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*3397 POSSESSION OF CANNABIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Why were 82.55 per cent of all Indigenous people found in possession of a non-indictable quantity of cannabis pursued through the criminal justice system, compared to only 52.29 per cent of non-Indigenous people, between 2013 and 2017?
- (2) Why were only 11.41 per cent of Indigenous people found with small amounts of cannabis issued cautions by the NSW Police Force, as opposed to 40.03 per cent of non-Indigenous people, between 2013 and 2017?

Answer—

I understand the statistics you are quoting were taken from an article published by The Guardian in June 2020. I am advised these statistics were based upon NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research data which included all use/possess cannabis detections without identifying how many of those were eligible for a caution or whether a caution was offered and then declined.

The NSW Police Force Cannabis Cautioning Scheme is an important drug diversion initiative. Police are encouraged to exercise discretion and issue a caution to eligible offenders. To be eligible for a cannabis caution, a person must admit to the offence and consent to the caution. It is important to note that this is often contrary to some legal advice. Other eligibility criteria include that the cannabis must be for personal use, the amount in use or possession must be not more than 15 grams, and there must be no other offence involved or detected for which a brief of evidence is required. A person is eligible for two cannabis cautions before charges are laid. The person must also be an adult, when dealing with people under 18 years the Young Offenders Act 1997 must be applied.

Without further information it is not possible to provide a definitive answer to your questions. The data does not show how many of those who did not receive cautions were eligible for them and so it is not possible to identify if people were refused cautions as a result of police discretion. It is also not possible to identify how many of those who did not receive cautions were offered them and refused.

*3398 COVID-19 INFRINGEMENTS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many people in New South Wales have been issued with an infringement related to an alleged contravention of a COVID-19 related ministerial direction (as at 16 June 2020)?
 - (a) Of this total, how many infringements were issued to people who identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 1,349.
 - (a) Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander status is not recorded for COVID-19 infringement notices.

*3399 CUSTODY NOTIFICATION SERVICE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What has been the total amount spent by the Government on the Custody Notification Service in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2018-19?
- (2) How many times have the NSW Police Force contacted the Custody Notification Service regarding the detention of Indigenous persons for intoxication since the rules were changed in October 2019 to broaden the circumstances under which the service is contacted by the NSW Police Force (to 16 June 2020)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Commonwealth Government funds the Custody Notification Service.

From 1 October 2019 to 16 June 2020, Aboriginal Legal Aid was contacted on 38 occasions for individuals who identified as Indigenous and were in custody for intoxication.

*3400 CRIMES ACT SECTION 93Z—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Since section 93Z of the Crimes Act was introduced, how many of the following have there been:
- (a) Prosecutions;
 - (b) Convictions?

Answer—

I am advised:

New South Wales Criminal Courts data held by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research contain no records of any finalised charges under section 93Z of the Crimes Act 1900 from when the offence commenced on 13 August 2018 up to December 2019.

*3401 COURT SYSTEM DIGITAL TOOLS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) What is your response to the analysis by University of Newcastle Law School Dean Professor Tania Sourdin and Victoria University Professor John Zeleznikov that court system digital tools remain in the mere rudimentary tiers of technological change?
- (2) What steps, if any, will you take to improve digital technology in the New South Wales court system?

Answer—

I am advised:

Professors Sourdin and Zeleznikov argue that technological innovation will support legal systems to better respond to challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

In New South Wales, courts have continued to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic and have used what Professors Sourdin and Zeleznikov describe as 'supportive technologies' to facilitate ongoing operations where possible. Among other things, there has been a significant increase in the use of Audio Visual Link technology, and electronic submissions and communication.

The Department of Communities and Justice is currently evaluating the court response to COVID-19 and identifying whether any recently introduced process changes should be maintained following the pandemic.

*3402 CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL ACT 2013 REVIEW—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

When will the current statutory review of the Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013 be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The statutory review of the Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013 is expected to be completed this year

*3403 VICTIM'S SUPPORT PROPOSED CHANGES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) What is the response to the letter by over 80 organisations to the Commissioner Victim's Rights sent on 29 May calling for proposed changes to Victim's Support not to proceed?
 - (a) Will the proposed changes be halted?
 - (i) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Following consultation with stakeholders, Victims Services introduced service improvements for choice of counsellor and the application processes for recognition payments and financial assistance for economic loss on 1 July 2020.

*3404 TERRORISM (HIGH RISK OFFENDERS) ACT EXTENDED SUPERVISION ORDER—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

What review has been undertaken of the decision to unsuccessfully apply for an Extended Supervision Order against George Dickson pursuant to the Terrorism (High Risk Offenders) Act?

Answer—

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I am advised:

No review was undertaken of the decision to apply for an Extended Supervision Order against Mr Dickson

*3405 TRANSCATHETER AORTIC VALVE IMPLANTATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Do you propose to reduce the number of sites for the transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI) in public hospitals in New South Wales?

(a) If so, what is the justification for this decision?

(i) Will your decision prevent a TAVI program at Liverpool Hospital?

Answer—

NSW Health has a structured approach to manage specialised services as outlined in the New Technology and Specialised Service Framework guideline. TAVI meets the criteria for supra local health district services.

*3406 VICTIMS RIGHTS SUPPORT ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) Will you commence the statutory review of the Victims Rights Support Act immediately?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Section 119 of the Victims Rights and Support Act 2013 (VRSA) requires the Act to be regularly reviewed at intervals of not less than three years and not more than five years. The previous statutory review of the VRSA commenced in June 2016. The next review is required to commence by June 2021.

*3407 INVERELL LOCAL COURT BUILDING—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) Are building works, including painting (internally and externally) and the laying of new carpet being carried out at Inverell Local Court building?

(a) If so, is the work being done by non-locals?

(i) If the work is being carried out by non-locals, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

Building works were carried out at Inverell Courthouse and included painting internally and externally, carpet replacement and minor carpentry works.

The carpet replacement and minor carpentry works were undertaken by local contractors. The painting works were undertaken by a non-local contractor.

Two local painting contractors were contacted and conducted site visits, but were unable to meet the project start date and compressed project timeframe.

*3408 BULLI AND THIRROUL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Why did it take the Bulli and Thirroul improvement project 7 months after submissions closed to release its report?

(2) What was the cost of producing the Community Consultation Submission Report?

(3) When will the project team release the plan to help improve travel times and improve road safety for the residents of the Illawarra's Northern Suburbs?

Answer—

I am advised:

The project team engaged a specialist consultant to analyse and code the feedback received during the October/November 2019 consultation. The analysis was a significant undertaking. Transport received a total of 2,539 comments on the interactive map and 50 emails. Upon analysis, 3,627 individual issues were identified across all the feedback received.

Feedback was also analysed from 93 business surveys, 210 shopper surveys, Wollongong City Council, Illawarra Business Chamber, emergency services, bus service providers and community recreational groups.

The consultant's analysis was completed in April 2020. The data then underwent careful review and all location-specific feedback provided was considered to help inform future improvements.

The community consultation submission report was prepared by Transport for NSW and is a summary of the analysis carried out by the consultant. This report is published on the Transport for NSW website.

*3409 BUSINESS CONNECT ADVISORS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

How many of the 40 new Business Connect Advisors, as announced on 2 June, will be assigned to the Illawarra and South Coast?

Answer—

Business Connect funding has been allocated to Southern Region Business Enterprise Centre (SRBEC) to recruit a minimum of six additional Business Connect advisors to support small businesses impacted by COVID-19 disruption and continue to support small businesses impacted by the 2020 bushfires across Illawarra, South East and Tablelands.

Two advisors will be based in Wollongong to support small businesses in Wollongong and surrounding areas.

Four advisors will support small businesses in bushfire affected Local Government Areas (LGAs) along the South Coast and across the Illawarra, South East & Tablelands region.

Advisors are currently being recruited by Southern Region Business Enterprise Centre. As at 26 June 2020, two of the six new advisors are on board.

Advisors and events available in each LGA can be viewed on the Business Connect portal: www.business-connect-register.industry.nsw.gov.au.

*3410 GAMBLER'S HOTLINE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) Were any extra resources made available to the Gambler's Hotline during the COVID-19 lockdown?
- (2) Are any extra resources being made available to the Gambler's Hotline now that lockdown restrictions have begun to ease?

Answer—

The NSW Gambling Helpline made additional resources available in March 2020 to provide free, confidential support and advice for anyone experiencing problems with gambling, including support for family members and friends.

The additional resources continue to support the telephone counselling service on an ongoing basis.

*3411 INFRASTRUCTURE AND JOB ACCELERATION FUND—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer—

What fast track projects have been identified by the Government for the Illawarra and South Coast in relation to the new \$3 billion Infrastructure and Job Acceleration Fund?

Answer—

The Government is continuing to deliver its record \$100 billion infrastructure pipeline over the four years from 2019-20 to 2022-23.

The budgeted 4-year capital program is now being augmented and accelerated by the Economic Stimulus Packages announced by the Government in response to the challenges faced by COVID-19, including a \$3 billion Infrastructure and Job Acceleration Fund announced on 31 May 2020 to go towards job-creating projects.

The program also includes projects which form part of the \$1 billion capital package to assist bushfire impacted communities (including those on the South Coast).

The Illawarra and South Coast continue to benefit from the State's \$100 billion capital program, as set out in the 2019-20 Budget, including road projects worth over \$1.3 billion, the major hospital redevelopment at Shellharbour and a new bridge over the Shoalhaven River.

The 2020-21 Budget will document the full details of major infrastructure projects across the State including those in the Illawarra and on the South Coast.

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*3412 NAMBUCCA STATE FOREST—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What assessment has been done on the importance of unburnt state forests such as the Nambucca State Forest in providing habitat to threatened species following the 2019-2020 bushfire season?
- (2) When was this assessment done and who carried it out?
- (3) Of the threatened species impacted by the recent bushfires, which species live in, pass through or grow in the Nambucca State Forest?
- (4) Given research shows that logging opens the canopy, dries out the forest floor and that young, densely growing trees burn more easily, what assessments have been done by the Government on the risks of fire following logging operations?
- (5) What assessment has been done on the increased risk of fire for the Nambucca State Forest - a green belt around the town - as a result of current logging operations?
- (6) When was this assessment done and who carried it out?
- (7) Why is the Government using ecological assessments for logging operations that were conducted before the 2019-2020 bushfire season given the landscape has significantly changed since the assessments?
- (8) How will the Government ensure species on the federal government list of 113 species that require urgent management action after the bushfires will survive if their habitat is logged based on ecological assessments done before the 2019-2020 bushfire season?

Answer—

(1), (2) and (8) In January 2020, the Government released a Wildlife and Conservation Bushfire Recovery: Immediate Response plan. This outlines the Government's initial actions to support the bushfire recovery of native wildlife and conservation values. The NSW Government is currently finalising its plans for the next stage of bushfire recovery.

In May 2020, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment published the Fire and the Environment 2019-20 Summary. The Summary provides an outline of biodiversity and landscape data and analysis to help governments, businesses and communities to understand the environmental effects of the 2019-20 fires.

The Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) must comply with the relevant Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (IFOA) when conducting forestry operations. The IFOA sets out conditions to protect soils, water, ecosystems, native plants and animals. The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has issued FCNSW supplementary IFOA conditions that apply to burnt forests. These conditions maximise the protection of unburnt or partially burnt forest and consider the information in the Wildlife and Conservation Bushfire Recovery: Immediate Response, the Fire and the Environment 2019-20 Summary and the federal government list of 113 species that require urgent management action after the bushfires.

(3) This information can be found in the NSW BioNet at www.bionet.nsw.gov.au/

(4), (5) and (6) This question should be referred to the Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade.

(7) Native forestry operations in state forests must comply with the relevant IFOA. IFOA's include requirements to protect important habitat across the harvest area for native species and ecosystems. It also requires FCNSW to survey for habitat features such as tree hollows, nests, roosts and threatened plants at the time of the forestry operation.

*3413 CAPSICUM SPRAY INCIDENT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many people did police use capsicum spray on at Central Railway Station on Saturday 13 June 2020 following the Black Lives Matter rally?
- (2) For each of those persons, what offences did they commit that led to the use of the spray?
- (3) Were any other people impacted by the capsicum spray and if so, how were they impacted?
- (4) What investigation is being done into the appropriateness of the use of capsicum spray on this occasion and who is conducting the investigation?
- (5) To what extent will the investigation question witnesses?

Answer—

While this is primarily an operational matter for the NSW Police Force, I am advised:

In relation to the crowd of 75 to 150 people at Central Station on 13 June 2020, available footage indicates that the oleoresin capsicum spray (OC spray) appears to have been deployed to the front of the

crowd over the top of the first couple of lines of people, likely impacting those three or four deep in the crowd. The footage does not provide a clear view from which to make an accurate estimation of how many people came into contact with the OC spray. However, it is estimated that seven to 10 people showed signs of being affected by the OC spray in the immediate area where the spray was deployed. While other people in the crowd confronting police may have had some contact with the OC spray deployed, there were no obvious signs of significant impact on the rest of the surrounding crowd, who immediately retreated from the direct area.

OC spray was used when violent confrontations were occurring and escalating. Several Police Officers were assaulted, spat on and had objects thrown at them, including one officer hit below the eye, causing excessive bleeding. One male who is alleged to have assaulted police has subsequently been charged. Police are still investigating the other assaults with attempts to identify the alleged offenders.

The incident was considered through the NSW Police Force complaint process system, under Part 8A of the Police Act 1990, by the Central Metropolitan Region Professional Standards Unit. The assessment concluded that the use of OC spray deployed at the incident was within NSW Police Force guidelines and appropriate. As a result of that determination, a further complaint investigation will not be undertaken. However, police are still investigating the incident and are attempting to identify alleged offenders, which may involve questioning witnesses.

*3414 DEATHS IN CUSTODY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) What review has the Government made of Indigenous deaths in custody in New South Wales since 1991?
 - (a) What conclusions and recommendations came out of these reviews, and what action has been taken?
- (2) Does the Government consider that current bail laws; mandatory sentencing and public drunkenness provisions unfairly impact on Indigenous Australians?
 - (a) What measures has the Government taken to prevent these impacts?
- (3) Has the Government implemented all relevant recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody?
 - (a) What recommendations remain to be implemented and when will this occur?
- (4) Has the Government implemented all relevant recommendations of the Australian Law Reform Commission Pathways to Justice report?
 - (a) What recommendations remain to be implemented and when will this occur?
- (5) Has the Government implemented all relevant recommendations of coronial inquiries into deaths in custody?
 - (a) What recommendations remain to be implemented and when will this occur?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to prevent further deaths in custody?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) All deaths in custody are thoroughly reviewed internally and are investigated by the NSW Police Force. They are also subject to a mandatory independent inquest by the NSW State Coroner. These reviews may result in changes to physical security, facility design and offender management to prevent deaths in custody. Actions taken to prevent deaths in corrections custody in New South Wales are a matter for the Minister for Corrections and Counter Terrorism. Actions taken to prevent deaths in police custody are a matter for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services. Mental health facilities are a matter for the Minister for Health and Medical Research.

(2) The overrepresentation of Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system is a national tragedy for which there is no simple solution. The Government is committed to reducing the number of Aboriginal people in custody.

Accordingly, the Government is implementing a range of initiatives to address the overrepresentation of Aboriginal people in the justice system, including increased opportunities for offenders to be supervised in the community and receive tailored interventions that are proven to reduce reoffending.

Current initiatives include:

- Investing \$330 million to reduce reoffending, as well as reforms to sentencing, parole and driver licence disqualification. To track these programs and initiatives, the Department of Communities and Justice has developed an Aboriginal Justice dashboard, which monitors trends and provides a clearer

understanding of Aboriginal people's involvement in the criminal justice system to inform additional targeted interventions.

- Expanding the Youth Koori Court to provide early intervention to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children get back on the right path.
- Breaking down barriers between Aboriginal people and the justice system in Local Courts in rural, regional and metropolitan areas through the Circle Sentencing program.
- Having Aboriginal Client and Community Support Officers in court to assist defendants and victims understand processes and outcomes, including bail conditions.
- Promoting the 'What's Your Plan?' program, which is designed to increase compliance with Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders, and is now operating at 50 New South Wales courts.

The 'Reducing Aboriginal Overrepresentation in the Criminal Justice System 2018-2020' plan can be found at:

<https://www.justice.nsw.gov.au/Documents/reducing-aboriginal-overrepresentation-2018-2020.pdf>.

(3) In 2018, Deloitte produced 'Review of the implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal deaths in custody'.

This can be accessed via <https://www.niaa.gov.au/sites/default/files/publications/rciacidic-review-report.pdf> and provides detailed information regarding the steps taken by each of the Australian jurisdictions in response to the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in custody.

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

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

(6) The death of a loved one in custody is deeply distressing for family members.

Strategies to prevent future deaths in corrections custody in New South Wales are a matter for the Minister for Corrections and Counter Terrorism. Strategies to prevent future deaths in police custody are a matter for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

*3415 WALLSEND SCHOOLS MAINTENANCE BACKLOG—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) What is the current maintenance backlog (as at 16 June 2020) in the following schools:

- (a) Callaghan College - Jesmond Senior Campus;
- (b) Callaghan College - Wallsend Campus;
- (c) Callaghan College - Waratah Technology Campus;
- (d) Francis Greenway High School;
- (e) Glendale Technology High School;
- (f) Cardiff High School;
- (g) Lambton High School;
- (h) Beresfield Public School;
- (i) Cardiff North Public School;
- (j) Elernmore Vale Public School;
- (k) Glendale East Public School;
- (l) Glendore Public School;
- (m) Heaton Public School;
- (n) Jesmond Public School;
- (o) Lambton Public School;
- (p) Maryland Public School;
- (q) Minmi Public School;
- (r) New Lambton Heights Infants School;
- (s) New Lambton Public School;
- (t) Plattsburg Public School;
- (u) Shortland Public School;
- (v) Tarro Public School;
- (w) Wallsend Public School;
- (x) Wallsend South Public School;
- (y) Waratah Public School;
- (z) Waratah West Public School?

Answer—

3,823 line items were identified to be undertaken within the Wallsend electorate in the 2019-20 financial year.

The data available as at 16 June 2020 indicates 3,104 line items were completed.

*3416 WALLSEND ELECTORATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

Considering The Newcastle Herald (5 June 2020) recently reported that there has been a spike in domestic violence and sexual assault cases across the Hunter Region, what action is being taken to reduce domestic violence and to curb coercive and controlling behaviors in the Wallsend electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has a significant and innovative program of work being implemented to address rates of domestic violence in our community, including in the Wallsend electorate and the Hunter. This includes the Premier's Priority to reduce domestic violence reoffending which is intended to improve outcomes for victims and the community.

Elements of this work include:

- Driving behaviour change amongst sentenced offenders;
- Intervening earlier following an offence or incident; and
- Actively monitoring and policing high risk offenders to reduce the incidence of offending behaviour.

Additional details about domestic violence programs, services and resources can be found here: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/domestic-violence/services-and-support>.

Further details about the Government's COVID-19 specific responses for domestic and family violence can be found at the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) website: <https://www.coronavirus.dcj.nsw.gov.au/services/domestic-and-family-violence>.

I am further advised that DCJ is trialling ENGAGE, an early intervention for adults who:

- are charged with a domestic violence offence;
- are respondents to an apprehended domestic violence order (ADVO); or
- who have been referred by New South Wales government agencies or non-government organisations where domestic violence is an issue.

ENGAGE is delivered in Cessnock, Maitland and Raymond Terrace.

Community Corrections, Corrective Services NSW and DCJ have implemented a number of interventions to reduce domestic violence. The interventions are delivered in both community and correctional centre settings.

Relationships Australia is funded to deliver the Taking Responsibility Men's Behaviour Change Program in the Hunter region. This includes a program offered in Newcastle. This is an 18-week program for men who want to take responsibility for their behaviour patterns in intimate relationships. The program strengthens attitudes and skills necessary for respectful relationships with partners and children. Supports are also offered to (ex) partners and their children.

The \$20 million Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund is a commitment under the Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint for Reform 2016-2021. The Innovation Fund supports innovative projects addressing prevention, early intervention and crisis response to domestic and family violence. Projects funded in Newcastle include 'Early Signals First Responses' by Early Childhood Australia and 'Respectful Relationships Peer Educators' by People with Disability Australia.

The 'What's Your Plan?' pilot is an intervention where Aboriginal Client and Community Support Officers work one-on-one with Aboriginal defendants to develop plans and receive SMS reminders and follow up calls to help them comply with their ADVO conditions to reduce ADVO breaches. It is currently running across 50 local courts, including at Newcastle, Raymond Terrace and Toronto courthouses.

As part of its commitment to prevent domestic violence and reduce reoffending, the Government funds a range of state-wide programs that focus on perpetrator interventions. These include:

- Men's Behaviour Change Programs – group based programs that work with perpetrators to recognise their violent behaviour and develop strategies to stop using violence;

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- Automatic Referral Pathway – adult men charged with a domestic violence offence or issued with an ADVO in NSW will be automatically referred to a telephone and counselling service, which will facilitate their access to a range of support and interventions; and
- Men's Telephone Counselling and Referral Service – available 24 hours a day, seven days a week for men who initiate contact and seek information on how to change their behaviour.

Additionally, I have asked DCJ to carefully consider how our existing laws protect victims from coercive and controlling behaviours in the context of domestic violence, and monitor the experience of coercive control reforms in other jurisdictions such as Scotland, England and Wales, and Tasmania.

*3417 CLINICAL EARLY RESPONSE (PACER) PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

When will the Clinical Early Response (PACER) Program be expanded to include the Wallsend electorate?

Answer—

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

*3418 AGED CARE HOMES NURSE-TO-RESIDENT RATIOS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Considering research published in the Medical Journal of Australia shows that nearly 60 per cent of aged care home residents are living with unacceptable staffing levels, what is being done to increase nurse-to-resident ratios in New South Wales?

(a) What is being done at the Wallsend Aged Care Facility?

Answer—

The Commonwealth Government has funding, policy and regulatory responsibility for the aged care system. The Commonwealth's Aged Care Quality Standards outline the workforce requirements that residential aged care providers need to meet to remain accredited.

Wallsend Aged Care Facility is fully accredited by the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission and subject to the Australian Aged Care Quality Standards.

*3420 COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT DIVERSION PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

Are there any plans to fund the Cognitive Impairment Diversion Program in the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie areas?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my answers to LA Q3138 and LA Q3067.

*3421 SEATBELTS ON BUSES—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) How many school buses within the Shellharbour electorate are yet to be fitted with seat belts (as at 5 June 2020)?

(2) Is the Government on track to meet its 2021 target for all regional buses to be fitted with seat belts?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Government made a commitment to fit seatbelts to all dedicated school bus services operating under Rural and Regional Bus Service contracts.

Of the 14 school buses in the Shellharbour electorate that form part of the Seatbelts in School Buses program, 6 are yet to be fitted with seatbelts.

(2) The seatbelt program is on track for the December 2021 completion date.

*3422 ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT SERVICES IN DAPTO AND SURROUNDING AREAS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Customer Service—

Will the Government consider providing the residents of Dapto, West Dapto, Calderwood, and Mashall Mount with access to Government services via a Service NSW Centre Hub at Dapto considering the rapid growth in these areas?

Answer—

The Government has announced ten new Service Centres that will be delivered over the next four years.

In providing advice to the Government on potential locations for new Service Centres, Service NSW undertakes a data-driven analysis which includes population growth, postcode mapping, transaction volume (current and forecast), travel distance and time to the nearest service centre, surrounding sites' utilisation rates and wait times across the existing service network.

There are currently no plans for a Service NSW Service Centre in Dapto, West Dapto, Calderwood, and Marshall Mount.

*3423 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING GUARDS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many schools in the Shellharbour Electorate have applied for pedestrian crossing guards following the Government's confirmation that it would hire an additional 300 guards in the NSW Budget 2019-20?
- (2) Which schools in the Shellharbour Electorate are expected to obtain a guard?

Answer—

I am advised:

The safety of New South Wales' youngest road users will be strengthened with 88 new school crossing supervisors to start at 80 schools across the state. This is the second group within the 300 new school crossing supervisors to be hired in New South Wales by 2021 as part of the Government's \$18.5 million commitment to increasing student safety around schools. Schools were invited to apply for a school crossing supervisor before the end of Term 1.

- (1) Three schools in the Shellharbour electorate applied.
- (2) Dapto Public School, Lakelands Public School (at two crossing locations) and Warilla North Public School in the Shellharbour electorate will receive new school crossing supervisors.

*3424 EATING DISORDER BEDS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many adult eating disorder beds are there in the Illawarra (as at 12 June 2020)?
- (2) How many adolescent eating disorder beds are there in the Illawarra (as at 12 June 2020)?
- (3) Will the Government consider increasing the number of beds to support this need?
 - (a) If so, how?

Answer—

Referring to bed numbers is an outdated approach and does not reflect the innovative models of care NSW Health provides through integrated care outside of the hospital, closer to patients' homes and through utilising new technologies.

*3425 STREET LIGHTING ON LAKE ENTRANCE ROAD—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Will the Government consider installing street lighting to the northern end of Lake Entrance Road to provide adequate lighting for both pedestrians and motorists?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

This matter should be referred to the Minister for Transport and Roads.

*3426 NOISE ABATEMENT WALL FLINDERS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will the Government consider installing a noise abatement wall along the Princes Highway at Flinders similar to what was built along the same stretch of road in Kiama?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) No.

(a) Transport for NSW considers noise mitigation for existing receivers by a road project. Existing receivers are defined as those that have developmental approval granted prior to the road project approval.

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The M1 Motorway was approved in 1997. The Development Approval for the Flinders Estate was granted in 2001. State guidelines at the time required a developer to address road traffic noise. In this case the developers chose to use architectural treatments as noise reduction instead of building a noise wall. As such, the Flinders Estate residents do not qualify for treatment under the Noise Abatement Program.

Shellharbour City Council holds responsibility for the approval of the development of the Flinders Estate and ensuring the developer complied with the NSW Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) noise control regulations at the time of approval. Further information regarding the EPA's responsibilities and powers can be found under a range of NSW environmental legislation.

*3427 KOONAWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Why does the Koonawarra Public School not have a dedicated school bus?
- (2) Will the Government consider supporting a bus service for Koonawarra Public School?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Koonawarra Public School does not have a dedicated school bus because it is adequately serviced by multiple bus routes, including routes 33 and 43.
- (2) Transport for NSW will consider any request for a dedicated service in line with its established guidelines

*3428 ACCESS TO ALBION PARK BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

When does the Government plan to give residents from Dapto and West Dapto access to the Albion Park Rail bypass?

Answer—

I am advised:

Construction of the Northern (Yallah) Interchange has planning approval as Stage 3 of the Albion Park Rail Bypass; however, traffic modelling taking into account planned residential developments in the area has concluded that the interchange is not required at this stage.

Based on future traffic growth forecasts, 65 per cent of traffic is expected to transfer off the existing Princes Highway through Albion Park Rail when the bypass is opened. This will improve travel times for Dapto residents travelling south along the highway. The distance between Dapto and Oak Flats interchange will be shorter on the highway compared to the bypass, with an expected travel time difference of less than one minute.

The Albion Park Rail Bypass has been designed to accommodate construction of the Northern Interchange in the future, when traffic volumes have increased.

*3429 SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS ELIGIBILITY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Treasurer—

- (1) Will the Government consider amending the COVID-19 small business grants scheme eligibility requirement of 75 per cent decline in turnover to a requirement of 30 per cent decline in turnover so that more small businesses, sole-traders and small business partnerships within the Bankstown electorate can apply for the scheme?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Applications for the Small Business COVID-19 Support Grant closed on 30 June 2020. To be eligible for the Small Business COVID-19 Support Grant, applicants needed to have had a 75 per cent decline in turnover.

The Government has since announced a Small Business Recovery Grant of up to \$3,000 to help businesses with costs (post 1 July) associated with safely reopening or scaling up their operations in the COVID-19 economic recovery phase.

The new Small Business Recovery Grant is open to all small business types that have experienced at least a 30 per cent decline in turnover, and have fewer than 20 Full-Time Equivalent employees.

Further information on the new grant program and the online application will be made available on the Service NSW website: www.service.nsw.gov.au/

*3430 RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION BILL 2019—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Has the Government completed its consideration of the Commonwealth Government's draft Religious Discrimination Bill 2019 package as indicated in LA Q1139?
- (a) If yes, what is the Government response?
- (b) If no, what is the timeframe for the Government considering the package and providing a response?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Commonwealth Government released an amended draft of the Religious Discrimination Bill 2019 package on 10 December 2019 for public consultation.

The Government is monitoring the Commonwealth process and will consider any implications these Bills may have for New South Wales law when that process is finalised.

The Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) is inquiring into religious exemptions in anti-discrimination legislation, including laws in New South Wales. The Government will consider the recommendations of the ALRC inquiry once the review is completed.

*3431 UPGRADES TO STACEY STREET BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What assurances will the Government provide that the Stacey Street and Hume Highway, Bankstown upgrade and the Stacey Street and Fairford Road Upgrade Stage 2 projects will not be delayed due to a funding shortfall considering the Roads and Maritime Services Asset Management Plan 2020-21 to 2029-30 which indicated a \$3.8 billion shortfall for road maintenance as at 30 June 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

Work on the Stacey Street and Hume Highway, Bankstown upgrade and the Stacey Street and Fairford Road Upgrade Stage 2 is underway. Future funding will be determined according to state-wide budget priorities.

*3432 BUSINESSES WHO DO NOT PAY PAYROLL TAX—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

How many sole-traders and small business partnerships who do not pay payroll tax are within the Bankstown electorate?

Answer—

As of June 2019 there were 36,611 businesses in the Canterbury-Bankstown local government area (LGA) of which 22,641 were non-employing businesses and 13,970 businesses with employees**.

Data for the number of businesses in the Bankstown electorate is not readily available.

As at 30 May 2020 there were 680 customers in the Bankstown electorate and 1,263 customers in the Canterbury-Bankstown LGA registered for payroll tax.*

The tax-free threshold for payroll tax increased from \$900,000 to \$1 million for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2020. This increase was not scheduled to occur until 1 July 2021 but was brought forward to assist New South Wales businesses impacted by COVID-19.

This means even fewer businesses will need pay payroll tax in the 2020-21 financial year than previously.

Notes:

* Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, 8165.0 Counts of Australian businesses, including entries and exist, June 2015 to June 2019

** Data on payroll tax customers is not collected by electorate or LGA so the postcode of the customer has been used to estimate these figures.

*3433 SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Treasurer—

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- (1) How many applications for funding under the emergency COVID-19 small business grants scheme have been made by small businesses in the Bankstown electorate (as at 16 June 2020)?
- How many applications have been refused (as at 15 June 2020)?
 - How many applications have been approved (as at 15 June 2020)?
 - What is the total amount of funding that has been requested (at 15 June 2020)?
 - What is the total amount of funding that has been approved (as at 15 June 2020)?

Answer—

As at 16 June 2020, a total of 576 small business COVID-19 support grant applications had been received from small businesses in the Bankstown electorate.

As at 15 June 2020, of the small business COVID-19 support grant applications received from small businesses in the Bankstown electorate:

- 16 grant applications had been refused;
- 393 grant applications had been approved with payments initiated;
- 35 grant applications had been approved awaiting payments to be initiated;
- \$5.66 million had been requested;
- \$3.89 million had been approved with payments initiated;
- \$346,172 had been approved awaiting payments to be initiated.

- *3434 HERMIDALE MULTI-USER SIDING—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

When will funding be made available to the Bogan Shire Council for the new multi-user siding for the Hermidale Railway to accommodate trains up to 1,200 metre long as announced by the Government in 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government provided \$2,517,323 for the Hermidale Multi-User Siding under its \$400 million Fixing Country Rail program. Funding under the Restart NSW Fixing Country Rail program goes to the network owner/operator/manager to deliver the rail projects. In this instance that was John Holland Rail. The siding has been open for use since November 2019.

- *3435 TRIAL COACH SERVICES FROM BROKEN HILL TO ADELAIDE AND MILDURA—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will the Government consider extending the trial period for the coach service from Broken Hill to Adelaide and Broken Hill to Mildura, which was dependent on its financial sustainability and customer use, due to COVID-19?
- If so, what will be the timeframe for the extension?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW extended the Broken Hill to Mildura and Broken Hill to Adelaide trial coach services from 1 July for a further three months.

- *3436 SOCIAL HOUSING IN WILCANNIA—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Will the Government consider funding the installation of air conditioning in all social housing in the community of Wilcannia?

Answer—

Many social housing properties in Wilcannia currently have air conditioning. The Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) rolled out an air conditioning (AC) program to AHO owned homes in the hottest parts of NSW in 2017, which included Wilcannia. During this program, energy efficient air conditioners were installed in properties that did not have cooling.

A number of AHO homes in Wilcannia had existing Evaporative cooling systems which were left in place if they were in good working order.

Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) own 64 properties in the town. All the properties have cooling through Evaporative cooler units.

I am advised that Wilcannia LALC are currently looking to install air conditioning systems and solar PV on their homes and are currently seeking funding through the Regional Aboriginal Housing Leadership Assembly (RAHLA).

*3437 TRAVEL CARDS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Is funding available for people with disabilities to access for travel, similar to the senior travel card?
(a) If not, will the Government consider extending the seniors travel card program to people with disabilities?

Answer—

I am advised:

Those on a disability pension are encouraged to check if they are eligible for existing support programs including the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme and Community Transport. The Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme provides subsidised taxi travel to New South Wales residents who are unable to use public transport due to a severe or permanent disability. This subsidy covers half of the metered fare, up to a maximum of \$60 per trip. Together with the Commonwealth Government, funding is also provided to community transport operators under the Commonwealth Home Support Program and the Community Transport Program.

Transport for NSW is currently reviewing the programs which support travel for disability pensioners to ensure their effectiveness in regional New South Wales and to consider if there are ways to improve awareness of such programs. The Government will continue to work to improve access to transport services for those with a disability and their carers across regional New South Wales, including by boosting public transport services in regional areas.

The Regional Seniors Travel Card is being trialled for two years. There are no plans to amend the eligibility criteria at this stage.

*3438 WILCANNIA WEIR PROJECT EXPENDITURE—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What is the breakdown of the expenditure for the Wilcannia Weir project (as at 16 June 2020)?
(2) What is the remaining balance of the budget (as at 16 June 2020)?

Answer—

(1) Breakdown of actual costs to date is as follows:

Row Labels	Sum of Actual Costs to Date
Business Case preparation (DPIE-Water)	\$250,000.00
WaterNSW (WNSW) Project Delivery Costs	\$271,000.00
Stakeholder Engagement Services (WNSW)	\$174,450.00
Design, Environmental & Survey Services (WNSW)	\$271,767.00
Hydrometric Instrumentation and Land Lease (WNSW)	\$173,000.00
Grand Total	\$1,140,217.00

For the above funding the following has been completed to date:

- Extensive community consultation and engagement, leading to finalised location of new weir;
- School and community art project initiative, co-designed by community artists, local schools and elders to promote cultural connection to the river and weir.
- Educational activities developed for schools to enhance understanding on the weir and its function and cultural connection to the river,
- Development of skills training and employment package for the community developed in collaboration with key regional and local Aboriginal stakeholders;
- On site engineering studies; cross river survey, geotech's, etcetera;
- Hydrogeological Study (impact of new weir on bore hole supply);
- Commence environmental assessments;
- Progressed weir concept design;

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- Land agreements negotiated for construction access;
- Weir recreation area design commenced;
- New Gauging Station installed, commissioned, and operational;
- Environmental study submittals issued to state departments for assessment;

(2) The budget as per state and federal commitments has a combined funding budget of \$30 million of which approximately \$1.14 million as detailed above has been incurred. COVID-19 state and federal guidelines have meant that we need to halt site environmental investigations (and geotechnical investigations) to protect regional communities. This has resulted in a time delay, with no increase of project expenditure.

The remaining funding will be used to complete environmental assessments, design, construction, removal of existing weir, and community engagement activities such as skills training to provide local involvement on the project, arts project, and schools' involvement.

*3439 SOCIAL HOUSING IN FAR WEST NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

(1) What is the waiting time for social housing in the following areas:

- (a) Narrabri;
- (b) Boggabri;
- (c) Gwabegar;
- (d) Wee Waa;
- (e) Bourke;
- (f) Brewarrina;
- (g) Cobar;
- (h) Coonabarabran;
- (i) Coonamble;
- (j) Gilgandra;
- (k) Condobolin;
- (l) Walgett;
- (m) Warren;
- (n) Nyngan;
- (o) Baradine;
- (p) Binnaway;
- (q) Collarenebri;
- (r) Dunedoo;
- (s) Gulargambone;
- (t) Lightning Ridge;
- (u) Mendooran;
- (v) Tottenham;
- (w) Broken Hill;
- (x) Ivanhoe;
- (y) Lake Cargelligo;
- (z) Tibooburra;
- (aa) Menindee;
- (ab) Wilcannia?

Answer—

I am advised the expected wait time for social housing in these areas can be found on the Department of Communities and Justice website at the below link: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/expected-waiting-times>.

*3440 M5 EAST TOLL ROADS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Will the Government consider refunding the new tolls on the M5 East if the benchmarks to reduce commutes by 30 minutes, halving traffic and doubling travel speeds, are not met?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Liberals and Nationals Government delivered the M8 motorway after Labor failed to ensure sufficient capacity on the M5 East to accommodate future demand.

Prior to the opening of M8, the M5 East was identified as one of the most congested motorways in

Australia.

As motorists adjust to the new M8, it will improve the speed, reliability and safety of travel along the M5 corridor, including improving travel times on the M5 East.

Motorists can access free or half-price registration for a privately-registered vehicle as part of the Government's toll relief measures.

*3441 CASHBACK SCHEME FOR M5 TOLLS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Will the Government consider introducing a cashback scheme for the new toll on the M5 East tunnels?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the previous response, LA Q1762.

*3442 FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES IN ORAN PARK AND SURROUNDING AREA—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) Which New South Wales Fire and Rescue Metropolitan Zone do the suburbs of Oran Park, Catherine Field, Leppington and Gledswood Hills fall under?

(2) Which New South Wales Fire and Rescue stations service the suburbs of Oran Park, Catherine Field, Leppington and Gledswood Hills?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Metropolitan South 3

(2) While Narellan and Camden fire stations are located in the vicinity of these suburbs, Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) provides emergency service delivery to the community through a network of crews and firefighting appliances across New South Wales. FRNSW operates under a risk-based framework which responds to and monitors fire trucks using an automatic vehicle location system. This ensures its resources, including fire trucks and crews, are dispatched to emergency incidents in the most effective and efficient way. FRNSW crews are also complemented by NSW Rural Fire Service resources in the area.

*3443 A085-18 CROWN CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Which body is responsible for enforcing the conditions of consent for A085-18 Crown Cemetery Development Varroville that was approved by the Independent Planning Commission on 15 July 2019?

Answer—

I am advised that Campbelltown City Council is the authority responsible for enforcing the conditions of consent for the Varroville Cemetery development consent.

*3444 RESPONSES FROM ST ANDREWS FIRE STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) How many incidents did New South Wales Fire and Rescue respond to between 1 January 2020 and 12 June 2020 in the following suburbs:

(a) Oran Park;

(b) Catherine Field;

(c) Gledswood Hills;

(d) Leppington?

(2) How many of these incidents were attended by crews from St Andrews Fire Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) 17.

(b) Nine.

(c) Eight.

(d) 13.

(2) Three. Two in Leppington, one in Gledswood Hills.

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*3445 CORRESPONDENCE POLICY—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Does your office have a correspondence policy relating to responses to correspondence from Members of Parliament?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) Is the policy publicly available and where can it be accessed?
 - (i) If the policy is available online, what is the exact website address?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Yes.

(a) and (i) No.

*3446 CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE ON CROWN LAND—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What portion of rental payments received by the Department of Industry, or their delegated trustees, under Crown Land leases is to be spent on capital improvement works for that same parcel of Crown Land?
- (2) What mandatory requirements to ensure accountability, reporting of funds received, and capital expenditure is required by delegated trustees to the Department of Industry?

Answer—

(1) Generally, rent received from Crown Land leases is remitted to Treasury as Consolidated Revenue. Rental revenue is also directed to the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund and granted to Crown Land Managers to maintain and improve the condition of the Crown Land which they manage.

Appointed Crown land managers are also required to apply proceeds from the use of reserved and dedicated Crown land as prescribed under the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

(2) Administration and accountability of Crown land by appointed Council Crown land managers is in accordance with the public land provisions of the Local Government Act 1993. NSW Audit Office is responsible for ensuring the annual auditing of local council operations, including their administration of Crown land.

The Crown Land Management Act 2016 requires non-council Crown land managers to report annually to the Minister on their operations. The annual report must contain the information as prescribed by the regulations.

*3447 GIRLS DORMITORIES AT YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Are conditions, as witnessed in your visit in March 2020, at Yanco Agricultural High School's girls dormitories considered to be unsafe, cramped, and dangerous?
 - (a) If so, will the Government consider providing funds to allow for the building of new girls dormitories to improve upon the current facilities?

Answer—

(1) The Department of Education works closely with the school to ensure the school's facilities and dormitories are properly maintained. Any matters raised regarding cleanliness, safety and general condition of school facilities are promptly addressed by the Department with student safety being the first priority.

(a) Any future major capital works at Yanco Agricultural High School will be considered in the context of education infrastructure needs across the State and prioritised accordingly. In the meantime, the Department will continue to work closely with the school and perform regular maintenance.

*3448 GRIFFITH RADIATION THERAPY CENTRE—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Will the Government consider submitting a tender to operate the Commonwealth Government-funded radiation therapy centre in Griffith?

- (2) What planning and preparation has the Government performed to recruit the workforce required for the Griffith radiation therapy centre?

Answer—

The Commonwealth Government has committed funding for a number of new radiotherapy centres across Australia. I am advised NSW Health is awaiting advice regarding the Commonwealth's proposed process and available funding.

- *3449 NURSE PRACTITIONER TRAINING—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What is the current program for the training of nurse practitioners in the Hunter New England, Western, and Far West Local Health Districts?
- (2) What are the resourcing requirements for the placement of nurse practitioners in rural areas?
- (3) If nurses complete this training, are hospitals they are stationed at less likely to gain access to a doctor?

Answer—

The training of nurse practitioners is regulated by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

Local health districts and specialty networks, guided by NSW Health policy, determine the placement of nurse practitioner models of care to align with their strategic planning and service needs. Nurse practitioners enhance the medical workforce and complement its skill base but do not substitute for or replace doctors.

- *3450 BUSINESS CLOSURES IN BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many businesses within the Bankstown electorate closed permanently between:
 - (a) 1 October 2019 and 31 December 2019;
 - (b) 1 January 2020 and 31 March 2020;
 - (c) 1 April 2020 and 15 June 2020?

Answer—

The most recent issue of 8165.0 Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits, published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), covers June 2015 to June 2019, so there is currently no available data to estimate the number of permanently closed businesses within the Bankstown electorate from 1 October 2019 onwards.

The ABS states that the next issue of 8165.0 Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits which will cover June 2016 to June 2020 is expected for release on 10 December 2020.

- *3451 GIPA APPLICATIONS SYDENHAM-BANKSTOWN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many applications have been made under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA) with respect to the planned conversion of the Sydenham-Bankstown Line from heavy rail to metro, being the southwest part of the Sydney Metro City and Southwest project in:
 - (a) The last 12 months (as at 15 June 2020)?
 - (b) The last 36 months (as at 15 June 2020)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding applications made under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 are published annually by each New South Wales government agency as part of their respective Annual Reports, a copy of which will be tabled in the Parliament at the required time.

- *3452 OUTCOMES OF GIPA REQUESTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA) applications lodged over the last 36 months (as at 15 June 2020) concerning the planned conversion of the Sydenham-Bankstown Line from heavy rail to metro (southwest part of the Sydney Metro City and Southwest project) were decided by:
 - (a) Providing access to the information or deciding that the information was already available to the applicant;
 - (b) A refusal to provide access, or a refusal to confirm or deny whether that information is held due

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- to an overriding public interest against disclosure;
(c) A refusal to interact with the application under section 60 of the GIPA?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding applications made under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 are published annually by each New South Wales government agency as part of their respective Annual Reports, a copy of which will be tabled in the Parliament at the required time.

*3453 TEMPORARY HOTEL ACCOMMODATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many people have been placed in temporary hotel accommodation within the Bankstown electorate to ensure they stay safe and well during the COVID-19 pandemic (as at 15 June 2020)?
(a) What is the timeframe for temporary hotel accommodation provided as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?
(b) What additional resources will the Government allocate towards permanent support for people in temporary hotel accommodation within the Bankstown electorate?

Answer—

NSW Health does not provide services or collect information on the basis of electorate.

*3454 DIGITAL HEARINGS FOR INDEPENDENT PLANNING COMMISSION—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Will the Government consider repealing the decision to hold digital public hearings as part of the Independent Planning Commission's assessment of the Narrabri Gas Project considering the easing of COVID-19 restrictions?

Answer—

I am advised:

All planning bodies, including the Independent Planning Commission (Commission), must comply with applicable regulations and health orders during the prescribed period for the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 30 April 2020, the Government introduced the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (COVID-19 Planning Bodies) Regulation 2020 (Planning Bodies Regulation) to provide all planning bodies with the flexibility to conduct public hearings and public meetings by means of an audio or audio-visual link during the COVID-19 pandemic so that the planning system can continue to function and comply with all public health orders and regulations.

The current arrangements for the Narrabri Gas Project allow access to the hearing via video conferencing and telephone, and a studio will be established in Narrabri for local residents to participate in the hearing should they wish to do so. The use of the studio will be subject to the current advice from NSW Health and the NSW Police.

The hearing will be streamed live so that anyone, regardless of where they live, can view the entire proceedings. The Commission will also accept written submissions from the community as part of the public hearing process.

These arrangements ensure an appropriate balance between maintaining an open and transparent process and protecting the health of the community.

The Commission is responsible for how it undertakes public hearings and public meetings.

*3455 ACCESS TO M1 FROM DAPTO—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will the Government ensure that the residents of Dapto and West Dapto have access to the M1 motorway by building off ramps from Kanahooka Road and Emerson road?
(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is investigating the performance of the M1 Motorway between Figtree and Dapto. This work will take into account expected growth in the area as well as the current operation of the road. Transport for NSW will consider the needs of the residents of Dapto, including access to the motorway, as it works to ensure the best travel experience for all motorists.

*3456 FUTURE TRANSPORT 2056—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has point 22 "Sydney-Wollongong faster rail improvements" of the Future Transport 2056 "Regional New South Wales Initiatives for Investigation (0-10yrs)" begun?
 - (a) If so, what stage is it up to?
- (2) What improvements have been completed and when are future improvements scheduled for point 27 "Picton Road/Appin Road Improvements" of the same document?
- (3) When are announcements expected about the "Wollongong Rapid Bus Package" as listed in point 23?
- (4) When are announcements expected about the "Bus Headstart for Wollongong" as listed in point 25?
- (5) When are announcements expected about the "Bus priority measures on Appin Road" as listed in point 26?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes. This information is publicly available.
- (2) The Commonwealth Government and the Government have funded over \$60 million in safety improvements on Picton Road since 2010, with crashes falling by almost 25 per cent and head on crashes falling by almost 80 per cent in recent years.
Improvements have included the installation of median safety barriers, interchange upgrades, and installation of acceleration lanes to improve safety for heavy vehicles exiting the rest areas on Picton Road.
Safety improvements along a 1.7 kilometre section of Picton Road at Cordeaux began in May 2020, as part of a \$6.9 million package of safety improvements over the next two years, funded under the Safer Roads Program.
The improvements will include widening the road to install a median barrier, installing sections of roadside barrier, providing a wider road shoulder and installing vehicle activated signs.
Investigations into the full upgrade of Picton Road continue, and are considering the Picton Road corridor between the Wilton Growth Area to the M1 Princes Motorway. Transport for NSW will assess all suitable options as part of these investigations.
Early safety work on Appin Road was completed in August 2018. Work included installing audio tactile line marking treatments or 'rumble strips' on road sections, removing tree stumps to improve roadside clear zones; and installing additional signage and guideposts.
The next stage of work will include a number of targeted safety improvements to about five kilometres of Appin Road between Mount Gilead and Brian Road, to improve safety for residents, motorists, and freight operators, as well as create further traffic efficiencies.
- (3) to (5) The Regional NSW Services and Infrastructure Plan identifies Wollongong rapid bus package, Wollongong bus headstart and bus priority measures on Appin Road as initiatives for investigation in the 0–10 year time period.

*3457 TRADITIONAL OWNER NATIVE STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier—

- (1) What assessment has the Government undertaken into the economic and employment opportunities for traditional owners in native state forest management?
- (2) What consultation has occurred with traditional owners about management of native state forests?
- (3) What consideration has the Government given to expanding traditional owner management of native state forests for:
 - (a) Carbon storage;
 - (b) Eco tourism;
 - (c) Cultural tourism;
 - (d) Land management;
 - (e) Fire management;
 - (f) Bushfire recovery?
- (4) Which native state forests are under consideration for the transfer of management to traditional owners?

Answer—

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Questions in relation to this matter should be referred to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing.

*3458 TRANSCATHETER AORTIC VALVE IMPLANTATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of evidence comparing Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) with surgery in treating Aortic Stenosis?
- (2) What is the Government policy about funding for TAVI versus surgery?
- (3) Are there plans to reduce TAVI sites and procedures in public hospitals?
- (4) What is the Government's plan for treatment of Aortic Stenosis?

Answer—

New South Wales provides a range of evidence-based, world-class specialised services for people with heart conditions. Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) meets criteria for supra local health district services under the New Technology and Specialised Service Framework guideline. Prescribed processes apply to ensure safe and quality services.

*3459 GREYHOUND RACING INDUSTRY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) How many dogs have been euthanised on greyhound racing tracks in New South Wales so far this year (as at 16 June 2020)?
 - (a) What conditions did the dogs have that led to the decision to euthanise them?
- (2) How many dogs were euthanised on greyhound racing tracks in New South Wales in 2019?
- (3) How many retired greyhounds in New South Wales were rehomed in 2019?
 - (a) What proportion of all greyhounds that retired last year does this figure represent?
- (4) What happened to any retired greyhounds that were not rehomed?
- (5) How many greyhounds were bred in New South Wales by the racing industry in 2019 that never raced?
 - (a) Of these, how many were rehomed?
 - (b) What happened to those that were not rehomed?
- (6) What oversight has occurred of greyhounds rehomed by the industry to ensure these dogs went to real persons with a real address and an intended real home as a pet?
- (7) When is the Compliance Animals Register expected to be operating?
 - (a) How will it improve oversight of the rehoming of greyhounds from the racing industry?
 - (b) Will all greyhounds bred in the racing industry be registered under the Compliance Animals Register?
 - (i) If not, which greyhounds will be excluded?

Answer—

(1) to (4)

- The Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission (Commission) publishes Greyhound Retirement and End of Life reports on a quarterly basis.
- These reports are available on the Commission website and include data on the retirements, euthanasia and deaths of greyhounds registered with the Commission, including euthanasia at racetracks.
- Currently published reports cover the period from 1 July 2019 to 31 March 2020.

(5) I am advised by the Commission:

- The Greyhound Racing Rules state that the minimum age to nominate for a race is 16 months
- As at 16 June 2020, of the 500 pups born in New South Wales in 2019 that were old enough to race but had never raced, two were retired and rehomed, 15 were notified to the Commission as deceased and the remainder were in the care of greyhound racing industry participants and are expected to be prepared for racing.

(6) I am advised by the Commission:

- When it receives notice that a greyhound has been retired and rehomed to a person outside of the industry:
 - the new owner is contacted to confirm that the greyhound is in their care and to confirm all personal details, including residential address, are correct
 - these details are entered on the Companion Animals Register (now known as the NSW Pet Registry), and the new owner is advised of the need to complete their registration with local councils through Service NSW or their council

- the NSW Pet Registry requires the physical address at which the animal will be usually be kept and draws on the NSW Land and Property Information Register to verify that the address exists
- the Commission undertakes checks of any rehoming events where there are concerns that the greyhound may not have been rehomed to a real person in a real home.

(7) I am advised by the Commission:

- Greyhounds retired to persons outside the industry have been entered onto the Companion Animals Register since 1 June 2020.
- (a) The Companion Animals Register is accessible to authorised staff of organisations including local councils, the NSW RSPCA, the Animal Welfare League, veterinary practices, and the Commission.
- (b) Once greyhounds are registered on the Companion Animals Register, inspectors from local councils, the NSW RSPCA and the Animal Welfare League can monitor and safeguard their welfare.
- (c) All greyhounds that are retired and rehomed to a person who is not registered as a greyhound racing industry participant are entered onto the Companion Animals Register.
- (i) Greyhounds that are retired to a person who is registered as a greyhound racing industry participant remain registered by the Commission.

*3460 DISCRIMINATION AND VILIFICATION REPORTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Are there increasing reports of discrimination and vilification in New South Wales?
- (2) What are the trends in discrimination and vilification reports to the Anti-Discrimination Board over the past 10 years?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made about the need for reform to address matters reported to the Board on grounds not covered under New South Wales legislation?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made about the need to strengthen responses against discrimination and vilification through:
 - (a) Law reform;
 - (b) Policy changes;
 - (c) Service delivery programs;
 - (d) Community education;
 - (e) Support for community initiatives?
- (5) What further plans does the Government have to address community concerns about discrimination and vilification?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The number of enquiries received by Anti-Discrimination NSW (ADNSW) has fallen over the last 10 years while the number of complaints about discrimination and vilification has remained fairly constant. Information on enquiries and complaints regarding discrimination and vilification received by ADNSW is available in its annual reports at: https://www.antidiscrimination.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/adb1_publications/adb1_pub_annualreports/adb1_pub_annualreports.aspx.
- (3) The Government monitors the operation of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 on an ongoing basis.
- (4) (a) and (b) In June 2018, the Parliament of New South Wales amended the Crimes Act 1900 to introduce section 93Z to prohibit publicly threatening or inciting violence on grounds including sexual orientation, gender identity and intersex status.
- (c) The NSW Police Force has a dedicated Engagement and Hate Crime Unit which oversees, and works with all Police Area Commands and Police Districts, to investigate hate motivated incidents.
- (d) In May 2020, the Government launched the Stop Public Threats campaign to target hate and xenophobia, including online abuse in the community. The campaign will help the community understand their legal rights and ensure that threats of violence are reported to police for investigation.
- (e) ADNSW also provides community education and is involved in a range of community engagement initiatives. Information on ADNSW's community engagement is available at: https://www.antidiscrimination.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/adb1_publications/adb1_pub_annualreports/adb1_pub_annualreports.aspx and https://www.antidiscrimination.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/adb1_community/adb1_community.aspx

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Multicultural NSW is also running a Remove Hate from the Debate campaign aimed at effecting cultural changes that would reduce hate speech, particularly on the internet.

(f) Multicultural NSW is delivering the NSW COMPACT program, a community grants program which aims to promote social cohesion and community harmony.

The NSW Community Resilience and Response Plan, led by Multicultural NSW, aims to maintain and promote community harmony, build community resilience, and better equip New South Wales to prevent, limit, withstand, respond to, and recover from situations that threaten community harmony such as far right extremism, and anti-Islamic and anti-Semitic sentiments.

*3461 PALLIATIVE CARE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the May 2002 report 'Investing to Save: The economics of increased investment in palliative care in Australia', produced by Palliative Care Australia and KPMG?
- (2) How does New South Wales compare with the national data identified in this report?
- (3) How does the Government track the incidence of non-beneficial care in end-of-life hospital admissions?
- (4) How does the Government measure the impact of palliative care on hospital costs?
- (5) What advocacy has the Government carried out with the Commonwealth Government to:
 - (a) Increase specialist palliative care in residential aged care;
 - (b) Identify palliative care explicitly in aged care quality standards;
 - (c) Develop a palliative care minimum data set;
 - (d) Agree a permanent national partnership agreement?
- (6) How does the Government promote advance care planning and educate the community about this approach beyond website material?
- (7) What further action does the Government plan to expand palliative care services in hospitals, community-based and home settings?

Answer—

(1) to (5) and (7) Many of the recommendations of the Palliative Care Australia (PCA) report align with Government policy and priorities supported by enhancement funding to improve access and choices in palliative care in New South Wales.

Since 2017, the Government's funding enhancements have supported additional medical specialists in regional and rural local health districts, an additional 130 palliative care nurses in New South Wales, 18 Aboriginal Health Workers and 18 allied health professionals for palliative care. Workforce enhancements aim to improve choice and access to palliative care, including care at home as recommended by PCA.

The report includes a range of national and state data relating to care across sectors. I am advised the New South Wales Ministry of Health is participating in national work led by the Australian Institute for Health and Welfare (AIHW) to develop the approach to national data collection on palliative care and end-of-life care.

In June 2020, the Government secured \$10 million matched funding over five years from the Commonwealth under the Comprehensive Palliative in Aged Care project agreement to support aged care residents to receive specialist palliative care in their place. New South Wales will also contribute \$10 million of state palliative care enhancement funding towards three objectives.

NSW Health support the effective provision of general and specialist palliative care service to residents of residential aged care facilities. The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety is inquiring into the care and services provided in aged care settings, and the Government looks forward to the publication of their final report.

For additional information on this matter, please refer to the response to LAQ 2013.

(6) I refer the Member to response to LA Q2013.

*3462 INDIGENOUS WOMEN IN NEW SOUTH WALES CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Has the Attorney General met with representatives from Keeping Women Out of Prison Coalition (KWOOP) to discuss the findings of their recent report showing that between March 2013 and June 2019 the number of women in New South Wales prisons has risen by 33 per cent to 946, and a third of women in New South Wales prisons are Indigenous?

- (2) What is the Government doing to reduce:
- The number of Indigenous women in New South Wales correction facilities held on remand;
 - The period Indigenous women wait for bail, currently an average of 34 to 58 days;
 - Recidivism by Indigenous women who have been incarcerated?
- (3) How is the Government working to support Indigenous women with children within the criminal justice system?
- (4) How is the Government working to assist Indigenous women who become homeless after being released from correctional facilities?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General was scheduled to attend and speak on my behalf at the launch of the Keeping Women out of Prison Coalition (KWOOP): A Profile of Women in Prison report. This event was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I have previously met with representatives from KWOOP.

(2) (a) and (b) The Government is committed to reducing the overrepresentation of Aboriginal people in the New South Wales criminal justice system and is working to ensure justice agencies and the criminal justice system as a whole responds to Aboriginal overrepresentation in a holistic way. The 'Reducing Aboriginal Overrepresentation in the Criminal Justice System 2018-2020' plan can be found at: <https://www.justice.nsw.gov.au/Documents/reducing-aboriginal-overrepresentation-2018-2020.pdf>.

When making a bail decision, the Bail Act 2013 requires the Court to consider any special vulnerability or needs the person has, including because of their Aboriginality.

(c) Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) provides a range of programs aimed at reducing recidivism by Aboriginal people in custody, including Aboriginal women. These programs include:

- Gundanha Program;
- Aboriginal Women's Employment and Training Hub;
- Caring and Working – Aboriginal Mothers Work Readiness Program;
- Time to Work;
- High Intensity Program Units to address the criminogenic needs of inmates with shorter sentences; and
- EQUIPS Program.

(3) CSNSW provides support to Aboriginal women with children in custody through the provision of a range of programs, including the Caring and Working – Aboriginal Mothers Work Readiness Program; the CSNSW Mothers and Children's Program; and the Mothering at a Distance program.

In addition to ordinary visiting hours, correctional centres also have special child visit days to help enhance the mother/child relationship.

There is also scope for female inmates who are mothers to serve their sentence with their children in an appropriate environment under section 26 of the Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Act 1999.

In addition, the Government is implementing a range of initiatives to address the overrepresentation of Aboriginal people in the justice system, including increased opportunities for offenders to be supervised in the community and receive tailored interventions that are proven to reduce reoffending.

(4) The Government provides and funds a number of specialist homelessness services supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including Aboriginal women at risk of homelessness on leaving correctional facilities. These include:

- Getting Out Finding Home Service Support Fund service delivered by Guthrie House Co-Operative Ltd and
- Illawarra-Shoalhaven Aboriginal Homelessness Community Connections Service Specialist Homelessness Service delivered by Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation.

Further information can be found on the Department of Communities and Justice website at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/ways/services>.

*3463 DRUG OFFENCES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Considering the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research data shows that, between 2013 and 2017, 82.55 per cent of all Indigenous people found in possession of a non-indictable quantity of cannabis were pursued through the criminal justice system, compared to only 52.29 per cent of non-

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Indigenous people; that 11.41 per cent of Indigenous people found with small amounts of cannabis were issued cautions as opposed to 40.03 per cent of non-Indigenous people; and that 92.85 per cent of all Indigenous Australians who attend court for cannabis possession charges were found guilty, does the Attorney General agree that Indigenous people are disproportionately subjected to the criminal justice system in relation to minor drug offences, including the possession of cannabis?

- (2) What is the Government doing to increase the number of Indigenous people accessing drug diversion programs?
- (3) How is the Government increasing support for Indigenous people facing court for drug offences?
- (4) What is the Government doing to reduce recidivism of drug offences within Indigenous communities?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is committed to reducing the overrepresentation of Aboriginal people in the New South Wales criminal justice system and is working to ensure justice agencies and the criminal justice system as a whole responds to Aboriginal overrepresentation in a holistic way.

The Government implements a range of initiatives to support people, including Aboriginal people, to access drug diversion programs at different stages of the criminal justice system. Courts also have the ability to refer defendants to treatment for alcohol and other drugs before they are sentenced, as well as defer sentencing on the condition the defendant undertakes an intervention program or impose rehabilitation or treatment conditions in a community-based order.

The Government provides and funds a range of programs to reduce recidivism of drug offenders.

Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) provides the Remand Addiction Intervention program for remandees and the following for sentenced offenders:

- EQUIPS Program;
- High Intensity Program Units;
- Compulsory Drug Treatment Centre; and
- Intensive Drug and Alcohol Treatment Program.

Youth Justice NSW (YJNSW) also provides a range of supports and programs for children and young people in custody, including Changing Habits and Reaching Targets, X-Roads and Dthina Yuwali, a program for Aboriginal young offenders.

YJNSW also funds adolescent residential rehabilitation services in Dubbo and Coffs Harbour.

The data referred to in Question 1 does not show how many of those who did not receive cautions were eligible for them, and so it is not possible to identify if people were refused cautions as a result of police discretion. It is also not possible to identify how many of those who did not receive cautions were offered them and refused.

With specific regard to cannabis offences, as the Cannabis Cautioning Scheme is operated by the NSW Police Force, this question is a matter for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

*3464 INCARCERATED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

- (1) What is the total number of Indigenous people currently incarcerated in New South Wales correctional facilities?
- (2) How many Indigenous people currently incarcerated in New South Wales correctional facilities have been identified as being at increased risk of contracting COVID-19, including the following:
 - (a) A pregnant woman;
 - (b) A mother with a baby;
 - (c) A person with respiratory illness;
 - (d) A person with diabetes;
 - (e) A person with heart conditions;
 - (f) A person with a suppressed immune system;
 - (g) A person with renal failure;
 - (h) A person with disability;
 - (i) A person over 50 years of age?
- (3) What specific precautions have been taken by Corrections NSW to prevent incarcerated Indigenous people in New South Wales corrections facilities from contracting COVID-19?

(4) What specific precautions have been taken by Corrections NSW to prevent incarcerated Indigenous people in New South Wales corrections facilities from the higher risk categories listed in (2) from contracting COVID-19?

(5) How many incarcerated Indigenous people have been provided with a COVID-19 test since 1 January 2020 (as at 16 June 2020)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) As at 28 June 2020 there were a total of 3,352 Indigenous people in custody. Of these, 3,064 are male and 288 are female.

(2) Health and medical information on inmates is held by the Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network (Justice Health). The Member should direct the question to the Minister for Health and Medical Research.

(3) Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) has developed and implemented plans to manage operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The plans apply to correctional centres across the state and are updated to respond to changing circumstances and advice from health authorities and Government. In partnership with Justice Health, CSNSW took preemptive steps to minimise the key risks associated with COVID-19 transmission to staff, stakeholders and individuals managed under the orders of the court in custody and community. CSNSW uses subject matter experts both internal and external to the agency including guidance and directives from NSW Health and the Commonwealth. The following precautionary measures have been undertaken by CSNSW:

- Screening of inmates for symptoms with operational and individual clinical decisions informed by advice from Justice Health.
- Quarantining new inmates in a designated area in the correctional centre, separate from the general population for a period of 14 days. After 14 days they are assessed by Justice Health prior to being moved into the general population
- Reducing movements of staff and external visitors into correctional centres
- Temperature checking of persons entering correctional centres or community corrections offices
- Restricting inmate movements to essential movements only
- Suspending external leave programs for inmates
- Reducing movements to and from courts through the use of audio visual links
- Inmate health education and hygiene measures
- Developing protocols for managing those with exposure to COVID-19
- Suspending in person social visits to correctional centres
- Environmental cleaning of work locations
- Hygiene, hand washing and educational factsheets and posters placed around centres and provided to inmates
- Isolation hubs have been established to manage any COVID-19 positive inmates separately to the general inmate population
- A field hospital has been established at the Metropolitan Reception and Remand Centre to manage any positive COVID-19 inmate who becomes acutely unwell.

(4) CSNSW is working with Justice Health to ensure that the needs of those considered to be more at risk are considered. Justice Health has identified and monitors inmates at increased risk from infection, including those with a history of chronic illness and the aged.

(5) Health and medical information on inmates is held by Justice Health. The Member should direct the question to the Minister for Health and Medical Research.

*3465 SUPPORT FOR INDIGENOUS INCARCERATED PERSONS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

(1) What measures have been implemented specifically to connect Indigenous incarcerated persons with their families and communities since the advent of restrictions on visitations to limit the spread of COVID-19?

(2) What support and resources have been provided to Indigenous persons being released from corrections facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic to return to their families and communities?

(3) What measures have been implemented specifically to make the transfer of Indigenous incarcerated persons between correctional facilities safe during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Answer—

I am advised:

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(1) All inmates have been provided with three free telephone calls per week since 27 March 2020. Video visits through Audio Video Link and tablet computers have been used for visits with family and friends. During COVID-19 Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) has run an art competition for Indigenous inmates across the state dedicated to this year's NAIDOC theme: "Always was, always will be".

(2) Release planning with inmates is conducted by Community Corrections officers. This work is aimed at preparing the inmate for release and involves a Community Corrections officer communicating with the inmate's family, friends and community. Inmates being released are provided with a fact sheet which explains what COVID-19 is, changes that have occurred to laws, and changes within the community that have impacted on service providers.

The 'NEXUS: Planning Your Release' booklet is a guide to assist inmates plan for their release and includes information on the assistance CSNSW Services and Programs Officers can provide. The Time to Work Employment Service is a national in prison employment service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This program works with Aboriginal men and women in the last four months of their sentence. An external provider works with participants to develop a transition plan and link to an employment service provider prior to release.

(3) During the COVID-19 pandemic the transfer of inmates has been limited to essential movements only. Protocols on how COVID-19 positive inmates are transported have been developed. These protocols provide that the inmate does not mix with any other inmates during transport and minimise potential contact with other persons.

*3466 USE OF CHOKEHOLDS AND RESPIRATORY NECK RESTRAINTS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Are the NSW Police Force permitted to use chokeholds or respiratory neck restraints?
 - (a) If not, what regulations or protocols are in place to specifically prohibit the use of chokeholds or respiratory neck restraints by NSW Police?
- (2) On how many occasions have NSW Police officers been investigated for the improper use of chokeholds or respiratory neck restraints in each financial year from 2009-10 to 2019-20 (as at 16 June 2020)?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Police Force officers are not permitted or taught to use chokeholds or respiratory neck restraints. The power to use force generally is provided in sections 230 and 231 of the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002. The NSW Police Force is guided by the Australia New Zealand Police Advisory Agency Use of Force Principles. These principles are reflected in the Use of Force chapter of the NSW Police Force Handbook.

*3467 FUNDING TO ABORIGINAL LEGAL SERVICE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) What was the total amount of funding provided to the Aboriginal Legal Service by the Government in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2018-19?
- (2) What additional funding has been provided to the Aboriginal Legal Service to assist Indigenous Australians in response to COVID-19?

Answer—

I am advised:

Funding for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services across Australia is the responsibility of the Commonwealth Government. The Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT received majority of its funding from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2020 through the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department under the Indigenous Legal Assistance Program 2015-2020.

The Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS) also received State funding during this time to support particular projects, including the Youth Koori Court, the Early Appropriate Guilty Plea reforms, and the Driver Licence Disqualification reforms.

The Commonwealth Government is providing \$15.62 million to the New South Wales legal assistance sector under the Project Agreement for COVID-19 Legal Assistance Funding. This funding will increase frontline service delivery in response to increased demand as a result of COVID-19 and will support the sector to transition to remote and virtual service delivery through ICT improvements.

The funding includes \$13.26 million for frontline services, 40 per cent of which must be directed to domestic violence related services. The Government will direct over \$3.68 million of these funds to the ALS, to enhance its family law, child protection and criminal law services.

The Commonwealth Government is also providing COVID-related ICT funding to ALS outside of this agreement.

Furthermore, the Government is providing ALS with a one-off payment of over \$210,000 for the Greater Sydney Aboriginal Tenants Service and the Western Aboriginal Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service to respond to an increased demand for tenancy services.

*3468 CIVIL LIABILITY ACT MAURICE BLACKBURN LAWYERS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

What is your response to the submission by Maurice Blackburn Lawyers concerning the Civil Liability Act?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is committed to responding to the needs of survivors of child sexual abuse. I have instructed the Department of Communities and Justice to investigate the issue you have raised and provide me with more information and advice.

I have written directly to Maurice Blackburn Lawyers to communicate this response.

*3469 HOUSING NSW EMPOWERING HOMES PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) Are Housing NSW tenants able to apply for the installation of solar panels and batteries on Housing NSW property roofs through the Empowering Homes Program?

(a) If not, is Housing NSW considering the installation of solar panels for Housing NSW tenants?

Answer—

(1) Only households that own their own home are eligible to apply for the installation of solar panels and batteries through the Government's Empowering Homes Program.

(a) The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) has retrofitted solar panels to over 3,000 social housing dwellings in Regional New South Wales since 2017, with co-funding from the Government's Home Energy Action Program.

LAHC is prioritising the retrofitting of solar panels to social housing properties located in hot climatic areas of New South Wales to assist tenants reduce energy bills associated with the operation of air conditioners.

*3470 WALLSEND SCHOOLS SANITARY PRODUCTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Has the Department of Education increased the amount of money allocated to schools in the Wallsend electorate for the purchase of hand sanitiser, hand soap and toilet paper since 1 March 2020?

Answer—

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Education has implemented a centralised distribution process to support schools in procuring essential hygiene supplies. No schools have been charged for these additional supplies.

Prior to the pandemic, personal protective equipment (PPE) and hygiene products were purchased by schools through the Department's online catalogue and paid for from each school's budget.

Packs of PPE and hygiene products have been regularly distributed to schools free of charge. Schools are able to place orders for more stock at no cost, should they require additional products.

The Department will continue to work with schools to provide access to the hygiene supplies they need.

*3471 WALLSEND ELECTORATE BANK BRANCHES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer—

Considering reports from the Salvation Army show more people are facing financial pressures and are accessing payday loans because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and bank closures are forcing people in the Wallsend electorate to use predatory financial services, what work is being done to keep local bank branches open?

Answer—

Keeping local banks branches open isn't the Government's responsibility nor do we have the power to order private entities to change their operating environment. There's also no relevant data at the electorate level.

You may wish to direct this matter to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA), an independent authority that supervises banking, superannuation and insurance institutions with the aim of promoting stability in the Australian financial system.

*3472 GREEN STEEL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) What consideration has the Government given to supporting the steel industry's transition to green steel?

(2) Does the Minister support the manufacturing of green steel in the Hunter?

Answer—

(1) The Government's Net Zero Plan includes Emissions Intensity Reduction, Coal Innovation, Clean Technology, and Hydrogen programs and initiatives. These programs will support new and emerging technologies to enter the market and accelerate decarbonisation across New South Wales.

The Plan includes an initiative to work collaboratively with the construction industry to grow the market demand for sustainable building materials including green steel.

Further information about the Government's Net Zero Plan can be found at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/climate-change/net-zero-plan.

(2) Yes.

*3473 COUNTER TERRORISM TRAINING IN HUNTER VALLEY POLICE DISTRICT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) Is there any specialty training delivered on the topic and methods of counter terrorism to the police officers of the Hunter Valley Police District?

(a) If so, what training is provided?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since 2017, all police officers, including those in the Hunter Valley Police District are required to complete the following counter terrorism training:

- Hostile Vehicles
- Behavioural Indicators of Radicalisation
- Indicators of Radicalisation
- Policing High Risk Situations
- Active Armed Offender.

Additionally, in 2019 the NSW Police Force Terrorism Protections Unit conducted a Counter Terrorism Protective Security Workshop at Newcastle, as well as a ten day Terrorism Protective Security course. Both courses included representatives from the Hunter Valley Police District.

*3474 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EMERGENCY CALLS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) What was the total number of calls to the following police stations in the specific months related to domestic violence:

(a) Gosford Police Station:

- (i) March 2019;
- (ii) April 2019;
- (iii) March 2020;
- (iv) April 2020?

(b) Woy Woy Police Station:

- (i) March 2019;
- (ii) April 2019;
- (iii) March 2020;
- (iv) April 2020?

(2) What was the number of calls to Triple Zero related to domestic violence in the following postcodes

in the specified months:

- (a) 2250:
 - (i) March 2019;
 - (ii) April 2019;
 - (iii) March 2020;
 - (iv) April 2020?
- (b) 2256:
 - (i) March 2019;
 - (ii) April 2019;
 - (iii) March 2020;
 - (iv) April 2020?
- (c) 2257:
 - (i) March 2019;
 - (ii) April 2019;
 - (iii) March 2020;
 - (iv) April 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force is unable to accurately differentiate between calls that were made to a police station as opposed to Triple Zero (000). The following data represents calls regardless of where they were received:

(1) (a) Gosford Police Station

- (i) March 2019 - 195
- (ii) April 2019 - 151
- (iii) March 2020 - 209
- (iv) April 2020 - 202

(b) Woy Woy Police Station

- (i) March 2019 - 113
- (ii) April 2019 - 110
- (iii) March 2020 - 125
- (iv) April 2020 - 104

(2) (a) 2250

- (i) March 2019 - 169
- (ii) April 2019 - 137
- (iii) March 2020 - 199
- (iv) April 2020 - 176

(b) 2256

- (i) March 2019 - 43
- (ii) April 2019 - 49
- (iii) March 2020 - 55
- (iv) April 2020 - 36

(c) 2257

- (i) March 2019 - 69
- (ii) April 2019 - 56
- (iii) March 2020 - 68
- (iv) April 2020 - 67

*3475 FREE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION IN GRANVILLE ELECTORATE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Customer Service—

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How many people from the Granville electorate qualified for free motor vehicle registration in 2019 because they paid enough in tolls?

Answer—

There were 5,852 customers in postcodes 2142, 2145, 2150, 2160 and 2161 that qualified for free motor vehicle registration in 2019.

*3476 WILDLIFE TRADE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What native animals in New South Wales are subject to the global illegal wildlife trade?
- (2) What activities in New South Wales result in threats to those animals being trafficked?
- (3) What action is the Government taking to prevent wildlife trafficking of animals native to the state, including working with other states and territories and the Commonwealth Government?
- (4) What wildlife from other jurisdictions is illegally trafficked into New South Wales?
 - (a) What biosecurity risks does this present?
- (5) What role does New South Wales play in preventing the international illegal wildlife trade?

Answer—

The Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment is the appropriate regulatory agency for investigating and taking compliance and enforcement action against people who illegally trade wildlife internationally. The Government provides ongoing support to the Commonwealth Government as it undertakes operations and investigations.

In New South Wales, a licence issued by National Parks and Wildlife Service is needed to buy, sell or trade native animals on a personal or commercial basis within New South Wales. A separate licence is also needed to import all protected native animals into New South Wales or export them from the State.

Questions regarding biosecurity matters should be referred to the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales

*3477 NEW SOUTH WALES LAND CLEARING INCREASE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What consultation will the Government undertake with environment groups in establishing a response to the Natural Resources Commission review of private land clearing?
- (2) What risk factors has the Government identified with regard to unlawful and unexplained clearing?
- (3) How is the Government strengthening the native vegetation compliance framework?
- (4) What measures is the Government considering to better identify unlawful and unexplained clearing?
- (5) What measures is the Government considering to better enforce existing native vegetation controls?
- (6) What other measures is the Government considering to reduce the rate of unlawful and unexplained clearing?
- (7) Is the Government concerned about the impact lawful clearing is having on the state's biodiversity, particularly given cumulative impacts from the recent bushfires and logging operations?
- (8) When will the native vegetation regulatory maps be publicly released?

Answer—

(1) On 31 March 2020, the Government responded to the Natural Resources Commission's report on land management. The response is published at www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/land-management.

External stakeholders were not consulted on the Government's response.

(2) Lawful and unlawful clearing are influenced by many factors including legislative, social, environmental, climatic and economic factors.

(3) The Government continues to take a firm but fair approach to native vegetation compliance and continuously seeks opportunities to improve and strengthen the compliance framework. In August 2019, the Government announced the Policy for resolving investigations under the now repealed Native Vegetation Act 2003. The approach under the policy includes an increased emphasis on working with landholders to seek environmental outcomes in response to alleged unlawful clearing, where possible, and taking traditional enforcement action when an environmental outcome cannot be achieved or when a firmer regulatory response is required. Further, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is strengthening its satellite monitoring program to place a greater focus on early identification and response to unexplained clearing events.

(4), (5) and (6) The Government is strengthening satellite monitoring of native vegetation clearing. Improvements include the detection of non-woody vegetation clearing and earlier detection of woody vegetation clearing. Identifying clearing at an early stage will allow the Department of Planning, Industry

and Environment to limit environmental harm and the extent of unlawful clearing, help landholders understand their obligations, prevent those clearing unlawfully from committing more serious breaches of the law, and resolve compliance matters expeditiously.

(7) The NSW Biodiversity Indicator Program was established to assess the current status of biodiversity in New South Wales for future comparison and reporting. The program informs Government management actions to conserve biodiversity and threatened species.

The first Biodiversity Outlook Report, which represents a baseline assessment of biodiversity in NSW at the onset of the land management and biodiversity conservation reforms, was published on 21 May 2020. The NSW Fire and the Environment 2019-20 Summary was also published at this time, and provides a first assessment of the effects of the fires on New South Wales biodiversity and landscape values.

The three-year review of the land management and biodiversity conservation reforms will commence later this year to determine if the reforms are achieving balanced outcomes for the environment and agriculture.

The Government is also considering impacts to biodiversity and forestry following the 2019-20 bushfires.

(8) The Government is considering an approach for Category 1 - Exempt land and Category 2 - Regulated Land or 'Code-managed land', and will consult with landholders before release.

*3478 DISASTER ASSISTANCE TABULAM—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

When will construction begin for residents who have had rebuilds approved after losing their homes in the February 2019 fires at Tabulam in the Lismore electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

Resilience NSW is working closely with the five families to provide support. Three rebuilds are underway and work is continuing with the remaining landholders to progress their plans for rebuilds.

Two rebuilds are expected to be completed by the end of September 2020.

*3479 FARMING GRANTS SCHEME—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

(1) Will the Government provide funding to reintroduce a grant scheme for famers to apply for matching funds (dollar-for-dollar) for netting where evidence of flying foxes is found on properties?

(a) If not, why not?

(2) Are there other dollar-for-dollar grant programs available for farmers to access that can assist with netting costs?

Answer—

(1) A previous Flying Fox Netting Subsidy Program was funded from the NSW Environmental Trust and questions on flying fox netting should be directed to the Minister for Energy and the Environment.

(2) The Farm Innovation Fund, available through the NSW Rural Assistance Authority (RAA), provides funding for storm and exclusion netting.

*3480 DEER CONTROL PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) How much of the \$9 million committed to the deer control program will be provided to the Hunter region?

(2) What are the expected dates of commencement and conclusion?

Answer—

(1) The project is being undertaken in Kosciuszko National Park and surrounding private properties. It is not being undertaken in the Hunter region.

(2) The project commenced on 1 July 2019 and is scheduled for completion by 30 June 2027.

*3481 TAXIS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) How many taxis have received fines for being unregistered since 1 February 2020 (to 12 May 2020) across New South Wales?

(2) How much of an increase is this compared to the same period in 1 February 2019 (to 12 May 2019)?

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- (3) How many taxis have received a fine for lack of registration since 1 February 2020 (to 12 May 2020) in:
- (a) Bankstown;
 - (b) Belmore;
 - (c) Beverly Hills;
 - (d) Chullora;
 - (e) Greenacre;
 - (f) Lakemba;
 - (g) Mount Lewis;
 - (h) Narwee;
 - (i) Punchbowl;
 - (j) Riverwood;
 - (k) Roselands;
 - (l) Wiley Park?
- (4) How much revenue has been raised from the taxi industry as a result of these fines since 1 February 2020 (to 12 May 2020)?
- (5) How much of this revenue has been returned to the taxi industry in the form of support by the Government for drivers currently unable to work?

Answer—

- (1) Three.
- (2) This is a decrease of one (Four penalties were issued 1 February 2019 to 12 May 2019).
- (3) Zero for all listed suburbs.
- (4) \$0. To date, no payments have been made against the three penalties.
- (5) Any money received from these fines will be paid into consolidated revenue.

On 22 May 2020 the Government announced a \$12.6 million support package for the taxi industry to provide operators with some relief during the COVID-19 shutdown to help taxis remain on the road.

This includes \$2.52 million in financial assistance to Wheelchair Accessible Taxi (WAT) vehicle owners to ensure they can continue to provide services to the most vulnerable members of our community and \$7.54 million for the owners of other taxis registered as at 1 May 2020 (or if they had de-registered after 1 May 2020 re-registered by 30 June).

Eligible WATs and other taxis can access \$2,900 per vehicle reflecting a six-month subsidy of CTP insurance, registration fees and other on-road costs.

The \$2900 subsidy will support around 3,500 taxis to continue to operate across New South Wales.

The support package also has set aside \$1.55 million to cover up to six months of the taxis licence fees to holders of annual renewable taxis licences issued by the Government, providing around \$7,000 assistance to these licence holders.

\$968,000 has been set aside to provide a waiver of the first \$500 payable of the 2018-19 authorisation fees for all authorised service providers, which represents a full annual fee waiver for over 1,800 smaller service providers.

*3482 GOVERNMENT REBATES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Between 12 March 2019 and 12 May 2020, how many people in New South Wales applied for assistance under the:
 - (a) Private Rental Subsidy;
 - (b) Rent Choice Subsidy?

Answer—

The Government has taken action to prevent homelessness and protect people experiencing homelessness during COVID-19.

I am advised that more than 1,200 people who were sleeping rough in New South Wales were helped into temporary accommodation through the rapid expansion of assertive outreach to prevent the spread of COVID-19. More than 500 new households across New South Wales started to receive private rental subsidies through products like Start Safely and Rent Choice Youth.

The Government has invested more than \$70 million to support people who are homeless or at risk of

homelessness during the pandemic.

On 8 June 2020, the Government announced \$36 million in new funding for the Together Home project, which will deliver housing and wrap around support for hundreds of rough sleepers across the state.

I am advised the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) publishes information on the number of households assisted with private rental assistance products as part of their quarterly statistical report on Social Housing Delivery. This report is published yearly and can be found at www.dcj.gov.au.

*3483 FAMILY ENERGY REBATE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

Between 12 March 2019 and 12 May 2020, how many people in New South Wales applied for assistance under the Family Energy Rebate?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Between 12 March 2019 and 12 May 2020, the Government received a total of 113,779 applications for the Family Energy Rebate

*3484 GOVERNMENT REBATES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Between 12 March 2019 and 12 May 2020, how many people in New South Wales applied for assistance under the

- (a) Caravan and Camper Trailer Motor Vehicle Tax Reduction program;
- (b) Apprentice Registration Rebate?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) Customers automatically qualify for the program.

(b) 3,134.

*3485 DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE SUPPORTIVE MEASURES—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

How is the Government supporting at-risk mothers and their children to maintain distance learning if they have been displaced by family violence?

Answer—

A Department of Education representative attends the fortnightly NSW Police lead, interagency Safety Action Meetings (SAM). The focus of each SAM is to discuss at-risk family members, including students, who have been exposed to Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) as reported by the police.

The Department's representative ensures that schooling information is included and the necessary educational interventions are in place to support the student(s) and their family. Further outcomes of these meetings include facilitating additional service provision through consultation between the Department, other agencies and not for profit organisations.

There may be circumstances where students will meet the criteria for consideration of enrolment in distance education. The procedures related to distant education enrolment have provisions for students with extraordinary circumstances. Enrolments in this category will be supported by the Rural and Distance Education Specialist Program Coordinator who will liaise with the local director, local school services team and other relevant agencies to determine if an enrolment in this category should proceed.

*3486 VEHICLE FINES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Has all the revenue raised from fines related to a lack of vehicle registration, as stated in LA Q2948, in each year from 2012 to 2020 (to 12 May 2020), been allocated to improving roads in the areas listed below:

- (a) Bankstown;
- (b) Belmore;
- (c) Beverly Hills;
- (d) Chullora;
- (e) Greenacre;
- (f) Lakemba;

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- (g) Mount Lewis;
- (h) Narwee;
- (i) Punchbowl;
- (j) Riverwood;
- (k) Roselands;
- (l) Wiley Park?

Answer—

This is a matter for Revenue NSW.

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*3487 EXTENSION OF SCHOOL STAFFING ENTITLEMENT MAINTENANCE AND SCHOOL FUNDING ASSESSMENT EXEMPTION—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Considering the response to LA Q1907 about retaining teachers and non-teaching staff in drought-affected rural communities in the electorate of Orange, can the Minister confirm that the drought staffing entitlement maintenance will be maintained throughout the prevailing drought?
 - (a) Will consideration be given to extending the maintenance program beyond the extent of the drought to ensure the ongoing operation of schools?
 - (b) Will the economic implications of COVID-19 be considered in the extending of the staffing entitlement maintenance program and school funding assessment exemption?

Answer—

(1) (a) The Department of Education is continuously monitoring the changing drought conditions and its effect on schools. Drought staffing maintenance is re-assessed each year to reflect the changing drought conditions and to ensure drought affected schools receive appropriate drought staffing maintenance. The Department is again reviewing drought maintenance for drought affected schools and schools will be notified when the review is finalised.

(b) Drought staffing maintenance is specifically for drought affected schools. The COVID-19 pandemic is separate and has affected schools state wide including non-drought affected areas. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are assessed independently to ensure uniform administration across the State.

The Department has and will continue to review the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic across all schools to ensure staffing levels are appropriate and can maintain required services for students.

The Department notes that the COVID-19 pandemic is less likely to impact enrolments and therefore entitlements of the majority of schools as government schools offer free education. Certain school types such as Intensive English Centres, are however, more likely to be affected. These centres have a significant enrolment comprised of international migrants. With borders closed and significant travel restrictions, these schools may see reduced enrolments and reduced entitlement beyond their typical entitlement fluctuations.

In response to this the Department has already provided staffing entitlement maintenance for Intensive English Centres for the remainder of 2020, which will be reviewed prior to the end of the year.

*3488 HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What is the total number of students enrolled (as at 17 June 2020) at:
 - (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) What is the enrolment capacity (as at 17 June 2020) at:
- (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?
- (3) What plans are in place to provide more infrastructure to the schools listed in question (1)?
- (a) What is the timeframe for these plans to be implemented?

Answer—

- (1) What is the total number of students enrolled (as at 17 June 2020) at:

- (a) Arthur Philip High School - 1,114
- (b) Auburn Girls High School - 793
- (c) Granville Boys High School - 513
- (d) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School - 625
- (e) Greystanes High School - 1,042
- (f) Holroyd High School - 583
- (g) Macarthur Girls High School - 1,200
- (h) Merrylands High School - 896
- (i) Parramatta High School - 1,022

(2) Every eligible student who wishes to attend a New South Wales government school will be given a place at their local school. Accordingly, the Department of Education does not have fixed enrolment capacities at New South Wales government schools. Schools have the capacity to adapt to fluctuating enrolments though the use of a combination of temporary and permanent teaching spaces.

(3) 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, Industry and Environment and local councils.

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 and reviewing school catchment boundaries to improve utilisation across schools in a local area.

Where sustained enrolments are expected, the department looks to provide additional permanent facilities or new schools within the context of a range of competing capital projects. Of the schools identified in Question (1), Arthur Phillip High School was redeveloped and opened for students on Day 1 Term 1 2020. The demolition of the old school upgrades to playspace are anticipated to be completed in late 2020.

*3489 PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What is the total number of students enrolled (as at 17 June 2020) at:
- (a) Fowler Road School;
 - (b) Granville East Public School;
 - (c) Granville Public School;
 - (d) Granville South Public School;
 - (e) Guildford Public School;
 - (f) Hilltop Road Public School;
 - (g) Holroyd School;
 - (h) Merrylands East Public School;
 - (i) Merrylands Public School;

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- (j) Parramatta West Public School;
 - (k) Ringrose Public School;
 - (l) Sherwood Grange Public School;
 - (m) Wentworthville Public School;
 - (n) Westmead Public School?
- (2) What is the enrolment capacity (as at 17 June 2020) at:
- (a) Fowler Road School;
 - (b) Granville East Public School;
 - (c) Granville Public School;
 - (d) Granville South Public School;
 - (e) Guildford Public School;
 - (f) Hilltop Road Public School;
 - (g) Holroyd School;
 - (h) Merrylands East Public School;
 - (i) Merrylands Public School;
 - (j) Parramatta West Public School;
 - (k) Ringrose Public School;
 - (l) Sherwood Grange Public School;
 - (m) Wentworthville Public School;
 - (n) Westmead Public School?
- (3) What plans are in place to provide more infrastructure to the schools listed in question (1)?
- (a) What is the timeframe for these plans to be implemented?

Answer—

(1) What is the total number of students enrolled (as at 17 June 2020) at:

- (a) Fowler Road School 54
- (b) Granville East Public School 309
- (c) Granville Public School 599
- (d) Granville South Public School 353
- (e) Guildford Public School 596
- (f) Hilltop Road Public School 799
- (g) Holroyd School 181
- (h) Merrylands East Public School 382
- (i) Merrylands Public School 557
- (j) Parramatta West Public School 913
- (k) Ringrose Public School 420
- (l) Sherwood Grange Public School 300
- (m) Wentworthville Public School 721
- (n) Westmead Public School 1469

(2) Every eligible student who wishes to attend a New South Wales government school will be given a place at their local school. Accordingly, the Department of Education does not have fixed enrolment capacities at New South Wales government schools. Schools have the ability to adapt to fluctuating enrolments through the use of a combination of temporary and permanent teaching spaces.

(3) and (3) (a) The Department monitors population and development trends so that it can plan to meet enrolment needs in government schools across New South Wales. To do so the Department regularly consults with relevant departments and agencies such as the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and local councils.

The Department uses numerous strategies to manage fluctuating enrolment demands in the short to medium term including enforcing the school enrolment policy to restrict out of area enrolments and reviewing school catchment boundaries to improve utilisation across schools in a local area. Where sustained enrolments are expected, the Department looks to provide additional permanent facilities or new schools within the context of a range of competing capital projects.

Of the schools identified in Question (1):

- Major upgrades will provide 20 new permanent teaching spaces at Parramatta West Public School and 31 new permanent learning spaces at Wentworthville Public School. These projects are anticipated to be completed in mid-2021.
- A new primary school in Westmead will also be prioritised for planning to meet student and community needs.

*3490 CUMBERLAND COUNCIL PENALTY NOTICES AND FINES—Ms Julia Finn asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many penalty notices or fines were issued by Cumberland Council in each of the following months:
- (a) January 2020;
 - (b) February 2020;
 - (c) March 2020;
 - (d) April 2020;
 - (e) May 2020;
 - (f) June 2020 (as at 17 June 2020)?
- (2) What is the composition of the penalty notices and fines from question (1) by type of penalty?

Answer—

- (1) (a) 1,748
(b) 2,015
(c) 1,721
(d) 1,084
(e) 2,885
(f) 1,538

(2) According to the data provided by the issuing authority the composition by type of penalty is:

9,343 - Parking

1,470 - Council Free Car Parks

178 - General (including animal offences, development offences, littering and food offences)

*3491 NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL MEDIATION COVID-19—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) How many cases related to residential tenancies and COVID-19 have made it to mediation at the New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) (as at 17 June 2020)?
- (a) What was the average waiting time for mediation in each case from question (1)?

Answer—

The NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal does not provide mediation services.

*3492 POLICE NUMBERS GRANVILLE ELECTORATE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many police officers are employed and based in the Granville electorate (as at 17 June 2020)?
- (a) What is the distribution of these employees by role and location?

Answer—

Information on police officer numbers is available in the NSW Police Force annual report which can be accessed at www.police.nsw.gov.au. Police officer positions are not allocated by electorates.

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.

*3493 LEASE BREAK FEES COVID-19—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) How many lease break fees have been waived in New South Wales as a result of COVID-19 (as at 17

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June 2020)?

- (a) How many lease break fees have been requested to be waived in New South Wales as a result of COVID-19 (as at 17 June 2020)?

Answer—

NSW Fair Trading does not hold data on the number of break lease fees waived or requested to be waived during COVID-19.

Fair Trading's trained dispute resolution officers are providing assistance to landlords, managing agents and tenants to negotiate temporary changes in rental arrangements, if an agreement cannot be reached between parties.

- *3494 COVID-19 PENALTY NOTICES AND FINES GRANVILLE ELECTORATE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

How many COVID-19 penalty notices or fines have been issued in the Granville electorate (as at 17 June 2020)?

Answer—

As at 17 June 2020, there had been 35 penalty notices related to the COVID-19 public health orders issued for offences which occurred in a postcode in the Granville electorate.

- *3495 LAND TAX REDUCTIONS COVID-19—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) How property owners have requested land tax reductions due to COVID-19 (as at 17 June 2020)?
(a) How many of these are in metropolitan areas?
(b) How many of these are in non-metropolitan areas?
(c) What is the total value of these reductions (as at 17 June 2020)?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Finance and Small Business.

- *3496 NSW FAIR TRADING CALLS 2020—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) How many calls were made to NSW Fair Trading from 1 February 2020 to 17 June 2020?
(2) What was the average waiting time in:
(a) February 2020;
(b) March 2020;
(c) April 2020;
(d) June 2020 (as at 17 June 2020)?

Answer—

(1) Service NSW took over responsibility for answering NSW Fair Trading's tenancy queue line from 3 June 2020.

The number of calls made to NSW Fair Trading from 1 February 2020 to 17 June 2020 was 210,518. This includes 4,881 tenancy calls taken by Service NSW from 3 June 2020 to 17 June 2020.

(2) The average wait time for each month was:

February 2020 – 6 minutes 58 seconds

March 2020 – 6 minutes 19 seconds

April 2020 – 7 minutes 47 seconds

May 2020 – 7 minutes 56 seconds

June 2020 (to 17 June) – NSW Fair Trading – 6 minutes 41 seconds

June 2020 (to 17 June) – Tenancy calls taken by Service NSW – 7 minutes 37 seconds

- *3497 POWERHOUSE ULTIMO BUSINESS PLAN—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier—

- (1) When will the Government release the business plan for the Ultimo Powerhouse Museum site, which was due to be released in late 2019?
(2) What options will be considered for the future of this site?

Answer—

This question should now be directed to the Honourable Don Harwin MLC who has resumed his responsibility as the Special Minister of State and the Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts.

*3498 FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT ABORGINAL PERSONS—Mr David Harris asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Under the New South Wales Fisheries Management Act 1994, between 2009 and 2019, how many Aboriginal persons have been:
 - (a) Prosecuted;
 - (b) Served regulatory notices?

Answer—

Between 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2019, 73 Aboriginal persons have been prosecuted under the Fisheries Management Act 1994 and 652 Aboriginal persons have been issued regulatory notices.

*3499 ABORTION ACCESS IN NEW ENGLAND—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Are there any public facilities where abortions and other sexual health services can be provided in the Hunter New England Local Health District?
- (2) Why is it not possible to access abortions at any of the public hospitals in the Hunter New England Local Health District?
- (3) What steps is NSW Health taking to ensure that abortions are accessible within the public health system in rural and regional areas in New South Wales?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Access to abortion services is a whole of sector shared response by the public health system, private providers, primary care and accredited non-government organisations. I am advised the Hunter New England Local Health District provides pregnancy terminations for women with the most complex medical needs or advanced pregnancy. Sexual health services are also provided from three locations in Hunter New England Local Health District.

(3) I refer the Member to the response to LC Q1163.

NSW Health funding to Women's Health Centres and Family Planning NSW also supports access to comprehensive information and advice for all women on how to access a range of health services based on individual needs.

*3500 LOSS PREVENTION SEARCHES—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What information is available regarding "loss prevention" searches conducted by New South Wales Police?
- (2) What protocols or policies are in place that apply to "loss prevention" searches?
- (3) Are "loss prevention" searches conducted by Police Area Commands (PAC), or by a central police unit?
- (4) How many "loss prevention" search operations were conducted in shopping centres and retail precincts in the area covered by the Inner West PAC and the South Sydney PAC in the last three months (as at 17 June 2020)?
- (5) Who decides when to conduct a "loss prevention" search operation?
 - (a) Is the relevant shopping centre informed of this, or involved in the decision?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) does not conduct 'loss prevention' searches. Police conduct Steal from Retail operations which may result in the use of legislated search powers under the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002 (LEPRA). The power for police to conduct any search comes from LEPRA. The NSWPF Person Search Manual provides guidance to police on this legislation and is publicly available.

Inner West Police Area Command has conducted five Steal from Retail operations in the last three months. South Sydney Police Area Command did not conduct any during this period. These operations are determined by Police Area Command Crime Managers or Commanders, and are initiated based on

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intelligence, as a result of an increase in Steal from Retail offences within an area, or at the request of retailers. Central Metropolitan Region maintains close relationships with retailers and centre management, as well as larger retailers' Loss Prevention Officers. Both major retailers and centre management are involved and assist with the planning of Steal from Retail operations.

*3501 NEWCASTLE EDUCATION PRECINCT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Why is the business case for the Newcastle Education Precinct only being considered now considering it was originally announced in June 2018?
- (2) How long will it take the Government to consider the business case once it is submitted, considering the advice stating that it is due to be submitted in the third quarter of 2020?
 - (a) How long will it take the Government to make a decision on the business case?
 - (b) How long will it take the Government to approve the business case and commence work on the precinct?
- (3) What further plans, studies, reports or investigations need to be completed before the precinct can be considered in its entirety?
 - (a) What is the timeline for each of these?
- (4) What is earliest amount of funding that could be allocated to this project?
- (5) What is the expected total cost of the project?
- (6) How many stakeholders have been contacted (as at 16 June 2020)?
 - (a) Who has been consulted?
 - (b) When was the consultation undertaken?
- (7) Will the Government consider undertaking further consultation on design and joint use?
 - (a) If so, when?
- (8) What consultation on joint use has been undertaken (as at 16 June 2020)?
- (9) Is school enrolment in Newcastle expected to increase or decrease with the Newcastle Education project, considering the Minister's comments in 2019 noting that demand will increase through the delivery of this project, yet also considering the Minister's comments in April 2020 noting that primary student enrolments in Newcastle are anticipated to decrease slightly?
- (10) Does School Infrastructure NSW's student demand forecast indicate the precinct will be fit for current and future enrolments?
- (11) What will be the enrolment area and student capacity of the primary school in the Newcastle Education Precinct?
- (12) What will be the enrolment area and student capacity of the secondary school in the Newcastle Education Precinct?
- (13) When were services provided by external consultants for heritage services and architectural services as part of the \$116,468 invoiced as at 18 September 2019?
- (14) What is the Government's total expenditure on the Newcastle Education Precinct (as at 16 June 2020)?
- (15) Is construction of the Newcastle Education Precinct being considered as a post COVID-19 economic stimulus project?

Answer—

The Department of Education is in the planning phase of the Newcastle Education Precinct and is in the process of developing a business case. Preparation for the business case has involved extensive analysis to ensure the best outcome for the school and local community and is due for completion in Quarter 4, 2020.

The Department has undertaken a range of activities to inform the business case. This has included analysis of a number of joint use opportunities to provide expanded community facilities. The Department has engaged multiple stakeholders in the process to date including:

- Newcastle Council
- Local schools
- Newcastle Netball Association
- Friends of National Park
- Royal Lifesaving
- University of Newcastle, and;
- Hunter Sports Academy.

In regards to the question about budget estimates hearings, there is no discrepancy as the Newcastle

Local Government Area is a bigger area than what is considered inner Newcastle.

The business case will be finalised in the coming months with further anticipated expenditure in the 2020-21 financial year. To date, \$150,000 has been spent on the project, including external consultants for heritage services and architectural services during the 2018-19 and 2019-20 financial years.

The enrolment demand and student capacity of the schools will also be considered as part of the broader process.

Processing times for business cases are dependent on a number of robust checks and balances. Following completion, the business case will be considered by Government. At this stage an estimated timeframe for approvals cannot be provided. The funding allocation and timeline for works will be established following approval of the final business case.

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*3502 SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY HOUSING MAINTENANCE WORKS IN THE MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many social/community housing properties will have maintenance works carried out in the Maitland electorate as a result of bringing forward social housing maintenance under the \$2.3 billion COVID-19 rescue package (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (2) What is the total amount of funds allocated from the \$2.3 billion COVID-19 rescue package to the Maitland electorate?
- (3) How many new social housing properties will be purchased or built in the Maitland electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Government has allocated \$47 million to the NSW Land and Housing Corporation for accelerated maintenance and repairs to social housing assets across NSW, as part of the Health and Economic Stimulus Packages.

The Government's Health and Economic Stimulus packages have made funding available to the NSW Land and Housing Corporation for enhanced social housing asset cleaning. The program of enhanced cleaning to shared areas in social housing properties started in early April 2020, and is currently funded up to 30 September 2020.

(2) The activities are planned on a priority and ability-to-deliver basis, and projects are at various stages of commencement and completion. There were 164 work orders issued in the Maitland electorate as at 11 June 2020.

The Government's economic stimulus packages are aimed at keeping people in jobs, helping businesses and supporting our most vulnerable during the COVID-19 pandemic. Further information is available at www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/Covid-19Stimulus.

(3) As at June 2020 there are no plans to acquire or build new social housing properties in the Maitland electorate.

*3503 ASHTONFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What progress has been made on the proposed upgrade of the Ashtonfield Public School first announced in the 2018-19 NSW Budget (as at 18 June 2020)?
 - (a) As at 18 June 2020, what is the status of the:
 - (i) Planning stage;
 - (ii) Scope of works?
- (2) Has an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment and an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Plan been lodged with Maitland City Council for the project?
 - (a) If not, when will it be lodged?
- (3) What is the construction timetable for the:
 - (a) Commencement of building work;
 - (b) Forecast completion date?

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- (4) What is the final cost of the upgrade?
- (5) When was the cost of the upgrade determined (when were the final quotes received)?
- (6) When was the final cost of the upgrade approved by the Minister?

Answer—

(1) The Development Application has been submitted to Maitland City Council and assessment is almost complete. The construction tender was issued in late April 2020 and tenders closed in June 2020. Tenders are currently being evaluated and the contract is expected to be awarded in the coming months.

(2) The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment was lodged with Maitland City Council. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment approved the report and no further action is required.

(a) Construction is due to commence in late 2020.

(b) Completion of the new building and carpark is expected in late 2021 .

(4) to (6) A funding allocation was made as part of the 2018-19 NSW Budget. Upgrade costs are to remain commercial-in-confidence until the tender process is finalised .

*3504 ABORIGINAL FISHING TRUST FUND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Why does the Department of Primary Industries website for projects not show any projects having received any funding from the Aboriginal Fishing Trust Fund?
- (2) In the most recently completed funding round:
 - (a) How many projects were successful?
 - (i) Which projects were successful?
 - (ii) Where were they located?
 - (iii) How much funding was provided?
 - (b) How many low interest loans were granted?
 - (c) What is the total value of these loans?
- (3) When will the 2019-20 successful recipients be notified?
- (4) Will there be future funding rounds available?

Answer—

The Aboriginal Fishing Trust Fund (AFTF) provides grants and loans for the enhancement, maintenance and protection of Aboriginal cultural fishing as well as for Aboriginal communities to develop businesses associated with fisheries resources throughout New South Wales.

Details related to projects funded under the Aboriginal Fishing Trust are available online via <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/aboriginal-fishing/AFTF>.

Project information is not uploaded until all offers for funding have been resolved through the execution of funding deeds.

Applications for funding are currently being considered. This includes consideration by an Aboriginal Fishing Trust Expenditure Committee and Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council.

Future rounds for funding will be available under the AFTF.

*3505 EFFECT OF COVID-19 ON THE POULTRY INDUSTRY—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) How has COVID-19 impacted the poultry meat industry?
- (2) Are there any closures or reduction in hours of any processing plants or feed mills?
- (3) How are poultry farmers being impacted by shrinking consumer demand particularly from the loss of airline and restaurant contracts (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (4) How do major retailers ensure pricing reflects cost of production, considering that one major retailer was selling chicken breast meat for \$8 per kilogram recently?
 - (a) What is the Government doing to ensure that consumer pricing covers the price of production?
- (5) What long term effects will COVID-19 have on the poultry meat industry?
- (6) How will Department of Primary Industries work with the industry to ensure that it gets back to its pre-COVID-19 production as quickly as possible?
- (7) What is the estimated cost of the COVID-19 pandemic to the poultry meat industry?
- (8) How many poultry meat farmers have been impacted (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (9) How many poultry meat farmers have ceased production due to COVID-19 (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (10) How many poultry processing plants have been closed or had shifts reduced (as at 18 June 2020)??

(11) How many workers are estimated to have lost jobs in the poultry industry (as at 18 June 2020)??

Answer—

(1) Issues identified by industry include:

- Short term supply shocks as a result of freight logistics and reduced demand;
- The import of necessary pesticides and chemicals and the provision of personal protective equipment;
- The safe operation of processing facilities.

(2), (8), (9), (10) and (11) Information relating to any reduction in processing hours, plant closures or industry workforce and jobs is not held by the Government

(3) Farmers are impacted with the flow-through of lower restocking numbers, or modified terms under their contracts.

(4) Consumer pricing is determined by retailers.

(5) . Any long term effects are unknown at this stage.

(6) To understand impacts of COVID-19 on our Agricultural sectors, the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) activated 10 Industry Consultative Groups to both inform and take industry specific advice on matters related to COVID-19, including for Intensive and Extensive industries.

The Australian Chicken Meat Federation is an invitee and regular participant of this Working Group.

DPI has provided direct support to industry to understand and resolve challenges associated with maintaining COVID-19 safe workplaces, complying with Department of Health advice and requirements, supporting animal welfare and business continuity self-assessments and liaising with the Commonwealth Government about market access and seasonal and international worker requirements.

DPI also established a COVID-19 Concierge service and a Primary Industries Liaison Team to help primary producers navigate the challenges and impacts of COVID-19 on their business and industry. 7. The cost of the COVID-19 pandemic to the poultry meat industry is unknown at this stage.

*3506 APPOINTMENT OF AN AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

(1) Why has there been a delay appointing the Agriculture Commissioner?

(2) When will the Agriculture Commissioner be appointed?

(3) When will the appointment of the Agriculture Commissioner be announced?

(4) What is the remuneration of the role?

(5) How many equivalent full time staff will report to the Commissioner?

(6) Where will the Agriculture Commissioner be based?

(7) Will the Agriculture Commissioner be a statutory role?

Answer—

The Agriculture Commissioner will be announced in due course. The Commissioner will be supported by staff from across the Department of Primary Industries. The terms of the Commissioner's contract will be negotiated with the Commissioner.

As the NSW Agriculture Commissioner, the Agriculture Commissioner will be based in New South Wales.

*3507 CESSNOCK CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) How many staff were employed at Cessnock Correctional Complex as at 14 May 2020 by:

- (a) Justice Health;
- (b) Forensic Mental Health Network?

(2) What were the staffing numbers for each of the above employers at the complex as at:

- (a) 31 December 2016;
- (b) 31 December 2017;
- (c) 31 December 2018;
- (d) 31 December 2019?

Answer—

The Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network (the Network) is a Statutory Health Corporation established under the Health Service Act (New South Wales) 1997. The Network varies staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operation need at any point in time.

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*3508 COOLER CLASSROOMS PROGRAM CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Since the Cooler Classrooms program was announced as part of the NSW Budget 2018-19, how many schools in the Cessnock Electorate have had air conditioning installed (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (2) As at 18 June 2020, how many schools in the Cessnock Electorate are scheduled to have their air conditioning installed?
 - (a) Which schools?
 - (b) By when?
- (3) How many of the remaining schools are not yet scheduled to have air conditioning installed?
 - (a) When are these schools expected to be allocated a completion date?

Answer—

(1) Four schools:

- Abermain Public School
- Cessnock High School
- Edgeworth Public School
- West Wallsend High School

(2) Sixteen schools are scheduled to have their air conditioning installed by June 2023, including:

- Branxton Public School
- Broke Public School
- Cessnock East Public School
- Cessnock Public School
- Cessnock West Public School
- Greta Public School
- Kearsley Public School
- Kurri Kurri High School
- Kurri Kurri Public School
- Milbrodale Public School
- Mount View Public School
- Nulkaba Public School
- Pelaw Main Public School
- Stanford Merthyr Infants School
- Weston Public School
- Milfield Public School

(3) Two schools have applied under round two of the program and applications are still under consideration.

*3509 NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR INVESTIGATIVE CAPACITY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) With regard to the ability of Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) to investigate water related conduct within an Irrigation Corporation, does the NRAR have the ability to enter into an Irrigation Corporation to explore water conduct?
 - (a) If so, are there any limitations to this entry?
- (2) Does the NRAR have the ability to investigate and/or audit the water trading records of an Irrigation Corporation?
 - (a) If so, are there any limits to this ability?
- (3) Does the NRAR have any capacity to make recommendations to the Minister regarding the conduct or misconduct of Irrigation Corporations?
 - (a) If so, are there any limits to this capacity?
- (4) If the NRAR does not already have access to enter into the water activities of Irrigation Corporations, will the Minister introduce legislative changes to empower NRAR to do this work?

Answer—

(1) Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) staff that are authorised officers under the Water Management Act 2000 may enter any premises at any reasonable time. These powers may be exercised in

determining compliance with the Act, the regulations, a licence, approval or notice, to obtain information or records or for the general administration of the Act and to protect the environment.

(2) Dealings under the Water Management Act 2000 are administrated by WaterNSW in accordance with the Act.

Any suspicious water activities should be reported to the independent regulator NRAR. NRAR is a risk-based regulator that responds to alleged breaches of water law in New South Wales in accordance with their regulatory policy.

(3) Section 125 and 126 of the Water Management Act 2000, deal with sanctions against Irrigation Corporations.

(4) NRAR is a risk-based independent regulator that responds to alleged breaches of water law in New South Wales. NRAR has powers under the Water Management Act 2000.

*3510 STUDY NSW—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) What has been the annual budget for Study NSW for each financial year from 2010-11 to 2019-20?
- (2) On average, in a given year, what are the primary tasks, roles and outcomes of Study NSW?
- (3) On average, in a given year, what portions of that year's budget is allocated to each of the primary tasks, roles and outcomes of Study NSW?
- (4) How many full time equivalent (FTE's) employees were engaged by Study NSW in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2019-20?
- (5) Do all employees of Study NSW work within New South Wales?
 - (a) If not, please provide a list of each of these locations that are currently staffed by Study NSW?

Answer—

(1) Details of the NSW Budget are available in the NSW Budget Papers at www.budget.nsw.gov.au.

(2) to (4) Study NSW supplements other New South Wales government programs to improve the experience of international students, raise the profile of education, training and research strengths, and develop markets for international education. Based on interdependence and interconnectivity with complementary areas of the Government, accurate information on the funds directed to support specific functions and employee footprint is not available.

(5) All employees work within New South Wales.

*3511 AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL WATER BILLS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

What has been the average residential water bill issued by Sydney Water, as at the first quarter of each calendar year, for each year from 2001 to 2020?

Answer—

Appendix A shows the single house water service charges for residential water bills are shown in nominal dollars (dollars of the year) and real 2020-21 dollars.

*3512 RETURN AND EARN REVERSE VENDING MACHINES LOCATION NOTIFICATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Considering the location of Return and Earn Reverse Vending Machines located in the Cessnock electorate, are machines installed without a requirement to notify surrounding and affected neighbours?
- (2) Are affected neighbours given an opportunity to object to the installation of a machine?
- (3) Are neighbours advised of the operation hours prior to installation?
- (4) Is the location owner or TOMRA Cleanaway responsible for anti-social and/or noise complaints regarding the location of a machine?

Answer—

I am advised that:

TOMRA Cleanaway is responsible for setting up the Reverse Vending Machine (RVM) network in accordance with the State Environment Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008. TOMRA Cleanaway is also responsible for managing the RVM network, including issues related to noise and cleanliness. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment expects TOMRA Cleanaway to work with communities and neighbours to address impacts related to the use of RVMs.

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The Design Guide for Container Recycling Equipment and Facilities under the NSW Container Deposit Scheme outlines TOMRA Cleanaway's requirements for installing RVMs under the State Environment Planning Policy. It also sets out best practice criteria for RVM site selection and operational management to ensure RVMs do not impact on public health and safety, or the environment. The Guide is available at www.epa.nsw.gov.au/-/media/epa/corporate-site/resources/waste/container-deposit/design-guide-for-cds.pdf.

*3513 OPENING OF THE M8 MOTORWAY—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Premier—

- (1) Considering the M8 motorway will result in a \$6.95 one-way toll on the M5 East, will the Premier attend the opening ceremony for the M8 or delegate to the Deputy Premier or another Minister?
- (2) Is an opening ceremony for the M8 motorway planned?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) Considering the M5 East has been toll free, is the Premier concerned about the reaction from motorists to the new toll?

Answer—

I refer you to public statements about this matter including those made during my inspection of the new tunnels on 1 July 2020.

*3514 WALAMA COURT MODEL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Has the Government considered the fact that First Nations people represent approximately 25 per cent of the prison population, but only 2.8 per cent of the Australian population?
- (2) Has the Government considered the Walama Court model which seeks to divert First Nations people away from the criminal justice system and ensure a culturally appropriate legal system?
- (3) Does the Government support the introduction of the Walama Court in New South Wales?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Yes.

(3) The overrepresentation of Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system is a national tragedy. The Government is committed to reducing overrepresentation in the New South Wales criminal justice system and is working to ensure justice agencies and the criminal justice system as a whole respond to Aboriginal overrepresentation in a holistic way.

The Government is considering the Walama Court proposal as part of its response to the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice'. The proposal will be considered alongside other proposals that also aim to reduce Aboriginal overrepresentation.

*3515 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL CLEANERS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many full-time cleaners are currently employed at John Hunter Hospital (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (2) How many full-time cleaner positions are currently vacant at John Hunter Hospital (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (3) How many permanent part-time cleaners are currently employed at John Hunter Hospital (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (4) How many permanent part-time cleaner positions are currently vacant at John Hunter Hospital (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (5) How many casual cleaners are currently employed at John Hunter Hospital (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (6) How many casual cleaner positions are currently vacant at John Hunter Hospital (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (7) How many cleaners at John Hunter Hospital are obtained from labour hire sources (as at 18 June 2020)?

Answer—

Cleaning at John Hunter Hospital is managed by HealthShare NSW. I am advised most staff are full-time and there is a smaller number of permanent part-time cleaning staff. There is also a pool of casual staff.

Local health districts have mechanisms in place to identify vacancies and recruit positions in accordance with service delivery needs and models of care. Recruitment is undertaken regularly to ensure any vacancies are filled in a timely manner.

I am advised that no cleaning staff are employed from labour hire services.

*3516 OUTPATIENT CLINICS AT JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What is the longest period of time a patient has waited to see a doctor at each of the following John Hunter Hospital outpatient clinics?
 - (a) Colorectal;
 - (b) Dermatology;
 - (c) Ear Nose and Throat;
 - (d) Gastroenterology;
 - (e) General Surgery;
 - (f) Immunology;
 - (g) Infectious Diseases;
 - (h) Nephrology;
 - (i) Neurosurgery;
 - (j) Ophthalmology;
 - (k) Oral/Maxillofacial;
 - (l) Orthopaedics;
 - (m) Plastic Surgery;
 - (n) Respiratory;
 - (o) Rheumatology;
 - (p) Urology;
 - (q) Vascular?
- (2) If this information held on a website?
 - (a) If so, what is the specific web address?

Answer—

Waiting times for outpatient services at John Hunter Hospital are allocated according to a patient's clinical urgency. All patient referrals are assessed and triaged by a clinician, with the most urgent patients seen first.

*3517 PARK'NPAY APP—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) What is the total budget for the Park'nPay app?
- (2) How much has the Government spent to deliver the Park'nPay app (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (3) How many individuals have downloaded the Park'nPay app (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (4) How many individuals regularly use the Park'nPay app (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (5) How does the Government define a "regular user" of the Park'nPay app?
- (6) What procurement processes have been used to deliver the Park'nPay app?
- (7) Have any requests for tender been issued in association with the Park'nPay app?
 - (a) If so, what are the details of these requests for tender?
- (8) How is the data stored from the feature of the Park'nPay app which allows users to record their parking history?
 - (a) Is the data stored on the users device or on a remote server?
 - (b) What privacy protections exist in relation to this data?
 - (c) Is this data able to be accessed by or shared with commercial entities?
 - (d) Are there any legal requirements for users to be notified if a request for access to this data is made by law enforcement agencies?
- (9) What steps is the Government taking to encourage local councils to adopt the Park'nPay app?
- (10) Prior to the roll-out of the Park'nPay app, was an analysis undertaken as to whether this initiative complies with the Government's policy statement on the application of competitive neutrality?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The budget for Park'nPay is absorbed by the Department of Customer Service (DCS) annual budget allocation.

(3) to (5) 18,548 individuals have downloaded the app. Frequency of use is not tracked.

(6) Park'nPay has been developed in-house by the Department of Customer Service. The platform has been developed completely agnostic of hardware or infrastructure provider and is able to connect via API with any operator. Park'nPay complies with relevant procurement and probity guidelines and procedures.

(7) No - As above at the request of councils and commercial parking operators, DCS will work with their

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(8) (a) Local data centre

(b), (c) and (d) The Department of Customer Service is required to comply with the Information Protection Principles (IPPs) in the Privacy and Personal Information Act 1998 (NSW).

(9) Department of Customer Service has an open invitation for Councils and Commercial Operators to contact the Park'nPay team on the Park'nPay website: <https://parknpay.nsw.gov.au/contact-us>. Ongoing stakeholder engagement is being driven from the Park'nPay project team.

(10) Park'nPay has been developed by Government to provide a service to the public.

*3518 SUICIDES IN MURRUMBIDGEE LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) How many suicides have occurred in Murrumbidgee Local Health District between 1 November 2019 and 17 June 2020?

(a) How many of these suicides were in the Griffith area?

Answer—

Deaths are recorded by the NSW Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages.

Finalisation of death details may take considerable time pending determination of a coronial enquiry before a cause of death becomes official. Due to the delay in both registering and finalising these details, publication of results is generally at least 12 months after the period concerned.

The latest published data is for the year 2018 and is publicly available on the Australian Bureau of Statistics website at: <https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/ViewContent?readform&view=productsbytopic&Action=Expand&Num=5.7.14>

*3519 NSW FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING PRINCIPLES ENFORCEMENT—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Considering the increase in water extractions since 1994, will the Government enforce the requirement that landowners who have made modifications to their properties post-1994 without an approval decommission their works, as per principle 5 of the New South Wales Floodplain Harvesting Principles?

Answer—

Under the Floodplain Harvesting Policy only works constructed on or before 3 July 2008 in accordance with an approval or that did not require an approval, or for which a valid application was lodged, are eligible for a works approval for floodplain harvesting. Floodplain harvesting extractions will be managed by a volumetric access licence within existing longterm average annual extraction limits as outlined under the policy.

The Independent regulator Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) will deal with any reported unauthorised floodplain management works or use of unauthorised works for water extraction, including any built in the Southern Basin, in accordance with its Regulatory Policy published on the NRAR website.

*3520 DISABILITY ADVOCACY SECTOR FUNDING—Mr Philip Donato asked the Premier—

Considering your commitment to ensuring jobs remain in New South Wales, will funding be continued for the disability advocacy sector post December 2020 to ensure the jobs of the many people working in the sector, which would otherwise be at risk, are secure?

Answer—

Questions in relation to this matter should be referred to the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

*3521 DISABILITY ADVOCACY FUNDING NSW BUDGET 2020-21—Mr Philip Donato asked the Treasurer—

(1) Will the recommendations of the Ageing and Disability Commissioner for funding of \$13 million in 2020-21 and \$14 million in 2021-22 for the continuation of disability advocacy funding be included in the upcoming NSW Budget 2020-21?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

As previously announced by the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services, funding for disability advocacy services has been extended to the end of 2020.

This aligns with the Government's commitment to advocacy following the NSW Ageing and Disability Commissioner's review into the sector.

The 2020-21 NSW Budget has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, funding decisions for the 2020-21 NSW Budget, including continuation of disability advocacy funding, will be considered later in the year.

***3522 BUS CHANGES EASTERN SUBURBS**—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) When will the detailed plan regarding bus changes in the Eastern Suburbs be finalised?
- (2) When will the changes to bus services be released to the public for feedback?
- (3) What Opal data is being used to inform bus timetable changes in the Eastern Suburbs as a result of the light rail?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The detailed bus plan for Sydney's South Eastern Suburbs has not been finalised.
- (2) Before any changes are made, customers will be informed and will have the opportunity to provide feedback.
- (3) Planning for these changes will be informed by Opal data, customer feedback, and changed customer travel patterns. This will include Opal data for both bus and light rail.

***3523 RANDWICK BOYS HIGH SCHOOL AND RANDWICK GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADES**—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Since the announcement of upgrades to Randwick Boys High School and Randwick Girls High School in 2018, how much funding has been used on engaging with external consultants for the project (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (2) Which external consultants have been engaged and employed to work on the Randwick Boys High School and Randwick Girls High School projects since the upgrades were announcement in 2018 (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (3) Since the announcements of the upgrades in 2018, what aspects of the upgrades of Randwick Boys High School and Randwick Girls High School have required the use of external consultants?
- (4) When do the consultants engaged to work on the upgrades to Randwick Boys High School and Randwick Girls High School believe the upgrades will commence?

Answer—

(1) to (3) A planning consultant has been procured to assist with the master planning activities for the proposed upgrades at Randwick Boys and Randwick Girls High Schools.

The Department engages professional services to perform tasks where the capability or capacity may not be available in the current workforce. The funding and scope for external consultants will vary through the life of a project.

The Department adopts value for money principles when procuring external services in line with whole of government requirements.

(4) Project updates including anticipated timeframes will be provided on the School Infrastructure NSW website <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/> once available.

***3524 POLICE, AMBULANCE AND CLINICAL EARLY RESPONSE PROGRAM**—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

When will country police attached to the Richmond, Tweed-Byron and New England commands have the same support of specialist mental health clinicians during emergency call-outs as their Sydney and Central West counterparts under the Police, Ambulance and Clinical Early Response (PACER) program?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Health is adopting the Police, Ambulance and Clinical Early Response (PACER) program to work effectively in regional and rural areas across the state. For example, concepts of the program are already being trialled in Wollongong and Cowra.

The NSW Police Force is providing information and assistance to commands, including Richmond, Tweed-Byron, and New England to engage with their Local Health Districts to initiate PACER programs. However, access to these programs, administered by NSW Health, is a matter for those commands to consider taking into account the need for these services in their area.

*3525 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Treasurer—

Will the Government abolish the Emergency Services Levy, which on average has seen the highest increases of any component in the insurance premium schedules of landlords of commercial properties in the Lismore electorate in recent years?

Answer—

The Government sets the overall dollar contribution payable by each insurer based on the total funding requirements of the emergency services agencies. The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) amount shown on insurance policies reflects the way that individual insurance providers have chosen to pass on their ESL contribution to their policy holders.

There can be significant variations in premiums charged by different insurers. Policy holders are encouraged to obtain quotations from more than one insurer to ensure their premium is competitive.

The Government continues to explore ways we can reduce the tax burden for New South Wales, including taking a proactive part in the broader national conversation about tax reform. The primary cause of higher ESL is presumptive legislation which Parliament approved with support across major and minor political parties, including Labor.

*3526 STAMP DUTY ON PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Treasurer—

(1) Is the Government considering abolishing stamp duty on property transactions?

(a) If not, will property purchasers be allowed to pay stamp duty in installments year after year rather than as one lump sum payment, which may better suit retirees on limited incomes who are in the process of downsizing?

Answer—

The Government has commissioned the Federal Financial Relations Review, which is an independent review of the New South Wales tax system and the interaction between this system and Commonwealth funding arrangements.

The review will be finalised later this year, after which the Government will consider its findings and any recommendations

*3527 BUS PROCUREMENT PANEL—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Why does the Transport for NSW Bus Procurement Panel, which rural and regional bus operators must purchase buses through, have listed only buses manufactured in Europe and China?

Answer—

I am advised:

Almost all buses available on the Transport for NSW Bus Procurement Panel for rural and regional bus operators are manufactured in Australia by Australian based companies using products sourced both locally and globally.

Buses available via the Bus Procurement Panel #3 (BP3) for rural and regional bus operators are made up of two major elements, the chassis and the body. Approximately 40 per cent of total bus cost is with the chassis while the remaining 60 per cent is associated with the body.

The chassis, including the engine, gearbox, braking system and steering system, are typically supplied from European, Japanese or Chinese manufacturers while the majority of bodies, including the flooring, seating, doors and door mechanisms, windows, air-conditioning, frame assembly and body shell, are manufactured or assembled in Australia. One Australian bus manufacturer, Bustech Australia, supplies both bus body and chassis under BP3.

Of the 62 buses available to rural and regional bus operators, 10 have both the chassis and body manufactured overseas.

Operators holding Transport for NSW contracts have the choice to select specific buses from the Transport for NSW Bus Panel.

*3528 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE ASSETS LOCAL COUNCILS—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Local Government—

Why are many local councils, particularly rural local councils, vested with the administrative and financial burden of accounting for the so-called "Red Fleet" and other NSW Rural Fire Service assets, including buildings, when they are not responsible for the day-to-day operational management of such assets and have no control over them?

Answer—

While legal ownership of Rural Fire Service (RFS) vehicles is generally vested in local councils, it is a matter for councils to determine whether they 'control' RFS assets for the purposes of their financial management, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

*3529 TRANSFER OF REGIONAL ROADS TO COUNCIL—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Will the transfer of 15,000 kilometres of regional roads from local councils, including Lismore City, Kyogle, Tenterfield Shire and Tweed Shire in the Lismore electorate, to State responsibility not be compromised by a \$3.8-billion shortfall in roads maintenance funding, as identified in the Roads and Maritime Services final Asset Management Plan 2020-21 to 2029-30?

Answer—

No. The Government is making an unprecedented investment in roads across regional New South Wales and will build on that by taking back the road maintenance costs for up to 15,000km of roads, easing pressure on local councils and ratepayers.

*3530 SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBOURS GRANTS—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

Will consideration be given to the calls from the NSW Farmers' Association, including farmers in the Lismore electorate, to double the \$5,000 per kilometre grants under the Supporting our Neighbours project so that bushfire-affected farmers are covered for the costs of rebuilding more costly total exclusion boundary fences that adjoin public land?

Answer—

The Government under the Supporting our Neighbours program, has doubled the grant to \$10,000 per kilometre to replace any pre-existing exclusion fencing.

*3531 LOCALLY PRODUCED STEEL ON PRIORITY PROJECTS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) Will locally produced New South Wales steel be used in the publicly funded projects given priority status by the Government as announced on 22 May 2020?

(a) If so:

- (i) Which projects will use locally produced New South Wales steel?
- (ii) How much locally produced steel will be used in each project?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised the proportion of locally sourced steel used on construction projects is not a matter open to the Department of Planning, Industry Environment (the Department) to consider.

This question should be directed to the individual agency proponents of these publicly funded projects. These state or local government proponents are listed on the Department's website at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/media/Files/DPE/Other/fast-tracked-assessments-tranche-two-2020-05.pdf?la=en.

*3532 ILLAWARRA SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCT—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

(1) On what date did the Government write to Wollongong City Council recommending it commence a planning process for the Illawarra Sports and Entertainment Precinct?

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- (2) Has the Government received a response from the council in relation to its recommendation?
 - (a) If so, when did it receive the council response?
 - (i) What was the council response?
 - (b) If not, when does the Government expect a response from the council?
 - (i) Will it contact the council to obtain a response?
- (3) What relationship does the council planning process for the Illawarra Sports and Entertainment Precinct have with the upgrade of the Wollongong Entertainment Centre?
- (4) Has Venues NSW completed its concept plan for the Wollongong Entertainment Centre?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) Has it shared its plans with the council to inform the council planning process?
 - (ii) Will the concept plan be made available to the public?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (5) If the council declines to undertake a planning process for the Illawarra Sports and Entertainment Precinct as requested by the Government, will the Government proceed with the upgrade of the Wollongong Entertainment Centre?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (6) Has Venues NSW completed the stakeholder consultations they were directed to complete on 4 February 2020?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) On what date were those consultations completed?
 - (ii) Who was consulted?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I have recently written to Wollongong City Council recommending it commences a planning process for the Illawarra Sports and Entertainment Precinct which includes WIN Stadium and WIN Entertainment Centre.

I am confident that doing this would add significantly to the region and is the most effective and timely way to move forward in delivering the revitalisation of the precinct.

The Government would work collaboratively with Wollongong City Council on the planning process in order to enhance economic and social benefits for the people of the region of Illawarra .

*3533 INTERSECTION AT BOURKE, VIRGINIA AND KEIRA STREETS SAFER ROADS PROGRAM—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has the application for funding of an intersection upgrade at the intersection of Bourke, Virginia and Keira Streets, North Wollongong, been approved under the Safer Roads Program?
 - (a) If so, when will the work commence?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) No.

(b) The Safer Roads Program allocates funding specifically to mitigate known and potentially severe crash locations. Transport for NSW uses a robust, technical assessment method in line with national best practice to target high crash areas with tailored countermeasures.

The program is designed to deliver the greatest road safety benefit for the funding available. Following an assessment process of all applications, it was determined that the intersection of Bourke, Virginia and Keira Streets would not be approved in the 2020-21 funding round.

*3534 SAFER ROADS PROGRAM PROJECTS ROUND THREE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is involved in the proposed plan for each of the following projects, listed under round three of the Safer Roads Program:
 - (a) Intersection of Mercury Street and Greenacre Road (Project 2170);
 - (b) 0.5 kilometre length of Foley Street, Gwynneville (Project 2171);

- (c) 0.5 kilometre length of Denison Street, Wollongong (Project 2185);
 - (d) Intersection of Pioneer Road and Towradgi Road, Towradgi (Project 2210);
 - (e) Intersection of Burelli Street and Church Street, Wollongong (Project 2269);
 - (f) Intersection of Five Islands Road and Princes Motorway, Unanderra (Project 2472);
 - (g) Intersection of Princes Highway and Arkell Drive, Figtree (Project 2474)?
- (2) What is the proposed timeline for the following projects:
- (a) Intersection of Mercury Street and Greenacre Road (Project 2170);
 - (b) 0.5 kilometre length of Foley Street, Gwynneville (Project 2171);
 - (c) 0.5 kilometre length of Denison Street, Wollongong (Project 2185);
 - (d) Intersection of Pioneer Road and Towradgi Road, Towradgi (Project 2210);
 - (e) Intersection of Burelli Street and Church Street, Wollongong (Project 2269);
 - (f) Intersection of Five Islands Road and Princes Motorway, Unanderra (Project 2472);
 - (g) Intersection of Princes Highway and Arkell Drive, Figtree (Project 2474)?
- (3) How much will each of the following proposed projects cost:
- (a) Intersection of Mercury Street and Greenacre Road (Project 2170);
 - (b) 0.5 kilometre length of Foley Street, Gwynneville (Project 2171);
 - (c) 0.5 kilometre length of Denison Street, Wollongong (Project 2185);
 - (d) Intersection of Pioneer Road and Towradgi Road, Towradgi (Project 2210);
 - (e) Intersection of Burelli Street and Church Street, Wollongong (Project 2269);
 - (f) Intersection of Five Islands Road and Princes Motorway, Unanderra (Project 2472);
 - (g) Intersection of Princes Highway and Arkell Drive, Figtree (Project 2474)?
- (4) Will community consultation take place for each of the following projects:
- (a) Intersection of Mercury Street and Greenacre Road (Project 2170);
 - (i) If so, when?
 - (b) 0.5 kilometre length of Foley Street, Gwynneville (Project 2171);
 - (i) If so, when?
 - (c) 0.5 kilometre length of Denison Street, Wollongong (Project 2185);
 - (i) If so, when?
 - (d) Intersection of Pioneer Road and Towradgi Road, Towradgi (Project 2210);
 - (i) If so, when?
 - (e) Intersection of Burelli Street and Church Street, Wollongong (Project 2269);
 - (i) If so, when?
 - (f) Intersection of Five Islands Road and Princes Motorway, Unanderra (Project 2472);
 - (i) If so, when?
 - (g) Intersection of Princes Highway and Arkell Drive, Figtree (Project 2474)?
 - (i) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) to (e) Depending on the location, works will include intersection improvements to improve safety, installation of a roundabout, pedestrian safety improvements, upgraded signage and upgrades to traffic signals. These projects are being designed and delivered by Wollongong City Council.

(f) Upgraded traffic signal display and mast arm installed.

(g) Signage upgraded and a raised median installed.

(2) (a) to (e) These projects are being funded over two years. Design/development is being undertaken in 2020-21 and construction in 2021-22.

(f) and (g) To be completed in 2020-21.

(3) All projects listed have been funded out of the 2020-21 NSW Safer Roads Program. In 2020-21 the program will carry out 203 road safety infrastructure projects to the value of \$258 million, including contributions to councils for projects to be delivered by them.

(4) (a) to (e) This question should be directed to Wollongong City Council.

(f) and (g) Yes. Transport for NSW will notify the community prior to any works being undertaken. Any residences or businesses directly impacted by the work will be contacted.

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*3535 LOCAL ROADS SURFACING MATERIAL—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What percentage of local road construction and maintenance costs are currently directly funded by the Government?
- (2) Has the Government made any plans to encourage the use of road surfacing material made using recycled plastic in local road construction and maintenance?
- (3) Has Transport for NSW notified local councils that road surfacing material using recycled plastic has been approved for use by the Environment Protection Authority?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) Does Transport for NSW take the road surfacing material proposed for use into account when awarding contracts for road projects?
 - (a) If so, how is this achieved in the ranking of project bids?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (5) Will Transport for NSW be encouraging the use of road surfacing materials using recycled plastic in new road projects in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This is not known. The Government currently provides around \$27 million to local councils for local road construction and maintenance in the Greater Sydney region.
- (2) The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is responsible for communicating with councils on updates to their policies and guidelines. Transport for NSW is thoroughly reviewing the evidence prior to adopting any changes to state road surfacing materials.
- (3) The EPA is responsible for communicating with councils on updates to their policies and guidelines.
- (4) Assessment of the environmental sustainability of tenders is guided by the framework of the Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia.
 - (a) The assessment of environmental sustainability is considered as one of a number of non-price factors in accordance with the Tender Evaluation Plan for each tender.
- (5) The Government will consider encouraging the use of recycled plastic if it has been proven suitable for the purpose. The Government has long supported the use of recycled products in road construction.

*3536 LIVEABLE AND SAFE URBAN COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE PROJECTS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) As part of the Liveable and Safe Urban Communities Initiative, what is involved in the proposed plan for each of the following projects:
 - (a) Windang Road, Windang (Project 1173);
 - (b) King Street, Warrawong (Project 1186);
 - (c) Princes Highway, Wollongong (Crown Street) (Project 326);
 - (d) Corrimal Street, Wollongong (Project 1125);
 - (e) Princes Highway, Wollongong (Project 1142)?
- (2) What is the proposed timeline for each of the following projects:
 - (a) Windang Road, Windang (Project 1173);
 - (b) King Street, Warrawong (Project 1186);
 - (c) Princes Highway, Wollongong (Crown Street) (Project 326);
 - (d) Corrimal Street, Wollongong (Project 1125);
 - (e) Princes Highway, Wollongong (Project 1142)?
- (3) What is the cost for each of the following projects:
 - (a) Windang Road, Windang (Project 1173);
 - (b) King Street, Warrawong (Project 1186);
 - (c) Princes Highway, Wollongong (Crown Street) (Project 326);
 - (d) Corrimal Street, Wollongong (Project 1125);
 - (e) Princes Highway, Wollongong (Project 1142)?
- (4) Will community consultation take place for each of the following projects:
 - (a) Windang Road, Windang (Project 1173);
 - (i) If so, when?
 - (b) King Street, Warrawong (Project 1186);

- (i) If so, when?
- (c) Princes Highway, Wollongong (Crown Street) (Project 326);
 - (i) If so, when?
- (d) Corrimal Street, Wollongong (Project 1125);
 - (i) If so, when?
- (e) Princes Highway, Wollongong (Project 1142)?
 - (i) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) Extension of the handrail along the end of the concrete barrier that separates the general traffic lane and the shared path on Windang Bridge.

(b) Investigations into road safety along King Street, Warrawong.

(c) Investigation into improving safety for pedestrians crossing Crown Street near Wollongong Hospital.

(d)

- Reprogrammed traffic signals on all crossing legs to allow pedestrians to begin crossing before the vehicular traffic is given a green light.
- Improved visibility of lanterns.

(e) Installation of a mast arm to improve visibility of signals and update the signals to control the right turn phase into Lysaght Street.

(2) (a) Completed in April 2020.

(b) Investigations are complete.

(c) This project has been withdrawn from the 2019/20 program due to the impacts of COVID-19 on traffic and pedestrian movements near the Hospital. These preliminary investigations will inform future development at this location.

(d) Completed May 2020.

(e) Completed June 2020.

(3) (a) \$182,000.

(b) \$100,000.

(c) \$470,000.

(d) \$79,350.

(e) \$100,000.

(4) (a), (d) and (e) Traffic alert was used to inform road users of the work.

(b) Not applicable, as the project was deemed infeasible in its current form.

(c) Not applicable.

*3537 FORESTRY CORPORATION DAMAGE ASSESSMENT—Mr Paul Scully asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

(1) Considering the response to LA Q2835 about forest infrastructure damage from bushfires, how much of the Forestry Corporation's assessment of damage to infrastructure in New South Wales forests has been completed (as at 18 June 2020)?

(2) What is the timeframe for the completion of this assessment?

Answer—

(1) Forestry Corporation has largely completed damage assessments for roads and bridges identified as priorities, as well as recreation facilities including designated campgrounds, formal walking tracks, picnic areas, permittee-based mountain bike clubs and four wheel drive clubs. Forestry Corporation has also identified a repair program for these priority road and bridge assets, and recreation sites.

(2) Staff focus is currently on completing repairs to roads and bridges identified as priorities. There is a program of assessment planned for 2020-21 that will quantify the full scope of roads and bridges damaged during the 2019-20 fires.

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*3538 ELECTIVE SURGERIES ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How much of the \$388 million in additional funding for elective surgeries has been allocated to Wollongong Hospital (as at 18 June 2020)?
 - (a) How many surgeries are expected to be performed as a result of this funding?
 - (b) What are the top five surgeries to be performed as a result of this funding?
- (2) How much of the \$388 million in additional funding for elective surgeries has been allocated to Shellharbour Hospital (as at 18 June 2020)?
 - (a) How many surgeries are expected to be performed as a result of this funding?
 - (b) What are the top five surgeries to be performed as a result of this funding?
- (3) How much of the \$388 million in additional funding for elective surgeries has been allocated to Shoalhaven Hospital (as at 18 June 2020)?
 - (a) How many surgeries are expected to be performed as a result of this funding?
 - (b) What are the top five surgeries to be performed as a result of this funding?

Answer—

The additional funding of \$368 million announced by the Government for ramping up elective surgery activity will focus on patients whose surgery has been delayed due to COVID-19 as well as those patients with the greatest clinical need.

All NSW Health local health districts and networks are balancing the return of elective surgery with the need to maintain hospital capacity and preparedness during the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding is being allocated to local health districts and networks by the New South Wales Ministry of Health.

*3539 DENTAL WAIT TIMES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many people living in the Wollongong electorate are currently on the public dental waiting list (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (2) What is the average wait time for treatment for public dental patients in the Wollongong electorate?
- (3) What is the average wait time for dentures for public dental patients in the Wollongong electorate?
- (4) What is the average wait time for treatment for public dental patients in New South Wales?
- (5) What are the top five procedures that patients on the public dental waiting list living in the Wollongong electorate are waiting on?
 - (a) How many people are waiting on each procedure (as at 18 June 2020)?

Answer—

NSW Health does not provide health services or collect information on the basis of electorate.

Public dental services are provided according to criteria that prioritises emergency situations, as well as patient groups in most need and at highest risk of disease. Data is regularly updated and can be accessed from the NSW Health website.

*3540 GREAT SOUTHERN NIGHTS EVENT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

- (1) How much funding is the Government providing to stimulate and support the Great Southern Nights event scheduled for November 2020?
- (2) When will the final list of locations for the performances be announced?
- (3) Are any performances scheduled to take place within the Fairfield Local Government Area?
 - (a) If so, where?

Answer—

(1) The amount invested in the Great Southern Nights, and any individual major event, is commercial-in-confidence between the Government's tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW, and the event proponent to enable New South Wales to bid for and acquire events in a competitive market.

(2) and (3) New South Wales live music venues and artists are currently invited to submit an expression of interest to be involved in the Great Southern Nights via the event's website at: greatsouthernights.com.au. The list of locations across Greater Sydney and regional New South Wales will be determined once the expression of interest process is finalised.

*3541 FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SPACES IN CANLEY HEIGHTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How much funding has been provided by the Government for improvements to public spaces in the suburb of Canley Heights in each recurring year from 2015 to current (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (2) Who was the recipient of this funding?
- (3) What was the funding allocated for?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Since 2015, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has provided \$2.4 million funding for public and open spaces in the City of Fairfield local government area (including the suburbs of Fairfield, Smithfield, Yennora, Carramar, Canley Heights and Villawood).

(2) In all cases, funding was provided by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to Fairfield City Council for individual agreed funding amounts related to specific projects.

(3) Funding provided is as follows:

Total Funding Provided:	\$2.4 Million
Matched funding for Deerbush Park Inclusive Splash Playspace: 484-490 Smithfield Road, Prairiewood, as part of the Everyone Can Play Inclusive Playspace Grant, Round 1. This project is due to be completed in October 2020. Funding of \$200,000 was allocated in 2018-19 for this project.	\$200,000
Carrawood Park upgrade: As part of the Parks for People program, the Department is working in partnership with Fairfield Council to upgrade Carrawood Park, Carramar. \$2 million has been allocated for this project.	\$2,000,000
Ropes Creek Open Space Corridor Spatial Framework, Fairfield: \$200,000 funding was provided under Metropolitan Green space Grant, which was a 100 per cent grant allocation during 18/19. The Greater Sydney District Plan - Western City District Plan identifies Ropes Creek as a priority corridor for the district. The project is due for completion in March 2021.	\$200,000

*3542 FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SPACES IN SMITHFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How much funding has been provided by the Government for improvements to public spaces in the suburb of Smithfield in each recurring year from 2015 to current (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (2) Who was the recipient of this funding?
- (3) What was the funding allocated for?

Answer—

Please refer to LA Q3541.

*3543 FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SPACES IN FARIFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How much funding has been provided by the Government for improvements to public spaces in the suburb of Fairfield in each recurring year from 2015 to current (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (2) Who was the recipient of this funding?
- (3) What was the funding allocated for?

Answer—

Please refer to LA Q3541.

*3544 FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SPACES IN YENNORA—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How much funding has been provided by the Government for improvements to public spaces in the

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suburb of Yennora in each recurring year from 2015 to current (as at 18 June 2020)?

- (2) Who was the recipient of this funding?
- (3) What was the funding allocated for?

Answer—

Please refer to LA Q3541.

*3545 FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SPACES IN CARRAMAR—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How much funding has been provided by the Government for improvements to public spaces in the suburb of Carramar in each recurring year from 2015 to current (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (2) Who was the recipient of this funding?
- (3) What was the funding allocated for?

Answer—

Please refer to LA Q3541.

*3546 FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SPACES IN VILLAWOOD—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How much funding has been provided by the Government for improvements to public spaces in the suburb of Villawood for each recurring year from 2015 to current (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (2) Who was the recipient of this funding?
- (3) What was the funding allocated for?

Answer—

Please refer to LA Q3541.

*3547 LICENCE EXAMINATION REVENUE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) How much revenue has been generated from individuals undertaking examinations for the following licence types for each recurring year from 2015 to current (as at 18 June 2020):
 - (a) Learner;
 - (b) Provisional P1;
 - (c) Provisional P2?

Answer—

This question should be redirected to the Minister for Transport and Roads.

*3548 LICENCE EXAMINATION RESULTS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) What is the pass and fail rate for individuals undertaking examinations for the following licence types for each recurring year from 2015 to current (as at 18 June 2020):
 - (a) Learner;
 - (b) Provisional P1;
 - (c) Provisional P2?

Answer—

This question is a matter for the Minister for Transport and Roads.

*3549 COMMUNITY AND SMALL BUSINESS CCTV FUND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) In each New South Wales electorate, how many grants were made from the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund between 30 April 2019 and 15 June 2020?
- (2) What is the value of grants made from the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund to 15 January 2020 in each New South Wales electorate?
- (3) What is the balance of the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund at 15 June 2020?
- (4) When will the Attorney General or the Department of Communities and Justice assess the program for expansion beyond western and south-western Sydney to other areas of New South Wales?
- (5) Has the NSW Police Force made an inquiry or lodged an application for funding with the Department of Communities and Justice for CCTV to monitor the Rutherford shopping precinct?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) When?
 - (ii) When will this be approved?

Answer—

- (1) The Community and Small Business CCTV Fund provides grants to successful applicants for the installation of CCTV systems up to the value of \$5,000 excluding GST. Grants are not recorded by electorate. As at 15 June 2020, a total of 67 grants for CCTV systems had been approved by the Department of Communities and Justice.
- (2) The installation value of grants already made by the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund at 15 January 2020 was \$254,270. Grants are not recorded by electorate.
- (3) The balance of the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund at 15 June 2020 is \$4,683,275.
- (4) Any expansion of the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund will require an assessment and review of the program to ensure it is appropriately meeting the needs of the community.
- (5) The Community and Small Business CCTV Fund is available to eligible community organisations and small businesses in ten local government areas in Western and South Western Sydney. It would not be appropriate to release the details of applications received.

*3550 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS 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 16 June 2020)?
 - (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 2019-20 (as at 16 June 2020)?
- (4) How many of these classrooms have been air conditioned?
 - (a) Of these, how many of the air conditioned classrooms had their air conditioning funded by the Government from central funds?
 - (i) How many were funded by schools locally?

Answer—

(1) Twelve of the 22 schools in the Maitland electorate have a total of 59 demountable buildings as at 16 June 2020, as shown in the table:

(a) The 59 demountable buildings were originally built between 1966 and 2019, and refurbishment dates where known were between 2001 and 2019. Prior to 2014, the program was managed by NSW Public Works on behalf of the Department of Education and, as such, not all records are held by the Department.

School	Number of Demountable
Ashtonfield Public School	11
Gilleston Public School	12
Largs Public School	2
Lochinvar Public School	6
Maitland East Public School	1
Maitland Grossmann High School	10
Maitland High School	2
Millers Forest Public School	1
Morpeth Public School	2
Rutherford Technology High School	3
Telarah Public School	1
Thornton Public School	8
Total	59

- (2) The average age of the demountable buildings, excluding subsequent refurbishment, is 38 years old.
 - (a) All 52 demountable buildings used as classrooms are air conditioned. Seven demountable buildings used as toilet blocks, canteens and industrial arts workshops are not air conditioned.
- (3) A total of 61 demountable buildings used as classrooms have been replaced with permanent classrooms in the 2010-11 to 2019-20 financial years.

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Year	Schools	Number of demountable buildings replaced
2011-12	Rutherford Public School	5
2013-14	Hunter River Community School*	9
2015-16	Rutherford Technology High School	9
2016-17	Rutherford Technology High School	12
2019-20	Bolwarra Public School (9) Rutherford Public School (17)	26

*moved to new premises with permanent, air conditioned facilities

(4) The following table shows the number of these classrooms that have been air conditioned and their funding source.

Year	School	Demountable buildings replaced with permanent classrooms	Air-conditioned	Funding source
2011-12	Rutherford Public School	5	5	Department
2013-14	Hunter River Community School	9	9	Department
2015-16	Rutherford Technology High School	12	12	Partially school funded
2018-19	Bolwarra Public School	9	9	Department
2019-20	Rutherford Public School	17	17	Department

*3551 STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) What is the quantum of funding in each financial year from 2017-18 to 2019-20 (as at 16 June 2020) actually allocated to the following electorates under the Stronger Country Communities Fund:
 - (a) Lake Macquarie;
 - (b) Wallsend;
 - (c) Swansea;
 - (d) Port Stephens;
 - (e) Newcastle;
 - (f) Charlestown;
 - (g) Maitland;
 - (h) Cessnock;
 - (i) Upper Hunter?
- (2) For each of the electorates listed in question (1):
 - (a) What was the number of projects?
 - (b) How much funding was allocated to each project?

Answer—

The Stronger Country Communities Fund was not administered by the Office of Local Government.

*3552 POLICE STRENGTH IN THE HUNTER REGION—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Why is there no updated Authorised and Actual Police Strength data on the NSW Police Force website since the September 2017 report?
- (2) How many kilometres are covered in the geographic area of each of the following Police Districts:
 - (a) Port Stephens-Hunter;
 - (i) Which suburbs, towns or villages are in this Police District?

- (b) Hunter Valley;
(i) Which suburbs, towns or villages are in this Police District?
- (c) Lake Macquarie;
(i) Which suburbs, towns or villages are in this Police District?
- (d) Newcastle City?
(i) Which suburbs, towns or villages are in this Police District?
- (3) What was the population in each of the following Police Districts as at 18 June 2020:
(a) Port Stephens-Hunter;
(b) Hunter Valley;
(c) Lake Macquarie;
(d) Newcastle City?
- (4) What was the Authorised and Actual Police Strength for each of the following Police Districts as at 30 May 2020:
(a) Port Stephens-Hunter;
(b) Hunter Valley;
(c) Lake Macquarie;
(d) Newcastle City?

Answer—

I am advised:

All police resources attached to Police Districts or Police Area Commands are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the district. Local resources are also supplemented by specialist police (such as highway patrol, crime squads, and covert resources) which are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to meet changing community needs and respond to crime patterns and emerging issues. Police figures are published each year in the NSW Police Force annual report.

As at 31 May 2020, authorised and actual strength figures for the Hunter Valley, Lake Macquarie, Newcastle City, and Port Stephens-Hunter Police Districts was as follows:

Police District	Authorised Police Positions	Police Officer Headcount
Hunter Valley	174	177
Lake Macquarie	190	210
Newcastle City	245	246
Port Stephens-Hunter	210	232

Information relating to Police Districts, including maps and lists of suburbs, towns, and villages covered, can be found on the NSW Police Force website.

The NSW Police Force is unable to provide population data

*3553 IMPACT OF DROUGHT ON REGIONAL COMMUNITIES HEALTH—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Has there been any data to indicate that the recent drought period led to a heightened presentation of patients to regional hospitals and medical centres?
- (a) If so:
- (i) What does the data indicate?
- (ii) Have reports been prepared?
- (i) If so:
- (i) Are they publicly available?
- (ii) Where can they be found?
- (iii) Are there any regions or communities that have shown a particularly significant deterioration in health?
- (iv) Is there any indication that Indigenous persons were proportionally worse affected by drought?

Answer—

Information on total presentations for hospital emergency departments is available on the Bureau of Health Information website.

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NSW Health has advised that overall the increases in volume of emergency department attendances in regional, rural and remote locations is similar to that experienced in metropolitan areas.

Information on use of medical centres is held by the Commonwealth Government.

*3554 KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many different Visiting Medical Officers (VMOs) were rostered or scheduled to attend Kurri Kurri Hospital Emergency Department in the January 2020 to March 2020 quarter?
- (2) Of the 668 presentations:
 - (a) How many were seen by nursing staff only?
 - (b) How many were transferred through to John Hunter Hospital?
 - (c) How many were transferred through to Maitland Hospital?
 - (d) How many were admitted to Kurri Kurri Hospital for further treatment?
 - (e) How many were admitted to John Hunter Hospital for further treatment?
 - (f) How many were admitted to Maitland Hospital for further treatment?

Answer—

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

Emergency Departments across the local health district may be serviced by a variety of medical specialties, including Visiting Medical Officers (VMOs), General Practitioner VMOs, Career Medical Officers, Staff Specialists and/or registrars.

Patients who present to the Kurri Kurri Emergency Department and require more specialist assessment or medical treatment are transferred to either Maitland Hospital or John Hunter Hospital.

I am advised that less than 9 per cent of presentations to the Kurri Kurri Emergency Department were transferred to other hospitals from January to March 2020.

*3555 WATER SHARING PLAN AUDITS 2019—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Considering the 25 Water Sharing Plan audits conducted in 2019, were all audits conducted by Alluvium Consulting Australia Pty Ltd (Alluvium)?
 - (a) If not, how many were conducted by Alluvium?
 - (b) If not, how many other companies or businesses conducted the audits?
 - (i) Which other companies or businesses?
- (2) What was the total cost to have the audits conducted via a third party or contractor?

Answer—

(1) (a) The 25 audits of water sharing plans completed in 2019 under section 44 of the Water Management Act 2000 were conducted by Alluvium following a select procurement process.

(b) Not applicable.

(2) \$327,809 plus GST.

*3556 HUNTER WETLANDS NATIONAL PARK—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Has consideration been given to the large volume of rubbish present in the Hunter Wetlands National Park?
- (2) Is the Government aware that Clean4shore Inc New South Wales recently conducted a clean-up of the site and removed 650 kilograms of litter and 240 kilograms of scrap metal?
- (3) Will the Government consider allocating additional resources to clean up the National Park, considering Clean4shore reporting that there is still a large volume of rubbish in the mangroves at Ash Island?
- (4) Will the Minister consider visiting the Hunter Wetlands National Park to inspect the large volumes of rubbish first hand?

Answer—

(1) The Government is aware of recent media reports about rubbish in Hunter Wetlands National Park. These reports referred to recent rubbish surveys carried out by volunteers on the Hunter River in the Hexham and Tomago areas, targeting multiple land tenures. The rubbish survey confirmed that the

worst hotspots for rubbish were outside Hunter Wetlands National Park. The hotspots were around the Hexham bridge and Old Punt Road areas that adjoin the Pacific Highway.

- (2) Yes. The Government is aware that community volunteers, in partnership with Clean4shore Inc, carried out a waste survey and clean-up across multiple land tenures, including a 500-metre section of Hunter Wetlands National Park along the river.
- (3) The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) carries out regular removal of waste from Hunter Wetlands National Park as part of its management operations. NPWS also works with other organisations, including Hunter Local Land Services, volunteers and community groups to support removal of rubbish from the park.
- (4) The rubbish reported on the Hunter River is a multi-tenure issue. Hunter Local Land Services coordinates the clean-up of marine debris in the estuarine section of the river under the Hunter Estuary Program, in collaboration with NPWS, Newcastle and Maitland City councils, and other non-government and community groups. This program has been operating in different forms since 1993 with more clean-ups scheduled for 2020. These events will focus on hot spot areas identified during the most recent survey activities

*3557 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 still listed on Hunter Development Corporation's Register under section 170 of the Heritage Act 1977?
- (2) How much money has been spent on maintaining this building in each year from 2015 to 2020 (as at 18 June 2020)?
- (3) 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).
- (2) Between 2015 and June 2020, HCCDC has spent \$1.24 million on security and maintenance within the Honeysuckle urban renewal project area, including the former Wickham School of Arts building. Contracts are negotiated precinct-wide and costs specific to the building are not available.
- (3) (a) The building is contained within a larger site that is earmarked for future development. It is intended that any adaptive reuse options for the building will be considered in detail when future development proposals are assessed.
- (b) There are no current plans to demolish the building.

*3558 INTERCITY TRAIN FLEET GUARDS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has the Government considered that changing the role of train guards on the intercity fleet may have a significant impact on safety and could result in serious injury or death?
- (2) Will traction interlocking be applied to the crew cab door on the new intercity fleet?
 - (a) If so, will this prevent the guard from monitoring platform safety while the train is in motion as it arrives on or departs from a station platform?
 - (i) If so, will consideration be given to removing traction interlocking from the crew cab door on the new intercity train fleet?
- (3) How will train guards conduct on-the-spot risk assessments and bring the train to an emergency stop in the event a person unsafely enters the danger zone between the yellow line and train when the train is in motion on the new intercity train fleet?
- (4) Will guards still have control of the door open and control function on the new intercity train fleet?
- (5) Will train guards still be required to give the driver the all-clear bell signal before departing?
- (6) Will the Rail, Bus, and Train Union (RBTU) be granted access to inspect the new intercity train fleet for safety issues?
- (7) Who is responsible under the proposed new model of operation if there is a serious injury or death as a result of the changes?
- (8) Will train guards on the new intercity train fleet be paid less than they are currently earning?
- (9) Has consideration been given over concerns that safety will be compromised as a result of the changes?

to the role of train guards on the new intercity train fleet?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) There are requirements under the rail safety national law for changes that may affect the safety of railway operation to be identified and managed, so far as is reasonably practicable.

Changes to the roles have been a significant focus for the introduction of the New Intercity Fleet, which has included independent expert safety reviews to ensure the safety of our staff and customers.

(a) Yes.

(i) The trains are equipped with external closed-circuit television (CCTV) that will enable Customer Service Guard to view the platform safety as the train departs from stations. CCTV provides improved visibility today, including on curved platforms and during all weather.

(2) No.

(3) The trains are equipped with external CCTV that will enable the Customer Service Guard to view the platform safety as the train departs from stations, and controls to stop the train in an emergency.

Customer Service Guards will be trained to manage any emerging risks during train departure.

(4) The Driver will have control of the doors, as is common in a modern fleet. This has been the practice on some regional NSW Trains services for many years.

(5) The Driver makes the decision to depart the platform, therefore the Customer Service Guard is not required to give an "all clear" bell signal.

(6) NSW Trains has been engaging with the Rail, Tram, and Bus Union (RTBU) since 2016, including multiple visits to the train, and will continue to facilitate access to give feedback.

(7) The operating model has well defined roles and responsibilities. All employees of NSW Trains are only expected to follow the responsibilities as defined and as they have been trained. Every incident will need to be investigated on its own facts and circumstances to determine the underlining cause.

(8) The new roles have been designed specifically for the New Intercity Fleet with appropriate pay rates and existing guards, if they chose to transfer to the new Customer Service Guard role, having pay and conditions preserved to June 2023. Redeployment and retraining options are also under consideration.

(9) Safety will not be comprised. The introduction of a modern fleet with enhanced technology enables a safer operation. The new roles of Driver and Customer Service Guard will support the safe operation of the train.

*3559 PORT OF NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer—

(1) Has consideration been given to the significant rise in unemployment in the Hunter Region over the last few months?

(2) Has the Government given consideration to the Port of Newcastle's shovel ready \$1.8 billion dollar project planned for the Port?

(3) Will the Government consider supporting the Port of Newcastle's \$1.8 billion dollar project?

(4) Has the Government considered that this \$1.8 billion dollar investment would create thousands of jobs in the Hunter?

(5) Would the Government consider the jobs created from this project as being good for the region's economy?

(a) If not, why not?

(6) Has the Government considered that it is currently charging the Port of Newcastle a financial penalty per container processed above a threshold limit?

(7) Has the Government considered that it is currently paying port of Newcastle's competitors' compensation if the Port of Newcastle competes against them?

(8) Does the Government support competition in markets?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Government is committed to creating and supporting jobs for the people of New South Wales, including regional jobs.

Development applications for infrastructure projects are considered by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

Port of Newcastle is not currently paying any financial penalty to the Government in respect of containers processed at the Port of Newcastle.

In addition, the Government is not currently making any payments to Port of Newcastle's competitors in relation to containers processed at the Port of Newcastle.

The Government recognises that competition is a critical driver of productivity and economic growth.

*3560 POLICE RESPONSE TO THE BLACK LIVES MATTER PROTEST—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Considering the police response to the black lives matter protest which occurred on 6 June 2020, has a review been undertaken of the police response to crowds at Central Station around 6:00 pm that day when oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray was used?
- (2) Was the method of crowd control used part of a formal plan of response to the protest?
 - (a) If so, did the plan take into consideration Transport for NSW changes to transport mode which saw buses replace trains on the Central Coast line?
 - (i) If so, what were these considerations?
- (3) What steps were taken to separate members of the public not involved in the protest from protesters, including the use of OC spray on individuals?
- (4) What criteria was used to determine which member of the public was sprayed by OC spray?
- (5) Where any members of the public not involved in the protest sprayed by OC spray?

Answer—

Refer to my response to LA Q3413.

*3561 IMPLEMENTATION OF AGEING AND DISABILITY COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Considering the review of the disability advocacy sector that has been undertaken, the recommendations made in a report commissioned by the Ageing and Disability Commissioner which was released in December 2019, and that many of the recommendations go directly to the issue and importance of funding the sector, what actions have been taken in terms of assessing and implementing the recommendations?
 - (a) If there has been no progress, why has this not been prioritised?

Answer—

In December 2019, the Government publicly reaffirmed its commitment to advocacy following the release of the review into the sector by NSW Ageing and Disability Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald AM. At which time, the Government announced an extension to funding up to 31 December 2020 to provide certainty for the sector while the government considered the report.

The NSW 2020-21 Budget was subsequently deferred due to the COVID-19 pandemic response. No announcements can be made on advocacy funding beyond 31 December 2020 until the NSW 2020-21 Budget is delivered later in the year.

*3562 EASTERN SUBURBS BUS LINKS TO SCHOOLS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the Minister's response to LA Q2845 which school buses operate between the suburb of Bronte and:
 - (a) Alexandria Park Community School;
 - (b) Inner Sydney High School;
 - (c) Matraville High School;
 - (d) JJ Cahill Memorial High School?
- (2) Which school buses operate between the suburb of Bondi and:
 - (a) Alexandria Park Community School;
 - (b) Inner Sydney High School;
 - (c) Matraville High School;
 - (d) JJ Cahill Memorial High School?
- (3) Which school buses operate between the suburb of Clovelly and:
 - (a) Alexandria Park Community School;
 - (b) Inner Sydney High School;

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- (c) Matraville High School;
(d) JJ Cahill Memorial High School?
- (4) Which school buses operate between the suburb of Waverley and:
(a) Alexandra Park Community School;
(b) Inner Sydney High School;
(c) Matraville High School;
(d) JJ Cahill Memorial High School?
- (5) Which school buses operate between the suburb of Tamarama and:
(a) Alexandria Park Community School;
(b) Inner Sydney High School;
(c) Matraville High School;
(d) JJ Cahill Memorial High School?
- (6) Which active transport links exist between the suburb of Bronte and:
(a) Alexandria Park Community School;
(b) Inner Sydney High School;
(c) Matraville High School;
(d) JJ Cahill Memorial High School?
- (7) Which active transport links exist between the suburb of Bondi and:
(a) Alexandria Park Community School;
(b) Inner Sydney High School;
(c) Matraville High School;
(d) JJ Cahill Memorial High School?
- (8) Which active transport links exist between the suburb of Clovelly and:
(a) Alexandria Park Community School;
(b) Inner Sydney High School;
(c) Matraville High School;
(d) JJ Cahill Memorial High School?
- (9) Which active transport links exist between the suburb of Waverley and:
(a) Alexandria Park Community School;
(b) Inner Sydney High School;
(c) Matraville High School;
(d) JJ Cahill Memorial High School?
- (10) Which active transport links exist between the suburb of Tamarama and:
(a) Alexandria Park Community School;
(b) Inner Sydney High School;
(c) Matraville High School;
(d) JJ Cahill Memorial High School?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (5) The information is available on Transport Trip Planner.

(6) to (10) The information is available on Transport Trip Planner, with an option to select bicycle or walking. Note that children under the age of 16, and any adult accompanying them, can ride on the footpath.

*3563 WATER LICENSING FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How much water has been licensed by New South Wales pursuant to the Water Act 1912 to be extracted by way of floodplain harvesting?
(a) How is this monitored?
(b) Why have there been no fees or charges with respect to this, considering that all other water users in New South Wales are subject to such oversight and charges?

Answer—

Approvals to construct works used for floodplain harvesting (on-farm storages, levees and supply channels) were required under Part 8 of the Water Act 1912, however the take of water from floodplains was not required to be licensed. Licensing under the Water Act 1912 focussed on water taken from rivers, creeks and groundwater.

Floodplain harvesting in the Southern Basin will continue to be managed under the temporary exemption provided for by the Water Management (General) Amendment (Exemptions for Floodplain Harvesting) Regulation 2020, until licences can be issued.

*3564 COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT DIVERSION PROGRAM—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Will the Government make a financial commitment to continuing the Cognitive Impairment Diversion Program (CIDP) which as a two-year pilot program in Gosford and Penrith Local Courts has resulted in over two-thirds of participants staying out of prison through court diversionary orders?
- (2) Will the Government consider expanding the CIDP to Lismore Local Court and other local courts on the Northern Rivers and Northern Tablelands, considering the demonstrated success of the Intellectual Disability Rights Service in running the pilot program?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my answers to LA Q3138 and LA Q3067.

*3565 SCHOOL UPGRADES IN THE LISMORE ELECTORATE—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Will consideration be given to adopting the New South Wales Opposition's project 'Building Schools Creates Jobs' to kickstart construction of promised school upgrades in the Lismore electorate at the following schools:
 - (a) Afterlee Public School;
 - (b) Bexhill Public School;
 - (c) Caniaba Public School;
 - (d) Dorrroughby Environmental Education Centre;
 - (e) Murwillumbah East Public School;
 - (f) The Rivers Secondary College Richmond River High Campus;
 - (g) The Rivers Secondary College Lismore High Campus;
 - (h) Wilson Park School Lismore;
 - (i) Woodenbong Central School;
 - (j) Wyrallah Public School;
 - (k) Wyrallah Road Public School?

Answer—

The Government has committed to upgrade Bexhill Public School, Murwillumbah East Public School and Murwillumbah High School. Planning for these projects is already underway.

The Department of Education consistently monitors population trends across all schools to ensure the needs of growing communities are met.

The Department will continue to monitor population and development trends to meet enrolment needs in schools across New South Wales and regularly consults with relevant departments and agencies such as the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and local councils.

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3566 COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING REGISTER WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

Will buildings in the Wollongong local government area on the Combustible Cladding Register (the Cladding Regulation Online Registration System) as at 3 June 2020 be provided with financial assistance to remove the cladding?

3567 POLICE RESPONSE TO VICTIM VIOLENCE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Will the Government explore opportunities to enhance the police response to victims of violence, including to consider the co-location of specialist domestic violence services at police stations?

3568 BULK WATER TANKERS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

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- (1) Considering the recent fires across New South Wales, will all water bulk tankers be fitted with:
- Spray bars to protect the truck and occupants?
 - A first aid reel on the back of each truck?
 - Drop-down curtains to protect the driver and other passengers?
- (2) How many 6x4 bulk water tankers are there in service in New South Wales?
- (3) How many of these trucks are fitted out with Halo curtains and first aid reels?
- 3569 FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FRONTLINE SERVICES—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- How much of the \$21 million announced by the Attorney General to boost frontline services and other supports during the COVID-19 pandemic in relation to family and domestic violence has been spent in the Shellharbour electorate (as at 28 July 2020)?
 - Which services have been supported in the electorate?
 - How much did each service receive?
- 3570 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN SHELLHARBOUR—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- How is domestic violence in Shellharbour being reduced, given this is a priority of the Premier?
 - What tracking data does the Government use to measure domestic violence in Shellharbour?
- 3571 LAKE ILLAWARRA AREA COMMAND POLICE OFFICERS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- What are the core numbers of Police officers employed at the Lake Illawarra Area Command?
 - How many officers are currently employed in the above command?
 - Will the Minister increase the number of domestic violence officers at Lake Illawarra Area Command?
 - If not, why not?
- 3572 SHELLHARBOUR TAFE ENROLMENTS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—
- What was the number of enrolments for Shellharbour TAFE for each year from 2011 to 2020 (as at 28 July 2020)?
- 3573 SHELLHARBOUR TAFE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—
- When will the Government stop the defunding of TAFE in Shellharbour and make TAFE affordable again?
 - How many students have presented to the shopfront at Dapto?
 - Will the Government install bathrooms at the Dapto shopfront?
- 3574 SHELLHARBOUR PUBLIC HOUSING—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- How many people are on the waiting list for public housing in the Shellharbour electorate (as at 28 July 2020)?
 - How long is the waiting list for housing (as at 28 July 2020)?
 - Is there any new stock?
 - What plans does the Government have to update and improve its current stock?
 - What plans does the Government have to increase its housing stock in the Shellharbour electorate?
- 3575 MOTOR VEHICLE SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—
- In the last 12 months (as at 28 July 2020) did the Advisory Committee established under the Motor Vehicle Sports (Public Safety) Act 1985 meet?
 - If so, on which date?
 - If not, what is the date of the last meeting of the Advisory Committee established under the Motor Vehicle Sports (Public Safety) Act 1985?

- 3576 COVID-19 ON THE SPOT FINES—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- (1) For each Police Area Command and Police District what is the total number of on the spot fines issued for:
 - (a) Breach of clause 6 of the Public Health (COVID-19 Border Control) Order 2020 for failing to provide or falsifying information to an enforcement officer?
 - (b) Breach of the Public Health (COVID-19 Spitting and Coughing) Order (No 2) 2020?
 - (c) Breaches of any restrictions on gathering or movement orders?
- 3577 COVID-19 OFFENCE ARRESTS AND FINES—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- How many fines have been issued or arrests made for breaches of Public Health (COVID-19 Spitting and Coughing) Order (No 2) 2020 where the victim was a police officer, emergency services worker, paramedic or health employee?
- 3578 EVENT FEE WAIVERS AND REDUCTIONS—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- (1) Has the NSW Police Force waived or reduced user pays charges in the last year (as at 28 July 2020) for any organisations for the following:
 - (a) Major Sport and Cultural Events;
 - (b) Minor Sports and Cultural Events;
 - (c) Provision of police officers and/or wardrobe and props services to the film, television, advertising and media industries?
 - (2) If so:
 - (a) What are the numbers in each category?
 - (b) Which organisations or corporations were granted a waiver or reduced fee?
- 3579 STREET LIGHTING ON LAKE ENTRANCE ROAD—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- (1) Will the Government consider installing street lighting to the northern end of Lake Entrance Road to provide adequate lighting for both pedestrians and motorists?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- 3580 TOURISM OPERATORS COVID-19—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) What plans does Destination NSW have to assist tourism operators with opening for 1 June 2020 (such as providing sample standard operating procedures, screening guidelines, signage for tourism providers and cleaning guidelines)?
 - (2) When will business meetings, events and conferences be allowed to resume?
 - (3) What social distancing requirements apply to the following in New South Wales (as at 28 May 2020):
 - (a) Bus and coach operators;
 - (b) Train and tram operators;
 - (c) Airlines?
- 3581 VIGNERONS BUSHFIRES 2019-20—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—
- What is the estimated loss of tourism visitation to vineyards due to the 2019-20 bushfires, during and since the bushfires (pre COVID-19), disaggregated by Local Government Area?
- 3582 FARMING GRANTS SCHEME—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- (1) Will the Government provide funding to reintroduce a grant scheme for farmers to apply for matching funds (dollar-for-dollar) for netting where evidence of flying foxes is found on properties?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- 3583 VIGNERONS BUSHFIRES 2019-20 NON-DISASTER DECLARED AREAS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

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- (1) Why were Orange, Cabonne, Yass and Hilltops listed as non-disaster declared areas for the Recovery Grant in relation to the Supply Chain Support Grants announced on 24 May 2020 as part of the Bushfire Industry Recovery Package?
- (a) Are there vineyards in other non-disaster declared areas?
- (i) If so, are vineyards in those other non-disaster areas also covered by the grant?
- (ii) If not, why not?
- 3584 REGIONAL CULTURAL FUND GRANTS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Premier representing the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Considering the Regional Cultural Fund Grants assessment committee who assessed applications, how many people were included in the team of assessors?
- (2) Other than the four independent members of the New South Wales arts sector, what were the qualifications of the other experts?
- (3) Were the costs of the committee, for example, committee member remuneration, meetings, travel et cetera, allocated from the grants fund?
- (a) If not, were they paid separately by another source?
- (i) If so, what was the source?
- 3585 ARTS GRANTS IN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Premier representing the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Since 1 July 2011, how many individuals or groups (excluding local councils) in the Cessnock electorate have received grants funding for arts related projects, events, performances or construction (to 4 June 2020)?
- (a) What is the total annual value in each year from 2011 to 2020 (to 4 June 2020)?
- (b) What is the average value for each grant recipient?
- (2) Since 1 July 2011, how many local councils in the Cessnock electorate have received grants funding for arts related projects, events, performances or construction (to 4 June 2020)?
- (a) What is the total annual value in each year from 2011 to 2020 (to 4 June 2020)?
- (b) What is the average value for each grant recipient?
- 3586 LOCAL SPORT RECOVERY PACKAGE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—
- (1) Will the Minister reconsider the Local Sport Recovery Package guidelines to include all sporting clubs operating in regional New South Wales that are geographically located near another state border, which they may be affiliated with?
- (2) How many local sporting clubs in Regional Far West New South Wales are eligible for the package under the current guidelines?
- 3587 NARROMINE DUBBO RIFLE CLUB—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- (1) On what date was a complaint first lodged with the Firearms Registry regarding Narromine Dubbo Rifle Club (NDRC) continuing to hold Long Range Bench Rest (LRBR) matches?
- (a) What was the basis of these complaints?
- (2) Apart from the Firearms Registry, was anyone else involved, made aware of or notified of these complaints?
- (3) On what grounds did the Firearms Registry authorise and implement the ban on LRBR matches?
- (4) Did the Firearms Registry contact the NDRC, or the New South Wales Rifle Association (NSWRA) prior to implementing the bans?
- (5) Has the Firearms Registry provided the NDRC with a formal detailed explanation of the complaint and outlined their justification for implementing the bans?
- (6) Has the Firearms Registry made any effort to investigate the manner and procedures used by the NDRC to host and run LRBR matches?

3588 SOCIAL HOUSING BROKEN HILL WAIT TIMES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

Considering that data from the Department of Communities and Justice shows that the expected social housing wait time in allocation zone SO95 Broken Hill is up to two years for a one-bedroom property and anywhere from two to five years for multi-room dwellings, and that there are over 80 people on the waitlist for housing in S095, what actions is the Government taking to address this issue in Broken Hill?

3589 ECONOMIC STIMULUS MACQUARIE FIELDS ELECTORATE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Customer Service—

(1) Has the department or agency responsible for administering the fees and charges waiver for small businesses under the COVID-19 stimulus package been in direct contact with small businesses in New South Wales to advise of the waiver?

(a) If not:

(i) Why not?

(ii) Will the Government directly contact small businesses now?

3590 M8 MOTORWAY ADVERTISEMENT—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Why was the toll price excluded from the M8 Motorway advertisement published on page 19 of The Daily Telegraph on Monday 20 July 2020?

(a) Why did the advertisement omit the fact the new toll on the M5 East coincided with the opening of the M8 Motorway?

3591 ST ANDREWS FIRE STATION MAJOR AERIAL PUMPER—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) When will the promised major aerial pumper be delivered to St Andrews Fire Station?

(a) How many firefighters at St Andrews Fire Station will be trained to use the vehicle?

(b) What will the ratio be of firefighters trained to use the vehicle to non-trained firefighters per shift?

(c) If a decision has been made to not train all firefighters at St Andrews Fire Station to use the new vehicle, did payment of the training allowance factor into this decision?

3592 ST ANDREWS FIRE STATION AMENITIES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) When will separate change rooms, bathroom facilities and a recline area for female firefighters be provided at St Andrews Fire Station?

(a) Has money been budgeted for these upgrades?

(i) If so, how much money has been allocated?

(ii) If not, how much money will be allocated in the 2020-21 Budget?

3593 ARTS FUNDING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Premier representing the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) Is the Newcastle local government area (LGA) considered regional or metropolitan for arts funding programs?

(2) What arts and cultural infrastructure funding programs are the following eligible for:

(a) Newcastle LGA;

(b) Newcastle Art Gallery?

(3) What funding from the Arts and Cultural Development Program has been allocated to Newcastle projects?

(4) How much money has the Newcastle Art Gallery received from the Government since 2011 (to 4 June 2020)?

(5) How much money has the Art Gallery of NSW received from the Government since 2011 (to 4 June 2020)?

(6) How much money did Create NSW spend outside of Sydney in each financial year from 2017-18 to 2019-20 (as at 4 June 2020)?

(7) What was the total amount spent by Create NSW in each financial year from 2017-18 to 2019-20 (as

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- at 4 June 2020)?
- (8) Since 2011, what arts grants funding has been provided by the Government (as at 4 June 2020)?
- (a) For each of these grants:
 - (i) How much funding was provided?
 - (ii) Who was the recipient?
 - (iii) Where is the location and project description?
- 3594 COUNCIL WATER OVERSIGHT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- Why does the Department of Primary Industries not investigate water quality issues before fish kills occur rather than after?
- 3595 DISABILITY ADVOCACY SECTOR FUNDING—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- Considering your commitment to ensuring jobs remain in New South Wales, will funding be continued for the disability advocacy sector post December 2020 to ensure the jobs of the many people working in the sector, which would otherwise be at risk, are secure?
- 3596 TAXI FINES DURING COVID-19—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) How many taxis have received fines for being unregistered since 1 February 2020 across New South Wales (as at 28 July 2020)?
 - (a) To what extent has this increased compared to the same period from 1 February 2019?
 - (2) How many taxis have received a fine for lack of registration since 1 February 2020 (as at 28 July 2020) in:
 - (a) Merrylands;
 - (b) Merrylands West;
 - (c) Holroyd;
 - (d) Granville;
 - (e) Westmead;
 - (f) Wentworthville;
 - (g) South Wentworthville;
 - (h) Mays Hill;
 - (i) Guildford;
 - (j) Greystanes;
 - (k) Clyde?
 - (3) How is the Government assisting taxi drivers with registration costs during the COVID-19 crisis?
 - (4) How is the Government providing taxi drivers with somewhere safe to park their taxis while they are unable to work during COVID-19, so that they are not forced to leave their unregistered taxis illegally parked on the street?
 - (5) What portion of revenue has the Government received from the taxi industry as a result of these fines since 1 February 2020 (as at 28 July 2020)?
 - (a) What portion of this revenue has been returned to the taxi industry in the form of support by the Government for drivers currently?
- 3597 LAND TAX REDUCTIONS COVID-19—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—
- (1) How many property owners have requested land tax reductions due to COVID-19 (as at 17 June 2020)?
 - (a) How many of these are in metropolitan areas?
 - (b) How many of these are in non-metropolitan areas?
 - (c) What is the total value of these reductions (as at 17 June 2020)?
- 3598 COVID-19 ASSISTANCE FOR SELF-ISOLATING STUDENTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) What support is being provided by the department for students who have been directed to self-isolate for 14 days, to facilitate remote learning at:
 - (a) Fowler Road School;

- (b) Granville East Public School;
(c) Granville Public School;
(d) Granville South Public School;
(e) Guildford Public School;
(f) Hilltop Road Public School;
(g) Holroyd School;
(h) Merrylands East Public School;
(i) Merrylands Public School;
(j) Parramatta West Public School;
(k) Ringrose Public School;
(l) Sherwood Grange Public School;
(m) Wentworthville Public School;
(n) Westmead Public School?
- (2) Is there extra funding to assist these schools during the COVID-19 pandemic?
- 3599 RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- (1) When will the ferry service between Rydalmere and Parramatta resume?
(2) Are there any plans for T1 Western Line services to resume at Granville Station?
- 3600 WESTMEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL METRO WEST CONSTRUCTION—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the concerns of teachers, staff and parents of children who attend Westmead Public School about the potential impacts of the proposed construction site of Westmead Metro West Station?
(a) Has the Minister been contacted about this issue?
(2) What steps have been taken to protect the Westmead Public School community from the health risks posed by the construction of the Westmead Metro West Station?
- 3601 DISTANCE-BASED LEARNING FOR SELF ISOLATING STUDENTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- What advice has been given to schools about providing distance-based learning to students who have been directed to self-isolate for 14 days, now that face to face learning has resumed in full?
- 3602 CUMBERLAND CITY COUNCIL RATE HARMONISATION—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- (1) Has the Minister or the department given any guidance to Cumberland City Council about its proposed rate harmonisation?
(2) Is the council obliged to move to the most expensive residential rates of the new local government area?
- 3603 WESTMEAD DENTAL HOSPITAL CAPACITY—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- When will Westmead Dental Hospital services resume their usual (pre COVID-19) capacity?
- 3604 PARRAMATTA PARK TRUST—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- (1) What consultation has taken place with Parramatta Park Trust about the announced proposal to disband it?
(2) How will this decision benefit the administration of Parramatta Park?
(3) How will the Minister and his department protect Parramatta Park and its World Heritage-listed convict era colonial landscape from future sale and development?
- 3605 WILDLIFE TRADE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- What biosecurity risks are present from wildlife illegally trafficked into New South Wales from other jurisdictions?

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- 3606 TRADITIONAL OWNER NATIVE STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) What assessment has the Government undertaken into the economic and employment opportunities for traditional owners in native state forest management?
 - (2) What consultation has occurred with traditional owners about management of native state forests?
 - (3) What consideration has the Government given to expanding traditional owner management of native state forests for:
 - (a) Carbon storage;
 - (b) Eco tourism;
 - (c) Cultural tourism;
 - (d) Land management;
 - (e) Fire management;
 - (f) Bushfire recovery?
 - (4) Which native state forests are under consideration for the transfer of management to traditional owners?
- 3607 PROPERTY NSW PARKS PYRMONT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- (1) With respect to lands identified in LA Q0080:
 - (a) Is the Government committed to retaining this land as open green space?
 - (b) What plans does the Government have for:
 - (i) Cadi Park - Bowman Street / Refinery Drive;
 - (ii) Waterfront Park - Bowman Street;
 - (iii) Ballarat Park - Darling Island Road;
 - (iv) Metcalfe Park - Darling Island Road;
 - (v) Pyrmont Bay Park - Pirrama Road;
 - (vi) Boardwalk at Pyrmont Point/ Pirrama Park;
 - (vii) Small Community Garden - corner of John St and Cadigal Avenue?
 - (2) What plans does the Government have to transfer these lands to the City of Sydney for ongoing maintenance?
- 3608 ABORIGINAL HERITAGE PROTECTIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) Considering the significant loss of unique Aboriginal heritage from the Rio Tinto blasting at Jurukan Gorge, what review has the Government made of New South Wales legislation to protect Aboriginal heritage sites and values?
 - (2) What plans does the Government have to upgrade and improve protection of Aboriginal heritage?
- 3609 NAMBUCCA STATE FOREST—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- (1) Given research shows that logging opens the canopy, dries out the forest floor and that young, densely growing trees burn more easily, what assessments have been done by the Government on the risks of fire following logging operations?
 - (2) What assessment has been done on the increased risk of fire for the Nambucca State Forest - a green belt around the town - as a result of current logging operations?
 - (3) When was this assessment done and who carried it out?
- 3610 WATER OUTAGES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) What requirements apply to water suppliers to notify customers about planned outages?
 - (2) What recent changes have been introduced to alert customers about outages that will impact on these services (as at 4 June 2020)?
 - (3) What plans does the Government have to improve notification to affected residents and businesses about water outages?
- 3611 POWERHOUSE ULTIMO BUSINESS CASE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier representing the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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- (1) When will the Government release the business plan for the Ultimo Powerhouse Museum site, which was due to be released in late 2019?
- (2) What options will be considered for the future of this site?
- 3612 FORMER PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB SITE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- (1) Has the Government received requests for owners consent for any development applications at the former Paddington Bowling Club site since LA Q0673?
- (2) Is the site inaccessible to the community?
- (a) Has it been used for recreation purposes since 2015?
- (b) Is this consistent with the lease conditions?
- (3) What further action has been taken to ensure the lease conditions are being met since LA Q0673?
- (4) What action will the Government take if the lease conditions are not being fulfilled?
- (5) How will the Government ensure that the former Paddington Bowling Club site remains accessible to the community and used for recreation purposes?
- 3613 ASSET PORTFOLIO FRAMEWORK—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- (1) Has the Department of Communities and Justice developed an Asset Portfolio Framework as it told the Auditor General it would in 2013?
- (a) If so, how has the Framework been deployed and where can it be reviewed?
- 3614 IMPACT OF WAGE FREEZE ON POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Treasurer—
- (1) How many employees covered under the portfolio for Police and Emergency Services will be impacted by the public sector wage freeze in the Charlestown Electorate?
- (2) How much less will these employees be paid over the next three years as a result (from 2 June 2020)?
- 3615 SPECIALIST SUPPORT CLASSES—Mr David Harris to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) On the Central Coast, how many Specialist Support classes are:
- (a) In Primary mainstream schools (as at 1 June 2020);
- (b) in Secondary mainstream school (as at 1 June 2020);
- (c) in Schools for Specific Purposes (including Behaviour Schools) (as at 1 June 2020)?
- (2) On the Central Coast, how many Specialist Support classes have:
- (a) Permanent teachers (as at 1 June 2020);
- (b) Casual teachers (as at 1 June 2020)?
- 3616 DUNC GRAY VELODROME OWNERSHIP TRANSFER—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—
- (1) Will ownership of the Dunc Gray Velodrome be transferred from Canterbury Bankstown Council to NSW Crown Lands or another state agency or body?
- (2) What is the timeline for transferring ownership to the Government?
- 3617 DUNC GRAY VELODROME—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) Will ownership of the Dunc Gray Velodrome be transferred from Canterbury Bankstown Council to NSW Crown Lands?
- (2) What is the timeline for transferring ownership to the Government?
- 3618 COVID-19 RISK FOR INCARCERATED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) How many Indigenous people currently incarcerated in New South Wales correctional facilities have been identified as being at increased risk of contracting COVID-19, including the following:
- (a) A pregnant woman;
- (b) A mother with a baby;
- (c) A person with respiratory illness;
- (d) A person with diabetes;

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- (e) A person with heart conditions;
(f) A person with a suppressed immune system;
(g) A person with renal failure;
(h) A person with disability;
(i) A person over 50 years of age?
- (2) How many incarcerated Indigenous people have been provided with a COVID-19 test since 1 January 2020 (as at 16 June 2020)?
- 3619 VOLUNTEER RESOURCE CENTRES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- (1) What is the total amount of funding provided in financial year 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 through the Community Builders program to Volunteer Resource Centres and other volunteering organisations across New South Wales?
(2) What has been the total amount of Targeted Early Intervention funding provided to Volunteer Resource Centres and other volunteering organisations across New South Wales in the current financial year (as at 28 July 2020)?
(3) Why was transition from the Community Builders to Targeted Early Intervention funding proceeded with prior to the release of the Government's new Volunteer Strategy?
(4) Was the transition conducted in accordance with the Volunteer Strategy that has just lapsed?
(5) How does the Government propose to fund the broader activities of Volunteer Resource Centres and volunteering organisations that fall outside the scope of the Targeted Early Intervention program, including community sector development activities?
- 3620 RESCUE AND RESTART PACKAGE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Premier representing the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) How much of the \$50 million Rescue and Restart Package has been allocated to date (as at 28 July 2020)?
(2) Which organisations have received an allocation?
(3) What is the process by which organisations are able to apply to the program?
(4) What support is available to small to medium sized community arts organisations, including community theatres, galleries and choirs?
- 3621 TOGETHER HOME PROGRAM FUNDING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- (1) Of the \$36 million recently announced as part of the Together Home program to assist with homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic, how much has already been expended (as at 28 July 2020)?
(a) What is the timeline for expending the funding?
(b) How is the funding being expended rapidly so as to ensure housing insecurity or homelessness caused by COVID-19 is responded to as quickly as possible?
- 3622 LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION COVID-19 PANDEMIC SUPPORT—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- (1) What additional deep cleaning and other health or social support has Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) provided to residents of high rise public housing in New South Wales in response to the COVID-19 pandemic?
(2) Does LAHC have a formal plan by which to manage any potential outbreak of COVID-19 in a property it owns and/or manages?
(3) Is it correct that NSW Health would not directly contact LAHC or the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) in the instance of a confirmed COVID-19 case in a property owned and/or managed by LAHC or DCJ?
(4) Does the Minister agree that this increases the risk of an outbreak at an LAHC or DCJ property by inhibiting the ability of either to enact a formal COVID-19 response plan?
- 3623 LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION HIGH RISE PUBLIC HOUSING COVID-19 SUPPORT—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

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- (1) What additional deep cleaning and other support has Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) provided to residents of high rise public housing in New South Wales in response to the COVID-19 pandemic?
- (2) Does LAHC have a formal plan by which to manage any potential outbreak of COVID-19 in a property it owns and/or manages?
- (3) Is it correct that NSW Health would not directly contact LAHC or the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) in the instance of a confirmed COVID-19 case in a property owned and/or managed by LAHC or DCJ?
- (4) Does the Minister agree that this increases the risk of an outbreak at an LAHC or DCJ property by inhibiting the ability of either to enact a formal COVID-19 response plan?
- 3624 COVID-19 TESTS FOR PEOPLE AGED UNDER 18 YEARS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) What is the total number of residents of the Summer Hill electorate who have been tested for COVID-19 (as at 28 May 2020)?
- (a) Of these, how many are under the age of 18?
- (2) How many people under the age of 18 have been tested across New South Wales since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic (as at 28 May 2020)?
- (3) Are school students who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 and indicate an absence from school on this basis required to present a negative COVID-19 test result?
- 3625 NSW POLICE FORCE OFFICER WAGES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Considering the Government's decision to freeze the wages of New South Wales public servants, how many police officers in the Wallsend electorate will be impacted?
- (2) How much less money will they be able to spend in the local economy?
- 3626 NSW FIRE AND RESCUE STAFF—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Considering the Government's decision to freeze the wages of New South Wales public servants, how many NSW Fire and Rescue employees in the Wallsend electorate will be impacted?
- (2) How much less money will they be able to spend in the local economy?
- 3627 EXTENSION OF ORDERS UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- Do you share the interpretation expressed in the Law Society Journal on 29 April 2020 that Orders by the Minister for Health issued under the Public Health Act are extended by a further 90 days when they are amended?
- 3628 BLACK LIVES MATTER PROTESTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- Did the Government request or receive assistance from the Australian Federal Police or Australian Military forces during recent Black Lives Matter protests in Sydney?
- 3629 BLACK LIVES MATTER PROTESTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier—
- Did the Government request or receive assistance from the Australian Federal Police or Australian Military forces during recent Black Lives Matter protests in Sydney?
- 3630 LETTER FROM JUMBUNNA INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- What is your response to the letter dated 10 July 2020 from Distinguished Professor Larissa Behrendt and others from the Jumbunna Institute for Education and Research itemising eight actions to help stop Aboriginal deaths in custody?
- 3631 CORRESPONDENCE WITH CHIEF MAGISTRATE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- What is the response of the Chief Magistrate to the email from Magistrate Roger Clisdell (referred to in the Sydney Morning Herald on 13 July)?
- 3632 PUBLIC DEFENDERS AT BEGA—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

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- Are the services of Public Defenders available when the District Court sits at Bega?
- 3633 DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR COGNITIVELY IMPAIRED OFFENDERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- What plans does the Department of Communities and Justice have to establish a diversion program for people with cognitive impairment across the courts of New South Wales?
- 3634 MAINSBRIDGE SCHOOL SITE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- What will you do with the current site of Mainsbridge School when the school moves to Warwick Farm?
- 3635 ADDITIONAL COVID-19 FUNDING FOR LEGAL SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- (1) When was the additional COVID-19 funding announced by the Commonwealth Government on 6 May 2020 for frontline legal services (including the community legal sector) received by the Government?
 - (2) On what date(s) was this additional Commonwealth funding distributed to community legal centres in New South Wales, if at all?
 - (3) What was the reason for the delay in distributing the funding to community legal centres in New South Wales (as highlighted by the NSW Society of Labor Lawyers in their recent submission to the inquiry into the Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic)?
- 3636 VICTIMS SUPPORT SCHEME—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- Will the Commissioner for Victims Rights publish or release the submissions and/or letters she has received concerning changes to the Victims Support Scheme (being the submissions that were to close by 29 May)?
- 3637 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH TRIAGE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—
- (1) How many people have presented to the Bankstown Hospital Emergency Department and been triaged in relation to a mental health related issue in the following quarters:
 - (a) July to September 2019;
 - (b) October to December 2019;
 - (c) January to March 2020?
- 3638 BANKSTOWN RAILWAY STATION FORMER PARCELS OFFICE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- (1) Considering the Bankstown Railway Station modification report states on page 1 that "The heritage listed Bankstown Parcels Office (former) would be removed to enable the provision of the new at-grade corridor crossing" due to the Sydenham to Bankstown upgrade, was any community consultation conducted with local residents in relation to the proposed modification?
 - (2) If so:
 - (a) What community consultation was conducted?
 - (b) Who was consulted?
 - (c) When were they consulted?
 - (d) How the consultation was undertaken?
- 3639 ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Premier representing the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Considering that the Government is proceeding with its \$1.5 billion relocation of the Powerhouse Museum, how much additional funding will be allocated to artistic and cultural institutions within the Bankstown electorate?
 - (a) Will there be additional funding for Bankstown Arts Centre?
- 3640 PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMMAND POLICE—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

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- (1) How many Public Transport Command (PTC) police are allocated to the New South Wales public transport system (as at 21 May 2020)?
- (2) How many PTC officers are allocated to each of the following networks (as at 21 May 2020):
- The heavy rail network;
 - The light rail network;
 - The Region 9 bus network;
 - All Sydney bus networks combined;
 - The ferry network?
- (3) What will be the ratio of PTC officers per service for each of the following:
- The Eastern Suburbs heavy rail line;
 - All heavy rail networks combined;
 - The CBD and South East Light Rail network;
 - All light rail networks combined;
 - The Region 9 bus network;
 - All Sydney bus networks combined;
 - The ferry network;
 - The Metro rail network?
- (4) What will be the ratio of PTC officers to passengers across each of the following:
- The Eastern Suburbs heavy rail Line;
 - All heavy rail networks combined;
 - The CBD and South East Light Rail network;
 - All light rail networks combined;
 - The Region 9 bus network;
 - All Sydney bus networks combined;
 - The ferry network;
 - The Metro rail network;
 - All public transport combined?
- 3641 MODERN SLAVERY ACT—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Premier—
When will the Modern Slavery Act 2018 be enacted?
- 3642 BUSHFIRE AND OTHER DISASTER RECOVERY WORK PAYMENTS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
Will consideration be given to changing the current system of payments to contractors and organisations who carry out bushfire and other disaster recovery work to include a 30-day period for reconciliation of invoices, a guaranteed timeline for payment within 60 days, and if invoices remain disputed, referral to an independent reviewer for resolution within a further 14 days?
- 3643 RELOCATION OF THE POWERHOUSE MUSEUM—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Premier representing the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
Will consideration be given to canceling the proposed \$1.5 billion relocation of the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney and redirect funds towards high priority infrastructure projects and support job creation in regional and rural areas of New South Wales?
- 3644 TAX REVENUE FROM GAMING MACHINES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- From how many electronic gaming machines was the taxation revenue generated in the Wollongong local government area in:
 - Financial year 2017-18;
 - Financial year 2018-19?
- 3645 BYRON SHIRE - TOURISM IMPACTS INFRASTRUCTURE ELECTION COMMITMENT—Ms Tamara Smith to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- Considering the grant of \$5 million under the Tourism Impacts Infrastructure Election Commitment provided to Byron Shire:
 - What is the level of involvement by the Government in assessing the projects awarded under this fund?

- (b) What criteria were used to assess these projects?
- 3646 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Premier representing the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) How many children of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background, under the care of the Government, are housed with Indigenous families (as at 4 June 2020)?
 - (2) What percentage of those employed by the Department of Communities and Justice are of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background (as at 4 June 2020)?
 - (3) What percentage of students with an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background in New South Wales are completing (as at 4 June 2020):
 - (a) Year 10;
 - (b) Year 11;
 - (c) Year 12;
 - (d) TAFE courses;
 - (e) University degrees;
 - (f) A mature-age qualification?
- 3647 EMPLOYMENT IN SHELLHARBOUR—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What portion of the \$3 billion public sector wage freeze savings will be put into job creation in the Shellharbour electorate?
 - (2) What are the jobs that will be created?
 - (3) When will these jobs be filled?
 - (4) How many jobs will it create in the Shellharbour electorate?
- 3648 HAND SANITISERS IN SCHOOLS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) Is the Government providing hand sanitiser for all New South Wales schools?
 - (a) If so, which supplier or suppliers are providing the hand sanitiser?
- 3649 LICENCE EXAMINATION RESULTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- (1) What is the pass and fail rate for individuals undertaking examinations for the following licence types for each recurring year from 2015 to current (as at 18 June 2020):
 - (a) Learner;
 - (b) Provisional P1;
 - (c) Provisional P2?
- 3650 LICENCE EXAMINATION REVENUE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- (1) How much revenue has been generated from individuals undertaking examinations for the following licence types for each recurring year from 2015 to current (as at 18 June 2020):
 - (a) Learner;
 - (b) Provisional P1;
 - (c) Provisional P2?

Questions to Chairs of Committees

Publication of Questions	Question asked on
Q & A No. 30 (Including Question Nos 1489 to 1530)	Tuesday 15 October 2019

QCC 0003 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Chair of the Legislative Assembly Committee on Community Services, Ms Wendy Lindsay MP—

(1) On what date(s) has the Legislative Assembly Committee on Community Services (the Committee) met since your appointment as Chair?

- (a) Where were each of those meetings held?
- (b) What was the duration of each meeting (as recorded in the minutes)?
- (c) What policy issues/other matters were discussed at each meeting?

(2) On what date(s) are any future meetings of the Committee scheduled to be held?

(3) Besides the meetings identified in part (1), what other activities have you engaged in as part of your role as Chair of the Committee?

(4) On average, approximately how many hours per week do you spend completing work directly relating to your role as Chair of the Committee (not including work performed by your staff or Committee secretariat staff)?

QCC 0004 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Chair of the Legislative Assembly Committee on Transport and Infrastructure, Ms Robyn Preston MP—

(1) On what date(s) has the Legislative Assembly Committee on Transport and Infrastructure (the Committee) met since your appointment as Chair?

- (a) Where were each of those meetings held?
- (b) What was the duration of each meeting (as recorded in the minutes)?
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Attachment A

Single House Water Service Charge		
Year	Nominal	Real
2019-20	\$97	\$99
2018-19	\$81	\$84
2017-18	\$92	\$97
2016-17	\$90	\$97
2015-16	\$103	\$112
2014-15	\$114	\$126
2013-14	\$125	\$141
2012-31	\$135	\$156
2011-12	\$145	\$171
2010-11	\$125	\$152
2009-10	\$102	\$127
2008-09	\$76	\$97
2007-08	\$56	\$75
2006-07	\$64	\$89
2005-06	\$77	\$109
2004-05	\$78	\$113
2003-04	\$77	\$113
2002-03	\$75	\$115
2001-02	\$75	\$118

NPR data escalated to \$2020-21
with ABS March - March CPI

Sydney
Water's
nominal bills
escalated to
\$2020-21 with
ADS March -

Changes per cent

	Nominal	Real
2019-20 vs 2011-12	-33 per cent	-42 per cent
2011-12 vs 2001-02	93 per cent	45 per cent