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- \*2085 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—REGIONAL GROWTH FUND—Mr Primrose 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 definition from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) was used to determine the eligibility of local government areas for the 'Regional Growth Fund''?
  - (2) If an ABS definition was not used, what criteria does the government use to delineate 'regional' from 'metropolitan' areas?

# Answer-

- (1) There is no standard methodology for defining a Local Government Area as metropolitan or regional. Agencies consider individual community needs and characteristics, as they relate to specific programs or projects.
- (2) See answer to question 1.
- \*2086 REGIONAL WATER—WATER BRIEFINGS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
  - (1) In the period 30 January 2017 to 13 March 2018, what number of face to face briefings did the Minister receive in relation to the Minister's regional water portfolio from each of the following:
    - (a) Department of Industry Water?
    - (b) WaterNSW?

# Answer-

I am briefed regularly by both the Department of Industry – Water and WaterNSW in relation to my Regional Water portfolio, including by phone, written briefs and face to face briefings.

\*2087 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—M1 MOTORWAY ROAD ACCIDENT—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—

A constituent advised me that a road accident occurred around 4:30pm Friday 9 March 2018 on the M1 motorway. The constituent advised that no contraflow measures appeared to be in place or initiated. This constituent's trip to the Central Coast from Sydney usually takes 1 hour and 15 minutes, but on this occasion the duration of the trip was close to 4 hours. Regarding this incident:

- (1) Did Roads and Maritime Services undertake any contraflow or similar initiatives to reduce journey delays for motorists?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) What action was taken to help effected motorists?
  - (a) If no action was taken, why was it not taken?
- (3) What action did any agency under the Minister's portfolio take to help effected motorists?
  - (a) If no action was taken, why not?
- (4) What is Roads and Maritime Services' existing policy for reducing journey delays for motorists on the M1 effected by road incidents?
  - (a) Was the policy implemented?
    - (i) if not, why not?
  - (b) If there is no such policy, why is there not one?

Answer—

I am advised:

The M1 incident response plan details strategies and procedures used to manage traffic at and around major incidents on the M1. Strategies and procedures from the plan were implemented.

\*2088 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—M1 MOTORWAY ROAD ACCIDENT—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—

A constituent advised me that a road accident occurred around 4:30pm Friday 9 March 2018 on the M1 motorway. The constituent advised that no contraflow measures appeared to be in place or initiated. This constituent's trip to the Central Coast from Sydney usually takes 1 hour and 15 minutes, but on this occasion the duration of the trip was close to 4 hours. Regarding this incident:

- (1) Did Transport for NSW undertake any contraflow or similar initiatives to reduce journey delays for motorists?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) What action was taken to help effected motorists?
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- (3) What action did any agency under the Minister's portfolio take to help effected motorists?
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- (4) What is Transport for NSW's existing policy for reducing journey delays for motorists on the M1 effected by road incidents?
  - (a) Was the policy implemented?
    - (i) if not, why not?
  - (b) If there is no such policy, why is there not one?

Answer-

I am advised:

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

- \*2089 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—BLACKOUTS AND POWER OUTAGES—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
  - (1) How many blackouts or power outages have occurred in the following electorates in 2016-17:
    - (a) Sydney?
    - (b) North Shore?
    - (c) Vaucluse?
    - (d) Wakehurst?
    - (e) Ryde?
    - (f) Lane Cove?
    - (g) Strathfield?
    - (h) Canterbury?
    - (i) Drummoyne?
    - (j) Lakemba?
    - (k) Oatley?
    - (l) Kogarah?
    - (m) Heathcote?
    - (n) Miranda?
    - (o) Holsworthy?
    - (p) East Hills?
    - (q) Macquarie Fields?
    - (r) Campbelltown?

- (s) Camden?
- (t) Wollondilly?
- (u) Mulgoa?
- (v) Penrith?
- (w) Blacktown?
- (x) Mount Druitt?
- (y) Seven Hills?
- (z) Riverstone?
- (aa) Parramatta?
- (ab) Prospect?
- (ac) Granville?
- (ad) Bankstown?
- (ae) Fairfield?
- (af) Liverpool?
- (ag) Cabramatta?

## I am advised:

Ausgrid and Endeavour Energy are subject to licence conditions imposed by the NSW Government and rigorously monitored by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (I PART). The licence conditions include minimum standards for frequency and duration of power outages, measured by internationally recognised indices.

I PART reports annually on compliance with these conditions. The reports are available on the IPART website at https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Publications.

More detailed information on the network performance can be obtained through the network operators.

- \*2090 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—NSW FOOD AUTHORITY CHILD CARE FACILITY INSPECTIONS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
  - (1) Are inspections/audits carried out by the NSW Food Authority on child care facilities?
  - (2) How many child care facilities were eligible for inspection in New South Wales each year since 2011?
  - (3) How many inspections/audits of child care facilities were undertaken each year since April 2011?
  - (4) How many child care facilities were not inspected/audited in any year for each year since 2011?
  - (5) How many inspections/audits were undertaken with advanced warning to those child care facilities since April 2011?
    - (a) How much notice is given to those facilities?
  - (6) How many inspections/audits of child care facilities were undertaken without warning since April 2011?

# Answer-

- (1) No. NSW childcare facilities must notify their local council and local councils conduct inspections of those facilities that serve food.
- (2) The NSW Food Authority only holds this data for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 financial years, when it was specifically collected from councils to consider whether child care facilities should be included in the NSW Vulnerable Persons Food Safety Scheme and it showed this was not required. The Food Authority subsequently informed councils they would be responsible for food safety compliance in childcare facilities and that they should regulate these as high/medium risk food businesses. The NSW Food Authority has not collected this data since, but from 2014-15 has collected data on the number of childcare facilities not inspected in each financial year.

Councils reported 1,707 child care facilities eligible for inspection and 1,262 inspections conducted in the 2011-12 financial year (74% inspection rate) and 1775 eligible for inspection and 1723 inspections conducted in the 2012-13 financial year (97% inspection rate).

(3) Refer to answer to question (2) above.

**(4)** 

Financial year	Number of facilities reported by councils as not inspected during that period
2011-12	445
2012-13	52
2013-14	Number not collected
2014-15	89
2015-16	40
2016-17	71
2017-18	Number not yet available

- (5) The Food Authority does not request this information from councils.
  - (a) Refer to answer to (5) above.
- (6) Refer to answer to (5) above.
- INDUSTRIES—NSW **FOOD** \*2091 PRIMARY **AUTHORITY AGED CARE FACILITY** INSPECTIONS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry-
  - (1) Are inspections/audits carried out by the NSW Food Authority on aged care facilities?
  - (2) How many aged care facilities were eligible for inspection in New South Wales each year since
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  - (4) How many aged care facilities were not inspected/audited in any year for each year since 2011?
  - (5) How many inspections/audits were undertaken with advanced warning to those aged care facilities since April 2011?
    - (a) How much notice is given to those facilities?
  - (6) How many inspections/audits of aged care facilities were undertaken without warning since April 2011?

Answer-

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Table 1

FY	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18
Licen ced	843	843	845	844	846	857	864
Facili ties							
Eligi ble for							
Audit							

(3) Table 2

3)	Table 2							
	FY	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18

Total	1098	1053	959	1019	1091	1174	789*
Audit							
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# (4) Table 3

FY	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18
Audit ed	43	36	40	20	28	18	N/A*
outsi de QoN							
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<sup>\*</sup>Information provided up to 03 April 2018

Audits conducted by the Food Authority on aged care facilities are scheduled for completion at various times throughout the year. Audits are scheduled to enable them to be done in line with the Food Authority's audit schedule.

The Food Authority has a service KPI target of 95% of audits conducted within 90 days of the scheduled timeframe. This measure recognises that there are circumstances when it may not be possible to conduct an audit within the specified timeframe. A small number of facilities did not receive an audit in any year. This mainly relates to when the Vulnerable Persons Food Safety Scheme commenced in 2010 and the Authority implemented the Scheme with existing resources.

Implementing a sizeable scheme (over 1200 facilities in total) such as this means it will always take time to visit each facility initially and will have a flow on impact on audit schedules for a period of time. The Authority has exceeded this KPI target for every year since 2014/15.

The Food Authority has implemented a system to monitor audit scheduling and completion rates to ensure they are within the prescribed KPI target range and that facilities which do not receive audits within this period are identified and prioritised for audit.

# (5) 6,808 audits & inspections.

The Food Authority commenced a Regulatory Food Safety Auditor System (Third Party Auditor (TPA) in the vulnerable persons sector in 2010 to assist with resourcing of audits in this sector and to recognise that many businesses in this sector were already using external food safety auditors when the Vulnerable Person Food Safety Scheme came into legislation with potential for unnecessary duplication of audits and costs. The Food Authority retains full control relating to the approval of auditors, allocation, completion and verification of all audits conducted under this program.

The Food Authority conducts announced audits in the vulnerable persons sector to ensure consistency and equity with the TPA program of announced audits, as external auditors only conduct announced audits. Additional circumstances that required consideration of announced audits was that the sector is different to other commercialised food businesses audited by the Authority with a very strong service and care culture by kitchen staff that contributed to the overall very high food safety performance of this sector.

Many aged care facilities utilise the services of an external contractor to provide all their catering services. Auditing of these commercial arrangements are prohibitive without prior notice being provided as the key administrative personnel are usually based at external office locations. Also, whilst there are specific areas of regulatory remit and oversight between agencies, it is accepted that additional to food safety audits this sector also receives a number of healthcare accreditation assessments from other government agencies, which provides additional compliance oversight.

5. (a) The Food Authority provides for a minimum of 10 working days notice to schedule an audit.

# (6) Table 4

FY	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18
Unan noun ced		N/A	N/A	18	97	95	63*
Verifi catio n							
Inspe ction s							
FY	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18
Unan noun ced Com plaint Inspe		6	19	27	21	22	4*
ction s							

<sup>\*</sup>Information provided as at 03 April 2018

The Authority commenced a verification program in late 2014 whereby in any year 10% of facilities are subject to unannounced inspections. These inspections focus on hygiene and processing areas only. Where the Authority receives a complaint concerning food safety matters at a facility, it reserves the right to conduct any investigation and inspection on an unannounced basis in accordance with its statutory powers. Any complaints that require investigation are only ever undertaken by Authorised Officers, not external auditors.

- \*2092 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—COMMERCIAL FISHERS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
  - (1) How many commercial fishers received exit grants as part of the recent Business Adjustment Package for the commercial fishing industry?
  - (2) How many commercial fishers who received exit grants have re-entered the industry?

# Answer-

- (1) There were 235 fishing business buy-out payments made as part of the recent Business Adjustment Program for the commercial fishing industry.
- (2) Fishers often operate under a complex array of business structures. Many commercial fishers hold more than one fishing business. Not all fishing business owners are easily identifiable as they may hold their businesses in family structures, in companies, partnership agreements, in different names and in other arrangements.

The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) has identified all of the fishing business owners who received a fishing business buy-out and held no other immediately recognisable fishing business. DPI has advised that to the best of its knowledge only four of those individuals have purchased a fishing business of an existing operator and re-entered the industry after the close of the exit grant program.

- \*2093 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BUSINESS ADJUSTMENT PACKAGE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
  - (1) What was the process in engaging the probity advisor for the Business Adjustment Package (BAP)?
  - (2) Who is the probity auditor overseeing the BAP?
  - (3) What was the process in appointing the auditor of the BAP?

(1) The Department of Primary Industries has advised me that in May 2015 it sent a 'request for quotes' to four companies listed on the NSW Government's prequalification scheme for Performance and Management Services for probity advice and oversight for the Commercial Fisheries Adjustment Subsidy Program, particularly the subsidised share trading market.

The Department of Primary Industries assessed the two quotes they received against pre-determined selection criteria. As a result, the contract was awarded to APAC Probity Advisory and Auditing Services.

I had no involvement in this process.

(2) In March 2017, the NSW Government announced its support for the recommendations of the Legislative Council inquiry into commercial fishing in NSW. These included the recommendation to appoint a separate probity auditor to scrutinise the implementation of the subsidised share trading market.

O'Connor Marsden and Associates was appointed as the independent probity auditor.

(3) The process to appoint the independent probity auditor was very similar to the way the probity advisor was appointed. My Department is required to follow standard procurement procedures in this regard.

A request for quotes was sent to three companies listed on the Performance and Management Services prequalification scheme. All three provided quotes. These quotes were evaluated against pre-determined criteria.

I had no involvement in this process.

- \*2094 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT ACT 2015—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
  - (1) Was a regulatory impact statement prepared for the regulations that accompanied the Fisheries Management Amendment Act 2015?
    - (a) If not, why not?
  - (2) How many commercial fishers were consulted as part of making the regulations that accompanied the Fisheries Management Amendment Act 2015?

# Answer—

- (1) The regulations to implement the Fisheries Management Amendment Act 2015 were made by direct amendment to the Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2010, the Fisheries Management (Supporting Plan) Regulation 2006 and to the Share Management Plan regulations.
  - No regulatory impact statements were prepared for these regulations because the Subordinate Legislation Act 1989 does not require a regulatory impact statement for direct amendments to regulations (section 6(1)(a), Schedule 3 Item 2).
- (2) All relevant shareholders, all persons eligible for endorsements in the relevant restricted fishery and all holders of a commercial fishing licence were consulted on the issues that led to the amendments to the Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2010, the Fisheries Management (Supporting Plan) Regulation 2006 and to the related Share Management Plan regulations.
- \*2095 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—MUD CRAB TRAPS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
  - (1) Can the Minister advise how many mud crab traps are permissible to be deployed in the State's region 4?
  - (2) Can the Minister confirm there is no restriction on the shifting of statewide quota into region 4?
  - (3) Is the Minister concerned over the sustainability of the mud crab population in region 4?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer-

- (1) 904.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) No.
  - (a) Prior to 1 December 2017 there was no limit on the quantity of mud crabs that could be taken by commercial fishers. Now the quantity of mud crabs that may be taken is limited by quota, which is consistent with other species.
- \*2096 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—NSW COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY ENDORSEMENTS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
  - (1) How many endorsements are there in the New South Wales commercial fishing industry for which the annual endorsement fees have not been paid?
  - (2) What is the total amount of annual endorsement fees outstanding?
  - (3) Why were fishers only issued with a 12 month endorsement?
    - (a) Was one of the reasons the amount of debt in the industry?

Answer-

- (1) 356
- (2) The total amount of unpaid endorsement fees stands at \$1,888,6360. The 2017/18 management charges were issued on 22 November 2017 with a 60 day payment term; due and payable on 21 January 2018. Total for the 2017/18 fees outstanding is currently \$947,255.00. It is important to note that commercial fishers do have to pay management charges to access a publicly owned natural resource, and this has not changed.
- (3) Fishers were only given a 12 month endorsement as they have continued to adjust their fishing businesses. Many are still adjusting at present.
  - (a) There are a number of reasons for the 12 month endorsements, with the primary reason being that fishers are still adjusting their shareholdings and as such there are outstanding management charges.
- \*2097 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—WHITEHAVEN WERRIS CREEK—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
  - (1) Did the Whitehaven Werris Creek mine have water monitoring bores (to monitor groundwater levels) in place prior to or as part of the mine's extension approval in 2011?
  - (2) Does the Whitehaven Werris Creek mine currently have monitoring bores (to monitor groundwater levels) in place?
    - (a) If yes, where are these bores located and how is the data from these bores publically reported?
    - (b) If no, what plans does the Department have to require monitoring bores (to monitor groundwater levels)?
  - (3) Was there any baseline data of groundwater levels taken before the Whitehaven Werris Creek mine extension?
    - (a) If not, why not?
  - (4) Does the Whitehaven Werris Creek mine have impacted groundwater availability?
    - (a) If yes, how has it impacted groundwater?
    - (b) How was the assessment of impact made without baseline data?
  - (5) Regarding the Water Balance Review and Report (December 2016) undertaken by Arup, did Arup perform an independent site water balance or did it rely on Whitehaven's data and calculation?

- (a) What steps did Arup take to verify any data given to it by Whitehaven?
- (6) Did the Department of Primary Industries make recommendations to the Department of Planning and Environment in 2018 regarding what findings should be implemented from the Arup Water Balance Review and Report (December 2016)?
  - (a) If yes, what were these recommendations?
  - (b) If no, when will the Department of Primary Industries make recommendations to the Department of Planning and Environment regarding the Arup Water Balance Review and Report (December 2016)?

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes.
  - (a) Currently Whitehaven Werris Creek mine have bores in:

the basalt around the mine

the Quipolly Alluvium

the Werrie Basalt under the Quipolly Alluvium Data from these bores are reported in Whitehaven Werris Creek mine annual reporting requirements on their website.

- (b) N/A
- (3) Yes, monitoring dates back to 2005.
  - (a) N/A
- (4) As expected and predicted by the groundwater model developed for the project, the Werris Creek mine has induced mine pit inflows from the basalt host rock within close proximity to the mine. This groundwater induced area is within the mine lease.
  - (a) I am advised there is no foreseeable impact to groundwater availability to any third party.
  - (b) Baseline data exists since 2005.
- (5) Preparation of an independent site water balance from scratch was outside the scope of works. In order to satisfy the scope of works, Arup relied on Whitehaven's data and calculations. (a) Arup did assess whether numbers used in the modelling were reasonable.
- (6) The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) provided written advice to the Department of Planning and Environment in February 2017 regarding implementation of recommendations from the Arup Report.
  - (a) DPI recommended to the Department of Planning and Environment that all recommendations from the Arup report be implemented, with suggested minor amendments to improve the clarity of the recommendations.
  - (b) N/A
- \*2098 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—S SET TRAINS—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
  - (1) What is the working life of S Set Trains?
    - (a) Is it correct that the maximum design life of S Set Trains is 30 years?
  - (2) What is the current average age of S Set Trains being used in New South Wales?
    - (a) Is it correct that the current average age of S Set trains is close to 40 years?
  - (3) In the last five calendar years from 2012 to 2017, what has been the major component change out

costs incurred for S Set trains in operation?

- (4) What is expected to be the cost of the replacement train sets, the Oscars or the Waratah, or any other trains which will replace the current S Set trains?
- (5) Why have S Set trains not been replaced in a timely manner to avoid incurring hefty costs on repair and component change outs?
- (6) Why has there been a delay in supplying electricity needs for the traction lines to accommodate the replacement train sets?

Answer-

I am advised:

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

- \*2099 CORRECTIONS—NEW SOUTH WALES CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
  - (1) Can the Minister advise on how much money has been spent on deradicalisation programmes in New South Wales correctional facilities during the Minister's tenure?
  - (2) Can the Minister advise on how many individuals have been successfully deradicalised in New South Wales correctional facilities in this time?
  - (3) Has the Minister been approached by any alternative organisations:
    - (a) who claim to have a track record of success in deradicalisation in correctional facilities?
    - (b) whose programmes are alleged to be more cost effective?
  - (4) Can the Minister advise on:
    - (a) who these alternative organisations are?
    - (b) whether the Minister has met with them?
    - (c) what information they have provided?
  - (5) What has the Minister's response been to these alternative organisations?

Answer-

I am advised:

- (1) Corrective Services NSW offers a disengagement program, the Proactive Integrated Support Model (PRISM). The aim of the program is to assist at-risk inmates to disengage from violent extremism. The program is being piloted over three years for \$1,248,985.
- (2) An assessment of the effectiveness of interventions for inmates that pose a risk of violent extremism will require a study over a number of years to understand any long term impacts.
- (3) 4. 5. The Minister is approached from time to time by organisations wishing to provide programs to inmates. Consideration is given to as to whether they meet the requirements and objectives of Corrective Services NSW in terms of addressing offending behaviour. I am unable to disclose details of the proposals or the identity of organisations.

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- \*2100 TOURISM AND MAJOR EVENTS—ACCOMMODATION SECTION OF GOVERNMENT WEBSITES—Ms Sharpe 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) Does the Government have a formal listing policy for accommodation providers for the accommodation section of the Government's websites, Sydney.com and Visitnsw.com?
    - (a) If so, what are the details of the policy?
  - (2) What is the process for accommodation providers who want to be listed in the accommodation section of the Government's web sites, Sydney.com and Visitnsw.com?
  - (3) What is the process undertaken by Destination NSW to list accommodation providers in the accommodation section of the Government's websites, Sydney. com and Visitnsw.com, including but not limited to the actions taken by Destination NSW when a request to be listed is received from a provider, and what review process is conducted by Destination NSW for listings?

- (1) The Government's tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW, operates the Get Connected program which allows tourism operators to list visitor accommodation properties free of charge via its two consumer websites: Sydney.com and visitnsw.com.
  - To list their properties, operators must meet the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse's (ATDW) Operator Listing Guidelines, which set the national content standards. The ATDW is Australia's national platform for the provision of digital tourism information about Australia. It is jointly owned and managed by all Australian state/territory government tourism bodies. Further information about the ATDW Guidelines can be found: https://atdw.com.au/.
- (2) To list a visitor accommodation property on the Sydney.com and visitnsw.com websites, operators must:
  - o set up a user account on the A TOW platform which powers the Get Connected program
  - o create their business listing in line with the Operator Listing Guidelines
  - o submit their listing to Destination NSW for review and approval.
- (3) Destination NSW reviews all new listings and updates to any current listings to ensure they meet the national content standards under the Operator Listing Guidelines and can be uploaded to its two consumer websites.
  - Destination NSW provides support and advice to operators through its helpline accessible by phone on 1300 655 077 or email getconnected@dnsw.com.au.
  - Destination NSW widely promotes the Get Connected program to stakeholders through the Destination Networks, Local Tourism Organisations, councils, Visitor Information Centres, the Partner Opportunities with Destination NSW Prospectus and its corporate website to maximise the program uptake.
- \*2101 POLICE—LAW ENFORCEMENT CONDUCT COMMISSION—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
  - (1) How many complaints has the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC) received since it commenced?
  - (2) Of these complaints how many has the LECC declined to investigate?
  - (3) Of the complaints that have been investigated, how many involved a preliminary investigation only?
  - (4) Of the complaints that have been investigated by the LECC, how many have resulted in recommendations for any kind of disciplinary action against police officers involved?
  - (5) What tracking has the LECC undertaken of any complaints that were referred back to NSW Police Professional Standards Command?
  - (6) Of complaints referred back to Professional Standards Command how many have been subject to:

- (a) An initial investigation?
- (b) A finalised investigation?
- (7) Of those complaints in question 6 how many resulted in adverse findings being made against police?
- (8) How many of those complaints in question 6 resulted in disciplinary action against police?

#### Answer—

I am advised:

Since 1 July 2017, the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC) has received and assessed 1,975 complaints, conducted 25 private examinations and commenced monitoring 26 NSW Police Force critical incident investigations.

Furthermore, the LECC has commenced 73 integrity investigations, seen 259 charges laid in relation to three investigations and delivered five briefs of evidence to the NSW and Commonwealth Directors of Public Prosecutions.

- \*2102 ATTORNEY GENERAL—CORONIAL INQUESTS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General—
  - (1) What is the longest time between the date of death and opening of a substantive coronial hearing for:
    - (a) 2018 to date?
    - (b) 2017?
    - (c) 2016?
    - (d) 2015?
    - (e) 2014?
  - (2) What is the average time between the date of death and opening of a substantive coronial hearing for:
    - (a) 2018 to date?
    - (b) 2017?
    - (c) 2016?
    - (d) 2015?
    - (e) 2014?
  - (3) What is the median time between the date of death and opening of a substantive coronial hearing for:
    - (a) 2018 to date?
    - (b) 2017?
    - (c) 2016?
    - (d) 2015?
    - (e) 2014?
  - (4) What is the longest time between the date of death and final coronial report for reports delivered in:
    - (a) 2018 to date?
    - (b) 2017?
    - (c) 2016?
    - (d) 2015?
    - (e) 2014?
  - (5) What is the average time between the date of death and final coronial report for reports delivered in:
    - (a) 2018 to date?
    - (b) 2017?
    - (c) 2016?
    - (d) 2015?
    - (e) 2014?
  - (6) What is the median time between the date of death and final coronial report for reports delivered in:
    - (a) 2018 to date?

- (b) 2017?
- (c) 2016?
- (d) 2015?
- (e) 2014?

I am advised:

This information is not available.

General data on coronial proceedings for financial years 2011 to 2017 is available in the Productivity Commission's 2018 Report on Government Services, available on the Productivity Commission website at https://www.pc.gov.au/.

- \*2103 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—DIGITAL DRIVERS' LICENCES—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) The Services NSW website states the trial for Digital Drivers' Licences in Dubbo, New South Wales is to run from "October 2017 to February 2018". Accordingly, has Transport for NSW (TfNSW) finished the trial of Digital Drivers' Licences in Dubbo?
    - (a) If so, when was it completed?
    - (b) What were the results of this trial?
      - (i) Are these results publicly available? If so, where?
    - (c) What is the final cost of this trial project?
  - (2) Has TfNSW identified any changes that are needed to the Digital Drivers' Licence program through this trial? If so:
    - (a) What are these changes?
    - (b) How much are these changes going to cost?
  - (3) Is the Minister going to report back to Parliament on the Digital Drivers' Licence trial in Dubbo?
    - (a) If so, when?
    - (b) If not, why not?
  - (4) On what date is TfNSW expected to roll out Digital Drivers' Licences across New South Wales?

Answer-

I am advised:

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

- \*2104 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—ALEXANDRIA TO MOORE PARK CONNECTIVITY UPGRADE—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
  - (1) What is the projected cost of the Alexandria to Moore Park Connectivity Upgrade?
  - (2) Has Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) undertaken a cost-benefit analysis of the Alexandria to Moore Park Connectivity Upgrade?
    - (a) If yes, what is the cost-benefit ratio for this project?
    - (b) If not, why not?
  - (3) Can the Minister advise who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of paths and fencing around the Moore Park and Centennial Park Parklands?
  - (4) Is there any compensation payable to the Centennial Parkland Trust in relation to the Alexandria to Moore Park Connectivity Upgrade?
    - (a) If so, how much and for what reason?
  - (5) How many trees will have to be removed for the Alexandria to Moore Park Connectivity Upgrade?
    - (a) Will there be a loss of any green spaces due to this project?

- (i) If so, how much green space will be lost?
- (6) If there will be a loss of green canopy due to this project, have the health effects of loss of canopy for this project been considered?
  - (a) If yes, how have these effects been studied and what are the results?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (7) Has the Minister sought approval from the Centennial and Moore Park Trust at any stage of this project, i.e. prior to or during the planning process or on announcement?
  - (a) If so, when did this communication take place?
    - (i) And, what was the response from the Centennial and Moore Park Trust?
  - (b) Has the RMS had any communication with the City of Sydney in relation to any offsets or compensation in relation to works, removal of trees, and the investment of rate payers in maintaining the tree canopy and associated green spaces?

I am advised:

The project's draft Review of Environmental Factors report is expected to go on public display in June 2018.

The City of Sydney has been consulted as a key stakeholder.

- \*2105 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—ON DEMAND BUSES IN NEWCASTLE—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
  - (1) In Newcastle and surrounding areas, served by the private contractor Keolis Downer, what options do commuters have when an on-demand bus service they have booked is cancelled?
  - (2) What is the minimum notice that can be given to commuters who have booked the service when the on-demand bus service is cancelled? Please provide the answer in units of time.
  - (3) What recourse is available to people who booked the on-demand service which has been cancelled?

# Answer-

I am advised:

- (1) & (3) Newcastle Transport endeavours to find a replacement On Demand bus should an unforeseen event occur. Newcastle Transport also operates regular route services in the On Demand area.
- (2) As this is an On Demand service and bookings can be made in real time, cancellations can be made from when the booking is made (up to three months) up until the scheduled pick-up time (zero minutes prior to travel).
- \*2106 ENVIRONMENT—INDIGENOUS HERITAGE ARTEFACTS—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
  - (1) Is the Minister aware whether any artefacts of Indigenous heritage such as carvings, rock paintings and others will be affected by the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link tollway?
    - (a) If yes, what is being done to ensure that no damage is done to Indigenous heritage artefacts?
      - (i) Will these artefacts remain in place or will they be relocated?
  - (2) Is the Minister aware whether any artefacts of Indigenous heritage such as carvings, rock paintings and others will be affected by the F6 extension tollway?
    - (a) If yes, what is being done to ensure that no damage is done to Indigenous heritage artefacts?
    - (b) Will these artefacts remain in place or will they be relocated?

# Answer-

I am advised that these matters fall within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Planning, the Hon Anthony Roberts MP.

- \*2107 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—INDIGENOUS HERITAGE ARTEFACTS—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
  - (1) Is the Minister aware whether any artefacts of Indigenous heritage such as carvings, rock paintings and others will be affected by the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link tollway?
    - (a) If yes, what is being done to ensure that no damage is done to Indigenous heritage artefacts?
      - (i) Will these artefacts remain in place or will they be relocated?
  - (2) Is the Minister aware whether any artefacts of Indigenous heritage such as carvings, rock paintings and others will be affected by the F6 extension tollway?
    - (a) If yes, what is being done to ensure that no damage is done to Indigenous heritage artefacts?
    - (b) Will these artefacts remain in place or will they be relocated?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

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- \*2108 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD LIGHT AND SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL PROJECT—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
  - (1) With regard to the CBD Light and South East Light Rail project:
    - (a) In a media release dated 28 May 2015 did you commit to having "major civil construction" completed in April 2018?
    - (b) Will "major civil construction" be completed in April 2018?
    - (c) If not, when will the "major civil construction" be completed?

Answer-

I am advised:

- (a) I refer you to the media release for its contents
- (b) No
- (c) Civil construction of the GBD and South East Light Rail will be progressively completed throughout 2019.

More than 15 kilometres of track has been laid along the route with a number of major intersections in the GBD, Surry Hills, Randwick, Kensington and Kingsford areas also completed.

About 4 kilometres of track at the Randwick Stabling Yard is nearing completion. Overhead wires are up while testing and commissioning has begun along Alison Road and Anzac Parade in Randwick with trams being run at night to test all operational and safety features. Testing and commissioning will progress to daytime hours and to other sections of the route throughout 2018.

In the CBD, track installation in the George Street and Market Street intersection was completed over the Easter weekend and installation has started on the wire free technology.

Construction is underway at the Alison Road and Wansey Road stops, with construction of the QVB stop to commence following completion of the Market Street intersection.

\*2109 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD LIGHT RAIL—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

In which month of what year will regular passenger services on the CBD light rail commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

That a program report provided to Transport for NSW from ALTRAC Light Rail has indicated March 2020, however Transport for NSW continues to dispute this program.

\*2110 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD LIGHT RAIL—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What is the current date targeted for the commencement of passenger services on the CBD light rail?

Answer-

I am advised:

I refer you to my answer to LC 2109.

- \*2111 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD LIGHT RAIL—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
  - (1) With regard to the CBD light rail project:
    - (a) In a media release dated 28 May 2015 did you commit to completing the "final pedestrian zone block in George Street" by May 2017?
    - (b) Was the final pedestrian zone block in George Street completed in May 2017?
      - (i) If not, when will the final pedestrian zone block in George Street be delivered?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my answer to LC 2108.

- \*2112 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—INTER-CITY TRAINS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
  - (1) How many seats are provided on the current eight carriage inter-city trains?
  - (2) How many seats will be provided on the planned ten carriage inter-city trains?

Answer-

I am advised:

I refer you to my previous response, LA 6095.

- \*2113 REGIONAL WATER—WILCANNIA WEIR FUNDING—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
  - (1) Do you expect to make a decision on funding for the Wilcannia weir this year?
    - (a) If not, what are the reasons for delaying the decision?

Answer—

The Department of Industry – Water is working with Central Darling Shire Council as they develop a broader strategic investigation into water security in their region. The Department expects the investigation will clarify what the most appropriate options are for Wilcannia's long-term water security. The weir is included in this analysis.

The NSW Government has provided \$1.2 million to assist Council with this work to date.

Until this investigation is complete, it would be inappropriate for myself or my department to place timeframes on when a decision will be made.

\*2114 PREMIER—LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTION SPENDING CAPS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council

representing the Premier—

Given that council by-elections are being held in many local government areas, and that a) on 31 May 2016 in the Legislative Assembly the then Premier confirmed that the Government would introduce spending caps for local council elections; b) the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters in its 'Inquiry into the Final Report of the Expert Panel - Political Donations and the Government Response' dated June 2016 unanimously recommended introducing spending caps for local government, and c) that such spending caps are the official policy of the Liberal Party of Australia (NSW Division):

(1) When will the Government legislate for spending caps for local council elections?

#### Answer-

NSW already has the toughest campaign finance laws in the country, and under the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government that will continue to be the case.

The Government is continuing its review of the State's campaign finance legislation, and will have new laws in place well in advance of the 2019 State General Election.

- \*2115 EDUCATION—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—
  - (1) Regarding Forest Hill Public School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (2) Regarding Franklin Public School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (3) Regarding Lake Albert Public School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (4) Regarding North Wagga Public School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?

# Answer-

The Department of Education uses demountable buildings to manage changing enrolment patterns; provide accommodation to meet emergency needs arising from incidents such as fires, storms or flooding; and provide temporary accommodation needs as a result of capital works and maintenance projects.

The use of demountables allows the department to be highly responsive to changing needs in schools across the State. All demountable classrooms are air-conditioned and receive regular maintenance.

The department constantly monitors the use of demountables. Where a long term need for additional school accommodation is established and funding is available, this is provided by expanding existing schools and/or building new schools as necessary.

- \*2116 EDUCATION—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—
  - (1) Regarding Dubbo South Public School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (2) Regarding the School of the Air, Broken Hill:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (3) Regarding Walgett Community College High School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (4) Regarding Lightning Ridge Central School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (5) Regarding Coonamble High School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (6) Regarding Gilgandra High School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (7) Regarding Coonabarabran High School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (8) Regarding Bourke Public School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (9) Regarding Bourke High School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?

The Department of Education uses demountable buildings to manage changing enrolment patterns; provide accommodation to meet emergency needs arising from incidents such as fires, storms or flooding; and provide temporary accommodation needs as a result of capital works and maintenance projects.

The use of demountables allows the department to be highly responsive to changing needs in schools across the State. All demountable classrooms are air-conditioned and receive regular maintenance.

The department constantly monitors the use of demountables. Where a long term need for additional school accommodation is established and funding is available, this is provided by expanding existing schools and/or building new schools as necessary.

- \*2117 EDUCATION—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—
  - (1) Regarding Tamworth South Public School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (2) Regarding Westdale Public School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (3) Regarding Tamworth Public School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (4) Regarding Oxley High School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (5) Regarding Peel High School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (6) Regarding Gunnedah South Public School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?

# Answer-

The Department of Education uses demountable buildings to manage changing enrolment patterns; provide accommodation to meet emergency needs arising from incidents such as fires, storms or flooding; and provide temporary accommodation needs as a result of capital works and maintenance projects.

The use of demountables allows the department to be highly responsive to changing needs in schools across the State. All demountable classrooms are air-conditioned and receive regular maintenance.

The department constantly monitors the use of demountables. Where a long term need for additional school accommodation is established and funding is available, this is provided by expanding existing schools and/or building new schools as necessary.

\*2118 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—SYDNEY TRAINS AND NSW TRAINLINK—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—

Following major disruptions on the Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink network in January 2018, Transport for NSW and Sydney Trains carried out a joint review on the network's ability to recover from major incidents. The review, published on Transport for NSW's website on 15 February 2018, identified 8 actions.

- (1) Has Transport for NSW started work on any of these actions?
  - (a) If so, please give details of what has been done per each action.
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (2) Please provide a timeline for the completion of all 8 actions that have been identified in the report.
- (3) The review recommended an acceleration in the recruitment of new drivers. How many drivers have been hired since 15 February 2018?
  - (a) If none, why is that the case?
- (4) The review recommended that a review be commissioned by an independent party to define a program to upgrade systems, tools and protocols for crew resourcing and scheduling that enable scenario testing to optimise network resilience provisions. Has this review been commissioned?
  - (a) If yes, please provide the start and end date for this review.
  - (b) If not, why not?
    - (i) Is there a plan to commission this review? If so, when? Please also provide completion dates
- (5) The review recommended a revision for the business rules and practices for crew changeover; and implementation of a staged plan to realign crew deployment and arrangements for changeovers in consultation with the unions. Has this consultation taken place?
  - (a) If yes, what has been the result?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (6) The review identified further investment in network infrastructure, including stabling locations, track configuration and junction removal, as essential to providing more capacity, greater reliability and more resilience to major incidents (Page 3). In relation to this, how much further budget has been allocated to Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink?
  - (a) How much of this has been spent to date?
  - (b) If more budget has not been allocated, why is this the case?

Answer-

I am advised:

Sydney Trains is working to complete all actions by the end of 2018.

- \*2119 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—TANGARA TRAINS TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE PROJECT—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) For the Tangara Trains Technology Upgrade project, the completion date on the contract was stated as 29 May 2018. In the September 2017 Fleet Delivery Program newsletter from Transport for NSW, the completion date has been changed to 2019. The newsletter states, "Upgrades are expected to be complete in 2019". Why has there been a delay on this project?
  - (2) Has there been any change to the project cost, from the original cost of \$131 million when the contract was awarded to UGL in 2014?
    - (a) If yes, how much is the change on cost?

- (b) How much of this cost change is due to changes in the delivery timeline, if any?
- (c) Is the project cost projected to change before completion?
- (3) How many Tangara trains are currently out of the rolling stock?
  - (a) How many of the Tangara trains are out of the rolling stock due to this change in the delivery timeline?
  - (b) Who bears the cost of Tangara trains staying out of the rolling stock due to delays in project delivery?
- (4) Why has a recommendation from the Waterfall inquiry to install Automatic Train Protection been delayed to this extent on Tangara trains?
- (5) When will the Tangara trains upgrade be completed? Please provide a date.

## I am advised:

As the Member will be aware, Labor was in power when the Waterfall disaster happened, but in the 7 years after the disaster, Labor did nothing to roll out Automatic Train Protection across the network

When this Government came to power it moved as quickly as possible to start to deliver on the Waterfall recommendations. Following the completion of a technology trial in 2014, a decision was made to revise the type of technology being proposed to be rolled out to better respond to the project requirements and to respond to technological advances in the intervening period.

Transport for NSW continues to work with its contractors to ensure that the Tangara Technology Upgrade and Automatic Train Protection is rolled out across the network as quickly as possible.

\*2120 RESOURCES—EXPLORATION LICENCES—Mr Buckingham asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Regarding the application for operational release of Exploration Licence Application (ELA) 5573 and Exploration Licence (EL) 5574:

- (1) Has the entire area of the unallocated resource in EL 6676 been subject to a market interest test in the consideration of the application for the operational release of ELA 5573 and EL 5574?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If yes, when did this occur and what was the result?
- (2) Has consideration been given to whether the application for the operational release of ELA 5573 and EL 5574 will cut into a resource that would support a standalone operation, as outlined in clause 7.3 (g) of the Guidelines for coal exploration licence applications for operational purposes?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If yes, what was the conclusion of this consideration?
- (3) How will the remaining production period of the existing mine, Wilpinjong Coal Mine, with a new approval to extract 16 million tonnes per annum until 2033, be taken into consideration as an additional factor under clause 7.4 of the Guidelines for coal exploration licence applications for operational purposes?
- (4) Will the consideration of the application for the operational release of ELA 5573 and EL 5574 be withheld until the judgement of the judicial review into the approval of the Wilpinjong Extension Project is handed down by the Land and Environment Court?

# Answer—

# I am advised:

- (1) No, the market interest test conducted for coal exploration licence applications ELA 5573 and ELA 557 4 was for operational allocation purposes. The residual of EL 6676 is not the subject of an application for operational allocation purposes and has, therefore, not been the subject of a market interest test.
- (2) The operational allocations are currently the subject of assessment in accordance with the legislative and policy frameworks.
- (3) The Operational Allocation Framework is designed to avoid sterilisation of resources, support better

mine design, and expand existing mining operations.

- (4) No. ELA 5573 and EL 5574 will be determined in accordance with the legislative and policy framework for operational allocations.
- \*2121 ATTORNEY GENERAL—MARDI GRAS—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General—
  - (1) Can the Attorney General please advise whether any laws or regulations are suspended for the duration of the homosexual Annual Mardi Gras Parade or the after party, the last of which was held on Saturday 3 March?
  - (2) Do the authorities receive any instruction not to enforce any laws or regulations during that time?
    - (a) If so, who do they receive these instructions from, and why?

Answer-

I am advised:

- (1) This question should be referred to the Minister for Racing, who has responsibility for liquor and gaming regulations.
- (2) This question should be referred to the Minister for Police, who has responsibility for matters relating to NSW Police.
- \*2122 EMERGENCY SERVICES—VEXATIOUS COMPLAINTS—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
  - (1) Is the Minister aware of the report "Protect yourself from Vexatious Allegations" in the 2018 Summer Issue of "The Volunteer Firefighter"?
  - (2) Can the Minister advise whether or not the Government has conducted any studies or inquiries into the administrative burdens and financial costs associated with the vexatious complaints in the Emergency Services and the public service generally?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW emergency services agencies take all complaints seriously and have in place robust complaints management systems to ensure such matters are appropriately investigated and addressed, including support for both complainants and those who are the subject of complaints.

\*2123 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—REGULATIONS GOVERNING COUNTBACK 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—

Given your answer dated 14 November 2017 to my question number 1789, that:

'The Office of Local Government has commenced work with the NSW Electoral Commission on the drafting of the regulations governing the administration of countback elections and the design of the counting rules to be applied at them.'

(1) How much longer will it be before the regulation is enacted and Section 291A (3) of the Local Government Act is operational?

Answer-

I refer to my previous Question on Notice LC 1789.

- \*2124 LANDS AND FORESTRY—SPOTTED GUM LOGS—Ms Walker asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
  - (1) Has the Forestry Corporation committed to supplying spotted gum logs to the Heyfield Mill in

Victoria?

- (a) If so, what is the quality, volume, quantity and price of these logs?
- (b) Which forests will be logged to supply these logs?

#### Answer-

- (1) No
  - (a) N/A
  - (b) N/A
- \*2125 LANDS AND FORESTRY—PRIVATE NATIVE FORESTRY CODE—Ms Walker asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
  - (1) Why was the Hewitville Company allowed to continue operations at Limpinwood after breaching the Private Native Forestry Code of Practice?
  - (2) Why was the Hewitville Company allowed to continue operations at Limpinwood after failing to gain permission from Tweed Council before illegal road building and logging in environmental zones?
  - (3) How many breaches of the Private Native Forestry Code have been reported in the past 12 months?
  - (4) How many of these were investigated?
    - (a) What were the results?

#### Answer-

- (1) to (4) Private Native Forestry is regulated by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA), therefore this question is a matter for the Minister for the Environment.
- \*2126 LANDS AND FORESTRY—REVIEW OF NSW REGIONAL FORESTRY AGREEMENTS—Ms Walker asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

How many public submissions did the Department of Primary Industries receive in the recent review of the NSW Regional Forestry Agreements, which closed 12 March 2018?

# Answer-

- (1) The Department of Primary Industries led the community consultation process on Regional Forestry Agreements (RFA) renewal and received 2,310 submissions (153 online, 2,155 by email, and two by post)
  - (a) The submissions will be taken into account by the NSW and Commonwealth governments in determining the scope and content of the new RFAs.
- \*2127 ENVIRONMENT—REVIEW OF NSW REGIONAL FORESTRY AGREEMENTS—Ms Walker asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

How many public submissions did the Environment Protection Agency receive in the recent review of the NSW Regional Forestry Agreements, which closed 23 February 2018?

# Answer-

I am advised the Environment Protection Agency received approximately 5000 submissions.

- \*2128 ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR SKILLS—LISMORE TAFE CAMPUS—Ms Walker asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—
  - (1) How many courses are currently being delivered at Lismore TAFE campus?

- (a) What are the courses being delivered?
- (2) How many students currently attend classes at Lismore TAFE campus?
- (3) How many students attended classes at Lismore TAFE campus before the flooding in 2017 caused by Cyclone Debbie?
- (4) What parts of Lismore TAFE campus are currently being used for classes?
- (5) When will the entire campus be open and fit for education purposes?

- (1) 119 courses are currently being delivered from Lismore TAFE Campus.
  - (a) See table at Attachment A.
- (2) TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data on enrolments or students are not provided by location. TAFE NSW does however provide enrolment data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at https://www.tafensw.edu.au/abouttafensw/annual-report
- (3) See response above.
- (4) A Block (Ground floor, Levels 1 and 2), D Block, G Block (Level 1) and J Block (Level 1).
- (5) July 2018.
- \*2129 LANDS AND FORESTRY—PULP LOG ROYALTIES—Ms Walker asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
  - (1) What was the royalty payable for pulp logs in the Eden Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) Region in:
    - (a) 1990?
    - (b) 2000?
    - (c) 2010?
    - (d) 2017?
  - (2) What was the royalty payable for pulp logs in the Southern RFA Region in:
    - (a) 1990?
    - (b) 2000?
    - (c) 2010?
    - (d) 2017?

# Answer—

- (1) (a) Not available as sales information from this year is not held
  - (b) \$5,873,503
  - (c) \$3,793,685
  - (d) \$3,780,855
- (2) (a) Not available as sales information from this year is not held
  - (b) \$544,519
  - (c) \$1,036,315
  - (d) Pulp is now sold under delivered price arrangements so a royalty is no longer applicable

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- 2130 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- 2131 WESTCONNEX—WESTCONNEX PROJECT—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- 2132 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—APIARY SITES AND FEES—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 2133 ENVIRONMENT—APIARY SITE FEES—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 2134 LANDS AND FORESTRY—APIARY SITE FEES—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- 2135 TOURISM AND MAJOR EVENTS—NEWCASTLE 500 SUPERCARS—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—
- 2136 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—GORDON RAILWAY STATION—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2137 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—LOW INTEREST LOANS FOR SOLAR POWER SYSTEMS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 2138 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—REGULATION AND REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 2139 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—SWIMMING POOL FENCES—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 2140 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—RICHMOND RAIL DUPLICATION—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2141 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—NORTH WEST RAIL LINE TO RICHMOND EXTENSION—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- 2142 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—RICHMOND LINE COMMUTERS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2143 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—RICHMOND LINE TRAINS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2144 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—STAFFING OF RICHMOND LINE STATIONS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2145 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CLOSURE OF ROAD RESERVATIONS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- 2146 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—DOG ATTACKS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

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- 2147 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—SEEKING FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING QUESTION NUMBER 2058—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—
- 2148 HEALTH—SAMPLING/TESTING FOR POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYL IN EDIBLE SEAFOOD IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Field 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—
- 2149 HEALTH—SAMPLING/TESTING FOR METALS AND METALLOIDS IN EDIBLE SEAFOOD IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Field 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—
- 2150 HEALTH—HUMAN HEALTH IMPACTS OF PLASTICS CONSUMED BY EDIBLE SEAFOOD—Mr Field 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—
- 2151 ENVIRONMENT—SAMPLING/TESTING OF EDIBLE SEAFOOD IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Field 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—
- 2152 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—TESTING OF CONTAMINATION OF FISH SOLD FOR CONSUMPTION IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- 2153 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—RESIDENTIAL LAND VALUES—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 Finance, Services and Property—
- 2154 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—COMMERCIAL LAND VALUES—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 Finance, Services and Property—
- 2155 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—VACANT LAND VALUES—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 Finance, Services and Property—
- 2156 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY HARRASSMENT PROTECTION—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

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- 2157 HEALTH—INFRINGEMENTS OF SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT ACT 2000—Mr Secord to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2158 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE POSITIONS MOVED TO QUEANBEYAN—Mrs Houssos 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—
- 2159 PREMIER—AUSTRALIAN MULTICULTURAL CHRISTIAN SOCIETY GRANT—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—
- 2160 WESTCONNEX—LEASE OVER RAILCORP LAND AT DARLEY ROAD, LEICHHARDT—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—
- 2161 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—LEASE OVER RAILCORP LAND AT DARLEY ROAD, LEICHHARDT—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 2162 REGIONAL WATER—PUBLIC FUNDS—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 2163 TREASURER—SYDNEY MOTORWAY CORPORATION SALE—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—
- 2164 SPORT—STADIUMS—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—

- 2165 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—NEW SUB-MEDIUM ELECTRIC STANDARD—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 Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2166 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SYDNEY FOOTBALL STADIUM FINAL BUSINESS CASE SUMMARY—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 Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2167 WESTCONNEX—GOVERNMENT AGENCY CREDIT CARD USE—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- 2168 PLANNING—PROPOSAL TO AMEND SUTHERLAND SHIRE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2015—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 Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—
- 2169 ARTS—ARTS 2025 SUMMIT—Mr Secord to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 2170 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—SPOIL MANAGEMENT PROJECT—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2171 RACING—GREYHOUND RACING—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- 2172 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD AND SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 2173 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—GAME MEAT—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 2174 ENVIRONMENT—NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FIREFIGHTERS—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—
- 2175 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—WAKEBOARD COMPETITION ON CLARENCE RIVER AT GRAFTON—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 2176 PREMIER—BARANGAROO DELIVERY AUTHORITY—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- 2177 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—GREYHOUNDS AS PETS FACILITY INSPECTION—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- 2178 RACING—GREYHOUNDS AS PETS FACILITY—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- 2179 ENVIRONMENT—BIOBANKING ANNUAL REPORTS—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—
- 2180 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—PENALTY INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—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—
- 2181 HEALTH—SURGICAL SUITES AT BYRON CENTRAL HOSPITAL—Ms Walker 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—
- 2182 SKILLS—ULTIMO TAFE—Ms Walker to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—
- 2183 HEALTH—TWEED HOSPITAL—Ms Walker 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—
- 2184 PLANNING—TWEED HOSPITAL—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 Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—
- 2185 HEALTH—YOUNG DISTRICT HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH ROOM—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—

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- 2186 POLICE—NSW POLICE NUMBERS AND STATISTICS—Mr Secord to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—
  - (1) As the NSW police website has not been updated since September 2017, what are the Authorised and Actual Police Strength Figures from October 2017 through to April 2018 inclusive (reported separately by month) for the:
    - (a) Tweed Byron Police District?
    - (b) Tweed Heads Police Station?
    - (c) Kingscliff Police Station?
    - (d) Murwillumbah Police Station?
  - (2) How many assaults have been reported against on-duty police officers within the Tweed Byron Police District, reported separately by police station and type of assault for the following time periods:
    - (a) 2014?

- (b) 2015?
- (c) 2016?
- (d) 2017?
- (e) 2018?
- 2187 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—ASIC LEGISLATION COMPLIANCE—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
  - (1) Did the Department of Primary Industries Fisheries comply with all legislation administered by ASIC when it undertook the controlled subsidised share trading market exercise?
    - (a) if not, why not?
- 2188 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—CARAVAN REGISTRATION REVENUE—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
  - (1) What is the annual revenue received by the Government since 2010-11 for the registration of caravans within the following tare weight bands:
    - (a) Up to 254 kg?
    - (b) 255 to 764 kg?
    - (c) 765 to 975 kg?
    - (d) 976 to 1154 kg?
    - (e) 1155 to 1504 kg?
    - (f) 1505 to 2504 kg?
    - (g) 2505 to 2794 kg?
    - (h) 2795 to 3054 kg?
    - (i) 3055 to 3564 kg?
    - (i) 3565 to 3814 kg?
    - (k) 3815 to 4064 kg?
    - (1) 4065 to 4324 kg?
    - (m) 4325 to 4500 kg?
- 2189 REGIONAL WATER—WENTWORTH TO BROKEN HILL PIPELINE—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

Regarding the construction of the Wentworth to Broken Hill pipeline:

- (1) How many full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs in Broken Hill will by created by the construction of the pipeline?
- (2) How many FTE jobs have been created to date, which are located in Broken Hill?
- (3) How many additional FTE jobs will be created and located in Broken Hill for the following months:
  - (a) June 2018?
  - (b) July 2018?
  - (c) August 2018?
  - (d) September 2018?
  - (e) October 2018?
  - (f) November 2018?
  - (g) December 2018?
- 2190 REGIONAL WATER—MENINDEE LAKES PROPOSED CHANGES—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

Regarding proposed operational changes to, and reconfiguration of, the Menindee Lakes:

(1) Has the social and economic impact of these changes been modelled?

- (2) Has the impact on Far West tourism been considered?
- (3) What is the impact of these changes to Far West tourism in dollar (\$) amount?
- (4) Has the impact on Western New South Wales fishing been considered? .
- (5) What is the impact of these changes to Western New South Wales fishing in dollar (\$) amount?
- (6) Has the cultural impact of these changes been considered?
- (7) What is the cultural impact of these changes?
- 2191 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—SECTION 291A (3) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

In your response on 14 November 2017 to my question number 1789 concerning why the regulation required by section 291A (3) of the Local Government Act enabling 'count backs' instead of costly council by elections had not been enacted, you advised that drafting of the regulation had 'commenced.' When do you expect this regulation to be enacted?

- 2192 HEALTH—GASTROSCHISIS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Revd Mr Nile 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—
  - (1) Can the Minister confirm that:
    - (a) The Northern Rivers area of New South Wales is known to be the main cannabis producing area of New South Wales?
    - (b) The region leads the state in gastroschisis rates?
  - (2) Is the Minister aware of:
    - (a) Any studies published in medical and research literature concerning the relationship between cannabis usage and rates of foetal malformations in New South Wales?
    - (b) Western Australia's advanced epidemiological systems of data collection, which reportedly links its many public databases together facilitating more efficient and accurate data collection and analysis?
  - (3) Can the Minister provide the following information:
    - (a) How many other foetal malformations are common in the Northern Rivers area, as compared to other local health areas in New South Wales?
    - (b) The rates and the epidemiological maps of all congenital abnormalities in New South Wales by local health areas.
    - (c) The longitudinal rates of gastroschisis in New South Wales in the period 1980 to the present by annual numbers and rates.
    - (d) The annual numbers and rates of gastroschisis in New South Wales by public health area.
    - (e) Why NSW Health has not published this information in its reports?
    - (f) Outline what is planned to be done to address this apparent absence in essential data gathering in the state's health statistics.
  - (4) Will the Minister inquire with his relevant counterpart in the Commonwealth why it has not released rates of congenital anomalies for Australia either as a nation or by state since 2013?
  - (5) Does the Minister stand by his Ministry's press release dated 17 May 2011 and titled "NSW Health expert panel: no evidence of higher incidence of Gastroschisis in Northern New South Wales"?
- 2193 SPORT—WINTER SPORTS SKI JUMP FACILITY—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—
  - (1) Have any alternative sites for the winter sports ski jump facility, initially proposed for Lennox Head, been identified?
    - (a) If so, what are they?

- (b) If not, what have the \$5.9 million funds earmarked for this facility in June 2016 been spent on?
- 2194 SPORT—ACTIVE KIDS REBATES—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—

What is the total number of Active Kids rebates paid for each of the following sports:

- (1) Swimming?
- (2) Football/Soccer?
- (3) Australian Football?
- (4) Dancing (recreational)?
- (5) Gymnastics?
- (6) Basketball?
- (7) Netball?
- (8) Tennis?
- (9) Athletics, track and field?
- (10) Cricket?
- (11) Rugby League?
- (12) Karate?
- (13) Dance Sport?
- (14) Touch Football?
- (15) Hockey?
- (16) Fitness/Gym?
- (17) Martial Arts?
- (18) Rugby Union?
- (19) Surf lifesaving?
- (20) Taekwondo?
- 2195 SPORT—ACTIVE KIDS REBATE REIMBURSEMENTS—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—
  - (1) What is the total number and total amount of reimbursements that have been refunded for the Active Kids Rebate to clubs by 1 May 2018?
  - (2) How many of these payments have gone to children that have not previously participated in organised sport?
- 2196 SPORT—ACTIVE KIDS PROGRAM ADVERTISING—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—
  - (1) How much has been spent in total on advertising for the Active Kids program?
  - (2) How much has been spent on advertising the program in each of the following mediums:
    - (a) television?
    - (b) radio?
    - (c) social media?

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