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*2152 RESTORATION WORKS OF THE LENNOX BRIDGE, LANSDOWNE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Premier representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Considering the restoration works of the Lennox Bridge, Lansdowne, were anticipated to be completed in 2019, yet works have not begun, why have the works been delayed?
- (2) When are restoration works scheduled to commence?
- (3) When are these works anticipated to be completed?

Answer—

Heritage NSW has issued relevant approvals under the Heritage Act 1977 to facilitate the conservation works.

The conservation works program is the responsibility of Transport for NSW as the asset owner. Question regarding the works should be referred to the Minister for Transport and Roads.

*2153 FAIRFIELD SHOWGROUND GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Premier—

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

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

*2154 HUNTER VALLEY FLOOD MITIGATION SCHEME—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Have inspections of the Hunter Valley Flood Mitigation Scheme (HVFMS) during 2019 identified any drought-related damage to the levees or associated infrastructure?
- (2) How much money was spent on capital works upgrades to the HVFMS during each of the 2015-16 to 2018-19 financial years?
- (3) How much money was spent on maintenance work to the HVFMS during each of the 2015-16 to 2018-19 financial years?
- (4) When was the most recent engineering report on the current structural integrity of the HVFMS provided to the Government?
 - (a) What action items were identified in that engineering report?
- (5) What is current status of flood gate inspections and repairs within the HVFMS (as at 21 November 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Routine inspections have identified a reduction in grass cover and desiccation cracks. The situation is being monitored.

(2) The assets of the Hunter Valley Flood Mitigation Scheme (HVFMS) are controlled and accounted for by the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation (WAMC). The assets are managed under delegation (from WAMC) by Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (OPIE) - Environment, Energy and Science (EES). The amount of all construction work undertaken from 2015-16 to 2018-19 was \$1.541 million with a further \$6.449 million spent on re-constructing assets damaged during the April 2015 flood.

Construction works:

2015/16 - \$1,043,000.

2016/17 - \$15,467.

2017/18 - \$288,395.

2018/19- \$194,522.

April 2015 Flood damage repairs:

2015/16- \$0

2016/17 - \$6,233,157.

2017/18 - \$212,799.

2018/19 - \$2,554.

(3) Total money spent over this period was \$22,276,395.

2015-16 - \$6,387,446.

2016-17 - \$2,837,331.

2017-18 - \$6,917,983.

2018-19 - \$6,133,635.

(4) The Scheme is subject to regular and ongoing engineering assessments. Defects identified through these assessments are scheduled for repairs as part of the maintenance program.

(5) Each of the Scheme's 258 floodgates are inspected twice a year, and 96 per cent of the floodgates have been assessed as posing a low risk. Two per cent have been assessed as posing a moderate risk and have been prioritised for repair as part of the maintenance program. The remaining two per cent are in the process of being assessed.

*2155 DRIVERS LICENCE NUMBER—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) For what reason are drivers unable to change their driver's licence number?

(2) Are victims of identity theft able to change their driver's licence number?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Driver licence numbers can only be changed in extraordinary circumstances. Customers who are genuine victims of identity theft or crime can be approved to have a new driver licence number issued to prevent any potential misuse of their personal details.

*2157 ELIGIBILITY FOR DROUGHT STIMULUS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

Will the Minister amend the Drought Stimulus - Country Shows Sponsorship Packages eligibility criteria to enable all regional events, including but not limited to rodeos, camp drafting, and team penning to apply for this sponsorship?

Answer—

The New South Wales Drought Stimulus Country Show Sponsorship Package is targeted towards supporting Country Shows in regional New South Wales.

There is a range of alternative funding sources to support other regional events including Event Funding and Tourism Grants available under Destination NSW; and the Drought Resilience fund under the Department of Primary Industries.

*2158 POONCARIE ROAD SEALING—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) When will the sealing of the Pooncarie Road commence?

(2) What is the current estimated month and year of completion?

Answer—

Central Darling Shire Council will upgrade 70 kilometres of road, which will begin in July 2020 and is expected to be completed in June 2023, weather permitting.

*2159 TRANSURBAN CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Will the Minister review the decision by Transurban to consolidate its classification system leading to caravanners being classed in the same category as semi-trailers and B-doubles with a view to creating a class for small trucks, vans, and caravans?

Answer—

I am advised:

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I am disappointed with Transurban's actions and have written to them to request a reversal of their decision.

*2160 MOBILE BLACKSPOTS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Will the Minister commit funding under the Digital Connectivity Program to the upgrade of mobile phone towers at the following locations:
- (a) Menindee;
 - (b) Tilpa;
 - (c) Louth;
 - (d) Tooraweenah;
 - (e) Little Topar;
 - (f) Carinda;
 - (g) Weilmoringle;
 - (h) Sunset Strip;
 - (i) Silverton?

Answer—

The Government has committed to investing \$400 million in the Regional Digital Connectivity Program. The focus areas under the program are: mobile connectivity; internet and data connectivity; and on-farm connectivity.

This investment will be through the \$4.2 billion Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund which is 100 per cent committed to transformative regional infrastructure.

The Regional Digital Connectivity Program builds on the Government's existing \$39 million investment to address mobile black spots across regional New South Wales.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is developing a number of business cases to meet Infrastructure NSW and Treasury requirements for infrastructure projects. A key focus for the Department will be to address known mobile black spots in regional and remote New South Wales. I have asked the Department to consider the locations named by the Member when the business case and program design work has completed.

*2161 ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES AT EDMONDSON PARK STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the Member for Holsworthy announcement on 16 December 2019 that the Government will build an extra 2,000 parking spaces at Edmondson Park Station, with a temporary car park to be provided this year:
- (a) When will construction start on the 2,000 extra spaces?
 - (b) When will the spaces be open and ready to use?
 - (c) Where will the 2,000 spaces be located?
 - (d) When will the temporary car park be ready for use?
 - (e) Where will the temporary car park be located?
 - (f) How many spaces will be available in the temporary car park?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available.

*2162 CARAVAN TOLL CHARGES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Why is a car towing a caravan which is privately owned by a pensioner and exceeds 12.5 metres in length, treated the same as a semi-trailer which is owned by a multi-national company when going through the toll?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my answer to LA 2159.

*2163 STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How many State Significant Development (SSD) applications were received by the Department from 4 February 2018 to 4 February 2020?
- (a) In relation to those SSDs:
- (i) What was the average time taken to issue Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) after a request was received?
 - (ii) What was the average time taken for applicants to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement?
 - (iii) What was the average time taken for an applicant to submit a Submissions Report following exhibition of a SSD application?
 - (iv) What was the average time taken to assess the SSD application and prepare an Assessment Report?
 - (v) Once an Assessment Report was prepared, what was the average time taken for a SSD application to be determined?

Answer—

- (1) There were 197 State Significant Development (SSD) applications received by the Department from 4 February 2018 to 4 February 2020.
- (a) In relation to those SSDs:
- (i) The average Government days to issue Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) after a request was received was 28 days.
 - (ii) The average time taken for applicants to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement was 316 days.
 - (iii) The average time taken for applicants to submit a Submissions Report was 115 days.
 - (iv) The average Government days taken to assess a completed SSD application was 50 days. The average time taken for applicants to respond to requests for information during the assessment was 55 days.
 - (v) The average Government days taken for a SSD application to be determined was 15 days.

*2164 STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT-101224—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Considering the Edmondson Park School (SSD-10224), why did the Department of Education ask the Department of Planning and Environment to place a Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) request on hold?
- (2) Did the Department of Education sign off on the SEARs request before it was issued by consultants APP Corporation Pty Ltd?
- (3) When will the Department of Education proceed with the SEARs request?
- (4) When do you expect the development application for Edmondson Park School to be submitted?
- (5) Will there be a capital allocation for the Edmondson Park School in the coming 2020-21 Budget and forward estimates?
- (6) When do you expect Edmondson Park School to be operational?

Answer—

- (1) As the final scope was yet to be finalised, the Department requested the SEARs be put on hold to avoid the need for future amendment.
- (2) APP Corporation Pty Ltd was the applicant.
- (3) The SEARs request is expected to be lodged in 2020.
- (4) The development application will be lodged on approval of the business case.
- (5) Funding will be allocated on approval of the business case.
- (6) The schools are expected to be operational within two years of works commencing on site.

*2165 SECRETARY'S ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS REQUEST SSD-10224—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Considering the Edmondson Park School (SSD-10224), why was the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) request placed on hold?
- (2) What is the latest advice from the applicant in relation to the SEARs request as at 4 February 2020?
 - (a) When was this advice received from the applicant?

Answer—

I am advised:

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School Infrastructure NSW (the Applicant) requested that the application and the request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for Edmondson Park School be placed on hold.

*2166 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL GLENFIELD—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Considering the now abandoned plan to relocate Hurlstone Agricultural High School at Glenfield to the Hawkesbury, how much was spent from the time of the announcement of the proposed relocation in November 2015 to 10 December 2019 on:
 - (a) Legal advice;
 - (b) Communication consultants;
 - (c) Environmental consultants;
 - (d) Planning consultants;
 - (e) Educational consultants?

Answer—

- (1) From November 2015 to 10 December 2019, the following was spent by School Infrastructure NSW on plans to relocate Hurlstone Agricultural High School at Glenfield to the Hawkesbury:
 - (a) Legal advice - \$1 ,375;
 - (b) Communication consultants - \$14,363;
 - (c) Environmental consultants - \$5,875;
 - (d) Planning consultants - \$164,945;
 - (e) Educational consultants - \$17,224.

*2167 DISABILITY STANDARDS AT MACQUARIE FIELDS STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering The Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth) makes disability discrimination unlawful and promotes equal rights, equal opportunity and equal access for people with disabilities, is the Government in breach if its obligations under the Act given its refusal to build lifts at Macquarie Fields Station?
- (2) Did the Government comply with the 31 December 2017 deadline to ensure 90 per cent of the transport network met the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002?
- (3) Will the Government meet the 31 December 2022 deadline by installing lifts at Macquarie Fields Station to ensure 100 per cent compliance with its obligations under the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Transport Access Program is a key initiative under the Transport for NSW Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2018-2022. The Transport Access Program demonstrates the

Government's commitment to meeting the outcomes of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992.

Transport for NSW acknowledges it will not achieve the compliance targets as set out by the Disability Standards for Public Transport 2002, which includes the deadline December 2022 for all transport infrastructure to be compliant.

The Government has committed more than \$2 billion in the Transport Access Program since 2011. To date, more than 470 projects have been completed or are underway.

This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges, and commuter car parks.

*2168 NSW POLICE FORMAL RESPONSE TO OPERATION TRIESTE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) In relation to the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission's Operation Trieste Final Report released on 31 October 2019, has NSW Police issued a formal response?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) What is the response?
 - (ii) Will the response be made publicly available?
 - (iii) What disciplinary action was taken against the two officers found to have engaged in serious misconduct in that they breached section 7 of the Police Act, breached the NSW

Police Force Code of Conduct and Ethics and breached the provisions of Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002 (NSW)?

- (b) If not:
- (i) When will a response be issued?
 - (ii) Will that response be publicly available?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force provided a response to the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC) in accordance with section 146 of the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission Act 2016.

The NSW Police Force accepts the LECC's findings, and took action against the officers under the provisions of section 173 of the Police Act 1990.

*2169 PORT OF NEWCASTLE CONTAINER THRESHOLD LEVEL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Is it Government policy not to develop a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle before container capacity is reached at Port Botany followed by Port Kembla?
- (2) How many containers a year were shipped through the Port of Newcastle since it was leased?

Answer—

(1) The Government's policy is to realise the full capacity of Port Botany before investing in another port in order to maximise benefits to users and taxpayers. Port Kembla has been identified as the location for a container terminal to augment Port Botany when required.

(2) This information is published in the Yearly Trade Reports on the Port of Newcastle website.

*2171 COOKS RIVER ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT LOCAL RESIDENTS MEETING—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Local Government—

Will the Minister attend a meeting with the Member for Canterbury and local residents with regard to a strategy for managing the Cooks River and the surrounding natural environment?

Answer—

My door is always open to Members of Parliament, Council and the community.

I would encourage you to contact my office to arrange a meeting.

*2172 RECYCLED CONTENT FOR LOCAL COUNCIL PROJECTS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

Considering the report released by Local Government NSW titled 'At the Crossroads: The State of Waste and Recycling in NSW' that indicates household recycling and waste diversion rates are stagnating in New South Wales, will regulations be reviewed to allow Local Councils to prioritise procurement of recycled content for projects?

Answer—

The NSW Government is developing a 20-Year Waste Strategy that will provide clear direction for waste management in our state over the coming decades.

To support development of the 20-Year Waste Strategy, a discussion paper has been released for public consultation until 8 May 2020. The paper considers a broad set of issues for waste and resource recovery in NSW, including the role of government procurement in stimulating demand for recycled products.

Consultation on the discussion paper will seek the views of the local government sector on how this can best be achieved.

At the same time, the NSW Government has released a discussion paper to inform the NSW Plastics Plan to address the priority need to reduce plastic waste. The Plan will form part of the 20-Year Waste Strategy and contain specific measures to manage plastic waste and pollution in NSW.

*2173 NIMMIE-CAIRA PROJECT—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Considering the undertakings made during the Nimmie-Caira Project Advisory Committee Meeting No. 11 in June 2018, when will Nimmie-Caira be returned to a rateable land within the Hay Shire Council?

Answer—

I am advised:

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The Nature Conservation Water Fund commenced a lease of the Nimmie-Caira property on 1 July 2018 after an appropriate fit for purpose tender process, becoming a rateable land on this date. The lease was registered under the New South Wales Real Property Act 1900 and the Nature Conservation Water Fund then became the entity responsible for any payment of rates. On 19 December 2019 the property ownership transitioned to the Nari Tribal Council and notification will be provided to Council accordingly.

*2174 POLICE RESIDENCE YENDA—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Why has the police residence at Yenda been left vacant for the past eight years?
- (2) Is regular maintenance carried out on this building to ensure it does not deteriorate?
- (3) Are there any plans to utilise this building in the future?

Answer—

I am advised:

This property is owned and managed by Property NSW, is in a state of disrepair and remains vacant. There is no intention for a police officer to occupy this residence.

Questions relating to the property's maintenance and future utilisation are a matter for Property NSW.

Police advise Murrumbidgee Police District regularly tasks General Duties, Highway Patrol and Proactive Crime Teams to patrol Yenda to prevent, disrupt and respond to crime and anti-social behaviour. It is also important to note that all police positions attached to the Murrumbidgee Police District are flexible resources available to respond to incidents. Local resources are also supplemented by specialist police including highway patrol, major crime squads and covert resources which are managed centrally, but can be deployed across boundaries to meet changing community needs and respond to changing crime patterns and emerging issues.

*2176 YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS DORM BUILDINGS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Considering that three Yanco Agricultural High Schools Girls' dorm buildings only have a single entrance, and temperatures have reached 48 degrees inside the dorms this summer, does the response stand to LA Q1904 that these dorms "meet the needs" of the female students?
- (2) When will the Government build permanent dorm buildings to ensure girls and boys have an equal standard of accommodation at the school?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that demountable dormitory accommodation currently occupied by students meets relevant workplace health and safety standards, and has reverse cycle air-conditioning.
- (2) Refer to answer to question 1.

*2177 FUNDING FOR EUGOWRA SHOWGROUND—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

From the \$9.2 million allocated in the NSW Budget 2019-2020 for infrastructure maintenance and improvements to community showgrounds, will consideration be given to the funding of essential multi-purpose community infrastructure at the Eugowra Showground?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund, the Government recently allocated \$172,150 to the Eugowra Showground Crown Land Manager for repairs and upgrades to the Pavilion.

The funding of \$9.2 million for infrastructure maintenance and improvements to community showgrounds was provided to conduct required safety improvements on showground sites as identified.

*2178 FUNDING FOR BOARD SCHOOLING—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Will consideration be given to the urgent provision of funding to assist farming families, and other families of rural and remote New South Wales, who are impacted financially by drought, for expenses relating to the education of their children who are required to board at distant schools as a necessity to receive face-to-face teaching in absence of local schools?

Answer—

The Department of Education in recognition of the challenges facing rural families impacted by drought and bushfires will cover the planned three per cent increase in boarding fees for the three selective public boarding schools for 2020.

The Department is continuing to work with schools and their communities to explore other options to support families and students impacted by drought and bushfires.

*2179 TRAVELLING STOCK ROUTES—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

Considering that Travelling Stock Routes are often used to graze stock by permit on payment of fees, will consideration be given to directing proceeds generated by Local Lands Services into maintaining property boundary fences adjoining the Travelling Stock Routes (TSR), which are subject to damage sustained through contact from animals grazing along the TSR?

Answer—

Travelling Stock Reserves (TSRs) are parcels of Crown land which were traditionally used for moving stock and grazing. They are now more widely recognised as also having important values for biodiversity conservation, indigenous culture and recreation as well as grazing. The TSRs are comprised of long, linear reserves as well as fragmented, isolated patches. This creates a network that has a disproportionately high length of boundary fence to reserve area ratio.

Division 6 of the Local Land Services Act 2013 (LLS Act) excludes the application of the Dividing Fences Act 1991 to controlled TSRs that adjoin land owned by anyone other than Local Land Services (LLS), or where the adjoining land is separated from a controlled TSR by a road or watercourse. This exempts LLS from being required, under the Dividing Fences Act 1991, to contribute to the construction, replacement or maintenance of boundary fences adjoining controlled TSRs in the circumstances defined by the LLS Act.

*2180 PEAK HILL FIRE AND RESCUE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) Prior to Fire and Rescue NSW's recent decision to downgrade the response capability at Peak Hill due to its inability to recruit a sufficient number of retained firefighters, did Fire and Rescue NSW exhaust all efforts to recruit, including advertising positions at retainer levels above base rate, of either 50 per cent, 75 per cent or 100 per cent?

(a) If so, what retainer rate was applied to advertisements to recruit retained firefighters for Peak Hill?

Answer—

I am advised:

Fire and Rescue NSW considers the tanker response capability at Peak Hill appropriate to the level of risk and acknowledges crews from Dubbo and Parkes further support service delivery at Peak Hill.

There have been longstanding challenges attracting and retaining on-call firefighters at Peak Hill, as the town's population has fallen over the last decade. Fire and Rescue NSW has undertaken extensive recruitment efforts at Peak Hill on an ongoing basis for more than a decade. The retainer rate to recruit retained firefighters for Peak Hill is 100%.

*2181 PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ART GALLERY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What assessment has the Government made of a possible underground pedestrian link between the College Street underpass to the western edge of Hyde Park and the St James Station Concourse?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has not undertaken any specific assessments in relation to delivering a new underground pedestrian link between the western edge of Hyde Park on College Street, Sydney with St James Train Station.

*2182 DRUG POSSESSION OFFENCES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

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- (1) Considering the answer to LA Q1685, when a person is issued with an on-the-spot fine for drug possession under the current trial, is a criminal conviction automatically recorded?
(a) If not, how is the offence recorded?
- (2) What information about the offence is visible to potential employers, authorities and the police?

Answer—

I am advised:

When a person is issued with a Drug Criminal Infringement Notice (CIN) for drug possession under the current trial and the fine is paid, no criminal conviction is recorded. The fact a CIN was issued to a person will not be visible to potential employers and authorities, but will still be visible to police.

If a person elects to have a CIN determined by a court that proceeds to a conviction, the criminal conviction will however be visible to potential employers, authorities, and police on National Police Checks released in accordance with the Criminal Records Act 1991.

*2183 ADVICE TO PROVIDERS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING SERVICES DURING HIGH AND/OR CATASTROPHIC FIRE DANGER CONDITIONS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What advice was provided by the Department of Education between 1 August 2019 and 1 February 2020 to early childhood learning services in New South Wales in relation to operating services during periods of high and/or catastrophic fire danger?
(a) On what date or dates was the advice provided?
(b) How was the advice circulated to providers?
(c) What feedback from providers has the Department received about the advice?

Answer—

The Department of Education sent five emails to all New South Wales early childhood education services between 1 August 2019 and 1 February 2020 in regard to bushfires, smoke irritation and hot weather, including:

- Information on the appropriate authorities to contact for emergency updates.
- Advice on emergency procedures and preparedness.
- Information on trauma and its potential effects on staff and children.
- Offering assistance and supports available through the Department.
- Advising services in at-risk areas to consider temporarily closing.
- Information on the hazards of smoke irritation and its symptoms, advice on minimising the risk of asthma and respiratory problems, and links to further advice on maintaining health during bushfires and smoke irritation.
- Reminders for services on hot weather health risks and issues, including a list of risks and how to manage them to ensure children remain safe.

On 17 January 2020, an email was sent specifically to bushfire-affected services and providers:

- Asking services for information regarding their closures and when they will re-open.
- Providing details of the support and assistance the Department will be providing to help services re-open.
- Providing details of the ongoing support that will be made available to help with recovery and the mental health of staff and children.

Services identified in areas declared 'emergency' status were also contacted directly by the Department's staff, to offer advice and support.

The Department website has also been updated with general information and links relating to bushfire support, including the Commonwealth Government Department of Education, the Rural Fire Service, the Australian Red Cross and other organisations providing support around mental health and wellbeing. Resources for services to support the mental health and wellbeing of children, staff, families and communities affected by bushfires have also been uploaded to the website.

To support these activities, a dedicated senior executive has been designated as the single point of contact and advice for the bushfire response effort within the Department.

*2184 ADVICE TO EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING SERVICES DURING PERIODS OF POOR AIR QUALITY—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What advice was provided by the Department of Education between 1 August 2019 and 1 February 2020 to early childhood learning services in New South Wales in relation to operating services during periods of poor air quality?
- On what date or dates was the advice provided?
 - How was the advice circulated to providers?
 - What feedback from providers has the Department received about the advice?

Answer—

Please refer to LA QON 2183 for the response.

*2185 LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION COSTS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- How does the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) calculate the costs incurred by defending itself against claims brought by public and social housing tenants through the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT)?
- How many NCAT hearings does LAHC attend annually in relation to public and social housing tenants' complaints?
 - What is the average time spent in preparation and appearance for each hearing?
- Who is responsible for providing staff and/or lawyers to defend LAHC against claims brought by public and social housing tenants through NCAT?
 - How many lawyers/staff are employed for this purpose?
 - What is the cost of employing these staff?

Answer—

I am advised that management of New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) cases is included within the core tenancy management function provided by Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ), including on behalf of the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC).

I am advised that information regarding the number of applications lodged with NCAT can be found in the NCAT Annual Report, available at <https://www.ncat.nsw.gov.au>.

I am advised that there are no staff employed by DCJ solely for the purpose of proceedings at NCAT.

*2186 IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF STATE OWNED CORPORATIONS ISSUES PAPER—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Treasurer—

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

Answer—

In response to the Issues Paper, Treasury implemented a range of non-legislative amendments to the Commercial Policy Framework for State Owned Corporations, including changes to:

- SOC Board appointment policy, process and standards.
- SOC accountability, reporting and disclosure obligations.
- Capital structure policy and dividend policy.

Treasury's Commercial Policy Framework is publicly available at the following links:

<https://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/information-public-entities/governmentbusinesses/commercial-policy-framework> \

<https://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/information-public-entities/governmentbusinesses/board-appointments>.

*2187 BUILDINGS ON COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING REGISTER—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Are any of the buildings at the Liverpool Hospital listed on the Combustible Cladding Register as at 4 February 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

No compliance issues for external combustible cladding have been identified at Liverpool Hospital.

*2188 EVALUATION OF YOUTH KOORI COURT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

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- (1) Is an evaluation being conducted of the Youth Koori Court?
(a) If yes,
(i) By whom is the evaluation being conducted?
(ii) When will the evaluation commence?
(iii) When will the evaluation be complete?

Answer—

I am advised:

An evaluation of the Youth Koori Court will be conducted. The procurement of a supplier to undertake the evaluation is underway and the evaluation will commence as soon as a supplier is engaged. The evaluation is due to be completed within 12 months of a supplier being engaged.

- *2189 BUS LANE ON NORTHERN ROAD, HARRINGTON PARK—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Why is there a bus lane on the Northern Road, Harrington Park but no buses?

Answer—

I am advised:

When roads are constructed or upgraded, future public transport needs are considered and where necessary bus priority measures are provided.

The Northern Road will be one of the principal roads connecting Campbelltown and the new Western Sydney Airport so bus lanes were installed during construction to facilitate future bus services to the airport, as well as to support future urban growth in the south west.

- *2190 LEGAL SERVICES PANEL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

How many times between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019 were there "Off-Panel" engagements by New South Wales government agencies of legal firms or practitioners outside of the New South Wales Government Legal Services Panel?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Government agencies are required to report off-panel expenditure (as opposed to the number of times an engagement has occurred) directly to the NSW Government Legal Services Panel manager (being Transport for NSW) every 6 months for provision to the Procurement Board. This is therefore a matter for the Minister for Finance and Small Business as the Minister responsible for the Procurement Board.

- *2191 EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS REFERRED TO IN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ANNUAL REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

To whom and in what amounts were the ex-gratia payments referred to on page 88 of the Department of Justice Annual Report 2018-19 made?

Answer—

I am advised:

The expenses referred to under ex-gratia payments on page 88 of the financial statements of the former Department of Justice's Annual Report 2018-19 refer to payments on behalf of an individual where probate was erroneously granted to another individual; payments relating to legal expenses; and payments of minor and incidental nature.

- *2192 LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORTS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) When is it anticipated that the NSW Law Reform Commission will furnish Reports on the following references:
(a) Review of the laws around access to digital assets upon death and incapacity;
(b) Review of consent laws in relation to sexual offences; and
(c) Issues surrounding open justice?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Law Reform Commission's (NSWLRC) report regarding access to digital assets upon death or incapacity was tabled on 5 March 2020. It is expected that the NSWLRC's report on consent in relation to sexual offences will be completed in early 2020. It is expected that the NSWLRC's report on open justice will be completed in 2021.

*2193 LEGAL SERVICES PANEL ANNUAL REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

When will the Annual Report from the Government Legal Services Panel for the 2018-19 financial year be tabled?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government Legal Services Panel Annual Report for 2018-2019 financial year is available on the Department of Communities and Justice website at www.justice.nsw.gov.au/legal-services-coordination/Pages/info-for-govt-agencies/legal-services-panel-reports.aspx

*2194 TREASURY MANAGED FUND LIABILITY PANEL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Treasurer—

- (1) What firms or practitioners are currently listed on the:
(a) Treasury Managed Fund Medical Liability Panel; or
(b) Treasury Liability Panel?

Answer—

- (1) (a) Treasury Managed Fund (TMF) Medical Liability Panel:

Crown Solicitors Office,
Makinson d'Apice,
McCabe Curwood,
HWL Ebsworth,
Norton Rose Fullbright.

- (1) (b) Treasury Liability Panel:

Allens Linklaters,
Crown Solicitors Office,
Gadens,
Hunt and Hunt,
Landers and Rogers,
Makinson d'Apice,
McCabe Curwood,
Minter Ellison,
Moray and Agnew,
Norton Rose Fulbright,
Sparke Helmore,
Wotton and Kearney.

*2195 RANDWICK HOSPITALS' CAMPUS GREEN TRAVEL PLAN—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Why does Randwick Hospitals' Campus Green Travel Plan indicate that no separated cycle paths will be built by the Government to facilitate cycling to the campus?

Answer—

The Randwick Hospitals Campus Green Travel Plan is a travel demand strategy that aims to grow transport and access choices for staff and visitors to the Campus, including the provision of improvements to cycle infrastructure.

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The Green Travel Plan identifies both existing and proposed cycle networks in the local area. As part of the new Prince of Wales Hospital Acute Services Building, a connection to the Randwick City Council cycle network is included, adjacent to the site.

*2196 ASSISTANCE FOR FLAMMABLE CLADDING REMOVAL—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

What support is the Government giving both Randwick City Council and Waverley Council to remove flammable cladding from development sites in their respective local government areas?

Answer—

The Government is providing support to all councils across New South Wales that are dealing with buildings with non-compliant cladding.

This has included issuing guidance on Building Code of Australia requirements, collaborating through Local Government NSW to provide briefings and information and participate in 'town hall' meetings with council officers, and the establishment of the Cladding Support Unit, which provides councils a single point of contact on cladding matters and works closely with councils to share information and clarify the status of buildings requiring assessment in each local government area.

I am advised by Fair Trading that Waverly Council were registered to attend one on line 'town hall' meeting and Randwick Council have not participated in any "town hall" meetings.

To assist councils assessing individual buildings, Fire and Rescue NSW receives requests from councils or other stakeholders to review documentation and provides advice on the risk presented by cladding in relation to specific premises. Fire and Rescue NSW has also inspected 4,127 buildings across New South Wales that were identified as possibly having combustible cladding, and referred those considered potentially high risk to consent authorities including councils, helping councils prioritise.

*2197 PRIVATE PROPERTY FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service is the principal agency responsible for the assessment and approval of bush fire hazard reduction on private land. Regulatory information relating to bush fire hazard reduction on private land, including costs and responsibilities, is outlined in the Rural Fires Act 1997 and at <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/resources/publications/hazardreduction>. Section 63 of the Rural Fires Act 1997 places a duty on the owner or occupier of land to take any practicable steps to prevent the occurrence of bush fires on, and to minimise the danger of the spread of bush fires on or from, that land.

When a private landowner applies for a Bush Fire Hazard Reduction Certificate, the New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) aims to determine applications within seven days, or as otherwise agreed with an applicant. The certificates are issued by the NSW RFS free of charge.

Occasionally, the NSW RFS may assist private land owners to carry out their hazard reduction burn, where possible.

*2198 ICARE PARALYMPIAN MENTORING PROGRAM COST—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Treasurer—

- (1) What was the annual cost of running iCare's Paralympian Mentoring Program for the financial years:
 - (a) 2015-16;
 - (b) 2016-17;
 - (c) 2017-18;
 - (d) 2018-19?

Answer—

- (1) (a) \$335,798;
- (b) \$371,223;
- (c) \$351,105;
- (d) \$368,165.

*2199 COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY INSURANCE FRAUD—Ms Lynda Voltz asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Were charges of Compulsory Third Party Insurance fraud proceeded with by NSW Police against Mr Marcel Joukhador?
 - (a) If not, when were the prosecutions dropped?

Answer—

I am advised:

No. That prosecution was discontinued by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions on 26 July 2019.

*2200 WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT SUPPORT TO LOCAL COUNCILS—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

What support and subsequent funding is the Government providing to councils in Western Sydney to ensure the success of Western Sydney Airport?

Answer—

I am advised:

The New South Wales and Commonwealth Governments are providing more than \$20 billion over the next 10 years to ensure the success of the Western Sydney Airport, the Aerotropolis and the Western Parkland City. This funding will provide for the transport, road, health, education and services necessary to make the Western Parkland City a great place to both live and work.

Part of this funding is being used to support to councils in the Western Parklands City. This includes creating the Western Sydney Planning Partnership (the Partnership), which is a collaboration between the New South Wales Government and councils in Western Sydney to undertake planning for the Western Parkland City and the Aerotropolis.

The Partnership's work has been supported by initial funding from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) of \$700,000 to Liverpool City Council to fund a Director for the Partnership and the office staff to support their work.

In addition, DPIE is providing 13 full time staff and office accommodation for the Partnership staff to deliver the Aerotropolis planning and other projects.

The Partnership is also tasked with delivering detailed precinct plans for six initial precincts within the Aerotropolis by the end of 2020. The New South Wales Government, via the DPIE, has confirmed up to \$4.5 million in funding for technical studies and community engagement.

In 2018, the New South Wales and Commonwealth Governments signed the Western Sydney City Deal (City Deal) with local governments of the Blue Mountains, Camden, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Hawkesbury, Liverpool, Penrith and Wollondilly. As part of the City Deal, \$30 million of matched funding has been allocated by the New South Wales and Commonwealth Governments for a Western Parkland City housing package.

As part of the \$30 million Western Parkland City housing package, the Commonwealth Government is committing \$1.25 million to support council development of uniform, best practice local government engineering design standards. These standards will simplify the development assessment process, deliver better outcomes for local residents and reduce costs to homebuyers.

The New South Wales Government is providing \$10 million and the Commonwealth Government is providing \$5 million to prepare Growth Infrastructure Compacts and associated technical models as part of the Western Parkland City housing package. These packages will develop transport and water infrastructure models to plan innovatively for future infrastructure needs and accelerate development assessment processes as well as streamline infrastructure delivery.

The New South Wales and Commonwealth Governments are also providing councils with resources to accelerate the adoption of new Local Environmental Plans and associated local housing strategies by providing \$15 million across six growth councils in Western Sydney. The New South Wales Government

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is providing \$2.5 million each to support Camden, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Liverpool, Penrith, and Wollondilly Councils in preparing their local housing strategies.

*2201 DUPLICATION OF PICTON ROAD—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has the Minister received a briefing on the need for the duplication of Picton Road?
 - (a) If so, when?
- (2) Has the Wollongong Transport for NSW office submitted an application for funding for the duplication of Picton Road?
- (3) Will the Government provide funding to investigate the duplication of Picton Road?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) I am regularly briefed on matters relating to my portfolio.
- (2) The Regional NSW Services and Infrastructure Plan, released in 2018, as a supporting plan of the Future Transport 2056 Strategy, commits to the investigation of improvements on Picton Road in the 0-10 year timeframe. Improvements could include the provision of additional capacity, as well as safety measures like Audio Tactile Line Marking, a widened centreline treatment, and/or median barriers where appropriate. Transport for NSW will continue to proactively investigate opportunities to improve road safety, manage congestion, and enhance journey time reliability on Picton Road in-line with the commitment presented in the Regional New South Wales Services and Infrastructure Plan.
- (3) Funding for Picton Road will be determined in accordance with state-wide budget priorities.

*2202 ILLAWARRA NATIONAL PARK RANGERS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) How many national park rangers were employed in the Illawarra in:
 - (a) 2016;
 - (b) 2017;
 - (c) 2018;
 - (d) 2019?

Answer—

The number of national park rangers employed in the Illawarra as at:

July 2016 was four (3.4 FTE)

July 2017 was four (3.4 FTE)

July 2018 was five (4.8 FTE)

July 2019 was five (4.8 FTE)

A new full-time role called Team Leader Ranger was established in 2018 to better support rangers in the Illawarra and Highlands area to deliver projects. This position is included in the figures above. It is formally based in Fitzroy Falls (outside of Illawarra), but performs a supervisory role across the whole area.

*2203 MENTAL HEALTH IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) What is the average wait time for a bed for patients who present to emergency departments with mental health conditions?
- (2) Is the Government considering rolling out a mental health observation area in emergency departments as suggested by a report from the Australasian College for Emergency Medicines Mental Health in the Emergency Department Summit?
 - (a) If so, what are the locations being considered?
 - (b) If not, why?

Answer—

In 2018-19, the average time for patients who presented to the emergency department with mental health conditions to move to an inpatient bed in New South Wales was 3.9 hours.

Emergency department design and the inclusion of mental health observation areas is subject to a comprehensive capital planning process which takes into account the health needs of the local population and the development of appropriate models of care to meet these needs.

*2204 GREATER SYDNEY WATER SECURITY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Why does the Government's Metropolitan Water Plan 2016 require WaterNSW to investigate drought supply options when Greater Sydney total dam storage reaches 60 per cent considering the Deep Water project can take years from planning to project completion?
- (2) What is the water level at Avon Dam projected to be when the Deep Water project opens in 2022?
- (3) Has the Illawarra Water Security Project been submitted to Infrastructure NSW?
 - (a) If not, when will it be submitted?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The 2017 Metropolitan Water Plan sets out triggers for the investigation of new water supply options. These triggers take into account a range of factors including the probability of long-term dam drought, rates of depletion, the impact of restrictions, the overall level of supply security, and the timing and cost of new water supply measures.
- (2) Future dam levels in 2022 will depend on rainfall and water usage between now and 2022. There is no specific forecast for dam levels at that time.
- (3) The Illawarra Water Security project was submitted by WaterNSW to Infrastructure NSW in late 2019.

*2205 OLD BULLI HOSPITAL SITE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Will the buildings at the Old Bulli Hospital site be demolished prior to its sale?
- (2) Considering the high likelihood of the presence of asbestos at the site, will security fencing be erected once the site is empty to minimise potential vandalism?
- (3) Will security for the new hospital also be responsible for monitoring the old buildings?

Answer—

NSW Health and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment will investigate all options for the disposal of the current Bulli Hospital site. Once the site is decanted it will be fenced to prevent unauthorised access, and routine security monitoring of the site will be arranged.

*2206 ILLAWARRA WATER RESTRICTIONS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) At what point will the Illawarra move to level 3 water restrictions?
 - (a) How much notice will the public be given?
 - (b) What will the budget be for the advertising of level 3 water restriction?
- (2) How many fines have been issued for breaches of level 2 water Restrictions in the Illawarra?

Answer—

Water restrictions in Greater Sydney have been relaxed from Level 2 to Level 1.

Sydney Water has advised me that no fines were issued in the Illawarra.

*2207 AMBULANCE SERVICE LICENCES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many applications for Consent to Operate an Ambulance Service were received by the Department of Health in:
 - (a) 2017;
 - (b) 2018;
 - (c) 2019?
- (2) How many licences were granted to operate an ambulances service by the Department of Health in:
 - (a) 2017;
 - (b) 2018;
 - (c) 2019?
- (3) What are the qualifications required to drive a privately run ambulance?
 - (a) Are these qualifications listed on a website?
 - (i) If so, what is the link to this website?

Answer—

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1-2. I am advised five applications were received for Consent to Operate an Ambulance Service for low acuity, non-emergency patient transport from 2017 to 2019.

New South Wales does not issue 'licenses' for patient transport. I am advised four 'Consents to Operate' were approved by NSW Health for low acuity, non-emergency patient transport in the above period.

3. Requirements for NSW Ambulance paramedics to hold an unrestricted light rigid license can be found in the Recruitment and Selection Paramedic Trainee Guide, located on the Ambulance NSW website: <https://www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au>.

For requirements for obtaining a light rigid license, refer to Getting a Heavy Vehicle License on the New South Wales Roads and Maritime Services website: <https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au>.

Information for applicants seeking consent to transport sick or injured persons for fee or reward can be found under section 67E of the Health Services Act and in the NSW Health policy document Service Specifications for Transport Providers, Patient Transport Service available on the NSW Health website: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au>.

*2208 BARBED WIRE IN SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

How many schools in New South Wales have barbed wire fencing around their schools?

Answer—

The Department of Education does not install barbed wire fencing at schools except where it is needed in agricultural schools for stock management. It does not hold records of where existing sections of barbed wire fencing may be in use at New South Wales Government schools.

Schools can nominate the replacement of this type of fencing in future capital works programs based on school priorities. Fencing replacement projects would be assessed for funding against competing projects in schools across the State.

*2209 HAZARD REDUCTION BURNS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What was the date of the last controlled hazard reduction burn within the Illawarra Escarpment?
- (2) When is the next hazard reduction burn planned for the Illawarra Escarpment (subject to weather conditions)?
 - (a) What is the intended location of this burn?

Answer—

All planned hazard reduction burns are subject to weather and climatic constraints, and can only be undertaken under suitable conditions.

The last hazard reduction burn in the Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area was conducted by the National Parks and Wildlife Service on 13 April 2019.

There are two hazard reduction burns proposed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service for the Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area this financial year:

Mt Mitchell hazard reduction burn (Stanwell Park) and Regent Mt hazard reduction burn (Bulli Tops).

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*2210 REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARD—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Will the Minister amend the eligibility criteria for the regional seniors travel card to include seniors receiving carer or disability payments?

Answer—

There are no plans to amend the eligibility criteria at this stage.

*2211 FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Roy Butler asked the Treasurer—

Does the Fire and Emergency Services Levy apply to self-insured entities?

Answer—

The Emergency Services Levy does not apply to self-ensured entities.

*2212 WATER SHARING PLANS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) When will the Water Sharing Plan for the Upper Namoi and Lower Namoi Regulated River Water Sources be placed on exhibition again and when will they be submitted to the Commonwealth?
- (2) When will the Water Sharing Plan for the Upper and Lower Namoi Groundwater Sources be returned to exhibition and submitted to the Commonwealth?
- (3) When will the Warrego water sharing plan be placed on exhibition and submitted to the Commonwealth?

Answer—

The Stakeholder Advisory Panels (SAPs) will be convened for the regulated river valleys and the Barwon-Darling during March.

The panels will be meeting on:

Murray Lower Darling - Deniliquin - March 18;

Murrumbidgee - Griffith - 19 March;

Barwon Darling - Bourke - 24 March;

Namoi - Narrabri - 30 March;

Namoi - Tamworth - 31 March;

Gwydir - Moree - 1 April;

Border Rivers - Goondiwindi - 2 April;

Lachlan - Parkes - 7 April;

Macquarie - Dubbo - 8 April.

Following the SAPs, the plans will be submitted to the Commonwealth.

*2213 WARREN SHARE DIALYSIS ACCESS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What is the number of people in the Warren Shire area that require dialysis treatment?
 - (a) Are the number of residents that have been forced to leave the area due to lack of health services taken into consideration when this number is calculated?

Answer—

Western NSW LHD provides comprehensive treatment options for renal dialysis patients. These include in-home services, in-centre in Dubbo, satellite in Nyngan and facility based at Gilgandra, Coonamble, Walgett, Brewarrina, Bourke, Narromine, Wellington, Mudgee and Coonabarabran.

*2214 GOVERNMENT OWNED PROPERTIES 2019-20 BUSHFIRE SEASON—Ms Yasmin Catley asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many government owned properties, such as structures, dwellings, commercial buildings, government buildings and community buildings, were destroyed by the bushfire disaster in 2019-20?
- (2) What was the cumulative value of all government owned properties destroyed?
- (3) Will all of these destroyed properties be rebuilt?
- (4) What is the estimated cost of rebuilding this subset of assets within the \$1 billion announced for the overall rebuild effort?
- (5) What is the estimated timeframe for rebuilding this subset of assets?

Answer—

I am advised:

The progress of impact assessments, summary of impacted New South Wales assets and the estimated recovery/rebuild timeframe is attached at Attachment A.

Further specific information for Housing and Property Assets are outlined below:

(1) Property NSW (PNSW):

One vacant block of land in rural New South Wales part of the Property NSW owned portfolio sustained damage to fencing during the bushfire disaster in 2019-20.

The block is located at Lot 22 Yankee Gap Road, Bemboka.

Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC):

One property in Catalina was lost during the bushfire disaster. A further 11 properties sustained damage, eight in the Catalina/Batemans Bay area and three in Eden.

WaterNSW:

WaterNSW continues to undertake damage assessment in more remote areas but to date the following information is available:

- No dwellings or commercial buildings have been damaged;
- Three structures consisting of small rural sheds were burnt;
- One derelict house was destroyed;
- 27 water monitoring/telemetry sites were fully or partially damaged;
- Damage to fire trails and rural fencing also occurred.

Sydney Water:

I am not aware of any significant damage to Sydney Water assets as a result of the bushfires.

There was however minor damage recorded including:

- Damage to a 150 millimetre water main feeding Nattai reservoir due to fallen tree. This was repaired the same day it was identified.
- Sydney Water's Low Pressure Sewage System at Buxton recorded some damage to assets located in the front yards of properties - with 10 plastic lids being burnt, mostly in Wallaroo Road. Work orders have been placed to repair the kits.
- There were some main breaks in the fire impacted areas, which are likely to have been caused by firefighting appliances drawing large intermittent flows from the network. The breaks were repaired when conditions were safe and did not impact supply for extended periods.
- Damage to a power pole, cabling and retaining walls was found at the Woodford Wastewater Pumping Station. Repairs are being carried out.
- Minor fire damage was also found to have impacted the Prospect Reservoir site. A grass fire burnt part of the site which is open to the public but did not impact any operational assets.

Sydney Water is now inspecting remote unmanned sites around the Warragamba/Silverdale area to assess any potential impacts the fires may have caused.

Crown Lands:

Around 25 Government owned properties, comprising largely buildings and sheds were either destroyed or damaged on land owned and managed by Crown Lands during the recent bushfires.

(2) Property NSW (PNSW):

PNSW have received an estimate cost of \$35,000 to replace the fence. Property NSW is going through insurance to have the fence replaced, due to our insurance agreement there is no excess being charged on this claim.

Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC):

The estimated cost to LAHC to repair and rebuild the properties is around \$600,000.

WaterNSW:

The full value of damage has not yet been calculated however the following estimate is provided:

- Reinstatement of water monitoring and rural structures is estimated to cost approximately \$800,000.
- Repairs to fences and fire trails is estimated to cost \$3,600,000.

Sydney Water's cumulative damage and cost impact due to the summer bushfires was estimated at \$254,282.

Crown Lands:

This is yet to be determined as the site assessment process is still underway.

(3) Property NSW:

N/A as the property was not destroyed.

Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC):

LAHC is constantly reviewing its portfolio for current and future use, and the decision about rebuilding the single property that was destroyed is being considered in this context. The properties that were damaged in the bushfires are being repaired.

WaterNSW:

Water monitoring sites, fire trails and fences will be repaired and re-instated.

The rural sheds will be replaced.

The derelict house will not be replaced.

Sydney Water:

There was no significant damage to Sydney Water assets.

Crown Lands:

This is yet to be determined as the site assessment process is still underway.

(4) Property NSW:

Nil response as the property was not destroyed and insurance is being used to claim for the damaged fence.

Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC):

The estimated cost to LAHC to repair and rebuild the properties is around \$600,000.

WaterNSW:

The full value of damage has not yet been calculated however the following estimate is provided:

- Reinstatement of water monitoring and rural structures is estimated to cost approximately \$800,000.
- Repairs to fences and fire trails is estimated to cost \$3,600,000.

Sydney Water:

N/A

Crown Lands:

This is yet to be determined as the site assessment process is still underway.

(5) Property NSW:

N/A as the property was not destroyed.

Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC):

Of the 11 properties that sustained damage, three have had works completed and the remaining eight have works in progress or due to be completed in April.

WaterNSW:

It is estimated that all repairs will be completed within 12 months.

Nil response as the property was not destroyed.

Sydney Water:

N/A as property was not destroyed.

Crown Lands:

This is yet to be determined as the site assessment process is still underway.

*2215 MURRAY-DARLING AGREEMENT INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Why did the Government not support the current Inspector General Mick Keelty's Inquiry into the Murray-Darling agreement?
- (2) Will the Government commit to implementing the Inspector General's report recommendations?

Answer—

The Government will support the Interim Inspector General's investigation and will provide access which he requests. I communicated this in correspondence to the former Commonwealth Minister for Water, the Hon David Littleproud MP, reiterated at the December 2019 meeting of the Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council, and followed up with the Inspector General this year.

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Recommendations that will assist basin governments in implementing more efficient and effective water management arrangements, especially during periods of lower water availability will be welcomed by New South Wales. Changes to water sharing arrangements in the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement will require agreement from all basin governments.

*2216 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION AUDIT—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Premier—

- (1) Why did you request that the Auditor-General conduct a review of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)?
 - (a) When will this review be complete?
 - (b) Will the outcomes of this review be made public?
 - (c) Can you confirm that the ICAC will not have its budget reduced in this term of Government?

Answer—

The Government requested that the Auditor-General undertake an independent review of the effectiveness of the financial arrangements and management practices of all integrity agencies.

The Auditor-General is expected to report to the Government in the near future.

The Government will carefully consider the Auditor-General's report.

The Government is committed to maintaining the highest levels of integrity, accountability and impartiality across the public sector. It is vital that we have strong and robust integrity agencies, well resourced, to continue to deliver on this commitment.

*2217 MURRUMBIDGEE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOMS WITHOUT AIR-CONDITIONING—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Why do Murrumbidgee Regional High School classrooms have no air-conditioning considering the temperature inside classrooms reached 38.7 degrees during the first week of term?
- (2) Will Murrumbidgee Regional High School be granted a "heat week" given outside temperatures in the first week of term 1 exceeded 45 degrees?

Answer—

- (1) All teaching spaces at Murrumbidgee Regional High School are air cooled by a mixture of reverse cycle air conditioning and evaporative cooling units. The replacement of evaporative air coolers will be considered as part of the \$500 million, 5 year Cooler Classrooms Program.
- (2) No. Murrumbidgee Regional High School is not located in the Western Division of New South Wales as determined by the Crown Lands Act 1913 and therefore is not eligible for the additional week of non-attendance during the Christmas vacation period which is based on a number of factors including remoteness.

*2218 PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many out of zone applications were received for term 1 at the following schools:
 - (a) 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) How many out of zone applications were successful for term 1 at the following schools:
 - (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?

Answer—

(1) Out of zone applications received for term 1, 2020

School	Total
a. Fowler Road School	N/A Special School
b. Granville East Public School	9
c. Granville Public School	5
d. Granville South Public School	29
e. Guildford Public School	8
f. Hilltop Road Public School	9
g. Holroyd School	N/A Special School
h. Merrylands East Public School	0
i. Merrylands Public School	21
j. Parramatta West Public School	24
k. Ringrose Public School	16
l. Sherwood Grange Public School	23
m. Wentworthville Public School	10
n. Westmead Public School	41

(2) Successful out of zone applications for term 1, 2020

School	Total
a. Fowler Road School	N/A Special School
b. Granville East Public School	8
c. Granville Public School	5
d. Granville South Public School	23
e. Guildford Public School	6
f. Hilltop Road Public School	0
g. Holroyd School	N/A Special School
h. Merrylands East Public School	0
i. Merrylands Public School	12
j. Parramatta West Public School	13
k. Ringrose Public School	12
l. Sherwood Grange Public School	9
m. Wentworthville Public School	7

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n. Westmead Public School	13
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*2219 HIGH SCHOOL OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many out of zone applications were received for term 1 at the following schools:
- Arthur Philip High School;
 - Auburn Girls High School;
 - Granville Boys High School;
 - Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;
 - Greystanes High School;
 - Holroyd High School;
 - Macarthur Girls High School;
 - Merrylands High School;
 - Parramatta High School?
- (2) How many out of zone applications were successful for term 1 at the following:
- Arthur Philip High School;
 - Auburn Girls High School;
 - Granville Boys High School;
 - Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School;
 - Greystanes High School;
 - Holroyd High School;
 - Macarthur Girls High School;
 - Merrylands High School;
 - Parramatta High School?

Answer—

(1) Out of zone applications received for term 1, 2020

School	Total
a. Arthur Philip High School	63
b. Auburn Girls High School	14
c. Granville Boys High School	22
d. Granville South CAPA High School	57
e. Greystanes High School	2
f. Holroyd High School	15
g. Macarthur Girls High School	503
h. Merrylands High School	19
i. Parramatta High School	508

(2) Successful out of zone applications for term 1, 2020

School	Total
a. Arthur Philip High School	21
b. Auburn Girls High School	2
c. Granville Boys High School	18
d. Granville South CAPA High School	42
e. Greystanes High School	0
f. Holroyd High School	2
g. Macarthur Girls High School	154 (offers made prior to July 2019)
h. Merrylands High School	2
i. Parramatta High School	1

*2220 NORTHCONNEX CONDITIONS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) How many times has SafeWork NSW visited the Northconnex site to inspect the conditions?
- (2) Has SafeWork NSW ever provided a hygienist to examine mould in the Northconnex Tunnel?

Answer—

- (1) SafeWork NSW visited NorthConnex on 92 occasions between 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2019; this includes project actions with NorthConnex. Project actions are proactive engagements that may include provision of information from the regulator to the PCBU.
- (2) SafeWork NSW has not issued any notices to NorthConnex requiring the PCBU to engage an Occupational Hygienist or a Ventilation Engineer following any visits it had made to NorthConnex sites.

*2221 NORTHCONNEX MOULD—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What proportion of the Northconnex tunnels are affected by mould issues?
- (2) How many independent hygienists are provided to resolve mould issues?

Answer—

Ensuring the health and safety of construction workers on the NorthConnex site is one of the highest priorities of the NSW Government.

The contractor engaged to deliver the NorthConnex project is required to comply with all legislative requirements relating to work health and safety, including under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011.

*2222 ADDITIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL IN WESTMEAD—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How much funding has the Government set aside for the construction of an additional primary school in Westmead?
 - (a) How many students are expected to attend the primary school?
- (2) How many sites have been identified as potentially suitable for the construction of an additional primary school in Westmead?
- (3) When does the Government expect to open a new primary school in Westmead?

Answer—

Westmead is experiencing significant growth and as a result enrolment demand at the existing Westmead Public School has increased.

Planning is underway for a new primary school in Westmead in response to this enrolment demand and broader growth across the school community group and surrounding area.

The Department of Education is currently investigating options for the location of the new school. Once a site has been identified, the Department will be able to confirm the size and student capacity at the new school.

In the meantime, the Department has a number of strategies in place to ease enrolment pressure such as changes to catchment boundaries, expanding schools in the area including Wentworthville Public School and the future expansion of Darcy Road Public School. Bayanami Public School (formerly O'Connell Street Public School) opened in 2019 with 40 new flexible learning spaces to accommodate up to 1 000 students.

*2223 NEW SCHOOL FACILITIES IN WENTWORTHVILLE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How much additional funding has the Government set aside for the construction of new classrooms and facilities at Wentworthville Public School?
- (2) When will the Government deliver the extra classrooms and facilities promised for Wentworthville Public School?

Answer—

- (1) The total approved funding for the Wentworthville Public School upgrade is \$40.140 million.
- (2) The forecast completion for the Wentworth Public School upgrade is mid-2021.

*2224 M4 CHURCH STREET EXIT—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many accidents were recorded on the M4 in the vicinity of the Church Street exit from October

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- (2) How many accidents were recorded in the 12 months prior to the reintroduction of the M4 Toll in August 2017?
- (3) How many accidents were recorded in the 12 months following the reintroduction of the M4 Toll in August 2017?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) One.
- (2) 15.
- (3) 27.

*2225 SUICIDE FOLLOWING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN AN INSTITUTIONAL SETTING—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) How many children have died by suicide following an experience of child sexual abuse in an institutional setting in New South Wales?
- (2) How many adults have died by suicide following an experience of child sexual abuse in an institutional setting in New South Wales?
- (3) Is the Minister aware of any studies or research currently being carried out in this area (as at 4 February 2020)?

Answer—

There is no available data. Available evidence shows significant mental health impacts on both children and adults who experience child sexual abuse, in institutional and non-institutional settings. This includes suicidality.

Yes. In response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (rec 2.1), the Australian Government has invested \$2.3 million through the National Health and Medical Research Council Project Grant scheme to fund the first national study of child abuse and neglect in Australia. The study will be conducted from 2019-2023 and will provide the first reliable estimates and benchmark data set for prevalence, health outcomes across the lifespan including suicidality, and burden of disease caused by child abuse.

The study is being led by Professor Ben Mathews from QUT's Childhood Adversity Research Program and a team of national and international experts. Further project details are available at: <https://research.qut.edu.au/child-adversity/research/current-research-projects/>

*2226 CHILDREN ENGAGED IN PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Why does New South Wales have the lowest proportion of children engaging in preschool programs in the year prior to commencing school, as shown in the Productivity Commission report on Government services released on 4 February 2020?
- (2) What action is being taken to ensure that the number of places in preschool programs is increased?
- (3) What action is being taken to ensure that parents make use of the increase in preschool places?

Answer—

- (1) According to the 2020 Report on Government Services, New South Wales's participation rate in preschool programs increased by 1.1 percentage points in 2018 compared to 2017. In 2018, there were more children accessing preschool in New South Wales than ever before.

Comparisons across jurisdictions should be approached with caution as the methodology for calculating participation rates varies between jurisdictions.

- (2) The Government funds a range of programs that aim to increase the number of preschool places for children in New South Wales. These include the Community Safety Net program and the Capital Works Grants program.

In the 2018-19 Budget, the Government announced funding of \$42.1 million over the forward estimates to support the creation of additional preschool places in areas of need and demand. As part of the 2019-20 Budget an additional \$20 million in funding was allocated over the forward estimates for new and existing community preschools to build, renovate or extend their facilities to cater for increasing enrolments across the State.

Children in New South Wales can also access preschool programs in long day care services. The Australian Government has primary responsibility for funding long day care services in line with their responsibility for workforce participation.

- (3) As part of the Government's commitment to improving universal access to preschool programs, New South Wales has funded a number of programs that aim, among other objectives, to promote the importance of early childhood education. These include the Start Strong Pathways program and the Aboriginal Families as Teachers program.

The Disability and Inclusion program also provides funding to develop and deliver Individual Learning Plans for children with high learning support needs to enable them to participate in a quality early childhood education on the same basis as their peers.

In addition to these programs, the Department of Education released a family awareness campaign in 2019 emphasising the benefit of early childhood education. The campaign included translated materials developed for culturally and linguistically diverse families.

- *2227 EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING PROGRAMS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

On what date will there be sufficient affordable places for every child in New South Wales to engage in an early learning program, as promised by the Government in 2016?

Answer—

The Government has invested significant funds, including an allocation of \$526.7 million in the 2019-20 budget, to ensure preschool programs remain affordable for New South Wales families. As a result of this funding, average daily fees for community preschools in 2019 were 20 per cent lower than before the introduction of Start Strong.

The Government funds a range of programs that aim to increase the number of preschool places for New South Wales children. These include the Community Safety Net program and the Capital Works Grants program.

Whilst the Government has primary funding for community preschools, children in New South Wales can also access a preschool program in long day care services. The Australian Government has primary responsibility for funding long day care services in line with their responsibility for workforce participation.

- *2228 PRESCHOOLS INCREASED PLACES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Following the release on 4 February 2020 of the Productivity Commission report on Government services 2020, showing that, apart from in New South Wales and Queensland, most young children in Australia who are enrolled in an early learning program attend a government or community-based (not for profit) preschool, what policies is the Minister enacting to:

- (a) Increase the number of places in public preschools;
(b) Increase the number of places in community-based (not for profit) preschools?

- (2) How many additional places does the Minister plan to deliver by 1 January 2021 in:

- (a) Public preschools;
(b) Community-based (not for profit) preschools?

Answer—

(1) (a) Department of Education preschools provide educational programs to children one year before starting school and are an integral part of the school in which they are located. The preschools were established to give priority of access to the most disadvantaged children within the local community and complement services run by local government, community based organisations and the private sector.

(1) (b) The Government has invested significant funds in early childhood education, including Start Strong, with an allocation of \$526.7 million in the 2019-20 budget. The Government funds a range of programs that aim to increase the number of preschool places for children in New South Wales. These include the Community Safety Net Program and the Start Strong Capital Works Grants Program. Since 2013, the Government has allocated more than \$90 million for capital works to support the creation of additional community preschool places across New South Wales.

- (2) (a) There are currently no plans to expand preschools in New South Wales public schools.

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(2) (b) Since 2013 the Capital Works Grants Program has funded over 2000 additional preschool places in New South Wales community preschools. The number of additional places between now and January 2021 is driven by a range of factors and the Department is unable to predict this figure.

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*2230 COMMUNITY AND SMALL BUSINESS CCTV FUND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) How many grants, disaggregated by electorate, were made from the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund between 30 April 2019 and 31 January 2020?
- (2) What is the value of grants, disaggregated by electorate, made from the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund to 31 January 2020?
- (3) What is the balance of the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund at 31 January 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) Have New South Wales Police made inquiry or lodged an application for funding with the Department of Communities and Justice for CCTV to monitor the Rutherford shopping precinct?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Community and Small Business CCTV Fund (CCTV Fund) does not provide grants. The Department of Communities and Justice organises installations through a competitively selected panel of suppliers of CCTV systems up to the value of \$5,000 excluding GST to successful applicants.

The CCTV Fund is currently available to eligible community organisations and small businesses from ten local government areas (LGA) in Western and South Western Sydney.

Applications are not recorded by electorate because eligibility is based on LGA. The total value of CCTV systems approved by the Department of Communities and Justice to be installed as at 17 February 2020 is \$254,270, excluding GST.

As at 17 February 2020, funding not allocated from the Government commitment of \$5,000,000 is approximately \$4,745,730.

The Department of Communities and Justice will continue to target prospective applicants from existing LGAs before expansion to other LGAs is considered.

*2231 STAGE 2 WORK MAITLAND ROUNDABOUT—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many online survey responses were received by Roads and Maritime Services on the proposed stage two work for the New England Highway, Church Street and Cessnock Road roundabout, when consultations closed on 13 December 2019?
- (2) What is the breakdown of survey responses to the installation of traffic lights at Church Street:
 - (a) For traffic lights;
 - (b) Against traffic lights?
- (3) How many survey responses requested construction of a westbound overpass at the location?
- (4) Were any stakeholder submissions received in addition to the online survey responses?
 - (a) How many stakeholder submissions were received?
 - (b) What feedback was received on the proposals exhibited?
- (5) When will Transport for NSW finalise its position on the stage two work?
- (6) When is the stage two work expected to commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Transport for NSW received 117 online survey responses. An additional 13 responses were received by phone or email.

(2) (a) Nine respondents agreed with the proposal – this includes three respondents requesting lights to be installed as soon as possible.

(b) Seventy-five respondents disagreed with the proposal – it is unknown how many respondents disagreed with traffic lights specifically.

(3) 72.

(4) Council was consulted prior to the community consultation period and no objections were received from Council.

(5) Transport for NSW is currently developing the Stage 2 concept design.

(6) Construction on the Stage 2 works is expected to start before the end of this year.

*2232 TOLL ROADS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Was Transurban's decision to reclassify light vehicles towing caravans, boats and trailers on Sydney toll roads from August 2019 carried out in compliance with the Project Deeds for its toll roads?

(2) When did Transport for NSW receive written advice from Transurban about the proposed changes?

(3) Did Transurban provide any data to Transport for NSW on the number of toll road users likely to be impacted by the reclassification?

(4) Please specify how many of these vehicles used Transurban toll roads in the 2018-19 financial year:

(a) Vehicles towing caravans;

(b) Vehicles towing boats;

(c) Vehicle towing trailers?

(5) What are the existing vehicle classifications under the Toll Calculation Schedule of the Project Deeds?

(6) What advice has Transport for NSW provided regarding the impact on Sydney's existing non-tolled road network since August 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my answer to LA 2159.

*2233 REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARDS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Will the eligibility criteria for the regional seniors travel card be amended to include Department of Veteran Affairs spouses who elect to have their pension paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs rather than Centrelink?

Answer—

I am advised:

As announced on 15 February 2020, the trial will be expanded in the coming months to include more seniors receiving pensions from the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Information about program eligibility is on the Service NSW website.

*2234 COOLER CLASSROOMS FUND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) What was the outcome of the Cooler Classrooms Fund applications for:

(a) Miller Forest Public School;

(b) Thornton Public School?

(2) Did Woodberry Public School lodge a Cooler Classrooms Fund application?

(a) What was the outcome of that application?

(3) Will Millers Forest, Thornton and Woodberry public schools be included in the 2020-21 financial year rollout of the classroom air conditioning program?

Answer—

(1) The application for Millers Forest Public School is currently being assessed under Round 2 of the Cooler Classrooms Program. The school will be notified of the outcome in due course. The application for Thornton Public School is currently being assessed under Round 2 of the Cooler Classrooms Program. The school will be notified of the outcome in due course.

(2) No.

(a) Not applicable.

(3) Refer to answers 1. a. and b. Woodberry Public School did not lodge an application under the Cooler

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Classrooms Program.

*2235 HUNTER VALLEY FLOOD MITIGATION SCHEME—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Did inspections of the Hunter Valley Flood Mitigation Scheme (HVFMS) during 2019 identify any drought-related damage to the levees or associated infrastructure?
- (2) How much money was spent on capital works upgrades to the HVFMS during each financial year from 2015-16 to 2018-19?
- (3) How much money was spent on maintenance work to the HVFMS during each of the 2015-16 to 2018-19 financial years?
- (4) When was the most recent engineering report on the current structural integrity of the HVFMS provided to the Government (as at 1 February 2019)?
 - (a) What action items were identified in that engineering report?
- (5) What is the current status of floodgate inspections and repairs within the HVFMS (as at 1 February 2020)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Routine inspections have identified a reduction in grass cover and desiccation cracks. The situation is being monitored.

(2) The assets of the Hunter Valley Flood Mitigation Scheme (HVFMS) are controlled and accounted for by the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation (WAMC). The assets are managed under delegation (from WAMC) by Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (OPIE) - Environment, Energy and Science (EES). The amount of all construction work undertaken from 2015-16 to 2018-19 was \$1.541 million with a further \$6.449 million spent on re-constructing assets damaged during the April 2015 flood.

Construction works:

2015/16 - \$1,043,000;

2016/17 - \$15,467;

2017/18 - \$288,395;

2018/19 - \$194,522.

April 2015 Flood damage repairs:

2015/16 - \$0;

2016/17 - \$6,233,157;

2017/18 - \$212,799;

2018/19- \$2,554.

(3) Total money spent over this period was \$22,276,395.

2015-16 - \$6,387,446;

2016-17 - \$2,837,331;

2017-18 - \$6,917,983;

2018-19- \$6,133,635.

(4) The Scheme is subject to regular and ongoing engineering assessments.

Defects identified through these assessments are scheduled for repairs as part of the maintenance program.

(5) Each of the Scheme's 258 floodgates are inspected twice a year - 96 per cent of the floodgates have been assessed as posing a low risk. Two per cent have been assessed as posing a moderate risk and have been prioritised for repair as part of the maintenance program. The remaining two per cent are in the process of being assessed.

*2236 YOUTH POLICE ENGAGEMENT—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many Youth Liaison and School Liaison Police officers work in the Maitland sector of the Port Stephens-Hunter Police District?

- (2) How many officers are attached to the Maitland Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC)?
- (3) Have the Youth Liaison, School Liaison Police and Maitland PCYC officers considered collaborating to develop a program to engage with young people in the Rutherford community?
- (4) What programs does the New South Wales PCYC have that could be used to engage with youth in the Rutherford community?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Commissioner of Police is responsible for the allocation of police positions based on operational requirements and government commitments. All police resources attached to Police Area Commands or Police Districts are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the district. Local resources are supplemented by specialist police (such as highway patrol, crime squads, covert resources) who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to meet the changing community needs and respond to crime patterns and emerging issues.

As at 31 January 2020, the Port Stephens-Hunter Police District has one authorised Youth Liaison Officer and one authorised School Liaison Officer position. The Maitland PCYC has two authorised police positions. It should be noted that resources for both for PCYCs and School Liaison Officers are centralised within the Youth and Crime Prevention Command.

In relation to youth engagement, you may be aware of RISEUP, a strategy developed by the Commissioner of Police. RISEUP connects disengaged young people to workplace opportunities, including the Fit for Work program designed to holistically address a young person's disengagement from family, education, and employment opportunities, to help reduce and prevent their involvement in anti-social behaviour and crime. The suite of RISEUP programs operate state-wide in partnership with PCYC and encompass a range of strategies including early intervention, developmental crime prevention, positive relationships, support networking, functional numeracy, literacy, nutrition, and behavioural workshops.

Maitland PCYC is running the Fit for Work program during 2020. Additionally, the NSW Police Force and Raymond Terrace PCYC are together running the Fit to Learn program in term one 2020, with a focus on Maitland and Rutherford high schools.

*2237 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, INDUSTRY AND ENVIRONMENT MAITLAND OFFICE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Has the new lease for the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment office at 516 High Street Maitland now been signed?
 - (a) If not, what is the reason for the delay?
- (2) On what date did Property NSW finalise the new lease?
- (3) Is the new lease for a period of five years?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) In relation to the OPIE office at 516 High Street Maitland an option has been exercised on the property; however a lease is yet to be signed.

(a) The landlord is yet to provide notice of key details for the new term.

(2) The lease is yet to be finalised.

(3) The lease is yet to be finalised.

*2238 FERAL HORSE POPULATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Has there been an increase in feral horse populations in New South Wales?
 - (a) If so, what is the estimated population increase from 2016 numbers?
- (2) How many reported incidents were there of feral horses being struck by vehicles in New South Wales in 2019?

Answer—

(1) There is no data for feral horse populations in New South Wales as a whole.

(2) The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is not advised of all incidents of this nature in New South Wales, however, NPWS was advised of 12 horse deaths occurring along Snowy Mountains Road in Kosciuszko National Park in 2019. Further questions regarding the number of incidents

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across the state should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Hon David Elliott MP.

*2239 FAST CHARGERS FOR ELECTRONIC VEHICLES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Which specific locations in New South Wales, if any, have been chosen for the Government's plan to install fast chargers for electric and hybrid vehicles on target corridors?
- (2) Have any locations been selected for the installation of fast chargers in the Hunter region?
 - (a) If so, which locations have been chosen?

Answer—

The Minister for Transport and Roads is responsible for the NSW Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Plan which includes a \$3 million co-investment in fast charging points along major regional corridors.

Any questions regarding specific locations planned for fast chargers should be directed to the Minister for Transport and Roads.

*2240 SECURITY IMPROVEMENT AUDITS AT HOSPITALS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

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

Answer—

The Security Improvement Audit (SIA) report was completed for both Cessnock and Kurri Kurri hospitals in December 2019.

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

*2241 INSERTION OF ORAL AIRWAYS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

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

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response to LA 1889.

*2242 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE BACKLOG—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

By school, what is the current maintenance backlog for all schools within the Cessnock electorate?

Answer—

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

The maintenance liability in the Cessnock electorate for 2019-20 was \$5.8 million and maintenance work has been committed on 25 of the 31 schools in the electorate.

A further \$662 million was committed to clear the existing school maintenance backlog in all NSW public schools by July 2020.

*2243 HOMELESS PEOPLE IN THE HUNTER—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many homeless people were identified and provided with Housing, in the Hunter region, in each of the previous five financial years?
 - (a) Of those homeless persons across the Hunter Region, provided with Housing, what percentage remain in housing beyond the first three months?
 - (b) Of those homeless persons across the Hunter Region, provided with Housing, what percentage remain in housing beyond the first six months?
 - (c) Of those homeless persons across the Hunter Region, provided with Housing, what percentage remain in housing beyond the first 12 months?
- (2) Specifically in the Cessnock Electorate, what Government funded facilities are available for homeless citizens?

Answer—

- (1) Please see answer to LA Q2057. The dashboard provides data for the Hunter New England district on the number of newly housed applicants from the NSW Housing Register in social housing who were previously homeless or at risk of homelessness, and on the percentage of households who were still housed after 12 months.
- (2) Information about specialist homelessness services in Cessnock is also available on the Department of Communities and Justice website at www.dcj.nsw.gov.au.

*2244 INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP IN CESSNOCK'S SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Does the Government provide additional funding to any schools within the Cessnock electorate for instructional leadership support to develop literacy and numeracy amongst at-risk primary students?
 - (a) If so, which schools have been provided this support in the Cessnock area?

Answer—

The Literacy and Numeracy Strategy 2017-2020 focuses on early intervention in the early years of schooling. Nineteen public schools within the Cessnock electorate are provided with additional funding for instructional leadership support to develop literacy and numeracy skills of Kindergarten to Year 2 students.

These public schools receive funding for the provision of a school based instructional leader as part of the Early Action for Success initiative. Instructional leaders support, early intervention and ongoing monitoring of progress in literacy and numeracy across Kindergarten - Year 2.

The following schools in the Cessnock electorate receive this funding:

- Abermain Public School
- Bellbird Public School
- Cessnock East Public School
- Cessnock Public School
- Cessnock West Public School
- Congewai Public School
- Edgeworth Heights Public School
- Ellalong Public School
- Greta Public School
- Kearsley Public School
- Kitchener Public School
- Kurri Kurri Public School
- Milbrodale Public School
- Millfield Public School
- Paxton Public School
- Pelaw Main Public School

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- Stanford Merthyr Infants School
- West Wallsend Public School
- Weston Public School

The government also provides additional funding to Catholic and Independent schools for instructional leadership support to develop literacy and numeracy skills of Kindergarten to Year 2 students. I am advised that St Benedict's Primary School Edgeworth and St Philips Christian College Cessnock are funded in the Cessnock electorate.

*2245 VISITING MEDICAL OFFICERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

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

Answer—

I refer the Member to the answer to LA Q1883.

*2246 QUALITY LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many applications were submitted by schools from within the Cessnock electorate for the 2019 Quality Learning Environments program?
 - (a) If any, which schools applied for grants?
- (2) Were all grant applications approved?
 - (a) If not, which schools were unsuccessful in applying for a grant?
- (3) Which resources or activities from which schools successfully received funding for minor capital works, infrastructure items, and specialised educational programs and activities?

Answer—

- (1) Not-for-profit community preschools (centre-based or mobile) or not-for-profit long day cares were eligible to apply for the 2019 Quality Learning Environments Program. Five applications were received from eligible not-for-profit community preschools (centre-based or mobile) and not-for-profit long day cares from the Cessnock electorate for the 2019 Quality Learning Environments program.
 - (a) Kurri Kurri & District Pre-school Kindergarten; Branxton Pre-School; Edgeworth Community Preschool; Nulkaba Educational Preschool; Mission Australia Early Learning Kurri Kurri.
- (2) All five applications in the Cessnock electorate were approved.
 - (a) N/A
- (3) Kurri Kurri & District Pre-school Kindergarten - Specialised educational programs and activities; Branxton Pre-School - Purchase of infrastructure items; Edgeworth Community Preschool - Purchase of infrastructure items; Nulkaba Educational Preschool - Purchase of infrastructure items; Mission Australia Early Learning Kurri Kurri - Minor capital works.

*2247 SERVICE NSW BUSHFIRE ASSISTANCE—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) What role, if any, does Service NSW play in administering the Rural Assistance Authority's Disaster Assistance programs listed at <https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/>?
- (2) What role, if any, does Service NSW play in administering Commonwealth Government grants of up to \$75,000 for primary producers?

- (3) Have staff numbers at Service NSW been increased to provide assistance to people affected by recent bushfires?
(a) If so, how many full-time equivalent staff have been employed to provide assistance relating to bushfires?

Answer—

- (1) On 3 February 2020, Service NSW commenced administration of the Disaster Recovery Grants for Small Businesses and Not for Profit Organisations. These Grants included the \$50,000 grant and the superseded \$15,000 grant previously administered through Rural Assistance Authority (RAA). 161 underway applications, with a value of \$2.55 million, were transferred to Service NSW by RAA. No other RAA assistance programs are administered through Service NSW. Service NSW does however include information about RAA assistance programs on the dedicated bushfire web page, as well as in the Disaster Assistance Finder, and Service NSW Customer Care Specialists are available to assist customers with applying for all available RAA grants.
- (2) Service NSW does not administer the \$75,000 Primary Producer Grant. Service NSW does however include information about the Primary Producer Grant on the dedicated bushfire web page, as well as in the Disaster Assistance Finder, and Service NSW Customer Care Specialists are available to assist customers with applying for the Primary Producer Grant.
- (3) Yes
(a) Service NSW has had a temporary increase of 42.8 FTE staff in response to the Bushfire recovery.

*2248 STOCKTON EROSION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on progress towards identifying a long term solution for erosion at Stockton beach?
(2) Can the Minister provide an update on the outcome of the sand nourishment undertaken late last year?

Answer—

(1) The City of Newcastle Council is developing long term solutions for erosion at Stockton Beach as part of their Coastal Management Program (CMP). On 17 February 2020, Council was issued a direction under section 13 of the Coastal Management Act 2016 to complete its draft CMP for Stockton Beach by 30 June 2020. Questions relating to the preparation of the CMP should be directed to the City of Newcastle Council.

(2) Sand nourishment was undertaken on 12 December with funding from the Coastal Estuaries grants program.

*2249 PORT OF NEWCASTLE CONTAINER RESTRICTIONS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer—

- (1) What is the policy objective of the Port of Newcastle's container penalty?
(2) What advice did the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission give the Government in respect to the Port of Newcastle's container penalty?
(3) Is the Government required to compensate NSW Ports for container traffic through the Port of Newcastle above a threshold level?
(4) Is there any financial impediment that may prevent the Port of Newcastle from developing a container terminal?

Answer—

(1) Please refer to the answers to questions 106 and 123 of the supplementary questions by the Treasurer for the 2019-20 Budget Estimates.

(2) Please see response to question (1) above. Otherwise, this matter is currently the subject of court proceedings and is therefore subject to the sub judice convention.

(3) Please refer to the answer to question 106 of the supplementary questions by the Treasurer for the 2019-20 Budget Estimates.

(4) There is no prohibition on the development of a container terminal at Newcastle.

*2250 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL AIR-CONDITIONING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Why was the air-conditioning in John Hunter Hospital not working in some wards during recent weeks?

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- (2) Why were patients who complained about the heat told to buy a fan from Bunnings?
(3) What steps have been taken to ensure that this does not occur again?

Answer—

Air conditioning at John Hunter Hospital undergoes regular maintenance and is prioritised to patient care areas. I am advised a fault within two of the five chillers servicing the hospital air conditioning was detected in late January 2020 and is being remediated, with one chiller resuming operations on 31 January.

The Hunter New England Local Health District apologised to one patient who requested a fan and acknowledged that the staff member's response to the request was inappropriate.

*2251 ADAMSTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL WORKS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Has SafeWork NSW investigated any breaches of Work Health and Safety laws during the capital works that took place at Adamstown Public School over the Christmas holidays?
(2) What steps were taken to manage any potential lead dust in the ceiling of the school?
(3) Was work undertaken by appropriately qualified contractors?

Answer—

- (1) Yes, SafeWork NSW attended the site on 8 January 2020 and 15 January 2020 in response to two complaints regarding the scaffold. No non-conformance was issued.
(2) An independent hygienist was engaged to provide roof void sampling and a remediation plan prior to undertaking any works. Community notification was provided to the school principal for distribution. The Department's facilities management contractor Spotless was engaged to undertake preventative maintenance works and TMT Industries was subcontracted to remediate the lead as per remediation plan. Remediation works were planned outside of vacation care operating hours and a clearance given by the hygienist daily prior to opening the vacation care. A final clearance certificate was issued by the hygienist and provided to the school principal prior to the re-opening of building B.
(3) Yes, independent and qualified contractors.

*2252 REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARD ELIGIBILITY—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Are disability pensioners over the age of 65 who live in regional New South Wales eligible for the regional seniors travel card?
(a) If not, why not?
(2) Will the eligibility criteria be changed to ensure that disability pensioners over the age of 65 who live in regional New South Wales are eligible for the regional seniors travel card?

Answer—

I am advised:

Eligibility criteria for the program is available on the Service NSW website. There are no plans to change the eligibility criteria at this time.

Transport for NSW is currently reviewing the programs which support travel for carers and disability pensioners to ensure their effectiveness in regional New South Wales and to consider if there are ways to improve awareness of such programs.

*2253 KING EDWARD PARK—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Premier representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Has the Heritage Council of NSW finished its consultation with the future land owners of part of the King Edward Park reserve?
(a) If not, when are these consultations expected to be completed?
(2) When does the Minister envisage consideration being given to the recommendation of the NSW Heritage Council to list the Newcastle Recreation Reserve 1, 1A, 3, 5A Ordnance Street, Newcastle on the State Heritage Register as required under section 34(1) of the Heritage Act 1997?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
(2) I have requested further advice on this listing due to the complexity of the issues involved and will

make a decision after reviewing all the advice.

*2254 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT CLINICS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many weeks were the following speciality consult clinics at the John Hunter Hospital open for in 2018 and in 2019:
 - (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) Were any of the specialty consult clinics listed in (1) closed in December 2019 or January 2020?
 - (a) If so, which ones and for how long?

Answer—

All clinics were open in 2018, 2019, and during the 2019/20 Christmas/New Year period.

Some clinics reduce activity during the planned downturn period over Christmas and New Year. Referrals are still received, triaged and patients with the most urgent clinical needs receive treatment first. Appointments are allocated in order of clinical priority.

*2255 UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE ATTENDANCE APP—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Customer Service—

Considering the University of Newcastle will track students' attendance at class using a mobile phone app, what action has been taken to ensure this data will not be misused and that students' privacy will not be compromised?

Answer—

This question should be addressed to the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education as the Minister is responsible for this information.

*2256 NSW HEALTH LIABILITY FOR VISITING MEDICAL OFFICERS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Is Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) liable for the conduct of Visiting Medical Officers (VMOs) who treat patients at MLHD hospitals?
- (2) Does MLHD assist people in locating and contacting the VMOs when they wish to make a complaint about the VMO's treatment of a patient in an MLHD hospital?
- (3) What action can an MLHD hospital patient or their family member take if they believe MLHD hospital policy deficiencies have contributed to a death or worsened an injury or illness?

Answer—

Any complaint regarding services received in a MLHD facility, including those provided by a VMO, can be lodged directly with Murrumbidgee LHD. Concerns can also be raised externally to the NSW Ombudsman or the NSW Health Care Complaints Commission.

*2257 WATER ALLOCATION FOR THE DAIRY INDUSTRY—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

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- (1) Considering the large number of dairy farmers that have left the industry over the past three years, will Murray river dairy farmers receive a water allocation for the 2020-21 season to ensure the few remaining dairy farmers can survive?
(a) When will this occur?

Answer—

Water allocations in New South Wales are determined by the amount of water held in storage. Allocations, or available water determinations, will be made on 1 July 2020 for the 2020-21 water year.

*2258 GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL WATER SALE—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Will the Office of Local Government investigate the allegation that Griffith City Council is selling surplus water at discounted prices to selected people?
(a) If not, which Government authority is responsible for investigating such allegations?

Answer—

Water access licences are regulated under the Water Management Act 2000. It is appropriate that this matter is referred to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing, the Honourable Melinda Pavey MP.

*2259 TERTIARY EDUCATION COURSE CANCELLATION—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) Which courses, by site, were delayed from their original commencement date this year?
(2) Were any courses cancelled this year despite initially being offered for study?
(a) If so:
(i) At which sites were these courses cancelled?
(ii) Why were these courses cancelled?
(3) Has there been any planning or discussion around the possible sale of the TAFE site in Bega?

Answer—

TAFE NSW course commencement dates are determined by a range of factors including Training Package requirements, teacher scheduling, facility and equipment programming, and student needs. For Semester 1 2020, some courses in bushfire and drought affected regions were also delayed to allow community members additional decision-making time before class commencement. TAFE NSW is in an active enrolment period and will continue to enrol students in courses where there is demand. All course offerings for Semester 1 2020 are available on the TAFE NSW website at www.tafensw.edu.au.

TAFE NSW is strongly committed to supporting bushfire affected communities get back on their feet and will run courses below the usually required enrolment numbers in Semester 1 2020 in these areas. The number of course offerings are in line with previous years, and continue to evolve to changes in student, employer, and industry needs. Indeed, TAFE NSW has introduced new courses such as a Certificate III in Fitness and Certificate I in Construction at Ulladulla and a Certificate III in Bricklaying/Blocklaying at Bega.

There are no current plans to divest the TAFE NSW campus on Barrack Street in Bega. I understand that training delivery continues with a wide range of courses offered at this Site and at the new Connected Learning Centre.

*2260 SCHOOL SPEED LIMITS—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Which schools in the Lakemba electorate have at least two sets of flashing 40 zone lights to indicate school speed limit zones?

Answer—

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

Every school in New South Wales has at least one set of school zone flashing lights, and there are additional flashing lights at more than 500 schools with multiple entrances. Over 6,000 school zone flashing lights are now in place to warn motorists when they enter a 40 kilometres per hour school zone.

There are 68 school zone flashing lights signs in the Lakemba electorate, to protect students at 31 schools. Thirteen of those schools were treated within the Government's recent program of additional flashing lights, meaning they are in a school zone that received a second set of flashing lights:

- (1) Al Hikma College
- (2) Al Noori Muslim Primary School
- (3) Al Sadiq College-Senior Campus
- (4) Banksia Road Public School
- (5) Beverly Hills North Public School
- (6) Chullora Public School
- (7) Greenacre Public School
- (8) Holy Saviour School
- (9) Malek Fahd Islamic School
- (10) St Charbel's College
- (11) St Therese's Catholic Primary School
- (12) Wiley Park Girls High School
- (13) Wiley Park Public School.

*2261 CLIMATE CHANGE CURRICULA—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Is it true that New South Wales does not meet Australia's 2015 Paris climate agreement commitments as there is no climate education?
- (2) Considering that other jurisdictions such as New Zealand/Aotearoa now include climate change in school curricula, how does the Government ensure these matters are covered in New South Wales schools?
- (3) What course or programs currently provided in New South Wales cover:
 - (a) The difference between climate and weather;
 - (b) Facts about changes to temperature, rainfall and extreme weather events and sea levels;
 - (c) Impacts on ecosystems, food supply and human health;
 - (d) Measures to prevent climate change;
 - (e) Adaptation strategies;
 - (f) Dealing with psychological impacts?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to update and expand curricula to include the latest knowledge and evidence on climate change?

Answer—

The NSW K-12 curriculum provides opportunities for climate change education. Sustainability is one of three cross-curriculum priorities ensuring NSW students develop the knowledge, skills and values to contribute to more sustainable patterns of living.

In NSW, from Kindergarten to Year 12, the geography syllabuses examine the effects of human activities on environments and explore strategies that support more sustainable ways of living.

In the Science and Technology Kindergarten to Year 6 syllabus and the science Years 7-10 syllabus the theme of environmental sustainability is developed in both skills development and in specific content. In Years 7-10, students study climate change such as sea level rise and loss of biodiversity. The Earth and Environmental Science Stage 6 syllabus directly addresses climate science and includes the study of adaptation and mitigation strategies.

NSW syllabuses allow students to develop an age appropriate understanding of concepts such as climate education. In addressing curriculum requirements, schools have the flexibility to design their own programs of study and to select appropriate resources, including textbooks, to meet the needs of their students and the local

context.

The NSW Curriculum Review is looking at the curriculum from Kindergarten to Year 12, including the way it is taught, assessed and reported. The Government will consider the final report and recommendations from the Review later this year.

*2262 FUNERAL COSTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Considering CHOICE's consumer research into the funeral industry found overpriced, unnecessary products, a wide range of prices for the same service and confusion for consumers: what audit has the Government carried out into this industry meeting standards?
- (2) What community education is planned to inform consumers about new requirements for funeral providers to:
 - (a) Clearly display prices for each of their goods and services, as well as their cheapest package at

both offices and online;

- (b) Provide written cost-itemised quotes to consumers before agreeing to provide funeral services?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of the proportion of the funeral industry currently meeting these requirements?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to audit and monitor compliance with these requirements?
- (5) What further action does the Government plan to protect consumers from unnecessary costs and unfair practices when buying funerals?

Answer—

(1) CHOICE's research helped inform the development of the new information standard for funeral goods and services. The new information standard requires price transparency and greater disclosure to address issues CHOICE identified in the funeral industry.

(2) Details of the new requirements as well as fact sheets and guidelines are available on the NSW Fair Trading website. This information will assist the industry in complying with the new laws and to help consumers understand their rights. In addition, NSW Fair Trading regularly runs information seminars and actively partners with community organisations to help inform consumers about changes to laws.

(3) The new information standard only commenced on 1 February 2020. It is too early to assess the overall compliance rate across the funeral industry in New South Wales.

(4) Details of the NSW Fair Trading compliance and enforcement strategies can be found at <https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/>.

(5) IPART is currently undertaking a review of competition, cost and pricing factors within the funeral industry. Further details about this review is available at <https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home>.

*2263 MAKARATTA—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What steps has the Government taken to consider and support the requests of the 2017 Uluru Statement from the Heart from the National Constitutional Convention, since LA Q 6140?
- (2) What action has the Government taken to support:
 - (a) A First Nations Voice for New South Wales as an official body to represent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;
 - (b) A Makaratta or treaty;
 - (c) A Truth and Justice Commission or similar?
- (3) What programs, funding or support does the Government provide to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to further their campaign for the Uluru Statement from the Heart?
- (4) What advocacy has the Government carried out with the Commonwealth in support of the Uluru Statement from the Heart?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to promote and support the Uluru Statement from the Heart?

Answer—

(1) The process to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian Constitution and respond to the Uluru Statement from Heart is a matter for the Commonwealth Government. The New South Wales Government continues its in-principle support for recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution.

(2) (a) In December 2019, I wrote to the Hon Ken Wyatt MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians, expressing the New South Wales Government's support for the co-design process for the Voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and to working in partnership with Aboriginal leaders and other jurisdictions on this proposal.

New South Wales has existing representative groups within New South Wales which the Minister was asked to consider engagement with.

(b) New South Wales has existing policies on local decision making and healing through truth-telling under Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility and Empowerment (OCHRE). The Government does not have a specific policy on Makarrata or treaty - this is a matter for the Commonwealth Government.

(c) The Government does not have a policy on a Truth and Justice Commission. This is a matter for the Commonwealth Government.

(3) Under OCHRE, Local Decision Making enables formal negotiations between regional Alliances and the New South Wales Government on community led priorities and aspirations.

The New South Wales Government is a signatory to the Partnership Agreement between Australian governments and the National Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak Organisations on the Closing the Gap refresh. The Partnership Agreement provides for shared decision making and responsibility for developing, implementing and evaluating a new Closing the Gap framework.

(4) See Answer to (2)(a).

(5) The New South Wales Government has spoken to the Commonwealth Government about a Voice in New South Wales, highlighting the need for existing representative groups being engaged in the process. The Government will continue to work in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to deliver on the intent of the Uluru Statement.

*2264 WATER SAVING PROGRAMS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What proportion of Government-owned properties have been assessed and retrofitted with water saving equipment and devices?
 - (a) What proportion of Government-owned properties in the inner city have water saving equipment and devices installed?
 - (b) When will all Government-owned properties have water saving equipment and devices installed?
- (2) What programs does the Government provide to assess water use in social housing properties?
- (3) What proportion of social housing properties have been assessed and retrofitted with water saving equipment and devices?
 - (a) How many social housing properties in the inner city already have water saving equipment and devices installed?
 - (b) When will all social housing properties in the inner city have water saving equipment and devices installed?
- (4) What assessment has the Government carried out into opportunities for saving water in residential rental properties?
- (5) What programs does the Government provide to educate and support private landlords to install water saving equipment and devices?
- (6) What assessment has the Government made of opportunities for saving water in commercial and business uses?
- (7) What programs does the Government provide to educate and support business owners about reducing water use?
- (8) What programs does the Government provide to educate and inform visitors/tourist about saving water, including hotels, hostels and venues?
- (9) Considering the unprecedented drought and low dam levels, what plans does the Government have to increase/expand retrofitting programs?
- (10) What further plans does the Government have to support water saving action from the community?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A total of 34 per cent of the Property NSW Government-owned sites have been assessed and retrofitted with water savings equipment and devices.
 - (a) A total of 12 per cent of the Property NSW Government-owned sites in the inner city have water saving equipment and devices installed.
 - (2) The NSW Land and Housing Corporation monitors water usage at social housing dwellings and arranges for contractors to inspect high water usage properties for water leaks if tenants have not reported water leaks at their property.

The Land and Housing Corporation has commenced a pilot water efficiency program for 700 social housing properties in Western Sydney. The potential to expand the water efficiency program to other social housing properties across New South Wales will depend on the amount of water savings achieved under the pilot program and the availability of funds to expand water efficiency upgrades across the portfolio.

(3) A specific breakdown of the number of Land and Housing Corporation tenancies receiving water efficiency upgrades and the type of upgrades completed is not currently available. Contractors must complete quality assurance inspections and lodge their final project documentation.

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(a) The type of water savings equipment installed at Land and Housing Corporation social housing properties will depend on the age of the properties and when water saving upgrades have been retrofitted as part of regular maintenance works conducted at properties.

(b) The potential expansion of the water efficiency program to other Land and Housing Corporation social housing properties in New South Wales will depend on the water savings achieved through the pilot program, and the availability of funding to deliver additional water efficiency upgrades across the portfolio.

(4) Rental properties are covered by existing requirements in the Residential Tenancy Act 2010 and Residential Tenancy Regulation 2010 that state a tenant must pay the water usage charges for the residential premises only if the premises are separately metered and contain water efficiency measures including:

- all showerheads having a maximum flow rate of nine litres per minute;
- all internal cold water taps and single mixer taps for kitchen sinks or bathroom hand basins having a maximum flow rate of nine litres per minute; and
- there must be no leaking taps on the premises at the commencement of the residential tenancy agreement or when the water efficiency measures are installed, whichever is the later.

The Building Sustainability Index (BASIX) requirements apply to all residential dwelling types and are part of the development application process in New South Wales (this includes owner occupied and rental properties). BASIX is one of the strongest sustainable planning measures to be undertaken in Australia. In New South Wales, there are BASIX requirements for water and energy usage and thermal comfort performance that apply to:

- all new residential dwellings;
- alterations and additions to dwellings that cost \$50,000 or more;
- swimming pools of 40,000 litres or more.

Since 2004, 460,000 BASIX homes have saved 281 billion litres of drinking water (equivalent to 112,573 Olympic swimming pools).

Sydney Water conducted a survey of more than 1,500 residential customers asking them about their water usage behaviours, appliances and devices. The survey was open to both owner occupiers and tenants, with around 30 per cent of the respondents living in rental properties.

(5) Guidance for consumers, including private landlords, seeking water-efficient products is available through the Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) scheme. WELS is a Commonwealth-State program that requires plumbing products and whitegoods such as washing machines and dishwashers to be labelled with their

water-efficiency rating. If they are not registered and labelled, the products cannot legally be offered for sale in Australia.

Sydney Water has two current residential programs - WaterFix Residential and WaterFix Strata - which deliver water efficiency plumbing works and leak repairs to target the key uses in residential properties. Both services are also available for rental properties with the landlord's consent. These programs are designed to deliver tangible water savings measures inside homes.

(6) For Government Property NSW's owned portfolio, an audit of the top 50 water using sites was completed in 2019. This resulted in approximately \$170,000 of capital works being approved and completed to bring these sites' water devices (taps, cisterns, urinals) in line with the New South Wales Government Resource Efficiency Policy (GREP) 2019 update and the underlying guidance note for water using appliances.

Subsequent to the top 50 audit, an additional 23 sites in the Government's Property NSW freehold portfolio were also identified for audit and possible capital works. Although these sites are not significant water users, they are located in local council areas that have implemented at least level four water restrictions. Of the 23 sites, works have been completed at 18 sites, one site has been sold, capital works are ongoing at two sites and works at the remaining two sites are yet to be scheduled.

Fifty-four sites within the Government's Property NSW owned portfolio have installed rainwater harvesting equipment. This accounts for approximately 20 per cent of the Government's owned assets.

Two Property NSW land assets, both significant water users, have been assessed for water conservation opportunities. Following this, capital works were undertaken at Selwyn Street, Mayfield, that generated a

reduction in monthly water usage from approximately 1,000 kL per month to not more than 60 kl per month. The second highest water use site is currently being assessed, to be completed in March 2020.

Smart metering of water use is undertaken for 13 Property NSW Government-owned sites. Smart metering provides alerts when excessive water use is detected which allows for an immediate response and early intervention to minimise water loss.

In line with the GREP W2 - Minimum water standards for office buildings, Property NSW has 19 owned sites with NABERS Water ratings. The NABERS Sustainable Portfolios Report has Property NSW GREP Sustainability Plan assets with a 4.0 Portfolio Water Rating. This positions Property NSW as the industry leader in this report.

(7) Water utilities across New South Wales promote the need to save water and educate on general water saving actions and system specific water restrictions.

Hunter Water has produced a range of business specific water efficiency fact sheets. These fact sheets provide business owners with water efficiency tips for kitchens,

amenities, cleaning, landscaping, steam, monitoring water use and cooling towers.

Hunter Water has also created industry specific advice for business water users from the hospitality, nurseries, construction, manufacturing and primary industry industries.

(8) Visitors and tourists receive the same public educational and promotional material, particularly during times of water restrictions, for example advertising in cinemas, on buses, newspapers, television and radio et cetera. Sydney Water's public awareness campaign over the summer included a focus on reaching tourists and visitors to Sydney.

Sydney Water's activation attraction, known as 'The Small Change Shop', was placed at highly frequented tourist locations to engage with tourists, visitors, and local residents to explain the importance of saving water in the current climate. Key partnerships with Sydney Airport, Destination NSW, councils and Airbnb are all being developed to further communicate with the public through these industry-specific channels. The Partnerships Conversations program will continue to develop alongside key businesses who can help Sydney Water deliver its water conservation messages.

(9) Property NSW is planning the rollout of smart metering for all its Government-owned sites that meet the NABERS threshold. This includes all its Government-owned sites within the Dubbo local government area, where Level 4 water restrictions remain in place. These works will be completed by March 2020.

A pilot project rollout of Source Hydro Panels has been completed for 67 Aboriginal Housing Office and Aboriginal community owned properties in the Nyngan, Menindee and West Wyalong areas.

(10) In Sydney, the 2017 Metro Water Plan includes initiatives to reduce demand through recycling and water efficiency.

Sydney Water is supplying almost 44 billion litres of recycled water which would otherwise have been disposed to ocean outfalls or in rivers. There are more than 100 local stormwater reuse projects in greater Sydney, helping to reduce demand on our water supplies by providing water for parks, gardens, golf courses and sporting fields. There are also 19 private water recycling schemes in New South Wales, recycling about 4,000 million litres of water a year.

Sydney Water will undertake further campaign activities and continue the development and delivery of targeted customer programs and incentives to support the community to save water.

Sydney Water's Operating Licence requires it to maintain a water conservation program consistent with the current economic method. Water NSW's Operating Licence also has a requirement to develop a water conservation strategy and work program in relation to its operations.

*2265 SAIGON THE SYDNEY ZOO ELEPHANT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Which zoos were investigated as homes for Saigon the retired circus elephant?
- (2) What steps were taken to house Saigon at another zoo or animal facility that already had an elephant or other elephants?
 - (a) If no steps were taken, why has this not occurred?
- (3) Has an elephant been purchased from overseas for Sydney Zoo as company for Saigon?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) What facility was the elephant purchased from?
 - (ii) When was it born?

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(iii) How old will it be when it is housed at Sydney Zoo?

(b) If not, what action will be taken to ensure Saigon has a companion while not increasing the number of wild elephants in captivity in New South Wales?

Answer—

(1) Prior to being moved to Sydney Zoo, Saigon had spent her life in Victoria. It is unclear what attempts had been made by that jurisdiction to relocate her at any time.

(2) The Department is unaware of previous steps undertaken by other jurisdictions to house Saigon at a facility with similar species. Prior to approving the transfer of Saigon to Sydney Zoo, supporting documentation was provided to the Department confirming the acquisition of two Asian elephants from an international exhibitor.

(3) Two male Asian elephants are awaiting approval for pre-export quarantine from an international exhibitor.

(a) (i) Dublin Zoo

(ii) 17 July 2014 and 19 August 2014

(iii) Animals will be approximately five years of age after quarantine requirements are completed.

(4) Not applicable.

*2266 AUSLAN CLASSES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

(1) Has funding been reduced for Auslan classes at TAFE NSW?

(2) How does the Government assess need for Auslan classes?

(3) What recent changes has the Government made to funding for Auslan classes?

(4) What action will the Government take to ensure Auslan classes are accessible for people who need them?

Answer—

(1) No.

(2) The NSW Government has included four Auslan qualifications (Certificate II, III, IV and Diploma) on the NSW Skills List, making them available for NSW Government subsidised training. The Department of Education reviews the Skills List annually to ensure it meets NSW skills needs. As a result, the Government has funded significant growth in the number of training commencements in Auslan qualifications since 2015.

(3) The Certificates II and III Auslan qualifications funded under Smart and Skilled benefited from a price increase from 2019/20, resulting in a higher payment for training providers delivering these qualifications. The NSW Government has also made these two qualifications fee free for all students.

(4) The Government will continue to include the four Auslan qualifications on the NSW Skills List. Students will continue to be able to access government subsidised or fee free training in these qualifications under Smart and Skilled.

*2267 ELECTRIC VEHICLE INCENTIVES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) What assessment has the Government made of the economic, environmental and financial benefits of electric vehicles?

(2) What financial and practical incentives does the Government provide to support transition to electric vehicles?

(3) What advocacy has the Government carried out with the Commonwealth for a national electric vehicles plan and incentives?

(4) What plans does the Government have to provide financial and practical incentives to encourage uptake of electric vehicles?

Answer—

Transport for NSW recognises electric vehicles offer significant economic and environmental benefits and contribute to a modern and cleaner energy future. They can reduce the cost of living and are cleaner and quieter – features which are essential in our growing cities and towns.

The NSW Government released the NSW Electric and Hybrid Vehicles Plan on 21 January 2019, which sets out policies and actions to prepare NSW for the transition to electric vehicles and to encourage and support that transition. More information about the Plan is available on the Future Transport website.

The actions in the Plan are carefully targeted to achieve the maximum benefit and to work with industry and community partners to co-invest in important projects. This helps provide confidence for the market to develop more quickly and become self-sustaining.

The Plan includes specific actions to support the installation of more fast chargers in regional NSW and to provide chargers in commuter car parks. A total of \$5 million has been allocated to support these initiatives.

The Plan sets a 10% target for new NSW Government general purpose passenger fleet cars to be electric or hybrid from 2020-21. This will bring more electric vehicles to the Australian market as well as provide vehicles to the second hand vehicle market.

Transport for NSW is supporting the Commonwealth Government's development of a National Electric Vehicle Strategy through the Low and Zero Emission Vehicle Working Group set up under the Transport and Infrastructure Council.

Transport for NSW will review policy settings as the vehicle industry responds to the Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Plan.

*2268 SECURING WATER SUPPLY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Is it true that only about two per cent of Sydney's potable water supply is used for drinking?
 - (a) If not, what proportion is used for drinking?
- (2) Considering plans for increased use of desalination, will the Government ensure that operations are powered by renewable energy?
- (3) Considering limited availability of recycled water, what plans does the Government have to increase access to recycled water and reduce reliance on drinking water supplies for other uses?
- (4) How does the Government set water use prices to provide incentive to reduce water use?
 - (a) Does the Government plan to reduce water service charges and increase water use charges as a proportion of residential water bills?
- (5) What further plans does the Government have to increase water supply and reduce demand for potable water?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Sydney Water advises that consumption of water for drinking purposes is about 1 per cent of Sydney's potable water demand.

(2) The current planning approval assumes a renewable energy supply.

(3) New water recycling schemes or updating of existing schemes are being considered across the Greater Sydney area.

(4) Water prices are set by an independent statutory body, the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (!PART), that sets prices for Sydney Water to recover the full cost of providing water and wastewater services to Greater Sydney.

The extent to which price signals can be used to incentivise efficient use is limited by the cost recovery approach. In other words, Sydney Water cannot recover more than the cost of water through the water price.

(5) The New South Wales Government's Metropolitan Water Plan outlines how we manage water supply and demand through initiatives such as water use efficiency, recycling and desalination.

*2269 EARLY LEARNING SERVICES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Are the details of early learning services made available to the State Emergency Management Committee and to Local Emergency Management Committees in each Local Government Area?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) What information is provided?
 - (ii) What is the process for ensuring that these details are kept up to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Details of Early Learning Centres are provided to Local Emergency Management Committees in each Local Government Area. This includes location, hours of operation, licence details and contact details. This information is updated every six months.

*2270 WAIVERS IN CASE OF EVACUATION—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What is the process for applying for a waiver in relation to the location of an early childhood learning service or other operational changes if a service has to be evacuated in an emergency?
- (2) How many waivers were issued between 1 September 2019 and 1 February 2020 relating to periods of state of emergency and/or catastrophic fire danger?

Answer—

- (1) In the event of an emergency a service must submit a serious incident notification. Depending on the circumstances, a service can then apply to suspend or relocate their service, or seek a waiver of space or staffing requirements if necessary. Services may also apply to accept emergency placement of children from surrounding services affected by an emergency.
- (2) The Department of Education has not received any waiver requests relating specifically to periods of state of emergency between 1 September 2019 and 1 February 2020. However, the Department has received one voluntary suspension due to bushfires, and approved six emergency placements.

*2271 EARLY LEARNING SERVICES SAFETY DURING FIRE DANGER—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

What procedures were in place to ensure that staff and children in early learning services were safe between 1 September 2019 and 1 February 2020 during periods of state of emergency and/or catastrophic fire danger?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning.

*2272 BUSHFIRE SCAMS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) What specific actions has Fair Trading NSW taken to protect communities affected by bushfire against scams and fraud following the devastating fires?
- (2) How many reports of scams or fraud in bushfire affected communities have been made to Fair Trading NSW?
 - (a) How many of these reports involved residents aged 60 or over?
 - (b) How many of these reports resulted in investigations by Fair Trading NSW?
 - (i) How many of these investigations resulted in criminal or further action?

Answer—

(1) Fair Trading is committed to safeguarding the rights of consumers and frequently educates the public about actions that can be taken to avoid being scammed. Information about making donations and raising funds for victims of the bushfire emergency was published on the Fair Trading website on 9 January 2020. In addition, a Charitable Fundraising Bushfire Appeals Hotline has been established for the public. Fair Trading also provides an online tool on its website where consumers can verify licence details and check whether a contractor or tradesperson is qualified to do the job. A media release was issued on 23 January 2020 encouraging consumers to register for the New South Wales Government's Bushfire clean up service and providing information on tradesperson licence checks.

(2) Since 1 December 2019 NSW Fair Trading has received at least four complaints and six inquiries relating to bushfire fundraising appeals. Fair Trading has not received any complaints or inquiries about substandard work in bushfire-affected communities to date.

(a) One.

(b) Fair Trading is currently investigating two matters relating to bushfire fundraising appeals.

(b) (i) As both of these investigations are ongoing, no further comment can be made at this time.

*2273 BIKE COURIERS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How does the Government track and document the number of bike couriers and delivery services using bicycles?

- (a) If the prevalence of these services is not gauged or recorded, why not?
- (2) Has the Government conducted research to gauge the contribution of bike couriers to the financial, banking and commercial industries in the Sydney Central Business District?
- (3) In each calendar year from 2015 to 2019, how many cycling accidents on New South Wales roads involved bike couriers or cyclists delivering goods?

Answer—

The regulation and monitoring of bike couriers is not the responsibility of the NSW Government. Transport for NSW does not specifically track bike courier movements. Bicycle couriers and delivery services are not specifically identified in the current crash data.

*2274 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER NUMBERS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What has been the total number of volunteer firefighters deployed since the commencement of the current bushfire crisis (as at 6 February 2020)?
 - (a) Of these volunteers, how many are aged:
 - (i) 50 to 59 years of age;
 - (ii) 60 to 64 years of age;
 - (iii) 65 to 70 years of age;
 - (iv) over 70 years of age?
 - (b) Of these volunteers, how many are women?
- (2) On how many occasions were volunteer firefighters deployed for shifts of:
 - (a) 12 hours or more;
 - (b) 18 hours or more;
 - (c) 24 hours or more?

Answer—

I am advised that a large number of NSW Rural Fire Service brigades have not yet completed reporting requirements due to significant operational activity. Therefore, the data requested is unavailable.

Over 102,000 shifts were undertaken by NSW Rural Fire Service firefighters since 1 July 2019 to 6 February 2020. Twelve hours is the maximum shift duration for incidents, in accordance with the NSW Rural Fire Service's Fatigue Management Policy.

*2275 TRIAL OF REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARD—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) What are the benchmarks by which the two-year trial of the Regional Seniors Travel Card will be deemed a success or failure?
 - (a) Are these public?
 - (i) If not, why not?
- (2) What is the timeline for gauging the success or failure of the two-year trial of the Regional Seniors Travel Card?
- (3) Who will be responsible for gauging the success or failure of the two-year trial of the Regional Seniors Travel Card?

Answer—

I am advised:

The regional seniors travel card will be assessed against a number of criteria, including customer feedback, economic benefits in different parts of New South Wales and evaluation of cost versus benefit. Assessment criteria are not published.

An evaluation of the trial and an interim review will be completed. This will allow further refinements to be considered by Government.

*2276 MISUSE OF REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARD—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) What mechanisms are in place to ensure that the Regional Seniors Travel Card will not be misused for non-travel related purchases?
- (2) What safeguards have been put in place to ensure that the Regional Seniors Travel Card is not misused for non-travel purchases?

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- (a) Who will investigate claims of misuse?
- (b) How will the claims of misuse be investigated and pursued?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Regional Seniors Travel Card has been pre-loaded with \$250 to allow seniors to pay for travel-related expenses.

The card has been restricted for use at retailers or service providers using travel-related merchant category codes including fuel, service stations, taxis and coaches. The card cannot be used to withdraw cash from ATMs, bank branches or businesses (e.g. a supermarket). Seniors who receive the regional seniors travel card would have read and accepted the Terms and Conditions and Product Disclosure Statement when applying for the card, including that the card is used for travel-related purchases only.

Transport for NSW is monitoring the uptake and use of the Regional Seniors Travel Card and is able to identify instances of misuse or fraud. In the event that misuse or fraud is identified, Transport for NSW has the option to cancel the card.

It is important to note that the Regional Seniors Travel Card is currently a trial and part of this trial will allow us to evaluate and address any fraud or misuse, as appropriate.

*2277 APPLICATIONS FOR REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARD—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many New South Wales residents have applied for the Regional Seniors Travel Card since applications opened (as at 6 February 2020)?
 - (a) Of these applications, how many have been:
 - (i) Approved;
 - (ii) Rejected?
- (2) How has the Government acted to specifically ensure seniors in bushfire affected communities are able to apply for the scheme given the damage to communications and other infrastructure?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) As at 4 March 2020, the New South Wales Government had received more than 204,000 successful applications for the regional seniors travel card. About 40,000 applications did not meet eligibility rules at the time of applying. On 15 February 2020, the Government announced the eligibility criteria would be expanded to include more seniors receiving pensions from the Department of Veterans' Affairs. More information is on the Service NSW website.

(2) Seniors can apply at Service NSW Mobile Service Centres that are visiting bushfire affected communities. They can also request a call with a bushfire customer care specialist who can pass their details on to the Regional Seniors Travel Card team.

This is in addition to applications being accepted via Service NSW Service Centres across the state, online and over the phone.

*2278 ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS IN BUSHFIRE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) What specific actions has the Government taken to assist seniors in bushfire affected communities?
- (2) What programs have been initiated or intensified to assist seniors in bushfire affected communities?
- (3) What resources within Seniors NSW and the Department of Communities and Justice usually allocated to seniors have been directed towards assisting seniors in bushfire affected communities?

Answer—

The Government is taking a whole-of-government approach to supporting bushfire affected communities. This includes the specific needs of seniors, to help inform long-term disaster recovery policy.

*2279 REPORTS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Why is New South Wales the only jurisdiction to not record data on why a case of sexual assault has been withdrawn, despite NSW Police Force crime recording standards requiring officers to record a reason?
- (2) What action is being taken to ensure NSW Police Force record data on why a case of sexual assault

has been withdrawn?

- (3) Why in the past 10 years, has only one in ten reports of sexual assault led to legal action, with 69 per cent of cases remaining unsolved in New South Wales?
- (4) What action is the NSW Police Force taking to ensure all reports are thoroughly investigated?
- (5) What resources and training have been provided to NSW Police Force to ensure survivors of sexual assault are treated with respect, belief and compassion when sharing their story, considering that since 1995 there has been a four per cent increase in the number of cases deemed unfounded by the NSW Police Force?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Computerised Operational Policing System (COPS) does not have the ability to easily capture statistics on reasons of withdrawn cases at this time. A significant amount of information and detailed reasoning is recorded as free text. I understand there are limitations on the retrievability of information from the free text field to allow for bulk data analysis.

The NSW Police Force takes every report of a sexual assault incident seriously. Police encourage all victims of sexual assault to make a report. Making a report to police provides a victim with the opportunity to commence an investigation of their complaint at the time or alternatively at a later date if they do not initially wish to proceed.

People who have experienced sexual assault can also report an incident whereby they don't want the matter investigated through an alternative reporting option offered by the NSW Police Force, the Sexual Assault Reporting Option (SARO). Such reports are important to improve police intelligence on rates of sexual assault and may also assist with other active investigations.

Importantly, victims in New South Wales are provided with control over the reporting and investigation process. It is their decision as to whether or not they proceed with their complaint and they can change their mind and decide to discontinue at any stage of the investigative process.

The NSW Police Force will continue to undertake internal analysis of trends in sexual assault cases and look at ways to improve processes.

*2280 ASSISTANCE FOR VOLUNTEERS IN BUSHFIRE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What specific actions have the Minister and the Government taken to assist volunteers supporting firefighters and bushfire affected communities through the current bushfire crisis, including preparing meals, servicing evacuation centres and looking after animals?
- (2) What programs have been initiated or intensified to assist volunteers in bushfire affected communities?
- (3) What resources within Volunteers NSW and the Department of Communities and Justice usually allocated to volunteers have been directed towards assisting volunteers in bushfire affected communities?

Answer—

I am advised the questions raised falls into the portfolio responsibilities of the Honourable David Elliott, Minister for Emergency Services.

*2281 EMPOWERING HOMES PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

Will the Empowering Homes program be rolled out to cover residents in the Wallsend electorate in the Newcastle Local Government Area during 2020?

Answer—

A list of eligible postcodes for the Empowering Homes program pilot is available at <https://energysaver.nsw.gov.au/households/solar-and-battery-power/solar-battery-loan-offer>.

Homeowners in the Hunter region are encouraged to check the Energy Saver website to see if their postcode is eligible and for details on how to apply. Homeowners across New South Wales can also register their interest in the broader program, which will be rolled out across the state after the pilot is complete.

*2282 ENTRY TO MCDONALD JONES STADIUM IN EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

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Considering on 1 February 2020, attendees of the Newcastle Jets game at McDonald Jones Stadium were forced by security to empty water and frozen drinks before entering the ground to watch the game, despite the temperature being above 40 degrees at 5:00 pm kick off; will the Minister commit to reviewing the policy of refusing to allow people to bring water during extreme weather events like this?

Answer—

Yes.

- *2283 PAEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AT JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering \$14.9 million of funding was provided to Hunter New England Local Health District for the construction of the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at John Hunter Hospital, and the design overlooked the installation of appropriate bathroom facilities for parents or carers of patients in the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, will the Minister fund the installation of a shower and toilet facility, like the one that exists in the Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit?

Answer—

The four-bed Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at John Hunter Hospital provides emergency accommodation rooms, each with their own ensuite that includes a shower.

Families also have access to Children's Hospital's Ronald McDonald Family Room, which has a bathroom with shower.

- *2284 BERESFIELD TRAIN STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What plans are in place at Beresfield Train Station to reduce the size of the gap between the train and the platform?

Answer—

The current gap provides wide-bodied freight trains with the required platform clearance to safely move through the station. The Australian Rail Track Corporation, as the owner of the railway tracks on the Hunter Line, manages this infrastructure and determines the type of trains that can access its network including freight services.

NSW TrainLink staff can assist customers to board or alight at Beresfield Station. Regular announcements on trains and at the station remind customers to mind the gap. Platform modifications are currently not being considered.

- *2285 SOLAR FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS PROGRAM—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

Considering the Solar For Low Income Households Program has not been rolled out in areas that cover the Wallsend electorate, will the program be extended to the Wallsend electorate in 2020?

Answer—

Once the trial is completed, the Government will assess its success based on outcomes for participants before making any decisions on extending the program and including new regions.

- *2286 COMMUNITY AND SMALL BUSINESS CCTV FUND—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

Considering the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund is only open for those in Sydney Local Government Areas, will a similar fund for businesses and community groups be set up in the Wallsend electorate in 2020?

Answer—

The Department of Communities and Justice will continue to target prospective applicants from existing Local Government Areas (LGAs) before expansion to other LGAs is considered.

- *2287 STORMWATER DRAINS THROUGHOUT THE WALLSEND CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) Does Hunter Water own the stormwater drains that run through the Wallsend Central Business District?

(a) If so, is it the responsibility of Hunter Water to maintain and upgrade these assets?

Answer—

While Hunter Water owns the infrastructure, stormwater risk management, planning and capacity upgrades across Hunter Water's area of operations remain the responsibility of local councils, in the case of Wallsend, the City of Newcastle.

Councils have the regulatory and planning controls to manage flooding risk, including setting development standards. Councils are also eligible to apply for New South Wales Government grants to support investment that addresses flooding risk.

***2288 REGIONAL SENIORS TRANSPORT CARD FOR WALLSEND RESIDENTS**—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Why are Wallsend electorate residents aged 65 and over, who are in receipt of a Disability Support Pension or Carers Pension from Centrelink, not entitled to the Regional Seniors Transport Card?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Regional Seniors Travel Card is aimed at easing the burden of travel costs for eligible seniors in rural and regional New South Wales who often have longer distances to travel and fewer transport options than those in metropolitan and outer metropolitan areas.

The definition of regional New South Wales is consistent with Restart NSW – local government areas outside of Greater Sydney, and the Wollongong and Newcastle City local government areas (LGAs) - with this definition clearly identified in the pre-election Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) costings.

More information about the program including eligibility is available on the Service NSW website.

Carers and those on a disability pension are encouraged to check if they are eligible for existing support programs including the Companion Card, the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme and Community Transport.

Transport for NSW is currently reviewing the programs which support travel for carers and 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 New South Wales 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.

***2289 PROVISION OF SANITARY ITEMS TO GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS**—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Considering the Victorian Government and the Government of the United Kingdom fund programs to provide free sanitary pads and tampons in every government school, will a similar program be implemented in New South Wales?

Answer—

The NSW Department of Education is aware of the Victorian program and is working with schools to explore options on how to best support the needs of students.

***2290 NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS**—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) What steps have the Minister's departments undertaken in relation to the navigability of waterways in the State?

(a) What steps have the Minister's departments undertaken in relation to an assessment of the adequacy of navigation signage on waterways in the State?

(2) In relation to Tuggerah Lake, are Wyong Creek, Ourimbah Creek and Tumby Creek currently navigable?

Answer—

This question is the responsibility of the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, the Hon. Paul Toole MP.

***2291 BOOKS 'BITTER HARVEST' AND 'DARK EMU' HIGH SCHOOL STUDY**—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Are the books 'Bitter Harvest' and 'Dark Emu' able to be studied in New South Wales high schools?

(a) Are either listed as texts for study against a particular course of study?

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Answer—

Dark Emu and Bitter Harvest are not part of the NSW curriculum. The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) syllabuses make no reference to either Dark Emu or Bitter Harvest.

NESA prescribes texts for Stage 6 subjects of English, Languages, Dance and Drama. Neither Dark Emu nor Bitter Harvest are included on any of these lists.

NESA is responsible for developing the Kindergarten to Year 12 curriculum taught in NSW schools. Schools are required to teach courses in accordance with the outcomes of syllabuses developed by NESA.

Dark Emu is referenced in two NESA developed sample units. These are examples only and are not mandated curriculum.

Schools are provided with the flexibility to determine how subjects should be taught and the scope to present topics in ways that support the school ethos and the diversity of student needs.

*2292 BROOKE AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) When will work commence to upgrade Brooke Avenue Public School?

(a) What is the scope of works for the upgrade?

(b) Will the school community be consulted?

Answer—

An upgrade to the Brooke Avenue Public School has been prioritised and is at the early planning stage. Plans for the school include the replacement of existing demountable classrooms with permanent teaching spaces.

Consultations with the school will be taking place shortly. More information will be shared as it becomes available on the School Infrastructure website at

<https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/b/brooke-avenue-public-schoolupgrade.html>.

*2293 TUGGERAH PUBLIC SCHOOL PLAYGROUND AND PLAYING FIELDS—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What steps have been taken to ensure Tuggerah Public School has adequate and serviceable playground and playing fields now that the Crown land located next to the school has been granted to Darkinjung Aboriginal Land Council instead of being incorporated into school grounds?

Answer—

The school has worked with their local Asset Management Unit to maximise play space on the school site, this includes ensuring any available open space is made accessible and safe for students to use. The existing play space at Tuggerah Public School is satisfactorily within Department of Education guidelines for area per students.

*2294 BANKSTOWN TO LIVERPOOL DIRECT TRAIN SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Why is there no option for a direct train from Liverpool to Bankstown in the 'Planning for rail services west of Bankstown station in 2024' document?

Answer—

Transport for NSW is engaging with the community on options for train services at stations west of Bankstown. No option has been confirmed at this stage and the community is encouraged to provide feedback.

*2295 BANKSTOWN TO CITY CIRCLE DIRECT TRAIN SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Why is there no option for a direct train from Bankstown to City Circle via Inner West in the 'Planning for rail services west of Bankstown station in 2024' document?

Answer—

Information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*2296 SYDNEY METRO BANKSTOWN STATION RAIL SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Will the preferred option selected from the 'Planning for rail services west of Bankstown station in 2024' commence prior to the proposed metro completion?

Answer—

Information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*2297 COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY REFUNDS BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) Considering the response to LA Q1764, received on 27 November 2019, which indicates that in the 2018-19 financial year 45,812 Compulsory Third Party (CTP) Green Slip refunds were issued in the Bankstown electorate from a total of 78,471 eligible policies, why did more than 41 per cent of policy holders not receive a CTP Green Slip refund despite being eligible?
- (2) What steps did the Government take to inform policy holders that they were eligible for a CTP Green Slip refund?
- (3) What steps did the Government take to communicate to non-English-speaking policy holders that they were eligible for a CTP Green Slip refund?

Answer—

- (1) Service NSW collected data throughout the CTP refund program as to how many eligible policy holders claimed their CTP refund. According to the NSW Electoral Commission website, the postcodes in the Bankstown electorate includes 2143, 2162, 2163, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2212, and according to Service NSW data, 82% of individual policy holders from these postcodes claimed their CTP refund by the closure of the program on 30 September 2019.
- (2) Service NSW and SIRA used various marketing strategies to inform policy holders including:
 - Advertising: an integrated mass media campaign was used, including TV, radio, out-of-home media, mobile, social, digital retargeting and press.
 - Social Media: Service NSW assisted SIRA to run the social media campaign on Facebook and Instagram.
 - MyAccount: Service NSW updated the 'MyServiceNSW' accounts to include CTP Refund information in the customer's "wallet".
 - Email notifications: Service NSW sent multiple targeted and non-targeted e-newsletters.
 - In-store activities: with updates to Service NSW Centre distraction screens, promotional badges and posters.
 - Community Outreach: Service NSW Service Delivery network conducted various community events and "pop-up" stores were also set up in high volume locations.
 - Cost of Living: the CTP Refunds Program was included in the Cost of Living program and on the "Savings Finder" website through the Cost of Living website.
 - RMS/Transport for NSW: updated the Registration Renewals Reminder to include information on CTP Refunds and on SIRA's website.
 - Through insurers: SIRA worked with CTP insurers to provide information through CTP insurer websites and contact centres.
- (3) The advertising campaign included TV commercials via SBS In-language; radio ads translated in Arabic, Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin), Filipino, Hindi and Vietnamese; and digital/social banner advertising in Arabic, Chinese and Indian, geo-targeted in metro and regional areas.

*2298 SYDNEY METRO BANKSTOWN LINE CLOSURE COMPLAINTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many complaints were made to Sydney Metro regarding the recent temporary closure of the T3 Bankstown line between 24 December 2019 and 5 January 2020 for the construction of the Sydenham to Bankstown Metro?
 - (a) How many of those complainants proceeded to a review by the Community Complaints Mediator?
 - (b) How many complaints reviewed by the Community Complaints Mediator were taken to the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment?

Answer—

One. In accordance with the Sydney Metro Construction Complaints Management System, this complaint did not proceed to a review by the Community Complaints Mediator.

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Early consultation with select community stakeholders and councils started in late July 2019.

The public was notified about the closure in August 2019, and the temporary transport plan communicated via a number of channels.

*2299 BANKSTOWN RAIL SERVICES TIMETABLE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Why is the pre-2013 train timetable not considered as an option in the 'Planning for rail services west of Bankstown station in 2024' document?

Answer—

Information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*2300 APPROVED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT DEVICES BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE TIMEFRAME—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Considering the response to LA Q1606, received on 21 November 2019, indicates that sites in the Bankstown electorate for the installation of approved traffic enforcement devices that are approved for mobile phone use offences may be considered as the program is implemented, what is the timeframe for the implementation of the program?

(2) Will warning signs be installed at the approach to any traffic enforcement devices that are approved for mobile phone use offences in the Bankstown electorate?

Answer—

(1) The program will be expanded over three years from 2019/20. While the camera locations have not been made publicly available, the current sites have been selected to provide coverage across the NSW road network. It is intended that the number of sites will increase as the program is expanded.

(2) A comprehensive communication strategy and general network signage will ensure drivers are aware of the program and the road rules regarding illegal mobile phone use while driving.

*2301 STACEY STREET AND HUME HIGHWAY, BANKSTOWN UPGRADE TIMEFRAME AND FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Considering the response to LA Q2103, received on 10 January 2020, which indicates that scoping work for the Stacey Street and the Hume Highway, Bankstown upgrades commenced in mid-2017 and the estimated total capital works cost is \$450 million, what is the estimated timeframe for commencement and completion of this project?

(2) Will funding be allocated in the 2020-21 budget for this project?

(a) If so, how much funding will be allocated?

(b) If not, when will funding be allocated?

(3) What is the total expenditure to date for this project?

Answer—

(1) The concept design, environmental assessment and final business case are still being developed.

(2) Yes. From the \$8.5 million Gateway to the South Program, allocated over 2019-20 and 2020-21.

(3) The total expenditure to date is \$6.82 million (as of end January 2020).

*2302 BANKSTOWN STATION RAIL SERVICES CONSULTATION PROCESS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

When will feedback open for the consultation process on the 'Planning for rail services west of Bankstown station in 2024'?

Answer—

Information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*2303 SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL RANDWICK—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Considering the Government's commitment to reinstate full cardiac paediatric services, including cardiac surgery, at Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick (SCHR), is the allocation of \$10 million that the Minister refers to in his statement published on the NSW Health website on the 24 of January 2020, a standalone figure or an annual funding allocation?

(2) How many elective cardiac surgeries will be scheduled to be performed at SCHR in the 12 months starting:

- (a) 24 January 2020;
- (b) 24 January 2021?
- (3) What will be the minimum percentage of the total cardiac surgical cases that present across the Sydney Children's Hospital Network that will be referred to the SCHR for surgery?
- (4) How many additional cardiac surgeons will be appointed and based at SCHR with the option of cross-accreditation with the Prince of Wales Hospital, the Royal Hospital for Women and the Children's Hospital at Westmead?
- (5) How many additional cardiologists will be appointed and based at SCHR?
- (6) What will be the minimum percentage of cardiac surgical cases referred to the SCHR?
- (7) How many additional Cardiac Clinical Nurses will be appointed to the SCHR?
- (8) How many additional Echocardiographers will be appointed to the SCHR?

Answer—

1. The Government has committed additional funding of up to \$10 million for equipment and infrastructure to deliver paediatric cardiac services.

2-7. In developing a networked approach to paediatric cardiac surgery across the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network, an expert Panel is being formed to be independently chaired by Professor Willis Marshall AC, Board Chair of the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care.

Further details concerning the model of care and implementation will be known as the Panel progresses its work.

*2304 ACCESS TO THE ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) At the Royal Hospital for Women in 2019, how many women accessed:
 - (a) Neonatal services;
 - (b) Midwives Clinic?
- (2) How many women have accessed the Midwives Clinic at the Royal Hospital for women in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2019-20?
- (3) How many women were unable to access the Midwives Clinic at the Royal Hospital for Women due to a lack of availability for appointments in 2019?
- (4) How many women were unable to access appointments at the Midwives Clinic at the Royal Hospital for Women due to a lack of availability for appointments in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2019-20?
- (5) How long is the wait time for an appointment at the Midwives Clinic at the Royal Hospital for Women as at 6 February 2020?

Answer—

For each financial year between 2014-15 and 2019-20, all women who booked in to the Royal Hospital for Women were able to access the midwives clinic, if this was assessed to be appropriate for their care. Thousands of women access neonatal services and the midwives clinic at the Royal Hospital for Women each year.

There is no wait time for an appointment at the Midwives Clinic at the Royal Hospital for Women.

*2305 FUNDING FOR ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How much funding has been allocated to antenatal care programs at the Royal Hospital for Women in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at 6 February 2020)?
- (2) How much funding has been allocated to the Midwives Clinic at the Royal Hospital for Women in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at 6 February 2020)?
- (3) As at 6 February 2020, what is the average waiting time for an appointment at the Midwives Clinic at the Royal Hospital for Women?

Answer—

Over the last five financial years the antenatal care budget at the Royal Hospital for Women has increased by over 30 per cent, and the Midwives Clinic budget has increased by over 40 per cent.

When women contact the Royal Hospital for Women for antenatal care appointments, they are booked into the next available appointment for their gestational age and risk.

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*2306 REPAIRS ON HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What information is provided to contractors attending Housing NSW properties to conduct repairs to ensure they have the necessary tools and equipment upon arrival to undertake repairs and maintenance?
- (2) What measures are in place to ensure that the exact work quoted and contracted for takes place rather than a cheaper version of this work?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) For a typical maintenance job, social housing tenants call the maintenance contractor's contact centre directly to request maintenance, with around 2,000 work orders actioned each day. The contractor discusses the tenant's maintenance needs with them to determine what work is required. The work is then assigned to the relevant trade who attends with appropriate tools and equipment to undertake the work, based on the information provided by the tenant.

(2) The New South Wales Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) has Compliance Officers and auditors who routinely conduct site inspections to ensure that the work carried out by maintenance contractors meets the contractual standards and specifications.

*2307 SUITABILITY FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Have any locations in the Wollongong or Shellharbour local government areas been examined for their suitability for medium to large scale wind, pumped hydro or solar energy generation?
 - (a) If so, which locations were considered to be suitable for:
 - (i) Wind energy generation;
 - (ii) Solar generation;
 - (iii) Pumped hydro generation?
 - (b) If not, does the Government have plans to assess all regional areas for suitable locations for medium to large-scale renewable energy generation?

Answer—

- (1) Yes. I am advised that detailed geospatial mapping analysis has been undertaken for all regional areas of New South Wales as to their suitability for large scale wind, solar and pumped hydro energy generation.
 - (a) Locations considered suitable for:
 - (i) Wind energy generation - The quality of wind resources in the area is rated as low to medium.
 - (ii) Solar generation - The quality of solar resources in the area is rated as low to medium.
 - (iii) There are numerous locations in the Shoalhaven region, including both the Wollongong and Shellharbour local government areas, that have strong to very strong potential for pumped hydro projects. These are broadly identified in the NSW Pumped Hydro Roadmap and in more spatial detail on the Australian Renewable Energy Mapping Infrastructure website.
 - (b) Not applicable.

*2308 FREE GONG SHUTTLE BUS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will negotiation meetings regarding the future of the free Gong Shuttle bus commence in March 2020, as reported in the Illawarra Mercury on 25 November 2019?
 - (a) If not, when are they planned to commence?

Answer—

Transport for NSW has scheduled a meeting for 24 March with the University of Wollongong and Wollongong City Council.

*2309 WOLLONGONG ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) What was the total amount of maintenance spent on the Wollongong Entertainment Centre over the period 2011 to 2019?

- (2) Will the Government release the KPMG master plan for the Wollongong Entertainment Centre upgrade?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (3) Has the Government been provided with any advice from KPMG on the estimated investment required to upgrade the Wollongong Entertainment Centre and implement the masterplan it developed?
- (4) Has the Government or Venues NSW sought and received a market valuation for the Wollongong Entertainment Centre?
 - (a) If so, what is the most up to date market valuation for the Wollongong Entertainment Centre?
- (5) Has the Government or Venues NSW sought and received any advice on the potential sale of the Wollongong Entertainment Centre?
- (6) Has the Government or Venues NSW received any expression of interest from any private sector interest to purchase the Wollongong Entertainment Centre?
 - (a) If so, when was that expression of interest received by the Government or Venues NSW?
 - (b) What was the amount offered?

Answer—

The total maintenance expenditure for all assets within the Venues NSW portfolio is publically available in its annual reports.

KPMG was not engaged to develop a master plan for the Wollongong Entertainment Centre.

No commercial activity has occurred.

*2310 LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION VALUE FOR MONEY PROCESS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What are the steps in the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) Value for Money process when a quote is rejected for not meeting value for money?
- (2) How many times may LAHC reject quotes for work during the value for money process?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Asset Maintenance Services Contract includes a process for assessing whether contactor quotations represent value for money in the trade marketplace.

Each quotation is assessed against a NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) cost estimate which is based on quantity surveyor verified rates. If the quotation exceeds the cost estimate, the contractor is requested to provide cost breakups and additional, independent quotations to verify their price.

If LAHC is still not satisfied that the quotation represents value for money, quotations may be sought from alternative contractors to achieve improved value for money.

(2) LAHC has the opportunity to reject contractor quotations twice prior to seeking quotations from alternative contractors.

*2311 REPAIR TO ROOF OF WOLLONGONG ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) Has Venues NSW offered to compensate the Illawarra Hawks for having to abandon their basketball match against the New Zealand Breakers on 2 February 2020 due to a leak in the roof of the Wollongong Entertainment Centre?
- (2) What action is Venues NSW now taking to repair the roof of the Wollongong Entertainment Centre?
- (3) What are the expected costs of and timeline for repair to the roof of the Wollongong Entertainment Centre?

Answer—

(1) Discussions are currently underway between Venues NSW and the Illawarra Hawks, and are commercial in confidence.

(2) Venues NSW has engaged a Roofing Specialist and Structural Engineer to undertake a thorough inspection of the Wollongong Entertainment Centre (WEC). High priority remediation actions identified as part of this process have since been completed, and will continue to be monitored by Venues NSW.

(3) Venues NSW will develop and implement long term remediation strategies in line with the

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recommendations made by subject matter experts engaged during this phase.

*2312 SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Why does Transport for NSW not consider the following reasons valid to request a review of a decision regarding the School Student Transport Scheme:
 - (a) Concern for personal safety;
 - (b) Student is required to accompany their siblings or another student who requires assistance;
 - (c) Student has a one-off injury or irregular condition?

Answer—

The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) is one of the most generous subsidised travel programs in Australia. The NSW Government provides more than \$550 million to subsidise the 120 million trips taken annually by NSW school students to and from school.

Unsuccessful applicants for the SSTS can appeal the decision. Transport for NSW will review its decision. If the decision remains to decline the application, applicants can lodge a further appeal of this decision to the SSTS Appeals Panel.

The SSTS Appeals Panel can further review any mitigating circumstances such as safety, including walking route, hardship, other family circumstances, or medical circumstances. It will make an independent assessment of Transport for NSW's decision.

*2313 WATER EFFICIENCY UPGRADES FOR LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION PROPERTIES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Was the Illawarra considered to be part of the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) water efficiency pilot program and as a location for the pilot program?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) How many Housing NSW properties have received water efficiency upgrades under this program?
- (3) What is the cost of this program to 6 February 2020?
- (4) What is the average cost of upgrades which have been completed on Housing NSW properties to 6 February 2020?
- (5) Are there any plans to expand this program to include Housing NSW properties in other parts of New South Wales?
 - (a) If so, where and what areas will this program be expanded to include?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) No.

(a) Western Sydney was selected due to the maintenance contractor's capacity to deliver the pilot program, and Western Sydney having a suitable mix of cottages and unit dwellings representative of the portfolio to pilot the program.

(2) A specific breakdown of the number of tenancies receiving water efficiency upgrades, the type of upgrades completed, and the cost of upgrades will be available once contractors complete quality assurance inspections and lodge their final project documentation.

(3) Please refer to response to question (2).

(4) Please refer to response to question (2).

(5) The potential expansion of the water efficiency program to other social housing locations across New South Wales will depend on the water savings identified and achieved through the pilot program, and the availability of funding to deliver additional water efficiency upgrades.

(a) Please refer to response to question (5).

(b) Please refer to response to question (5).

*2314 HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES LOST IN BUSHFIRES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many Housing NSW properties have been lost in the bushfire crisis of 2019-20 in New South Wales?
- (2) How many NSW Housing properties have suffered damage?
- (3) What is the location of:

- (a) properties lost;
- (b) properties damaged?
- (4) Will the properties lost be rebuilt?
 - (a) If not, what factors have contributed to this decision?
 - (b) If so, what is the estimated timeframe for the rebuild of lost properties?
- (5) Will the original tenants of the rebuilt homes be re-accommodated in the new homes?
- (6) Will roof gutter clearing maintenance be included in general maintenance for Land and Housing Corporation properties during the summer season given the experience and continued predictions of longer and more intense fire seasons?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) One.
- (2) Eleven.
- (3) (a) One property in Catalina was lost.
- (b) The fire damaged properties include eight in the Catalina/Batemans Bay area and three in Eden.
- (4) (a) Land and Housing Corporation is constantly reviewing its portfolio for current and future use, and the decision about rebuilding the property that was destroyed is being considered in this context. The properties that were damaged in the bushfires are being repaired.
- (b) Of the 11 properties that sustained damage, three have had works completed and the remaining eight have works in progress or due to be completed in April.
- (5) Please redirect questions regarding the re-accommodation of tenants to the Hon. Gareth Ward MP, Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.
- (6) Land and Housing Corporation undertakes gutter cleaning in multi-dwelling complexes in accordance with its requirements under the lawns, grounds and cleaning arrangements as part of its maintenance contract. Tenants residing in single level free standing dwellings or cottages are responsible for gutter cleaning and other external management of their yards, such as regular lawn mowing, to mitigate against potential fire hazards.

*2315 CLASSIFICATION OF E-BIKES—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to create additional classifications for bicycles with electric output greater than 250 watts but which do not meet the common definition of a moped or motorcycle?
- (2) Does the Government support the increased use of e-bikes for active transport in urban areas?

Answer—

- (1) The Government does not have any plans to create additional classifications for bicycles with electric output greater than 250 watts.
- (2) The Government supports the increased use of e-bikes for active transport in urban areas where it can be done in a safe way and in compliance with the Australian Design Rules.

*2316 UPPER HUNTER AIR QUALITY—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) In 2018-19 how many days did air quality monitoring stations in the Upper Hunter record PM10 levels which were:
 - (a) Poor;
 - (b) Very Poor;
 - (c) Hazardous?
- (2) In 2019-20, to 6 February 2019, how many days have air quality monitoring stations in the Upper Hunter record PM10 levels which were:
 - (a) Poor;
 - (b) Very Poor;
 - (c) Hazardous?

Answer—

The methodology for the below responses was to compare the daily PM10 levels across all 14 Upper Hunter stations for each calendar day to identify the highest daily PM10 level. The highest daily PM10

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value identified from the 14 stations for each day was compared against the daily PM10 national benchmarks. The national benchmark for PM10 is:

- Between 50.05 µg/m³ and 75.05 µg/m³, air quality is categorised as Poor.
- Between 75.05 µg/m³ and 100.05 µg/m³, air quality is categorised as Very Poor.
- Above 100.05 µg/m³, air quality is categorised as Hazardous.

(1) (a) 65.

(b) 13.

(c) 5.

(2) (a) 58.

(b) 25.

(c) 32.

*2317 WALLAROO STATE FOREST—Ms Kate Washington asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

(1) Under the Regional Forestry Agreement, is the Wallaroo State Forest classified as Zone 2 Special Management?

(a) What uses are permitted under Zone 2 Special Management?

(2) Does the Government have any plans for the Wallaroo State Forest?

Answer—

(1) Wallaroo State Forest contains a range of forest management zones.

(a) Information about activities permitted in each of the forest management zoning categories is published on Forestry Corporation's website.

(2) Wallaroo State Forest will continue to be managed as a multiple-use public forest by Forestry Corporation of New South Wales, with activities within the forest managed in line with the forest management zoning of each part of the forest.

*2318 NATIONAL PARK EXPANSION—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) What is the total funding budgeted to achieve the Government's goal of expanding the national parks estate by 200,000 hectares?

(2) What is the total additional funding budgeted to support the National Parks and Wildlife Service to manage this additional land?

Answer—

(1) Funds to support the expansion of the national parks estate will come from a range of sources.

(2) Decisions on budget requirements for the management of land that is added to the national parks estate will be made on a case by case basis, taking into account the individual circumstances of each addition – for example, whether it is an expansion of an existing national park.

*2319 CHEMOTHERAPY WAIT TIME—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) What is the median time in New South Wales between a patient being listed as "intent to treat" and that patient commencing chemotherapy?

(2) What is the median time at the Calvary Mater Hospital in Newcastle between a patient being listed as "intent to treat" and that patient commencing chemotherapy?

Answer—

The timeframes for chemotherapy treatment are clinically determined according to the Medical Oncology Group of Australia guidelines for cancer treatment. The appropriate waiting time can vary from two days to eight weeks from presentation, depending on the patient's diagnosis, type of treatment, and condition.

Patients requiring urgent, life-saving treatment are always seen immediately and appointments are reviewed daily to prioritise patients according to clinical needs.

*2320 LOAD BASED LICENCING—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) When will the Government release the outcome of the 2016 review into the load based licencing scheme?

(2) How many Environment Protection Agency (EPA) staff are part of the "load based licencing review

team" referenced on the EPA website?

Answer—

- (1) The Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) review of the load-based licensing scheme is ongoing. The next stage will be consultation on a proposal paper which sets out recommended changes to the scheme. Consultation dates have not yet been confirmed.
- (2) The EPA's load-based licensing project team currently consists of five core staff. Responsibilities of these staff are broader than the load-based licensing review project. A large number of experts from across the EPA and the Department of Planning, Industry and the Environment have also been engaged on various aspects of the review, as required.

*2321 NATIONAL RESOURCE COMMISSION—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

When will the Natural Resource Commission's review of land clearing laws, triggered by the clearing of over 20,000 hectares in one year, be made public?

Answer—

The Government has received the Commission's advice and it is under consideration.

*2322 TOMAREE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

On how many days in 2019 were no doctors available to treat patients at Tomaree Community Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised there were no instances where a medical officer was not rostered on a shift at the Tomaree Community Hospital during 2019.

*2323 2013 INDEPENDENT HAZARD REDUCTION AUDIT PANEL—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many of the 18 recommendations from the 2013 Independent Hazard Reduction Audit Panel have been implemented?
 - (a) Which recommendations, if any, have not been implemented?

Answer—

I am advised:

All 18 recommendations have been implemented.

*2324 FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) In 2019, how many Active Kids vouchers were claimed in the Fairfield electorate?
 - (a) What is the breakdown by activity claimed?

Answer—

All information relating to the Active Kids program is available at the Office of Sport website.

*2325 FIRE AND RESCUE NSW OPERATIONAL STRENGTH—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What's the operational strength of Fire and Rescue NSW at the following locations:
 - (a) Yennora;
 - (b) Cabramatta;
 - (c) Smithfield;
 - (d) Merrylands?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) 16 Permanent Firefighters
- (b) 22 Permanent Firefighters
- (c) 20 Permanent Firefighters
- (d) 14 On-Call Firefighters.

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*2326 FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE MARINE RESCUE VOLUNTEERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

How many Marine Rescue volunteers reside within the Fairfield electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

As volunteers are not required to detail their state electorate with Marine Rescue NSW, this information is not available.

*2327 FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) For each year from 2015 to current (as at 6 February 2020), how many new Justice of the Peace (JP) applications were made within the Fairfield electorate?

(2) How many new JP appointments were made within the Fairfield electorate?

(3) How many individuals were listed as appointed JP's within the Fairfield electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice does not hold information relating to the number of applications, appointments and serving JPs on an electorate basis. The Department only retains information on the applicant's address, suburb, postcode, date of appointment and the nominating NSW Member of Parliament, which can be any Member of Parliament in the Legislative Assembly or Legislative Council.

*2328 FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE RURAL FIRE SERVICES VOLUNTEERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

How many Rural Fire Services volunteers reside within the Fairfield electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

As volunteers are not required to detail their state electorate with the NSW Rural Fire Service, this information is not available.

*2329 FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Premier representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) In 2019, how many Creative Kids vouchers were claimed in the Fairfield electorate?

(a) What is the breakdown by activity claimed?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter falls within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Customer Service.

*2330 HOSPITAL CAR PARKING FEES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) For each year between 2015 and 2020, how much money was raised through parking fees at:

(a) Fairfield Hospital;

(b) Liverpool Hospital;

(c) Westmead Hospital;

(d) Westmead Children's Hospital;

(e) Bankstown Hospital?

Answer—

Carpark revenue collection is reported at a District level. District carpark revenue information is publicly available in annual reports.

Revenue from car parking is used for a variety of purposes across hospitals, including the maintenance of car parks and contributions to broader facilities and services.

*2331 FAIRFIELD CITY POLICE AREA COMMAND—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

What's the operational strength of the Fairfield City Police Area Command?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at 29 August 2019, there were 293 authorised police positions in the Fairfield City Police Area Command.

*2332 FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

How many State Emergency Service volunteers reside within the Fairfield electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

As volunteers are not required to detail their state electorate with the NSW State Emergency Service, this information is not available.

*2333 ASBESTOS AT NEWCASTLE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What type of asbestos was found at Newcastle East Public School (NEPS)?
 - (a) Where exactly was the asbestos found?
 - (b) When was the asbestos found?
- (2) Have NEPS students and staff been exposed to asbestos?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) How long have they been exposed for?
 - (ii) What is the approximate level of exposure?
- (3) Considering at the end of the 2019 school year, children assisted with the setting up of classrooms ready for 2020, which involved moving desks, chairs, tables, stationary, teaching resources, books etcetera from the heritage building to other buildings throughout the school, have all these items been tested for asbestos?
 - (a) If so, are they now safe for use?
- (4) Considering the School Office was also relocated from the heritage building to a temporary building, have all of the items in this temporary building and in storage spaces been tested?
 - (a) If so, are they now safe for use?
- (5) What is the timeline that outlines:
 - (a) The building works program, including the new building and replacement of the heritage building roof;
 - (b) When asbestos was identified (including type, size and exact location/s);
 - (c) The asbestos management plan put in place following the discovery of asbestos;
 - (d) What clearance testing has been completed (to 6 February 2020)?
- (6) Have all previous asbestos management plans been adhered to?
 - (a) Did this asbestos management plan also adhere to:
 - (i) The excavation of the former COLA site and associated areas for the construction of the new building?
 - (ii) The removal of the asbestos roofing on the Heritage Building?
 - (iii) The management of the lower playground?
- (7) What evidence shows how the existing asbestos located under the lower playground was managed during the excavation of the site and the construction of the new building?
 - (a) Was testing undertaken during this process considering this area has seen more traffic from students playing and as a thoroughfare?
 - (i) If so, what are the results?
- (8) What are the complete results for all of the monitoring and sampling from 2009 to 2019 for the whole school's site?
 - (a) For the monitoring and sampling conducted in (8):
 - (i) What methodology was applied?

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- (ii) What were the results and recommendations?
 - (iii) What dates were samples taken?
 - (iv) Which locations were these samples taken?
 - (v) What was discovered in these samples?
 - (vi) When were the results known?
 - (vii) Who was notified of the results?
- (9) Was baseline testing undertaken prior to any disturbances on the Heritage Building?
- (a) If so, is this report publicly available?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (10) When will the hazard report be made available?
- (11) Has SafeWork NSW been informed?
- (a) If so:
 - (i) What role will they play going forward?
- (12) What support or guidance is being provided to teachers and parents on how to address this subject with primary school-aged children in a consistent manner?
- (a) Has any counselling been provided for staff?
 - (b) Will counselling be provided to parents or children?
 - (c) What support is available for those outside of the current school community who are concerned that they have been exposed to asbestos?
- (13) Considering future health management:
- (a) What is the impact on the health of people who have had an exposure to asbestos?
 - (b) What is the official advice regarding any recommended testing and monitoring for children and staff?
 - (c) Who will pay for the future health management?
 - (d) What advice can be given to parents and carers about how to manage the health of our children after exposure to asbestos in the short and long term?
 - (e) What are the implications for health insurance and/or life insurance?
- (14) Will there be further asbestos exposure?
- (15) How long does exposed or airborne asbestos stay 'active' or hazardous?
- (a) Does it deplete over time?
- (16) Has the area used by the Out of School Hours care (OOSH) been tested?
- (a) If so, what were the results?
- (17) What compensation arrangements does the Department of Education have in place to support any current or former students or current or former teachers or staff whose health is negatively affected by asbestos shown to be from the time the individual spent at the NEPS site?
- (18) Considering the communication of the contamination:
- (a) What was the school community told on the first day back at school?
 - (b) Why was the communication not done earlier?
 - (c) Why was the school community not given enough notice in order to be able to attend the briefing at the assembly?
 - (d) When were staff informed?
 - (e) Have former students' parents/carers and staff been notified of the contamination?
 - (f) How are volunteers, such as grandparents who support reading groups, being informed about the friable asbestos discovered?
 - (g) What materials have been made available for non-English speaking parents?
- (19) How will concerns of former students be managed?
- (20) How does the Department of Education plan to specifically support staff and former staff?
- (21) What level of asbestos exposure requires staff and/or students to be registered on the dust diseases register?
- (22) Based on the testing undertaken to date (as at 6 February 2020), is it possible that current and former staff and students:
- (a) May have been exposed to this level of asbestos?
 - (b) Will need to be registered on the dust diseases register?
- (23) What additional testing was done on 29 January 2020?
- (a) What prompted this additional testing?
 - (b) At what point was the decision made in relation to the meeting held with teachers on 29 January 2020 during their development day?

- (c) What were teachers told during that meeting?
- (24) What further testing of the site is being undertaken (as at 30 January 2020) as referred to in the Department of Education's statement provided to ABC Newcastle?
- (a) When will the results of these further tests be made available?
- (b) How comprehensive is the method of testing being carried out?
- (i) On a percentage basis, how do you rate the confidence there is no remaining friable asbestos?
- (25) Regarding the opening of the school on 29 January 2020 and in light of the asbestos discovery:
- (a) Who then made the decision to open the school to students on the first day of the year?
- (b) Why was it important to open the school when it was known that there was asbestos in the school and that further testing was being conducted to verify that?
- (c) What is the name of the person in the Department of Education responsible and accountable for these decisions?
- (d) Was consideration given to pushing back the start day of school to 3 February 2020, so that more information could be provided to parents?
- (i) If not, why not?
- (26) Will the clearance certificates for every room now in use be made publicly available?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (27) Which company supplied the certificates?
- (a) Are they independent?
- (28) Has all the asbestos now been removed from the entire school grounds?
- (a) If not:
- (i) Why not?
- (ii) When will this happen?
- (iii) Is there an asbestos management plan for any remaining asbestos?
- (i) If so, is this publicly available?
- (29) Will astro-turf be installed to the lower playground?
- (a) If so:
- (i) Who will pay for this?
- (ii) Will it completely negate the risk of further exposure to asbestos?
- (iii) What monitoring will be done on this area?
- (30) Are all asbestos management plans publicly available?
- (a) If so, where?
- (31) Was asbestos found on the rafters of the heritage building?
- (a) If so:
- (i) Are these rafters exposed?
- (ii) In rooms where the rafters are exposed, were other parts of those rooms such as the floor, on surfaces, in the air and where the students and teachers sit testing positive?
- (32) Considering the removal of resources and equipment from the school:
- (a) What has been destroyed?
- (b) What was cleaned?
- (c) How was it decided which items were to be destroyed and which were to be cleaned?
- (i) Who made this decision?
- (d) Were these items removed because they tested positive for asbestos or was this a precautionary measure?
- (e) Have heritage items of state and regional significance, such as the honour boards for the war and academic achievements, 1816 roll, photographs and other items been removed and preserved for professional decontamination?
- (i) Have any of these items been destroyed?
- (ii) Will the Department of Education pay for the replacement of these items, including any staff personal affects?
- (iii) What is the timeframe for the replacement of these items?
- (33) Considering books which have been identified as contaminated:
- (a) Is there concern about the books that are still in student's homes and in other classrooms?
- (i) Will there be a collection of these books?

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- (i) If not, what should be done with them?
- (b) What should be done with school library bags that have carried potentially contaminated books?
- (c) Where do the books go when the school no longer requires them?
- (34) Has the library, which was housed in a demountable building for several years, been decontaminated?
- (35) Considering the remedial works:
- (a) What hygienist was engaged to conduct remedial works considering the material found was non-bonded asbestos-containing material and friable in nature?
- (i) What is the hygienist's licence number?
- (b) Are the hygienist reports produced for the remediation publicly available?
- (c) What was the suspected source of the friable material?
- (d) What is the extent of testing undertaken?
- (e) How was the area in the library specifically delineated?
- (f) What would be the justification that just a small portion of books have been contaminated?
- (g) How many library books were found to be contaminated?
- (h) What quantity of asbestos material was found on the library books?
- (i) What was the likely source of that material?
- (j) What sampling density was used to ensure the remaining areas are not impacted by friable asbestos?
- (k) Was the area carpeted?
- (i) Has the carpet been removed as potentially asbestos impacted?
- (l) Was there air monitoring while the removal was in process?
- (m) Are estimations available as to what the level of asbestos would be at the initial time of contamination of the books?
- (i) If so, is this considered to be at hazardous levels?
- (n) Is it possible all of the library books have been contaminated?
- (o) Which contractors/organisations were working on:
- (i) Identifying asbestos;
- (ii) Developing a management plan;
- (iii) Conducting testing subsequent to an asbestos management plan being complete?
- (36) Considering that during the construction works for the new building, there were high amounts of raised dust, exposed earth on spoil heaps and worn paths, has this elevated the risk of mobilising the asbestos fibres?
- (37) Considering the scaffolding for the roof works was erected while children were still at school, could this activity have disturbed fibres that would have otherwise been left in place?
- (a) Why did this work commence before the end of term?
- (38) What is proposed for the future ongoing monitoring program?
- (a) Will it include continuous air monitoring as well as swabs?
- (b) Where will the monitoring equipment be located?
- (c) How frequently will they be conducted?
- (d) How long will they go for?
- (e) What plans will be in place should a hazard be detected?
- (f) How will the results be communicated to the school community?

Answer—

(1) Asbestos identified at Newcastle East Public School includes:

- Non-bonded (friable) asbestos (site immediately secured).
- Bonded asbestos (site fully remediated and decontaminated).
- Non-friable chrysotile asbestos.
- Chrysotile asbestos loose bundles (not respirable).

The asbestos was initially found in the roof of Block A with further testing confirming asbestos present in both Building A and Building C.

Non-bonded and bonded asbestos were found during the replacement of the roof of Block A. Additional asbestos was found subsequent to further testing; the dates of these findings were between 8 December 2019 and 30 January 2020, inclusive.

(2) All surface sampling and air monitoring performed within Block A at occupant height returned negative (non-detect) for asbestos or consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/millilitres).

(3) The independent hygienist has advised, comprehensive sampling of rooms contents throughout the school has been undertaken including over 243 composite settle dust samples, each contacting at least 1 0 surfaces (i.e. 2,430 sample surfaces). Following consultation with staff, sampling was conducted on items that previously resided in Block A.

The four locations where samples returned positive have been remediated and clearance provided. All other areas are considered safe based on negative (non-detect) surface samples and air monitoring returning results consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/millilitres).

(4) Yes, the independent hygienist has advised, composite surface sampling of contents and furnishings as well as air monitoring for asbestos fibres have been performed in the temporary administration building. All results are considered safe based on negative (non-detect) surface samples and air monitoring returning results consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/millilitres).

(5) Please see the attached visual timeline at Appendix B.

(6) The Department is required to follow all asbestos management plans and take the advice of the independent hygienist and SafeWork NSW in the planning and remediation of asbestos.

(7) As with all capital works and maintenance projects, a site-specific asbestos management plan was implemented prior to excavation and construction for the new building.

An independent hygienist was engaged to perform airborne fibre monitoring and clearance certification during excavation of the known asbestos area. This occurred in accordance with the Code of Practice.

Excavation was performed by a licenced asbestos removal contractor with all fill materials excavated and removed from the site as asbestos waste. The remaining asbestos area was encapsulated to ensure the safety of students, staff and contractors.

(8) The Department of Education is in the process of collating this information. This will take time with documents being made available as soon as possible.

The Asset Management Unit of School Infrastructure NSW are collecting and collating the information from our hygienist and our previous facilities maintenance contractor.

As this process requires retrieval from archived filing systems and is relying on third parties to provide the information, it will take additional time to complete.

(9) Yes. Baseline testing was conducted using air monitors prior to planned maintenance works commencing to replace the roof. This occurred in accordance with the site-specific asbestos management plan.

(10) This report is available to view at the front office of Newcastle East Public School.

(11) Yes. SafeWork NSW was informed as per requirements when handling the removal of asbestos. SafeWork NSW has advised they are satisfied with the Department's remediation process for the affected areas.

A representative from SafeWork NSW visited the site on 30 January 2020 and representatives from SafeWork NSW were in attendance at the Parent and Staff information session on 3 February 2020.

The Department is continuing to work closely with SafeWork NSW to support the school community during this time.

(12) Comprehensive support and guidance is being provided to teachers and parents to ensure that this subject is addressed in a consistent manner.

A parent and staff information session was held at the school on 3 February 2020 with myself, senior executive of the Department of Education, health and safety experts and representatives from SafeWork NSW in attendance to hear and address community concerns.

To continue to keep the community updated on current matters and advice relating to Newcastle East Public School, a dedicated website has also been established. This site is updated when new information becomes available.

(a) Ongoing counselling support, both onsite and telephone based, is available to all staff through the Department's Employee Assistance Program: Supporting You.

(b) All students have access to ongoing student wellbeing support through school counsellors onsite at Newcastle East Public School. Ongoing information is being provided to parents, and wellbeing focused

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awareness sessions have been held for parents and carers on Wednesday 19 February 2020 and Thursday 20 February 2020 on how they can best support their children.

(c) Anyone outside of the current school community who is concerned they have been exposed to asbestos should provide their details to the school.

To continue to keep the community updated on current matters and advice relating to Newcastle East Public School, a dedicated website has also been established. This site is updated when new information becomes available.

(13) (a) The Department of Education recognises that the presence of asbestos can be concerning for people. However, it is important to understand the factors that make asbestos a risk to human health. The average person breathes in 5,500 fibres per day (assuming 20 hours/day indoors). Despite this, the general population does not contract asbestos related disease in significant numbers.

It is important to note that while the loose fibre bundles found in the samples at Newcastle East Public School cannot be seen with the naked eye, these bundles are still too large to be 'respirable' - this means they cannot travel deep into the lungs.

Individuals may seek further advice concerning the health risks of asbestos from the local public health unit.

(b) Individuals have been advised to consult with their general practitioner regarding testing and monitoring, and have been provided with the fact sheet on asbestos and health risks from NSW Health. Individuals have also been advised to contact their local public health unit for further advice.

(c) Individuals have been advised that any concerns following consultation with their general practitioner about future health management should be referred to the Department of Education.

(d) Parents and carers have been advised to contact and consult with their local general practitioner for any concerns they may have, and have been provided with the fact sheet on asbestos and health risks from NSW Health. Parents and carers have also been advised to seek further information from the local Public Health Unit.

(e) The Department of Education has appropriate insurance arrangements in place for current or former staff and students.

Individuals with questions relating to health and/or life insurance have been advised to discuss these concerns directly with their insurer.

(14) The independent hygienist has advised low levels of asbestos fibres are present in the environment from the breakdown of asbestos products and from naturally occurring asbestos. Despite this, the general population does not contract asbestos-related disease in significant numbers.

(15) Asbestos is a naturally fibrous mineral and as such does not break down over time. We are exposed to low levels of asbestos fibres every day in ambient air. All air monitoring samples collected at Newcastle East Public School have returned consistent with ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibre/millilitres) with the school considered safe for occupation.

(16) The independent hygienist has advised both surface sampling and continued air monitoring in the Outside of School Hours Care (OOSH) took place over the holiday period. All results are considered safe based on negative (non-detect) surface samples and air monitoring returning results consistent with acceptable levels in ambient air (i.e. <0.01 fibres/millilitres).

(17) The Dust Diseases Tribunal of NSW is a Court that has exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine damages claims for those who have been affected by dust diseases including diseases related to asbestos exposure.

(18) Work to replace the roof occurred during the school holidays and the clearance certificate was issued before students returned to school. The school was open on Day 1, Term 1, 2020. This occurred subsequent to the advice provided by the independent hygienist who confirmed the school was safe for occupation.

Community information sessions were held for the school community on 15 and 28 October and 13 December 2019. Notifications were distributed to the school community and neighbours on 20 November and 5 and 10 December 2019 providing updates on the status of works and scheduled removal of asbestos.

The Newcastle East Public School community is predominantly English speaking. An interpreting service is available for parents. This can be accessed by calling the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 540.

(19) Anyone outside of the current school community, including former students, who are concerned about possible exposure, have been advised to provide their details to the school.

(20) Ongoing counselling support, both onsite and by telephone, is available to all staff through the Department of Education's Employee Assistance Program: Supporting You.

Any staff members, current or former, who have concerns about possible exposure to asbestos have been advised to contact the Department's Health and Safety Directorate.

(21) The National Asbestos Exposure Register, managed by the Australian Government's Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency, is where individuals who may have been exposed to asbestos can record the details of their exposure for future reference.

There is no minimum level of exposure required to add your details to the register. Individuals have been advised to register their details with the Australian Government's Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency if they believe they may have been exposed.

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(23) On 28 January 2020 school staff were informed of the planned maintenance activities undertaken over the school holidays and the subsequent remediation activity that occurred in Block A.

Staff requested additional sampling within other school buildings. This was conducted in the afternoon and analysed in the independent hygienist's laboratory. A single sample returned positive for asbestos; all books were removed as a precautionary measure under the advice of the independent hygienist.

The library was remediated overnight and was retested and cleared by the independent hygienist on 29 January 2020; the school community was informed accordingly.

(24) Daily air monitoring of the site is continuing. Internal and external air monitoring is being performed across all school buildings as well as around the construction site, with 20 static air monitors in place. This monitoring will continue until all work is completed.

The school has already been notified that results of air monitoring are clear.

(25) Before 7:00 am on both 28 and 29 January 2020, the independent hygienist provided a clearance certificate confirming the school site was safe. As there was no information indicating the site was unsafe, the school remained operational.

Further monitoring and testing was conducted during the first week of school as a precautionary measure and to ensure decontamination was conducted outside school hours, if necessary.

With appropriate clearance certificates in place, there was no consideration given to pushing back the first day of school until 3 February 2020.

(26) All necessary clearance certificates and testing reports have been provided to SafeWork NSW and can be found on the School Infrastructure NSW website.

(27) WSP Australia.

(a) Yes.

(28) The Department of Education was advised by independent experts that all asbestos containing material included in the scope of the roof replacement has been removed and clearances have been issued.

Asbestos containing materials remain in-situ in other areas of the site. These are recorded on the site-specific Asbestos Register and managed in accordance with the Department's Asbestos Management

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Plans. These are also managed in accordance with the SafeWork NSW Code of Practice: How to Manage and Control Asbestos in the Workplace 2019.

The Department is currently reviewing the asbestos management plan for Newcastle East Public School and will explore opportunities to remove all asbestos containing materials from the school buildings. The school community will be kept informed as this planning continues.

(29) Yes. Planning is underway to install astro turf on the lower playground which will be funded by the Department of Education. These works will be prioritised and the school community will be kept informed. Air monitoring will be in place throughout the duration of these works.

(30) The current asbestos management plan is publicly available on the School Infrastructure NSW website.

(31) There was known asbestos in the existing roof tiles; the rafters were considered potentially contaminated and remediated as a precaution.

The independent hygienist has advised that the asbestos found is dust from bonded asbestos and is not friable, loose-fill asbestos.

(32) On the advice of the independent hygienist, the licenced asbestos removalist was not able to save materials that were located in a storeroom in the heritage building due to the possibility of contamination.

The decision to dispose of affected materials was made to ensure the health and safety of students and staff at the school.

The Department of Education will clean or replace all school resources as required.

(33) The independent hygienist confirmed the sampling of the school books was comprehensive. A single sample returned positive for asbestos. The school books were removed as a precautionary measure as the library was confirmed safe by the hygienist.

(34) The demountable has been cleaned and tested, including the carpet and soft furnishings; this formed part of the environmental cleaning of the whole school.

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- 2335 COLLARENEBRI 4WD AMBULANCE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2336 WESTERN LANDS LEASES AT LIGHTNING RIDGE.—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
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- 2338 WAMBELONG BUSHFIRES 2013—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
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- *2342 ISOLATED TRANSPORT ACCOMMODATION AND ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) How many claims were made under the Isolated Transport Accommodation and Assistance Scheme in the 2018-19 financial year for the following postcodes:
- (a) 2329;
- (b) 2347;

- (c) 2356;
- (d) 2357;
- (e) 2379;
- (f) 2381;
- (g) 2382;
- (h) 2386;
- (i) 2387;
- (j) 2388;
- (k) 2390;
- (l) 2395;
- (m) 2396;
- (n) 2397;
- (o) 2648;
- (p) 2669;
- (q) 2671;
- (r) 2672;
- (s) 2823;
- (t) 2824;
- (u) 2825;
- (v) 2826;
- (w) 2827;
- (x) 2828;
- (y) 2829;
- (z) 2830;
- (aa) 2831;
- (ab) 2832;
- (ac) 2833;
- (ad) 2834;
- (ae) 2835;
- (af) 2836;
- (ag) 2838;
- (ah) 2839;
- (ai) 2840;
- (aj) 2842;
- (ak) 2843;
- (al) 2844;
- (am) 2852;
- (an) 2871;
- (ao) 2873;
- (ap) 2874;
- (aq) 2875;
- (ar) 2877;
- (as) 2878;
- (at) 2879;
- (au) 2880?

(2) What was the total dollar value of these claims in (1)?

Answer—

The Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) plays an important role in improving equitable access to specialist healthcare for patients in regional and remote areas.

I am advised that over 15,000 claims were made under IPTAAS for the requested postcodes in 2018-19, with a total IPTAAS expenditure of over \$5.8 million.

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- 2349 CUMBERLAND COUNCIL PENALTY NOTICES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—
- 2350 FAIR TRADING NSW—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
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- 2353 CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND CARE QUALITY RATINGS GUIDE—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2354 COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL PLACES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2355 QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING SERVICES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
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- 2371 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS IN LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2372 STATUTORY REVIEW OF THE CRIME COMMISSION ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2373 RURAL FIRE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS IN LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- *2374 RAPE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES AUSTRALIA—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) Will consideration be given to Rape and Domestic Violence Services Australia's request for additional funding to increase telephone counsellors, reduce waiting lists at the six women's health centres and fund a trauma specialist project worker?
- (a) If so, would NSW Health fund this request to ensure critical frontline services are made available to victims of sexual violence?
- (i) If so, when does New South Wales Health intend on commencing this additional funding?
- (ii) If not, what are the reasons for rejecting this proposal?

Answer—

In 2019-20, Rape and Domestic Violence Services Australia (RDVSA) received \$1,760,700 from NSW Health under the Ministerially Approved Grants scheme.

NSW Health is making significant investments in public services for those experiencing sexual violence. This includes investing \$29.1 million to improve access to its Sexual Assault Services, as part of the Government response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. These reforms ensure that public sexual assault services are accessible for those who need them, with a particular focus on adult survivors of child sexual abuse, Aboriginal people and people with disability. NSW Health has also invested \$10 million per annum from 2017-18 under the Violence, Abuse and Neglect (VAN) Redesign Program.

- 2375 HOUSING AFTER BUSHFIRE AND FLOODING DAMAGE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 2376 DISASTER WELFARE ASSISTANCE LINE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2377 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES AND JUSTICE HOUSING—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 2378 JUNK FOOD ADVERTISING—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

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- 2379 EXPANSION OF THE CAPACITY OF THE ELECTRICITY GRID—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

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- 2380 REPORTING INCIDENTS TO THE NSW TRAFFIC INCIDENT REPORTING LINE—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2381 UPGRADE FOR MACQUARIE FIELDS RAILWAY STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2382 INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT BARDIA ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2383 TRANSPORT ACCESS PROGRAM—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2384 GLENFIELD PRECINCT PLAN—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 2385 ADVANCED AGE DRIVING TESTS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 2386 ABORIGINAL REPRESENTATIVE ON GRIFFITH HOSPITAL CONSULTATION—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2387 FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING BAN LIFTING—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 2388 EQUITABLE PROTECTION FOR POLICE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2389 PALLIATIVE CARE NURSES FOR ORANGE AND LACHLAN HEALTH DISTRICTS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2390 CENTRAL WEST POLICE DISTRICT—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2391 FINALISATION OF FAST RAIL STRATEGY—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2392 FORBES COURT HOUSE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- 2393 SYDNEY HELICOPTERS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2394 RACETRACK INJURIES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- 2395 ASBESTOS AT REDHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2396 ASBESTOS AT GARDEN SUBURB PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2397 ASBESTOS AT MEREWETHER PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2398 ADULT CHANGE FACILITIES WOLLONGONG—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

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- 2399 ELDERLY DRIVING TESTS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2400 MENTAL HEALTH AT GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

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- 2401 VACCINATION EDUCATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2402 HUMANE PEST CONTROL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- 2403 311 BUS SERVICE RELIABILITY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2404 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- 2405 RETURN AND EARN COLLECTION POINTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 2406 SUSTAINABLE REBUILDING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- 2407 SUGARY DRINK CONSUMPTION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2408 PERSON SEARCHES AND MOVE ON DIRECTIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2409 MOOREBANK INTERMODAL TERMINAL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2410 DAPTO PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2411 PUBLIC SERVICE PRESENCE IN ENGADINE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 2412 DAPTO PUBLIC SCHOOL INCREASE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2413 SCHOOLS IN WEST DAPTO—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2414 MY COMMUNITY PROJECT 2019—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 2415 MURRUMBIDGEE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2416 USE OF BABOONS FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2417 LICENSES TO HARM NATIVE ANIMALS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 2418 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2419 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
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- 2421 GENERAL DUTIES ROLES IN THE NEWCASTLE CITY POLICE DISTRICT—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2422 NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS STAGE 5 WORKS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

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- 2426 POWER OUTAGES DURING THE FEBRUARY 2020 STORMS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
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- 2430 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT CANTERBURY RACECOURSE—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
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- 2439 393, 891 AND 893 BUS SERVICES—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2440 GREYHOUND WELFARE AND INTEGRITY COMMISSION DISCIPLINARY ACTION—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- 2441 INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer—
- 2442 DEMAND INDICATORS FOR THE WIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE AND WIN STADIUM—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—
- 2443 SENIORS TRAVEL CARD MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
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- 2447 TRAFFIC COUNT NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY MAITLAND RAILWAY ROUNDABOUT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
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- 2451 ASHTONFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2452 NATURAL DISASTER AT MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
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- 2457 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT GRANTS PROGRAM—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 2458 TRANSPORT FOR NSW OWNED LAND—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
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- 2479 T3 BANKSTOWN LINE METRO CONVERSION CLOSURES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
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- 2481 PRIVATISATION IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Treasurer—
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- 2487 CALLAGHAN COLLEGE WARATAH TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS ASBESTOS REGISTER—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
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- 2508 TERRORISM OFFENCES AND SECTION 93Z OF THE CRIMES ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2509 ONLINE INCITEMENT INVESTIGATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
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- 2511 HATE CRIMES UNIT NSW POLICE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2512 CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2513 ASSAULT OF PREGNANT MUSLIM WOMAN CHARGES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2514 THIRROUL PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2515 CORONAVIRUS CONTAINMENT NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
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- 2517 FAR WEST LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES DENTAL CARE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2518 WHITE CLIFFS MINING MANAGEMENT PLAN—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- 2519 MOBILE PHONE DETECTION CAMERAS MACQUARIE FIELDS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
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- 2525 REGIONAL SENIORS CARD EQUITABLE ACCESS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2526 ORANGE POLICE STATION REVIEW OF POLICE STAFFING—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2527 REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARDS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2528 RAIL TRAILS IN BUSHFIRE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- 2529 PILOT RAIL TRAILS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2530 ROLL-ON ROLL-OFF REGIONAL TRAINS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

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- 2531 PLANS OF MANAGEMENT FOR CROWN LAND—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 2532 RICHARD MURDEN RESERVE NETBALL COURTS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2533 ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Premier representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
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- 2538 RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
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- 2542 PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL WAIT TIMES—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
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- 2544 REGION 9 BUS TIMETABLE—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2545 RANDWICK BOYS' AND RANDWICK GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADES—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2546 DIGITAL SIGNALING INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2547 HEAVY METAL CONTAMINANTS IN PORT KEMBLA—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 2548 WASTE REMOVAL TECHNOLOGY AT WOLLONGONG HARBOUR—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 2549 SOUTH COAST LINE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2550 SMART METERS INSTALLATION—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 2551 TAKATA AIRBAG REPLACEMENT—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
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- 2554 WORK FROM HOME ARRANGEMENTS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Premier—

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- 2555 DROUGHT TRANSPORT SUBSIDIES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2556 PFAS REMOVAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 2557 RAYMOND TERRACE ROAD PROPOSED SAFETY UPGRADE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2558 NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2559 NEW SOUTH WALES DROUGHT ASSISTANCE FUND—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- 2560 MAITLAND SOCIAL HOUSING MAINTENANCE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 2561 EMERGENCY SERVICE EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2562 IMPACT OF MEDICARE CHANGES IN MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2563 NSW WEEDS ACTION PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- 2564 DROUGHT BREAK PROGRAM FUNDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—
- 2565 EARLY CHILDHOOD DROUGHT SUPPORT PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2566 FORMER MINE DAMAGE MAYFIELD—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- 2567 SAND DREDGING AT STOCKTON BEACH—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 2568 NUCLEAR POWER POLICY—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Premier—
- 2569 POWER OUTAGE IN MEREWETHER—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 2570 SMART SKILLED AND HIRED YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—
- 2571 CANCELLED OVERSEAS EXCURSION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2572 RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Premier—
- 2573 NSW HEALTH APPROVAL OF LAKE WYANGAN DRINKING WATER GRIFFITH—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

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- 2574 DECLARING WATER INTERESTS MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Premier—
- 2575 DENILQUIN HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH PRESENTATIONS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2576 ORANGE OPERATIONAL AREA UNDER THE CHILDREN (PROTECTION AND PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY) ACT 1997—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- *2577 RESOURCES REGULATOR COMPLIANCE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- (1) For each of the 2018 and 2019 calendar years, how many of the following have there been for the Resource Regulator of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment:
- (a) Offence or regulation breach allegations reported;
 - (b) Investigations commenced or undertaken;
 - (c) Penalties or fines issued;
 - (d) Cautions issued;
 - (e) Prosecutions initiated or caused to be initiated by the compliance section?
- Answer—
- These questions should be referred to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade.
- 2578 CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH (CAMHS) UNIT ORANGE HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2579 LATE NIGHT LIGHT RAIL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2580 POLICE INVESTIGATION OF COMMONWEALTH MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND EMISSIONS REDUCTION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2581 DISASTER PLANNING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- 2582 ADDRESSING POVERTY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 2583 COMMUNITY PREVENTION PROGRAMS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—
- 2584 HUNTING NATIVE GAME BIRDS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- 2585 RMS MOTORWAY LAND EAST SYDNEY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2586 LONG RANGE ACOUSTIC DEVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2587 PREMIER'S GALA CONCERTS AT SENIORS FESTIVAL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—
- 2588 UPGRADE FOR CALLAGHAN COLLEGE, WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2589 COMPENSATION FOR IMPACTED BUSINESSES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—
- 2590 COMPENSATION FOR IMPACTED PARENTS AND STUDENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

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- 2591 INCREASE OF SCHOOL ROUTES THROUGH FLETCHER—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2592 EXIT POINTS AT THE JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL AND HUNTER MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2593 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL AND HUNTER MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE CONGESTION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2594 TAXI LICENCES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2595 COMMUNITY FLOOD EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN TUGGERAH LAKES—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2596 EPA POLLUTION INVESTIGATIONS OURIMBAH CREEK—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 2597 KANGY ANGY POTENTIAL POLLUTION EVENT—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 2598 TUGGERAH LAKES FLOODING RESPONSE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2599 SYDNEY METRO CITY AND SOUTHWEST PROJECT COST INCREASE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2600 AUSGRID STAFFING AND BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE CALL-OUTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 2601 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL SITE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2602 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL SITE SELECTION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2603 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL SITE NEGOTIATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2604 TAFE CAMPUS WESTERN SYDNEY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—
- 2605 FUNDING FOR UPGRADES BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE SCHOOLS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2606 BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE ADDITIONAL TEACHERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2607 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND LOCATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2608 PALLIATIVE CARE AT WESTMEAD HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2609 MOUNT OUSLEY-M1 INTERCHANGE PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2610 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2611 CANIABA PUBLIC SCHOOL AIR CONDITIONING—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2612 WYRALLAH PUBLIC SCHOOL AIR CONDITIONING—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

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- 2613 LISMORE BASE HOSPITAL STAFF INCREASE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2614 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN LISMORE ELECTORATE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- 2615 BLAKEBROOK PULIC SCHOOL AIR CONDITIONING—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2616 FISH KILLS IN THE RICHMOND RIVER—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- 2617 ASSISTED SCHOOL TRAVEL PROGRAM—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2618 POLICE ON MEDICAL RELATED LEAVE—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2619 WOY WOY RAIL TUNNEL—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2620 NSW HEALTH PRIMARY SCHOOL MOBILE DENTAL PROGRAM—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2621 GOSFORD HOSPITAL COURTESY BUS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2622 COMMENCING FULL-TIME TEACHERS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- *2623 KARIONG JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—
- (1) How many assaults against staff took place at the Kariong Juvenile Justice Centre in the following years:
 - (a) 2015-16;
 - (b) 2016-17;
 - (c) 2017-18;
 - (d) 2018-19?
 - (2) How many staff were on extended medical leave in the following years:
 - (a) 2015-16;
 - (b) 2016-17;
 - (c) 2017-18;
 - (d) 2018-19?
 - (3) How many staff left the centre due to a workers compensation reason in the following years:
 - (a) 2015-16;
 - (b) 2016-17;
 - (c) 2017-18;
 - (d) 2018-19?

Answer—

Questions relating to Juvenile Justice should be directed to the Honourable Gareth Ward MP as Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

- 2624 SUSPECT TARGETING MANAGEMENT PLANS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2625 PSYCHIATRIC CARE ON CENTRAL COAST—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2626 COMMUNICATING INFORMATION ON COVID-19—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

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- 2627 COMMUNICATING MULTILINGUAL INFORMATION ON COVID-19—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—
- 2628 COVID-19 FUNDING FOR FAIRFIELD AND LIVERPOOL HOSPITALS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2629 SUBSIDISED COVID-19 PREVENTION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2630 PUBLIC TRANSPORT COVID-19 PREVENTION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2631 AVAILABILITY OF HAND SANITISERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—
- 2632 COVID-19 PREVENTATIVE COMMUNITY MEASURES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 2633 COVID-19 PREVENTATIVE MEASURES IN SCHOOLS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2634 COMMUNITY AVAILABILITY OF HAND SANITATION PRODUCTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 2635 EDMONDSON PARK SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 2636 VICTORIA ROAD PEDESTRIAN ACCESS—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2637 PORT OF NEWCASTLE CONTAINER TERMINAL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Treasurer—
- 2638 HOUSING MAINTENANCE ISSUES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

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- 2639 NON-URBAN WATER METERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) How many non-urban water meters across New South Wales will be affected by ownership changes from Government to private?
 - (2) What is the current age of the oldest meter?
 - (3) Will any of the meters be replaced prior to changing ownership due to the age of the infrastructure?
 - (a) How many of the existing meters are anticipated to fall into this category?
 - (4) Will all Government-owned meters be fully tested and a certification be provided to the property owner confirming that they are in full working order prior to the change of ownership?
- 2640 COVID-19 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PRIMARY PRODUCERS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- (1) What cash grants, loans, concessions and other financial assistance will be made to COVID-19 impacted primary producers by the Government?
 - (a) What are the specific programs and their forms of assistance, amounts and eligibility?
- 2641 BIOSECURITY—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- (1) How many biosecurity events have occurred in New South Wales for all financial years from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at 24 March 2020)?
 - (2) What has been the contribution from the Government to address biosecurity events in New South Wales for all financial years from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at 24 March 2020)?

- (3) What investment has the Government made in prevention of biosecurity events in New South Wales for all financial years from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at 24 March 2020)?
- (4) What issues have been attributed as the cause of biosecurity events in New South Wales for all financial years from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (as at 24 March 2020)?
- 2642 MEDICAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) What action has the Government taken to ensure that all medical staff have access to appropriate personal protective equipment in both public and private medical services?
- (2) Does the Government have any capacity to penalise medical institutions who have not provided appropriate personal protective equipment to their staff?
- 2643 BUSHFIRE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SMALL BUSINESSES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—
- (1) When were the \$10,000 recovery grants to small businesses who have experienced a 40 per cent drop in revenue over a three-month period as a result of the bushfires, compared to the previous year, rolled out?
- (a) Why were the grants not rolled out sooner?
- (2) What has the Government advocated to State and Commonwealth governments to expand this grant to all tourism operators, regardless of the Local Government Area (LGA) they were based in?
- (3) Will the \$10,000 grant be expanded to all tourism businesses across New South Wales that have been impacted by the bushfires, regardless of the LGA they were based in?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If so, when?
- 2644 COVID-19 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—
- (1) What cash grants, loans, concessions and other assistance will be made to COVID-19 impacted tourism and hospitality businesses by the Government?
- (a) What are the specific programs and their forms of assistance, amounts and eligibility?
- 2645 BUSHFIRE RECOVERY PLAN—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—
- (1) Why did neither the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, nor the Deputy Premier, nor representatives from Destination NSW attend, either in person or by video link, the Local Government Tourism Conference in Jindabyne held on 16 to 18 March 2020?
- (2) Considering Destination NSW was scheduled to present a Bushfire Recovery Plan at that conference:
- (a) Is there a bushfire recovery plan for tourism operators?
- (i) If so:
- (i) When will it be released?
- (ii) How will local government and tourism operators be informed?
- 2646 DESTINATION NSW COVID-19 RESPONSE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—
- (1) Has Destination NSW developed a pandemic plan for tourism operators?
- (a) If not:
- (i) Why not?
- (ii) Will one be produced?
- (i) If so, when?
- (b) If so:
- (i) When was it developed?
- (ii) Is it publicly available
- (i) If so, where is this publicly available?
- (ii) If not, will it be made publicly available?
- (iii) How has it been developed in consultation with the tourism and hospitality industry?
- (iv) Has such a plan been updated in light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic?

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- 2647 MAITLAND TAFE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—
- (1) How many students were enrolled at Maitland TAFE in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20?
 - (2) How many full-time equivalent teaching staff were employed at Maitland TAFE in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20?
 - (3) How many courses were offered at Maitland TAFE in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2019-20?
 - (a) What were the courses for each financial year?
 - (4) How many courses are currently offered at Maitland TAFE to date?
 - (5) How many students currently enrolled at Maitland TAFE list their home address within the Maitland electorate?
- 2648 COVID-19 VACCINES AND TREATMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) What cash grants, loans or other financial assistance has or will be provided to medical researchers in New South Wales by the Government to develop COVID-19 vaccines, reagents, treatments or prevention methods and/or the mass production of these?
 - (a) What are the specific programs and their forms of assistance, amounts and eligibility?
 - (2) Which medical researchers in New South Wales have produced COVID-19 vaccines, reagents, treatments or prevention methods and/or the mass production of these?
 - (a) Which of these have received funding from the Government for these specific projects?
- 2649 FAST CHARGERS ELECTRONIC VEHICLES LOCATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- (1) Which specific locations in New South Wales, if any, have been chosen for the Government's plan to install fast chargers for electric and hybrid vehicles on target corridors?
 - (2) Have any locations been selected for the installation of fast chargers in the Hunter region?
 - (a) If so, which locations have been chosen?
- 2650 FERAL HORSE POPULATIONS VEHICLE INCIDENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- How many reported incidents were there of feral horses being struck by vehicles in New South Wales in 2019?
- 2651 COMMUNITIES RUNNING OUT OF WATER—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) Which towns and communities that are not on regulated river systems are projected to run out of water in the next six months (as at 24 March 2020)?
 - (2) Have they all been contacted by WaterNSW as at 24 March 2020?
 - (a) If not, which towns and communities are still to be contacted?
 - (b) If so, was the contact prior to media reports on 14 and 15 September 2019?
- 2652 PUBLIC SECTOR ROLES CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) How many public sector roles in your portfolio will be reduced in the Cessnock electorate in total to implement the 2019-20 Budget?
 - (2) Which specific departments and agencies located in the Cessnock electorate will be impacted by the Government's plans to reduce public sector roles?
- 2653 PUBLIC POOLS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- How many of the 460 public pools provided to councils across New South Wales remained open and operational in the spring/summer 2019-20 period?
- 2654 REVIEW OF UPPER NEPEAN SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) What are the terms of reference for the 2020-21 scheduled review of the Upper Nepean Scheme?
 - (2) Which Local Government Areas have been asked by Water NSW for input into the Upper Nepean Scheme?

2655 AERIAL ELECTROMAGNETIC SEARCH FOR GROUNDWATER—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) When did the aerial electromagnetic search for groundwater in the central west of New South Wales begin?
- (2) When did this project conclude?
- (3) How much money was spent on this project?
- (4) How many new water sites were discovered as a result of this program?
 - (a) Where are these sites located?
 - (b) What is the volume of water estimated to have been found at each of these sites?
- (5) Have any government agencies made progress towards accessing the water at any of these sites?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) How many?
 - (ii) Which ones?
 - (iii) What is the state of that progress?
- (6) Have any private individuals and/or corporations made progress towards accessing the water at any of these sites?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) How many?
 - (ii) Which ones?
 - (iii) What is the state of that progress?

2656 THE GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Which Government agency or department has responsibility for the Great Artesian Basin (GAB)?
- (2) Are there any studies currently being conducted to better understand the GAB?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) What are they called?
 - (ii) What is the nature of the studies?
 - (iii) Where can the information be found?
- (3) Is there any investigation underway to better understand the nature of the GAB around Pilliga given the potential for coal seam gas drilling through the GAB in this area?
 - (a) If so, what is the nature of this investigation?
- (4) What is the average annual replenishment rate for the GAB?
- (5) Is the GAB in any way disconnected from other parts of the GAB or is it all one inter-connected system where water levels rise and fall consistently across the whole?
- (6) Is there any measure or detection of GAB replenishments being of an adverse quality due to human or natural influences?
 - (a) If so, what is the nature of these events?
- (7) What is the nature of water interplay between the GAB and the Murray-Darling river system?
- (8) Is there any measurement of water extracted from the GAB and has any work been done to quantify and qualify the sustainability of this level of water extraction?
- (9) What type of treatments are required to make water extracted from the GAB of a quality fit for human consumption?
 - (a) Where and by whom is this enacted?

2657 FERAL DEER CESSNOCK REGION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Are there any plans to increase funding to the Cessnock City Council to better manage the issue of feral deer across the Cessnock region?
 - (a) If so, how much funding will be allocated to the Council?
 - (b) If so, when will these funds become available?

2658 FIREARMS REGISTRY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many staff were employed by the NSW Firearms Registry as at 30 June each year from 2014 to 2019?
 - (a) How many staff were full-time employees?
 - (b) How many staff were part-time employees?

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- (c) How many positions were vacant?
- (2) What was the budget for the NSW Firearms Registry in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2019-20 (to 24 March 2020)?
- (3) What is the average time per annum for NSW Firearms Registry to process:
- New licences;
 - Renewed licences;
 - Appealed licences?
- 2659 RANGE ATTENDANCE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
Will the Minister consider waiving the mandatory range attendances for target shooting (category A, B, C and H licence holders) for the duration of COVID-19 to mitigate the risk of virus transmission?
- 2660 ELECTRICITY METER UPGRADES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- Why are electricity suppliers able to replace old meters at the maximum peak rate?
 - Why are consumers then forced to suffer the cost of paying for the upgrade if they want the peak rate reduced?
 - Why is it not mandated that suppliers are only allowed to charge the lowest electricity rate and install the appropriate meter to do so?
- 2661 LIGHT VEHICLE INSPECTIONS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
Will consideration be given to excusing the requirements for a Road Worthy Inspection for light vehicles for a period of six months to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission?
- 2662 HAND SANITISER STUDENT BATHROOMS BARWON ELECTORATE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
Will every public school in the Barwon electorate be provided supplies of hand soap and hand sanitiser in student bathrooms?
- 2663 NEW WEIR IN MACQUARIE RIVER—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- Does the proposed new weir between Narromine and Warren comply with current legislation to protect the environment?
 - Have the ecological effects of this weir on the Macquarie Marshes been investigated?
 - Will this proposed weir have ongoing effects on 'stock and domestic' users downstream?
- 2664 UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE ATTENDANCE APP—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—
Considering the University of Newcastle will track students' attendance at class using a mobile phone app, what action has been taken to ensure this data will not be misused and that students' privacy will not be compromised?
- 2665 POLICE RESIDENCE YENDA PROPERTY—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- Is regular maintenance carried out on the police residence at Yenda, which has been left vacant for the past eight years, to ensure it does not deteriorate?
 - Are there any plans to utilise this building in the future?
- 2666 GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL WATER SALE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- Will the Minister investigate the allegation that Griffith City Council is selling surplus water at discounted prices to selected people?
 - If not, which Government authority is responsible for investigating such allegations?
- 2667 FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING VOLUMES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
What has been the volume of water extracted through floodplain harvesting in New South Wales in each financial year between 1993-94 and 2018-19?

- 2668 DECLINE IN LOWER DARLING FLOWS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) Did the Minister endorse the change to the target flows from the northern Murray-Darling Basin into the Menindee Lakes, which have reduced from 143 gigalitres to 41 gigalitres?
 - (2) What assurance can the Minister provide the residents of New South Wales that there is connectivity between all the water sharing plans for New South Wales?
- 2669 MURRUMBIDGEE LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT RESTRUCTURE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) What is the reasoning and rationale behind:
 - (a) The proposed restructure of clusters within the Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
 - (b) The cluster manager role becoming a general manager and not including a Director of Nursing component?
- 2670 GRIFFITH TO SYDNEY TRAIN SERVICE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- (1) Will the Griffith to Sydney midweek train service continue until the end of 2021?
 - (2) Does the Government have any plans to privatise any regional rail services?
- 2671 HYGIENE SUPPLIES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS MURRAY ELECTORATE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) Given the COVID-19 health directives to wash hands often with soap and water, why did Murrumbidgee Regional High School and other rural schools have no soap in their bathrooms on Monday 9 March 2020?
 - (2) When will the public schools within the Murray electorate receive deliveries from the New South Wales Department of Education of sufficient soap supplies to ensure students are protecting themselves and preventing the virus spreading?
- 2672 WENTWORTH LACK OF GENERAL PRACTITIONER DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) Considering the town of Wentworth has no General Practitioner (GP) during the Covid-19 pandemic, will the Government provide urgent financial assistance to enable Wentworth Council to immediately recruit a doctor to the town?
 - (a) In the absence of a GP, will the Government open a pop-up COVID-19 testing clinic in Wentworth?
- 2673 COVID-19 RESTRICTIVE TESTING CRITERIA MURRUMBIDGEE REGION—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) Considering that extensive COVID-19 testing has successfully reduced the spread of the virus in other countries, why has eligibility for testing in the Murrumbidgee region been restricted to only people who have been overseas or have come in contact with a confirmed case?
 - (a) Is the restrictive testing criteria due to a shortage of COVID-19 testing kits?
 - (b) When will eligibility for testing be broadened to include all people with flu-like symptoms?
- 2674 COVID-19 TESTING CLINICS MURRAY ELECTORATE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) How many COVID-19 testing pop-up clinics will be set up in the Murray electorate?
 - (2) Where will these pop-up clinics be located?
 - (3) By what date will each clinic be set up?
- 2675 FIT FOR WORK ASSESSMENT TOOL MURRUMBIDGEE LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) How many nurses and midwives have been rejected from employment within the Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) because they failed the MLHD-specific "fit for work" assessment tool?
 - (2) Why is this "fit for work" assessment tool not used in other NSW Health districts?
 - (3) Considering the difficulties in recruiting medical staff in the region, why did MLHD introduce this

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"fit for work" assessment tool in the Murrumbidgee?

- 2676 RESOURCES REGULATOR COMPLIANCE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- (1) For each of the 2018 and 2019 calendar years, how many of the following have there been for the Resource Regulator of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment:
 - (a) Offence or regulation breach allegations reported;
 - (b) Investigations commenced or undertaken;
 - (c) Penalties or fines issued;
 - (d) Cautions issued;
 - (e) Prosecutions initiated or caused to be initiated by the compliance section?
- 2677 AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES DURING COVID-19—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- Will businesses in the agricultural chain, including but not limited to abattoirs, shearing sheds, wool processing plants, farming operations, dairies and saleyards, be classified as essential services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic?
- 2678 FUNDING TO ASSIST AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITORS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- Will consideration be given to provision of funding assistance to agricultural machinery and equipment businesses to assist them in attending and exhibiting their products at agricultural shows?
- 2679 BRIDLE TRACK ROAD STUDY FUNDING—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- (1) Has the full grant funding of \$2 million for the Bridle Track road study been delivered to Bathurst Regional Council in June 2018, considering your response to LA Q1383?
 - (a) If not, when will this funding be delivered?
 - (2) Will documentation relating to the prospective Bridle Track road study and grant funding be made publicly available?
- 2680 TRANSFER OF QUARANTINED FUNDS TO 2020-21 BUDGET—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Will consideration be given to the transfer of the currently quarantined \$25 million in funding for the Premier's promised new sports precinct at Orange, from the Growing Local Economies Fund to consolidated revenue?
 - (2) Will consideration be given to including this funding in the 2020-2021 Budget to facilitate the timely delivery of this infrastructure project to provide an essential boost to local jobs, economy and the social well-being of the community in the wake of COVID-19 and its effects?
- 2681 CENTRAL BARANGAROO PLANNING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier—
- (1) What consultation with surrounding residential communities will occur before the concept plan and development proposals for central Barangaroo go on exhibition?
 - (2) Will the Government commit to ensure the central Barangaroo development will not block vistas from residential buildings on Kent Street?
 - (3) How will the Government ensure development at central Barangaroo will not further impact on traffic on Hickson Road?
 - (4) Has the Government assessed the need for children's facilities including playground equipment at central Barangaroo?
 - (a) If so, what conclusions were made from the assessment and what facilities will be proposed?
- 2682 AIR QUALITY HEALTH IMPACTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) Following the 2019-20 bushfire season and 81 days of hazardous, very poor or poor air quality, what steps has the Government taken to provide detailed recommendations for action during high air pollution periods?
 - (2) What advice is provided to employers where workers' duties require outdoor and strenuous activities during high air pollution periods?
 - (3) What advice is provided to people with health conditions or a disability who are more severely

- affected by poor air quality?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to update and expand information and advice about managing health impacts during periods of poor air quality?
- 2683 RETROFITTING SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the benefits of retrofitting social housing properties to reduce utility costs, improve amenities under increasing heat conditions and reduce emissions?
- (a) What savings have been identified?
- (2) What proportion of Land and Housing Corporation social housing properties have been retrofitted for water and energy saving?
- (a) What proportion of properties are in Inner City Zone CS1?
- (b) Which multi-unit properties are in Inner City Zone CS1?
- (3) What programs does the Government provide to install:
- (a) LED or other low energy use lights;
- (b) Solar hot water systems;
- (c) Photovoltaic panels;
- (d) Water tanks;
- (e) Water efficient appliances?
- (4) What program does the Government provide to help tenants reduce energy and water use and costs including replacing old and inefficient appliances and equipment?
- (5) What further plans does the Government have to reduce energy and water use and costs in social housing properties?
- 2684 EARLY LEARNING SERVICES SAFETY DURING FIRE DANGER—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- What procedures were in place to ensure that staff and children in early learning services were safe between 1 September 2019 and 1 February 2020 during periods of state of emergency and/or catastrophic fire danger?
- 2685 NEWCASTLE INDOOR SPORTS STADIUM—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—
- Considering the media release in June 2019 issued by the then Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, about the Hillsborough Indoor Sports Stadium announcing that "construction is due to begin this year on the new indoor sports stadium at Hillsborough", what construction work on the stadium took place between June 2019 and March 2020 (as at 23 March 2020)?
- 2686 KEOLIS DOWNER COVID-19 DEEP CLEANING—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- How has the Minister ensured that a deep cleaning regime is in place for public transport vehicles operated by Keolis Downer in the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Regions during the current COVID-19 public health emergency?
- 2687 SMART SKILLED AND HIRE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- Considering the Smart Skilled and Hire Youth Employment Programs currently funds employment services such as APM Employment Services, when will the employment services be notified if they will receive funding for ongoing delivery beyond 30 June 2020?
- 2688 ASSISTANCE FOR VOLUNTEERS IN BUSHFIRE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- (1) What specific actions have the Minister and the Government taken to assist volunteers supporting firefighters and bushfire affected communities through the current bushfire crisis, including preparing meals, servicing evacuation centres and looking after animals?
- (2) What programs have been initiated or intensified to assist volunteers in bushfire affected communities?

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- (3) What resources within Volunteers NSW and the Department of Communities and Justice usually allocated to volunteers have been directed towards assisting volunteers in bushfire affected communities?
- 2689 ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT ORGANISATIONS COVID-19—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Premier representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) How is the Government acting to support arts and entertainment organisations impacted by COVID-19 and the associated social distancing restrictions and advice?
 - (2) How is the Government acting to support artists and casuals employed by arts and entertainment organisations impacted by COVID-19 and the associated social distancing restrictions and advice?
- 2690 ENHANCED CLEANING AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) When did 'enhanced cleaning' to mitigate COVID-19 commence in New South Wales public schools?
 - (2) How many schools have been subject to 'enhanced cleaning' to mitigate COVID-19 (as at 24 March 2020)?
 - (3) How many schools in the Summer Hill electorate have been subject to 'enhanced cleaning' to mitigate COVID-19 (as at 24 March 2020)?
 - (4) What is the schedule for implementing 'enhanced cleaning' at New South Wales Public schools:
 - (a) Across the State?
 - (b) Across the Summer Hill electorate?
 - (5) What defines 'enhanced cleaning' as opposed to regular cleaning of schools?
 - (6) What additional protections have been put in place to protect school cleaners who are at risk of greater exposure to COVID-19 in our schools?
- 2691 COOLER CLASSROOMS PROGRAM—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) For every grant round since the Cooler Classrooms program was announced, how many schools across New South Wales have:
 - (a) Applied for air conditioning;
 - (b) Been awarded air conditioning?
 - (2) For every grant round since the Cooler Classrooms program was announced, how many schools in the Summer Hill electorate have:
 - (a) Applied for air conditioning?
 - (b) Been awarded air conditioning?
 - (3) In each grant round, what has been the length of time between applications closing and applicants being notified?
 - (4) Why are schools that applied in the April 2019 round of the Cooler Classrooms program still waiting to be notified of the outcome of their applications, including Dulwich Hill Primary School?
- 2692 HABERFIELD LEGACY LAND—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- (1) What is the status of "legacy land" in Haberfield and Ashfield that was due to returned the public at the conclusion of construction work for the M4 East WestConnex Project?
 - (2) Has the parcel of land surrounding the ventilation stack on Walker Avenue been returned to Inner West Council?
 - (3) Have the acquired properties on Walker Avenue been returned to Inner West Council?
 - (4) What parameters are in place in regards to the future use of these spaces or properties?
- 2693 HYGIENE SUPPLIES AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) In each financial year from 2014-15 to 2018-19, what is the total amount spent by the NSW Department of Education on:
 - (a) Hand sanitiser;
 - (b) Toilet paper;
 - (c) Hand soap?
 - (2) Has the Department of Education increased the amount of money allocated to - or spent on - hand sanitiser, hand soap and toilet paper since the advent of COVID-19 (to 24 March 2020)?

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- (3) Will every school in New South Wales have adequate hand soap and soap dispensers in bathrooms used by:
- Students;
 - Staff and teachers?
- (4) What additional protections have been put in place to protect school students, staff and teachers to mitigate the risk of exposure to COVID-19 in our schools?
- 2694 COVID-19 PREPARATION AND SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- What are the criteria by which schools in New South Wales will be closed as part of the strategy to mitigate and eliminate COVID-19?
 - When were New South Wales public school principals informed of the need to begin preparations to move teaching online and other measures in the event that schools closed?
 - What support is being provided to school teachers, principals and staff to move teaching online during any COVID-19 related shutdown?
 - What preparation has the Department undertaken to support families or students without access to computers, technology or internet during any prolonged shutdown as a result of COVID-19?
 - What policy work was undertaken prior to COVID-19 to prepare for a mass shutdown related to pandemics, natural disasters or other large-scale interruptions?
- 2695 NSW HEALTH AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- What are the criteria by which schools in New South Wales will be closed as part of the strategy to mitigate and eliminate COVID-19?
 - Are NSW Health officials liaising directly with schools to mitigate the risk of exposure to COVID-19 by staff, teachers and students?
 - How frequently is advice supplied to New South Wales schools being updated by NSW Health officials around COVID-19?
 - What are the criteria by which NSW Health would directly intervene in the operation of an individual school to help mitigate the risk of exposure to COVID-19?
- 2696 NSW HEALTH INFORMATION TO SENIORS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- What specific advice is being issued by NSW Health to seniors and elderly residents to help mitigate the risk of exposure to COVID-19?
 - How is the information being distributed?
 - Considering that seniors and elderly residents may have a reduced access to social media, internet or computers, and have reduced digital literacy, by what non-digital means is this specific information being distributed?
 - What is the total cost of producing educational or public information campaign materials targeted at seniors or elderly residents around the risks of COVID-19 and other preventative measures (as at 24 March 2020)?
- 2697 SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND CHARITIES IMPACTED BY COVID-19—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Treasurer—
- How is the Government acting to support community organisations and charities impacted by COVID-19, including voluntary organisations, food banks, environmental and other community organisations?
 - How is the Government acting to protect casual workers employed by community organisations and charities impacted by COVID-19 including voluntary organisations, food banks, environmental and other community organisations?
 - Considering the extraordinary impact on services should community organisations close as a result of COVID-19, will the Government include targeted support for them in a further stimulus package?
- 2698 TEMPE BUS DEPOT SERVICES—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- What are the on-time running statistics for bus services operating from the Tempe Bus Depot, on a monthly basis, from 1 July 2018 to 24 March 2020?

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- 2699 ENTERTAINMENT QUARTER MOORE PARK—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- (1) What is the update on the unsolicited proposal received by the Government in regards to the Entertainment Quarter at Moore Park?
 - (a) At what stage of the process is consideration of that proposal?
- 2700 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- (1) Is consideration being given to the postponement of Local Government elections scheduled for September 2020?
 - (a) When is a decision in relation to this likely to be made?
- 2701 LEGAL SERVICES PANEL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—
- How many times between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019 were there "Off-Panel" engagements by New South Wales government agencies of legal firms or practitioners outside of the New South Wales Government Legal Services Panel?
- 2702 NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS REGIONAL TRANSPORT—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- (1) What steps has the Minister's department undertaken in relation to the navigability of waterways in the State?
 - (a) What steps has the Minister's department undertaken in relation to an assessment of the adequacy of navigation signage on waterways in the State?
 - (2) In relation to Tuggerah Lake, are Wyong Creek, Ourimbah Creek and Tumbi Creek currently navigable?
- 2703 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- (1) How many grant applications have been submitted by Central Coast Council and its predecessor, Wyong Shire Council, under the floodplain grants program since the Council adopted the Tuggerah Lakes Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan in 2015?
 - (a) Of these applications, how many were successful?
 - (2) What is the quantum of each application and grant?
- 2704 ASSERTIVE OUTREACH TO ROUGH SLEEPERS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- (1) Is Assertive Outreach to Rough Sleepers funded for the Central Coast Region?
 - (a) If not, when will this service be available?
- 2705 CLEANING ON THE T3 BANKSTOWN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- What additional cleaning measures have been implemented on trains and stations along the T3 Bankstown line in response to the COVID-19 pandemic?
- 2706 CLEANING OF SCHOOLS IN THE BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- What additional cleaning measures have been implemented in schools within the Bankstown electorate in response to the COVID-19 pandemic?
- 2707 ALLOCATION OF THE COVID-19 STIMULUS PACKAGE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer—
- (1) Considering the the Government's \$2.3 billion dollar COVID-19 stimulus package, how much will be allocated to the Bankstown electorate?
 - (2) Will any amount be allocated for specific projects or purposes within the Bankstown electorate?
 - (a) What support will be provided to local businesses and industries affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Bankstown electorate?

- 2708 COUNCIL FEES DURING THE COVID-19 LOCKDOWN PERIOD—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- Will the Government ensure that Councils do not collect any fees/charges for any council facilities, grounds or centres ordinarily used and booked in advance by sporting and community groups during this COVID-19 lockdown period?
- 2709 PROTECTION OF ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN THE BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) What action has the Government taken to protect elderly residents of the Bankstown electorate regarding the COVID-19 pandemic?
 - (2) What measures have been implemented by the Government to ensure elderly and vulnerable residents of the Bankstown electorate have access to groceries, in light of excessive purchases that have taken place in response to the outbreak?
- 2710 SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE PERSONS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- (1) Considering the COVID-19 pandemic, what preparation has been made by the Minister or the Department of Communities and Justice to support those who have a disability or are in the care of the Minister?
 - (2) What provisions have been allocated to support vulnerable Social Housing residents, especially those suffering from mental health and disabilities during this lockdown period?
 - (a) Has any additional support been allocated to organisations in Bankstown that focus in assisting disabled or vulnerable residents?
- 2711 SAFEGUARDS FOR SOCIAL HOUSING TENANTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- (1) Considering the COVID-19 pandemic, what action has the Government taken to safeguard Social Housing residents in apartment complexes and to further ensure that these properties are cleaned?
 - (a) Has the suspension of rent for Social Housing residents been considered?
 - (i) If so, will it be implemented?
- 2712 STACEY STREET AND THE HUME HIGHWAY, BANKSTOWN UPGRADE AUGUST 2019 PROJECT UPDATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- (1) Considering the Stacey Street and the Hume Highway, Bankstown Upgrade August 2019 Project Update, which states that 'investigations have revealed additional factors we need to confirm before our plans can be finalised so we need to extend the duration of our work in the area,' what additional factors were revealed by the investigations?
 - (2) What impact will the additional factors have on the estimated total capital works cost of \$450 million?
- 2713 GENERAL PRACTITIONERS AND MEDICAL CENTRES IN THE BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE COVID-19 ASSISTANCE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) What additional assistance has NSW Health provided to general practitioners and medical centres in the Bankstown electorate regarding the COVID-19 pandemic?
 - (2) What additional measures have been implemented to ensure the safety of general practitioners and medical centres staff in the Bankstown electorate?
- 2714 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE 2020—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) What assistance is going to be provided to Higher School Certification (HSC) students for the rest of the year?
 - (2) How will the practical assessments for HSC students be conducted for 2020?
- 2715 HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES LOST IN BUSHFIRES RE-ACCOMMODATING TENANTS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- Will the original tenants of Housing NSW properties lost in the bushfire crisis of 2019-20 in New South Wales be re-accommodated in the re-built homes?

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- 2716 LED STREETLIGHT ROLLOUT—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- (1) Is Wollongong Local Government Area eligible to have street lights replaced with light-emitting diode (LED) street lights as part of the Government's LED Streetlight Rollout?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (2) How many street lights have been replaced under the rollout (as at 24 March 2020)?
 - (3) How many street lights will be replaced under the rollout in:
 - (a) 2020;
 - (b) 2021?
 - (4) How many street lights in the Wollongong Local Government Area have been replaced under the rollout (as at 24 March 2020)?
 - (5) How many street lights in the Wollongong Local Government Area will be replaced under the rollout in:
 - (a) 2020;
 - (b) 2021?
- 2717 MINE REHABILITATION SECURITY DEPOSITS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- (1) What is the total value of mine rehabilitation security deposits held (as at 24 March 2020)?
 - (2) What was the total value of mine rehabilitation deposits collected in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2018-19;
 - (b) 2019-20 (as at 24 March 2020)?
 - (3) What was the total value of mine rehabilitation deposits released in:
 - (a) 2018-19;
 - (b) 2019-20 (as at 24 March 2020)?
- 2718 PAYROLL TAX—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer—
- (1) How many businesses in each of the following electorates paid payroll tax in the 2019-20 financial year:
 - (a) Heathcote;
 - (b) Keira;
 - (c) Wollongong;
 - (d) Shellharbour;
 - (e) Kiama?
 - (2) What was the total amount of payroll tax paid in each of the above electorates in the 2019-20 financial year?
- 2719 MOBILE PHONE DETECTION CAMERAS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- (1) How many drivers with vehicles registered in the following electorates received a warning notice during the three month warning period following the introduction of mobile phone detection cameras (as at 24 March 2020):
 - (a) Heathcote;
 - (b) Keira;
 - (c) Wollongong;
 - (d) Shellharbour;
 - (e) Kiama?
 - (2) How many drivers with vehicles registered in the following electorates received a penalty as a result of an offence detected by a mobile phone detection camera since 1 March 2020 (as at 24 March 2020):
 - (a) Heathcote;
 - (b) Keira;
 - (c) Wollongong;
 - (d) Shellharbour;
 - (e) Kiama?
- 2720 RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Where are the nine potential locations for Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) in New South Wales for solar, wind generation and pumped hydro identified in the Chief Scientist and Engineer's Scoping Paper on the New South Wales Decarbonisation Innovation Study?
 - (2) What is the process for the further study of the suitability of each location identified as a potential REZ?
 - (3) What is the estimated timeline for establishing each REZ location?
 - (4) What is the estimated cost for establishing each REZ location?
 - (5) What is the estimated employment opportunity for establishing each REZ location?
 - (6) Have consultations been held with local government and businesses in each potential REZ location?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so:
 - (i) Who has been consulted?
 - (ii) When were the consultations held?
- 2721 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- (1) Have any locations in the Newcastle, Cessnock, Maitland, Singleton, Lake Macquarie, Muswellbrook, Dungog, and Upper Hunter local government areas been examined for their suitability for medium to large scale wind, pumped hydro or solar energy generation?
 - (a) If so, which locations were considered to be suitable for:
 - (i) Wind energy generation;
 - (ii) Solar generation;
 - (iii) Pumped hydro generation?
 - (b) If not, does the Government have plans to assess all regional areas for suitable locations for medium to large-scale renewable energy generation?
- 2722 ECONOMIC STIMULUS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer—
- (1) How many small businesses in the following electorates have had their fees and charges waived under the COVID-19 stimulus package announced (as at 24 March 2020):
 - (a) Wollongong;
 - (b) Keira;
 - (c) Shellharbour;
 - (d) Kiama;
 - (e) South Coast;
 - (f) Heathcote?
 - (2) What has been the total amount of fees and charges waived for the small businesses in these electorates (as at 24 March 2020)?
 - (3) Are these small businesses automatically entitled to have fees and charges waived, or must they apply for the waiver?
 - (4) Which Department of agency is responsible for administering the waiver?
 - (5) Has this Department or agency been in direct contact with small businesses in New South Wales to advise of the waiver?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (i) Will the Government directly contacting small businesses now?
 - (6) How many additional cleaners of public infrastructure have been employed since the economic stimulus was announced in the electorates listed in (1)?
 - (a) Are these cleaners employed on a full-time, part-time, or casual basis?
 - (7) What is the total number of maintenance that been brought forward for public assets in the electorates in the electorates listed in (1)?
 - (8) What is the total amount of the \$500 million capital works funding brought forward in each of the electorates listed in (1)?
 - (9) What specific projects have been brought forward in each of the electorates listed in (1)?
- 2723 INDUSTRY CAPABILITY AND SUPPLY CHAIN NETWORKS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- (1) Has the Government asked the Department of Industry to review the New South Wales' industry capability and supply chain networks in light of the COVID-19 pandemic?
 - (a) If not, why not?

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- (i) Will that request now be made?
(b) If so, when will the Department provide its report?
- 2724 ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) What portion of the \$250 million in additional maintenance expenditure will be spent on maintenance of social housing?
(a) Of that amount:
(i) How much will be spent on social housing properties in the:
(i) Wollongong Local Government Area;
(ii) Wollongong electorate?
(ii) How many properties will this provide maintenance for in:
(i) Wollongong Local Government Area;
(ii) Wollongong electorate?
(iii) When will these additional maintenance activities commence?
(iv) Are there any restrictions or limitations, other than the quantum of funds available, on the type of maintenance activities that can be undertaken?
(i) If so, what are the restrictions?
- 2725 KARIONG JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRE—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- (1) How many assaults against staff took place at the Kariong Juvenile Justice Centre in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2018-19?
(2) How many staff were on extended medical leave in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2018-19?
(3) How many staff left the centre due to a workers compensation reason in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2018-19?
- 2726 PARRAMATTA LIGHT RAIL HILL ROAD BENNELONG PARKWAY INTERSECTION—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- (1) Has the Minister written to Parramatta Council regarding the impact of Stage 2 of the Parramatta Light Rail on the intersection of Hill Road and Bennelong Parkway Wentworth Point?
(a) If not, when will the Minister inform Parramatta City Council so they can undertake work to improve the safety of this intersection which is currently a place of regular motor vehicle accidents and considered so dangerous it tops the Parramatta City Council priorities for works?
- 2727 FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- (1) In 2019, how many Creative Kids vouchers were claimed in the Fairfield electorate?
(2) What is the breakdown by activity claimed?
- 2728 SANITARY MEASURES IN NEW SOUTH WALES SCHOOLS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- What extra sanitary measures have been put in place to protect students in New South Wales schools, given that schools will remain open during the COVID-19 crisis?
- 2729 MEASURES FOR RETAILERS COVID-19—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- What measures have been taken to ensure retailers do not significantly raise prices on essential items due to panic-buying during the COVID-19 pandemic?
- 2730 RESOURCES ALLOCATED FOR FAIRFIELD AND CUMBERLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- (1) What extra resources have been allocated to assist with panic-buying for:
(a) Fairfield Local Government Area;
(b) Cumberland Local Government Area?
(2) Where have the extra resources been placed?

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- 2731 SERVICE NSW CENTRES SANITARY MEASURES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
What sanitary measures have been put in place to assist representatives at Service NSW outlet counters to limit the spread of COVID-19?
- 2732 SOCIAL DISTANCING ENFORCEMENT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
Are police attending private property premises such as shopping centres to ensure social distancing practices are taking place?
- 2733 REMOTE SCHOOL LEARNING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
(1) Will a remote learning system be put in place for students in New South Wales schools at all levels of education?
(a) If so, when?
- 2734 EMERGENCY SERVICE PERSONNEL PROTECTION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
What extra protection has been provided such as facemasks and sanitiser to limit the exposure to COVID-19 for emergency service personnel?
- 2735 POSTPONEMENT EVENT FEES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
What measures are in place to stop event co-ordinators and vendors from charging postponement fees to customers who have had their events postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic?
- 2736 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES FAIRFIELD SUPERMARKETS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
Has State Emergency Services been deployed in Fairfield to assist with traffic and crowd control as a result of panic-buying sprees at supermarkets?

Questions to Chairs of Committees

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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)?
- (c) What policy issues/other matters were discussed at each meeting?

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























(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)?

Appendix A

Table 1: Summary of impacted New South Wales assets

NOTE 1: Forecast claims amounts are subject to confirmation that declared assets are owned/managed by Agency and rebuilding standards applied

Cluster	Additional Commentary	Assets Impacted	Status of current services impacted	Preliminary cost assessment	Insurance Claims Status (Note 1)	Region most impacted	Recovery/rebuild timeframe	Progress of impact assessment
Summary of impacted NSW assets Last updated: 04-03-20								
Transport	<p>Transport Infrastructure 880 kilometres of State Roads and two rail corridors impacted (refer to status of current services impacted for current road closures). Oxley Highway and Gwydir Highway have reopened with reduced speed limits with fully operational target date of April 2020 following completion of repairs. Alpine Way Drive, Monaro Highway, West Charlestown Bypass and Princes Highway have reopened. Extensive damage on the Blue Mountains Rail Line. Western Rail Line (major damage to 25km of rail corridor).</p>	<p> 880km of road (road side infrastructure impacted)</p> <p> 34 built assets on rail corridors (extensive damage)</p>	<p>Road closures include: - Jenolan Caves Road</p> <p>Blue Mountains Rail Line closed. Buses Replace trains between Springwood and Mt. Victoria / Lithgow/Bathurst</p>	<p>\$65.1 million (road)</p> <p>\$33.7 million (rail)</p>	<p>To date: \$29.2 million Forecast: \$36.4 million</p>	Northern, Southern, South West	<p>Services on all State Roads to be operational by June 2020</p> <p>Services on Western Link to be operational by July 2020</p>	90%
Stronger Communities	<p>Justice: Detailed assessments have been completed. 4 court houses, 1 youth justice facility and 6 correctional facilities have minor damage (\$250,000). Insurance claims lodged for all damages. Office of Sport: Southern Highlands Regional Shooting Complex significantly damaged. An insurance claim will be lodged following detailed site inspection. RFS: 24 firefighting appliances destroyed and will be replaced through insurance claims (\$4 million). 15 Fire and Rescue: 3 support vehicles and six fire appliances have been destroyed (\$4.2 million). 15 communications towers have been damaged with assessments underway. There will likely be an insurance gap for damaged firefighting equipment and IT assets. NSW Police: Radio sites located in Mt Wandra, Batemans Bay and Cobargo have been damaged (\$413,000). A further 16 telecommunications sites are impacted and remain operational but services are degraded.</p>	<p> 4 court houses with minor damage</p> <p> 7 correctional and youth justice facilities with minor damage</p> <p> 30 firefighting appliances & 3 support vehicles destroyed</p> <p> 15 FRNSW telecommunications sites (pending assessment)</p> <p> 3 Police telecommunications sites with major damage</p>	<p>Local emergency response impacted</p>	<p>\$9.5 million</p>	<p>To date: \$2.01 million Forecast: \$6 million</p>	Statewide	<p>Repair work has commenced, awaiting advice of rebuild timeframe</p>	100% (Justice)
Customer Service	<p>2 GRN telecommunications sites destroyed (complete loss of service at the Mt Wandra and Mt Budawang sites) with 34 sites damaged and awaiting assessment. Detailed site inspections for remaining sites scheduled for completion by Q1 2020.</p>	<p> 2 GRN telecommunications sites destroyed</p> <p> 34 GRN telecommunications sites damaged</p>	<p>Complete loss of service at the Mt Wandra and Mt Budawang Site. Degraded services resulting from the remain 34 sites</p>	<p>\$39.5 million</p>	<p>Forecast: \$39.5 million</p>	Southern	<p>Rebuild work will commence the start of Q2 2020. Awaiting advice of rebuild timeframe</p>	6%
Premier and Cabinet	<p>24 Aboriginal Land Council and Aboriginal Communities sites impacted.</p>	<p> 24 Aboriginal community sites (24 properties destroyed)</p>	<p>To be advised</p>	<p>To be advised</p>	<p>To be advised</p>	Northern, Southern, South West	<p>Repair work has commenced, awaiting advice of rebuild timeframe</p>	To be advised
Health	<p>No asset loss. Various sites potentially damaged due to smoke and ash, impacting HVAC, soft furnishings, electrical back ups and fencing that need to be repaired or replaced. Ambulance vehicles also impacted. Tumbumba MPS has been decommissioned. Site inspections completed in Murrumbidgee resulted in preliminary cost assessments reduced from \$10 million to \$6.3 million.</p>	<p> 75 hospitals with minor damage</p> <p> 82 ambulance stations with minor damage</p> <p> 3 ambulance vehicles with minor damage</p>	<p>Degraded services across 6 hospitals, 35 ambulance stations and 1 health centre</p>	<p>\$26.2 million</p>	<p>To date: \$0.48 million Forecast: \$26.2 million</p>	Southern, Murrumbidgee, Mid-north Coast, Illawarra, Hunter	<p>Repair work has commenced, majority of works to be completed by March 2020</p>	90% (HHDs) 70% (Ambulance)
Education	<p>295 schools impacted since 31 August 2019 by minor damage and in need of cleaning. 3 public schools destroyed: Wyalalpa PS, Bobin PS and Cabramurra PS. All schools were operational for Day 1 2020, except for Cabramurra to remain closed (0 enrolments). Early Childhood Education – 1 council site impacted, operational contingency in place. TAFE have reported no damage to their assets. Bomaderry High School and Wyalalpa Public School has experienced major flood damage.</p>	<p> 3 Schools destroyed</p> <p> 295 Schools with minor damage and in need of cleaning</p>	<p>All schools including the destroyed schools at Wyalalpa and Bobin are now operational</p>	<p>\$12.4 million</p>	<p>To date: \$3.95 million Forecast: \$12.4 million</p>	Mid Coast Snowy Valley Shire Glen Innes Severn	<p>All works completed</p>	100%
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment	<p>Land and Housing Corporation: 12 dwellings impacted (1 destroyed, 11 damaged). Current cost estimate is \$0.59 million. Crown Lands: Over 141,755 hectares impacted by fire. Estimated that 14,000 km of fencing adjoining Crown Land has been damaged/destroyed. Tracks impacted – Six Foot Track, Great North Walk, Hume & Howell Track, Zig-Zag Railway near Lithgow severely impacted including destruction to heritage railway lines, buildings and trains. Environment, Energy and Science: National Parks has over 40,000 assets in the burnt area across 265 individual reserves totalling 2,820,315 hectares. 230 visitor precincts impacted with a range of destroyed assets (including tracks, toilets, shelters, signs, BBQs). \$20 million of recovery cost is estimated not to be recoverable by insurance. Detailed inspections yet to commence due to fires only recently coming under control. Information on damaged assets may not be available for another 4 – 6 weeks and is estimated to include more than 200 impacted vehicles. Current cost estimate is \$196.4 million.</p>	<p> 1 Social Housing dwelling destroyed, 11 damaged</p> <p> 141,755 hectares of Crown Land impacted</p> <p> 24,000km of fencing significantly impacted</p> <p> 3 walking tracks significantly impacted</p> <p> 12 remote radio towers significantly impacted</p> <p> 490 historic built assets significantly impacted</p> <p> 2,620,315 hectares of national parks significantly impacted</p>	<p>Loss of 1 habitable social housing dwelling</p> <p>Radio network gaps and reduced performance</p> <p>Loss of safe access on 11,000km of roads/ trails, 900km of walking tracks</p> <p>Loss of secure containment of domestic and native animals (fencing).</p> <p>Over 500 Australia Museum field sites impacted and will hamper ability to collect data on bushfire impact on flora and fauna</p>	<p>\$217 million</p>	<p>To date: \$0.01 million Forecast: \$150 million</p>	Northern, Southern, South West National Parks statewide	<p>Repair work has commenced, majority of infrastructure rebuild to take up to 4 years to complete (2024)</p>	5%
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment	<p>Forestry Corp: Extensive damage throughout the North Coast and Riverina. Cost estimates for replanting at \$140 million with a further \$219.7 million of infrastructure in need of replacement and repairs Statewide (bridges, roads, culverts, signs, visitor area infrastructure and guideposts).</p>	<p> 50,000 hectares in Riverina significantly impacted</p> <p> 263 bridges significantly damaged</p> <p> 19,700 km of roads significantly damaged</p>	<p>Many State Forests remain closed due to safety and access issues. Sedimentation of streams will continue due to damaged drainage structures and can result in polluting the water of downstream communities.</p>	<p>\$59.7 million</p>	<p>To date: \$0.01 million Forecast: To be advised</p>	Riverina and North Coast	<p>Repair work has commenced, majority of rebuild to take up to 10 years to complete (2030)</p>	To be advised
Local Government	<p>Energy: Costs include the replacement of poles on private property and supply of generators. 4300 power poles need replacement across the network. Essential Energy is offering the loan of portable generators and providing fuel vouchers to impacted customers. Water NSW: Light damage recorded at various regional and metropolitan sites. No impacts recorded for Hunter/DPE water Bridges: 47 bridges destroyed and 16 bridges damaged. A further 18 bridges are currently being inspected to confirm level of impact. Roads: Kamasey and Bellingen Shire Councils estimate \$3 million in damage to road furniture Buildings: SES depot at Batemans Bay destroyed Fire Stations and Airbases: Various stations and airbases impacted which are funded from the Rural Firefighting Fund and likely uninsured. Initial estimate of damage is \$2.36 million</p>	<p> 4300 power poles need replacement across the network</p> <p> Light damage recorded at various regional and metropolitan sites</p> <p> 16 local government bridges damaged</p> <p> 47 local government bridges destroyed</p> <p> 1 SES depot destroyed</p>	<p>Essential Energy has restored supply to all impacted customer. There are no longer have any customers without power due to the NSW bushfires.</p> <p>No impact advised</p> <p>Local emergency response impacted at Batemans Bay.</p>	<p>\$95 million</p> <p>To be advised</p>	<p>To date: \$2.4 million Forecast: To be advised</p>	Northern, Southern, South West Northern, Southern, South West Northern and Southern	<p>Repair work has commenced, awaiting advice of rebuild timeframe</p> <p>Repair work has commenced, awaiting advice of rebuild timeframe</p> <p>Repair work has commenced, awaiting advice of rebuild timeframe</p>	To be advised To be advised 90%
				\$880.9 million				To date: \$111.55 million Forecast: \$272.9 million

Appendix B

Timeline of events

