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**7 MARCH 2017**

(Paper No. 93)

\*1362 PREMIER—KPMG—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) Will you publicly release the \$400,000 report by KPMG, on which the former Premier said his forced council mergers were based?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

There has been extensive research and analysis all coming to the same conclusion - mergers bring benefits to communities. KPMG was engaged to provide analysis over time, the outcome of this work is publicly available.

\*1363 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR DETERMINATIONS AND DECISIONS—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) For which Councils established or subsequent to May 2016 have you or the former Minister changed or overridden the determinations and decisions of the Administrator?
- (2) What determinations and decisions were changed or overridden?

Answer—

I am advised:

Administrators are legally empowered to exercise all functions of the Mayor and Council. An administrator can refer any matter to the Minister for Local Government for a decision.

The NSW Government has advised Administrators on making decisions to ensure they are consistent with the Proclamations establishing new councils, the Local Government Act 1993, and guidelines assisting Administrators implement stronger, more efficient councils.

\*1364 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—COUNCIL RESIGNATIONS—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) For those Councils established in or subsequent to May 2016 how many of the following position holders have resigned, and from which councils?
  - (a) Former general managers
  - (b) Former deputy general managers
  - (c) Former senior administrative staff

Answer—

I am advised that four Interim General Managers have resigned.

\*1365 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—COUNCIL OWNED AIRPORTS—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) Which local councils in New South Wales own airports?
- (2) Have all of these councils been able to make adequate financial provision for the funding of major recurring maintenance projects such as aircraft movement area resurfacing?
  - (a) If not, what action have you taken to ensure that these airports are safe?

Answer—

I am advised that there is no register of councils that own airports.

\*1366 EDUCATION—BARYULGIL PUBLIC SCHOOL—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 Baryulgil Public School last tested for the presence of asbestos?
- (2) When were the buildings of Baryulgil Public School last tested for the presence of asbestos?
- (3) Who undertook these tests?
- (4) What were the results of these tests?

Answer—

I'm advised that information and the results of the last asbestos testing carried out at Baryulgil Public School are available as part of the school's asbestos register on the Department of Education's website.

\*1368 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—TUCKS ROAD TOONGABBIE—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) Has the Member for Seven Hills raised with you his concerns about opposing the proposed rezoning of 21 and 21A Tucks Road, Toongabbie?
- (2) If so, what action will the Government take in relation to his concerns and those of local residents?

Answer—

Members of the NSW Liberals and Nationals Government frequently raise issues concerning their electorates.

\*1369 PREMIER—TUCKS ROAD TOONGABBIE—Mr Primrose 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 Member for Seven Hills raised with you his concerns about opposing the proposed rezoning of 21 and 21A Tucks Road, Toongabbie?
- (2) If so, what action will the Government take in relation to his concerns and those of local residents?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Members of the NSW Liberals and Nationals Government frequently raise issues concerning their electorates.

\*1370 PLANNING—TUCKS ROAD TOONGABBIE—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) Has the Member for Seven Hills raised with you his concerns about opposing the proposed rezoning of 21 and 21A Tucks Road, Toongabbie?
- (2) If so, what action will the Government take in relation to his concerns and those of local residents?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) Members of the NSW Liberals and Nationals Government frequently raise issues concerning their electorates.

\*1371 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—FORMER COROWA COUNCIL MINUTES—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Is it the case that the Office of Local Government is investigating the former Corowa Council minutes of 19 April 2016 where a motion was passed stating that the council has agreed to lease five hectares of land within the confines of the Howlong Landfill?
- (2) When is this report expected to be finalised?
- (3) Will the report be made public?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) Is it the case that this was a last minute agenda item that was not made public prior to that meeting and therefore there was no public consultation?
- (5) Was this one of the last motions passed by the former Corowa Council prior to the amalgamation announcement on 12 May 2016?
- (6) Is it the case that both the mover and the seconder of this motion and at least two other former councillors have stated publicly that the resolution as recorded in the minutes is not what was in fact actually voted on?

Answer—

I am advised this information is available at: <https://www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au/News-Media/Minutes-investigation>.

\*1372 PREMIER—HOWLONG ORGANIC FOODWASTE COMPOST FACILITY—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) Does the Government support moves by the Administrator of Federation Council to allow Cleanaway to construct and operate a 35,000 tonne organic and food waste compost facility at Howlong?
- (2) If so, what are the reasons?
- (3) If not, what are the reasons?

Answer—

As you are aware, this is a matter for Federation Council and the Western Joint Regional Planning Panel.

\*1373 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—COUNCIL ADMINISTRATORS AND ELECTIONS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Is an Administrator of a merged council eligible to stand for election at the council elections in September 2017?
  - (a) If so, will the Government take action to preclude Administrators from standing for election at the upcoming elections?

Answer—

I am advised that Administrators are subject to the same legislative provisions that require them to act with honesty and declare all pecuniary interests as any other citizen who wishes to stand for election as a councillor.

\*1374 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—ADDITIONAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATORS—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) For which councils established in or subsequent to May 2016 have you or the former Minister appointed 'Additional Administrators'?
- (2) Where a current Administrator of a council has been appointed as an 'Additional Administrator' of a different council, what additional remuneration is paid to them?
  - (a) On what basis was this additional amount calculated?

Answer—

I am advised that some administrators also represent council as members of county councils. The county council is required to remunerate these administrators.

\*1375 RACING—LIQUOR AND GAMING NSW NET PROFIT DATA—Mr Field asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

In regards to the 'net profit' data collated by Liquor and Gaming NSW in their Electronic Gaming Machines Quarterly Report for Clubs:

- (1) What type of expenses, and how much, is able to be deducted by clubs when determining the 'net profit'?
- (2) How does Liquor and Gaming NSW ensure that the 'net profit' figures are accurate?
- (3) Are there rules or guidelines that direct clubs on how to make these deductions? If so, where can these rules be found?
- (4) Why is 'gross profit' excluded from the data sets provided by Liquor and Gaming NSW?

Answer—

- (1) The definition of "outgoings" in section 3(1) of the Gaming Machine Tax Act 2001 refers to the expenses that are deducted to determine "net profit" (referred to in that Act as "profits"). The amounts of deductions vary from gaming machine to gaming machine.
- (2) An electronic Centralised Monitoring System (CMS) is in place to ensure that gaming machines are operated according to mandatory requirements. All electronic gaming machines in NSW registered clubs must be connected to the CMS. Liquor & Gaming NSW monitors CMS data on an ongoing basis to prevent miscalculations and ensure the accuracy and integrity of electronic gaming machine revenue information.
- (3) Registered clubs are not responsible for determining deductions. The CMS automatically determines "net profit" for gaming machines having regard to the requirements of the Gaming Machine Tax Act 2001.
- (4) Liquor & Gaming NSW reports on "net profit" as this is the figure used to calculate gaming machine tax for registered clubs under the Gaming Machine Tax Act 2001.

\*1376 RACING—LIQUOR AND GAMING NSW NET PROFIT DATA—Mr Field asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

In regards to the 'net profit' data collated by Liquor and Gaming NSW in their Electronic Gaming Machines Quarterly Report for Hotels:

- (1) What type of expenses, and how much, is able to be deducted by hotels when determining the 'net profit'?
- (2) How does Liquor and Gaming NSW ensure that the 'net profit' figures are accurate?
- (3) Are there rules or guidelines that direct hotels on how to make these deductions? If so, where can these rules be found?
- (4) Why is 'gross profit' excluded from the data sets provided by Liquor and Gaming NSW?

Answer—

- (1) The definition of "outgoings" in section 3(1) of the Gaming Machine Tax Act 2001 refers to the expenses that are deducted to determine "net profit" (referred to in that Act as "profits"). The amounts of deductions vary from gaming machine to gaming machine.
- (2) An electronic Centralised Monitoring System (CMS) is in place to ensure that gaming machines are operated according to mandatory requirements. All electronic gaming machines in NSW hotels must be connected to the CMS. Liquor & Gaming NSW monitors CMS data on an ongoing basis to prevent miscalculations and ensure the accuracy and integrity of electronic gaming machine revenue information.

- (3) Hotels are not responsible for determining deductions. The CMS automatically determines "net profit" for gaming machines having regard to the requirements of the Gaming Machine Tax Act 2001.
- (4) Liquor & Gaming NSW reports on "net profit" as this is the figure used to calculate gaming machine tax for hotels under the Gaming Machine Tax Act 2001.

\*1377 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—SKYTRAIN BRIDGE—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many spans of the Skytrain bridge have been replaced?
- (2) Will there be a redesign of the span that failed so that non-standard processes are eliminated?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information is available on the Sydney Metro website.

\*1378 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—REPORT INTO SKYTRAIN BRIDGE—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How have the issues raised in the Aurecon report into the Skytrain bridge failure been resolved?
- (2) Given that the failure occurred on one span, how can the Government assure the community that the quality control was sufficient on other spans?
- (3) What additional measures have been taken to ensure that this does not happen again?
- (4) Will an independent and external review of the rest of the construction to date be undertaken and published?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information is available on the Sydney Metro website.

\*1379 HEALTH—WAGGA WAGGA RURAL REFERRAL HOSPITAL—Mr Mookhey 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) Given reports that Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital is over-budget by as much as \$8 million, will Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital exceed its 2016-17 budget?
- (2) Given reports that Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital has put in place a senior recruitment freeze, is Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital delaying in any way the recruitment of staff of any position level in any area?

Answer—

- (1) The new Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital opened in January 2016. In the past 12 calendar months, the hospital has treated more than 3,000 additional admitted patients. In anticipation of increased patient activity, additional funding was made available to the hospital.
- (2) There is no recruitment freeze at Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital.

\*1380 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—OPAL FARES—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Will the Government make changes to Opal Fares in 2017? If so, when?
- (2) Will the Government increase the Average Adult weekly fare by 13 per cent as recommended by IPART?
- (3) Will the Government increase the Adult train Opal fares as recommended in table 1.1 of the May



2016 IPART report "More efficient, more integrated Opal fares"?

- (4) Will the Government increase the Adult bus Opal fares as recommended in table 1.3 of the May 2016 IPART report "More efficient, more integrated Opal fares"?
- (5) Will the Government increase the Opal fares as recommended by IPART?
- (6) Will the Government increase the Gold Opal daily cap?
- (7) Will the Government increase the Gold Opal daily cap to \$3.80 from July 2017?
- (8) Will the Government increase the Gold Opal daily cap to \$4 from July 2018?
- (9) Will the Government increase the Adult Opal weekday cap?
- (10) Will the Government increase the Adult Opal weekday cap from \$15 to \$18 from July 2017?
- (11) Will the Government increase the Adult Opal weekday cap to \$20 by 2018-19?
- (12) Will the Government increase the Adult Opal weekly cap?
- (13) Will the Government increase the Adult Opal weekly cap from \$60 to \$64 in 2016-17?
- (14) Will the Government increase the Adult Opal weekday cap to \$20 by 2018-19?

Answer—

I am advised:

As you would be aware, during the 16 years that Labor were in Government, fares went up 87 per cent. Since Opal's introduction in 2012, Opal fares have not, on average, risen above CPI.

Opal card fares have not increased on trains and ferries since January 2015 and on buses and light rail since 2014.

The NSW Government has frozen fares for Opal card customers until July 2017 and has not made a final decision about the future of Opal fares.

\*1381 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR MAINTENANCE AND ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE—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) What was the total funding allocation for maintenance and road infrastructure for the Kings Highway in the 2015/2016 budget?
- (2) What was the total funding allocation for maintenance and road infrastructure for the Kings Highway in the 2016/17 State budget?
- (3) What was the total funding allocation for maintenance and road infrastructure for the Monaro Highway in the 2015/16 State budget?
- (4) What was the total funding allocation for maintenance and road infrastructure for the Monaro Highway in the 2016/17 State budget?
- (5) What was the total allocation of funding for the Kings Highway between Bungendore and Braidwood in the 2015/16 State budget?
  - (a) What road maintenance/infrastructure work was undertaken on this section of the Kings Highway?
  - (b) When did the road maintenance/infrastructure commence?
  - (c) When will the road maintenance/infrastructure be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Expenditure on asset maintenance is reported in the NSW Budget papers. Information on road projects is available on Roads and Maritime Services' website.

**8 MARCH 2017**

(Paper No. 94)



\*1382 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—LIGHT RAIL—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 operational capacity of the city bound Inner West Light Rail from 8am to 9am for each day Monday to Friday?
- (2) What is the average operating load of the city bound Inner West Light Rail line between 8am and 9am for each day from Monday to Friday?
- (3) What is the current operational capacity of the Dulwich Hill bound Inner West Light Rail from 5pm to 6pm for each day from Monday to Friday?
- (4) What is the average operating load of the Dulwich Hill bound Inner West Light Rail line between 8am and 9am for each day from Monday to Friday?
- (5) What is the forecast capacity of the CBD and South East Light Rail in both directions during peak hours for each day from Monday to Friday?
- (6) What is the forecast capacity of the Parramatta Light Rail during peak hours in both directions?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (5) I refer you to my previous response, LA 4952.
- (2) and (4) Patronage data is available on the NSW Government's Open Data website
- (3) Total operational capacity in the afternoon peak is the same as the morning peak
- (6) This information is available on the Parramatta Light Rail website.

\*1383 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—MACQUARIE PERCH—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

In the answer to Question on Notice 1077, the Minister noted that "the nearest extent of potential habitat for Macquarie Perch is about 49 kilometres downstream of Clarence Colliery".

- (1) Does this answer indicate that there has never been Macquarie Perch habitat on the Wollongambe River closer than 49 kilometres downstream of the Clarence Colliery?
  - (a) If not why did the Minister indicate in answer 1077 that there was no potential habitat closer than 49 kilometres downstream of the Clarence Colliery?

Answer—

- (1) No.
  - (a) The answer to 1077 referred to the current indicative distribution of Macquarie Perch in the Wollongambe River catchment as at 2015 when the Clarence Colliery spill occurred.

\*1384 ENVIRONMENT—OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE SURVEY—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—

Regarding a media release entitled 'Koala spotted crossing the road near Queanbeyan' issued by the Office of Environment and Heritage on 28 June 2016:

- (1) Has the Office of Environment and Heritage undertaken the survey alluded to in the media release: "NPWS plan to undertake surveys at Cuumbean in the coming months to get a much better picture of the population this reserve supports"?
  - (a) If yes, what were the results of the survey?
  - (b) Will the survey be publicly released?
    - (i) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Yes.

(a) No Koalas were sighted therefore there were no results to publish.

(b) See A.

\*1385 RACING—ELECTRONIC GAMING MACHINES – GAMBLING PREVALENCE STUDY—Mr Field asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

In regards to the Government's recent commitment to undertake a gambling prevalence study this year:

(1) Will the study be a survey, similar to the 2011 NSW Gambling Survey by Ogilvy Illumination?

(2) When will the study be conducted?

(3) When are the results expected to be finalised?

(4) Will the Government consider undertaking a quantitative study, as opposed to a qualitative survey?

Answer—

A prevalence study is expected to commence in mid 2017 with results expected to be finalised by mid 2018. The study will be similar to the 2011 NSW Gambling Survey undertaken by Ogilvy (i.e. the study will explore participation in gambling activities, frequency of gambling, attitudes to gambling, impacts of gambling and help seeking behaviour). The study will be both quantitative and qualitative.

#### 9 MARCH 2017

(Paper No. 95)

\*1386 LANDS AND FORESTRY—GOSFORD SCHOOL SITE—Mr Shoebridge 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) 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—

The former Gosford Public School site is not located on Crown land administered under the Crown Lands Act 1989.

It is currently held in freehold title by Property NSW.

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

\*1387 RACING—LIQUOR AND GAMING NSW LEGISLATION—Mr Field asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

In regards to a response by Mr Feargus O'Connor, Acting Deputy Secretary, Liquor, Gaming and Emergency Management, Department of Justice, to question 6 of Questions Taken on Notice from the 2016 Budget Estimates Racing hearing on 6 October 2016 that was as follows:

'Liquor and Gaming NSW is subject to legal restrictions which prohibit the disclosure of certain information obtained in the exercise of functions under gaming and liquor legislation'.

(1) What are these legal restrictions?

(2) What is the relevant legislation?

(3) What are the specific provisions of the legislation and any regulations that prohibit the disclosure of certain information as stated above?

Answer—

The disclosure of electronic gaming machine profit and tax information relating to individual gaming venues is restricted under the Taxation Administration Act 1996 and Gaming Machines Act 2001.

\*1388 HEALTH—ORGAN DONATION—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) How many people are currently on organ transplant waiting lists in New South Wales?
- (2) How many deceased organ donors were there in each local health district in New South Wales in the following years:
  - (a) 2013?
  - (b) 2014?
  - (c) 2015?
  - (d) 2016?
- (3) How many successful transplant operations occurred in each local health district in New South Wales in the following years:
  - (a) 2013?
  - (b) 2014?
  - (c) 2015?
  - (d) 2016?
- (4) How many families/next of kin were offered the opportunity of organ donation for a deceased family member in each local health district for the following years:
  - (a) 2013?
  - (b) 2014?
  - (c) 2015?
  - (d) 2016?
- (5) Is it NSW Health policy to offer the opportunity for organ donation to all families/next of kin where someone dies in circumstances where organ donation is possible? If not, Why not?
- (6) What support services are provided to families/next of kin when making a decision about organ donation?
- (7) What is the Government doing to increase the rate of organ donation?

Answer—

Organ transplant wait list information is held by the Australia and New Zealand Organ Donation (ANZOD) Registry and is available at [www.anzdata.org.au/anzod/v1/waitinglist2017.html](http://www.anzdata.org.au/anzod/v1/waitinglist2017.html)

Transplant outcome data is managed and reported on annually by national transplant registries specific to each transplant specialty. The outcome data measures the organ function after transplant. Transplant surgery in NSW occurs in highly specialised transplant centres, each of which contributes outcome data to the relevant national registry.

Nationally funded transplant registries include:

Australia and New Zealand Dialysis and Transplant Registry [www.anzdata.org.au](http://www.anzdata.org.au)

Australia and New Zealand Liver Transplant Registry [www.anzltr.org/](http://www.anzltr.org/)

Australia and New Zealand Cardiothoracic Organ Transplant Registry [www.anzcotr.org.au/](http://www.anzcotr.org.au/)

Australia and New Zealand Islets and Pancreas Transplant Registry [www.anziptr.org/](http://www.anziptr.org/)

It is NSW Health policy to offer the opportunity for organ donation to families/next of kin where someone dies in circumstances where organ donation is possible.

A National Donor Family Support Service has been established to provide support to families of organ and tissue donors. In NSW a Donor Family Support Coordinator is available through the N~W Organ and Tissue Donation Service to support families of deceased donors before, during and after donation.

Support is provided in a number of ways and differs depending on the donor family's needs. The service includes counselling or referral to local grief counsellors if preferred.

In 2012, the government released the Increasing Organ Donation- Government Plan. NSW has seen sustained increases in organ and tissue donation rates over the past five years and continues to support a 'whole of hospital' approach to organ donation to further boost donation and transplantation rates.

The plan outlines a range of strategies to strengthen the statewide systems for organ and tissue donation, improve organ donation outcomes in NSW hospitals, and, support Health staff to identify, effectively care for and get family support for organ donation for all potential donors.

\*1389 PREMIER—SALUTING MONASH COUNCIL—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) Did the Saluting General Sir John Monash Council, which met in Melbourne on November 2015, meet again in Sydney last night in the Parliament House dining room with 200 delegates from RSL associations?
- (2) Will the Government give its support to the Saluting Monash Council's objective under its chairman Hon Tim Fischer, ensuring the famous Australian World War General, General Sir John Monash is posthumously promoted to Field Marshall by the Centenary of Armistice day, 11 November 2018?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) I am advised the Saluting General Sir John Monash Council held its NSW launch at Parliament House on 8 March 2017.

\*1390 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—PUBLIC TRANSPORT—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 Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What was the percentage of the population living within 30 minutes by public transport of a city or major centre in Metropolitan Sydney in 2015/16?
- (2) What was the percentage of the population with access to a city, major or specialised centre within 30 minutes by public transport on the Central Coast in 2015/16?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In 2016, 45 percent of the Greater Sydney population resided within 30 minutes by public transport of one of Sydney's three future CBDs.  
In 2016, 84 percent of the Greater Sydney population resided within 30 minutes by public transport of one of Sydney's Strategic Centres.
- (2) In 2016, 82 percent of the Central Coast population are within 30 minutes by public transport of a Regional City or Regional Centre on the Central Coast.

\*1391 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMMUTE TRIPS—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 Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What was the share of commute trips made by public transport to and from the Sydney CBD during peak hours in 2015/16?
- (2) What was the share of commute trips made by public transport to and from the Parramatta CBD during peak hours in 2015/16?
- (3) What was the share of commute trips made by public transport to and from the Newcastle CBD during peak hours in 2015/16?
- (4) What was the share of commute trips made by public transport to and from the Wollongong CBD during peak hours in 2015/16? .
- (5) What was the share of commute trips made by public transport to and from the Liverpool CBD during peak hours in 2015/16?
- (6) What was the share of commute trips made by public transport to and from the Penrith CBD during peak hours in 2015/16?
- (7) What is the proportion of total journeys to work by public transport in the Sydney Metropolitan Region in 2015/16?
- (8) What percentage of CityRail trains ran on time across the network in 2015/16?

(9) What percentage of Sydney Ferries ran on time across the network in 2015/16?

(10) What percentage of Sydney buses ran on time across the network in 2015/16?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) 69.7%

(2) 40.3%

(3) 10.9%

(4) 2.8%

(5) 9.9%

(6) 7.2%

(7) 23%

(8) to (10) This information is available in Transport for NSW's 2015-16 Annual Report.

\*1392 TREASURER—PRIVATE BUSINESS INVESTMENT AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES—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 amount of private business investment in New South Wales in 2015/16?

(2) What was the gross expenditure on research and development in New South Wales in 2015/16?

Answer—

This information is available at <http://www.abs.gov.au/>.

\*1393 TOURISM AND MAJOR EVENTS—NEW SOUTH WALES TOURISTS—Mr Graham 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) What was the number of tourist visitor nights in New South Wales in 2015/16, including for both international and for domestic tourists?

(2) What was the total estimated tourist expenditure in New South Wales in 2015/16, including for both international and for domestic tourists?

Answer—

In 2015/16, international and domestic visitors stayed 179.9 million nights in NSW. Total visitor expenditure in NSW in 2015/16 for international and domestic visitors was \$31.5 billion. These figures are based off Tourism Research Australia's International and National Visitor Survey for the Year Ending June 2016.

\*1394 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—TRAVEL ON STATE ROADS—Mr Graham 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 was the overall travel speed for the morning peak period and the afternoon peak period on Sydney's road corridors in 2015/16?

(2) What proportion of incidents on principal transport routes were cleared, on average, within 40 minutes in 2015/16?

(3) What is the time that incidents on principal transport routes were cleared, on average, in 2015/16?

(4) What was the proportion of container freight movement by rail out of Port Botany by 2015/16?

(5) What percentage of State roads met the national standards for road quality in 2015/16?

(6) What percentage of urban State roads met the national standards for road quality in 2015/16?

(7) What percentage of rural State roads met the national standards for road quality in 2015/16?

- (8) What was the number of road fatalities per 100,000 population in 2015/16?
- (9) What is the mode share of bicycle trips made in the Greater Sydney regions, at a local and district level, as a percentage, in 2015/16?
- (10) What was the average daily traffic for bicycle use on Sydney Harbour Bridge in 2015/16?
- (11) What was the average daily traffic for bicycle use on Anzac Bridge in 2015/16?
- (12) What was the average daily traffic for bicycle use on Iron Cove Bridge in 2015/16?
- (13) What was the average daily traffic for bicycle use on Anzac Parade in 2015/16?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This information can be found in the RMS Road Report on the Roads and Maritime Services website.
- (2) 98% for the period July 2015 to June 2016.
- (3) 38.68 minutes for the period July 2015 to June 2016.
- (4) 16.3%.
- (5) to (7) This information can be found in the Roads and Maritime Services Annual Report.
- (8) This information is available in the Transport for NSW Annual Report.
- (9) This information can be found on the Bureau of Transport Statistics website.
- (10) to (13) Information about permanent bicycle counters are available on RMS website.

\*1395 EDUCATION—QUALIFICATIONS—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' under the Best start assessment program in 2016, in literacy and in numeracy?
- (2) What was the percentage of 20-24 year olds in New South Wales who have achieved Year 12 or a qualification at Certificate II or above in 2016?
- (3) What was the percentage of 20-24 year olds in New South Wales who have achieved Year 12 or a qualification at Certificate III or above in 2016?
- (4) What was the percentage of 20-64 year olds in New South Wales without a Certificate III or above in 2016?
- (5) What is the number of people in New South Wales who achieved Diploma or Advanced Diploma qualification in 2016?
- (6) How many New South Wales public sector apprentices were employed, by region, in 2015/16?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that 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 Assessment were assessed as 'ready for school' for literacy skills. 65,876 students (93%) who participated in the 2016 Best Start Assessment were assessed as 'ready for school' for numeracy skills.
- (2) to (5) I am advised that the NSW Department of Education (Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation) does not collect data on post-school qualifications. This data is available through public sources, such as: National Centre for Vocational Education Research reports <https://www.ncver.edu.au/> or ABS survey data <http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/mf6227.0/>.
- (6) I am advised that this question should be redirected to the Assistant Minister for Skills as the Minister responsible for these matters.

\*1396 SKILLS—QUALIFICATIONS—Mr Graham 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) What was the proportion of Kindergarten students assessed as 'ready for school' under the Best start assessment program in 2016, in literacy and in numeracy?
- (2) What was the percentage of 20-24 year olds in New South Wales who have achieved Year 12 or a qualification at Certificate II or above in 2016?
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- (4) What was the percentage of 20-64 year olds in New South Wales without a Certificate III or above in 2016?
- (5) What is the number of people in New South Wales who achieved Diploma or Advanced Diploma qualification in 2016?
- (6) How many New South Wales public sector apprentices were employed, by region, in 2015/16?

Answer—

- (1) This data is not held by the Department, and will need to be provided by the NSW Department of Education. The question should be directed to the Minister for Education.
- (2) Total VET student data for the 2016 calendar year will be released by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) in July 2017.
- (3) Total VET student data for the 2016 calendar year will be released by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) in July 2017.
- (4) and (5) This data is not held by the Department. Total VET student data for the 2016 calendar year will be released by NCVER in July 2017.
- (6) This information can be found at the following website [www.training.nsw.gov.au](http://www.training.nsw.gov.au)

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(Paper No. 96)

- 1397 PREMIER—MERGED COUNCIL BOUNDARIES—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—
- 1398 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—COUNCIL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION—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—
- 1399 PREMIER—STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUNDING—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—
- 1400 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUNDING—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—
- \*1401 DISABILITY SERVICES—ADVOCACY ASSISTANCE—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—
- What funding commitments has the Government made to advocacy groups to assist individuals in cases where they will not be able to choose a NDIS package for themselves?

Answer—

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is responsible for providing NDIS participants with a



range of decision making supports, including planning and support coordination.

NDIS participants can also receive support from a nominee to support them to make decisions.

The NDIA is also responsible for providing Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) to assist participants to build their independence and make informed choices. The NDIA ILC Commissioning Framework also confirms that NDIS registered providers of supports are also eligible to apply for a grant to deliver ILC activities.

\*1402 MULTICULTURALISM—DISABILITY REPORTABLE INCIDENTS—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) Will the Disability Reportable Incidents Scheme no longer operate under NDIS?

(2) Will the collation of data become the jurisdiction of NDIA?

(a) if so do they have an obligation to publicly publish reportable incidents?

Answer—

(1) All governments, through the COAG Disability Reform Council, have agreed to a national NDIS Quality and Safeguarding Framework, with implementation to include a national complaints and serious incidents system for the Scheme.

(2) The NSW Government is working with the Commonwealth and other jurisdictions to implement the Framework, including establishing new national reporting and compliance functions by July 2018.

\*1403 DISABILITY SERVICES—ASSISTANCE TO NAVIGATE NDIS—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—

In order to ensure that people with intellectual disabilities are able to navigate the legal system, is the Government committed to increasing funding specifically for staff and services that can assist these people?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Attorney General, the Hon Mark Speakman MP.

\*1404 DISABILITY SERVICES—CAPPED RATE—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) What is the capped quarterly participation rate after the NDIS is fully implemented in the 2018-2019 period?

(2) What provisions are in place for the Government to renegotiate the figure if it is deemed too low by the Department of Human Services and the burden of provision falls back on the State?

Answer—

(1) Under the current Rules, established under the NDIS legislation, there are no capped quarterly participation rates. In the absence of amendments to the current Rules, the decision for the quarterly participation rate after the NDIS is fully implemented in 2018-19 is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer of the National Disability Insurance Agency.

(2) The Bilateral Agreement for transition to the NDIS states that around 140,000 people are expected to benefit from the NDIS when the full scheme is implemented in NSW. There are no caps to the expected population.

\*1405 DISABILITY SERVICES—EXIT FROM NON GOVERNMENT PROVIDERS—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) Does the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) record the reasons why clients exit non-government providers? If not, why not?

- (2) As non-government providers will account for the majority of service provision under NDIS, what processes are in place for the Government to collect the data and to act as a watchdog and regulator of NDIA?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that people leave providers for a variety of reasons, but predominantly to receive services that are more suited to their needs and aspirations. Where there is a safeguarding issue and a complaint is made, FACS may investigate the complaint and/or refer it to the appropriate authority to investigate.
- (2) All governments, through the COAG Disability Reform Council, have agreed to a national NDIS Quality and Safeguarding Framework that will retain all existing protections and add new national functions including: a national complaints and serious incidents system for the scheme, a registrar responsible for overseeing providers' compliance with registration requirements and a senior practitioner to provide leadership and support.

- \*1406 DISABILITY SERVICES—FORCED REMOVAL—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—

If Legal Guardians of adults with disabilities, who are responsible for decision making regarding accommodation and other services, do not accept the allocation of provider for an ADHC group homes, what procedures are in place to ensure the tenant is not evicted and forced out of their current accommodation?

Answer—

After the transfer, all residents will have a Service Agreement with a provider to deliver support in relation to independent living in their home and an Accommodation Agreement with a Specialist Disability Accommodation provider outlining how the property and tenancy services will be managed.

The Accommodation Agreement will include residents' right to occupy their home, their responsibilities and the provider's responsibilities.

If an NDIS participant needs, or chooses to move, their Support Coordinator, funded by the NDIS, will assist the participant to find a new home.

House residents can vote to change their Supported Independent Living provider after two years if a majority of the residents (or their decision makers) are in agreement.

- \*1407 DISABILITY SERVICES—GROUP HOMES SALES—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—

What provisions are there to stop service providers selling group homes in expensive residential areas and relocating clients away from their family and support groups in cheaper accommodation precincts?

Answer—

The Government is developing a strategy to transition state disability assets to best meet the needs of people with disability into the future under the NDIS.

- \*1408 DISABILITY SERVICES—CYSTIC FIBROSIS—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) Why does the NDIS not recognise Cystic Fibrosis (CF) as a disability despite its classification as one under NSW Health?
- (2) Considering NSW Disability Services will not exist as of 2018 what action have you taken to ensure that people suffering from Cystic Fibrosis, whose annual expenses are commonly in excess of \$4,000 for essential equipment, do not get left behind?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) People with Cystic Fibrosis can access the NDIS if they meet the eligibility requirements set

out in the NDIS Act 2013.

While Cystic Fibrosis is not included as one of the conditions in List B of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Operational Guidelines - Access - Disability Requirements, the guidelines also clarify that the list is "not exhaustive and in no way suggests that a person with a condition different to those listed would not have a permanent impairment."

\*1409 DISABILITY SERVICES—INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY RIGHTS SERVICE—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—

Has the Government allocated any funding to protect advocacy groups such as the Intellectual Disability Rights Service? If not, why not?

Answer—

Yes. The NSW Government has provided funding for advocacy and information services under a three year funding agreement which will continue until 30 June 2018, to give providers assurance of funding throughout the transition period.

\*1410 DISABILITY SERVICES—NDIS BILATERAL AGREEMENT—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—

Given that the Bilateral Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States states: "'For the purpose of NSW making a contribution, an existing NSW client is assessed as having transitioned to the NDIS at the time of plan approval," with contributions being made at the end of every month.

- (1) How many complaints has the Department received of rushed funding plans, little to no consultation and funding plans that have not been approved by the recipient being approved by the NDIA.
- (2) Does the contribution system provide an incentive for funding plan approvals to be approved to meet the monthly deadline of transitioned participants, if so will the Government renegotiate the contribution system?

Answer—

- (1) Family and Community Services (FACS) has received some representations, which have all been referred to the Commonwealth Minister. The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) maintains complaint data. FACS works directly with the NDIA to address concerns at a local level and where necessary, assist people during transition to request plan reviews.
- (2) There are no provisions for incentives for plan approvals to meet the monthly schedule.

1411 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—DIRECT SERVICE TO SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK—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—

\*1412 DISABILITY SERVICES—NDIS EXPENSES—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—

Given that the Bilateral Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States states: "The parties agree that cash that builds in the scheme can be used by the NDIA to manage cash flow risks "

- (1) What protections are in place to ensure that these funds are not expended on administrative costs such as bonuses and expenses?
- (2) If there are not protections in place against expenditure of built up funds on costs such as bonuses and expenses will the Government act to put these protections in place?

Answer—

(1) and (2)

I am advised:

In its 2015-16 Annual Report, the NDIA stated that no performance pay arrangements apply in the agency.

\*1413 DISABILITY SERVICES—DISABILITY ADVOCACY GROUPS—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—

Given funding cuts to advocacy groups, what resources has the Government put in place to protect patients with intellectual disabilities from misdiagnoses and preventable death in the absence of advocacy?

Answer—

The NSW Government has provided funding for advocacy and information services under a three year funding agreement which will continue until 30 June 2018, to give providers assurance of funding throughout the transition period.

\*1414 DISABILITY SERVICES—NDIS TRANSITION FUND—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) What is the status of the \$100 million NDIS Transition Fund you announced from the proceeds of the sale of HomeCare?

(a) How much of this fund has been spent?

(b) what initiatives have been funded?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government expects the NSW Disability Sector Transition Fund to be fully expended over the period of transition to the NDIS.

\*1415 DISABILITY SERVICES—NDIS TRANSITION—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—

Given that Schedule B - Financial Contributions for Transition in NSW of the Bilateral Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States states: "If NSW continues to provide in-kind contributions to the NDIS from Intergovernmental payments at full scheme, adjustments to funding arrangements will be made to allow the Intergovernmental payments to be ceased by 1 July 2018 and to ensure that overall funding to the NDIS is unchanged."

(1) Is the NDIS implementation in New South Wales reliant on Government in-kind contributions?

(a) are they included in the initial funding?

(b) will their withdrawal see a shortfall in initial funding?

(2) Will payments and cash injections be adjusted and withdrawn from a service not properly funded under the transition arrangements?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

(a) The Bilateral Agreement identifies the cash and in-kind contributions to the NDIS during the transition period for both NSW and the Commonwealth.

(b) No, the Bilateral Agreement states that NSW and the Commonwealth are responsible for an agreed, fixed per client contribution to NDIS support package costs.

(2) The Bilateral Agreement describes the arrangements between NSW and the Commonwealth to ensure continuity of funding for the service system during the transition period and the considerations for funding adjustment at full scheme.

(3)

\*1416 DISABILITY SERVICES—PROVIDER TENDER—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 Ability Options the only service provider to have successfully bid for ADHC group homes in the Hunter and Port Macquarie?
  - (a) Have you received any complaints or concerns about the quality of care provided by Ability Options and if so what actions have you taken to investigate the legitimate concerns of stakeholders?
- (2) What is the criteria for the tendering process for ADHC group homes?
  - (a) were all these criteria met by Ability Options?

Answer—

Ability Options, as part of a consortium, has been selected as a provider for the transfer of specialised disability services to the non-government sector.

I am advised there were no complaints or concerns raised at the recent Resident and Family forums about the care provided by Ability Options in the Hunter and Port Macquarie areas.

The criteria for the tendering process for ADHC group homes included eight principles that residents, families and carers told FACS were most important to them when selecting a provider. Only service providers who showed they could deliver services to these standards were shortlisted.

\*1417 DISABILITY SERVICES—REPORT OF REVIEWABLE DEATHS—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—

When will the Government implement all the recommendations of the NSW Ombudsman's Report of Reviewable Deaths in 2012 and 2013?

Answer—

I am advised that recommendations from the NSW Ombudsman's Report of Reviewable Deaths in 2012 and 2013 have either been completed or remain on track to improve services within accommodation services and disability support services.

\*1418 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—EXIT FROM NON GOVERNMENT PROVIDERS—Ms Voltz 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) Does the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) record the reasons why clients exit non-government providers? If not, why not?
- (2) As non-government providers will account for the majority of service provision under NDIS, what processes are in place for the Government to collect the data and to act as a watchdog and regulator of NDIA?

Answer—

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the responsibility of the Minister for Disability Services, the Hon Ray Williams MP.

\*1419 EDUCATION—STUDENT SUSPENSIONS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

During the GPSC 3 Inquiry into students with special needs evidence was presented that schools reach for the quick fix of suspension for resolving disciplinary problems, particularly for students with mental health issues/diagnosis when the problems demand a more supportive response, and that, often school do not make 'adjustments' for suspensions given to students with disabilities as regulated by Departmental policy and the DDA.

- (1) Will the Government adjust Department of Education policy in regards to suspension of students with disabilities to provide teachers with additional resources regarding productive discipline for students with disabilities?
- (2) Does the Department provide any resources for teachers of students with disabilities differ from traditional methods and what are they?

Answer—

- (1) and (2)

I'm advised that the NSW Department of Education has undertaken significant work to improve the quality of teaching and learning for students with disability through a focus on teacher professional development and support. Examples include tutor-supported accredited professional learning courses on behaviour, autism spectrum disorders and personalised learning and support.

In addition, more than 4,000 specialist positions across learning, behaviour, psychology and attendance work daily with students with additional needs in learning and behaviour in NSW public schools.

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(Paper No. 97)

- 1420 PREMIER—PROJECT BETWEEN NSW ROYAL FLYING DOCTORS SERVICE AND ELBIT SYSTEMS—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- 1421 LANDS AND FORESTRY—STUART PARK PLAN OF MANAGEMENT—Mr Shoebridge 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—
- 1422 ENVIRONMENT—HIBBERTIA FUMANA—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—
- 1423 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—PIG DOGGING—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 1424 LANDS AND FORESTRY—SALE AND LEASE OF CROWN LAND—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—
- \*1425 DISABILITY SERVICES—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—

I direct you to the list below of 'Health-related services currently funded by Family and Community Services (FACS) from page 64 of the Report of Reviewable Deaths in 2012 and 2013 Volume 2: Deaths of people with disability in residential care.

- (1) Which of the listed services are the funding responsibility of the NDIS and which are the responsibility of the Government? For those that are the responsibility of the Government, what is the funding commitment for each?
  - (a) Chair in Intellectual Disability Mental Health at UNSW held by Associate Professor Julian Trollor since 2004.
  - (b) Chair in Intellectual Disability and Behaviour Support at UNSW -held by Associate Professor Leanne Dowse since May 2014.
  - (c) FACS Clinical Innovation and Governance provides practice leadership and coordination of



services for people with complex needs and challenging behaviour.

- (d) Outreach Psychiatry Clinics by Dr Peter Wurth in regional areas of NSW for people with disability (52 days a year).
- (e) Nurse and Dietician positions within the dyysghagla clinics at Westmead Hospital and the Children's Hospital at Westmead coordinated by Dr Helen Somerville.
- (f) A range of allied health services in ADHC Community Support teams , ADHC large residential centres , and some NGO disability services.
- (g) Practice Leader positions in nursing , speech pathology , occupational therapy , physiotherapy , and psychology.
- (h) School Physical Disability Therapy Team at the Kogarah Developmental Assessment service led by Dr Robert Leitner for children with complex developmental disabilities.
- (i) The Stockton Clinic which provides centre based medical, nursing and allied health specialist and visiting specialist (whose consultations are funded by Medicare) .
- (j) Two Specialist nurse positions in each district to assist with the coordination of health care needs of people with disability particularly those with complex needs.
- (k) FACS Clinical Governance and Performance Team provides health related support coordination and advice for ADHC clients in Western Sydney , Nepean , Blue Mountains and North Sydney Districts.
- (l) Primary and Secondary Health Care services for people in assisted boarding houses.
- (m) Comprehensive Health Assessment Program (CHAP) licence for use by FACS operated and funded disability services.

Answer—

From 1 July 2018, the funding of some services listed 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, while others will be negotiated across government ahead of full transition to the NDIS in July 2018.

- 1426 PREMIER—VETERANS' RECEPTIONS—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- 1427 SPORT—COMBAT SPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- 1428 PREMIER—RECOVERY OF GRANT PAYMENT TO AMCS—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- 1429 WESTCONNEX—WEST CONNEX IMPACT ON EASTERN DISTRIBUTOR—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- \*1430 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—BROOKVALE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE CONSTRUCTION WORKS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- (1) Has Safe Work been notified of any breaches of s 155 of the Workers Compensation Act 1987 (NSW) regarding the construction of the Brookvale Community Health Centre?
    - (a) If so, what actions have been taken in regards to any breaches identified?

Answer—



SafeWork NSW (SWNSW) has not been notified of any s 155 breaches of the Workers Compensation Act 1987 (NSW) regarding the construction of the Brookvale Community Health Centre.

However, following a letter of complaint, SWNSW will be conducting investigations in relation to the under insurance of the Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU) on this worksite.

As a result of an incident notification, an Inspector investigated the incident and issued an improvement notice to the PCBU to review a safe work method statement relating to the pouring of concrete from a concrete placement pump.

The inspector also undertook a Harm Prevention Program visit that focused on falls from height issues relating to formwork and scaffolding. No further issues were identified at that time.

- 1431 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES, REGIONAL WATER, TRADE AND INDUSTRY—EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 1432 LANDS AND FORESTRY—EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY - LANDS—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—
- 1433 HOUSING, PLANNING—SYDNEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND REVENUE—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 Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—
- 1434 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES, REGIONAL WATER, TRADE AND INDUSTRY—EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - LOCAL LANDS SERVICES—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

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- \*1435 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—INDUCTION TRAINING CARDS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- (1) How many construction workers employed or subcontracted in New South Wales hold a general construction induction training card that was issued in another jurisdiction?
    - (a) In what jurisdictions were these cards issued?
    - (b) How many cards were issued in each jurisdiction that are currently being used in New South Wales?
  - (2) Which government agency in New South Wales is responsible for monitoring such cards that were issued in other jurisdictions?
  - (3) Which other jurisdictions do not require a compulsory face to face component as part of their general construction induction training?

Answer—

- (1) This information is not available, as the administrative arrangements for general construction induction training cards differ considerably across states and territories. For example, NSW issues its own general construction induction training cards to successful participants, whereas Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia allow registered training organisations to issue cards on their behalf. As such, Queensland and South Australia do not have a central database of card holders and Western Australia does not record participant addresses.

- (a) An Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) 2013 Report on Training for the White Card for Australia's Construction Industry noted that the majority of general construction induction training cards issued each year in Australia were from Queensland and Western Australia.
    - (b) This information is not available.
  - (2) The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) is responsible for approving registered training organisations nationally to deliver the general construction induction training card unit of competency. However, it does not monitor participant residency.
  - (3) Queensland, Western Australia, Comcare and Tasmania (only under strict conditions) issue cards as a result of online training. As the construction induction training card is mutually recognised as per clause 318 of the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011, all states and territories recognise a card issued by another jurisdiction, regardless of whether it was obtained face to face or online.
- 1436 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—TANTANGARA DAM—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 1437 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—LOCAL SERVICES BOARDS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 1438 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—REDFIN—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

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- 1439 PREMIER—POLLING COSTS—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—
- \*1440 SKILLS—TAFE EXPENDITURE—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) 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 full time equivalent (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—

These questions should be directed to the Assistant Minister for Skills, as the Minister with the responsibility for TAFE.

- 1441 PLANNING—FOREIGN PURCHASERS OF LAND—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 Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—
- 1442 LANDS AND FORESTRY—AUDITOR GENERAL LEASE APPRAISALS—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—
- 1443 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CROWN LAND LEASES—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—
- 1444 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—LOCAL LAND LEASE EFFICIENCY DIVIDENDS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 1445 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—LOCAL LAND SERVICES 2017 ELECTION BUDGET—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 1446 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—LOCAL LAND SERVICES ELECTION COSTS 2014—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 1447 PLANNING—SYDNEY REGION DEVELOPMENT FUND COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS—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 Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—
- 1448 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CONCRETE SPALLING ON 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—
- 1449 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD LIGHT RAIL—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1450 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL—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—

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- 1451 VETERANS AFFAIRS—ANZAC WAR MEMORIAL CENTENARY ART COMMISSION—Mr Moselmane to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 1452 ENVIRONMENT—DOLPHIN MARINE MAGIC REHABILITATIONS AND RESCUES—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—
- 1453 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—SYDNEY LIGHT RAIL ABORIGINAL ARTEFACTS—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1454 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—SYDNEY LIGHT RAIL ABORIGINAL ARTEFACTS—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—
- 1455 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—PATRONAGE OF NEWCASTLE BUSES AND FERRIES—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—
- 1456 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—MACQUARIE FIELDS STATION—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—
- 1457 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—ADVERTISING ON STA NEWCASTLE BUSES AND FERRIES—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—
- 1458 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—ADVERTISING ON NEWCASTLE 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—

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- 1459 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—LOCAL COUNCIL ENGINEERS—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—
- 1460 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD AND SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL BENEFIT-TO-COST RATIO—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- 1461 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—NIGHTRIDE BUS SERVICE—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1462 EDUCATION—BOTTLED WATER FOR SCHOOLS—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—
- 1463 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD AND SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL DISABILITY ACCESS—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1464 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—ESSENTIAL ENERGY BLACKOUT AND POWER OUTAGE REPORTS—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1465 EDUCATION—BROKEN HILL HIGH SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—
- 1466 EDUCATION—WAGGA WAGGA HIGH SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—
- 1467 EDUCATION—TAMWORTH HIGH SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—
- 1468 ENVIRONMENT—PEST AND WEED MANAGEMENT—Ms Sharpe 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—
- 1469 PREMIER—ANOTHER SLICE OF LIFE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- 1470 ENVIRONMENT—DOLPHIN MARINE MAGIC—Ms Sharpe 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—
- 1471 HEALTH—HEALTH STATISTICS—Mr Graham 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—
- 1472 HEALTH—PATIENTS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mr Graham 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—

- 1473 ENVIRONMENT—RECYCLED WATER—Mr Graham 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—
- 1474 ENVIRONMENT—AIR QUALITY—Mr Graham 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—
- 1475 ENVIRONMENT—NEW SOUTH WALES PARKS—Mr Graham 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—
- 1476 PREMIER—NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL WORKFORCE—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- 1477 PREMIER—HOMELESSNESS—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- 1478 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—NSW GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1479 SPORT—ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- 1480 ARTS—CULTURAL EVENT PARTICIPATION—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1481 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—WAKEHURST PARKWAY FLOOD MITIGATION—Mr Donnelly to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 1482 HEALTH—WAKEHURST PARKWAY FLOOD MITIGATION—Mr Donnelly 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—
- \*1483 WOMEN—MEDICALLY ASSISTED PREGNANCY TERMINATIONS—Revd Mr Nile 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) Is it a fact that 1,800 women have been given access to medical abortions over 18 months who are charged \$250 for the abortion drugs?
  - (2) Is it a fact that some women still had viable pregnancies and excessive bleeding, taking these abortion drugs?
  - (3) Will the Minister conduct a detailed investigation into this procedure where there is no face-to-face contact with a qualified doctor so as to ensure there is no harm to the mental or physical health of these women?

Answer—

The matters raised fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Health and as such should be directed to that Minister for response.



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- 1484 **PLANNING—PRIORITY PRECINCTS**—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—
- (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'?
- 1485 **EDUCATION—ASBESTOS TESTING**—Mr Primrose to ask 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?
- 1486 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—CHILD MARRIAGES**—Mr Donnelly 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—
- (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?
- 1487 **FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—STATE WISE ASBESTOS PLAN**—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 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?
- 1488 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BOWFISHING**—Mr Field to ask 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?

1489 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BOWFISHING—Mr Field to ask 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
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  - (ag) BFPA049
  - (ah) BFPA050

1490 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BOWFISHING—Mr Field to ask 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?
- 1491 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BOWFISHING—Mr Field to ask 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?
- 1492 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BOWFISHING—Mr Field to ask 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?
- 1493 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—
- (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?
- 1494 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—
- Can the Minister provide a list of all Crown land showgrounds in New South Wales which also host greyhound race meetings?
- 1495 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—ENDEAVOUR OYSTERS—Mr Veitch to ask 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?
- 1496 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA CEO NUMERATION PACKAGES—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 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?
- 1497 POLICE—DRUG DETECTION DOG OPERATIONS—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—
- (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?
- 1498 POLICE—DRUG DETECTION DOGS—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—
- (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?

1499 PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT—SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE IN STATE-SUPERVISED FOSTER HOMES—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—

(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?

1500 ENVIRONMENT—THREATENED SPECIES—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—

(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?

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- (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?

1501 LANDS AND FORESTRY—FORESTRY—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—

(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?

David Blunt  
Clerk of the Parliaments