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- *1959 PLANNING—DEMOLITION OF ALLIANZ STADIUM—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

Has any application been lodged with NSW Planning for assessment for the demolition of Allianz Stadium Moore Park?

Answer—

I am advised:

As of 13 February no application for the demolition of Allianz Stadium Moore Park has been lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment.

- *1960 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—DEMOLITION OF ALLIANZ STADIUM—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Has any application been lodged with NSW Planning for assessment for the demolition of Allianz Stadium Moore Park?

Answer—

I am advised :

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport.

- *1961 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—PERSONAL WATERCRAFT INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) How many infringement notices have been issued to personal watercraft users over the past 12 months?

(2) Of these, how many were issued for operating a personal watercraft too close to swimmers?

Answer—

I am advised:

In the 2017 calendar year, 708 infringement notices issued, four were for operating in close proximity to swimmers.

- *1962 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—PERSONAL WATERCRAFT LICENCE CANCELLATIONS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

How many personal watercraft operators have had their licence cancelled in the last 24 months?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- *1963 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SEIZURES—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

How many personal watercraft have been seized over the last 24 months by authorities?

Answer—

I am advised:

Three.

*1964 SPORT—ALLIANZ STADIUM TENDERING PROCESS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

Is the \$705 million announcement for the rebuilding of Allianz stadium subject to a full tendering process?

Answer—

Yes.

*1965 SPORT—ANZ STADIUM TENDERING PROCESS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

Is the \$1.25 billion announcement for the rebuilding of ANZ stadium subject to a full tendering process?

Answer—

Yes.

*1966 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—RMS SAFETY INSPECTORS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) How many heavy vehicle safety inspectors are currently employed by Roads and Maritime Services? Are these full time or part time positions?

(2) How many full time and part time heavy vehicle safety inspectors were employed by Roads and Maritime Services in each of the last five years?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

*1967 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—LEASE OVER RAILCORP LAND AT DARLEY ROAD LEICHHARDT—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) With regard to the lease over Railcorp land at Darley Road Leichhardt:

(a) Has agreement over the termination of the lease been reached?

(b) When will the lease be terminated?

(c) Has any money been paid to Tdrahheciel as part of the termination of the lease? If so, how much has been paid?

(d) Has any money been paid to Woolworths Limited (Dan Murphys) as a part of the termination of the lease? If so, how much money has been paid?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be referred to the Minister for WestConnex.

*1968 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—NEW INTERCITY TRAINS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) With regard to the new intercity trains to be delivered from 2019:

(a) How many passengers are to be seated in each carriage?

- (b) Is the direction of the seats in the main compartment fixed or reversible?
- (c) If the seats are fixed, how many seats in the main compartment will be facing in the direction that the train is travelling? How many will not be facing in the direction that the train is travelling?
- (d) Was any market research undertaken to establish whether New South Wales passengers preferred fixed or reversible seating?

Answer—

I am advised :

I refer you to my previous response, LA 6095.

Around half of the seating will face the direction of travel and the other half will be facing backwards.

- *1969 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—INNER WEST BUS CONTRACT—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

On what date was the inner west bus contract with Transit Systems signed?

Answer—

I am advised:

12 February 2018.

- *1970 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CANCELLED TRAIN SERVICES—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How many train services were cancelled each day from 24 to 31 January 2018?

Answer—

I am advised :

Sydney Trains performance is measured by punctuality. This information is available on the Sydney Trains website. Services that are cancelled are not considered on time for the purposes of punctuality reporting.

- *1971 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD LIGHT RAIL PROJECT—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Has the New South Wales Government agreed to pay more than \$2.1 billion for the CBD Light Rail project? If so, by how much and why?

Answer—

I am advised:

The contract summary is available on the NSW Treasury website.

- *1972 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—ACCIONA—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Has the New South Wales Government agreed to pay Acciona more than \$2.1 billion in total for the CBD light rail and any other works? If so, what are the other works and how much is to be paid?

Answer—

I am advised:

The premise of your question is wrong. The \$2.1 billion CBD and South East Light Rail contract is with ALTRAC Light Rail.

*1973 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD LIGHT RAIL CONTRACT VARIATION—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Has the CBD light rail contract been varied with the Government agreeing to pay the contractor more?

Answer—

I am advised:

The contract summary is available on the NSW Treasury website.

*1974 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—ESTIMATED COST OF LIGHT RAIL—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Has the estimated cost of the CBD Light Rail increased above \$2.1 billion?

Answer—

I am advised:

The contract summary is available on the NSW Treasury website.

*1975 PREMIER—THE AUSTRALIAN MULTICULTURAL CHRISTIAN SOCIETY—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

(1) Has the Australian Multicultural Christian Society returned the \$10,000 grant it received under the Community Building Partnership Program?

(a) If so, when was it returned?

Answer—

I refer to my previous answers regarding this matter.

*1976 PREMIER—INVESTIGATORS EMPLOYED BY THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

(1) How many investigators were employed by the Independent Commission Against Corruption in each of the following years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017?

(2) How many investigators are currently employed by the Independent Commission Against Corruption?

Answer—

I am advised that information concerning the numbers of staff of the Independent Commission Against Corruption that perform investigative functions is set out in the ICAC's annual reports.

*1977 PREMIER—THE ABORIGINAL FLAG—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

(1) On which days this year will the Aboriginal flag fly on the Sydney Harbour Bridge?

(2) Is the Aboriginal flag scheduled to fly every day this year on Government House, the State Library, Sydney Hospital, NSW Parliament, Sydney Observatory and the Australian Museum?

Answer—

The Australian Aboriginal flag is flown up to 18 days on the Sydney Harbour Bridge every year, including on Australia Day, the anniversary of the Apology to Members of the Stolen, National Reconciliation Week, and NAIDOC Week.

I note it was the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government that introduced the practice of flying the Aboriginal flag on the Harbour Bridge on Australia Day in 2013.

*1978 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—INTERSECTION AT THE DALHOUSIE STREET/PARRAMATTA ROAD—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Upon the opening of the M4 East, will there still be a signalised intersection at the Dalhousie Street/Parramatta Road intersection that provides for pedestrians to safely cross Parramatta Road from Haberfield into Ashfield Park?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes, the intersection Dalhousie Street/Parramatta Road intersection will remain signalised.

*1979 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—APPIN ROAD—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) How many crashes have there been on Appin Road in each of the last three years?

(2) How many fatalities and serious injuries resulted from these crashes?

(3) How many of these crashes involved heavy vehicles?

(4) How many fatalities and serious injuries resulted from crashes involving heavy vehicles?

Answer—

I am advised:

Crash data is available on the Centre for Road Safety website.

*1980 TREASURER—STATE OWNED CORPORATIONS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

(1) How many State owned corporations does the NSW Government own? Where are these listed?

(2) How many private companies, like the Sydney Motorway Corporation, does the Government own? Where are these listed?

Answer—

(1) State Owned Corporations are listed in Schedule 5 of the State Owned Corporations Act 1989 and on the NSW Treasury website.

(2) Details can be found in 2017/18 Budget Papers.

*1981 REGIONAL WATER—FUNDS SPENT AT TUB THIM THAI RESTAURANT, MOREE—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

Were any departmental or agency funds spent at the function held at the Tub Thim Thai restaurant in Moree in October 2015? If so, how much was spent and by which department or agency?

Answer—

The Department of Industry has no record of expenditure at the said function.

*1982 REGIONAL WATER—BURREN DOWNS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

When was a compliance inspection of the Burren Downs property last undertaken to ensure compliance with all current water licences?

Answer—

WaterNSW advises the Burren Downs property was inspected on 2 August 2017 and compliance activities are continuing. This will include a scheduled site visit in the near future.

- *1983 REGIONAL WATER—RUMLEIGH PROPERTY—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

When was a compliance inspection of the Rumleigh property last undertaken to ensure compliance with all current water licences?

Answer—

WaterNSW advises that the Rumleigh property was inspected on 18 August 2017 and compliance activities are continuing. This will include a scheduled site visit in the near future.

- *1984 REGIONAL WATER—WATER NSW—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

(1) How many staff members of WaterNSW have had their employment terminated since 24 July 2017?

(a) How many of these staff received termination payments?

(b) What is the total amount paid to staff in termination payments since 24 July 2017?

Answer—

(1) Three.

(a) Three.

(b) \$291,708.99 comprised severance pay and payment in lieu of notice period in accordance with the Award/Enterprise Agreement they were employed under.

- *1985 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—OVER RECOVERED MONEY FROM CUSTOMERS OF ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTOR OR TRANSMISSION COMPANIES—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) Have any of the electricity distributor or transmission companies over-recovered money from customers above their agreed undertakings (or determinations) with the Australian Energy Regulator during the current regulatory period? If yes,

(a) Which companies have over-recovered and by how much?

(b) Will this money be returned to customers and if so, how?

Answer—

I am advised:

The current regulatory period for the NSW distribution and transmission companies are still underway. The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) and the electricity distribution businesses Ausgrid, Endeavour Energy and Essential Energy are currently working towards the remaking of the 2015-19 revenue determinations. This remaking processes will determine how much revenue the networks are to collect for 2015-19.

All the NSW distributors have significantly reduced their operating costs, and therefore their network charges, since 2015. According to the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal, network charges for the average residential customer have reduced by 25 per cent over the past five years.

The AER is also close to finalising the regulatory determination for TransGrid's 2018-23 regulatory period. As part of this process the AER considers the revenue TransGrid recovered from TransGrid over the current regulatory period.

In general, as part of its revenue determination process, the AER sets a revenue cap on the amount of revenue that distribution and transmission companies can earn each year. If a business over-recovers its revenue allowance in one year, any extra revenue is given back to consumers (via lower network charges), usually in the next year.

- *1986 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—GO NSW FUND—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

Have any investments from the GO NSW fund been made? If so, how much and into which companies?

Answer—

This information is publicly available on the Department of Industry website <https://www.industrv.nsw.gov.au/>

*1987 SKILLS—UNDERCOVER BARRA VIDEOS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

Were any departmental or agency funds used in the production or promotion of the "Undercover Barra" videos? If so, how much has been spent and from which departments?

Answer—

The Department of Premier and Cabinet produced the videos to support the Deputy Premier. They were produced internally using existing resources and are covered by an existing budget allocation to support activities of this nature.

*1988 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—ABORIGINAL STONE ARTEFACTS—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the rock type of the Aboriginal stone artefacts that were discovered on the Randwick stabling yards excavation site for the CBD and South East Light Rail?
- (2) Has the plan of management for the stone artefacts that were discovered on the Randwick stabling yards excavation site for the CBD and South East Light Rail been completed?
 - (a) If yes, when was it completed?
 - (b) If yes, where is the plan publically available?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The items found within the Sydney Light Rail Stabling Yard site included stone items and fragments made of a type of flint not typically found anywhere in Australia. Analysis of the stone found that it was likely to be from the banks of the River Thames in London. This type of stone was routinely used as ballast in ships.
- (2) Following completion of the Plan of Management and agreement with the Registered Aboriginal Parties on the best way to recognise and commemorate these artefacts, information will be available for the wider community.

*1989 RACING—RACING GREYHOUND EUTHANASIA—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What are the conditions that have to be met before a racing greyhound is humanely euthanised by a registered vet because it is not suitable for rehoming (as per the Greyhound Racing New South Wales Notification of Retirement Form) ?
 - (a) Is there a minimum number of rehoming groups that have to be approached before a racing participant can have their greyhound euthanised?
 - (b) If yes, does Greyhound Racing NSW keep a record of which groups were approached for each greyhound euthanised?

Answer—

I am advised by Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) that:

- (1) From 6 February 2018, changes to the GRNSW greyhound euthanasia policy (Policy) came into effect. Under the Policy, greyhound owners must explore all possible appropriate options for retiring greyhounds, including at least two attempts at rehoming their greyhounds. GRNSW's consent continues to be required before a greyhound can be euthanased, with consent to be requested by completing a Request to Retired, Export, Transfer or Euthanase Greyhound form. Euthanasia of a greyhound can only be administered by a qualified veterinary surgeon and must be undertaken

humanely. A copy of the Policy and its guidelines is available on the GRNSW website, www.grnsw.com.au

- (a) Yes, two.
- (b) Yes.

*1990 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES - WEED MANAGEMENT EXPENDITURE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What is the total amount spent by Roads and Maritime Services on weed management for the following financial years :
 - (a) 2010-11
 - (b) 2011-12
 - (c) 2012-13
 - (d) 2013-14
 - (e) 2014-15
 - (f) 2015-16
 - (g) 2016-17?
- (2) How much funding has been allocated by Roads and Maritime Services for weed management for financial year 2017-18?

Answer—

I am advised:

Weed management expenditure for Roads and Maritime Services is delivered as a component of routine maintenance activities. These activities may include ground and other vegetation control, landscape maintenance, mowing and servicing vacant property.

*1991 ENVIRONMENT—RAIL COAL DUST EMISSIONS—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Has the pilot study as recommended in Recommendation 2 of the 'Final Report on the Independent Review of Rail Coal Dust Emissions Management Practices in the NSW Coal Chain' been completed?
 - (a) If yes, when was it completed?
 - (b) If yes, where is it available?
 - (c) If yes, what was the total cost of the study?
 - (d) If no, has the study started?
 - (i) If yes, when did it start?
 - (ii) If no, does the Government have plans to complete the study and when will the study be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Office of Environment and Heritage and the Environment Protection Authority are working with the Office of the Chief Scientist and Engineer's NSW Smart Sensing Network (NSSN) and the University of Sydney to test and pilot experimental NSSN particle sensors during 2018. The outcomes of this pilot study will be used to inform future decisions consistent with recommendations in the Chief Scientist's Report.

*1992 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—TRANSPORT NSW - WEED MANAGEMENT EXPENDITURE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the total amount spent by Transport NSW on weed management for the following financial years :
- 2010-11
 - 2011-12
 - 2012-13
 - 2013-14
 - 2014-15
 - 2015-16
 - 2016-17?
- (2) How much funding has been allocated by Transport NSW for weed management for financial year 2017-18?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW does not have a specific allocation for weed management services. Weed management services are provided and managed by the individual rail network operators and maintainers.

*1993 RACING—GREYHOUND RACING TRANSITIONAL RACING FUND—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How much of the \$30 million portion of the Greyhound Racing Transitional Racing Fund that will go towards safety and animal welfare upgrades at greyhound racing tracks, has been expended to date?
- If any, please advise which greyhound racing tracks have been upgraded, the nature of the upgrade and the amount of funds used for each track?
- (2) Which Greyhound racing tracks are planned to have upgrades from this fund and what is the timeline for each?

Answer—

- (1) The Greyhound Racing Act 2017 requires Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) to develop minimum standards for the design and construction of greyhound racecourses. Access to grant funding for track upgrades is contingent on GRNSW developing these minimum standards, undertaking a gap analysis of its tracks against these standards, and working with its clubs to prepare business cases for individual tracks and a priority list. As this work remains ongoing, no grant funding has been expended to date.
- (2) GRNSW is required to work with its clubs to prepare business cases for individual tracks and a priority list before seeking access to grant funding.

*1994 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—WAKEBOARDING COMPETITION ON THE CLARENCE RIVER—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Why did Roads and Maritime Services issue a permit to Wakeboard Queensland and Wakeboard Australia to use the 'no low tow zone' of the Clarence River as part of round two of the Australian Titles and round five of the Queensland Titles?
- What were the conditions of the license?
 - When was the permit issued?
 - Has Roads and Maritime Services assessed the impact of the event on the riverbank?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Clarence River Erosion Management Plan specifically provides for Aquatic Licences in restricted areas, as these are infrequent and not considered to have an ongoing impact on riverbank health.

Aquatic Licences are issued with numerous standard and additional conditions. Prior to granting a licence, Roads and Maritime Services assesses activities against marine legislation, safety and environmental impacts.

Roads and Maritime's Senior Boating Safety Officer Far North attended the event. The set course and associated activities were considered safe, with minimal impact to foreshores.

*1995 TRADE AND INDUSTRY—LOCAL LAND SERVICES - WEED MANAGEMENT EXPENDITURE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What is the total amount spent by Local Land Services on weed management for the following financial years :
 - (a) 2010-11
 - (b) 2011-12
 - (c) 2012-13
 - (d) 2013-14
 - (e) 2014-15
 - (f) 2015-16
 - (g) 2016-17?
- (2) How much funding has been allocated by Local Land Services for weed management for financial year 2017-18?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) to (c) Local Land Services did not come into effect until 1 January 2014.
 - (d) 2013-14 \$2,532,877 (six months expenditure 1/1 30/6/14).
 - (e) 2014-15 \$4,516,357.
 - (f) 2015-16 \$6,588,480.
 - (g) 2016-17? \$7,432,868.
- (2) \$9,823,452.

*1996 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—PRIMARY INDUSTRIES - WEED MANAGEMENT EXPENDITURE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What is the total amount spent by Primary Industries on weed management for the following financial years :
 - (a) 2010-11
 - (b) 2011-12
 - (c) 2012-13
 - (d) 2013-14
 - (e) 2014-15
 - (f) 2015-16
 - (g) 2016-17?
- (2) How much funding has been allocated by Primary Industries for weed management for financial year 2017-18?

Answer—

- (1) Funding provided through Weeds Action Program grants amounted to:
 - (a) 2010-11 - \$8,769,000.
 - (b) 2011-12 - \$10,566,648
 - (c) 2012-13 - \$10,795,933.
 - (d) 2013-14 - \$10,817,756.

- (e) 2014-15 - \$11,099,325.
- (f) 2015-16 - \$10,744,999.
- (g) 2016-17 - \$9,984,000.

(2) Funding allocated through the Weeds Action Program for 2017-18 is \$11,733,600.

*1997 ENVIRONMENT—RETURN AND EARN SCHEME—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) As of February 1, 2018 what is the current number of Return and Earn vending machines in New South Wales?
- (2) As of February 1, 2018 what is the current number of Return and Earn over-the counter collection points in New South Wales?
 - (a) How many Return and Earn over-the counter collection points were there at the scheme's launch?
 - (b) How many over-the counter collection points have withdrawn from the Return and Earn Scheme since the scheme's launch on December 1, 2017?
 - (i) Has any analysis been undertaken as to the reason some over-the counter collection points have withdrawn from the scheme?
 - (ii) If yes, what is the reason and how is this being addressed?
- (3) As of February 1, 2018 what is the current number of Return and Earn automated depot collection points and what are their locations?
- (4) When will the planned final number of collection points be completely rolled out?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) That the current level of collection points state-wide is 518.
- (4) The Network Operator, TOMRA Cleanway continues to roll out the service.

*1998 ENVIRONMENT—RETURN AND EARN CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME COLLECTION POINTS—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

Regarding the Government's Return and Earn container deposit scheme:

- (1) How many over-the-counter collection points were in operation:
 - (a) At 1 December 2017?
 - (b) At 1 January 2018?
 - (c) At 1 February 2018?
- (2) How many collection points with a reverse vending machine were in operation:
 - (a) At 1 December 2017?
 - (b) At 1 January 2018?
 - (c) At 1 February 2018?
- (3) How many collection points with a donation station were in operation:
 - (a) At 1 December 2017?
 - (b) At 1 January 2018?
 - (c) At 1 February 2018?
- (4) How many automated depot collection points were in operation:
 - (a) At 1 December 2017?
 - (b) At 1 January 2018?
 - (c) At 1 February 2018?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The current level of collection points state-wide is 518.

*1999 RACING—GREYHOUNDS AS PETS—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Does the Greyhounds as Pets program place any limit on the number of dogs it can take of a specific colour, for example a limit on the number of black dogs it can accept?
 (2) Has Greyhounds as Pets ever advised a greyhound racing participant that it cannot accept their dogs because they are black?

Answer—

Advice was sought from Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW), which administers the Greyhound as Pets (GAP) program, with GRNSW advising:

- (1) No.
 (2) GRNSW is not aware of any incidents where GAP has advised a greyhound racing participant that it cannot accept a dog because of its colour, including because it was black.

*2000 LANDS AND FORESTRY—FORESTRY CORPORATION OF NSW - WEED MANAGEMENT EXPENDITURE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What is the total amount spent by Forestry Corporation of NSW on weed management for the following financial years :
 (a) 2010-11
 (b) 2011-12
 (c) 2012-13
 (d) 2013-14
 (e) 2014-15
 (f) 2015-16
 (g) 2016-17?
 (2) How much funding has been allocated by Forestry Corporation for weed management for financial year 2017-18?

Answer—

- (1) Figures are not available for FY11 as weed management expenditure was not costed separately from other expenditure for that year.

FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
\$1,492,704	\$1,259,126	\$864,511	\$855,242	\$1,358,731	\$1,163,868

- (2) \$1,192,480.

*2001 ENVIRONMENT—RETURN AND EARN CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME LOCATIONS—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

Regarding the Government's Return and Earn container deposit scheme:

- (1) Since 1 December 2017, how many locations commenced operating as over-the-counter collection points and subsequently withdrew from operating as collection points?

- (a) What is the name and address for each of these locations?
- (2) Since the announcement of the Scheme Coordinator and Network Operator, how many expressions of interest have been received to:
- operate as an over-the-counter collection point?
 - operate as an automated depot?
 - host a reverse vending machine?
 - host a donation station?
 - provide or host any other manner of collection point?

Answer—

I am advised:

TOMRA Cleanaway, as Network Operator, are responsible for deployment of the scheme, which would include expressions of interest for over-the-counter collection points.

*2002 LANDS AND FORESTRY—BORE SITES ON CROWN RESERVES—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- What are the localities and street addresses of Reserve No. 86645 and 753161?
- How many bore sites are located on Reserve No. 86645?
- How many bore sites are located on Reserve No. 753161?
- What is the nature of the monitoring of the bore sites located on Reserve Nos 86645 and 753161?
- Is water obtained from these bore sites being tested? If so, for what purpose?

Answer—

- Reserve No 86645 comprises the northern 927m² of Lot 9 Section 11 DP 758871, 53 William Street, Raymond Terrace. Reserve No 753161 comprises:
 - the southern 923m² of Lot 9 Section 11 DP 758871, 55 William Street, Raymond Terrace,
 - Lot 10 Section 11 DP 758871, 57 William Street, Raymond Terrace and
 - Lot 39 DP 822193 adjoining the Hunter River, off an unformed section of Port Stephens Street, Raymond Terrace.
- Nil.
- Nil.
- Questions about the specific nature, frequency or results of any groundwater testing at the site should be directed to the Minister for the Environment.
- Refer to answer for Question 4.

*2003 ENVIRONMENT—BIOBANKING AGREEMENT 96—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- When was Biodiversity Agreement Number 96 (held by 3PG Land Pty. Ltd near North Arm Cove) last audited for compliance with that agreement, including the specified management actions?
 - What was the result of that audit?
- Have the terms and conditions of Biodiversity Agreement Number 96 (held by 3PG Land Pty. Ltd near North Arm Cove) been met?
 - If not, what actions are outstanding?
- What is the standard procedure for the Office of Environment and Heritage to monitor compliance with biobanking agreements?

Answer—

I am advised:

- November 2017.

(2) Yes.

(3)

- (a) The landowner had complied with the terms of the agreement including the specified management actions. banking Compliance Assurance Strategy, which requires an annual report, site inspection and audit report.

*2004 ENVIRONMENT—RAIL NOISE AT WOLLSTONECRAFT—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Has the Environment Protection Authority received a report from Sydney Trains concerning the Pollution Reduction Program imposed on Sydney Trains' licence on 13 November 2015?
- (a) If yes, when was it received?
- (b) If yes, what was the impact of Sydney Trains Pollution Reduction Program on rail noise?
- (c) If yes, what future actions are proposed by the Environment Protection Authority to reduce noise in this area?
- (d) If yes, how will the Environment Protection Authority be communicating the findings of the report to the local community?
- (e) If no, when is the report expected to be received?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Yes.

- (a) 30 June 2016.
- (b) The pollution reduction program required Sydney Trains to investigate the occurrence of, contributing factors to and possible mitigation actions for curve noise from wheel-rail interaction in the Waverton and Wollstonecraft areas.
- (c) The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) included a subsequent pollution reduction program on Sydney Trains' environment protection licence, requiring it to investigate various mitigation measures including the introduction of Top of Rail Friction Modifier Applicators, new gauge face lubricators, soft rail pads and re-railing.
- (d) The EPA meets and communicates regularly with the local community.
- (e) Not applicable.

*2005 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—LOCAL LAND SERVICES - UNDER-REPORTING OF STOCK NUMBERS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) How many cases of underreporting of stock numbers using travelling stock reserves were identified and reported by Local Land Services in the following years:
- (a) 2013-14
- (b) 2014-15
- (c) 2015-16
- (d) 2016-17
- (e) 2017-18 to date?
- (2) How many penalties have been issued by Local Land Services in the following years for underreporting of stock numbers using travelling stock reserves?
- (a) 2013-14
- (b) 2014-15
- (c) 2015-16
- (d) 2016-17
- (e) 2017-18 to date?

Answer—

Local Land Services has had four cases of underreporting of stock numbers using travelling stock reserves so far in 2017/18. These four cases have been reported in Murray Local Land Services. All four cases were charged retrospective fees at penalty rates as per the travelling stock reserves Fees and Prices Schedule.

This information is not available prior to 2017/18.

*2006 ENVIRONMENT—RETURN AND EARN CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

For each collection point with at least one reverse vending machine operating as part of the Government's Return and Earn container deposit scheme:

- (1) How many reverse vending machines are installed at each collection point? Please list by collection point.
- (2) When did each machine commence receiving containers? Please list by collection point.

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are currently 518 collection points state-wide. Collection point types for each location can be found at www.returnandearn.org.au.
- (2) The EPA does not hold data on the date of commencement of each reverse vending machine.

*2007 ENVIRONMENT—BIN TRIM PROGRAM—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Has the Environment Protection Authority made any changes to the Bin Trim program round 3 based on evaluations of round 2?
 - (a) If yes, what are these changes?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Yes. The changes are:
 - All private businesses are now eligible for assessment and support. Previous rounds limited services only to businesses with up to 200 full-time equivalent employees (FTE). This limitation has been removed.
 - o Businesses with fewer than 400 FTE are eligible for support at an unlimited number of sites
 - o Businesses with more than 400 FTE are eligible for support at up to 5 sites that each host up to 400 FTE
 - Up to 10 per cent of each awarded grant may now be allocated to the purchase of very small-scale recycling items, such as internal bins, on behalf of participating businesses (capped at \$1,000 per participating business)
 - An enhanced independent auditing regime will be implemented to minimise the risks related to grantee delivery of program on behalf of the NSW Government.

*2008 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—378 BUS ROUTE—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many passengers used the 378 bus route (Bronte Beach-Railway Square) in total in:
 - (a) 2014?
 - (b) 2015?

Answer—

I am advised:

There is no data available for FY2014-15 as reliable route data is not available during the transition to Opal.

Monthly data for STA region 9 is otherwise available via the BTS website.

*2009 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BLUE SWIMMER CRABS - CATCH SIZE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Why was the size of blue swimmer crabs able to be caught and kept by commercial fishers increased from 6.0cm to 6.5cm?
- (2) Why was this change not applied to recreational fishers?

Answer—

- (1) The increase to the size limit of blue swimmer crabs that may be taken by commercial fishers was done on the recommendation of the independent Structural Adjustment Review Committee to provide greater protection to female crabs and increase the total egg production from the fishery.
- (2) The Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council make recommendations about size limits for recreational species and the size limit of blue swimmer crabs will be discussed at their next meeting.

*2010 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—NSW COASTAL COUNCIL—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

Regarding the NSW Coastal Council established by the Coastal Management Act 2016:

- (1) How many times has the NSW Coastal Council met in total?
- (2) On what dates has the NSW Coastal Council met?
- (3) What advice, if any, has the NSW Coastal Council provided to the Minister?
- (4) How many local councils have been assessed for compliance with the management objectives and the coastal management manual in preparing and reviewing management plans?
 - (a) Which local councils have been assessed and when was each assessment undertaken, if any?
- (5) How many performance audits of the implementation of coastal management programs of local councils have been undertaken?
 - (a) Which local councils have had performance audits undertaken and when were these undertaken, if any?

Answer—

I am advised the NSW Coastal Council will become operational when the Coastal Management Act 2016 commences.

The coastal panels remain in effect until such time as the Coastal Management Act 2016 commences.

*2011 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BIOSECURITY ACT 2015 - DESIGNATED COUNCIL STAFF—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Pursuant to part 22, Division 1 of the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015 how many council staff for each New South Wales council have been designated authorised officers under the Biosecurity legislation?
- (2) How many NSW councils have no authorised officers pursuant to to part 22, Division 1 of the Biosecurity Act 2015?

Answer—

- (1) There are approximately 2-3 Authorised Officers in the majority of councils in NSW.

- (2) Out of 128 councils, approximately 10 do not have Authorised Officers due to the metropolitan nature of their activities. 290 council staff have received Authorised Officer training and training services will continue as required.

*2012 RACING—GREYHOUND INJURY REBATE—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

Does Greyhound Racing NSW have any plans to implement an injury rebate program, similar to the Greyhound Recovery Initiative implemented by Greyhound Racing Victoria?

Answer—

Advice was sought from Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW), which advised:

The NSW greyhound racing industry continues to undergo significant reforms to secure a sustainable future that is founded upon high standards of welfare and integrity.

GRNSW is reviewing Greyhound Racing Victoria's Greyhound Recovery Initiative as one of many options being considered to minimise on track euthanasia.

*2013 ENVIRONMENT—HERBICIDE SPRAY DRIFT NEAR WALGETT, BURREN JUNCTION AND ROWENA—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Have any agencies within the jurisdiction of the Minister for the Environment investigated a reported incident in the last week of December 2017 near Walgett, Burren Junction, and Rowena, in which herbicide spray drift is alleged to have caused significant damage to crops and vegetation in the area?
- (a) If so, which agency or agencies investigated the incident and what were the findings of the investigation?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (2) How many investigations of crop or vegetation damage for which the cause was alleged or identified as herbicide drift were conducted by agencies within the jurisdiction of the Minister for the Environment in each year for the past five years?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No.
- (a) Over the past five years, the number of investigations by the EPA into pesticide spray drift resulting in crop or vegetation damage in NSW were as follows:

Year	Number of investigations
2017	39
2016	27
2015	37
2014	31
2013	19

*2014 ENVIRONMENT—MIXED RECYCLING AT CAMPING SITES—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What is the current contract period for the operation of mixed recycling services at camping sites managed and operated by the National Parks and Wildlife Service?
- (2) How many camping sites managed and operated by the National Parks and Wildlife Service provide mixed recycling to campers in the current contract period?

- (3) What was the previous contract period for the operation of mixed recycling services at camping sites managed and operated by the National Parks and Wildlife Service?
- (4) How many camping sites managed and operated by the National Parks and Wildlife Service provided mixed recycling to campers in the previous contract period?

Answer—

I am advised that there is no single contractual arrangement for recycling services at NSW national park campgrounds.

*2015 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—RURAL ZONED LAND IN NSW—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Given such information is not available through the Commonwealth Government, how many properties with a rural zoning of RU1, RU2 and RU4 were bought in New South Wales in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2010-11
 - (b) 2011-12
 - (c) 2012-13
 - (d) 2013-14
 - (e) 2014-15
 - (f) 2015-16
 - (g) 2016-17?
- (2) What was the total value of the properties purchased in New South Wales in each of the above listed financial years with the following zoning
 - (a) RU1
 - (b) RU2
 - (c) RU4?
- (3) How many foreign individuals or foreign owned entities purchased properties in New South Wales in each of those above listed financial years with a rural zoning of
 - (a) RU1
 - (b) RU2
 - (c) RU4?
- (4) What was the value of the properties in New South Wales purchased by foreign individuals or foreign owned entities in each of those above listed financial years with a rural zoning of
 - (a) RU1
 - (b) RU2
 - (c) RU4?
- (5) What was the total stamp duty receipts on properties purchased by foreign individuals and entities in each of those above listed financial years with a rural zoning of
 - (a) RU1
 - (b) RU2
 - (c) RU4?

Answer—

Data held by Revenue NSW is not grouped by Rural Zones.

*2016 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—SOUTH WEST RAIL LINK EXTENSION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the current status of the South West Rail Link Extension?
- (2) Are there any feasibility, surveying or scoping studies currently being undertaken for the South West

Rail Link extension?

(a) If yes, what are they?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Western Sydney Rail Needs Scoping Study Outcomes Report is available on the Transport for NSW website.

The Australian and NSW governments have each committed \$50 million for a business case on the full North South rail line to finalise a route and station locations. A market sounding process will test private sector interest in station developments and explore innovative financing solutions.

*2017 ENVIRONMENT—RETURN AND EARN VENDING MACHINE COLLECTION POINT—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

Regarding the Government's Return and Earn container deposit scheme:

(1) For each over-the-counter collection point previously or currently in operation, how many containers were returned:

- (a) From 1 December 2017 to 31 December 2017?
- (b) From 1 January 2018 to 31 January 2018?
- (c) From 1 February to date?

Please provide a list of each over-the-counter collection point and the corresponding number of containers returned for each time period.

(1) For each reverse vending machine collection point previously or currently in operation, how many containers were returned:

- (a) From 1 December 2017 to 31 December 2017?
- (b) From 1 January 2018 to 31 January 2018?
- (c) From 1 February to date?

Please provide a list of each reverse vending machine collection point and the corresponding number of containers returned for each time period.

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The number of containers collected at each over-the-counter collection point is commercially sensitive information that is confidential under the agreements held between the Network Operator, TOMRA Cleanaway, and the business's that host these over-the-counter collection points.

The aggregated number of drink containers collected at all over the counter collection points for December 2017, January 2018 and February 2018 is as follows:

Month	Total
Dec-17	1,127,201
Jan-18	3,906,095
Feb-18	6,689,489

(2) The number of containers collected at each over-the-counter collection point is commercially sensitive information that is confidential under the agreements held between the Network Operator, TOMRA Cleanaway, and the business's that host these over-the-counter collection points.

The aggregated number of drink containers collected at all reverse vending machine sites for December 2017, January 2018 and February 2018 is as follows:

Month	Total
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Dec-17	15,666,444
Jan-18	37,424,686
Feb-18	45,096,246

*2018 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—LAND TAX FIGURES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What is the total unimproved value of land of all properties eligible for land tax in New South Wales for each financial year since 2010-11?
- (2) What is the number of properties and total unimproved value of land of those properties presently eligible to pay land tax in New South Wales within the following values:
 - (a) Above \$549,000
 - (b) Above \$1 million
 - (c) Above \$2 million
 - (d) Above \$3 million
 - (e) Above \$3.357 million
 - (f) Above \$4 million
 - (g) Above \$5 million
 - (h) Above \$6 million
 - (i) Above \$7 million
 - (j) Above \$8 million
 - (k) Above \$9 million
 - (l) Above \$10 million?

Answer—

For copies of the table please contact the Legislative Council Procedure Office.

*2019 ENVIRONMENT—RETURN AND EARN CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME COMPLAINTS—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

Regarding the Government's Return and Earn container deposit scheme:

- (1) How many complaints have been received in relation to over-the-counter collection points?
 - (a) What was the location and description of each complaint?
- (2) How many complaints have been received in relation to reverse vending machines?
 - (a) What was the location and description of each complaint?
- (3) How many complaints have been received in relation to any other categories of complaints?
 - (a) What was the location and description of each complaint?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is not available.

*2020 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—WESTERN SYDNEY RAIL NEEDS SCOPING STUDY—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the current status of the "Western Sydney Rail Needs" scoping study?

(2) When is the study expected to be released?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Western Sydney Rail Needs Scoping Study Outcomes Report is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*2021 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FISHING CARDS - ISSUE AND EXPIRATION—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Were there delays in issuing the current 12 month fishing cards to commercial fishers? If so, why?
- (2) How many commercial fishing businesses did not receive their recent fishing card prior to the expiration of the old fishing card on 4 February, 2018?

Answer—

- (1) Fishing business cards were renewed and recorded in the system then mailed on 1 February 2018 three days before expiry of the old cards.
- (2) The number of businesses that would not have received the new cards before 4 February is not known since all new cards were posted on 1 February. The existing cards held are operationally accepted until the new cards arrive.

Since August 2017 commercial fishery participants have had the option to receive their authorities digitally. For any commercial fishing business owner who has opted in to receive their authorities digitally, their authorised commercial fisher can immediately have available to them the fishing business card via the FisherMobile application.

*2022 SMALL BUSINESS—RETURN AND EARN SCHEME - TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

Regarding the Government's provision of small loans through the Transitional Assistance program to help eligible beverage suppliers during implementation of the 'Return and Earn' container deposit scheme:

- (1) How many eligible beverage suppliers applied for a loan through the program?
 - (a) Of these, how many applicants were successful?
- (2) To date what is the total monetary amount applied for through the program?
- (3) To date what is the total monetary amount that has been provided to applicants through the program?
- (4) How many businesses applied for the program but were ineligible?

Answer—

- (1) 9
 - (a) 9.
- (2) \$1,374,272.
- (3) \$914,988.
- (4) 4.

*2023 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—SYDNEY ZOO—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Has the Department of Primary Industries issued any animal exhibition permits to Sydney Zoo?
 - (a) If yes, how many permits have been issued and for which species have they been issued?
 - (b) Does Sydney Zoo have the expertise and qualifications in its permanent staff to ensure that the animal welfare needs of the animals are met?
 - (c) Are the individuals making the permit applications on behalf of Sydney Zoo employees of the

zoo and will they have an ongoing involvement in the welfare of the animals?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Primary Industries has issued an approval to construct the Sydney Zoo.
 - (a) No approvals have been issued that authorise the Zoo to acquire, keep or exhibit animals.
 - (b) Staff members with animal care expertise and qualifications are currently employed by the Zoo to design the layout and animal facilities. Before DPI issues any approval to acquire, keep or exhibit animals, the Zoo will need to satisfy DPI that it has sufficient animal care staff with appropriate animal care expertise and qualifications to care for the animals it intends to keep.
 - (c) The Zoo has indicated that the individuals making applications on behalf of Sydney Zoo are employees of the zoo and will have an ongoing involvement in the welfare of the animals.

*2024 LANDS AND FORESTRY—FISHING CO-OPERATIVES—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) How many fishing co-operatives are located on Crown Land in New South Wales?
 - (a) Where are they located?
- (2) What was the annual rent paid by each fishing co-operative since 2011?
- (3) What annual rent concessions has each fishing co-operative received from the Government as a result of the commercial fishing reforms?

Answer—

- (1) 13

(a)	CO-OP NAME	CO-OP LOCATION(S)
	Ballina Fishermen's Co-Op Ltd	West Ballina
	Clarence River Fishermen's Co-Operative Limited	Woody Head
	Clarence River Fishermen's Co-Operative Limited	Maclean
	Clarence River Fishermen's Co-Operative Limited	Yamba
	Clarence River Fishermen's Co-Operative Limited	Iluka
	Coffs Harbour Fishermen's Co-Operative Ltd	Coffs Harbour
	Evans Head Fishermen's Co-Op Ltd	Evans Head
	Commercial Fishermen's Co-Operative Limited	Tea Gardens
	Commercial Fishermen's Co-Operative Limited	Charlotte Bay
	Commercial Fishermen's Co-Operative Limited	Swansea
	Commercial Fishermen's Co-Operative Limited	Gorokan
	Commercial Fishermen's Co-Operative Limited	Tacoma
	Commercial Fishermen's Co-Operative Limited	Nelson Bay
	Laurieton Fishermen's Co-Operative Ltd	Laurieton
	Taree Fishermen's Co-Op Society Ltd	Taree
	Hawkesbury River District Fishermen's Co-Operative	Brooklyn
	Wallis Lake Fishermen's Co-Operative Ltd	Tuncurry
	Bermagui Fishermen's Co-Op Ltd	Bermagui
	Ulladulla Fishermen's Co-Operative Society Ltd	Ulladulla
	Wollongong Fishermen's Co-Op Ltd	Wollongong
	Brunswick-Byron Fishermen's Co-Op Ltd	Brunswick Heads

- (2) The rent payable by each fishing co-operative is commercial in confidence.
- (3) A waiver on rent payable by fishing co-operatives was effective for two years commencing 1 July 2016. The total annual rent concession over the two financial years is as follows:
 - 2016/17 - \$1,136,116
 - 2017/18 - \$1,041,747

*2025 LANDS AND FORESTRY—INDUSTRY-LANDS - WEED MANAGEMENT EXPENDITURE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What is the total amount spent by Industry-Lands on weed management for the following financial years : \
 - (a) 2010-11
 - (b) 2011-12
 - (c) 2012-13
 - (d) 2013-14
 - (e) 2014-15
 - (f) 2015-16
 - (g) 2016-17?
- (2) How much funding has been allocated by Industry-Lands for weed management for financial year 2017-18?

Answer—

- (1) Please note the department has reviewed the answer provided for LC 1571 in 2017 and found that the error was made in the information provided. The amounts provided as being for weeds were for pests and vice versa.
 - (a) 2010-11 - \$585,000
 - (b) 2011-12 - \$500,000
 - (c) 2012-13 - \$1,000,000
 - (d) 2013-14 - \$1,249,975
 - (e) 2014-15 - \$1,598,346
 - (f) 2015-16 - \$1,257,743
 - (g) 2016-17 - \$1,561,276
- (2) The department has allocated \$1,565,558 to weeds program grants in the 2017-18 financial year.

*2026 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—PORT STEPHENS TRIAL SITE - COST OF RECOVERY—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What was the total costs associated with the damage to pens, stock losses and recovery of kingfish stock after heavy seas damaged the Port Stephens trial site and infrastructure?
- (2) How much has Primary Industries contributed to meeting these costs?
- (3) How many Primary Industries staff have been involved in recovery operations?
- (4) How many kingfish have been recovered?
- (5) How many kingfish have been lost?

Answer—

- (1) As a partner in the research trial, Huon Aquaculture established and operates the sea pens. Their costs and losses are commercial in-confidence.
- (2) Huon has undertaken and met the costs of repair of infrastructure and fish recapture efforts, not DPI.
- (3) One DPI staff member assisted with fish recapture efforts on one day.
- (4) More than 5,000 fish have been recovered by Huon, an unknown number by recreational fishers and more than a thousand by commercial fishers.
- (5) Recapture efforts are still under way. To date, it is estimated Huon has lost about 15,000 Yellowtail Kingfish.

*2027 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—NATIONAL ENERGY GUARANTEE—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the Solar Council's concerns outlined in the summer 2017 issue of "Solar &

Storage in relation to the National Energy Guarantee?

- (2) Can the Government assist the Federal Government in acting upon the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's proposed solutions to reduce energy costs, for example in addressing the market power of the three largest energy suppliers?
- (3) What steps does the Government propose to take in addressing the reliability issues identified by the Australian Energy Market Operator, specifically
 - (a) outages and failures of aging coal fired power plants
 - (b) the need for modern coal fired power plants
 - (c) increased vulnerability of the electricity system to extreme weather, such as heatwave?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes and consultation on the proposed National Energy Guarantee is ongoing.
- (2) The final report from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission into these matters is due in the middle of this year.

NSW is actively engaging with the Federal Government through the Council of Australian Government (COAG). COAG's Energy Council coordinates national action on a range of energy issues, including reducing energy costs and addressing competition issues.

- (3) The community rightfully expects our energy supply to be reliable.

The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) works closely with generators to ensure sufficient resources are always available to supply the wholesale market. Planned shutdowns of generators are part of normal maintenance procedures. While unplanned outages do occur, robust technical standards ensure generators are isolated from the rest of the system in these events.

The type of generator outages that were reported in the media in January are not a new phenomenon. I understand that Australian Energy Council figures from 2013/14 to 2015/16 show NSW was in fact the only state where the rate of unplanned generator outages reduced.

AEMO has projected that NSW's energy supply will meet our needs under normal circumstances until 2025-26. The NSW Government has a technology-neutral policy to support private-sector led investment. This policy seeks to ensure that investment is both efficient, and achieves positive outcomes for system security and affordability.

Energy security, including in extreme weather, is a high priority for this government. In February 2017, I established the NSW Energy Security Taskforce to be sure we were well prepared for summer 2016/17. These recommendations have been implemented and the Department of Planning and Environment is continuing to refine future processes.

*2028 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—NEWCASTLE - PATRONAGE FOR BUSES—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Please provide the most recent bus patronage numbers for all bus routes in Newcastle? Please note that these are not available on the Transport for NSW Open Data website.

What are the estimated bus patronages for all bus routes after Light Rail Services begin in Newcastle?

Please provide numbers for bus patronage projected for 1, 2 and 5 years.

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Monthly bus patronage data for Newcastle is available on the Transport for NSW website.
- (2) Bus patronage in Newcastle is forecast for continued growth. Actual patronage will continue to be publicly reported on a monthly basis .

*2029 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—BUS SERVICE KILOMETRES IN NEWCASTLE—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many In-Services kilometres are being operated by Keolis Downer in the Newcastle bus network according to the most current timetable in operation for February 2018?
 - (a) How many In-Service kilometres is Keolis Downer required to operate as per the contract for Newcastle buses?
- (2) How many In-Service kilometres were operated by the State Transit Authority (STA) when it held the contract for the Newcastle bus network? Please provide In-Service kilometres for the contract year immediately prior to the network being taken over by the private operator, Keolis Downer.

Answer—

I am advised :

- (1) The number of bus in service kilometres Keolis Downer is currently delivering and required to operate is 7,486,110 per annum. This figure does not include kilometres for the on demand services operated by Keolis Downer.
- (2) The number of bus in service kilometres delivered by the State Transit Authority in the year prior to 1 July 2017 was 7,206,664.

*2030 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—S-SET TRAINS—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many of the old S-Set Trains are currently in use on the Sydney Trains network?
- (2) Will the Government continue to use S-Set trains on the Sydney Trains network after the 24 new eight-car suburban trains, called 'Sydney Growth Trains', are operational?
 - (a) If so, how many of these old S-Set trains will be run on the network after new trains are operational?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government was faced with unprecedented growth in patronage across the Sydney Trains network and was forced to make a tough decision. We could either continue with the existing number of services which were not meeting customers' needs or temporarily put the S-Sets back on the network to provide additional services. The Government is replacing these with 24 new Waratah-style trains which will start rolling on to the tracks later this year. When this Government came to power in 2011 only 72% of the Sydney Trains network was air conditioned. Today 97% of the network is air-conditioned.

*2031 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—NORTHERN RIVERS RAIL TRACKS—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Has the Government or any operator/business working on behalf of the Government marked railway tracks for removal at or near Naughtons Gap?
 - (a) Is so, why have these tracks been marked when there has been no legislation to close this rail line?
- (2) Were any railway tracks removed or marked for removal on the Casino-Murwillumbah rail line?

Answer—

I am advised :

- (1) No.
- (2) Since rail services were suspended on the Casino to Murwillumbah rail line in 2004, infrastructure has been removed in some locations where an unacceptable level of risk to public safety was identified. This has been predominantly related to deteriorated timber structures.

*2032 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—FLYERS ANNOUNCING TEMPORARY TIMETABLE CHANGES—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Were flyers announcing a one minute change to trains travelling to the City titled "Temporary Timetable Changes" handed out at North Sydney Station at any time during 2017?
- (2) Were these flyers also handed out at stations other than North Sydney, in New South Wales?
- (3) How many of these flyers were printed and how many were handed out?
- (4) How much did this flyer distribution cost in total, including design, printing and handing out?
 - (a) What was the cost of designing and printing these flyers?
 - (b) What was the cost of handing these flyers out?
- (5) How many people were assigned to hand out these flyers?
 - (a) How many hours of paid work was done by people handing out these flyers?
- (6) Over how many days were these flyers handed out?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) A trial was conducted to identify factors impacting punctuality of peak hour train journeys between Chatswood and Central stations, as well as the performance of the recently upgraded signalling on the T1 North Shore Line. The trial was conducted during the PM peak, with trains departing early from North Sydney and Milsons Point stations. Flyers were used to reduce the impact on customers. For example, for customers travelling onwards to destinations in western Sydney and subsequent connections on the network, services missed by a minute would have had a far more disruptive impact.
- (3) There were 40,000 flyers printed and distributed.
- (4) The printing cost was \$1,399.15, design work was done internally.
- (b) \$6,070.12.
- (5), (5a) and (6) Two people at both the AM and PM sessions at two stations for nine days.

*2033 POLICE—ADVOS BEING BROUGHT BY MEN AGAINST WOMEN—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of any statistics that point to an increase in ADVOs being brought by police on behalf of men against women?
- (2) Is the NSW Police Force in possession of any statistics that point to an increase in ADVOs being brought by police on behalf of men against women?
- (3) Are there any procedures that would direct police officers, in cases of mutual conflict, to favour the first caller?
- (4) In a case of mutual conflict where it is also a domestic violence incident, are there any procedures or directives in place for police officers to consider factors such as physical and financial power imbalances between the parties?

Answer—

I am advised:

There has been a slight increase in the number of ADVOs brought on behalf of men against women over the past five years (from 2013 to 2017), however the proportion of these remains low at less than 10 per cent of all ADVOs.

There are no procedures directing police to favour the first caller in domestic violence incidents. Police investigate each matter reported to them and gather relevant evidence to identify the primary victim.

*2034 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—ETAGS FOR TOLLS—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Why has the minimum trigger threshold and the minimum top-up amount been changed to higher amounts for electronic toll accounts/eTags?
- (2) Does the Government have any plans to set a lower trigger threshold and a lower minimum top-up amount on electronic toll accounts in the near future?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on the E-Toll account trigger and top up amounts are on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

*2035 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—MARITIME INDUSTRY GUEST WORKERS—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Is the minister aware of the report in the Australian Maritime Officers Union industrial monthly meeting report of January this year, which raises the impact of "guest workers" in the industry?
- (2) Is the Minister aware of concerns that Asian guest workers in the maritime industry under 457 visas are putting downward pressure on wages and changing the culture of the maritime industry?
- (3) What action will the Government take to protect Australian maritime jobs and other workers?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No
- (2) I am advised that the employment of seafarers under the 457 Visa complies with the Australian Maritime Officers Unions enterprise agreement and Australian Wages.
- (3) The Commonwealth Department of Home Affairs regulates 457 Visa and Guest Workers. The employment of seafarers under 457 Visa complies with the Australian Maritime Officers Union's Enterprise Agreement and Australian wages.

The Department of Home Affairs therefore has detailed information on its website for Guest Workers to know their rights and for employers to know their obligations in sponsoring a worker.

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*2036 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—KOALAS - EWINGSDALE TO WOOLGOOLA, PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Ms Walker asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) How many koalas have died in the Pacific Highway upgrade process from Ewingsdale to Woolgoolga?
- (2) Were any koalas killed in a tunnel incident during the upgrade process and was this reported?
 - (a) Is there footage of this incident?
- (3) Who pays for the cost of the care of any injured or affected koalas?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No koalas have been killed as a direct result of clearing / construction works on the Pacific Highway upgrade.

- (2) There was one koala killed in the St Helena Tunnel last year during the operational phase – not during the construction process. CCTV footage of the incident was recorded and has been provided to the Office of Environment and Heritage who are investigating whether the driver of the heavy vehicle ignored tunnel operator requests and deliberately ran over the koala.
- (3) Roads and Maritime does not directly pay for the cost for the care of injured koalas, however they do work closely with "Friends of the Koalas Inc" and voluntary community members who care for injured koalas.

*2037 POLICE—TASERS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) How many times has a taser been used by a member of the New South Wales Police Force in:
- 2013
 - 2014
 - 2015
 - 2016
 - 2017
 - 2018 to date?
- (2) How many times has a taser been fired but not delivered an electrical charge to the target when it has been used by a member of the New South Wales Police Force in:
- 2013
 - 2014
 - 2015
 - 2016
 - 2017
 - 2018 to date?
- (3) How many times has a taser has been deployed against a person under the age of 18 by a member of the New South Wales Police Force in:
- 2013
 - 2014
 - 2015
 - 2016
 - 2017
 - 2018 to date?
- (4) How many people have had a taser deployed against them by a member of the New South Wales Police Force and have been subsequently hospitalised from it in:
- 2013
 - 2014
 - 2015
 - 2016
 - 2017
 - 2018 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

Taser 'use' is taken to mean deployment, which includes three variants; draw and cover (only), drive and stun, and probes discharged. All 2018 figures shown below are for January only.

(1)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 (Jan)
	849	775	791	706	631	56

- (2) This data is not discretely captured in policing systems and is therefore not readily available.

(3)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 (Jan)
	64	39	34	32	39	2

- (4) This data is not discretely captured in policing systems and is therefore not readily available. NSW Police Force procedures require that an ambulance be called on all occasions where a taser has been discharged (drive and stun or probes discharged).

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*2038 DISABILITY SERVICES—DISABILITY OMBUDSMAN—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) When does the power of the Ombudsman to report on and investigate disability reportable incidents cease?
- (2) The responsibility of the Ombudsman under Part 3C of the Ombudsman Act 1974 is to "keep under scrutiny the systems of the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) and funded providers " Will the legislation be amended to replace the Department of Family and Community Services with National Disability Insurance Agency and the National Disability Insurance Scheme providers?
- (3) What will the role of the Ombudsman be after the full implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme and are there any proposed changes to the legislation?

Answer—

A new national Quality and Safeguarding Framework to protect National Disability Insurance Scheme participants with disability will be implemented in full scheme. The Implementation of the Quality and Safeguarding Framework includes the Commonwealth Government establishing the National Disability Insurance Scheme Quality and Safeguards Commission.

The Commission will be responsible for national functions including provider quality assurance and complaints handling, investigating serious incidents and overseeing the use of restrictive practices. The Commission, in establishing these functions will take on existing and additional responsibilities previously performed by the Ombudsman.

All registered National Disability Insurance Scheme providers will be required to report serious incidents, including those previously reported under Part 3c of the Ombudsman Act 1974 to the National Disability Insurance Scheme Complaints Commissioner. This will not replace obligations to report suspected crimes to the police and other relevant authorities.

NSW is working closely with the Commonwealth and other states and territories to implement the new quality and safeguards system.

*2039 DISABILITY SERVICES—TAXI TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) Has the Government done any study to identify if the access of people over the age of 65 to the taxi transport subsidy scheme will be affected if the system is changed to better integrate with National Disability Insurance Scheme funding plans?
 - (a) If any issues have been identified, what are they?
- (2) What is the proposed role of ridesharing services in the future of point to point transport for current and future taxi transport subsidy scheme providers?
 - (a) Is there potential for private market operators in metropolitan areas to participate in the scheme?

- (3) The Transport Disability Incentives and Subsidies Review Discussion Paper addresses the possibility of service providers/community transport providers participating in the scheme.
- (a) Will service providers be able to provide this type of point to point transportation?
 - (b) Have any service providers or community transport providers committed to being able to provide this point to point transport as part of the scheme?
 - (c) Has the government entered into discussions with the taxi industry about the diversification of the taxi subsidy scheme?
 - (i) if so, have they commented on how this would affect the industry?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Transport, the Hon Andrew Constance MP.

*2040 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—TAXI TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Has the Government done any study to identify if the access of people over the age of 65 to the taxi transport subsidy scheme will be affected if the system is changed to better integrate with National Disability Insurance Scheme funding plans?
 - (a) If any issues have been identified, what are they?
- (2) What is the proposed role of ridesharing services in the future of point to point transport for current and future taxi transport subsidy scheme providers?
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 - (c) Has the government entered into discussions with the taxi industry about the diversification of the taxi subsidy scheme?
 - (i) if so, have they commented on how this would affect the industry?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The rollout of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), and resulting transfer of funding to the Commonwealth, will have no impact on the operation of the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme (TTSS).
- (2) and (3) Extensive public consultations have been held in relation to the Transport Disability Incentives and Subsidies (TDIS) Review with over forty written submissions received.
Several representative organisations of people with a disability expressed broad support for a provider-neutral scheme. The TDIS Review is ongoing.

*2041 SPORT—ACTIVE KIDS REBATE—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What is the number of registrations that have been received for the Active Kids Rebate by 15 February 2018?
- (2) What is the number of these reimbursements that have been refunded for the Active Kids Rebate to clubs by 15 February 2018?
- (3) What is the number of these registrations that have not previously participated in organised sport?

Answer—

As at 20 March 2018, 448,584 Active Kids vouchers had been downloaded.

*2042 DISABILITY SERVICES—NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) In regards to the answer to LA Q7273 ("The NDIA will fund Support Coordinators to assist participants in finding alternate accommodation").
 - (a) Is there any legal or legislative requirement for the National Disability Insurance Agency to create alternative accommodation for an individual if there are no service providers that can cater to their need and they are at risk of homelessness?
 - (b) Is a public hospital considered to be reasonable alternative accommodation?
 - (i) Between July 2017 and 1 February 2018 how many people with disability have stayed in hospital as alternative accommodation?
 - (c) It has been discovered that at least 10 people have been abandoned in New South Wales hospitals when it is no longer appropriate because the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) could not provide alternative accommodation (The Australian, 'NDIS abandons disabled to state hospitals', 16 Jan 2018). What government safeguards will be introduced to prevent this in the future?
- (2) In regards to an answer to LA Q7175 ("The Commonwealth is reviewing the National Disability Advocacy Program (NDAP) to take account of recent developments in disability policy reform. The review includes the implementation of the NDIS, pending the implementation of a national system for NDIS quality assurance and safeguards, and the NDIA's approach to delivering information, linkages and capacity building supports in the scheme."). What submissions have the Government made to the review and are the submissions publically available?
- (3) The Federal Government commissioned the independent review of the NDIS Act 2015. A key recommendation of the review was another independent review in 2017. Will the Government wait for the final recommendations of another independent review before finalising the renegotiations of the Bilateral Agreement?

Answer—

- (1) These questions are matters for the Commonwealth Government.
- (2) All submissions made to the review of the National Disability Advocacy Program are publicly available. The NSW Government did not make a submission.
- (3) The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed in-principle with the recommendation to conduct a further review of the NDIS Act 2013. However, COAG also agreed that the Disability Reform Council give consideration to an appropriate timeframe for the review in the context of transition to full scheme. The next review date has yet to be agreed by Ministers.

*2043 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—LONG DAY CARE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE—Mrs Houssos asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the total Government funding provided to long day care centres in:
 - (a) 2017
 - (b) 2016
- (2) How many long day care centres received Government funding in:
 - (a) 2017
 - (b) 2016
- (3) Can you provide a list of long day care centres which currently receive Government funding, by postcode?
- (4) What is the total funding distributed from the Before and After School Care Fund (OSHC Grant fund) to date?
- (5) How many additional places have been created through the Before and After School Care Fund (OSHC Grant fund) to date?

Answer—

- (1) Funding for Long Day Care centres is primarily the responsibility of the Federal Government.
- (2) Refer to answer 1
- (3) Refer to answer 1.
- (4) I refer the member to Hansard in the Legislative Council on 13 March, 2018
- (5) Refer to answer 4.

*2044 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING - QUEANBEYAN—Mrs Houssos asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many government employees currently work in the government office building at 11 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan?
- (2) What proportion of these employees are employed on a full-time basis?
- (3) What departments are these employees from?
- (4) What proportion of the existing office space is utilised by these employees?

Answer—

- (1) Property NSW records indicate that there are 274 full-time equivalent (FTE) government employees currently accommodated in the government office building at 11 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan.
- (2) Property NSW is not aware of the proportion of employees employed on a full-time basis. Property NSW does not collect data on the employment status of employees. Data collected is on a FTE basis only.
- (3) The Department of Family and Community Services, Industry, Justice, Planning and Environment, Premier and Cabinet, and Transport and Infrastructure.
- (4) 100 per cent of the existing office space at 11 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan is currently utilised by these employees.

*2045 LANDS AND FORESTRY—BIOMATERIAL REPORTS—Ms Walker asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) When will the Biomaterial Reports, Volume Harvested by State forest, product type for (a) 2015-16 and (b) 2016-17 be published?
- (2) What categories of timber are included in the Biomaterial Reports?
 - (a) Is firewood included?

Answer—

- (1) This will be published online by 30 June 2018.
- (2) High quality products, Low quality sawlogs, Pulpwood, Other and Biomass for electricity production.
 - (a) Yes in the 'Other' category.

*2046 LANDS AND FORESTRY—WOOD SUPPLY AGREEMENTS—Ms Walker asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Will the Government identify and release all reviews and reports of long-term timber yields from public native forests and plantations undertaken since 2012, notably the 2012 and 2013 Australia Pty Ltd reports provided to the Project 2023 Steering Committee?
- (2) Is the Government proposing to enter new, or extend old, Wood Supply Agreements for timber from native forests and plantations in NSW?
 - (a) If so, please list the volumes of each product and timeframes, for each of Upper North East, Lower North East, Southern and Eden regions?

- (3) When is the Government proposing to issue new Wood Supply Agreements?
- (4) Will there be an open and competitive tendering process requiring submission of tenders for the quality and quantity of resources sought?
- (5) Will there be a clause inserted in any Wood Supply Agreement allowing the commitments to be reduced in response to new yield reviews, unforeseen natural events (ie wildfire, cyclones etc), or changes in Government policy?

Answer—

- (1) The Project 2023 process and its included reports are Cabinet-in-Confidence.
- (2) Through the NSW Forest Industry Roadmap, the Government has committed to renegotiate expiring Wood Supply Agreements to provide certainty and stability for stakeholders into the future, while ensuring the supply of timber continues to remain ecologically sustainable.
 - (a) Renegotiated wood supply agreement details are a commercial matter for the Forestry Corporation of NSW and its customers.
- (3) The process and timing for renegotiating wood supply agreements is a commercial matter for the Forestry Corporation of NSW.
- (4) The process and timing for renegotiating wood supply agreements is a commercial matter for the Forestry Corporation of NSW.
- (5) The terms and conditions of renegotiated wood supply agreements are a commercial matter for the Forestry Corporation of NSW and its customers.

*2047 LANDS AND FORESTRY—SOUTHERN REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENT REGION FIREWOOD—Ms Walker asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

In relation to logs produced in the Southern Regional Forest Agreement Region, which are designated for firewood:

- (1) Where are the firewood logs processed?
- (2) What are the major markets for firewood logs from the Southern RFA Region?
- (3) Are any firewood logs from the Southern RFA Region sent to coal fired power stations, such as those on the central coast for cogeneration of electricity? If so, please provide:
 - (a) details of volumes and power stations
 - (b) details of any contracts for such sales

Answer—

- (1) A range of firewood quality logs are sold to customers for processing across the south coast and southern tablelands.
- (2) The marketing and sale of firewood in the marketplace is a matter for the individual firewood log customers.
- (3) No.

*2048 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—RMS SAFETY INSPECTORS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) How many heavy vehicle safety inspectors are currently employed by Roads and Maritime Services?
 - (a) Are these full time or part time positions?
- (2) How many full time and part time heavy vehicle safety inspectors were employed by Roads and Maritime Services in each of the last five years?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my previous response, LA 7132.

*2049 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—SAFework NSW HEALTH AND SAFETY REPRESENTATIVES—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Please provide a list of SafeWork NSW Health and Safety Representatives by office and title, not name.
 - (a) When was this list provided by SafeWork NSW to SafeWork NSW in their capacity as a regulator?
 - (b) How many times has this list of Health and Safety Representatives been updated since January 1, 2012
 - (c) When was this list most recently updated?
- (2) How many Health and Safety Representatives have ever been notified to SafeWork NSW?
- (3) How many Health and Safety Representatives are there currently in New South Wales?
- (4) How many Health and Safety Representatives are there currently in each New South Wales government agency?
- (5) What does SafeWork NSW do with the list of Health and Safety Representatives notified to it?
- (6) Does SafeWork NSW provide support and advice specifically targeted at Health and Safety Representatives?

Answer—

These questions should be redirected to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.

*2050 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—INTERNAL AUDITS IN LOCAL COUNCILS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Please provide a timeline for the development of Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committees for local councils?
- (2) Has the Office of Local Government consulted the local government sector on the design of the regulatory and policy framework in relation to an internal audit function?
- (3) When will regulations be made relating to Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees?
 - (a) Will these regulations make it a mandatory requirement for councils to have an internal audit function?
 - (b) Will these regulations require all councils to comply with the guidelines issued by the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government with respect to implementation of their internal audit functions?
- (4) How many councils have already appointed a functioning Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee or similar?
 - (a) Which councils have done so?
 - (b) Do these committees comply with the Office of Local Government's internal audit guidelines (2010)?
 - (i) How does the Government check that this is the case?
- (5) How many councils have an internal audit function?
 - (a) Which councils do have an internal audit function?
 - (b) Are the internal auditors full-time or part-time employees of the council?
 - (c) How does the Government check that these internal auditors are appropriately qualified?
 - (d) Is internal audit an out-sourced or co-sourced function?
- (6) Were SSROC consultants who have provided internal audit services to member councils appropriately qualified?
 - (a) How did the Government check that this was the case?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This information can be found under the transitional provisions of the Local Government Amendment (Governance and Planning) Act 2016.
- (2) The Office of Local Government will be consulting extensively with the local government sector on the design of the new internal audit framework.
- (3) See Question 1.
- (4) This information is not available.
- (5) This information is not available.
- (6) This information is not available.

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*2051 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—LOCAL COUNCIL POSITIONS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What positions are local councils required to employ or engage under the Local Government Act?
- (2) What other positions are local councils required to employ or engage under other legislation?
 - (a) Are councils required to employ or engage at least one native title manager?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (b) Are councils required to employ or engage a senior engineer?
 - (i) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The Local Government Act 1993 requires councils to appoint a general manager.

*2052 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY INSPECTIONS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) Is it the case that 18 out of 24 real estate agencies in Western Sydney recently audited by NSW Fair Trading failed random inspections that tested industry standards?
- (2) What other areas have been audited in 2017-18?
 - (a) What were the findings?
- (3) What actions is the Government undertaking to remedy these failings?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Fair Trading conducted a real estate compliance program in Western Sydney from 11-13 December 2017 to determine the level of compliance with Continuing Professional Development requirements and general compliance with the Property, Stock and Business Agents Act 2002 and regulation. Six of the 24 agents inspected were fully compliant. Fair Trading issued 30 Penalty Infringement Notices (PINS), totalling \$31,900 to non-compliant agents for various breaches of the Act.
- (2) Fair Trading conducted an underquoting compliance program in Northern NSW in January 2018. All 16 agents inspected were non-compliant with underquoting provisions and/or general compliance with the Property, Stock and Business Agents Act 2002 and regulation. Fair Trading issued 34 penalty infringement notices totalling \$55,000. Fair Trading received 466 qualified audit reports for the 2017 audit reporting period. In February 2018, the breaches identified in the audit reports were reviewed, identifying 50 agents with substantial breaches. A compliance program was undertaken to

address these breaches with those real estate agents. A further thirty six agents were the subject of a desk top assessment.

Fair Trading has issued 50 Penalty Infringement Notices totalling \$65,590, and 33 warning letters to date, with a number of further potential breaches of legislation still being assessed.

Fair Trading conducted an underquoting compliance program on Sydney's Northern Beaches in March 2018. Fourteen of the 17 agents inspected were non-compliant with underquoting/and/or general compliance with the Property, Stock and Business Agents Act 2002 and regulation. Fair Trading has issued 12 penalty infringement notices totalling \$25,300 to date, with a number of further potential breaches of legislation still being assessed.

- (3) Fair Trading will continue to assess compliance levels within the real estate industry, through targeted and random compliance programs to ensure licence and certificate holders are meeting their obligations under the Property, Stock and Business Agents Act 2002 and Regulations.

Fair Trading also regularly conducts, or participates in industry education seminars for agents to provide updates and reinforcement on legislative requirements.

The Government's Real Estate Reform Package also includes measures that will address key industry issues. These measures include:

- higher qualification requirements
- enhanced requirements for continuing professional development
- clearer responsibilities for agents in charge of a business
- all trust account audits will have to be lodged with NSW Fair Trading
- agents will have to keep separate trust accounts for sales and rent
- agents will have to clear rental trust accounts monthly
- extended licence suspension while a licensee's conduct is investigated
- restrictions on gifts and benefits

- *2053 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—MANLY COUNCIL CAR PARK—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

What actions has the Minister taken in relation to the cancellation of contracts by Northern Beaches Council regarding Manly Council Car Park?

Answer—

I am advised this matter is before the courts and it would therefore be inappropriate for me to make comment on the matter.

- *2054 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—NATURE STRIPS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

Is the mowing and general maintenance of the nature strip outside of a resident's premises the legal responsibility of the owner or the local council?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Nature strips located between the boundary of a residential property and a local road (other than freeways and Crown roads) within a local government area are the legal responsibility of the council of that area in its capacity as the roads authority under the Roads Act 1993.

- *2055 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—POOL MANAGERS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Is it the case that Practice Note 15 'Water Safety' issued on 24 October 2017 allows unqualified personnel to be appointed to run the daily activities at public swimming pools?

- (2) Is it the case that a sole representative from a local council or management company can hold the recommended qualification, without also obliging the actual pool manager or supervising staff working at the aquatic facility on any given day to also possess such a qualification?
- (a) If so, on what basis is this justified?
- (b) If this is not the case, given the concern that has been expressed in the community about this matter, will the Minister issue a clarifying statement?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Practice Note 15 recommends minimum qualifications for all levels of aquatic facility staff.
- (2) Decisions on council staffing and appropriate qualifications are the responsibility of councils.

*2056 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—POOL MANAGERS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) Is it the case that Practice Note 15 'Water Safety' issued on 24 October 2017 allows unqualified personnel to be appointed to run the daily activities at public swimming pools?
- (2) Is it the case that a sole representative from a local council or management company can hold the recommended qualification, without also obliging the actual pool manager or supervising staff working at the aquatic facility on any given day to also possess such a qualification?
- (a) If so, on what basis is this justified?
- (b) If this is not the case, given the concern that has been expressed in the community about this matter, will the Minister issue a clarifying statement?

Answer—

- (1) This question should be referred to the Minister for Local Government.
- (2) This question should be referred to the Minister for Local Government.

*2057 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Did the Office of Local Government pay grants to reimburse councils \$11,136,185 in 2016-17 for the implementation cost of the failed Fire and Emergency Services Levy?
- (a) If not, what was the amount?
- (2) What amount has been paid to date in 2017-18?
- (3) What costs remain outstanding?

Answer—

I am advised reimbursements have been paid for all claims received.

*2058 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Did the Office of Local Government undertake any research or development activities during 2016-17?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Are any research or development activities planned or underway for 2018-19?
- (a) If so, what are they?

Answer—

I am advised such information can be found in the Office of Local Government's Annual Report.

*2059 HEALTH—MOBILE DIALYSIS UNIT OPERATING COSTS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the approximate annual average cost of operating a mobile dialysis unit, to service rural and regional communities?
- (2) What is the approximate annual cost of each of the following elements of such a service:
 - (a) staff (and any continuous training costs)?
 - (b) materials?
 - (c) vehicles?
 - (d) any other costs to ensure that the unit is fully operational?

Answer—

There are considerable variability in costs, locations covered and other conditions relating to the operation of mobile dialysis services statewide. Therefore, it is not possible to provide a simple 'one size fits all' response to the Member's questions.

*2060 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CROWN LAND INFORMATION SYSTEM UPGRADE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Of the \$7 million allocated in the 2015-16 budget to upgrading Crown Land's information systems, how much has already been spent?
- (2) What projects have been funded thus far?
- (3) How much of the \$7 million has been spent on consultants?
- (4) Please list the consultants funded through this project?
- (5) How many leases (as a percentage) have now been captured as part of the project?
- (6) How many licenses (as a percentage) have now been captured as part of the project?
- (7) Will the project conclude at the end of 2019-20?
- (8) Will all information pertaining to Crown Land be captured as part of this program?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) \$473,350.
- (2) Projects funded from the \$7 million allocation:
 - (a) Internal spatial web-based application to manage bush-fire related information on Crown land
 - (b) Internal spatial web-based application to record natural resource management activities on Crown land
 - (c) Business Case to assist clearance of NSW ICT Assurance Gateways
 - (d) Tender package prepared for the design and build of an internal and external spatial web interface for Crown Land Management.
 - (e) Integration of spatial data from Department of Finance, Services and Innovation (DFSI) to NSW Industry geospatial databases.
- (3) \$127,112.
- (4) Consultants funded:
 - (a) Deloitte Touche Pty Ltd
 - (b) XML Numerics Pty Ltd
 - (c) ESRI Australia Pty Ltd
- (5) Nil. Leases are already captured in the Crown Lands Information Database
- (6) Nil. Licences are already captured in the Crown Lands Information Database

- (7) The current project schedule runs until the end of 2019-20.
- (8) The project will integrate and enhance existing systems to improve usability, support data collection and integrity and provide improved reporting tools.

*2061 LANDS AND FORESTRY—SHOOTING RANGES ON CROWN LAND—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Can the Minister provide:
 - (a) a list of all shooting ranges located on Crown Land, including:
 - (i) their street address and local council area in which they are located.
 - (ii) the public purpose for which they are reserved.
 - (iii) whether they are reserved or dedicated.

Answer—

Please contact the Legislative Council Procedure Office for a copy of the spread sheet.

*2062 LANDS AND FORESTRY—TALUS ST RESERVE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What is the impact on the day to day management of Talus St Reserve as a result of the most recent decision in the Supreme Court (Case number 2013/00299553)?
- (2) Has any analysis been undertaken to determine if this decision will have an impact on other crown land reserved for the public purpose of public recreation where facilities are held under a lease or licence?
 - (a) If so, how?

Answer—

- (1) The day to day running of the Reserve is a matter for the Reserve Trust managing the site.
- (2) No, the decision was based on the circumstances specific to this case.
 - (a) NA

*2063 REGIONAL WATER—ATTUNGA WATER CALCIUM CONCENTRATIONS—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Regarding reports that residents in Attunga have seen appliances such as washing machines and shower heads breaking due to high concentrations of calcium in the water supply:
 - (a) What remedies are available to residents in New England and North West New South Wales who are forced to pay for replacement appliances due to calcium concentrations in water supply?
 - (b) In addition to health guidelines, what other guidelines and rules are local water authorities obliged to follow in New South Wales?
 - (c) What action has the Minister taken to ensure local water authorities are meeting all state and commonwealth guidelines, expectations and requirements with regard to water supply?

Answer—

- (1) Local Water Utilities in regional NSW are responsible for the management and provision of drinking water to their customers. In Attunga, Tamworth Regional Council is the local water utility.

Water hardness, caused by elevated levels of calcium and other minerals, can cause the build-up of scale on household water fittings and fixtures.

A guideline value for water hardness is included in the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG). However, this value is only an aesthetic guideline as there is no health concern with an increased water hardness.

Any remedies for household fixture and fitting impacts due to water hardness would be subject to

level of service negotiations between the local water utility and its customers.

- (2) A local water utility's planning and operation of water supply and sewerage systems is guided by the NSW Best Practice Management for Water Supply and Sewerage framework, which is managed by DoI Water.
- (3) In 2017, the NSW Government announced the start of a water Infrastructure funding program for regional NSW; the Safe and Secure Water Program. This program welcomes expressions of interest from eligible applicants including local water utilities. The program targets water and sewerage projects in regional NSW to ensure infrastructure meets contemporary standards.

*2064 EDUCATION—NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) Regarding the announcement of a new primary school for Wagga Wagga:
 - (a) Where will the school be located?
 - (b) What is the expected completion date?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

- (1)
 - (a) The Department of Education is currently going through a site selection process to determine the best site for the new primary school.
 - (b) It is anticipated that the school will be completed by late 2020.

*2065 PREMIER—DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET CREDIT CARDS—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) How many persons are authorised to use a work credit card in the Department of Premier and Cabinet?
- (2) What is the position title and group/department area of each person authorised to use a work credit card in the Department of Premier and Cabinet?

Answer—

I am advised the Department of Premier and Cabinet complies with the relevant Treasury policy, which is publicly available.

*2066 EDUCATION—SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE NEW SOUTH WALES STAFF—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

How many full-time-equivalent staff are employed at School Infrastructure New South Wales (SINSW)?

Answer—

I am advised that as at 7 March 2018 there are 341.2 full-time equivalent employees in School Infrastructure NSW.

The NSW Department of Education's Asset Management Directorate transitioned to School Infrastructure NSW on June 6, 2017. SINSW employees include staff based in regional asset management units deployed in metropolitan and rural areas across the state.

School Infrastructure NSW is a dedicated asset planning and delivery agency responsible for building and maintaining government school assets across NSW.

*2067 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—LOCKED OFF PARKING AREAS—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Approximately 22 months ago did Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) install no-standing signs in a

parking area on the F6 motorway southbound near Waterfall?

- (2) Approximately 16 months ago did RMS gated and lock off two parking areas, one northbound near the former toll gates and the other north of Heathcote?
- (3) Prior to these actions by RMS did truck drivers use these places as rest areas?
- (4) Did RMS give any consideration to the safety implications of removing these rest areas prior to taking these actions?
- (5) What steps did the Minister take to ensure that truck drivers heading south of Sydney are not forced to drive up to 100km before reaching a safe rest area (at the Mount Ousley rest stop)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes. This is a heavy vehicle inspection area and not a designated rest area.
- (2) The area near the former toll gates was a temporary rest area while the upgrade to Mount Ousley's heavy vehicle rest area was in progress. This was closed off when the Mount Ousley heavy vehicle rest area was opened in May 2017.
- (3) The area on the F6 motorway southbound near Waterfall, and the Heathcote enforcement bay have been used as informal rest areas.
- (4) Roads and Maritime provides an extensive network of rest areas directly along NSW highways for drivers to manage their fatigue on long distance journeys and on higher speed roads.
Roads and Maritime is developing the Rest Stop Framework which is a strategy to provide and prioritise rest areas in strategic locations to better support fatigue management.
- (5) The distance between Heathcote, an urbanised area on the Sydney network, and the Mount Ousley rest stop is approximately 40km. The Roads and Maritime Services website provides an interactive map where drivers can locate rest areas and plan their trip.

*2068 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—WEST TAMWORTH STATION MAINTENANCE—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Who was responsible for maintenance and/or preservation of West Tamworth Station in the following years:
 - (a) 2017?
 - (b) 2016?
 - (c) 2015?
 - (d) 2014?
 - (e) 2013?
- (2) If a contractor was responsible, what is the value of payments to the contractor responsible for maintenance and/or preservation of West Tamworth Station in following years:
 - (a) 2017?
 - (b) 2016?
 - (c) 2015?
 - (d) 2014?
 - (e) 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

The non-operational West Tamworth Station is maintained by John Holland Rail under contract with Transport for NSW. The maintenance of this non-operational asset occurs in accordance with all relevant NSW Government policies.

*2069 ENVIRONMENT—GOVERNMENT TRAVEL COSTS—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) From 1 January 2017 to date, how much has the Government spent on flights, and other transport, and accommodation expenses for existing National Parks and Wildlife Service staff travelling to and staying in Sydney in order to undertake employment interviews for positions within the National Parks and Wildlife Service?
- (2) Has any funding for the above purpose been sourced from Area budgets?
 - (a) If so, how much?
 - (b) If not, what was the funding source to pay for these costs?
- (3) How much has the Office of Environment and Heritage paid to Hoban Recruitment since 1 January 2017?
- (4) Aside from the Chief Executive, how many positions in the Office of Environment and Heritage:
 - (a) pay a salary of more than \$100,000 at date?
 - (b) paid a salary of more than \$100,000 at 31 December 2011?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (2) This information is not available.
- (3) Information on senior staff can be found in Annual Reports at www.environment.nsw.gov.au.
- (4) This information can be found in Annual Reports.

*2070 ENVIRONMENT—GOVERNMENT OPEN DATA POLICY—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Given the Government's Open Data Policy, will the data from reverse vending machines be made public to allow convenient information platforms, such as smartphone apps, to be developed through which the community can find out whether machines are operational or full or experiencing other issues in real-time?
 - (a) If so, when will this data be made available?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised real-time data is already available on the "myTOMRA" smartphone app.

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- 2071 ENVIRONMENT—MACLEAY RIVER—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 2072 LANDS AND FORESTRY—MACLEAY RIVER—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- 2073 RACING—GREYHOUND RACING INTEGRITY COMMISSION—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- 2074 ENVIRONMENT—USED TYRE DISPOSAL—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- 2075 ENVIRONMENT—WATER CONTAMINATION AT RAAF BASE WILLIAMTOWN—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 2076 POLICE—COMMISSIONER OF POLICE AND COMBAT SPORTS PERMITS—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 2077 SPORT—NSW RUGBY HEADQUARTERS—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- 2078 SPORT—COMBAT SPORTS AUTHORITY PERMIT AND APPLICATION FEES—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- 2079 SPORT—EARLWOOD WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

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(Paper No. 143)

- 2080 HEALTH—EATING DISORDERS—Mr Secord to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2081 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE SERVICES—Mrs Houssos to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—
- 2082 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—M5 MOTORWAY SLOW TRAFFIC WARNING SIGNS—Mrs Houssos to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 2083 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—M5 MOTORWAY SLOW TRAFFIC WARNING SIGNS—Mrs Houssos to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- *2084 HOUSING—REDFERN LEGAL CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the case study published in the Redfern Legal Centre annual report for 2016-17 titled "Gaye's Room" regarding mushrooms growing in "Gaye's" pensioners unit?
 - (2) Does the Minister consider this case study to represent an acceptable level of welfare service delivery in a first world country?
 - (3) What can the Government do to advise the community about bodies such as the Tenants' Advice and Advocacy Services which can help disenfranchised tenants?
 - (4) Can the Minister advise what steps the Government plans to take to improve the efficiency of the

Family and Community Services Housing body?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be referred to the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

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(Paper No. 144)

- 2085 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—REGIONAL GROWTH FUND—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 2086 REGIONAL WATER—WATER BRIEFINGS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 2087 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—M1 MOTORWAY ROAD ACCIDENT—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 2088 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—M1 MOTORWAY ROAD ACCIDENT—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2089 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—BLACKOUTS AND POWER OUTAGES—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2090 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—NSW FOOD AUTHORITY CHILD CARE FACILITY INSPECTIONS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 2091 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—NSW FOOD AUTHORITY AGED CARE FACILITY INSPECTIONS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 2092 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—COMMERCIAL FISHERS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 2093 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BUSINESS ADJUSTMENT PACKAGE—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 2094 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT ACT 2015—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 2095 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—MUD CRAB TRAPS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- 2096 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—NSW COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY ENDORSEMENTS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 2097 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—WHITEHAVEN WERRIS CREEK—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 2098 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—S SET TRAINS—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2099 CORRECTIONS—NEW SOUTH WALES CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

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(Paper No. 145)

- 2100 TOURISM AND MAJOR EVENTS—ACCOMMODATION SECTION OF GOVERNMENT WEBSITES—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—
- 2101 POLICE—LAW ENFORCEMENT CONDUCT COMMISSION—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 2102 ATTORNEY GENERAL—CORONIAL INQUESTS—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General—
- 2103 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—DIGITAL DRIVERS' LICENCES—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2104 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—ALEXANDRIA TO MOORE PARK CONNECTIVITY UPGRADE—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 2105 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—ON DEMAND BUSES IN NEWCASTLE—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2106 ENVIRONMENT—INDIGENOUS HERITAGE ARTEFACTS—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 2107 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—INDIGENOUS HERITAGE ARTEFACTS—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

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(Paper No. 146)

- 2108 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD LIGHT AND SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL PROJECT—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2109 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD LIGHT RAIL—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2110 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD LIGHT RAIL—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2111 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD LIGHT RAIL—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2112 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—INTER-CITY TRAINS—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2113 REGIONAL WATER—WILCANNIA WEIR FUNDING—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 2114 PREMIER—LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTION SPENDING CAPS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- 2115 EDUCATION—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—
- 2116 EDUCATION—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—
- 2117 EDUCATION—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—
- 2118 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—SYDNEY TRAINS AND NSW TRAINLINK—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2119 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—TANGARA TRAINS TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE PROJECT—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- 2120 RESOURCES—EXPLORATION LICENCES—Mr Buckingham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2121 ATTORNEY GENERAL—MARDI GRAS—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General—
- 2122 EMERGENCY SERVICES—VEXATIOUS COMPLAINTS—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
- 2123 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—REGULATIONS GOVERNING COUNTBACK ELECTIONS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 2124 LANDS AND FORESTRY—SPOTTED GUM LOGS—Ms Walker to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- 2125 LANDS AND FORESTRY—PRIVATE NATIVE FORESTRY CODE—Ms Walker to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- 2126 LANDS AND FORESTRY—REVIEW OF NSW REGIONAL FORESTRY AGREEMENTS—Ms Walker to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- 2127 ENVIRONMENT—REVIEW OF NSW REGIONAL FORESTRY AGREEMENTS—Ms Walker to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 2128 ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR SKILLS—LISMORE TAFE CAMPUS—Ms Walker to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—
- 2129 LANDS AND FORESTRY—PULP LOG ROYALTIES—Ms Walker to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

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- 2130 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) Has any driver working on or in relation to the WestConnex project worked a day shift followed by a night shift or worked a night shift followed by a day shift?
 - (2) Do all contractors or subcontractors working on or in relation to the WestConnex project comply

with the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator safety and compliance standards?

- 2131 WESTCONNEX—WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) Has any driver working on or in relation to the WestConnex project worked a day shift followed by a night shift or worked a night shift followed by a day shift?
 - (2) Do all contractors or subcontractors working on or in relation to the WestConnex project comply with the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator safety and compliance standards?
- 2132 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—APIARY SITES AND FEES—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- (1) What is the annual revenue received by the Local Land Services from apiary site fees since 2012-13?
 - (2) How many apiary sites are leased by Local Land Services?
- 2133 ENVIRONMENT—APIARY SITE FEES—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- What is the annual revenue received by the Government from apiary site fees for the financial years 2016-17 and 2017-18 located within National Parks?
- 2134 LANDS AND FORESTRY—APIARY SITE FEES—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- What is the annual revenue received by State Forests and/or Forestry NSW from apiary site fees for the financial years 2016-17 and 2017-18?
- 2135 TOURISM AND MAJOR EVENTS—NEWCASTLE 500 SUPERCARS—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—
- (1) What is the final cost for contaminated waste from Newcastle 500?
 - (2) How does the answer to Question (1) compare to the amount initially budgeted?
 - (3) What damage was caused to roads in the area by the Newcastle 500 Supercars event?
 - (4) What are the costs of repairs to any roads damaged by the Newcastle 500 supercars event?
 - (a) Who will pay this cost?
 - (5) When will the results of Supercars sound monitoring during the Newcastle 500 be released to the public?
 - (6) How many sound level breaches occurred during the event?
 - (7) How did Destination NSW respond to sound level breaches?
 - (8) What steps were taken to inform the public of sound level breaches predicted in sound modelling for the event?
 - (9) What investigation occurred following the injury of two onlookers by debris during the race?
 - (a) Will the findings of any investigation be made public?
 - (10) What measures will be taken to ensure no such accident occurs again?
 - (11) What steps were taken to manage pollution from the event, in particular plastic and foam discarded by patrons?

- 2136 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—GORDON RAILWAY STATION—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What further works are being planned for Gordon Railway Station, a State Heritage listed station, to cope with the more commuters, as a result of the closure of the Epping line?

- 2137 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—LOW INTEREST LOANS FOR SOLAR POWER SYSTEMS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) Are there any legal restrictions that would prevent local councils from offering local residents, small businesses and organisations low interest loans to install solar power systems?

(a) If so, what are they?

- 2138 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—REGULATION AND REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

The web page of the Office of Local Government states that the draft Regulation and Regulatory Impact Statement following the review of the Companion Animals regulation 'will be released for consultation later in 2017.' The discussion paper for the Review states that they would be released in November/December 2017. On what date were they released?

- 2139 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—SWIMMING POOL FENCES—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

Given the findings of the Deputy State Coroner in the recent case of the drowning death of a toddler in an unregistered suburban backyard swimming pool with enclosing fences that failed to comply with Australian Standards:

(1) What additional actions do you plan to take to help prevent such tragedies in the future and when?

- 2140 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—RICHMOND RAIL DUPLICATION—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What is the Government's timetable to duplicate the rail line to Richmond?

- 2141 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—NORTH WEST RAIL LINE TO RICHMOND EXTENSION—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Does the Government have any plans to extend the North West Rail line to Richmond?

- 2142 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—RICHMOND LINE COMMUTERS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How does the Government propose to compensate Richmond line commuters who are repeatedly subject to financial and other losses incurred by the frequent cancellation of Richmond line trains?

- 2143 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—RICHMOND LINE TRAINS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) On how many occasions in 2016-trains¹⁷ were trains on the Richmond line:
 - (a) Delayed by more than 10 minutes?
 - (b) Cancelled?
 - (2) On how many occasions in 2017-18 (to date) have trains on the Richmond line:
 - (a) Been delayed by more than 10 minutes?
 - (b) Been cancelled?
- 2144 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—STAFFING OF RICHMOND LINE STATIONS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- Given the on-board announcements on Sydney trains state: 'if you are unwell or need help, staff at the next station can get you help,' on weekdays how many stations on the Richmond line are unstaffed (and toilets locked):
- (1) In the afternoon peak?
 - (2) After 6.30pm?
- 2145 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CLOSURE OF ROAD RESERVATIONS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- In the following years how many road reservations were closed in pursuance of the provisions of the Roads Act 1993, and the lands comprised therein ceased to be public road and the rights of passage and access that previously existed in relation to the road extinguished:
- (1) 2015-16?
 - (2) 2016-17?
 - (3) 2017 to date?
- 2146 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—DOG ATTACKS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) How many dog attacks were reported in New South Wales in 2016-17?
 - (2) What policies and programmes have been put in place to reduce the number of dog attacks?
 - (a) What evaluations have been undertaken of their efficacy?
 - (b) Have these evaluations been published?
 - (3) What evaluations have been undertaken of the efficacy of the Responsible Pet Ownership Education Programme?
 - (4) Have these evaluations been published?
 - (a) If so, where can they be accessed?

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