.

*0499 COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING REGISTER FIRE SAFETY ORDERS CITY OF SYDNEY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) Have only seven fire safety orders been issued to building owners in the City of Sydney, despite there being over 340 buildings on the combustible cladding register (as at 6 June 2019)?

(2) Will the Government stand by its commitment to require all buildings on the register to carry out fire risk assessments?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter should be referred to the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation.

*0500 REGIONAL SENIORS TRANSPORT CARD—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

When will the Government commence its election promise of a free \$250 Regional Seniors Transport Card to eligible seniors in regional and rural New South Wales?

Answer—

The Government's Regional Seniors Transport Card policy will commence in January 2020.

*0501 NEW PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL IN EDMONDSON PARK—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Where will the new public primary school in Edmondson Park be located?

(2) When will construction begin on the new public primary school in Edmondson Park?

(3) When will the new public primary school in Edmondson Park be open to students?

Answer—

The project is in the early stages of planning.

*0502 RECORDED ASSAULTS AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) In each year since 2012 (to 6 June 2019), how many assaults were recorded at Fairfield Hospital against:

(a) Staff;

(b) Patients;

(c) Visitors;

(d) Security personnel?

Answer—

Information on assaults is published in the NSW Health Annual Report. NSW Health has an extensive support program in place to assist staff including nurses and paramedics when they experience stressful or traumatic situations in their work.

*0503 CCTV ROLLOUT ACROSS SEVERAL LOCATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) Considering the recently announced closed-circuit television (CCTV) rollout across several locations throughout the state, how much will be spent on CCTV in the Fairfield electorate?

(a) What is the projected:

(i) Installation date?

- (ii) Completion date?
- (2) Will the CCTV be monitored in real-time?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) Who will be monitoring the CCTV?
 - (ii) What is their annual budget?
- (3) Who will have access to the CCTV footage captured throughout the Fairfield electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Government's \$5 million Community and Small Business CCTV Fund will be completed progressively as applications are assessed and approved.

(2) and (3) The purpose of the Government's Community and Small Business CCTV Fund is to support community organisations and small businesses to implement CCTV security measures in their premises; provide a deterrent to potential offenders; and provide the NSW Police Force with access to CCTV data when it is needed in the performance of their law enforcement functions, such as the investigation of a crime.

*0504 OPERATION OF S-SET TRAINS ON THE SYDNEY TRAINS NETWORK—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many S-Set trains still operate on timetabled services on the Sydney Trains network as at 6 June 2019?
- (2) As at 6 June 2019, how many S-Set trains still operate along the following lines:
 - (a) T2 Inner West and Leppington Line;
 - (b) T3 Bankstown Line;
 - (c) T5 Cumberland Line?
- (3) Will the S-Set trains be maintained as operational replacements should they be required in the future?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my media release 'End of the Line for S-Set Trains' dated 27 June 2019.

*0505 RECORDED ASSAULTS AT TRAIN STATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) In each year since 2012 (to 6 June 2019), how many assaults were recorded at:
 - (a) Fairfield Train Station;
 - (b) Carramar Train Station;
 - (c) Canley Vale Train Station;
 - (d) Yennora Train Station;
 - (e) Villawood Train Station;
 - (f) Guildford Train Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about crime rates is publicly available from the NSW Bureau of Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) at www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au.

*0506 SECURITY PERSONNEL EMPLOYED AT TRAIN STATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) In each year since 2012 (to 6 June 2019), how many full-time equivalent security personnel were employed at:
 - (a) Fairfield Train Station;
 - (b) Carramar Train Station;
 - (c) Canley Vale Train Station;
 - (d) Yennora Train Station;
 - (e) Villawood Train Station;
 - (f) Guildford Train Station?

Answer—

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I am advised:

(1) (a) 1 until July 2015 and then 0.

(b) to (f) 0.

*0507 SECURITY PERSONNEL AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How many full-time equivalent security personnel were employed at Fairfield Hospital in each recurring year from 2012 to 2019 (to 6 June 2019)?

Answer—

The Government is committed to maintaining the safety of staff and patients in all public hospitals across New South Wales.

*0508 PERMANENT STAFFING VACANCIES AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) How many permanent staffing vacancies are there in New South Wales public primary schools throughout the Fairfield electorate as at 6 June 2019?

(a) Which positions remain vacant?

(b) How long have these positions been vacant?

(2) How many permanent staffing vacancies are there in New South Wales public high schools throughout the Fairfield electorate as at 6 June 2019?

(a) Which positions remain vacant?

(b) How long have these positions been vacant?

Answer—

(1) (a) As at 7 June 2019 there are three teaching positions and 12 non-teaching positions at primary schools in the Fairfield electorate not filled by permanent staff. Where a teaching position remains unfilled by a permanent employee, it will typically be filled by a qualified temporary or casual teacher until a recruitment process can be undertaken.

(b) The three teaching positions have been vacant for 0 to 3 months. Of the 12 nonteaching positions two have been vacant for 0 to 3 months, three have been vacant for 6 to 12 months, and seven have been vacant for over 12 months.

(2) (a) As at 7 June 2019 there are 14 teaching positions and six non-teaching positions at high schools in the Fairfield electorate not filled by permanent staff. Where a teaching position remains unfilled by a permanent employee, it will typically be filled by a qualified temporary or casual teacher until a recruitment process can be undertaken.

(b) Of the 14 teaching positions, 10 have been vacant for 0 to 3 months and four have been vacant for over 12 months. Of the six non-teaching positions, three have been vacant for 0 to 3 months, one has been vacant for 6 to 12 months and two have been vacant for over 12 months.

*0509 POLICE TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMAND—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) How many Police Officers have been allocated to the Police Transport and Public Safety Command as at 6 June 2019?

(a) Are these assignments ongoing-temporary arrangements or permanent allocations?

(2) Have any Police Area Commands or Police Districts seen a reduction in available active duty Police Officers to service the needs of their area as a result of Officers being assigned to the Police Transport and Public Safety Command?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on police officer numbers is available in the NSW Police Force annual report which can be accessed at www.police.nsw.gov.au.

The Commissioner of Police is responsible for the allocation of police positions based on operational requirements and Government Commitments.

The NSW Police Force facilitates flexible workforce allocation and deployment to meet demand and community need. All police positions attached to Police Area Commands or Police Districts are flexible resources available to respond to incidents. Local resources are supplemented by specialist police who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to respond to changing community needs, crime patterns and emerging issues.

*0510 BEXHILL PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOMS—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What is the timetable for the construction of permanent classrooms at Bexhill Public School?

Answer—

This project is currently in the early stages of planning. Construction timelines will be communicated as the project progresses.

*0511 KYOGLE SHIRE COUNCIL ZONING—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Why has Kyogle Shire Council been directed to incorporate rural zone RU2 zoning when some neighbouring councils with similar terrain, landscapes and industry are not required to do this?

Answer—

I am advised:

Kyogle Council was subject to the Government's Northern Councils E Zone Review.

Council submitted a proposal to zone all rural land in the Kyogle local government area (LGA) RU1 Primary Production. This was considered inconsistent with the recommendations until further investigation into whether environmental zones or mapped planning controls needed to be applied to land that is physically constrained and not being used for primary production.

Council was asked to retain both the RU1 Primary Production and RU2 Rural Landscape zones in the Kyogle Local Environmental Plan 2012 until these investigations had been completed. To date, Council has not commenced its investigations.

*0512 CORNDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL OUT-OF-SCHOOL CARE—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What steps are being taken to provide out-of-school-care at Corndale Public school, as the one that was operating has ceased?

Answer—

The Department of Education is consulting with school communities, parents and the provider network to find solutions for communities like Corndale where, for example, there may be enough students across a few schools in the area to support a viable service.

*0513 NEW INTERCITY FLEET CARRIAGES FOR THE SOUTH COAST LINE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) When will the new intercity fleet carriages commence service on the South Coast Line?
- (2) Which stations on the South Coast Line have the platform length that accommodates the complete length of a 10 carriage new intercity fleet service so that passengers can alight and board every one of the 10 carriages?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to upgrade stations that do not have the platform length for a 10 carriage new intercity fleet service?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*0514 PRIORITY OF FAIRY MEADOW STATION—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Why was Fairy Meadow station prioritised above Unanderra Station for an access upgrade which includes the construction of lifts?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Transport for NSW regularly reviews the data that determines Transport Access Program priorities to ensure that the community can be confident upgrades are delivered where they are needed most.

The current assessment process uses evidence-based criteria, including current and future patronage; the needs and demographics of customers using the station; the location of important services, such as hospitals, and schools; and the accessibility of nearby transport interchanges.

The process also takes into account alignment with Future Transport 2056 and other programs such as More Trains, More Services and Sydney Metro.

Since 2011, the Government has invested more than \$2 billion in this program to deliver safe, modern and accessible public transport infrastructure across the state.

*0515 ILLAWARRA-SHOALHAVEN FUTURE TRANSPORT PLAN—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Future Transport Plan commenced?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) When did it commence?
 - (ii) When will it be completed?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available. I also refer you to response to LA Q9947.

*0516 MINING IN THE WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Paul Scully asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) How much revenue has been generated in mining royalties from mines located in the Wollongong local government area in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2018-19 (to 6 June 2019)?
- (2) How many grants in the Wollongong local government area have been approved under the Resources for Regions program in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2018-19 (to 6 June 2019)?
- (3) What is the total value of grants awarded in the Wollongong local government area under the Resources for Regions program in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2018-19 (to 6 June 2019)?

Answer—

(1) The Wollongong local government area contains one coal mine — Metropolitan — wholly within its boundaries.

- The Metropolitan mine generated \$9.7 million in royalties in 2015-16; \$14 million in 2016-17; \$14.8 million in 2017-18; and \$18.7 million in 2018-19.
- The Wollongong local government area contains a further five mines whose leases and colliery holdings are also across the local government areas of Wollondilly, Wingecarribee and Campbelltown.
- Combined, these mines (Appin, Dendrobium, Russell Vale, West Cliff and Wongawilli) generated \$53.7 million in royalties in 2015-16; \$98.3 million in 2016-17; \$60 million in 2017-18; and \$86.6 million in 2018-19.

(2) information is publicly available. Grants awarded under the Resources for Regions program are publicly announced. Infrastructure New South Wales, an independent statutory agency of the New South Wales Government, assess and recommend projects.

(3) Refer to Question (2).

*0517 BUSINESS CONNECT PROGRAM—Mr Paul Scully asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many businesses sought assistance from the Business Connect program in each financial year from 2016-17 to 2018-19?
- (2) How many people contacted the Business Connect program in each financial year from 2016-17 to 2018-19?
- (3) In each financial year from 2016-17 to 2018-19, how many businesses sought assistance from the Business Connect program in the electorates of:
 - (a) Heathcote;
 - (b) Keira;
 - (c) Wollongong;
 - (d) Shellharbour;

- (e) Kiama?
- (4) What were the top 5 topics that businesses sought advice on from the Business Connect program in the electorates of:
- Heathcote;
 - Keira;
 - Wollongong;
 - Shellharbour;
 - Kiama?

Answer—

The Business Connect program commenced in 1 January 2017

January to June 2017 = 5,200;

2017-18 = 10,800; and

2018-19 (year to date as of 10 June 2019) = 11,700.

Data is recorded on the basis of individual business rather than person.

(a) The Heathcote electorate covers postcodes 2226, 2230, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2508, 2515

January to June 2017 = 95;

2017-18 = 167; and

2018-19 (year to date as of 10 June 2019) = 172.

(b) The Keira electorate covers postcodes 2500, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2525, 2526

January to June 2017 = 149;

2017-18 = 214; and

2018-19 (year to date as of 10 June 2019) = 274.

(c) The Wollongong electorate covers postcodes 2500, 2502, 2505, 2506, 2518, 2519, 2525, 2526, 2528

January to June 2017 = 163;

2017-18 = 213; and

2018-19 (year to date as of 10 June 2019) = 286.

(d) The Shellharbour electorate covers postcodes 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530

January to June 2017 = 70;

2017-18 = 92; and

2018-19 (year to date as of 10 June 2019) = 110.

(e) The Kiama electorate covers postcodes 2527, 2529, 2530, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2540, 2541, 2577, 2622

January to June 2017 = 141;

2017-18 = 247; and

2018-19 (year to date as of 10 June 2019) = 225.

The top five topics that businesses sought advice on in these electorates were: business planning; marketing; start-up; strategic planning; and digital presence.

*0518 FAIRY MEADOW STATION UPGRADE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- How many responses were received from the public community feedback on Fairy Meadow Station upgrade?
- When will the project Determination Report for Fairy Meadow Station upgrade be completed?
- Will the project Determination Report for Fairy Meadow Station upgrade be made public?
 - If so, when?
- On what date will construction of lifts at Fairy Meadow Station commence?
- How long is construction expected to take?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available.

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*0519 INCENTIVES FOR HOT WATER AND STEAM SYSTEM UPGRADES?—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) When will the Illawarra region have an approved supplier for the Government's program that provides incentives for hot water and steam system upgrades?
- (2) How many businesses have received an incentive for an upgrade to their hot water and steam systems?
 - (a) What is the average value of the incentives provided to these businesses?
- (3) How many businesses in the Illawarra have been approved for an incentive under the program in (1)?
 - (a) What is the average value of the incentives provided to these businesses?

Answer—

- (1) Accredited providers make decisions about incentives they offer based on local market conditions. Should a service provider wish to become an Accredited Certificate Provider in the Energy Savings Scheme they can apply online: <https://www.ess.nsw.gov.au/Accredited-Certificate-Providers>.
- (2) Thirteen.
 - (a) \$21,000
- (3) Nil

*0520 LIGHTING FOR SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) How many suppliers have been approved to deliver the Government's 'Lighting for small business' program?
 - (a) How many suppliers have sought to be an approved supplier of this program?
 - (b) How many suppliers in the Illawarra region have sought to become an approved supplier of this program?
 - (c) When will the Illawarra region have an approved supplier of this program?

Answer—

- (1) Five.
 - (a) Thirteen.
 - (b) No suppliers based in the Illawarra region have sought to become an approved supplier.
 - (c) One supplier not based in the Illawarra region offers small business lighting upgrades to the area. Another supplier is expected to start operations in the Illawarra region soon.

*0521 ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT SCHEME—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What are the reasons for the delay in processing applications for the Additional Assistance Payment Scheme (AAPS)?
- (2) How many applications have been processed under the AAPS as at 6 June 2019?
- (3) How many applications remain to be processed as at 6 June 2019?
- (4) How many payment notifications have been issued as at 6 June 2019?
- (5) How many applications have been processed for applicants living in the electorates of:
 - (a) Keira;
 - (b) Wollongong;
 - (c) Shellharbour;
 - (d) Kiama?
- (6) How many applications remain to be processed for applicants in the electorates of:
 - (a) Keira;
 - (b) Wollongong;
 - (c) Shellharbour;
 - (d) Kiama?
- (7) How many payment notifications have been issued in the electorates of:
 - (a) Keira;
 - (b) Wollongong;
 - (c) Shellharbour;
 - (d) Kiama?
- (8) Is it still the intention of Transport for NSW to process all applications under the AAPS by 30 June 2019?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) All applications were assessed by the 30 June deadline. Applications under the Additional Assistance Payment Scheme (AAPS) require substantial supporting evidence Transport for NSW (TfNSW) followed up with a significant number of applicants to obtain additional information to ensure applications were assessed and finalised in a fair and consistent manner. This was necessary to ensure that applicants receive what they may be entitled to under the scheme.

(2) to (4) This information is available on the TfNSW website.

(5) to (7) TfNSW considers that due to the low number of applications from some of the requested electorates, disclosure of the number of applicants in these electorates may allow for the identification of specific applicants.

(8) Yes.

*0522 FRANK BAXTER JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRE STAFFING—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

(1) What is the number of staff in the following categories that work at the Frank Baxter Juvenile Justice Centre:

- (a) Teachers/educators?
- (b) Wardens?
- (c) Administration and support?
- (d) Health and medical?

(2) How many people are employed in Aboriginal cultural education and support programs at the Frank Baxter Juvenile Justice Centre?

Answer—

Questions relating to staffing at the Frank Baxter Juvenile Justice Centre should be directed to the Honourable Gareth Ward MP, Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

*0523 AMBULANCE SERVICES AND STAFFING CENTRAL COAST—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many ambulance services are there on the Central Coast as at 6 June 2019?
- (2) How many ambulance services are there in the Gosford electorate as at 6 June 2019?
- (3) What is the number of full-time equivalent paramedics on the Central Coast as at 6 June 2019?
- (4) What is the number of full-time equivalent staff that assist with running the ambulance service on the Central Coast as at 6 June 2019?
- (5) What is the number of full-time equivalent ambulance service staff working on a day shift on the Central Coast as at 6 June 2019?

Answer—

NSW Ambulance operates a state wide service and on the Central Coast there are nine ambulance stations located at Point Clare, Hawkesbury River, Ettalong, Bateau Bay, Toukley, Morriset, Wyong, Doyalson and Terrigal.

The 2019-20 NSW Budget will deliver additional paramedics and control centre staff across the state, on top of the 750 additional staff over four years announced in the 2018-19 NSW Budget. These enhancements will be delivered through the State-wide Workforce Enhancement Program (SWEP).

*0524 FIREFIGHTERS CENTRAL COAST—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What is the number of fire trucks on the Central Coast as at 6 June 2019?
- (2) What is the number of fire trucks in the Gosford electorate as at 6 June 2019?
- (3) What is the number of full-time equivalent firefighters in the Gosford electorate as at 6 June 2019?
- (4) What is the number of full-time equivalent Fire and Rescue NSW staff working on a day shift on the Central Coast as at 6 June 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Four in the Central Coast Local Government Area.

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- (2) Ten.
(3) 122 Firefighters (75 Permanent and 47 Retained) as at 6 June 2019.
(4) Fire and Rescue NSW works a number of rosters in this area, including day, 24-hour and retained (on call) shifts.

*0525 KARIONG CORRECTIONAL CENTRE STAFFING—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

- (1) What is the number of staff in the following categories that work at the Kariong Correctional Centre:
(a) Teachers/educators?
(b) Wardens?
(c) Administration and support?
(d) Health and medical?
(2) How many people are employed in Aboriginal cultural education and support programs at the Kariong Correctional Centre?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) to (c)

Teachers/Educators*	1
Correctional Officers**	49
Administration and Support***	9

Notes

* Kariong employs one Assessment and Planning Officer. Education and vocational training programs in New South Wales correctional centres, other than those at the Intensive Learning Centres at Lithgow, Mid North Coast, South Coast and Wellington Correctional Centres, are now delivered by TAFE NSW and BSI Learning.

** This figure comprises 47 correctional officers and two Overseers.

*** This figure comprises three Administration Officers; three Services and Programs Officers; one Psychologist; one Inmate Classification and Placement Officer; and one Sentence Administration Officer.

(d) Questions relating to the number of health and medical staff should be directed to the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Health and Medical Research.

(2) There are no dedicated roles which provide Aboriginal cultural education and support programs at Kariong. Kariong is currently a remand centre with a high turnover of inmates. This limits the kind of programs that can be offered. However Offender Services and Programs Officers engage with the Regional Aboriginal Programs Officer and the Indigenous community and assist in facilitating cultural activities and events on significant occasion. One of these roles is Aboriginal identified. Staff also provide individual support to offenders, including materials and painting opportunities for indigenous offenders.

*0526 BRISBANE WATERS AND TUGGERAH LAKES POLICE DISTRICTS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What is the number of police general duties vehicles in the fleets of the Brisbane Waters Police District and the Tuggerah Lakes Police District?
(2) What is the number of police general duties vehicles in the Gosford electorate?
(3) What is the number of full-time equivalent police officers in the Gosford electorate?
(4) What is the number of full-time equivalent staff that assist with running the Brisbane Waters and Tuggerah Lakes Police Districts?
(5) What is the number of full-time equivalent NSW Police staff working on a day shift across the Brisbane Waters and Tuggerah Lakes Police Districts?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Brisbane Water Police District (PD) has 27 vehicles allocated, with 14 of these noted in the Fleet system as general duties. Tuggerah Lakes PD also has 27 vehicles allocated, with 12 of these noted as general duties.

(2) to (5) Information on police officer numbers is available in the NSW Police Force annual report which can be accessed at www.police.nsw.gov.au.

The Commissioner of Police is responsible for the allocation of police positions based on operational requirements and Government Commitments.

The NSW Police Force facilitates flexible workforce allocation and deployment to meet demand and community need. All police positions attached to Police Area Commands or Police Districts are flexible resources available to respond to incidents. Local resources are supplemented by specialist police who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to respond to changing community needs, crime patterns and emerging issues.

*0527 YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH BEDS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) Are youth mental health beds classified separately from general mental health beds gazetted under the Mental Health Act 2007?
 - (a) If so, how many youth mental health beds are available at Gosford Hospital?
- (2) How many of the following mental health beds are available in the Gosford electorate:
 - (a) Acute mental health beds?
 - (b) Sub-acute mental health beds?
 - (c) Youth oriented mental health beds?
- (3) Is this information publicly available?
 - (a) If so, where is located?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Advice on mental health beds is available in the NSW Health Annual Report at www.health.nsw.gov.au/AnnualReport.

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

*0528 ETTALONG CHANNEL DREDGING—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

When will the Government release the report that informed the current dredging operations in the Ettalong Channel?

Answer—

Current dredging is informed by a Review of Environmental Factors report along with hydrographic (bed level) surveys of the navigation channel. This report and the surveys are publicly available by request to cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au.

*0529 GOVERNMENT LAND GOSFORD CBD—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Which Government departments own land in the Gosford CBD?
 - (a) What are the lot numbers of this land?

Answer—

(1) Department of Education, Department of Justice, Ministry of Health, NSW Land and Housing Corporation, NSW Police Force, Primary Industries (Crown Lands), Property NSW, Alpha Distribution Ministerial Holding Corporation, Rail Corporation New South Wales, Roads and Traffic Authority, TAFE NSW and Transport for NSW.

(a) Total parcels in the Gosford electorate: 152

Total hectares in the Gosford electorate: 87.03

See Appendix C for lot numbers.

*0530 STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND RYDE COUNCIL—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Will you release all documents related to grants to Ryde council made under the Stronger Communities fund, specifically:
 - (a) Probity advice?
 - (b) Grant applications?

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- (c) Correspondence from Ryde Council, councillors or council officers?
- (d) Correspondence from Minister Dominello or his office?
- (e) Correspondence from the Office of Local Government?
- (2) Did any Office of Local Government staff raise concerns or sensitivities with the former Minister for Local Government's office in relation to the awarding of grants to Ryde Council?
- (3) What advice have you sought in relation to grants made under the Stronger Communities Fund since becoming the Minister?
 - (a) Will the Minister release any of the advice received?

Answer—

The Stronger Communities Fund provided support to councils impacted by the merger process to allow them to deliver infrastructure and services for their communities.

All applicable processes have been followed in awarding this funding. The Office of Local Government's grant processes are included in each year's audit by the Audit Office of NSW. The same processes have been followed this year as in previous financial years, with no issues raised around the processes for providing grants.

*0531 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT OFFICERS AT NEWCASTLE CITY POLICE DISTRICT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent officers were assigned to the Newcastle City Police District in 2018?
 - (a) Is this considered at strength, above strength or below strength?
 - (i) On what criteria is this determined

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on police officer numbers is available in the NSW Police Force annual report which can be accessed at www.police.nsw.gov.au.

The Commissioner of Police is responsible for the allocation of police positions based on operational requirements and Government Commitments.

The NSW Police Force facilitates flexible workforce allocation and deployment to meet demand and community need. All police positions attached to Police Area Commands or Police Districts are flexible resources available to respond to incidents. Local resources are supplemented by specialist police who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to respond to changing community needs, crime patterns and emerging issues.

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- 0532 HUNTER WATER DIVIDEND PAYMENT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Treasurer—
- 0533 HOUSING WAIT TIMES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 0534 BROKEN HILL PIPELINE COOMBAH TO BROKEN HILL—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 0535 HOUSING WAIT LIST IN THE MOUNT DRUITT ALLOCATION ZONE—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 0536 PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 0537 POLICE RESOURCES TO ORANGE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 0538 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE FUND APPLICATIONS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

0539 BROKEN HILL PIPELINE ACCESS CHARGES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

*0540 CLAIMS AND OPAL PROSPECTING LICENCES FEES AND CHARGES - LIGHTNING RIDGE—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) Will the Government deliver on its election commitment to not raise the fees and charges for two years associated with the following claims and opal prospecting licences:

- (a) Class A - Standard Mineral Claim;
- (b) Opal prospecting licences;
- (c) Class B - two hectare mineral claim available after 3 month Opal Prospecting Block (OPB);
- (d) Class C - two hectare mineral claim available after 28 day OPB;
- (e) Class D - two hectare mineral claim available for mining purposes - processing;
- (f) Class E - two hectare mineral claim available for mining purposes - mullock stockpiling;
- (g) Class F - two hectare available in areas within Opal Prospecting Areas not covered by an OPB;
- (h) Class G - two hectare mineral claim available for open cut mining operations?

(2) What are the Government's intentions for these charges after the two year period expires?

Answer—

- (1) As stated previously, the Government will honour all their election commitments.
- (2) The Government seeks to engage in genuine consultation on a range of policy matters.

0541 ENDEAVOUR ENERGY FINAL METER READ FEE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

*0542 WATER SUPPLY TO BREWARRINA (YETTA DHINNAKKAL) CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

- (1) What are the water supply arrangements for the Brewarrina (Yetta Dhinnakkal) Correctional Centre?
- (2) Is there only an estimated one-month supply available to the Brewarrina (Yetta Dhinnakkal) Correctional Centre?
- (3) Will the water supply to the correctional centre be maintained?
 - (a) If not, what are the plans should the water supply run out?
 - (b) Do those plans include a relocation of prisoners and staff?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) At present the Centre utilises rainwater and river flow. The Centre has purchased water from Brewarrina Council when required.
- (2) The Centre has an estimated four to five week water supply based on average current consumption.
- (3) Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) will ensure that adequate water is supplied to the centre.
 - (a) The Centre has contingency plans to purchase water from Brewarrina Council if required.
 - (b) CSNSW is able to temporarily relocate staff and inmates if necessary.

*0543 REVENUE NSW DATA FILE PERSONAL INFORMATION—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Customer Service—

Did any constituents in the Coogee electorate have their personal information leaked in a data file that Revenue NSW asked your office to destroy?

Answer—

The Office of the Hon Victor Dominello requested a summary of representations made by Members of Parliament on behalf constituents relating to penalty infringement notices.

The document supplied by Revenue NSW in or around July 2018, contained a spreadsheet relating to the MP hotline which was sent in error.

In November 2018, the Commissioner of Revenue advised the Minister's Chief of Staff of this and requested that the document in question be deleted. The Minister's Chief of Staff subsequently confirmed that the document had been deleted by all members of staff with access to it.

I am advised that a significant majority of individuals listed in this document had separately made written representations to their local Member of Parliament and/or the Minister regarding their penalty infringement notice.

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As you would be aware, upon receipt of a complaint from the Member for Maroubra in February 2019, NSW Police commenced inquiries. According to a recent Police statement, those inquiries have now concluded, with no further investigation possible in the absence of further evidence.

0544 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY INSURANCE MONITOR REPORTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer—

0545 RANDWICK BUS DEPOT—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

0546 UPGRADES TO KURRUBA OVAL PLAYGROUND—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

*0547 COST OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Is the Government's plan for local councils to pay 11.7 per cent of the cost of the emergency services levy towards covering new workers' compensation changes for volunteer and career firefighters affected by work-related cancers cost shifting from State to local government?

Answer—

I am advised:

The New South Wales emergency services levy is increasing to ensure our firefighters receive the medical care and support they need and deserve.

Insurers will meet 73.7 per cent of the cost, councils will provide 11.7 per cent, with the Government funding the remaining 14.6 per cent. This cost sharing arrangement is consistent with the way the emergency services levy has been funded historically.

*0548 DELIVERY OF ELECTION COMMITMENTS FOR THE LISMORE ELECTORATE—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

(1) When will the election commitment of \$100,000 in seed funding to establish a new Northern Rivers Wildlife Hospital in Lismore be delivered?

(2) When will the election commitment of \$35,000 for equipment for Friends of the Koala Incorporated's Koala Care and Treatment Centre in East Lismore be delivered?

Answer—

The Government will honour all election commitments.

0549 BREACHES OF NATIONAL STANDARD FOR ENGINE BRAKE NOISE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

0550 REGISTRATION RENEWAL POSTAL NOTIFICATION—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

0551 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN FORBES—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

0552 POST MORTEM SERVICES IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

0553 VEHICLE REGISTRATION EXEMPTION FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

0554 MOAMA POLICE STATION—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

0555 HIGH SPEED RAIL ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

0556 SOUTH COOGEE PUBLIC HOUSING—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

0557 SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL RANDWICK CARDIAC SURGERY—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

0558 BONDI JUNCTION BUS DEPOT—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- *0559 PROCUREMENT PRACTICES AT BREWARRINA (YETTA DHINNAKKAL) CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—
- (1) Will the Brewarrina (Yetta Dhinnakkal) Correctional Centre be directed to cease the procurement of goods and services from other localities where capability exists in Brewarrina?
 - (2) Will the Brewarrina (Yetta Dhinnakkal) Correctional Centre be directed to procure goods and services from Brewarrina suppliers to support the local economy?
- Answer—
I am advised:
- (1) and (2) There are no plans to change existing procurement arrangements. The Centre currently purchases goods available from the Brewarrina township.
- 0560 ACCESS SYSTEM REDESIGN DISCUSSION PAPER SUBMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 0561 NSW CORONERS COURT FORENSIC NEUROPATHOLOGISTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 0562 PRIVACY LEAKS REVIEW—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- 0563 NSW HEALTH PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENTAL RESTRUCTURE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 0564 AUTOPSY WAIT TIMES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 0565 CORPORATE HOUSING—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- 0566 LIVERPOOL STATION XPT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 0567 TEACHERS REMUNERATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 0568 WORKERS COMPENSATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FIREFIGHTERS) BILL 2018 ADDITIONAL FUNDS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer—

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- 0569 SCHOOL STAFFING VACANCIES BARWON ELECTORATE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 0570 HEALTH WORKERS FOR THE WESTERN NSW AND FAR WEST LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT.—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 0571 WEILMORINGLE PUBLIC SCHOOL ADDITIONAL TEACHER FUNDING—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 0572 HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 0573 MACQUARIE FIELDS STATION ACCESSIBILITY—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 0574 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL RELOCATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 0575 OUTCOME BASED FUNDING IN NSW SCHOOLS—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

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- 0576 FIRST AID TRAINING IN NSW SCHOOLS—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 0577 LINDFIELD LEARNING VILLAGE—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 0578 NESA ACCREDITATION—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 0579 PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURIES—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 0580 SCHOOL COMPLETION RATES—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 0581 TAFE NSW COURSES AS PART OF HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—
- 0582 ASHBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM EXPANSION—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 0583 WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL INFRASTRUCTURE NSW—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—
- 0584 WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL PROPOSAL—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Premier—
- 0585 DRUG POSSESSION ON-THE-SPOT FINES TRIAL AT FESTIVALS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 0586 MICRO-BREWERIES AND SMALL DISTILLERIES LICENCE TRIAL—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- 0587 ASHFIELD TRAIN STATION ACCESSIBILITY—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 0588 MEDICINAL CANNABIS USE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 0589 PROPERTY VACANCY RATES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 0590 GAY CONVERSION THERAPY BAN—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 0591 BALRANALD WATER TREATMENT PLANT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 0592 MY COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANT VOTING SYSTEM—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Treasurer—
- 0593 UNFLUED GAS HEATERS AT FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 0594 VISIBLE POLICE PRESENCE IN CANOWINDRA AND MOLONG—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 0595 ALTERATION OF REGULATION FOR EQUITY—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 0596 GROWING LOCAL ECONOMIES PROGRAM RESERVATION FUNDS FOR ORANGE SPORTING PRECINCT—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Treasurer—
- 0597 WAIT TIMES AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 0598 SCHOOL UPGRADES CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 0599 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL UPGRADES—Mr Nick Lalich to ask the Treasurer—

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- 0600 CENTRAL COAST HIGHWAY NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 0601 TRANSPORT ACCESS PROGRAM NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 0602 WATER QUALITY INVESTIGATIONS NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 0603 HOMELESSNESS SERVICES CENTRAL COAST—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 0604 LOCAL INITIATIVES NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 0605 GOSFORD HOSPITAL CARPARK—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 0606 LONG JETTY HEALTHCARE CENTRE NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 0607 COMMUTER CAR PARKING PROGRAM NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 0608 COOGEE BEACH STORMWATER POLLUTION—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 0609 RANDWICK TAFE CARPARK UPGRADE—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—
- 0610 RANDWICK TAFE RANDWICK PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

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- 0611 HOUSING WAIT TIMES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 0612 PLANNING, INDUSTRY AND ENVIRONMENT CLUSTER STAFF AT MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- 0613 BUREAU OF HEALTH INFORMATION AMBULANCE DATA—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 0614 STAYING HOME LEAVING VIOLENCE SERVICES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 0615 COOLER CLASSROOMS FUND ROLLOUT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 0616 COMPLAINTS AGAINST STAFF AND PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURIES AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 0617 SWIM INSTRUCTION ACCREDITATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—
- 0618 FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT CENTRES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- 0619 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS JANUARY TO MARCH 2019—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

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- 0620 WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CLASSIFICATION - REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- 0621 WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CLASSIFICATION - HEALTH—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 0622 WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CLASSIFICATION - PREMIER—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Premier—
- 0623 WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CLASSIFICATION - CUSTOMER SERVICE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 0624 WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CLASSIFICATION - TRANSPORT—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 0625 UNANDERRA STATION UPGRADE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 0626 WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CLASSIFICATION - ATTORNEY GENERAL—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- 0627 WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CLASSIFICATION - EDUCATION—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 0628 WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CLASSIFICATION - TREASURY—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer—
- 0629 PASSENGER SERVICE LEVY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 0630 LONG-SERVICE LEAVE REDUCTION FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer—
- 0631 FUTURE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS COST ESTIMATES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer—
- 0632 PUBLIC SERVICE LONG-SERVICE LEAVE ALTERATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer—
- 0633 REVENUE GROWTH AND EXPENSES GROWTH—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer—
- 0634 SPATIAL SERVICES FACILITY BATHURST EMPLOYEES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 0635 DETAILS OF BUDGET ALLOCATION TO HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS AND TRANSPORT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer—
- 0636 TAXATION REVENUES IN THE NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer—
- 0637 WAGE PRICE INDEX IN THE NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer—
- 0638 OPAL TOWER REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 0639 ABORIGINAL HOUSING OFFICE BUDGET—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 0640 HOMELESSNESS FUNDING NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 0641 DUNC GRAY VELODROME UPGRADE NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—
- 0642 CHESTER HILL TRAIN STATION ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

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- 0643 EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPENSES JUSTICE AND FAMILY COMMUNITY SERVICES DETAILS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 0644 PLANNING SYSTEM KALDAS REVIEW NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 0645 ASSERTIVE OUTREACH HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 0646 EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPENSES JUSTICE AND FAMILY COMMUNITY SERVICES NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 0647 FORBES HOSPITAL EMERGENCY SERVICES—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 0648 CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—
- 0649 AMATEUR FISHING LICENCES FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 0650 CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 0651 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 0652 PERSONAL WATERCRAFT REGISTRATIONS FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 0653 FIREARM LICENCES FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 0654 BOAT REGISTRATIONS FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 0655 CARAVAN AND MOTOR HOME VEHICLES REGISTRATION FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 0656 FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 0657 HUNTER RIVER HIGH SCHOOL AND IRRAWANG HIGH SCHOOL CAPITAL WORKS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 0658 NEW KARUAH POLICE STATION—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 0659 DUPLICATION OF NELSON BAY ROAD—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 0660 CONSTRUCTION OF FINGAL BAY LINK ROAD—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 0661 TOMAREE LODGE - AGENCY RESPONSIBLE—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 0662 PORT STEPHENS SPEED ZONE REVIEWS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 0663 NEW LEMON TREE PASSAGE POLICE STATION—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

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- 0664 AIR CONDITIONING IN CLASSROOMS IN PORT STEPHENS ELECTORATE—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- *0665 NEW KARUAH RURAL FIRE STATION—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- (1) When will construction start on the new Karuah Rural Fire Station?
 - (2) What is the anticipated completion date for the new Karuah Rural Fire Station?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- (1) Construction of the new Karuah Rural Fire Station is expected to commence by late- 2019.
 - (2) The new station is expected to be complete by mid-2020.
- 0666 RUSHCUTTERS CREEK RIPARIAN CORRIDORS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 0667 MICROPLASTIC POLLUTION REDUCTION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 0668 REDUCING PLASTIC POLLUTION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 0669 DRUG POSSESSION FINES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 0670 BUS SERVICES 300 SERIES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 0671 CIRCULAR ECONOMY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 0672 OXFORD STREET DARLINGHURST AND PADDINGTON—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 0673 FORMER PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB SITE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 0674 GLYPHOSATE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- 0675 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT FUNDING—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 0676 NSW AMBULANCE DAPTO STATION—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 0677 ELOURA HIGH CARE MENTAL HEALTH UNIT PSYCHIATRISTS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—
- 0678 SERVICE CENTRE CUSTOMER NUMBERS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 0679 KILLALEA STATE PARK LAND CLASSIFICATION—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 0680 TRAIN STATION LEVEL CROSSINGS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 0681 GLENDALE TAFE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—
- 0682 STOCKTON BEACH RECREATION VEHICLE AREA MOTORBIKE REGISTRATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 0683 INCREASED ENROLMENTS NEWCASTLE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

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- 0684 DIRT BIKES REGISTRATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 0685 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL PARKING REVENUE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 0686 CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH BEDS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—
- 0687 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL OPAL CARD USERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 0688 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH BEDS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—
- 0689 CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL PARKING REVENUE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 0690 NEWCASTLE FUNDING DEFINITION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Premier—
- 0691 NEWCASTLE EDUCATION PRECINCT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 0692 NOBBYS LIGHTHOUSE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 0693 VACANT SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES IN NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 0694 NEWCASTLE URBAN TRANSFORMATION AND TRANSPORT PROGRAM—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 0695 FORMER HEAVY RAIL CORRIDOR LAND SALES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 0696 SINGLE USE PLASTICS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 0697 TABULAM BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 0698 RETURN OF REGIONAL ROADS TO STATE JURISDICTION—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 0699 TABULAM BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION DELAYS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 0700 DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY WATER SECTION STAFFING—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 0701 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CHARLESTOWN OFFICE JOBS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 0702 HEALTH JOBS IN LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 0703 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL JOBS IN LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 0704 TRAIN GUARDS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 0705 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL WAIT TIMES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 0706 LAKE MACQUARIE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE JOBS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

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- 0707 SERVICE NSW - WARNERS BAY JOBS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 0708 NSW HEALTH SHARE SERVICE CENTRE CHARLESTOWN OFFICE JOBS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 0709 BULL BAR EXEMPTIONS RURAL AND REMOTE DRIVERS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 0710 WATER SHARING PLANS EXTENSION OF TIMEFRAME—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 0711 HOUSING FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 0712 COST OF PROVIDING CRISIS ACCOMMODATION—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 0713 EDMONDSON PARK RAILWAY STATION COMMUTER CARPARK—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 0714 PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURES ACT REFORM—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Premier—
- 0715 DAMS SAFETY COMMITTEE SURVEILLANCE SUB-COMMITTEE—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 0716 LIGHT RAIL BENEFIT COST RATIO—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 0717 MURRUMBIDGEE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SUPERVISION—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 0718 RURAL ADVERSITY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—
- 0719 BARMAH-MILLEWA FOREST—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 0720 ORANGE ELECTORATE PUBLIC SERVICE JOB CUTS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Treasurer—
- 0721 POLICE OFFICERS NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Treasurer—

Appendix A

Year	School	Project Description
2015-2016	Nareena Hills Public School	Bushfire protection works
2018-2019	Pleasant Heights Public School	APZ Bushfire Protection Works
2017-2018	Pleasant Heights Public School	APZ Bushfire Protection Works
2016-2017	Pleasant Heights Public School	APZ Bushfire Protection Works
2015-2016	Pleasant Heights Public School	Bushfire protection works
2018-2019	Balgownie Public School	Supply and install ramp handrails and two new disabled toilets
2017-2018	Bulli High School	Concreting and painting
2017-2018	Bulli High School	Supply and install soft fall to grounds north of block F
2017-2018	Coledale Public School	Supply and install perimeter fence
2016-2017	Corrimal East Public School	Refurbishment of classroom
2018-2019	Corrimal High School	New concrete path to provide access to agricultural plot and shed.
2017-2018	Corrimal High School	Access and vision upgrade
2014-2015	Fairy Meadow Public School	Install disabled access ramp and security fence.
2017-2018	Figtree High School	Modifications to PD unit
2016-2017	Figtree High School	High visibility painting
2014-2015	Figtree High School	Install passenger lift
2018-2019	Figtree Public School	Modifications for new support class
2018-2019	Figtree Public School	Toilet modifications
2018-2019	Lindsay Park Public School	Installation of handrails, tactile indicators and concreting.
2017-2018	Lindsay Park Public School	Toilet modifications and ground marking
2016-2017	Nareena Hills Public School	Install disabled access ramp, widen and extend path
2018-2019	Tarrawanna Public School	Access ramps to various buildings
2018-2019	Tarrawanna Public School	Upgrade rooms in Block E. Relocation of regional hearing vision team.
2018-2019	Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts	Internal and external upgrades to Block J
2017-2018	Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts	Conversion of toilet-change room for disabled access
2014-2015	Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts	Install lift, modify existing connection to library, toilet modification and ramp works.
2018-2019	Woonona High School	Access upgrades
2017-2018	Woonona High School	Access upgrade to room and grounds
2016-2017	Figtree Heights Public School	Construction of COLA
2014-2015	Mount Keira Public School	Library relocation
2015-2016	Nareena Hills Public School	Bell system
2014-2015	Waniora Public School	Playground resurfacing

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2014-2015	Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts	Upgrade food tech
2018-2019	Woonona High School	Library upgrade
2014-2015	Woonona Public School	Upgrade kindergarten eating area
2014-2015	Bulli Public School	Toilet renovation-replacement
2014-2015	Figtree High School	Toilet renovation-replacement
2014-2015	Figtree High School	Upgrade-resurface pavement
2014-2015	Keira High School	Replacement of floor coverings (carpet-vinyl)
2014-2015	Keira High School	Replacement of floor coverings (carpet-vinyl)
2014-2015	Keira High School	Upgrade-resurface pavement
2014-2015	Nareena Hills Public School	Toilet renovation-replacement
2014-2015	Russell Vale Public School	Upgrade-resurface pavement
2014-2015	Tarrawanna Public School	Classroom, community use and language area upgrade
2017-2018	Bulli High School	Provision and upgrade of IA E-Stops
2017-2018	Bulli High School	Upgrade of RCD protection
2017-2018	Corrimal High School	Provision and upgrade of IA E-Stops
2017-2018	Corrimal High School	Upgrade of RCD protection
2016-2017	Figtree High School	Upgrade of RCD protection
2017-2018	Keira High School	Provision and upgrade of IA E-Stops
2017-2018	Keira High School	Upgrade of RCD protection
2017-2018	Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts	Provision and upgrade of IA E-Stops
2017-2018	Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts	Upgrade of RCD protection
2017-2018	Woonona High School	Provision and upgrade of IA E-Stops
2017-2018	Woonona High School	Provision and upgrade of IA E-Stops
2017-2018	Woonona High School	Provision and upgrade of IA E-Stops
2017-2018	Woonona High School	Upgrade of RCD protection
2018-2019	Austinmer Public School	Small retaining wall
2017-2018	Balgownie Public School	Upgrade electrical boards and install air conditioners
2018-2019	Bulli High School	Extend staffroom
2018-2019	Bulli High School	Foyer conversion
2018-2019	Bulli High School	Install door and windows
2018-2019	Bulli High School	New shade sail
2018-2019	Bulli High School	Supply and install large fan
2017-2018	Bulli High School	Re-key school to master system

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2018-2019	Bulli Public School	Supply and install playground
2016-2017	Coledale Public School	Outdoor kitchen area
2018-2019	Corrimal High School	Landscaping to admin area
2018-2019	Corrimal High School	Supply and install shade sails
2017-2018	Corrimal High School	IT upgrade of hall facilities
2018-2019	Corrimal Public School	Installation of nature playground
2018-2019	Fairy Meadow Public School	Air conditioning
2018-2019	Fairy Meadow Public School	Refurbish admin area
2018-2019	Fairy Meadow Public School	Supply and install multiple air conditioning units
2017-2018	Fairy Meadow Public School	Sensory garden
2018-2019	Figtree Public School	Upgrade sound system
2017-2018	Figtree Public School	Installation of air conditioner and ceiling fans
2016-2017	Figtree Public School	Installation of electronic sign
2018-2019	Keira High School	Supply and install bi-fold doors
2017-2018	Mount Keira Public School	Installation of synthetic turf
2018-2019	Mount Ousley Public School	Supply and install air conditioning units
2016-2017	Mount Ousley Public School	Supply and install awning
2018-2019	Thirroul Public School	Extension to shed
2018-2019	Thirroul Public School	Supply and install shade structure
2017-2018	Thirroul Public School	Refurbish under Block E to create a new room
2016-2017	Woonona East Public School	Upgrade covered walkways
2017-2018	Woonona Public School	Shade structure
2016-2017	Woonona Public School	Install new multipurpose sports court
2018-2019	Mount Ousley Public School	Installation of 100kW solar PV system
2018-2019	Corrimal High School	Fire damage repair to Block G
2017-2018	Bellambi Public School	Toilet upgrade
2016-2017	Corrimal East Public School	Toilet upgrade
2015-2016	Corrimal East Public School	Stormwater upgrade
2018-2019	Corrimal High School	Food technology learning space upgrade
2015-2016	Keira High School	Upgrade food preparation areas
2016-2017	Keiraville Public School	Replace retaining wall
2018-2019	Mount Keira Public School	Upgrade staff toilets
2014-2015	Thirroul Public School	Stabilise footings to E block and toilet floor
2014-2015	Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts	Roof upgrade

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2015-2016	Woonona High School	Upgrade covered walkways

Appendix B**Basin 202 Tweed**

The following Gauging Stations were used to determine the Mean Annual Volume (in Mega litres) for the Tweed River

GS 201900 Tweed River at Uki This site is located mid catchment.

Period based on 39 years of record.

Mean Annual Volume = 139,100 ML

GS 201001 Oxley River at Eungella

This site is located mid catchment and is a major tributary of the Tweed River and flows into the Tweed downstream from Uki.

Period based on 51 years of record.

Mean Annual Volume = 131,100 ML

GS 201005 Rous River at Boat Harbour

This site is located mid catchment and is a major tributary of the Tweed River and flows into the Tweed downstream from the Oxley River junction with the Tweed River. Period based on 31 years of record.

Mean Annual Volume = 87,250 ML

Note: Although these three sites provide an indication of the volume of water in the stream, there is still many inflows which have not be captured.

Basin 203 Richmond

The following Gauging Stations were used to determine the Mean Annual Volume (in Mega litres) for the Richmond River

GS 203004 Richmond River at Casino This site is located mid catchment.

Period based on 50 years of record.

Mean Annual Volume= 496,400 ML

GS 203014 Wilsons River at Eungella

This site is located mid catchment and is a major tributary of the Richmond River and flows into the Richmond upstream from Coraki.

Period based on 51 years of record. Mean

Annual Volume = 173,300 ML Other

minor tributaries include:

GS 203010 Leychester River at Rock Valley

Period based on 51 years of record.

Mean Annual Volume = 83,660 ML

GS 203024 Coopers Creek at Ewing Bridge

Period based on 24 years of record.

Mean Annual Volume = 99,530 ML

GS 203030 Myrtle Creek at Rappville Period based on 41 years of record.

Mean Annual Volume= 49,340 ML

GS 203041 Shannon Brook at Yorklea Period based on 30 years of record.

Mean Annual Volume = 64,270 ML

GS 203057 Houghahans Creek at U/S Teven

Period based on 10 years of record.

Mean Annual Volume = 5,409 ML

Note: Although these sites provide an indication of the volume of water in the stream, there is still many inflows which have not be captured.

Basin 204 Clarence

The following Gauging Stations were used to determine the Mean Annual Volume (in Mega litres) for the Clarence River

GS 204007 Clarence River at Lilydale This

site is located mid/lower catchment.

Period based on 49 years of record.

Mean Annual Volume = 2,987,000 ML

GS 204041 Orara River at Bawden Bridge

This site is located mid/lower catchment and is a major tributary of the Clarence River and flows into the Clarence upstream from Grafton.

Period based on 51 years of record. Mean

Annual Volume = 692,900 ML Other

minor tributaries include:

GS 204055 Sportsman Creek at Gurrang Siding Period

based on 40 years of record.

Mean Annual Volume = 39,970 ML

Note: Although these sites provide an indication of the volume of water in the stream, there is still some inflows which have not be captured.

Basin 206 Macleay

The following Gauging Stations were used to determine the Mean Annual Volume (in Mega litres) for the Macleay River

GS 206011 Macleay River at Turners Flat This

site is located lower catchment.

Period based on 50 years of record.

Mean Annual Volume = 1,404,000 ML

Note: Although this site provides an indication of the volume of water in the stream, there is still some minor inflows which have not be captured.

Basin 207 Hastings

The following Gauging Stations were used to determine the Mean Annual Volume (in Mega litres) for the Hastings River

GS 207004 Hastings River at Ellenborough

This site is located mid catchment.

Period based on 48 years of record.

Mean Annual Volume = 584,700 ML

GS 207014 Wilson's River at Averno

This site is located lower catchment and is a major tributary of the Hastings R and flows into the Hastings in the tidal reaches.

Period based on 36 years of record.

Mean Annual Volume = 211,500 ML

Other minor tributaries include:

GS 207018 Thone River at Deep Creek Road

Period based on 9 years of record.

Mean Annual Volume = 25,700 ML

Note: Although these three sites provide an indication of the volume of water in the stream, there is still many inflows which have not be captured.

Basin 208 Manning

The following Gauging Stations were used to determine the Mean Annual Volume (in Mega litres) for the Manning River

GS 208004 Manning River at Killawarra This

site is located lower catchment.

Period based on 51 years of record.

Mean Annual Volume = 1,358,000 ML

GS 208015 Lansdowne River at Lansdowne

This site is located lower catchment and is a major tributary of the Manning R and flows into the Manning in the tidal reaches.

Period based on 51 years of record.

Mean Annual Volume = 55,170 ML

Other minor tributaries include:

GS 208032 Dingo Creek at Belbourie Bridge

Period based on 10 years of record.

Mean Annual Volume = 147,800 ML

Note: Although these sites provide an indication of the volume of water in the stream, there is still some inflows which have not be captured.

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Group: Housing/Development

Land Administered by: NSW Land and Housing Corporation

Parcels - Lot/DP	Hectares	Land Use
1/1/1591	0.07	Integrated Retail Complex
1/1187652	0.10	Multiple Level Home Units
1/18726	0.04	Multiple Level Home Units
1/706156	0.29	Multiple Level Home Units
1/814493	0.23	Villa Units
1/911163	0.03	Integrated Retail Complex
1/911164	0.03	Integrated Retail Complex
10/258967	0.07	Townhouses
10/4/1591	0.06	Multiple Level Home Units
10/503890	0.06	Multiple Level Home Units
11/258967	0.07	Townhouses
11/503890	0.06	Multiple Level Home Units
12/794309	0.19	Multiple Level Home Units
14/258967	0.08	Vacant Land
15/258967	0.09	Vacant Land
16/230286	0.24	Townhouses
2/1/1591	0.06	Integrated Retail Complex
29/1/1591	0.06	Integrated Retail Complex
3/35349	0.05	Single Dwelling House
3/703758	0.35	Townhouses
30/1/1591	0.05	Integrated Retail Complex
30/1250970	0.13	Vacant Land
31/1/1591	0.06	Integrated Retail Complex
32/1/1591	0.07	Integrated Retail Complex
345/709067	0.14	Multiple Level Home Units
38/857320	0.07	Multiple Level Home Units
4/1/1591	0.06	Integrated Retail Complex
4/11569	0.09	Townhouses
5/258890	0.07	Multiple Level Home Units
5/259686	0.16	Multiple Level Home Units
5/35349	0.07	Single Dwelling House
6/258890	0.07	Multiple Level Home Units
6/259686	0.13	Multiple Level Home Units

Parcels - Lot/DP	Hectares	Land Use
6/27775	0.07	Single Level Home Units
6/658783	0.10	Single Dwelling House
7/258890	0.07	Multiple Level Home Units
8/4/1591	0.06	Multiple Level Home Units
9/15531	0.07	Villa Units
9/4/1591	0.06	Multiple Level Home Units
A/356713	0.08	Single Dwelling House
B/331748	0.08	Multiple Level Home Units
B/355482	0.09	Single Dwelling House
B/406884	0.09	Multiple Level Home Units

Total parcels: 43

Total hectares: 4.13

Group: Lands

Land Administered by: Primary Industries (Crown Lands)

Parcels - Lot/DP	Hectares	Land Use
1/1081952	0.16	Marina/Boat Mooring
1/534753	0.02	Car Parking Structure
1/534754	0.05	Car Parking Structure
1/541449	0.06	Car Parking Structure
12/868080	0.35	
19/1113717	0.18	Unknown Land Use
2/1081952	0.47	Marina/Boat Mooring
20/1113717	0.32	
3/1015566	1.49	Cultural and Recreational Services
3/94/758466	0.07	Drainage Channel
314/755227	0.65	Unknown Land Use
375/755227	0.11	Unknown Land Use
383/755227	0.14	Land Not In Use
453/727721	0.12	Hall/Meeting Room/Club House/Community Centre
470/48569	0.25	Unknown Land Use
471/48569	0.75	Unknown Land Use
5/81/758466	0.52	Cultural and Recreational Services
6/96/758466	0.03	Retirement Home and Welfare Accommodation n.e.c.
7/96/758466	0.09	Retirement Home and Welfare Accommodation n.e.c.

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701/1020074	0.07	Cultural and Recreational Services
7017/1116968	1.73	Unknown Land Use
7018/1116947	2.84	Hall/Meeting Room/Club House/Community Centre
7021/1020205	0.19	Unknown Land Use
7022/1076182	0.04	Unknown Land Use
7023/1076182	0.37	Unknown Land Use
7024/1020093	0.42	Cultural and Recreational Services
7025/1020200	0.04	Water Storage (reservoir/dam/water tower/tank)
7031/1020208	0.28	
7035/1020068	0.09	Cultural and Recreational Services
7036/1020068	1.39	Cultural and Recreational Services
7038/1020204	0.34	Cultural and Recreational Services
7039/1020221	0.30	
7045/1081900	0.03	Unknown Land Use
7301/1159015	25.06	Cultural and Recreational Services
7302/1157415	0.29	
8/96/758466	0.09	Retirement Home and Welfare Accommodation n.e.c.
9/238540	0.07	Hall/Meeting Room/Club House/Community Centre

Total parcels: 37

Total hectares: 39.47

Group: Health

Land Administered by: Ministry of Health

Parcels - Lot/DP	Hectares	Land Use
1/1076023	0.58	Hospital (not Psychiatric)
1/11569	0.05	Hospital (not Psychiatric)
1/154681	0.06	Hospital (not Psychiatric)
1/188560	0.09	Hospital (not Psychiatric)
1/246244	0.45	Hospital (not Psychiatric)
1/382500	0.08	Hospital (not Psychiatric)
1/770573	0.05	Hospital (not Psychiatric)
1/803907	0.05	Hospital (not Psychiatric)
1/981674	0.08	Hospital (not Psychiatric)
100/1028293	5.89	Hospital (not Psychiatric)
101/1034362	1.17	Hospital (not Psychiatric)
102/1034362	0.22	Hospital (not Psychiatric)

Parcels - Lot/DP	Hectares	Land Use
12/175082	0.08	Hospital (not Psychiatric)
14/400455	0.06	Hospital (not Psychiatric)
15/400455	0.06	Hospital (not Psychiatric)
2/382500	0.11	Hospital (not Psychiatric)
2/399282	0.05	Hospital (not Psychiatric)
2/960197	0.08	Hospital (not Psychiatric)
25/774976	0.35	Hospital (not Psychiatric)
3/31432	0.07	Hospital (not Psychiatric)
3/399282	0.04	Accommodation
301/1233004	1.18	Villa Units
302/1233004	0.68	Villa Units
30360	0.06	Multiple Level Home Units
5/31432	0.08	Hospital (not Psychiatric)
6/31432	0.07	Hospital (not Psychiatric)
89/733955	0.08	
A/158415	0.06	Hospital (not Psychiatric)
A/163456	0.08	Hospital (not Psychiatric)

Total parcels: 29

Total hectares: 12.00

Group: Transport

Land Administered by: Rail Corporation New South Wales

Parcels - Lot/DP	Hectares	Land Use
1/1116720	0.20	Railway Line
1/1184400	0.06	Railway Line
1/1187459	4.87	Unknown Land Use
1/830881	0.01	Railway Line
1/872939	0.43	Railway Line
100/1006006	5.28	Railway Line
101/1006006	0.24	Railway Line
102/1006006	0.20	Railway Line
103/1006006	0.27	Railway Line
116/1184862	3.13	Rail Transport
117/1184941	0.83	Railway Line
118/1184955	0.04	Railway Line

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Parcels - Lot/DP	Hectares	Land Use
2/1184400	0.04	Railway Line
4/805082	0.07	Railway Line

Total parcels: 14
Total hectares: 15.65

Land Administered by: Transport for NSW

Parcels - Lot/DP	Hectares	Land Use
1/330322	0.00	Open Car Park
1/6/1591	0.06	Open Car Park
2/6/1591	0.05	Open Car Park
3/658217	0.05	Open Car Park
4/6/1591	0.05	Open Car Park

Total parcels: 5
Total hectares: 0.22

Land Administered by: Roads and Traffic Authority

Parcels - Lot/DP	Hectares	Land Use
3/308458	0.09	

Total parcels: 1
Total hectares: 0.09

Total parcels for the Transport group: 20
Total hectares: 15.96

Group: Judicial

Land Administered by: Department of Justice

Parcels - Lot/DP	Hectares	Land Use
10/8998	0.09	Law Court/Courthouse
11/1145436	0.09	Law Court/Courthouse
12/1145436	0.09	Law Court/Courthouse
13/1145436	0.02	Law Court/Courthouse
3/8998	0.08	Law Court/Courthouse
4/8998	0.06	Law Court/Courthouse
7/8998	0.06	Law Court/Courthouse
8/8998	0.06	Law Court/Courthouse
9/8998	0.07	Law Court/Courthouse
A/341162	0.08	Law Court/Courthouse
B/341162	0.05	Law Court/Courthouse

Total parcels: 11

Total hectares: 0.75

Group: Education

Land Administered by: Department of Education

Parcels - Lot/DP	Hectares	Land Use
1/1169232	0.15	Secondary Education/Secondary College
299/755227	1.17	Secondary Education/Secondary College
313/755227	1.18	Secondary Education/Secondary College
364/755227	4.67	Secondary Education/Secondary College
394/755227	2.23	Secondary Education/Secondary College

Total parcels: 5

Total hectares: 9.40

Land Administered by: TAFE NSW

Parcels - Lot/DP	Hectares	Land Use
1/861564	3.52	Technical/Business/Trade Education or College

Total parcels: 1

Total hectares: 3.52

Total parcels for the Education group: 6

Total hectares: 12.92

Group: Miscellaneous

Land Administered by: Alpha Distribution Ministerial Holding Corporation

Parcels - Lot/DP	Hectares	Land Use
1/1226923	1.15	Electrical Substation/Transformer Station
1/629609	0.00	Electrical Substation/Transformer Station

Total parcels: 2

Total hectares: 1.15

Land Administered by: Property NSW

Parcels - Lot/DP	Hectares	Land Use
14/6/1591	0.05	Open Car Park
15/6/1591	0.05	Open Car Park

Total parcels: 2

Total hectares: 0.11

Total parcels for the Miscellaneous group: 4

Total hectares: 1.26

Land Administered by: NSW Police Force

Parcels - Lot/DP	Hectares	Land Use
151/628059	0.18	Police Station
152/635684	0.35	Police Station

Total parcels: 2

Total hectares: 0.53