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*1484 PLANNING—PRIORITY PRECINCTS—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 Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) What are the locations of the eleven areas that the Government has earmarked as 'priority precincts' for residential development?
- (2) What other locations are under consideration to become 'priority precincts'?
- (3) What planning mechanisms will be used in making these determinations?
- (4) What will be the role of local councils in deciding which areas become 'priority precincts'?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The eleven priority precincts currently in an advanced stage of investigation are:
 - (a) Kellyville
 - (b) Bella Vista
 - (c) Showground
 - (d) Arncliffe
 - (e) Banksia
 - (f) Rhodes East
 - (g) Vineyard
 - (h) West Schofields
 - (i) Marsden Park North
 - (j) Lowes Creek
 - (k) Wilton SE
- (2) Government is considering further priority precincts within the already identified growth areas such as:
 - (a) Urban renewal precincts within walking distance of some of the new Sydney Metro stations?
 - (b) Urban renewal within walking distance of the new Parramatta light rail iii. Land release areas such as Ingleside, Northwest, Southwest, Greater Macarthur and Wilton
- (3) The strategic planning work completed for the priority growth areas and urban renewal corridors sets out the objectives and ambition for each precinct. The Government is primarily focused on facilitation new homes and jobs and the delivery of the necessary infrastructure to support this growth. It is of secondary importance whether the planning process is led by:
 - (a) a local Council; or
 - (b) State Government; or
 - (c) if it is an appropriately assessed proposal by a private landowner.

All three options are relevant planning pathways for consideration.
- (4) The best planning outcomes will occur when landowners, Council and Government work together in consultation with the community towards a common goal. The Greater Sydney Commission is working with Councils to develop housing strategies that complement the District Plans, which will set the strategy. The implementation of Priority Precincts will proceed with relevant Councils invited to actively contribute to the process.

*1485 EDUCATION—ASBESTOS TESTING—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) When were the grounds of the Baryulgil Public School last subject to soil testing by a NATA (National Association of Testing Authorities, Australia) accredited laboratory?
- (2) Have the results of this testing been made public?

- (a) If so, where are they published?
- (b) If not, will they be made public?

Answer—

I'm advised information about the last asbestos testing carried out at Baryulgil Public School and the results are available as part of the school's asbestos register on the Department of Education's website at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/supplying-to-us/asbestos-register>.

*1486 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—CHILD MARRIAGES—Mr Donnelly asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) How many actual or suspected cases of child marriages were reported to the Department of Family and Community Services for the period 1 January 2017 to 30 April 2017?
- (2) How many actual or suspected cases of child marriages were reported to the Department of Family and Community Services for the period 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016?
- (3) How many actual or suspected cases of child marriages were reported to the Department of Family and Community Services for the period 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015?
- (4) How many actual or suspected cases of child marriages were reported to the Department of Family and Community Services for the period 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014?
- (5) How many actual or suspected cases of child marriages were reported to the Department of Family and Community Services for the period 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013?
- (6) How many actual or suspected cases of child marriages were reported to the Department of Family and Community Services for the period 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012?
- (7) How many actual or suspected cases of child marriages were reported to the Department of Family and Community Services for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011?

Answer—

I am advised that information is available on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) website at https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/about_us/right_to_information/disclosure-log.

*1487 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—STATE WISE ASBESTOS PLAN—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 Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Did the State-wide Asbestos Plan expire in 2016?
- (2) Has the State-wide Asbestos Plan for 2017-20 been approved?
 - (a) If so, how much funding has been allocated for the implementation of the Plan?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation the Hon Matt Kean MP, as matters concerning Asbestos fall within his portfolio responsibilities.

*1488 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BOWFISHING—Mr Field asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Since the beginning of the bowfishing for carp trial period:
 - (a) How many Section 37 permits to bowfish for carp have been issued?
 - (b) How many bowfishing catch reports have been lodged by trial participants on the online Bowfishing Portal?
 - (c) How many carp have been reported killed on the online Bowfishing Portal?

Answer—

- (1)

- (a) There have been 191 Section 37 Bowfishing permits issued since the beginning of the trial.
- (b) There have been 224 catch returns lodged by trial participants.
- (c) Catch returns show 658 carp have been harvested since the beginning of the trial.

*1489 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BOWFISHING—Mr Field asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) How many times did permit holders notify the Department of Primary Industries of their intention to bowfish for carp as required under the licence conditions?
- (2) How many bowfishing activities were reported by way of catch reports at each of the following bowfishing for carp trial sites?
 - (a) BFPA001
 - (b) BFPA002
 - (c) BFPA003
 - (d) BFPA004
 - (e) BFPA006
 - (f) BFPA007
 - (g) BFPA008
 - (h) BFPA009
 - (i) BFPA010
 - (j) BFPA015
 - (k) BFPA016
 - (l) BFPA017
 - (m) BFPA018
 - (n) BFPA019
 - (o) BFPA020
 - (p) BFPA021
 - (q) BFPA022
 - (r) BFPA027
 - (s) BFPA028
 - (t) BFPA029
 - (u) BFPA031
 - (v) BFPA032
 - (w) BFPA033
 - (x) BFPA035
 - (y) BFPA037
 - (z) BFPA040
 - (aa) BFPA041
 - (ab) BFPA042
 - (ac) BFPA043
 - (ad) BFPA045
 - (ae) BFPA047
 - (af) BFPA048
 - (ag) BFPA049
 - (ah) BFPA050

Answer—

- (1) There were: 336 (64 cancelled, 48 pending catch return lodgement)
- (2)
 - (a) BFPA001 – 30
 - (b) BFPA002 – 4
 - (c) BFPA003 – 4

- (d) BFPA004 – 14
- (e) BFPA006 – 4
- (f) BFPA007 – 0
- (g) BFPA008 – 0
- (h) BFPA009 – 2
- (i) BFPA010 – 0
- (j) BFPA015 – 1
- (k) BFPA016 – 2
- (l) BFPA017 – 0
- (m) BFPA018 – 2
- (n) BFPA019 – 0
- (o) BFPA020 – 6
- (p) BFPA021 – 44
- (q) BFPA022 – 0
- (r) BFPA027 – 1
- (s) BFPA028 – 11
- (t) BFPA029 – 25
- (u) BFPA031 – 4
- (v) BFPA032 – 13
- (w) BFPA033 – 13
- (x) BFPA035 – 0
- (y) BFPA037 – 2
- (z) BFPA040 – 2
- (aa) BFPA041 – 0
- (ab) BFPA042 – 17
- (ac) BFPA043 – 0
- (ad) BFPA045 – 0
- (ae) BFPA047 – 6
- (af) BFPA048 – 6
- (ag) BFPA049 – 6
- (ah) BFPA050 – 5

*1490 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BOWFISHING—Mr Field asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Will bowfishing for carp continue to be permitted between the conclusion of the trial on 5 June 2017 and the finalisation of an evaluation of the trial program?
 - (a) If yes, what action will permit holders have to take to be allowed to continue bowfishing?
 - (b) If no, what action is the Government taking to inform permit holders that bowfishing will not be allowed after 5 June 2017?
- (2) How long is it anticipated the evaluation of the trial period will take?

Answer—

- (1) No
 - (a) N/A
 - (b) A "one month from close" email notification was sent to all bowfishers on 5 May 2017 notifying them of the conclusion of the trial. A follow-up letter was sent to all bowfishers on 12 May 2017 notifying them of the end of the trial. Final email notifications and SMS will also be sent on 26 May 2017 and 4 June 2017.
- (2) 1-2 months

*1491 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BOWFISHING—Mr Field asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Since the beginning of the bowfishing for carp trial, how many field based enforcement actions (patrols, equipment check, catch inspections etc.) have been conducted specifically in relation to the bowfishing for carp trials?
- (2) How many infringement notices or warnings have been given to persons bowfishing in inland waters?
 - (a) For what reasons were these notices or warnings given?
 - (b) Were any of the notices or warnings given to persons who did not possess a Section 37 permit to bowfish for carp?
- (3) Have any Section 37 permits to bowfish for carp or New South Wales Restricted Game Hunting Licences been cancelled or suspended as a result of a breach of conditions or as a result of an enforcement action relating to bowfishing for carp?
 - (a) What were the reasons these Section 37 permits to bowfish for carp or New South Wales Restricted Game Hunting Licences were cancelled or suspended?

Answer—

- (1) 97 patrols have been undertaken and 18 equipment checks and catch inspection of bowfishers.
- (2) 7
 - (a)
 - 2 x Clause 55(1)(c) of the FMA General Regulation 2010
 - 2 x Clause 55(1)(a) of the FMA General Regulations 2010
 - 2 x Section 35(1) of the FMA 1994
 - 1 x Section 25(1)
 - (b) All were given to persons who did not possess a Section 37 permit to bowfish for carp.
 - (c) N/A. All infringement notices were given to persons who did not possess a Section 37 permit to bowfish for carp.
- (3)
 - (a) N/A

*1492 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BOWFISHING—Mr Field asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Since the beginning of the bowfishing for carp trial, how many native species have been reported killed on the online Bowfishing Portal?
 - (a) As reported, what were the type and numbers of native species killed?
- (2) Have there been any reports of native species interactions or deaths as a result of bowfishing for carp activities other than then through the online portal?
 - (a) If yes, what is the nature of these reports?

Answer—

- (1) Nil
 - (a) N/A
- (2) No
 - (a) N/A

*1493 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CROWN LAND SHOWGROUNDS—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) How many showgrounds are located wholly or partially on Crown land in New South Wales

- (2) Can the Minister provide a list of the localities and local government areas in which Crown land showgrounds are situated?
- (3) Can the Minister rule out the transfer of Crown land showgrounds to councils?
- (4) Will the Minister ensure that show grounds transferred to councils remain classified as community land? If not why not?

Answer—

- (1) There are 169 showgrounds (including showgrounds with racecourses) on Crown reserves in NSW.
- (2) See attachment A. (See LC Procedure Office for a copy of Attachment A)
- (3) The Government has no plans to transfer Crown land showgrounds to councils.
- (4) The new Crown Land Management Act 2016 will enable Crown land to be transferred to Councils on a voluntary basis and by agreement, in accordance with 'local land criteria' which will be specified in the Regulations. Crown land will be transferred as community land under the Local Government Act 1993. The only exception would be to cover land that is truly operational such as waste depots, or where an operational categorisation is required to enable the current use to continue, for example cemeteries. Land transferred to Councils as community land cannot be changed without going through the rigorous processes under the Local Government Act 1993 that include community consultation.

*1494 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CROWN LAND SHOWGROUNDS—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—

Can the Minister provide a list of all Crown land showgrounds in New South Wales which also host greyhound race meetings?

Answer—

Gosford Showground, Goulburn Racecourse and Showground, Mudgee Memorial Combined Sportsground and Coonamble Showground.

*1495 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—ENDEAVOUR OYSTERS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Roads and Maritime Service has terminated a land based lease to Endeavour Oysters adjoining their oyster leases on the Georges River?
- (2) Has the Minister sought advice on the impacts this will have on their business?
- (3) Has the Minister spoken with his colleague, the Minister for Roads, regarding the impacts her Department is having on the viability of this oyster operation?

Answer—

- (1) I am aware that the Roads and Maritime Service have not yet renewed the lease held by Endeavour Oysters. There are ongoing discussions occurring about the future remediation of the site and the occupancy of the site by the company.
- (2) NSW DPI has kept me informed of the current negotiations around the future of the site.
- (3) NSW DPI and RMS had a meeting 11 May 2017 to discuss remediation works and the future of the site for oyster aquaculture. My Department is working closely with RMS and the local industry.

*1496 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA CEO NUMERATION PACKAGES—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 was the remuneration package of the former CEO of Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW, Mr Carl Malmberg?
- (2) What is the remuneration package of the current CEO of Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW, Ms Sarah Lees?

Answer—

Senior Executive remuneration packages are available via the Public Services Commission website.

*1497 POLICE—DRUG DETECTION DOG OPERATIONS—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) During general drug detection operations by Police Transport Command what was the number of searches undertaken following a drug detection dog indication:
 - (a) in 2016?
 - (b) in 2017 to date?
- (2) During general drug detection operations by Police Transport Command what was the number of searches undertaken following a drug detection dog indication where no illicit drugs were found:
 - (a) in 2016
 - (b) in 2017 to date?
- (3) During general drug detection operations by Police Transport Command what was the number of searches undertaken following a drug detection dog indication where illicit drugs were found:
 - (a) in 2016
 - (b) in 2017 to date?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1)
 - (a) 1,924.
 - (b) 448 (as recorded by 7 May 2017).
- (2)
 - (a) 1,137.
 - (b) 258 (as recorded by 7 May 2017).
- (3)
 - (a) 787.
 - (b) 190 (as recorded by 7 May 2017).

*1498 POLICE—DRUG DETECTION DOGS—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 complaints about police drug detection dogs were received by the NSW Police Force in the following calendar years:
 - (a) 2016?
 - (b) 2017 to date?
- (2) How much money has been paid out by or on behalf of the NSW Police Force or the State of New South Wales in response to legal proceedings relating to police drug detection dogs in the following calendar years:
 - (a) 2016?
 - (b) 2017 to date?
- (3) What expenses have been incurred by or on behalf of the NSW Police Force or the State of New South Wales defending legal proceedings relating to police drug detection dogs in the following calendar years:
 - (a) 2016?
 - (b) 2017 to date?
- (4) What was the cost of maintaining the Police Detection Dog unit(s), including upkeep, training and

operational costs in each of the following calendar years:

- (a) 2016
- (b) 2017 to date?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) has advised me:

- (1)
 - (a) Nil.
 - (b) Nil.
- (2)
 - (a) Nil.
 - (b) Nil.
- (3)
 - (a) Nil.
 - (b) Nil.
- (4) Estimated NSWPF Drug Dog Unit costs are as follows:
 - (a) \$3,716,622.
 - (b) \$1,077,159. (January - April).

*1499 PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT—SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE IN STATE-SUPERVISED FOSTER HOMES—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Is it the case that:
 - (a) victims of abuse in State-run children's Homes are compensated by the State well above the payments available under the Victims Support & Rehabilitation Act 2013, in some cases up to half a million dollars?
 - (b) former State wards that were abused in foster homes can only hope for compensation of no more than \$10,000 from Victims Services?
- (2) Why does the Government compensate victims of historical abuse in State-run children's Homes, but deny commensurate compensation to children abused in State-supervised foster homes?
- (3) Will the Government set up a scheme to compensate former State wards who were sexually or physically abused in foster homes?
- (4) Does the Government intend to continue the practice of not providing commensurate compensation to former State Wards who were abused while in foster homes?

Answer—

In accordance with the Victims Support & Rehabilitation Act 2013, damages for successful claims made under that Act are capped at \$10,000. Damages for successful common law claims made against the State are not capped.

The Model Litigant Policy for Civil Litigation and the Guiding Principles for Civil Claims for Child Abuse are accessible at <http://arp.nsw.gov.au/m2016-03-model-litigant-policy-civil-litigation-and-guiding-principles-civil-claims-child-abuse>.

*1500 ENVIRONMENT—THREATENED SPECIES—Ms Walker 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) How many New South Wales listed threatened species that are:
 - (a) presumed extinct,

- (b) critically endangered (schedule 1A),
- (c) endangered (schedule 1) and
- (d) vulnerable (schedule 2)

were known to exist in the Eden Region Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) area in 1999?

(1) How many New South Wales listed threatened species that are:

- (a) presumed extinct,
- (b) critically endangered (schedule 1A),
- (c) endangered (schedule 1) and
- (d) vulnerable (schedule 2)

are known to exist in the Eden Region RFA area in 2017?

Answer—

I am advised this information is available on the Atlas of NSW Wildlife (BioNet). An application for login access can be made at: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/atlaspublicapp/Registration.aspx>

*1501 LANDS AND FORESTRY—FORESTRY—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) In relation to the Government's NSW Forestry Industry Roadmap released in August 2016:
 - (a) when will the Government release the Natural Resources Commission independent review of Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals?
 - (b) when will the Government commence public consultation on the new draft Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval?
 - (c) what is the status of renegotiations of Native Wood Supply Agreements that were due to commence at the end of 2016?
 - (d) when will the public be consulted on the draft Native Wood Supply Agreements?
 - (e) when will the Government be consulting the public on a draft of the new legislation for the new native forestry regulatory framework?
- (2) In relation to the \$2.5 million haulage subsidy available for alternative logs sourced following the declaration of the Murrah Flora Reserves:
 - (a) Which government agency administers the subsidy?
 - (b) What royalty is payable on alternative logs sourced from further north and eligible for the subsidy is it the Eden Region royalty rate or the Southern Region royalty or other?
 - (c) To whom is the subsidy paid? Is it directly to the haulage contractor, the mill purchasing the logs or is it paid to the Forestry Corporation for allocation to eligible contractors?
- (3) What has been the total area of state forest logged in the Eden Regional Forest Agreement area in each year from 1999 to the present?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) This is a matter for the NSW Premier.
 - (b) This is a matter for the Minister for Environment.
 - (c) and (d) Renegotiations of Native Wood Supply Agreements are commercial-in- confidence.
 - (e) This is a matter for the Minister for Environment.
- (2) (a) to (c) There is no subsidy. The timber industry will pay the equivalent of their current full cost in Eden for logs delivered to their mill gates. The \$2.5M Environmental Trust grant will offset additional harvest and haulage costs incurred by Forestry Corporation of NSW in sourcing timber to meet the Eden Wood Supply Agreements from forests further afield.
- (3) This information is routinely reported to the Environment Protection Authority as part of the Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals (IFOA). From 2013-14, this information has been prepared and reported on a financial year basis.

Year	Thinning operations (ha)	Integrated operations (ha)
2015-16	943	1,223
2014-15	1,287	1,502
2013-14	955	1,416
2012	862	911
2011	1,043	685
2010	1,366	819
2009	1,656	865
2008	977	1,128
2007	1,612	1,503
2006	1,404	1,839
2005	1,209	2,189
2004	1,246	2,519
2003	1,687*	5,326*
2002	346	3,143
2001	Not available**	Not available**
2000	Not available**	Not available**
1999	Not available**	Not available**

* actual area harvested figures are not available for 2003, only planned area.

** data not collated.

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*1502 ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR SKILLS—MURWILLUMBAH TAFE—Ms Walker 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—

- (1) Does the Government still plan to sell-off the Murwillumbah TAFE campus as revealed in 2015?
- (2) If so, what is the date for enrolments to cease at the campus ahead of the sale?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) TAFE NSW has a large and diverse property portfolio. TAFE NSW is developing a Strategic Asset Management Plan to ensure training is matched with the changing needs of students and employers. TAFE NSW regularly assesses facility requirements in line with course delivery. Where vacant land or underutilised facilities are sold, the proceeds will be re-invested into modernising and improving TAFE facilities and learning platforms for the benefit of students.

*1503 HEALTH—PRIVATISATION OF REGIONAL HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATIONS—Ms Walker 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) In September 2016 the Government announced that it would be privatising operations at several hospitals around the State. Can you please provide an update on the progress of this process at the following hospitals?

- (a) Shellharbour Hospital
 - (b) Wyong Hospital
 - (c) Maitland Hospital
 - (d) Bowral Hospital
- (2) Are there any other State run public hospitals that the Government is considering, or has commenced any process for, privatising hospital operations?
 - (3) What measures will the Government put in place to ensure that private operators are held to high standards of health care accountability?
 - (4) What safeguards will the Government put in place to ensure the care of long-term, high risk and high needs patients and that they receive the care they need, and will not be compromised by private operations run for a profit?

Answer—

Expressions of Interest have been received from experienced hospital operators to provide public patients with hospital care as would be delivered (and as currently is delivered) irrespective of whether there is a Government, NGO, or private operator.

Irrespective of whether the hospital providing services to public patients is managed by the Government, an NGO, or a private operator, operators will be contractually obliged to meet or exceed current standards of health care accountability which apply to all NSW public hospitals.

*1504 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—PADDED JAW TRAPS—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What regulations or rules are in place regarding the use of padded jaw traps in New South Wales?
- (2) Are organisations required to record information about animals caught, including unintended animals, by padded jaw traps and who keeps and monitors these records?
- (3) How often are padded jaw traps required to be checked and who monitors this?
- (4) If padded jaw traps are not monitored daily, are organisations required to include a lethal trap device or lethal toxin to limit animal suffering?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (5) Is there any regulation on the sale, either online or in person, of traps?
- (6) Can padded jaw traps be set on private property without the property owner's permission?
- (7) Are the operators of padded jaw traps required to take injured wildlife to a veterinarian or contact a Wildlife Rescue Organisation for treatment?
 - (a) Who monitors compliance with this?
- (8) When was the last scientific survey done on wild dog activity in the Glen bog region, where trapping is currently implemented?
 - (a) What were the results of the latest survey?

Answer—

- (1) Padded jaw traps are permitted for use in NSW in accordance with best practice standards outlined in the national model Code of Practice for wild dog control and the relevant Standard Operating Procedure: DOG001: Trapping of wild dogs using padded-jaw traps.
- (2) Records associated with trapping performance are the responsibility of individual government agencies which undertake management.
- (3) In NSW, government trapping programs require at least daily checking of traps and it is up to individual management agencies to enforce this.
- (4) N/A
- (5) No
- (6) No

- (7) No. If an injured native animal is found in a trap, the animal is inspected for injury, open wounds are treated and the animal is released. If the animal is assessed as not being able to recover, the animal is appropriately euthanised.
- (8) Wild dog activity is studied collaboratively on a regional basis to collect data to inform Wild Dog Management Plans. These are coordinated on a regional basis by Local Land Services with the contribution of local public and private land managers including Forestry Corporation, the National Parks and Wildlife Service and local landholder representatives.

*1505 LANDS AND FORESTRY—PADDED JAW TRAPS—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 many padded jaw traps did the Forestry Corporation set in the 2015/2016 financial year?
- (2) How often are padded jaw traps set by the Forestry Corporation checked and who records and monitors this?
- (3) If padded jaw traps are not monitored daily, does the Forestry Corporation include a lethal trap device or lethal toxin to limit animal suffering?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) Are Forestry Corporation employees paid to monitor padded jaw traps on weekends or public holidays?
- (5) Are Forestry Corporation padded jaw traps recorded and marked according to Standard Operating Procedure DOG001, issued by the Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre?
- (6) Under what conditions does the Forestry Corporation pursue trapping over baiting?
- (7) What training is provided by the Forestry Corporation to operators to ensure trapping is as humane as possible?
- (8) Have padded jaw traps been set on private property by the Forestry Corporation, without owner permission?
- (9) Does the Forestry Corporation take wildlife injured by a padded jaw trap to a veterinarian or contact a Wildlife Rescue Organisation for treatment.
 - (a) Who monitors this?
- (10) When was the last scientific survey done on wild dog activity in the Glenbog State Forest, where trapping is currently implemented?
 - (a) What were the results of the latest survey?
- (11) Is the Forestry Corporation working with the RSPCA in regards to the use of padded jaw traps?

Answer—

- (1) In line with the Wild Dog Management Plans, Forestry Corporation set 290 traps during 2015-16.
- (2) All traps are checked daily from being set, monitored and recorded by Forestry Corporation staff, other agencies or individuals the Corporation may be working with. Records are kept by Forestry Corporation and supplied to LLS as required.
- (3) N/A
- (4) Yes.
- (5) Forestry Corporation marks all soft jawed traps and bait stations using GPS either with its map application for iPads or hand held GPS units.
- (6) Trapping is one of several strategies considered in the development of collaborative Wild Dog Management Plans, which are coordinated on a regional basis by LLS with the contribution of local public and private land managers including Forestry Corporation, the National Parks and Wildlife Service and local landholder representatives and approved by LLS. Forestry Corporation works in line with these Wild Dog Management Plans to implement trapping programs where appropriate, in conjunction with a range of other wild dog management activities.
- (7) Forestry Corporation staff involved in feral animal control have all completed the Vertebrate Pest Management Course run by the Department of Primary Industries and the nationally accredited course AHCVP203A - Use firearms to humanely destroy animals.

- (8) No.
- (9) No. If an injured native animal is found in a trap, the animal is inspected for injury, open wounds are treated with antibacterial spray and the animal is released. If the animal is assessed as not being able to recover, the animal is euthanized humanely. All Forestry Corporation trappers are trained to legally perform these functions. It is worth noting that our trappers are frequently working in rugged and remote forests.
- (10) Wild dog activity is studied collaboratively on a regional basis to collect data to inform collaborative Wild Dog Management Plans, which are coordinated on a regional basis by Local Land Services with the contribution of local public and private land managers including Forestry Corporation, the National Parks and Wildlife Service and local landholder representatives and approved by the relevant Local Land Services (LLS).
- (11) Forestry Corporation uses padded jaw traps as per clause 23 of the NSW Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979.

*1506 ENVIRONMENT—GORE BAY OIL SPILL—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) How much oil was spilled into Sydney Harbour during the Gore Bay oil spill on December 30, 2016?
- (2) What was the cause of the spill?
- (3) What was the environmental impact of the spill?

Answer—

Please refer to QON 1306 answer.

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*1507 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—OLD GOSFORD SCHOOL SITE—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) Is Doma Group paying the Government to lease the land at the old Gosford School site while they are using it for equipment storage?
 - (a) If so, which department is the money going to and what is the amount paid per week?

Answer—

- (1) A short-term licence agreement, now expired, was executed between Bloc (Doma's builder) and Property NSW permitting the use of Property NSW owned land at 32 Mann Street, Gosford. The license permitted the licensee to locate site sheds and materials on the site and crane access from the site.
 - (a) Property NSW. The sum paid is commercial in confidence.

*1508 EDUCATION—UPPER HUNTER SCHOOL MAINTENANCE BACKLOGS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) When will the existing maintenance backlogs at the following schools be filled?
 - (a) King St Public, Singleton
 - (b) Singleton Public
 - (c) Muswellbrook Public
 - (d) Scone High
 - (e) Singleton Heights Public
 - (f) Scone Public

- (g) Singleton High
 - (h) Gloucester Public
 - (i) Gloucester High
 - (j) Quirindi Public.
- (2) Please outline in tabular form the recommended schedule of maintenance works and associated costs at each of the following schools:
- (a) King St Public, Singleton
 - (b) Singleton Public
 - (c) Muswellbrook Public
 - (d) Scone High
 - (e) Singleton Heights Public
 - (f) Scone Public
 - (g) Singleton High
 - (h) Gloucester Public
 - (i) Gloucester High
 - (j) Quirindi Public.

Answer—

I'm advised that more than \$3 million was spent on maintenance at Upper Hunter schools in 2015/16. An extra \$390 million has been allocated in 2016/17 and 2017/18 to address backlog maintenance in schools across the State.

I'm further advised this funding will continue to address the \$1 billion education maintenance backlog left by Labor when we came to government.

The Department of Education works directly with principals to develop a program of maintenance works for every school. The backlog maintenance at each school reflects the estimated cost of current and future repair work required to ensure buildings continue to perform at an acceptable level.

At any time, the maintenance liability will be a mixture of work that needs to be done immediately and forecast work that may need to be done in the future, depending on how the facility is performing. So, only a portion of the maintenance liability at any one time is work that is currently required.

Any maintenance issue that poses a safety risk to students or staff is addressed immediately. Any broken items in classrooms that impact on teaching and learning are addressed as a matter of priority by the school or the department.

*1509 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—FUELCHECK—Mr Veitch 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 Government's intention to complete a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) in relation to the impacts of FuelCheck on the market?
- (2) Will the Minister undertake a formal review of the effectiveness and impacts of FuelCheck?
- (3) Has the Department conducted a cost/benefit assessment to motorists in terms of FuelCheck in relation to similar schemes already in existence?
- (4) In relation to Request For Proposal (RFP)10003761, can you please advise the nature of the industry feedback and provide a list of those who contributed feedback?
- (5) Can you please provide the reasons contained within the internal review which led the Department to cancel RFP 10003761?
- (6) In relation to the parties who have taken a feed of fuel prices, how many of the fifty two parties are taking an ongoing feed?
- (7) Has FuelCheck provided a way for larger petrol retailers to observe prices at smaller independent retailers to put even more pressure on smaller operators?
- (8) Is the Minister aware of smaller retailers listing retail prices on FuelCheck higher than the prices they are actually selling at?
- (9) What is the percentage of price mismatches where the price was lower than that reported to

FuelCheck?

- (10) Is the Government aware of increasing acceleration of service station closures in New South Wales since FuelCheck was implemented?
- (11) Please provide advice on what the initial \$300,000 set-up cost included and break down the start up costs?
- (12) Please specify the "other costs" by item and amount including staffing costs which were incurred by OneGov and Fair Trading?
- (13) How many staff (full-time equivalents) were involved in the setup of FuelCheck?
- (14) Please provide an itemised budget for all expected future expenses related to the ongoing running of FuelCheck (including costs absorbed within the Department of Finance Services and Innovation budget)?
- (15) How many staff (full-time equivalents) are involved in the ongoing running of FuelCheck?
- (16) Please provide the total number of users of the FuelCheck website in the months of March 2017, April 2017 and May 2017?
- (17) Please list the percentage of motorists using the FuelCheck website on a monthly basis since its establishment in August 2016
- (18) How many complaints did the Government receive as a result of the FuelCheck failure on 22 January, 2017 when the FuelCheck website was displaying systemic wrong prices?
- (19) How many service stations have been randomly inspected by Fair Trading to cross-check the price being advertised at the site and are these random inspections occurring outside the Sydney metropolitan area?

Answer—

- (1) No, under the NSW Government Guide to Better Regulation (October 2016) new and amended regulations are subject to Regulatory Impact Statements. It is appropriate to observe that FuelCheck was implemented through the Fair Trading Amendment (Fuel Price Transparency) Bill 2016, which was reviewed by both Houses during March 2016 and passed without amendment.
- (2) The Department of Finance, Services and Innovation is monitoring the impact of FuelCheck, including through the compliance and enforcement activities of NSW Fair Trading.
- (3) No
- (4) and (5) The Department of Finance, Services and Innovation determined that OneGov (an internal resource of the Department) would have the necessary skills, experience and capacity to provide all of the outcomes requested in the RFP and therefore the RFP was cancelled.
- (6) Of the 52 parties who have signed up for FuelCheck API access, 25 have taken a feed at some point in the last 2 months. The frequency of access varies based on the type of use. For example, the NRMA uses this data daily as it directly feeds into their app.
- (7) FuelCheck provides online access to real time price information to any person with an internet connected device. However, most of the feedback has been positive and has come from small independent operators who have been selling fuel cheaper than major service station franchisees for years. As most independents are not located on main thoroughfares, FuelCheck now allows them to advertise their price and location in direct competition with major operators who hold prime business locations on main roads or corner locations
- (8) The FuelCheck Order 2016 requires fuel retailers to register with FuelCheck before they first sell fuel to retail customers, and notify all movements in their prices in real time via the online portal; however, Fair Trading advises that there has been one instance of a retailer showing a higher price on FuelCheck than the actual selling price.
- (9) The percentage of price mismatches where the price on the signage board or bowser was lower than that reported to FuelCheck are as follows:

Fuel Type (group)	Signage lower than FuelCheck
E10 & Ethanol 94	10.7%

Ethanol 105	
U91 & Unleaded 91	3.8%
P95 & Premium 95	1.1%
P98 & Premium 98	1.8%
Diesel & DL	0.5%
PDL & Premium Diesel	0.7%
LPG	1.7%
EV	
Grand Total	20.3%

Note: These figures exclude notifications received on 22 January 2017 which relate to the FuelCheck system failure.

(10) No

(11) The \$300 000 cost provided for the following activities:

- Creation of a database
- Creation of a mobile responsive online application for businesses (fuel suppliers)
- Creation of a mobile responsive online application for public access
- Creation of a bulk data upload function via API and on-boarding support for API users
- Creation of training and educational material to support the operation of the online applications
- Creation of analytical and reporting tools
- Security, performance and penetration testing for the product

(12) The 'other costs' such as staffing and infrastructure were already in place and available to DFSI and no additional costs were incurred beyond the \$300,000 initial setup cost.

(13) Three consumer protection staff during development, 10 for a period of two weeks whilst the data was first being collected and increasing to 23 during the implementation phase. All staff are now back to normal duties with operations being randomly conducted to ensure ongoing compliance.

(14) All costs associated with FuelCheck are absorbed into the DFSI Budget. The annual cost to service and maintain the FuelCheck infrastructure is \$64,000. The annual staffing budget for FuelCheck is \$163,000. For staffing numbers see Question

(15) Any calls relating to FuelCheck are answered by any of the staff working in the Customer Experience team. The number of calls and time spent equates to approximately 0.8 full time equivalent (FTE) staff. Outside of Customer Experience, Fair Trading has the equivalent of one FTE across the Engagement and Complaints and Compliance and Enforcement units. Therefore, across the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation, 1.8 FTE staff work or are involved in the operations of FuelCheck.

(16) The number of hits on the FuelCheck website as at 22 May 2017:

Month	Hits
August-2016	68,613
September-2016	161,848
October-2016	269,619
November-2016	205,868
December-2016	177,319
January-2017	247,672
February-2017	182,228
March-2017	183,340
April-2017	178,066
May-2017	135,310
Total	1,809,883

- *1510 PREMIER—VETERANS' RECEPTIONS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

Given the costs of the Veterans' Receptions do not appear on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Protocol and Events website, could you provide the below information:

- (1) What was the cost of the following Veterans' Receptions held by the Premier on these dates:
 - (a) 10 November 2015 at The Cutaway, Barangaroo?
 - (b) 20 August 2016 at Old Government House?
 - (c) 24 September 2016 at Old Government House?
 - (d) 10 November 2016 at The Cutaway, Barangaroo?

Answer—

I refer you to my previous answer on 3 May 2017.

- *1511 PREMIER—RECOVERY OF GRANT PAYMENTS TO 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 Department of Premier and Cabinet written to the Australian Multicultural Christian Society seeking the return of a \$10,000 grant paid under the Community Building Partnership program?
- (2) Has the Australian Multicultural Christian Society returned the \$10,000 grant it received under the Community Building Partnership Program?
 - (a) If not, what action will now be taken to recover the funds?

Answer—

I refer you to my previous answers on this topic.

- *1512 ENVIRONMENT—MANGROVE MOUNTAIN LANDFILL SITE—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—

In relation to the Mangrove Mountain Landfill site:

- (1) Has an environmental review of the landfill site now been conducted? If so:
 - (a) Who conducted the review?
 - (b) What were the findings of the review?
 - (c) What actions will be taken as a result of the review, if any?
 - (d) Will the review be made public?
- (2) What was the outcome of the investigation by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) in conjunction with Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) special investigators of an allegation of sediment being washed into a nearby unnamed creek in August 2015?
- (3) Given that the original 1998 council consent for the site approved remodelling of the Mangrove Mountain Golf Course involving a small amount of clean fill, with a limit of 80,000m³ of fill that was set in an area known as Area B and regulated by an environment protection licence (licence number 11395), can the Minister provide details of the reasons the EPA elected to renew this licence multiple times given there is now approximately 800,000m³ of waste on the site that is not all clean fill, which is approximately ten times the original planning proposal?
- (4) Did the EPA renew environment protection licence 11395 eight times since 2008 without taking into consideration sections 45(i) and 50 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, which requires the EPA to take into consideration any relevant environmental impact statement (EIS) when reviewing such licences.
 - (a) Given the original EIS for the approved development application states that for Area B, 80,000m³ of fill material was permitted to be imported, and that each of the licence renewals since 2008 confirm there was more than 80,000m³ in Area B, in breach of the EIS, why was the licence renewed on these occasions?

- (b) Is the Minister aware of any concerns that these previous licence renewals may therefore be invalid?
- (5) What action will the Minister take to address recent estimates that 85 per cent of the existing waste mound at the site is unlined, with ineffective lining on the remaining 15 per cent, and that approximately 3 million litres of leachate is produced annually by the present waste mound and may be leaking into local groundwater?
- (6) Would a landfill of this size and nature at this location, and within a drinking water catchment be given initial approval under the EPA's current 'Environmental Guidelines: Solid Waste Landfills'?
- (7) Given the recent development approval to further increase the permitted landfill capacity from 800,000m³ to 1.3 million m³, will the Minister intervene in order to re-evaluate the appropriateness of a landfill of this size at this location, and either close and remediate the site or take action to ensure the site is made environmentally safe?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (a) SLR Consulting Pty Ltd.
- (b) The review found no evidence that the landfill is having any negative impact on ground or surface water quality.
- (c) The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) will implement the recommendations of the review.
- (d) Yes.
- (2) After reviewing all available evidence there was not sufficient evidence to bring proceedings.
- (3) and (4) The total amount of waste permitted to be received and the final landform for the site are controlled by the development consent, administered and regulated by Central Coast Council as the consent authority. In 2012 the then Gosford City Council began proceedings against the operator in the Land and Environment Court for allegedly breaching the consent in relation to the amount of waste received and the final landform. In 2014 the Land and Environment Court made consent orders permitting an additional 1.3 million m³ of waste to be accepted at the site.
- (5) SLR Consulting Pty Ltd assessed the landfill and found no evidence it is impacting ground or surface water quality.
- (6) These are land use planning decisions for the local council as the consent authority.
- (7) In 2014 the Land and Environment Court made consent orders permitting the increased capacity, with the agreement of the local council.

*1513 ENVIRONMENT—PLASTIC BAG BAN—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) Has the Government set a timeframe for progressing action to address the environmental impact of plastic bags through the national Meeting of Environment Ministers after which the Government will take action on behalf of New South Wales alone to ban single-use plastic bags, similar to bans already in place in South Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory, and the Northern Territory, and committed to in Queensland?
- (2) Noting the Queensland Government was involved in efforts with the NSW and Victorian governments to secure an 'east-coast ban' on plastic bags, but has since chosen to take the initiative and introduce its own ban on plastic bags, can the Minister advise the reasons this process has not resulted in a joint plan to ban plastic bags?
- (a) Did the Government consider taking action similar to Queensland and introduce its own statewide ban on plastic bags?
- (3) Does the Government have a timeframe for a date after which it can no longer afford to delay implementing a ban on single use plastic bags in New South Wales, similar to bans already in place

in South Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory, the Northern Territory, and committed to in Queensland?

- (4) With respect to the fact that the Queensland Government was involved in efforts with the New South Wales and Victorian Governments to secure an 'east-coast ban' on plastic bags, but has since taken the initiative to introduce its own ban on plastic bags:
- (5) Does the Government have any plan to ban single-use plastic bags in New South Wales?
- (6) Has the Government or any of its agencies drafted any proposal or option to implement a ban on plastic bags in New South Wales?
 - (a) If so, what is the Government's preferred option?
 - (b) When will this be introduced?
- (7) What detailed analysis or modelling has been undertaken by the Government regarding the impact of plastic bags on the environment and wildlife in New South Wales specifically, including estimates of how many animals are killed or injured each year by plastic bags?
 - (a) What were the findings?
 - (b) Will any such report be made public?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (7) The NSW Government is committed to reducing the environmental impact of plastic waste and litter in NSW. In the last Meeting of Environment Ministers (MEM) in November 2016, it was noted by Ministers that jurisdictions that have a ban on the supply of single-use plastic bags still allow the supply of biodegradable bags. It was also noted that there was a paucity of data on the environmental impacts of biodegradable plastics when they are released into the environment.

In light of this significant knowledge gap, the NSW Government requested the NSW Environment Protection Authority to commission the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) to undertake such work. The outputs from the CSIRO's work with be reported on at the next meeting of the Environment Ministers and will help frame NSW's future approaches to reduce the impact of plastic bags.

*1514 TREASURER—GOVERNMENT GAS CONSUMPTION—Mr Buckingham 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) What was the volume of gas purchased by the Government for its own consumption across all departments and agencies in the following years:
 - (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
- (2) What was the cost of gas purchased by the Government for its own consumption across all departments and agencies in the following years:
 - (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
- (3) What is the forecast volume of gas that will be purchased for its own consumption by the Government across all departments and agencies in the following years:
 - (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
- (4) What is the forecast cost of gas that will be purchased for its own consumption by the Government across all departments and agencies in the following years:
 - (a) 2016/17?

- (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
- (5) How do government department and agencies contract gas? Is there a whole of government contract or is it by department or are there some other arrangements?
- (6) What is the Government doing to reduce the cost of gas consumption across all departments and agencies?

Answer—

This question would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

*1515 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH GAS CONSUMPTION—Mr Buckingham 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 was the volume of gas purchased by NSW Health for its own consumption in the following years:
- (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
- (2) What was the cost of gas purchased by NSW Health for its own consumption in the following years:
- (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
- (3) What is the forecast volume of gas that will be purchased by NSW Health for own consumption in the following years:
- (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
- (4) What is the forecast cost of gas that will be purchased by NSW Health for own consumption in the following years:
- (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
- (5) How does NSW Health contract gas? Is there a whole of department contract or is it by hospital/facility or are there some other arrangements?
- (6) What is NSW Health doing to reduce the cost of gas consumption across hospital facilities?

Answer—

In the 3 year period from 2013/14 to 2015/16, approximately 5,610,000 gigajoules were purchased by NSW Health for its own consumption. The cost of gas over this same period was approximately \$59,440,000.

Over the 4 year period from 2016/17 to 2019/20, there is a forecast usage of 7,160,000 gigajoules. The average cost of gas over this same period is \$23,287,500 per year.

Hospitals purchase natural gas from whole of government supply contracts. Supply contracts are awarded following competitive tender processes and offer best value for money through economies of scale.

Local health districts are implementing Energy Performance Contracts which aim to reduce energy use including natural gas.

*1516 RESOURCES—NEW MINING PROJECTS AND EXPANSIONS—Mr Buckingham asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

In your answer to a question without notice from the Hon. Rick Colless on 3 May 2017, you said:

"Since this Government came to power in 2011 close to 60 new mining projects or expansions to existing operations have been approved for this State, which has realised close to \$8 billion of new capital expenditure for regional areas throughout New South Wales."

What are each of these new mining projects or expansions?

Answer—

I am advised:

The following are the new mine and extension approvals listed in chronological order from March 2011.

- (1) Awaba Continuation of Mining, 25 kilometres south west of Newcastle.
- (2) Angus Place Longwalls 900W and 910, approximately 17 kilometres north west of Singleton.
- (3) Dargues Reef Gold mine, approximately 13 kilometres south of Braidwood.
- (4) Rocglen Coal Extension, approximately 28 kilometres north of Gunnedah.
- (5) NRE No 1 Preliminary Works modifications at Russell Vale.
- (6) NRE Wongawilli Nebo Area.
- (7) Wonawinta Silver mine, approximately 80 kilometres south of Cobar.
- (8) Bulli Seam Operations, 25 kilometres north west of Wollongong.
- (9) Warkworth Open Cut modification, 15 kilometres south west of Singleton.
- (10) Boggabri Coal Project, approximately 15 kilometres NE of Boggabri.
- (11) Tomingley Gold mine, approximately 50 kilometres south west of Dubbo.
- (12) Hera Gold mine, approximately 100 kilometres south east of Cobar.
- (13) Ashton Coal Mine South East Open Cut, approximately 14 kilometres north west of Singleton.
- (14) Maules Creek Coal Mine, approximately 17 kilometres north east of Boggabri.
- (15) Mannering Underground Coal project, approximately 60 kilometres south of Newcastle near Wyee.
- (16) Tarrawonga Coal Mine Expansion, approximately 16 kilometres east of Boggabri.
- (17) Tasman Coal Mine Extension, approximately 1.5 kilometres west of Seahampton near Kurri Kurri.
- (18) Hunter Valley Operations Carrington Pit Extension, approximately 24 kilometres north west of Singleton.
- (19) Woodlawn Mine, approximately 30 kilometres south west of Goulburn.
- (20) North Wambo Underground modification -longwalls 9 and 10, approximately 30 kilometres west of Singleton.
- (21) Ravensworth Operations Coal Modification 1 - Narama West Open Cut, approximately 25 kilometres north west of Singleton.
- (22) Abel Coal Project Modification 3, approximately 23 kilometres north west of Newcastle near Kurri Kurri.
- (23) Chain Valley Colliery Extension, approximately 60 kilometres south of Newcastle nears Vales Point.
- (24) Wilpinjong Coal Mine Modification 5 Extension, approximately 40 kilometres north of Mudgee.
- (25) Atlas-Campaspe Mineral Sands project, approximately 100 kilometres north of Balranald.
- (26) Moolarben Coal Stage 1 Modification 9, approximately 40 kilometres north of Mudgee.
- (27) Northparkes Extension, approximately 27 kilometres north west of Parkes.
- (28) Cowal Gold Mine Extension Modification, approximately 40 kilometres north east of West Wyalong.
- (29) Vickery Open Cut Coal Mine, approximately 25 kilometres north of Gunnedah.
- (30) Mt Arthur Mining Complex Modification, approximately five kilometres south west of

Muswellbrook.

- (31) Bulga Optimisation Project, 15 kilometres south west of Singleton.
- (32) Watermark Project, approximately 25 kilometres south east of Gunnedah.
- (33) Moolarben Stage 2, approximately 40 kilometres north of Mudgee.
- (34) Rasp Western Extension Mod 3, Broken Hill.
- (35) Bengalla Extension, approximately 4 kilometres west of Muswellbrook.
- (36) Ginkgo Mineral Sands- Crayfish modification.
- (37) Stratford Extension Project, approximately 95 kilometres north of Newcastle near Gloucester.
- (38) Dubbo Zirconia Project, approximately 25 kilometres south of Dubbo.
- (39) Centennial Northern Coal Logistics, approximately 25 kilometres south west of Newcastle near Awaba.
- (40) Springvale Underground Mine Extension, approximately 15 kilometres north west of Lithgow near Lidsdale.
- (41) Mandalong Southern Mine Extension, approximately 35 kilometres south west of Newcastle near Wyong.
- (42) Mt Thorley Warkworth Mine Continuation, approximately 15 kilometres south west of Singleton.
- (43) Chain Valley Extension 1 - Modification 2, approximately 48 kilometres south of Newcastle.
- (44) Rix's Creek Coal Mine Modification, approximately five kilometres north west of Singleton
- (45) Balranald Mineral Sands, north west of Balranald.
- (46) Ashton South East Open Cut, approximately 14 kilometres north west of Singleton.
- (47) Tomingley Gold Mine- Caloma 2 Open Cut, approximately 40 kilometres south of Narromine.
- (48) Good Friday Gold project, approximately 27 kilometres south west of Tibooburra
- (49) Mineral Hill - Pearse North open cut, approximately 60 kilometres north northwest of Condobolin
- (50) Hera North Extension Modification, approximately 100 kilometres south east of Co bar.
- (51) Tritton- Avoca Tank open cut, approximately 50 kilometres north west of Nyngan.
- (52) Mt Owen continued Operations, approximately 25 kilometres north west of Singleton.
- (53) Nyngan Scandium project, approximately 20 kilometres west of Nyngan.
- (54) Mandalong Southern Extension Mod 3, approximately 35 kilometres south west of Newcastle near Wyong.
- (55) Wambo Mine Southern longwall Mod 12, approximately 30 kilometres west of Singleton.
- (56) Cowal Mine Extension Mod 13, approximately 37 kilometres north east of West Wyalong.
- (57) Mandalong Southern Extension Project Mod 4, approximately 35 kilometres south west of Newcastle near Mandalong.
- (58) Springvale Mine Extension Project Mod 1 - Production Increase, approximately 15 kilometres north west of Lithgow near Lidsdale.
- (59) Wilpinjong Extension Project, approximately 40 kilometres north east of Mudgee.

*1517 HEALTH—JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL GAS CONSUMPTION—Mr Buckingham 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 was the volume of gas used at John Hunter Hospital in the following years:
 - (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
- (2) What was the cost of gas used at John Hunter Hospital in the following years:
 - (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?

- (c) 2015/16?
- (3) What is the forecast volume of gas that will be used at John Hunter Hospital in the following years:
- (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
- (4) What is the forecast cost of gas that will be used at John Hunter Hospital in the following years:
- (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
- (5) How does John Hunter Hospital contract gas?
- (6) What is John Hunter Hospital doing to reduce the cost of gas consumption?

Answer—

In the 3 year period from 2013/14 to 2015/16, approximately 146,900 gigajoules were used by John Hunter Hospital. The cost of gas over this same period was approximately \$1,603,000.

Over the period from 2016/17 to 2019/20, there is a forecast 1% increase to volume and cost year-to-year to allow for increased activity within the facility.

Hospitals purchase natural gas from whole of government supply contracts. Supply contracts are awarded following competitive tender processes and offer best value for money through economies of scale.

Local health districts are implementing Energy Performance Contracts which aim to reduce energy use including natural gas.

*1518 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—LOCAL COUNCILS GAS CONSUMPTION—Mr Buckingham 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 was the volume of gas used by each Local Council in the following years:
- (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
- (2) What was the cost of gas used by each Local Council in the following years:
- (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
- (3) What is the forecast volume of gas that will be used by each Local Council in the following years:
- (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
- (4) What is the forecast cost of gas that will be used by each Local Council in the following years:
- (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
- (5) How does each Local Council contract gas?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Neither the Office of Local Government nor the Office of Environment and Heritage monitor the volume of, or contracts for, gas consumption by local councils. Councils are responsible for the provision of their utilities and services.

*1519 EDUCATION—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GAS CONSUMPTION—Mr Buckingham asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) What was the volume of gas purchased by the Department of Education for its own consumption in the following years:
- (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
- (2) What was the cost of gas purchased by the Department of Education for its own consumption in the following years:
- (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
- (3) What is the forecast volume of gas that will be purchased by the Department of Education for its own consumption in the following years:
- (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20
- (4) What is the forecast cost of gas that will be purchased by the Department of Education for its own consumption in the following years:
- (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
- (5) How does the Department of Education contract gas? Is there a whole of department contract or is it by school/facility or are there some other arrangements?
- (6) What is the Department of Education doing to reduce the cost of gas consumption across all schools/facilities?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) 250,323,046 MJ
 - (b) 297,601,924 MJ
 - (c) 306,631,121 MJ
- (2)
- (a) \$5,224,491
 - (b) \$6,806,099
 - (c) \$6,440,454
- (3) and (4) I'm advised that the Department of Education does not currently forecast the volume or cost of gas consumption as our purchases are through whole of government contracts.
- (5) I'm advised that the Department of Education purchases gas through whole of government contracts.

- (4) (6) I'm advised that the Department of Education has undertaken more than 220 projects in the last four years to improve the energy efficiency at NSW government schools, including measures to reduce gas consumption.

*1520 HEALTH—LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL GAS CONSUMPTION—Mr Buckingham 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 was the volume of gas used at Liverpool Hospital in the following years:
 - (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
- (2) What was the cost of gas used at Liverpool Hospital in the following years:
 - (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
- (3) What is the forecast volume of gas that will be used at Liverpool Hospital in the following years:
 - (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
- (4) What is the forecast cost of gas that will be used at Liverpool Hospital in the following years:
 - (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
- (5) How does Liverpool Hospital contract gas?
- (6) What is Liverpool Hospital doing to reduce the cost of gas consumption?

Answer—

In the 3 year period from 2013/14 to 2015/16, approximately 239,613 gigajoules were used by Liverpool Hospital. The cost of gas over this same period was approximately \$2,417,177.

Over the period from 2016/17 to 2019/20, an accurate forecast of consumption reflective of project consumption patterns is not available. An accurate forecast of costs over the same period reflective of project cost patterns is not available.

Hospitals purchase natural gas from whole of government supply contracts. Supply contracts are awarded following competitive tender processes and offer best value for money through economies of scale.

*1521 HEALTH—LISMORE BASE HOSPITAL GAS CONSUMPTION—Mr Buckingham 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 was the volume of gas used at Lismore Base Hospital in the following years:
 - (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
- (2) What was the cost of gas used at Lismore Base Hospital in the following years:
 - (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
- (3) What is the forecast volume of gas that will be used at Lismore Base Hospital in the following years:

- (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
- (4) What is the forecast cost of gas that will be used at Lismore Base Hospital in the following years:
- (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
- (5) How does Lismore Base Hospital contract gas?
- (6) What is Lismore Base Hospital doing to reduce the cost of gas consumption?

Answer—

In the period from 2013/14 to 2015/16, the amount of Liquid Petroleum Gas used by Lismore Base Hospital declined by approximately 48.82%. The cost of gas declined approximately 62.02% in this same period.

The forecast amount and cost of gas that will be used from 2016/17 to 2019/20 is difficult to gauge due to the staged redevelopment at Lismore Base Hospital coming on line at different times during this period.

Hospitals purchase natural gas and LPG from whole of government supply contracts. Supply contracts are awarded following competitive tender processes and offer best value for money through economies of scale.

Local health districts are implementing Energy Performance Contracts which aim to reduce energy use, including natural gas.

*1522 HEALTH—NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL GAS CONSUMPTION—Mr Buckingham 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 was the volume of gas used at Royal North Shore Hospital in the following years:
- (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
- (2) What was the cost of gas used at Royal North Shore Hospital in the following years:
- (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
- (3) What is the forecast volume of gas that will be used at Royal North Shore Hospital in the following years:
- (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
- (4) What is the forecast cost of gas that will be used at Royal North Shore Hospital in the following years:
- (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
- (5) How does Royal North Shore Hospital contract gas?
- (6) What is Royal North Shore Hospital doing to reduce the cost of gas consumption?

Answer—

In the 3 year period from 2013/14 to 2015/16, approximately 269,918 gigajoules were used by North Shore Hospital. The cost of gas over this same period was approximately \$4,786,325.

Over the period from 2016/17 to 2019/20, there is a forecast usage of 62,120 gigajoules per year. Given that a new contract will need to be entered into, it is not possible to provide an accurate estimate of the forecast cost over this period.

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*1523 HEALTH—WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL GAS CONSUMPTION—Mr Buckingham 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 was the volume of gas used at Wollongong Hospital in the following years:
 - (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
- (2) What was the cost of gas used at Wollongong Hospital in the following years:
 - (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
- (3) What is the forecast volume of gas that will be used at Wollongong Hospital in the following years:
 - (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
- (4) What is the forecast cost of gas that will be used at Wollongong Hospital in the following years:
 - (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
- (5) How does Wollongong Hospital contract gas?
- (6) What is Wollongong Hospital doing to reduce the cost of gas consumption?

Answer—

In the 3 year period from 2013/14 to 2015/16, approximately 93,876 gigajoules were used by Wollongong Hospital. The cost of gas over this same period was approximately \$1,006,694.

Over the 4 year period from 2016/17 to 2019/20, there is a forecast usage of 122,530 gigajoules. The average cost gas over this period is \$389,898 per year.

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*1524 HEALTH—TAMWORTH HOSPITAL GAS CONSUMPTION—Mr Buckingham 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 was the volume of gas used at Tamworth Hospital in the following years:
 - (a) 2013/14?

- (b) 2014/15?
- (c) 2015/16?
- (2) What was the cost of gas used at Tamworth Hospital in the following years:
 - (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
- (3) What is the forecast volume of gas that will be used at Tamworth Hospital in the following years:
 - (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
- (4) What is the forecast cost of gas that will be used at Tamworth Hospital in the following years:
 - (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
- (5) How does Tamworth Hospital contract gas?
- (6) What is Tamworth Hospital doing to reduce the cost of gas consumption?

Answer—

- (1) to (6) Hunter New England Local Health District (HNE LHO) advises that Tamworth Hospital's gas usage data is not complete.

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Local health districts are implementing Energy Performance Contracts which aim to reduce energy use including natural gas.

***1525 HEALTH—ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED GAS CONSUMPTION—**Mr Buckingham 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 was the volume of gas used at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in the following years:
 - (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
- (2) What was the cost of gas used at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in the following years:
 - (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
- (3) What is the forecast volume of gas that will be used at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in the following years:
 - (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
- (4) What is the forecast cost of gas that will be used at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in the following years:
 - (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?

(c) 2018/19?

(d) 2019/20?

(5) How does Royal Prince Alfred Hospital contract gas?

(6) What is Royal Prince Alfred Hospital doing to reduce the cost of gas consumption?

Answer—

In the 3 year period from 2013/14 to 2015/16, approximately 243,429 gigajoules were used by Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. The cost of gas over this same period was approximately \$2,256,920. It is projected that gas consumption and cost will increase 9% for 2017-18, 2.5% for 2018-19 and 2.5% for 2019-20.

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Local health districts are implementing Energy Performance Contracts which aim to reduce energy use including natural gas.

*1526 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—ORIGIN ENERGY—Mr Buckingham asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

According to the Australian Energy Regulator the number of complaints from NSW consumers to Origin Energy has increased from 83,491 in 2013-14 to 192,837 in 2014-15 to 325,425 in 2015-16 and there have been 168,790 complaints in the first half of 2016-17.

(1) Does the Government know why has there been such an increase in complaints about Origin Energy? If so, what caused the increase?

(2) Is the Government concerned about this increase in complaints about Origin Energy?

(3) Does the Government have information about the nature of these complaints? And if so what is the nature?

(4) Does the Government have a policy response to this increase in complaints?

Answer—

These changes have resulted in greater self-reporting of complaints to the Australian Energy Regulator (AER), while at the same time Origin Energy has seen a decrease in complaints with the Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW (EWON). I understand that more recently, in consultation with the AER, Origin Energy has again revised its complaints process to align with that used by other retailers, and this is reflected in a lower number of reported complaints for February 2017 onwards.

I am pleased that Origin Energy is working with the Regulator to improve its service performance and management of customer complaints. I note that the Regulator has written to all retailers setting out 2017 priorities for compliance with the National Energy Retail Law. This includes establishing an audit program in the latter half of 2017 focusing on retailer business systems for monitoring their obligations.

In addition, on 16 May this year I held a Retailer Roundtable, inviting energy retailers in NSW including Origin Energy, to an open dialog discussing energy affordability and assisting vulnerable customers. Some issues discussed included:

- Retailer communication to customers
- Best practice payment plans Best practice hardship policies
- Fees and charges
- Price/offer comparisons.

I am continuing to engage with retailers on these matters to ensure best outcomes for energy consumers.

Customers experiencing problems should first contact their energy retailer to discuss the matter. Where a customer is unable to resolve a complaint with their retailer, they can then contact the Energy and Water Ombudsman (EWON), which is the designated dispute resolution authority in NSW.

I encourage customers who are unhappy with their current retailer to take advantage of the benefits that competitive markets offer by shopping around for a better deal. Customers can compare offers at the free independent website www.energymadeeasy.gov.au.

*1527 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BEE HIVES—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Have instances of vandalised or stolen bee hives been reported to police across the past three financial years?

Answer—

Where DPI was made aware of stolen or vandalised bee hives, the complainants had already reported the matters to NSW police. If not, they were advised to do so by the department.

*1528 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BEE SITES ON PUBLIC LAND—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Does the Department of Primary Industries intend to employ a manager for bee sites on public land?
- (a) If so, when will this position be created and filled?
- (b) Where will this position be located?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Primary Industries is in the final stages of a consultation process regarding a consistent approach surrounding apiary sites on public lands.
- (a) A decision on roles to support beekeepers accessing public lands will be made when the consultation process has been completed, with any recruitment to follow as soon as practicable.
- (b) The location of any new position will be chosen with the interests of stakeholders in mind.

*1529 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—NEW SOUTH WALES BEE BIOSECURITY OFFICER—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) When was the New South Wales Bee Biosecurity Officer appointed?
- (2) How long was this position vacant?
- (3) Why was this position vacant for so long?

Answer—

- (1) April 2017
- (2) The position was vacant from the end of October 2016.
- (3) The process to refill the position commenced in November 2016 and was classified according to the Public Sector Employment guidelines. Bee biosecurity services continued to be provided to the industry by the NSW Department of Primary Industries while the position was vacant.

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*1530 POLICE—POLICE INTENTIONAL TORT CLAIMS—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 such confidential settlements as a result of civil litigation against the NSW Police Force were reached in 2016?
- (2) What was the total figure (expressed as a lump sum of the damages) paid as part of confidential settlements by the NSW Police Force in 2016?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) has advised me:

- (1) There were 41 confidential settlements reached by the NSWPF in 2016 in relation to claims of intentional torts committed by police officers.
- (2) The total figure of damages paid out across these 41 settlements was \$1,630,000.

*1531 POLICE—CRITICAL INCIDENTS—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 critical incidents involving police were investigated by the NSW Police Force in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2013/2014?
 - (b) 2014/2015?
 - (c) 2015/2016?
 - (d) 2016 to date?
- (2) How many adverse findings were made against police officers in critical incident investigations in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2013/2014?
 - (b) 2014/2015?
 - (c) 2015/2016?
 - (d) 2016 to date?
- (3) How many disciplinary actions were taken against police as a result of critical incident investigations in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2013/2014?
 - (b) 2014/2015?
 - (c) 2015/2016?
 - (d) 2016 to date?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) 105 from 1 July 2013 to 16 May 2017.
- (2) 12 from 1 July 2013 to 16 May 2017.
- (3) 14 from 1 July 2013 to 16 May 2017.

It should be noted that a complaint investigation relating to a critical incident may not be initiated or finalised until the broader investigation, including coronial inquest, is finalised. The above figures do not account for suspended or ongoing complaint investigations; nor do they include interim management action which may be taken pending the outcome of an investigation.

*1532 POLICE—NSW POLICE OFFENCES—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 serving police officers had criminal convictions made against them in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2013/2014?
 - (b) 2014/2015?
 - (c) 2015/2016?
 - (d) 2016 to date?
- (2) Without identifying individuals what specific offences was each officer charged with for each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2013/2014?
 - (b) 2014/2015?
 - (c) 2015/2016?
 - (d) 2016 to date?
- (3) Is it the case that in the majority of cases, police officers have been convicted of low range prescribed content of alcohol charge, or similar offences?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) There were 36 instances of serving officers having criminal convictions made against them from 1 July 2013 to 15 May 2017. This figure does not take into account any appeals which may be on foot.
- (2) and (3) Access/modify restricted data held in computer; Assault occasioning actual bodily harm; Common assault; Breach of AVO (domestic); Dishonestly obtain financial advantage etc by deception; Drive recklessly/furiously or speed/manner dangerous; Drive vehicle recklessly/furiously or speed/manner dangerous; Drive with high range PCA; Drive with high range PCA - first offence; Drive with mid range PCA - first offence; Drive with low range PCA - first offence; Driver use mobile phone when not permitted; Excluded person re-enter/attempt re-enter premises; Excluded person remain in vicinity of licensed premises; Larceny, value < \$2000; Licence expired less than 2 years before - first offence; Negligent driving (not occasioning death/GBH); Police officer neglect/refuse/not carry out lawful order; Resist officer in execution of duty; Stalk/intimidate intend fear, physical etc harm (personal).

*1533 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS—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) What requirements are there for IMEs in the workers compensation system to keep their own records of interactions and assessments of workers?
- (2) What legal status, if any, do such records have?
 - (a) How long are they retained for?
- (3) What connection, if any, is there between the third party reports used as evidence in legal settings for compensation matters, and any records maintained by IMEs?
- (4) What protections are there for injured workers against medical reports being altered?

Answer—

- (1) As medical practitioners, Independent Medical Examiners are required to comply with applicable medical legislation, which includes requirements for recording keeping. For example the Health Practitioner Regulation (New South Wales) Regulation 2016, requires medical practitioners to keep records of:
 - any information known to the medical practitioner who provides the medical treatment or other medical service to the patient that is relevant to the patient's diagnosis or treatment •
 - particulars of any clinical opinion reached by the medical practitioner
 - particulars of any medical treatment or other medical service that is given to or performed on the patient

The State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) also maintains Guidelines on Independent Medical Examinations and Reports. The Guidelines are issued under section 119 (4) and section 376 of the Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998. The Guidelines covers matters including:

- Conduct of an Independent Medical Examination •
 - Reporting an Independent Medical Examination •
 - Corrections and Updating of Reports.
- (2) The precise legal status of an IME report would need to be determined on a case-by-case basis and in consideration of the specific circumstances of an individual report.
 - (a) As medical practitioners, Independent Medical Examiners are required to comply with applicable medical legislation, which includes requirements for recording keeping. For example the Health Practitioner Regulation (New South Wales) Regulation 2016 includes requirements in relation to the retention of patient records, including that records relating to adults must be kept for at least 7 years.
 - (3) The connection between IME reports and other reports is set out in the Guidelines on Independent Medical Examinations and Reports. The guidelines are published on the NSW Government Gazette website and the State Insurance Regulatory Authority website.

The guidelines note:

The independent medical examiner must be provided with all the information that is relevant to the questions to be addressed. Documents could include a claim form, medical certificates, witness reports, employer reports of injury, clinical notes/reports of treating doctors, medical reports, medical investigation reports, rehabilitation and functional assessment reports, job descriptions and duty statements, details of work with other employers and details of other settlements or awards...

Reports and/or electronic records of lay investigators are not to be provided with referrals for assessment of permanent impairment...

The [independent medical] examination report is to list the material reviewed, provided by the referrer and/or any material provided by the worker at the time of consultation, any facts relied upon, the relevant medical history, examination findings, and the medical reasons for their conclusions.

(4) Depending on the individual circumstance there are a range of protections that might apply, including:

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- Parts 5 and 5A of the Crimes Act 1900, which set out various offences related to forgery of documents and production of false information. •
- Section 317 of the Crimes Act 1900, which makes it an offence to tamper with evidence. •
- Schedule 4 of the Health Practitioner Regulation (New South Wales) Regulation 2016, which stipulates that medical practitioners must not alter a record of a patient, or cause or permit another person to alter a record, in a way that obliterates, obscures or renders illegible information that is already contained in the record. •
- The Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002 imposes requirements on those who collect health information to ensure its accuracy and store it securely. •
- Individuals may also make a complaint about an IME to the Health Care Complaints Commission or the Medical Council of NSW.

*1534 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—LIGHT RAIL PROJECT COSTS—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 estimated total capital cost (excluding light rail vehicles) for the construction of the Newcastle Light Rail?
 - (a) Does this cost include the capital cost of the Wickham interchange?
 - (i) If yes, what is the total capital cost of the Wickham interchange?
 - (b) What is the estimated per kilometre cost for the construction of the Newcastle Light Rail?
 - (c) What is the expected ratio of farebox revenue to operational and maintenance costs for the Newcastle Light Rail?
- (2) What is the current estimated total capital cost (excluding light rail vehicles) for the construction of the CBD and South East Light Rail project?
 - (a) What is the estimated per kilometre cost for the construction of the CBD and South East Light Rail?
 - (b) What is the expected ratio of farebox revenue to operational and maintenance costs for the CBD and South East Light Rail?
- (3) What was the total capital cost (excluding light rail vehicles) for the construction of the Dulwich Hill to Lilyfield light rail extension?
 - (a) What was the per kilometre cost for the construction of the Dulwich Hill to Lilyfield light rail extension?
 - (b) What is the ratio of farebox revenue to operational and maintenance costs for the Dulwich Hill to Lilyfield light rail extension?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Light rail is being delivered as part of the NSW Government's \$500 million plus investment to revitalise Newcastle. Because Newcastle light rail is being delivered by a Managing Contractor- who will subcontract the majority of the work- detailed cost breakdowns have not been released to ensure the tender process remains competitive, and to ensure Novocastrians get the best value from this investment.

- (2) The total delivery cost for the CBD and South East Light Rail Project is \$2.1 billion.
- (a) The \$2.1 billion cost is not split into components- valuations for individual components are carried out when the asset is capitalised in Transport for NSW's balance sheet. This is a standard arrangement for PPPs.
 - (b) When the CBD and South East Light Rail commences, the Sydney Light Rail network will be comprised of the Inner West and CBD and South East segments. Farebox revenue and operational and maintenance costs will be generated for the entire network, not for a specific segment.
- (3) and (a) The 5.6 kilometer Inner West Light Rail extension from Lilyfield to Dulwich Hill was completed in 2014. Total costs (excluding light rail vehicles) were \$182 million. These costs include: property acquisition, environment and planning approvals, design, program delivery, Transport for NSW costs and construction.
- (b) Fare box revenue and operational and maintenance costs are generated for the entire Inner West Light Rail network, Central to Dulwich Hill, not for a specific segment of the network such as Dulwich Hill to Lilyfield .

*1535 ENVIRONMENT—GANG GANG WATERFALL—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) Is the Minister aware that the Gang Gang waterfall, the Sunnyside East Swamp and the Carne West Swamp, near Lithgow are either completely dry or are in the process of drying up?
- (2) Will the Minister investigate the sources of this drying, including long wall mining at the Springvale Colliery?
 - (a) If yes, what actions will the Minister take to return water to these water sources?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.
- (2) This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.

*1536 ENVIRONMENT—HIBBERTIA FUMANA PLANT—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) When did the Office of Environment and Heritage become aware that a community of the plant Hibbertia Fumana was found in South-West Sydney?
- (2) When did the Minister for the Environment become aware that a community of the plant Hibbertia Fumana was found in South-West Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) November 2016.
- (2) November 2016.

*1537 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—MALDON TO DOMBARTON RAIL LINE—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) What is the date of the latest business case for the Maldon to Dombarton Rail Line?
- (2) In relation to the comments made by the Minister that the rail line 'would not justify its costs' in the article 'Calls to finish semi-completed Maldon to Dombarton rail line to ease commuter crush' which appeared on news.com.au on 10 April 2017, were these comments based on the findings of the latest business case?

(a) If not, what is the date of the business case the Minister was referring to?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) June 2014.

(2) The comments relate to Infrastructure Australia's evaluation of the business case released in February 2017 which noted that "the project would not justify its costs and would impose a net cost on the Australian economy".

*1538 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—THIRROUL RAIL TUNNEL STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT—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 completed a strategic assessment or strategic paper on a rail tunnel under Thirroul? If yes:

(a) What is the date of this assessment?

(b) Is the strategic assessment or strategic paper publically available?

(c) What were the findings of this assessment?

Answer—

I am advised :

No.

*1539 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CASINO TO MURWILLUMBAH RAIL LINE TRACK—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) Was the Casino to Murwillumbah rail line track damaged in the flooding in Northern NSW in March 2017?

(a) If yes, what is the extent of the damage?

(b) If yes, what action or planned action is the Government taking to repair the line?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

(a) Multiple infrastructure assets, including nine rail under bridges, two drainage culverts, and four sections of track were damaged in the recent flooding.

(b) An action plan is under way to perform the necessary maintenance and restoration works for affected infrastructure assets.

*1540 DISABILITY SERVICES, MULTICULTURALISM—FACS CLINICAL INNOVATION AND GOVERNANCE - FUNDING RESPONSIBILITIES—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) Is the FACS Clinical Innovation and Governance which provides practice leadership and coordination of services for people with complex needs and challenging behaviour funded by the NDIS or the Government?

(2) If it is the Government's responsibility what funds is the Government committing to it?

Answer—

(1) FACS Clinical Innovation and Governance is a NSW Government operated service, which provides practice leadership and tertiary level behaviour supports for people with complex needs and

challenging behaviour. FACS Clinical Innovation and Governance is not responsible for the coordination of services for people with complex needs and challenging behaviour.

- (2) From 1 July 2018, the funding for FACS Clinical Innovation and Governance will be transitioned to the NDIS in accordance with the Bilateral Agreement between the Commonwealth and New South Wales: Transition to a National Disability Insurance Scheme.

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*1541 AGEING—AGE PENSION—Ms Walker asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

- (1) How many people over the age of 65:
- (a) Subsist entirely on the Age Pension, as opposed to a part-pension?
 - (b) Are single females subsisting entirely on the Age Pension?
 - (c) Are homeless or dependent upon others for accommodation because of unaffordable housing, and what proportion of these are women?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) and (b) As the Federal Government has responsibility for the Age Pension, all matters relating to the Age Pension for people over the age of 65 should be referred to the Commonwealth Government.
 - (c) Data on people experiencing homelessness is collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as part of the national Census. I am advised the results of the 2016 Census collection will be published by the ABS during 2017. The NSW Government is developing a new homelessness strategy.

*1542 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—CENTRAL COAST WARDS ELECTOR NUMBER—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) When they were proclaimed on 12 May 2016, was the discrepancy in the number of electors in the wards of Central Coast Council, especially Gosford West and Gosford East Wards, contrary to the requirements of section 210 (7) of the Local Government Act?
- (2) What was the number of electors in each ward of Central Coast Council on 12 May 2016? 3. What is the current number of electors in each ward? 4. What is the responsibility of the Administrator to act to resolve any disparity?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Prior to proclamation, the NSW Electoral Commission certified that the wards of Central Coast Council met the requirements of section 210 (7) of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act).
- (2) The number of electors in each ward as certified by the NSW Electoral Commission prior to proclamation was:
 - (a) Gosford West- 49,538
 - (b) Gosford East - 49,455
 - (c) The Entrance - 48,402
 - (d) Wyong - 48,865
 - (e) Budgewoi - 49,173
- (3) Current numbers of electors in each ward will be confirmed once electoral rolls close for the 2017 local government elections.

(4) See section 211 of the Local Government Act 1993.

*1543 ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR SKILLS—STAFF EXPENDITURE UNDER ONE TAFE MANAGEMENT MODEL—Ms Walker asked 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) Under the previous TAFE model, what was the total expenditure on executive/management level positions over the following years:
 - (a) 2010/11?
 - (b) 2011/12?
 - (c) 2012/13?
 - (d) 2013/14?
 - (e) 2014/15?
 - (f) 2015/16?
- (2) Under the previous TAFE model, what was the total expenditure on clerical/administration positions over the following years:
 - (a) 2010/11?
 - (b) 2011/12?
 - (c) 2012/13?
 - (d) 2013/14?
 - (e) 2014/15?
 - (f) 2015/16?
- (3) Under the previous TAFE model, what was the total expenditure on face-to-face teaching positions over the following years:
 - (a) 2010/11?
 - (b) 2011/12?
 - (c) 2012/13?
 - (d) 2013/14?
 - (e) 2014/15?
 - (f) 2015/16?
- (4) Under the One TAFE operating budget, what is the total expenditure allocated to executive/management level positions for the following years:
 - (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
 - (e) 2020/21?
 - (f) 2021/22?
- (5) Under the One TAFE operating budget, what is the total expenditure allocated to clerical/administration level positions over the following years:
 - (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
 - (e) 2020/21?
 - (f) 2021/22?
- (6) Under the One TAFE operating budget, what is the total expenditure allocated to face-to-face teaching positions over the following years:
 - (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?

- (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
 - (e) 2020/21?
 - (f) 2021/22?
- (7) Under the One TAFE operating model, what is the projected number of FTE executive/management positions over the following years:
- (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
 - (e) 2020/21?
 - (f) 2021/22?
- (8) Under the One TAFE operating model, what is the projected number of FTE clerical/administration positions over the following years:
- (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
 - (e) 2020/21?
 - (f) 2021/22?
- (9) Under the One TAFE operating model, what is the projected number of FTE face-to-face teaching positions over the following years:
- (a) 2016/17?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2018/19?
 - (d) 2019/20?
 - (e) 2020/21?
 - (f) 2021/22?
- (10) Under the One TAFE operating model, how is the number of executive/management positions determined?
- (11) Under the One TAFE operating model, how is the number of clerical/administration positions determined?
- (12) Under the One TAFE operating model, how is the number of face-to-face teaching positions determined?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) This information is publicly available in TAFE NSW's Annual Report or in the Department of Education and Communities Annual Report prior to 2015.
- (4) Information on executive remuneration will be publicly available in TAFE NSW's Annual Report.
- (5) to (12) Future staffing levels within TAFE NSW are variable and determined by the level of demand for training and education. As part of the One TAFE modernisation reforms, TAFE NSW is reducing duplication across administration and management.

*1544 LANDS AND FORESTRY—PURPLE SPOTTED GUDGEON AND OXYLEAN PYGMY PERCH—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) In relation to the Purple Spotted Gudgeon:
- (a) Is it the case that Forestry Corporation was not required to take Department of Primary Industries (DPI) mapping of indicative Purple Spotted Gudgeon habitat into account when

- planning or executing its logging operations until that mapping had been provided by the Department to Forestry Corporation?
- (b) When did DPI provide its May 2016 mapping of Purple Spotted Gudgeon habitat to the Forestry Corporation?
 - (c) When did DPI first become aware that Forestry Corporation was logging compartments encompassing Class 1 or Class 2 habitat of Purple Spotted Gudgeon, without satisfying the requirements of its Integrated Forestry Operations Approval relating to the Fisheries Management Act (Fisheries Licence)?
 - (d) Has DPI taken steps to ensure that Forestry Corporation has complied with its Fisheries Licence?
 - (e) How many compartments encompassing Class 1 or Class 2 habitat of Purple Spotted Gudgeon has the Forestry Corporation logged without preparing Aquatic Habitat Assessments that considered Purple Spotted Gudgeon and/or involved logging of "unmapped" drainage lines, since May 2016?
 - (f) Has DPI NSW commenced any investigations or prosecuted Forestry Corporation for any cases of non-compliance with its Fisheries Licence?
- (2) In relation to the Oxleyan Pygmy Perch:
- (a) When was distribution data for the Oxleyan Pygmy Perch and a GIS based map of its distribution provided to the Forestry Corporation?
 - (b) Which state forest compartments encompassing Class 1 or Class 2 habitat for the Oxleyan Pygmy Perch have been subjected to forestry operations since 2004/5?
 - (c) For which of the compartments referred to in 2b) was an Aquatic Habitat Assessment prepared that explicitly considered the Oxleyan Pygmy Perch?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) Forestry Corporation of NSW considers information provided by the Department of Primary Industries – Fisheries in line with the requirements of the Fisheries Licence.
 - (b) July 2016.
 - (c) DPI commenced investigations into potential breaches of the Fisheries Licence in March 2017, following allegations of illegal logging raised by the North East Forest Alliance.
 - (d) DPI Fisheries is investigating allegations of illegal logging raised by the North East Forest Alliance in relation to threatened fish habitat protection.
 - (e) Aquatic Habitat Assessments are prepared for all native forest operations and these assessments consider any threatened species that have the potential to occur.
 - (f) The allegations are currently subject to an investigation by a DPI Fisheries specialist compliance team and the outcome will be advised in due course.
- (2)
- (a) Forestry Corporation receives maps and information from the Department of Primary Industries – Fisheries in relation to this species from time to time as their data is reviewed and updated. The most recent data was provided on 5 April 2017.
 - (b) and (c) This information is not readily available as it is filed with individual harvest plans and not centrally collated.

*1545 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS CARETAKER PERIOD—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) When does the caretaker period begin for local government councils where an election is scheduled for 9 September 2017?
- (2) What additional limitations and restrictions are there on activities, announcements and decision making by councils during this caretaker period?
- (3) Will Local Representation Committees continue to meet during this caretaker period?

Answer—

I am advised :

- (1) Refer to section 3938 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (the Regulation).
- (2) See Above.
- (3) The Government has recommended to merged councils that Local Representation Committees conclude when the caretaker period commences.

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*1546 ENVIRONMENT—APIARY SITE FEES—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 the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What is the annual revenue received by the Government from apiary site fees on National Parks since 2010-11?

Answer—

I am advised that this information can be found at <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/whoweare/reports.htm>

Supplementary answer provided on 30 June 2017:

I am advised:

- (1) The answer provided to Parliament on 15 June 2017 stated that revenue from apiary site fees is available on the reports page of the Office of Environment and Heritage website. However, reported revenue is aggregated, and individual financial line items are not distinguishable.
- (2) In relation to apiary site fee revenue, the Office of Environment and Heritage received:

Year	Revenue
2010-11	\$119,092
2011-12	\$138,954
2012-13	\$152,661
2013-14	\$163,264
2014-15	\$172,902
2015-16	\$183,695

*1547 LANDS AND FORESTRY—APIARY SITE FEES—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 annual revenue received by the Government from apiary site fees since 2010-11 on:
 - (a) Crown Lands?
 - (b) State Forest Lands?

Answer—

- (1) Total revenue from apiary site fees on Crown Lands and State Forests is reported below:

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
\$126,771	\$120,558	\$179,006	\$261,786	\$259,020	\$317,467

- *1548 LANDS AND FORESTRY—TRAVELLING STOCK 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—

Can the Minister provide a list in tabular form of Travelling Stock Reserves in New South Wales, the local government areas in which they are located and the status of each reserve (reserve or dedication purpose)?

Answer—

This information is publicly available online via:

<https://trade.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=2f2a0f1efae14f7cb79cf900d012ccc3>

- *1549 SOCIAL HOUSING—YOUTH HOMELESSNESS—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) How does the Government measure youth homelessness?
- (2) What are the Government's figures on youth homelessness in Western Sydney for each financial year from 2013-14 to date?
- (3) What is the Government doing to address youth homelessness in Western Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised that homelessness data is available on the Australian Bureau of Statistics website.

Information regarding youth homelessness services in Western Sydney is available on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) website. <http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/help-with-housing/specialist-homelessness-services/find-a-service>

Information regarding the Premier's Priority on reducing youth homelessness is available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/premiers-priorities/reducing-youth-homelessness/>.

In March, I visited Mt Druitt to make an announcement regarding youth homelessness in Western Sydney. Details are also available on the FACS website. https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/about_us/media_releases/ladder-step-up-launches-in-western-sydney.

- *1550 WESTCONNEX—WESTCONNEX SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE STANDARDS—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 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?

Answer—

I am advised that in accordance with the haulage contracts for the New M4 and New M5, all contractors and sub-contractors must have processes in place to comply with Heavy Vehicle National Law and Work Place Health and Safety legislation.

Contractors undertake regular audits of truck driver work diary sheets to verify compliance with Heavy Vehicle National Law, work and rest hour fatigue requirements.

Sydney Motorway Corporation is committed to ensuring compliance and has engaged a Chief Heavy Vehicle Compliance Officer to review contractor compliance systems and implement any necessary reforms.

- *1551 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—WESTCONNEX EMPLOYEE DRIVERS—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) 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) How many instances of non-compliance with the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator safety and compliance standards by contractors or subcontractors working on or in relation to the WestConnex project have been reported to Roads and Maritime Services?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for WestConnex.

*1552 TREASURER—ANNUAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE GROWTH—Mr Graham 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) What was the annual capital expenditure growth in nominal percentage terms in:
 - (a) 2010-11?
 - (b) 2011-12?
 - (c) 2012-13?
 - (d) 2013-14?
 - (e) 2014-15?
 - (f) 2015-16?
 - (g) 2016-17?
- (2) In dollar figures how much red tape has been cut by the Government since coming to office in March 2011?

Answer—

- (1) The annual capital expenditure growth for the Total State Sector in nominal percentage terms over the past 7 years, comparing actual expenditure (except for 2016-17 where the comparison is to the 201 6-17 Budget) is as follows:
 - (a) decrease of 9.1 per cent in 2010-11
 - (b) decrease of 12.0 per cent in 2011-12
 - (c) increase of 8.2 per cent in 2012-13
 - (d) decrease of 1.9 per cent in 201 3-14
 - (e) decrease of 3.3 per cent in 201 4-15
 - (f) increase of 21.3 percent in 2015-16
 - (g) increase of 34.2 per cent in 201 6-17

The last years indicated here are estimates based on the 2016-17 Budget.

- (2) The NSW Government's \$750 million red tape reduction target commitment is complete. From September 2011 to June 2015, the target was exceeded by \$146 million, and reduced regulatory costs for business and the community by \$896 million in annual terms. Government agencies implemented 308 reforms over the five year life of the commitment. A further 45 reforms implemented from June to December 2015 generated an additional \$83.5 million in cost savings, bringing overall cost savings to \$979.5 million.

*1553 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—AVERAGE ELECTRICITY RELIABILITY—Mr Graham asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What was the average electricity reliability for New South Wales in 2016?

Answer—

I am advised that during 2016, NSW electricity customers on average experienced less than one interruption and were without electricity supply for less than two hours.

These figures are based on internationally recognised outage measures for electricity supply reliability. They relate to unplanned outages lasting longer than one minute and exclude outages caused by extreme events such as declared natural disasters.

*1554 POLICE—CRIME IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Graham 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) What was the percentage rate of increase or decrease in property crime in New South Wales between 2010 and 2016?
- (2) What was the percentage rate of increase or decrease in violent personal crime in New South Wales between 2010 and 2016?
- (3) What was the percentage rate of increase or decrease in alcohol related crime in New South Wales between 2010 and 2016?
- (4) In the National Survey of Community Satisfaction with Policing in 2016 what was the proportion of the New South Wales population that perceived problems with:
 - (a) Speeding cars or dangerous drivers?
 - (b) Graffiti and other Vandalism?
 - (c) Drunken or disorderly behaviour?
 - (d) Louts or gangs?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) Information about crime rates is publicly available from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) at www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au.
- (4) The NSW Police Force has advised that survey results for the nominated categories are available in the NSW Police Force 2015-16 Annual Report, noting that the survey results for NSW are broadly comparable to the Australian results.

*1555 ATTORNEY GENERAL—COURT DEALINGS—Mr Graham asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General—

- (1) What was the proportion of offenders who re-offended within 24 months in 2016?
- (2) What percentage of pending criminal matters in the local court were dealt within 6 months in 2016?
- (3) What percentage of pending civil matters in the district court were dealt within 12 months in 2016?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Statistics on reoffending rates are available on the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research website at www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au. The next update of data is scheduled for publication in June 2018.
- (2) and (3) Extensive information about court performance times in the NSW Local and District Courts are published in the Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services 2017 at www.pc.gov.au.

*1556 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—NEW SOUTH WALES VOLUNTEERS—Mr Graham asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What was the proportion of the total community in New South Wales involved in volunteering in:
 - (a) 2010?
 - (b) 2016?

Answer—

I am advised that this question should be referred to the Minister for Multiculturalism, the Hon Ray

Williams MP as the Minister responsible for volunteering.

*1557 EDUCATION—KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS 'READY FOR SCHOOL'—Mr Graham asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) What was the proportion of Kindergarten students assessed as 'ready for school' in literacy and in numeracy under the Best Start assessment program in 2016?

Answer—

I'm advised students who scored level 1 or higher on one or more critical aspects in the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment are assessed as 'ready for school' in literacy and/or numeracy.

55,157 students (78%) who participated in the 2016 Best Start Kindergarten Assessment were assessed as 'ready for school' for literacy skills.

65,876 students (93%) who participated in the 2016 Best Start Kindergarten Assessment were assessed as 'ready for school' for numeracy skills.

*1558 PREMIER—APPRENTICE AND CADET EMPLOYMENT—Mr Graham 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 apprentices and cadets did the Government employ in:
- (a) 2010?
 - (b) 2011?
 - (c) 2012?
 - (d) 2013?
 - (e) 2014?
 - (f) 2015?
 - (g) 2016?

Answer—

I refer you to my previous answer on this topic.

*1559 PLANNING—NEW DWELLINGS IN SYDNEY METROPOLITAN AREA AND THE CENTRAL COAST—Mr Graham 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) In the Sydney Metropolitan Area and the Central Coast combined how many dwellings were built between 2004 and 2016?
- (a) Of these how many were built in existing urban areas?
 - (b) How many were in greenfield locations?
- (2) How many stocks of land were zoned and serviced with trunk infrastructure in the Sydney Metropolitan Region and the Central Coast between 2004 and 2016?
- (3) How many new dwellings have been delivered in regional areas of New South Wales since 2010?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) For the Sydney Metro 245,104 dwellings were completed in this period.

Of this total, 197,266 new dwellings were built in existing urban areas and 47,838 were constructed in greenfield locations.

The Department does not hold data for the Central Coast prior to 2008. We can clarify that an additional 6,094 dwellings were completed in the Central Coast between 2008-2016.

Of this number, 4,164 new dwellings were built in existing urban areas and 1,930 were constructed in greenfield locations.

- (2) Land Rezoned and Land Serviced (Trunk & Lead-In) is captured as available stock at a point in time, not activity (flow).

As of 30th of June 2016, rezoned land with the potential of more than 140,700 dwellings was available across Sydney and Central Coast. At this time, trunk infrastructure extended to land with potential for more than 115,700 dwellings.

- (3) 84,319 dwellings were completed in regional NSW between January 2010 to December 2016.

*1560 EDUCATION—TAMWORTH HIGH SCHOOL MAINTENANCE BACKLOG—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) Was Tamworth High School considered by the Department of Education for additional funding to fill growing maintenance backlogs in New South Wales schools, announced by you on 2 May 2017?
- (2) Why did Tamworth High School miss out on the additional schools maintenance funding announced by you on 2 May 2017?
- (3) How many times have you met with Kevin Anderson MP to discuss school maintenance backlog funding in the Tamworth Electorate prior to 2 May 2017?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.

- (2) I'm advised that Tamworth High School will benefit from the extra \$390 million planned maintenance funding program which was announced by the local Member on 17 May 2017.

I'm further advised this funding will continue to address the \$1 billion education maintenance backlog left by Labor when we came to government.

The Department of Education works directly with principals to develop a program of maintenance works for every school. The backlog maintenance at each school reflects the estimated cost of current and future repair work required to ensure buildings continue to perform at an acceptable level.

At any time, the maintenance liability will be a mixture of work that needs to be done immediately and forecast work that may need to be done in the future, depending on how the facility is performing. So, only a portion of the maintenance liability at any one time is work that is currently required.

Any maintenance issue that poses a safety risk to students or staff is addressed immediately. Any broken items in classrooms that impact on teaching and learning are addressed as a matter of priority by the school or the department.

- (3) I regularly meet with my fellow members of parliament to discuss education matters.

*1561 CORRECTIONS—SEXUAL ASSAULTS IN JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Mookhey asked 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—

- (1) How many sexual assaults occurred in New South Wales juvenile justice centres in:
- (a) 2013-2014?
 - (b) 2014-2015?
 - (c) 2015-2016?
 - (d) 2016-2017 (to date)?
- (2) How many physical assaults occurred in New South Wales juvenile justice centres in:
- (a) 2013-2014?
 - (b) 2014-2015?
 - (c) 2015-2016?
 - (d) 2016-2017 (to date)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The data refers to incidents of proven sexual assault and allegations of sexual assault of a young person. The Juvenile Justice reporting system does not separate the data. It includes incidents with sexual contact and also verbal threats of sexual assault.
 - (a) 2013-2014 3
 - (b) 2014-2015 0
 - (c) 2015-2016 0
 - (d) 1 July 2016-15 May 2017 3
- (2) The data refers to incidents of proven physical assault and allegations of physical assaults of a young person. The Juvenile Justice reporting system does not separate the data. Physical assault includes behaviours such as punching, pushing, and throwing objects.
 - (a) 2013-2014 214
 - (b) 2014-2015 244
 - (c) 2015-2016 242
 - (d) 1 July 2016-15 May 2017 195

Source: DJJJ RPELive. 26 May 2017. As this is taken from a live database, figures are subject to change.

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- 1562 PREMIER—WAGGA WAGGA LIBRARY FUNDING—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- 1563 PLANNING—DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL APPLICATIONS—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 Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—
- 1564 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL APPLICATIONS—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—
- 1565 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—COUNCIL AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEES—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—
- 1566 LANDS AND FORESTRY—NSW CROWN HOLIDAY PARKS TRUST—Mr Veitch 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—
- 1567 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FISHERIES STAFF—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 1568 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—THE REGISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVE AND ASSOCIATIONS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- 1569 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CROWN LAND ROADS—Mr Veitch 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—
- 1570 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FISHERS SHARE TRADING EXERCISE—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 1571 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CROWN LANDS WEED AND PEST FUNDING—Mr Veitch 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—
- 1572 LANDS AND FORESTRY—FOREST WEED AND PEST FUNDING—Mr Veitch 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—
- 1573 LANDS AND FORESTRY—NSW CROWN HOLIDAY PARK TRUST—Mr Veitch 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—
- 1574 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—HORNSBY STATION COMMUTER CARPARK—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—
- *1575 ENVIRONMENT—ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY APPROVAL FOR WILLIAMTOWN—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 the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) Is the Environmental Protection Authority required to give consent for the Federal Government or the Royal Australian Air Force to test for airborne contamination at Williamtown?
- (a) If yes, has the Federal Government or Royal Australian Air Force requested consent?
- (i) If yes, what is the current status of this request?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- (1) No.
- (a) Not applicable.
- (i) Not applicable.
- 1576 RACING—HOTEL LIQUOR LICENCES—Mr Field 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—
- 1577 RACING—SMALL BAR LICENCES—Mr Field 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—
- 1578 RACING—PRIMARY SERVICE AUTHORISATIONS—Mr Field 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—

- 1579 RACING—PACKAGED LIQUOR LICENCES—Mr Field 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—
- 1580 RACING—EXTENDED TRADING AUTHORISATIONS—Mr Field 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—
- 1581 RACING—VARIATIONS TO EXISTING EXTENDED TRADING AUTHORISATION CONDITIONS—Mr Field 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—
- 1582 RACING—CLUBS—Mr Field 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—
- 1583 RACING—MANLY FERRIES REVIEW OF ON-PREMISE LICENCE—Mr Field 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—
- 1584 RACING—INDEPENDENT LIQUOR AND GAMING ASSOCIATION LICENSING APPROVAL PROCESS—Mr Field 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—
- 1585 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—POWER OUTAGES—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1586 REGIONAL WATER—NEW SOUTH WALES WATER OFFICES—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 1587 HEALTH—WAGGA WAGGA RURAL REFERRAL HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Mookhey 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—
- 1588 TREASURER—GLOBAL RENEWABLES—Mr Shoebridge to ask 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—
- 1589 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—GLOBAL RENEWABLES—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 Finance, Services and Property—

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- 1590 LANDS AND FORESTRY—EDEN WOODCHIP MILL—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—

- 1591 ENVIRONMENT—EDEN WOODCHIP MILL—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—
- 1592 LANDS AND FORESTRY—MURRAH FLORA RESERVE—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—
- 1593 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—CYCLISTS AND MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS—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—
- 1594 POLICE—CYCLISTS AND MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS—Dr Faruqi 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—

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- 1595 POLICE—POLICE CAR PURSUITS—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—
- 1596 TREASURER—NSW TREASURY AND AMERICAN EXPRESS—Ms Voltz to ask 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—
- 1597 DISABILITY SERVICES—PRACTICE LEADER POSITIONS—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 1598 DISABILITY SERVICES—INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY MENTAL HEALTH AT UNIVERSITY NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 1599 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—1080 BAITING—Mr Pearson to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 1600 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—ELEPHANT IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN—Mr Pearson to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 1601 ENVIRONMENT—WILD HORSE TRAPPING—Mr Pearson 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—
- 1602 ENVIRONMENT—PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR WILD HORSES—Mr Pearson 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—

- 1603 ENVIRONMENT—FLYING FOX CULLING—Mr Pearson 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—
- 1604 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—NEXT GENERATION INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES 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—
- 1605 RESOURCES—SPRINGVALE COAL MINE—Mr Buckingham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1606 ENVIRONMENT—SPRINGVALE COAL MINE—Mr Buckingham 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—
- 1607 REGIONAL WATER—SPRINGVALE COAL MINE—Mr Buckingham to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 1608 ENVIRONMENT—MURRAH FLORA RESERVES—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—

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- 1609 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—Q FEVER—Mr Veitch to ask 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—
- 1610 HEALTH—Q FEVER VACCINATIONS—Mr Veitch 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—
- 1611 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—MURRAY COD—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 1612 POLICE—MURRAY COD—Mr Veitch 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—
- 1613 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—COSTS OF RUNNING BUSES—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—
- 1614 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—LEICHHARDT BUS DEPOT UPGRADES—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—

- 1615 POLICE—POLICE DRUG DETECTION DOGS AND PROSECUTION—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—
- 1616 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—CASE WORKER NUMBERS—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 1617 POLICE—DRUG DOG SEARCHES FOLLOWING INDICATIONS—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—
- 1618 POLICE—DRUG DOG STRIP SEARCHES FOLLOWING INDICATIONS—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—
- 1619 POLICE—DRUG DOG SEARCHES BY LOCAL AREA COMMAND—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—
- 1620 POLICE—DRUG DOG SEARCHES BY TRAIN STATION—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—
- 1621 HEALTH—PELVIC MESH SURGERY—Mr Shoebridge 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—
- 1622 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—F6 EXTENSION—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—
- 1623 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL—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—
- 1624 ENVIRONMENT—LEASING IN THREDBO AREA—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—
- 1625 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—NORTHERN BEACHES LINK—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—
- 1626 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—CONSTRUCTION OF NEW WOMEN ONLY REFUGES—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing 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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- 1627 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—TAXI TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME REVIEW—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—
- 1628 LANDS AND FORESTRY—MATURE AND OLD GROWTH FORESTS—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—
- 1629 POLICE—DISCRIMINATION AND GIPA PROCEEDINGS AGAINST NSW POLICE—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—
- 1630 PREMIER—FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Secord to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- 1631 TREASURER—FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Secord to ask 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—
- 1632 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Secord to ask 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—
- 1633 POLICE—FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Secord 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—

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- 1634 POLICE—PENALTY NOTICES ISSUED FOR DRIVING OFFENCES—Dr Faruqi 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—
- 1635 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—MONEY COLLECTED FOR DRIVING OFFENCES—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—
- 1636 TREASURER—MONEY COLLECTED FOR DRIVING OFFENCES—Dr Faruqi to ask 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—
- 1637 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD AND SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL—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—
- 1638 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—B-LINE BUS PROJECT—Mr Secord 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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1639 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—CUMBERLAND COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR—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) On 12 May 2016 was Mr Viv May appointed as the Administrator of the merged Cumberland Council?
- (2) Prior to this appointment, was Mr May an Associate at LKS Quaero Pty Ltd?
- (3) Does Mr May's 'Linked – In' Account list him as having been an Associate at LKS Quaero Pty Ltd for 2 years and 6 months, from January 2015 to the present?
 - (a) If so, on what date did Mr May cease to be an Associate at LKS Quaero Pty Ltd?
- (4) At the Extraordinary Meeting of Cumberland Council on 24 May 2017, does the Contracts Budget Review Statement for the quarter ended 31 March 2017 show inter alia that the following two contracts had been entered into:
 - (a) LKS Quaero Pty Ltd for \$50,875 (start date 28/02/17)?
 - (b) LKS Quaero Pty Ltd for \$50,875 (Q – 2017 003)?

1640 ARTS—MORUNDAH COMMUNITY THEATRE—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What action will the Minister take to assist the community of Morundah to complete their new community theatre, which will replace their old pig shed opera house?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the community has already raised \$500,000 but requires an additional \$70,000 to complete the project?

1641 PREMIER—PROPERTY DEVELOPER STATUS—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—

In relation to the 2016 local government election, how many persons:

- (1) Were brought to the attention of the NSW Electoral Commission for allegedly making a false statement under s. 359 of the Local Government (General) Regulation on their candidate information sheets regarding their status as a property developer or as a close associate of a corporation that is a property developer?
- (2) Were investigated for allegedly making a false statement under s. 359 of the Local Government (General) Regulation on their candidate information sheets regarding their status as a property developer or as a close associate of a corporation that is a property developer?
- (3) Had legal action commenced against them for allegedly making a false statement under s. 359 of the Local Government (General) Regulation on their candidate information sheets regarding their status as a property developer or as a close associate of a corporation that is a property developer?

1642 ATTORNEY GENERAL—PROPERTY DEVELOPER STATUS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General—

In relation to the 2016 local government election, how many persons:

- (1) Were investigated under the Oaths Act for allegedly making a false statement on their candidate information sheets regarding their status as a property developer or as a close associate of a corporation that is a property developer?
- (2) Had legal action commenced against them under the Oaths Act for allegedly making a false statement on their candidate information sheets regarding their status as a property developer or as a close associate of a corporation that is a property developer?

- 1643 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—PROPERTY DEVELOPER STATUS—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—

In relation to the 2016 local government election, how many persons:

- (1) Were brought to the attention of the NSW Electoral Commission for allegedly making a false statement under s. 359 of the Local Government (General) Regulation on their candidate information sheets regarding their status as a property developer or as a close associate of a corporation that is a property developer?
- (2) Were investigated for allegedly making a false statement under s. 359 of the Local Government (General) Regulation on their candidate information sheets regarding their status as a property developer or as a close associate of a corporation that is a property developer?
- (3) Had legal action commenced against them for allegedly making a false statement under s. 359 of the Local Government (General) Regulation on their candidate information sheets regarding their status as a property developer or as a close associate of a corporation that is a property developer?

- 1644 HEALTH—AUSTRALIAN SENTINEL EVENTS LIST—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—

The term 'sentinel events' which refers to a subset of eight adverse events that result in death or serious harm to a patient, was endorsed by the Council of Australian Health Ministers in 2002:

- (1) How many total sentinel incidents have occurred in New South Wales for the period:
 - (a) 2011-12?
 - (b) 2012-13?
 - (c) 2013-14?
 - (d) 2014-15?
 - (e) 2015-2016?
 - (f) 2016 calendar year?
 - (g) From 1 January 2017 to 19 June 2017?
- (2) For the same periods of time as above, what were the total number of incidents for each of the following categories:
 - (a) Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function?
 - (b) Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit?
 - (c) Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedures?
 - (d) Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage?
 - (e) Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO incompatibility?
 - (f) Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs?
 - (g) Maternal death associated with pregnancy, birth and the puerperium?
 - (h) Infant discharged to the wrong family?

- 1645 LANDS AND FORESTRY—EDEN WHARF—Mr Veitch 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—

- (1) What funds have been spent to date on the extension of the Eden Wharf?
- (2) What is the contribution of the federal Government to the project?
- (3) What is the contribution of Bega Valley Council to the project?
- (4) How far behind schedule is the project?
- (5) What is the nature of the delays to the project?

- (6) Did the Member for Bega raise his concerns over the delay to the Eden Wharf project with the Minister for Lands and Forestry?
- (7) Does the Minister know which Sydney public servants the Member for Bega referred to as giving "a rocket"?
- (8) Did the Minister consent or give permission to the Member for Bega speaking directly with the responsible public servants? If not, why not?
- (9) Can the Minister ascertain that there was no breach of Work Health and Safety legislation when the Minister gave public servants "a rocket"?
- 1646 LANDS AND FORESTRY—BEE KEEPING ON STATE FOREST LAND—Mr Veitch 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—
- (1) How many tenancies exist on State Forest land for the purposes of bee keeping?
- (2) What is the total revenue of tenancies for bee keeping purposes on State Forest land?
- (3) Please provide a list of all tenancies (excluding personal information) on State Forest land for bee keeping purposes and the associated rents paid?
- 1647 LANDS AND FORESTRY—BEE KEEPING ON CROWN LAND—Mr Veitch 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—
- (1) How many tenancies exist on Crown Land managed by the Department of Industry-Lands for the purposes of bee keeping?
- (2) What is the total revenue of tenancies for bee keeping purposes on Crown Land managed by the Department of Industry-Lands?
- (3) Please provide a list of all tenancies on Crown Land (excluding personal information) managed by the Department of Industry-Lands for bee keeping purposes and the associated rents paid?
- 1648 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CROWN LAND SHOWGROUNDS—Mr Veitch 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 relation to the answer to Question on Notice 1493, please provide a list of Crown Land showgrounds which are dedicated and Crown Land showgrounds which are reserved?
- 1649 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—MAIN ROAD 217 LAKE MACQUARIE ACCIDENTS—Ms Voltz to ask 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 accidents have occurred on Main Road 217 between Dora Creek Bridge Dora Creek, and Fishery Point Drive Morisset in the last five years?
- (2) Of these how many were speed related?
- 1650 TREASURER—COSTS FOR THE CHALLENGE TO THE AUSTRALIAN ENERGY REGULATOR—Ms Voltz to ask 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—
- What was the total cost of the legal challenge by Networks NSW to the Australian Energy Regulator's determination for network pricing?
- 1651 TREASURER—LAND AND PROPERTY INFORMATION TRANSACTION COSTS—Ms Voltz to ask 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—
- For the Land and Property Information transaction, what were the total transaction costs, including

strategic and financial advice, legal advice, public relations and probity services?

- 1652 TREASURER—ELECTRICITY TRANSACTION COSTS—Ms Voltz to ask 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—

For each of the three electricity transactions (Transgrid, Ausgrid and Endeavour) what were the total transaction costs, including strategic and financial advice, legal advice, public relations and probity services?

- 1653 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CONCRETE SPALLING ON THE SYDNEY METRO—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—

- (1) With regard to the four instances of concrete spalling on the Sydney Metro, were there any risks to live roadways incurred in the incidents or in the response to the incidents?
- (2) What were the causes of the spalling in each incident?

- 1654 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CONCRETE SPALLING ON THE SYDNEY METRO—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—

- (1) What rectification works were undertaken for each of the concrete spalling incidents that have taken place on the Sydney Metro?
- (2) How many of the 120 spans on the Skytrain have been replaced?

- 1655 POLICE—MINIMUM PASSING DISTANCE FROM CYCLISTS ENFORCEMENT—Dr Faruqi 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—

- (1) How many drivers have been fined for violating the rule of minimum passing distance from cyclists which came into effect in March 2016?
 - (a) How many of these drivers have been issued penalty notices?
 - (b) How many of these drivers have been issued court fines?
- (2) How many incidents involving a violation of the Minimum Passing Distance Legislation have been reported to the police since the rule came into effect in March 2016?

- 1656 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—RICHMOND TRAIN LINE—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—

- (1) When will the train timetable be finalised for this year?
 - (a) When will it be publicly announced?
- (2) What factors does the Department of Transport for NSW (TfNSW) take into consideration when taking decisions on train timetables?
- (3) Is TfNSW making any changes to the timetable for the Richmond train line?
- (4) Is TfNSW planning on cancelling the Richmond to City service?
 - (a) If yes, why?
- (5) Is TfNSW planning to change the route of the Richmond to City service, so that there will no longer be a direct connection from Richmond to the City?

1657 HERITAGE—ABORIGINAL HERITAGE IMPACT PERMIT APPLICATIONS—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 the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What was the total number of Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit applications that were received in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
 - (d) 2016 to date?
- (2) What was the total number of Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit applications that were approved in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
 - (d) 2016 to date?
- (3) What was the total number of Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit applications that were refused in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2013/14?
 - (b) 2014/15?
 - (c) 2015/16?
 - (d) 2016 to date?

David Blunt
Clerk of the Parliaments