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(Paper No. 40)

*1982 POLICE MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Has the mental health training program for police been reduced in length?
 - (a) If so, what changes have been made and why?

Answer—

I am advised:

No.

To ensure our police are best equipped, the Government has continued to ensure police have the education and awareness required to deal with those suffering from mental health issues. The NSW Police Force Mental Health Intervention Team (MHIT) run a number of different mental health informed training courses for officers.

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(Paper No. 41)

*2018 M4 EAST TOLLING—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many motorists have been charged with negligent driving after attempting to avoid tolls on the M4 East?
- (2) What surveillance is undertaken at these portals?
- (3) Are the tunnels and portals regularly patrolled?
- (4) How many fines have been issued?
- (5) What is the total amount of revenue raised from these fines?

Answer—

I am advised:

There is no fixed data field in police systems which identify road location to such a specific degree that precise statistics can be generated in relation to those two areas of roadway.

The NSW Police Force patrols both the tunnels and portals at random or in response to incidents.

*2020 RURAL FIRE SERVICE WOMEN VOLUNTEERS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many Rural Fire Service (RFS) volunteers are women?
- (2) What additional support does the Government provide to support women volunteering for the RFS?
- (3) How does the Government seek to increase the number of women volunteering for the RFS?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The NSW Rural Fire Service is passionate about encouraging, supporting and promoting female volunteers.

As at 30 June 2019, 16,103 NSW Rural Fire Service volunteers were women.

The Government is very supportive of any opportunities to increase volunteering in our community, particularly in our Emergency Services.

*2023 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES FUNDING—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What has been the total amount of funding in each financial year from 2016-17 to 2018-19 allocated to the NSW State Emergency Service (SES) for:
 - (a) Volunteer recruitment;
 - (b) Volunteer training;
 - (c) Insurance for volunteers;
 - (d) Workers compensation?

- (2) What has been the total amount spent in each financial year from 2016-17 to 2018-19 within the SES for:
- Volunteer recruitment;
 - Volunteer training;
 - Insurance for volunteers;
 - Workers compensation?
- (3) How many full-time equivalent staff are allocated to specifically manage volunteers within the SES (as at 20 November 2019)?
- In each financial year from 2016-17 to 2018-19, how many SES staff have been allocated to specifically manage volunteers within the State Emergency Services?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) Financial information is found in the Budget Papers and in agency annual reports.
- (3) NSW State Emergency Service paid staff are either directly or indirectly involved in managing volunteers.

*2024 RURAL FIRE SERVICE FUNDING—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What has been the total amount of funding in each financial year from 2016-17 to 2018-19 allocated to the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) for:
- Volunteer recruitment;
 - Volunteer training;
 - Insurance for volunteers;
 - Workers compensation?
- (2) What has been the total amount spent in each financial year from 2016-17 to 2018-19 within the RFS for:
- Volunteer recruitment;
 - Volunteer training;
 - Insurance for volunteers;
 - Workers compensation?
- (3) How many full-time equivalent staff are allocated to specifically manage volunteers within the RFS (as at 20 November 2019)?
- In each financial year from 2016-17 to 2018-19, how many RFS staff have been allocated to specifically manage volunteers within the State Emergency Services?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) Financial information is found in the Budget Papers and in agency annual reports.
- (3) Managing volunteers is a core role of each district across the State. District staff, assisted by regional staff and operational roles at head office, support firefighting coordination and provide oversight to rural fire brigades and their volunteers. There are also a wide range of head office functions that assist with the management of volunteers more broadly.

The NSW State Emergency Service is a separate entity to the NSW Rural Fire Service.

*2029 RURAL FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL EQUIPMENT—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- What type of face mask is provided as standard-issue equipment to Rural Fire Service (RFS) members?
- Are cartridge particle masks provided to RFS members when requested?
- Are RFS members reimbursed for privately purchased personal protective equipment?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) provides four different styles of disposable P2 fire resistant masks to members, all certified and rigorously tested to ASNZS 1716 (Respiratory Protective Devices) standards.
- (2) By design, P3 "cartridge particle" masks generally retain significant levels of metabolic heat which can contribute to heat exhaustion. The resultant risk of heat stress to fire fighters is too high in a bush firefighting setting. Additionally, these masks often interfere with the correct fitment of goggles, helmet and flash hood, and the filter used in P3 masks can create additional breathing resistance.
- (3) No. Untested and potentially unsafe products could pose significant safety risks. NSW RFS members are issued with personal protective clothing appropriate to the tasks they undertake, including P2 fire resistant masks. Significant ongoing research and product evolution helps ensure the safety and suitability of NSW RFS supplied personal protective clothing.

*2034 YASS VALLEY YOUTH REFUGE CAMPAIGN—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the community campaign advocating for the establishment of a youth refuge in the Yass Valley?
 - (a) If so, what action will be taken in relation to this request?
 - (b) What is the timeline for this?

Answer—

I am advised that information about specialist homelessness services and housing assistance options for young people, such as Rent Choice Youth, is available on the Department of Communities and Justice website at www.dcj.nsw.gov.au,

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(Paper No. 42)

*2052 NSW FIREARMS PERMIT APPLICATIONS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) For each financial year spanning the period from 1 November 2015 to 1 November 2019:
 - (a) How many Firearms General Permit applications were received;
 - (b) What was the average length of processing time, measured from receipt of application and payment to the issue of the Firearms General Permit;
 - (c) How many Firearms Minors Permit applications were received;
 - (d) What was the average length of processing time, measured from receipt of application and payment to the issue of the Firearms Minor Permit;
 - (e) How many staff were employed to process these applications?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a)

Period	Permit Count
1 November 2015 - 30 June 2016	154
1 July 2016 - 30 June 2017	210
1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018	212
1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019	142
1 July 2019 - 1 November 2019	168

Note: These figures represent General Firearm Permit applications (Under Section 28G of the Firearms Act 1996) received from individual licence holders, clubs or businesses.

(b)

Period	Days
1 November 2015 - 30 June 2016	39
1 July 2016 - 30 June 2017	61
1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018	66
1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019	79

1 July 2019 - 1 November 2019	70
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Note: General Firearm Permit (issued under Section 28G of the Firearms Act 1996) are issued to allow an individual licence holder, club or business to possess and/or use a firearm/s for a range of unique circumstances outside of those generic types' specified in legislation (Part 6 -Additional types of permits - Firearms Regulation 2017). The time taken to process these permits is influenced by the nature of the request, the type and form of evidence required to support the issuance of the Permit and the time taken by the applicant to furnish the requested information or product. Timeframes can also be impacted by an increase in the volume of applications.

(c)

Period	Permit Count
1 November 2015 - 30 June 2016	1,073
1 July 2016 - 30 June 2017	1,792
1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018	1,680
1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019	1,630
1 July 2019 - 1 November 2019	534

Note: These figures represent Minor Permit applications received for minor's firearms training permits and minor's target pistol permits.

(d)

Period	Days
1 November 2015 - 30 June 2016	13
1 July 2016 - 30 June 2017	12
1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018	13
1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019	48
1 July 2019 - 1 November 2019	97

Note: The time taken to process these permits is dependent on the applicant meeting the requirements for the issuance of a minor permit. In circumstances where supporting evidence is not submitted or further clarification is required, processing timeframes are impacted. Timeframes can also be impacted by an increase in the volume of applications.

(e)

Period	Staff
1 November 2015 - 30 June 2016	2
1 July 2016 - 30 June 2017	2
1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018	3
1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019	4
1 July 2019 - 1 November 2019	4

Note: Resourcing of the Firearms Registry can be impacted by planned and unplanned leave.

*2062 WESTON FIRE STATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many times was the Fire and Rescue NSW Weston Fire Station utilised between 1 October 2019 and 21 November 2019?
 - (a) What were the different types of fires attended (for example building, grass, bush et cetera)?
 - (b) How many firefighters were involved at each of the call-outs?
 - (i) How many of these firefighters were attached to Weston Fire Station?
- (2) What other fire stations supplied firefighters to Weston Fire Station during the period 1 October 2019 to 21 November 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

Crews from Kurri Kurri Fire Station are currently utilising Weston Fire Station while renovations at Kurri Kurri are ongoing. Crews from Kurri Kurri were utilised 60 times between 1 October 2019 and 21 October 2019.

Each fire truck and its crew is a mobile resource available to respond wherever and whenever it is needed.

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*2070 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL EXPANSION BUSINESS CASE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How long has Transport for NSW been working on the business case for the expansion of the Newcastle Light Rail?
- (2) When will the business case for the expansion of the Newcastle Light Rail be released?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW initiated the development of a business case for the expansion of the Newcastle Light Rail in July 2017. Subsequently, key strategies for transport have been developed, including the overarching Future Transport 2056, released in March 2018, and the first stage of Newcastle Light Rail services launched. Consideration has been given to these changes as part of the work on the business case. The community will be updated once it is finalised.

*2077 NEWCASTLE PORT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Is Government policy for immediate development of a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle implemented by means of the lease agreements for Port Botany and Port Kembla?
- (2) Does the Government have a policy for:
 - (a) The immediate development of a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle?
 - (b) The development of a dedicated container terminal at the Port of Newcastle to be considered when both Port Botany and Port Kembla become fully developed?
- (3) Can the operator of the Port of Newcastle develop a container terminal?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) This question is a matter for the Treasurer.

(2) (a) and (b) 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.

(3) Yes.

*2079 MOAMA POLICE STATION CAPITAL WORKS FEMALE TOILET—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Will a new facility be built for the Moama Police Station, considering the multiple issues with the current property?
 - (a) If so, on what date will the capital works redevelopment of Moama Police Station commence?
- (2) What funds will be allocated to the redevelopment?
- (3) Considering the lack of a female toilet, what restroom facilities are female staff expected to use in the meantime?
- (4) What plans are there to address the absence of a staff changing room?

Answer—

The Government is committed to equipping police with the resources and facilities they need to do their jobs. The NSW Police capital works program delivers sustainable modern premises that enable police service delivery while focussing on accessibility, visibility and mobility of policing.

Moama police station has been identified as a priority for capital redevelopment. Work is expected to commence in 2020-21.

*2083 PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION REMOTE AND ISOLATED HOMES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

How many children between the ages of three and five years receive pre-school education in remote and isolated homes through programs provided by the School of the Air at Broken Hill and the Department of Education at Dubbo?

Answer—

In 2019, there were 42 preschool students enrolled through NSW distance education.

- 27 at School of the Air at Broken Hill

- 15 at the Dubbo School of Distance Education.

*2085 FUNDING FOR RETAINING WALL FOR NEW LAMBTON HEIGHTS INFANTS SCHOOL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Why has the Department of Education not provided money for New Lambton Heights Infants School to build a retaining wall to ensure correct drainage away from children play areas?

Answer—

New Lambton Heights Infants School P&C Association elected to fund the retaining wall as part of a larger project. The retaining wall was not considered essential maintenance.

*2095 CENTRAL COAST FIREFIGHTING RESOURCES—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

When will firefighting resources allocated and based on the Central Coast be reviewed?

Answer—

Community safety will always be a top priority for this government. I am advised Fire and Rescue NSW constantly monitors its response capability across the state to ensure communities are protected.

*2096 THE ENTRANCE POLICE STATION UPGRADE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

When will The Entrance Police Station receive a major upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Entrance Police Station will be considered as part of the NSW Police Force future capital works programs. All requests for new works are prioritised across the state based on need.

*2098 AUSLAN INTERPRETERS DURING TELEVISED EMERGENCY BRIEFINGS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Do the Standard Operating Procedures during televised emergency briefings include the booking of Auslan interpreters?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Office of Emergency Management website, at www.emergency.nsw.gov.au.

*2099 STACEY STREET AND FAIRFORD ROAD UPGRADE STAGE 1 COMPULSORY ACQUISITIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Have any properties been compulsorily acquired as a result of the Stage 1 of the Stacey Street and Fairford Road upgrades?

(a) If so:

(i) What is the total number of properties acquired?

(ii) Which properties have been compulsorily acquired?

(iii) What is the total amount of monetary compensation paid by the Government for each of these properties?

Answer—

I am advised:

No properties have been compulsory acquired for Stage 1 of the Stacey Street and Fairford Road upgrades.

*2100 BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

How many demountable classrooms are in each school within the Bankstown electorate (as at 21 November 2019)?

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Answer—

School	Demountable classrooms
Bankstown Girls High School	1
Bankstown Hospital School	0
Bankstown North Public School	8
Bankstown Public School	4
Bankstown Senior College	11
Bankstown South Infants School	7
Bankstown West Public School	7
Bass High School	2
Bass Hill Public School	0
Birrong Boys High School	0
Birrong Girls High School	11
Birrong Public School	7
Chester Hill High School	28
Chester Hill North Public School	0
Chester Hill Public School	2
George Bass School	7
Karningul School	0
Regents Park Public School	0
Rowland Hassall School	0
Sefton High School	0
Sefton Infants School	3
Villawood East Public School	2
Wattawa Heights Public School	4
Yagoona Public School	9

*2102 STACEY STREET AND THE HUME HIGHWAY, BANKSTOWN UPGRADE COMPULSORY ACQUISITION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will there be a need to compulsorily acquire any properties for the planned upgrade of Stacey Street and the Hume Highway, Bankstown?
 - (a) If so,
 - (i) Have these properties been identified;
 - (ii) Has a consultation process been undertaken with residents?
- (2) What is the total number of properties which will be compulsorily acquired?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes, some property acquisition will be required, however, Transport for NSW is unable to confirm details because the project is currently in design phase. Transport for NSW will engage directly with affected residents and property owners.

*2103 STACEY STREET AND HUME HIGHWAY, BANKSTOWN UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) When did scoping works commence for the planned upgrade of Stacey Street and the Hume Highway, Bankstown?
- (2) What is the estimated total capital works cost?

- (3) Is funding available in the 2019-20 State Budget to commence capital works?
(a) When will works commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Mid-2017
(2) \$450 million

(3) and (3) (a) No commencement date has been identified, the 2019-20 NSW Budget Papers are available at www.budget.nsw.gov.au/nsw-budget-2019-20-budget-papers.

- *2104 STACEY STREET AND FAIRFORD ROAD UPGRADES STAGE 2—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will there be a need to compulsorily acquire properties in relation to stage 2 of the Stacey Street and Fairford Road upgrades?
(a) If so, have these properties been identified?
(2) Has there been a consultation process conducted with residents?
(a) If so, when did this occur?
(3) What is the total number of properties which will be compulsorily acquired?

Answer—

I am advised:

No compulsory properties acquisitions are required for the Stage 2 upgrades.

- *2105 METRO CITY AND SOUTHWEST SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN SECTION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the total cost of building the Sydenham to Bankstown section of the Metro City and Southwest?
(a) Are there any associated budgeting shortfalls?

Answer—

I am advised:

As with all major infrastructure projects, the final project budget will be confirmed once all contracts for the project have been awarded.

- *2107 BUS SERVICES CONTRACT OSMBSC 01—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What are the monthly on-time running results between July 2017 and October 2019 in relation to bus contract OSMBSC 01 during the following periods:
(a) Monday to Friday between 8 am and 9 am;
(b) Saturday and Sunday between 8 am and 9 am;
(c) Monday to Friday between 5 pm and 6 pm;
(d) Saturday and Sunday between 5 pm and 6 pm?
(2) What was the monthly average number of passengers using the service between July 2017 and October 2019 in relation to bus contract OSMBSC 01 during the following periods:
(a) Monday to Friday between 8 am and 9 am;
(b) Saturday and Sunday between 8 am and 9 am;
(c) Monday to Friday between 5 pm and 6 pm;
(d) Saturday and Sunday between 5 pm and 6 pm?
(3) What was the average monthly load factor on bus services between July 2017 and October 2019 in relation to bus contract OSMBSC 01 during the following periods:
(a) Monday to Friday between 8 am and 9 am;
(b) Saturday and Sunday between 8 am and 9 am;
(c) Monday to Friday between 5 pm and 6 pm;
(d) Saturday and Sunday between 5 pm and 6 pm?

Answer—

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(1) Transport for NSW reports on-time-running for each Sydney Metropolitan Bus Service Contract and each Outer Sydney Metropolitan Bus Service Contract on a monthly basis on its website, www.transport.nsw.gov.au/data-and-research/passenger-travel/buses-on-time-running.

(2) and (3) Opal tap on tap off data is available on the Transport for NSW Open Data Hub, <https://opendata.transport.nsw.gov.au/dataset/opal-tap-on-and-tap-off>. Bus patronage for financial year 2018-19 was 349.1 million representing a 5.1 per cent growth from financial year 2017-18.

*2108 BUS SERVICES CONTRACT OSMBSC 02—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What are the monthly on-time running results between July 2017 and October 2019 in relation to bus contract OSMBSC 02 during the following periods:
 - (a) Monday to Friday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (b) Saturday and Sunday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (c) Monday to Friday between 5 pm and 6 pm;
 - (d) Saturday and Sunday between 5 pm and 6 pm?
- (2) What was the monthly average number of passengers using the service between July 2017 and October 2019 in relation to bus contract OSMBSC 02 during the following periods:
 - (a) Monday to Friday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (b) Saturday and Sunday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (c) Monday to Friday between 5 pm and 6 pm;
 - (d) Saturday and Sunday between 5 pm and 6 pm?
- (3) What was the average monthly load factor on bus services between July 2017 and October 2019 in relation to bus contract OSMBSC 02 during the following periods:
 - (a) Monday to Friday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (b) Saturday and Sunday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (c) Monday to Friday between 5 pm and 6 pm;
 - (d) Saturday and Sunday between 5 pm and 6 pm?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my previous answer, LA Q2107.

*2109 BUS SERVICES CONTRACT OSMBSC 03—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What are the monthly on-time running results between July 2017 and October 2019 in relation to bus contract OSMBSC 03 during the following periods:
 - (a) Monday to Friday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (b) Saturday and Sunday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (c) Monday to Friday between 5 pm and 6 pm;
 - (d) Saturday and Sunday between 5 pm and 6 pm?
- (2) What was the monthly average number of passengers using the service between July 2017 and October 2019 in relation to bus contract OSMBSC 02 during the following periods:
 - (a) Monday to Friday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (b) Saturday and Sunday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (c) Monday to Friday between 5 pm and 6 pm;
 - (d) Saturday and Sunday between 5 pm and 6 pm?
- (3) What was the average monthly load factor on bus services between July 2017 and October 2019 in relation to bus contract OSMBSC 02 during the following periods:
 - (a) Monday to Friday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (b) Saturday and Sunday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (c) Monday to Friday between 5 pm and 6 pm;
 - (d) Saturday and Sunday between 5 pm and 6 pm?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my previous answer, LA Q2107.

*2110 BUS SERVICES CONTRACT OSMBSC 04—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What are the monthly on-time running results between July 2017 and October 2019 in relation to bus contract OSMBSC 04 during the following periods:
 - (a) Monday to Friday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (b) Saturday and Sunday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (c) Monday to Friday between 5 pm and 6 pm;
 - (d) Saturday and Sunday between 5 pm and 6 pm?
- (2) What was the monthly average number of passengers using the service between July 2017 and October 2019 in relation to bus contract OSMBSC 04 during the following periods:
 - (a) Monday to Friday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (b) Saturday and Sunday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (c) Monday to Friday between 5 pm and 6 pm;
 - (d) Saturday and Sunday between 5 pm and 6 pm?
- (3) What was the average monthly load factor on bus services between July 2017 and October 2019 in relation to bus contract OSMBSC 04 during the following periods:
 - (a) Monday to Friday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (b) Saturday and Sunday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (c) Monday to Friday between 5 pm and 6 pm;
 - (d) Saturday and Sunday between 5 pm and 6 pm?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my previous answer, LA Q2107.

*2111 BUS SERVICES CONTRACT OSMBSC 06—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What are the monthly on-time running results between July 2017 and October 2019 in relation to bus contract OSMBSC 06 during the following periods:
 - (a) Monday to Friday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (b) Saturday and Sunday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (c) Monday to Friday between 5 pm and 6 pm;
 - (d) Saturday and Sunday between 5 pm and 6 pm?
- (2) What was the monthly average number of passengers using the service between July 2017 and October 2019 in relation to bus contract OSMBSC 06 during the following periods:
 - (a) Monday to Friday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (b) Saturday and Sunday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (c) Monday to Friday between 5 pm and 6 pm;
 - (d) Saturday and Sunday between 5 pm and 6 pm?
- (3) What was the average monthly load factor on bus services between July 2017 and October 2019 in relation to bus contract OSMBSC 06 during the following periods:
 - (a) Monday to Friday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (b) Saturday and Sunday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (c) Monday to Friday between 5 pm and 6 pm;
 - (d) Saturday and Sunday between 5 pm and 6 pm?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my previous answer, LA Q2107.

*2113 BUS SERVICES CONTRACT OSMBSC 08—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What are the monthly on-time running results between July 2017 and October 2019 in relation to bus contract OSMBSC 08 during the following periods:
 - (a) Monday to Friday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (b) Saturday and Sunday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (c) Monday to Friday between 5 pm and 6 pm;
 - (d) Saturday and Sunday between 5 pm and 6 pm?

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- (2) What was the monthly average number of passengers using the service between July 2017 and October 2019 in relation to bus contract OSMBSC 08 during the following periods:
 - (a) Monday to Friday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (b) Saturday and Sunday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (c) Monday to Friday between 5 pm and 6 pm;
 - (d) Saturday and Sunday between 5 pm and 6 pm?
- (3) What was the average monthly load factor on bus services between July 2017 and October 2019 in relation to bus contract OSMBSC 02 during the following periods:
 - (a) Monday to Friday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (b) Saturday and Sunday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (c) Monday to Friday between 5 pm and 6 pm;
 - (d) Saturday and Sunday between 5 pm and 6 pm?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my previous answer, LA Q2107.

*2114 BUS SERVICES CONTACT NISC001—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What are the monthly on-time running results between July 2017 and October 2019 in relation to bus contract NISC001 during the following periods:
 - (a) Monday to Friday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (b) Saturday and Sunday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (c) Monday to Friday between 5 pm and 6 pm;
 - (d) Saturday and Sunday between 5 pm and 6 pm?
- (2) What was the monthly average number of passengers using the service between July 2017 and October 2019 in relation to bus contract NISC001 during the following periods:
 - (a) Monday to Friday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (b) Saturday and Sunday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (c) Monday to Friday between 5 pm and 6 pm;
 - (d) Saturday and Sunday between 5 pm and 6 pm?
- (3) What was the average monthly load factor on bus services between July 2017 and October 2019 in relation to bus contract NISC001 during the following periods:
 - (a) Monday to Friday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (b) Saturday and Sunday between 8 am and 9 am;
 - (c) Monday to Friday between 5 pm and 6 pm;
 - (d) Saturday and Sunday between 5 pm and 6 pm?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my previous answer, LA Q2107.

*2116 RANDWICK HOSPITAL CAMPUS CYCLING ACCESS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) 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?
- (2) Why was a separated cycle way not built alongside Light Rail during construction?
- (3) Why has Randwick City Council had two grant applications for funding to build separated cycleways rejected by the Government?
- (4) How does the Government intend to combat the obstacles to cycling, including a lack of infrastructure and issues with navigating traffic and busy roads?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) This is a matter for the Minister for Health and Medical Research.

(2) Cycle ways have been constructed alongside the Sydney Light Rail where there has been sufficient width to do so, such as along Wansey Road and Alison Road, which provide access to the Randwick Health and Education precinct.

(3) and (4) The Government recognises that more people than ever before are walking or cycling to work or for leisure and fitness. Thanks to the strong economic management of the Government, nearly \$600 million will be invested into walking and cycling infrastructure over the next four years. This will bring the Government's total investment to around \$1 billion, the largest commitment in the State's history. The Government is committed to continuing to encourage people to walk and cycle as part of their everyday commute. We recognise that not only does it help relieve pressure on our roads and public transport system, but walking and cycling are healthy, active way to travels. By continuing to invest in the construction of new separated paths and infrastructure, we help keep people safe while encouraging more people to take up these modes of travel.

Councils are invited to submit applications for funding each year as part of the annual Walking and Cycling Program Investment Program. Whilst the Government endeavours to fund as many eligible projects as possible each year, unfortunately not all projects are successful. Randwick City Council is encouraged to apply for funding as part the 2020-21 Walking and Cycling Investment Program. Applications opened on 21 November 2019 and will close on 21 February 2020 at 5pm. Further information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*2132 TRAIN CLEANING SERVICES EMPLOYMENT NUMBERS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many people are currently employed (as at 21 November 2019) in cleaning services for Sydney Trains in the:
 - (a) Gosford electorate;
 - (b) Newcastle electorate?
- (2) How many people are currently employed (as at 21 November 2019) in cleaning services for NSW Trains in the:
 - (a) Gosford electorate;
 - (b) Newcastle electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

1. Sydney Trains has 13 employees in the Gosford electorate and 13 employees in the Newcastle electorate directly involved in providing cleaning services for NSW Trains' intercity trains.

(2) (a) NSW Trains has one cleaner position and two GJK contract cleaners.

(b) None.

*2133 NEW INTERCITY FLEET TESTING—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) When will the New Intercity Fleets begin testing on the Central Coast to Newcastle Line?
- (2) What precautions are in place to ensure that breakdowns of the new rolling stock will not negatively affect local passenger rail journeys?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) All New Intercity Fleet trains will be subject to extensive testing before starting passenger service, to ensure they are compliant with all relevant standards and requirements. After arriving, the new trains will start a rigorous program of testing, both within the Eveleigh Maintenance facility and out on the rail network.

The New Intercity Fleet trains will be tested on the Central Coast and Newcastle Line after they have progressed through the early stages of dynamic testing, which is expected to be by mid-2020.

(2) Testing of the new trains on the network will take place during nights, mostly outside of timetabled service times, and on weekends. Where the possessions affect customer services, buses will be provided through standard processes and notification periods.

*2134 KANGY ANGY RAIL MAINTENANCE FACILITY CONSTRUCTION—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What is the extra cost associated with delays to the construction of the Kangy Angy Rail Maintenance Facility?

Answer—

I am advised:

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The contract with John Holland to design and build the new intercity fleet maintenance facility at Kangy Angy is available on the NSW Government's eTender website.

*2140 MISSING PERSONS REGISTRATION TIME—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Why did it take the New South Wales Police eight months to name Katrina Bohnenkamp as missing when she disappeared from State Government care in 2012?
- (2) What is the average amount of time taken for children to be registered as missing persons by the New South Wales Police after they are reported as missing from their foster care, welfare or group home providers?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter is currently the subject of an inquest by the Deputy State Coroner. It is important that the matter be examined at the inquest, and any findings on those matters not be preempted.

*2141 PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR MARINE RESCUE VOLUNTEERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many Marine Rescue volunteers have indicated their principal place of residence is in one of the following suburbs:
 - (a) Canley Heights;
 - (b) Canley Vale;
 - (c) Carramar;
 - (d) Fairfield;
 - (e) Fairfield East;
 - (f) Fairfield Heights;
 - (g) Fairfield West;
 - (h) Guildford;
 - (i) Guildford West;
 - (j) Old Guildford;
 - (k) Smithfield;
 - (l) Villawood;
 - (m) Wakeley;
 - (n) Woodpark;
 - (o) Yennora?

Answer—

NSW Marine Rescue is an independent non-government organisation.

Your question should be directed to NSW Marine Rescue.

*2142 CLOSURE OF CARRAMAR TRAIN STATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Are there any plans or discussions by any Government department which indicates of the closure of Carramar Train Station within the next 10 years?

Answer—

I am advised:

No.

*2143 CLOSURE OF YENNORA TRAIN STATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Are there any plans or discussions by any Government department which indicates the closure of Yennora Train Station within the next 10 years?

Answer—

I am advised:

No.

*2144 PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many State Emergency Service volunteers have indicated their principal place of residence is in one of the following suburbs:
- (a) Canley Heights;
 - (b) Canley Vale;
 - (c) Carramar;
 - (d) Fairfield;
 - (e) Fairfield East;
 - (f) Fairfield Heights;
 - (g) Fairfield West;
 - (h) Guildford;
 - (i) Guildford West;
 - (j) Old Guildford;
 - (k) Smithfield;
 - (l) Villawood;
 - (m) Wakeley;
 - (n) Woodpark;
 - (o) Yennora?

Answer—

I am advised:

55.

*2147 RESIDENCE OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many volunteer firefighters have indicated their principal place of residence is one of the following suburbs:
- (a) Canley Heights;
 - (b) Canley Vale;
 - (c) Carramar;
 - (d) Fairfield;
 - (e) Fairfield East;
 - (f) Fairfield Heights;
 - (g) Fairfield West;
 - (h) Guildford;
 - (i) Guildford West;
 - (j) Old Guildford;
 - (k) Smithfield;
 - (l) Villawood;
 - (m) Wakeley;
 - (n) Woodpark;
 - (o) Yennora?

Answer—

I am advised:

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*2149 CLOSURE OF VILLAWOOD TRAIN STATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Are there any plans or discussions by any Government department which indicate of the closure of Villawood Train Station within the next 10 years?

Answer—

I am advised:

No.

*2151 WESTERN SYDNEY AEROTROPOLIS WOLLONGONG LINKS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has the Government undertaken any planning work to upgrade road and rail infrastructure links from Wollongong to the Western Sydney aerotropolis?

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- (a) If so, what projects are currently planned?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes. This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW and Future Transport websites.

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- 2152 RESTORATION WORKS OF THE LENNOX BRIDGE, LANSDOWNE—Mr Guy Zangari 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) 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?
- 2153 FAIRFIELD SHOWGROUND GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Premier—
- What was the Government's monetary contribution towards the construction and ongoing operations of the stadia facilities at Fairfield Showground?
- 2154 HUNTER VALLEY FLOOD MITIGATION SCHEME—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask 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)?
- 2155 DRIVERS LICENCE NUMBER—Ms Anna Watson to ask 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?
- 2156 MY COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANTS PROJECTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer—
- Is there any requirement for recipients of a My Community Project grant to make their completed projects available to the community, beyond the specific group they represent?
- 2157 ELIGIBILITY FOR DROUGHT STIMULUS—Mr Roy Butler to ask 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?
- 2158 POONCARIE ROAD SEALING—Mr Roy Butler to ask 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?

2159 TRANSURBAN CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM—Mr Roy Butler to ask 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?

2160 MOBILE BLACKSPOTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask 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?

2161 ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES AT EDMONDSON PARK STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask 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?

2162 CARAVAN TOLL CHARGES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask 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?

2163 STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask 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?

2164 STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT-101224—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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- (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?
- 2165 SECRETARY'S ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS REQUEST SSD-10224—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask 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?
- 2166 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL GLENFIELD—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask 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?
- 2167 DISABILITY STANDARDS AT MACQUARIE FIELDS STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask 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?
- 2168 NSW POLICE FORMAL RESPONSE TO OPERATION TRIESTE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask 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?
- 2169 PORT OF NEWCASTLE CONTAINER THRESHOLD LEVEL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask 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?
- 2170 BUDGET ESTIMATES— PORT OF NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Treasurer—
Is Government policy for immediate development of a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle implemented by means of the lease agreements for Port Botany and Port Kembla?
- 2171 COOKS RIVER ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT LOCAL RESIDENTS MEETING—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask 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?
- 2172 RECYCLED CONTENT FOR LOCAL COUNCIL PROJECTS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask 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?
- 2173 NIMMIE-CAIRA PROJECT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask 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?
- 2174 POLICE RESIDENCE YENDA—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask 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?
- 2175 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH UNIT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
(1) Based on what evidence did the Minister make the decision that, according to LA Q1086, the Murrumbidgee Local Health District has sufficient mental health inpatient beds at the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital to meet the needs of the Griffith District's population?
(a) Considering that the Murrumbidgee region has the highest suicide rate in New South Wales, will you re-consider the decision to exclude mental health inpatient beds from the new Griffith Base Hospital?
- 2176 YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS DORM BUILDINGS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask 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?
- 2177 FUNDING FOR EUGOWRA SHOWGROUND—Mr Philip Donato to ask 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?
- 2178 FUNDING FOR BOARD SCHOOLING—Mr Philip Donato to ask 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

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- 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?
- 2179 TRAVELLING STOCK ROUTES—Mr Philip Donato to ask 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?
- 2180 PEAK HILL FIRE AND RESCUE—Mr Philip Donato to ask 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?
- 2181 PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ART GALLERY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask 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?
- 2182 DRUG POSSESSION OFFENCES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- (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?
- 2183 ADVICE TO PROVIDERS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING SERVICES DURING HIGH AND/OR CATASTROPHIC FIRE DANGER CONDITIONS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask 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?
- 2184 ADVICE TO EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING SERVICES DURING PERIODS OF POOR AIR QUALITY—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask 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?
- (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?
- 2185 LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION COSTS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- (1) How does the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) calculate the costs incurred by defending itself against claims brought by public and social housing tenants through the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT)?
- (2) How many NCAT hearings does LAHC attend annually in relation to public and social housing tenants' complaints?

- (a) What is the average time spent in preparation and appearance for each hearing?
- (3) Who is responsible for providing staff and/or lawyers to defend LAHC against claims brought by public and social housing tenants through NCAT?
- (a) How many lawyers/staff are employed for this purpose?
- (b) What is the cost of employing these staff?
- 2186 IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF STATE OWNED CORPORATIONS ISSUES PAPER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask 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?
- 2187 BUILDINGS ON COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING REGISTER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask 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?
- 2188 EVALUATION OF YOUTH KOORI COURT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- (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?
- 2189 BUS LANE ON NORTHERN ROAD, HARRINGTON PARK—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- Why is there a bus lane on the Northern Road, Harrington Park but no buses?
- 2190 LEGAL SERVICES PANEL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask 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?
- 2191 EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS REFERRED TO IN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ANNUAL REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask 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?
- 2192 LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask 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?
- 2193 LEGAL SERVICES PANEL ANNUAL REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask 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?
- 2194 TREASURY MANAGED FUND LIABILITY PANEL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer—
- (1) What firms or practitioners are currently listed on the:
- (a) Treasury Managed Fund Medical Liability Panel; or
- (b) Treasury Liability Panel?

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- 2195 RANDWICK HOSPITALS' CAMPUS GREEN TRAVEL PLAN—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask 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?
- 2196 ASSISTANCE FOR FLAMMABLE CLADDING REMOVAL—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask 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?
- 2197 PRIVATE PROPERTY FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION—Mr Paul Scully to ask 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?
- 2198 ICARE PARALYMPIAN MENTORING PROGRAM COST—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask 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?
- 2199 COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY INSURANCE FRAUD—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask 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?
- 2200 WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT SUPPORT TO LOCAL COUNCILS—Mr Greg Warren to ask 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?
- 2201 DUPLICATION OF PICTON ROAD—Mr Ryan Park to ask 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?
- 2202 ILLAWARRA NATIONAL PARK RANGERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask 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?
- 2203 MENTAL HEALTH IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask 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?
- 2204 GREATER SYDNEY WATER SECURITY—Mr Ryan Park to ask 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?
- 2205 OLD BULLI HOSPITAL SITE—Mr Ryan Park to ask 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?
- 2206 ILLAWARRA WATER RESTRICTIONS—Mr Ryan Park to ask 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?
- 2207 AMBULANCE SERVICE LICENCES—Mr Ryan Park to ask 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?
- 2208 BARBED WIRE IN SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park to ask 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?
- 2209 HAZARD REDUCTION BURNS—Mr Ryan Park to ask 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?

Questions to Chairs of Committees

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QCC 0001 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGE AND ETHICS—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Chair of the Legislative Assembly Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics, Mr Peter Sidgreaves MP—

- (1) On what date(s) has the Legislative Assembly Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics (the Committee) met since your appointment as Chair?
- Where were each of those meetings held?
 - What was the duration of each meeting (as recorded in the minutes)?
 - What policy issues/other matters were discussed at each meeting?
- (2) On what date(s) are any future meetings of the Committee scheduled to be held?
- (3) Besides the meetings identified in part (1), what other activities have you engaged in as part of your role as Chair of the Committee?
- (4) On average, approximately how many hours per week do you spend completing work directly relating to your role as Chair of the Committee (not including work performed by your staff or Committee secretariat staff)?

QCC 0003 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Chair of the Legislative Assembly Committee on Community Services, Ms Wendy Lindsay MP—

- (1) On what date(s) has the Legislative Assembly Committee on Community Services (the Committee) met since your appointment as Chair?
- Where were each of those meetings held?
 - What was the duration of each meeting (as recorded in the minutes)?
 - What policy issues/other matters were discussed at each meeting?
- (2) On what date(s) are any future meetings of the Committee scheduled to be held?
- (3) Besides the meetings identified in part (1), what other activities have you engaged in as part of your role as Chair of the Committee?
- (4) On average, approximately how many hours per week do you spend completing work directly relating to your role as Chair of the Committee (not including work performed by your staff or Committee secretariat staff)?

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?
- Where were each of those meetings held?
 - What was the duration of each meeting (as recorded in the minutes)?
 - What policy issues/other matters were discussed at each meeting?
- (2) On what date(s) are any future meetings of the Committee scheduled to be held?
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