



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**QUESTIONS
AND
ANSWERS**

No. 107

THURSDAY 11 MAY 2017

(The Questions and Answers Paper published for the first sitting day in each week will contain, by number and title, all unanswered questions, together with questions to which answers have been received on the previous sitting and any new questions. On subsequent days, new questions are printed, as are questions to which answers were received the previous day. Consequently the full text of any question will be printed only twice: when notice is given; and, when answered.)

Notice given on date shown

Publication of Questions	Answer to be lodged by
Q & A No. 101 (Including Question Nos 1459 to 1483)	11 May 2017
Q & A No. 102 (Including Question Nos 1484 to 1501)	06 June 2017
Q & A No. 103 (Including Question Nos 1502 to 1506)	07 June 2017
Q & A No. 104 (Including Question Nos 1507 to 1529)	08 June 2017
Q & A No. 105 (Including Question Nos 1530 to 1540)	13 June 2017
Q & A No. 106 (Including Question Nos 1541 to 1545)	14 June 2017
Q & A No. 107 (Including Question Nos 1546 to 1561)	15 June 2017

6 APRIL 2017

(Paper No. 101)

- *1459 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—LOCAL COUNCIL ENGINEERS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

What are the reasons that the Government does not require local councils in New South Wales to have a professional engineer as a member of their senior staff?

Answer—

I am advised:

It is a matter for individual councils to determine their workforce.

- *1460 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD AND SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL BENEFIT-TO-COST RATIO—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—

When was the Minister first informed that the benefit-to-cost ratio of the CBD and South East Light Rail had decreased from 2:4 to 1:4?

Answer—

At the time I became Minister the BCR was 1:4.

- *1461 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—NIGHTRIDE BUS SERVICE—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) What were the funding levels for the NightRide bus service in the following financial years?

- (a) 2015-16
- (b) 2014-15
- (c) 2013-14
- (d) 2012-13

(2) How many services in total did the NightRide bus service provide in the following financial years?

- (a) 2015-16
- (b) 2014-15
- (c) 2013-14
- (d) 2012-13

(3) How many assaults took place on the NightRide bus service in the following financial years?

- (a) 2015-16
- (b) 2014-15
- (c) 2013-14
- (d) 2012-13

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The NightRide bus service expenses are included in Transport for NSW annual reports.

(2) The average number of trips between 2012-13 and 2015-16 was 64,860 per year.

(3) The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) records incidents of crime reported to Police. BOCSAR records are a matter for the Minister for Police.

*1462 EDUCATION—BOTTLED WATER FOR SCHOOLS—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many schools in New South Wales has the Department of Education instructed to only provide bottled water to students?
 - (a) Please include a list of school names.
- (2) How many public schools in New South Wales are in areas where there is no local water supply for human consumption or where the local water supply is considered unsafe for human consumption?
 - (a) Please include a list of school names.
- (3) How many public schools in New South Wales have been issued with boil water notices
 - (a) Please include a list of school names and how many times a boil water notice has been issued to each school.

Answer—

- (1) and (2) I am advised that government schools that provide bottled water to students and use rainwater tanks are listed on the Department of Education's website.

The department requires individual schools to use bottled water for a short period, if needed, should a water quality issue be identified while remediation works are undertaken.

I'm advised there are no government schools in areas where the water supply is unfit for human consumption.

- (3) I am advised that boil water notices are issued by NSW Health when required. The Department of Education does not hold this information.

*1463 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD AND SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL DISABILITY ACCESS—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—

In relation to the Government's plans regarding the CBD and South-East light rail:

- (1) What action has been taken to ensure the CBD and South-East light rail network will be accessible for commuters with a disability?
- (2) Will the network be wheelchair accessible?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The CBD and South East Light Rail project will be fully compliant with all required accessibility standards including the Disability Discrimination Act 1992. It will be accessible for commuters with a disability and wheelchair accessible.

*1464 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—ESSENTIAL ENERGY BLACKOUT AND POWER OUTAGE REPORTS—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 did Essential Energy report in the following years?
 - (a) 2016
 - (b) 2015
 - (c) 2014
- (2) How many blackouts or power outages did Endeavour Energy report in the following years?
 - (a) 2016
 - (b) 2015
 - (c) 2014

(3) How many blackouts or power outages did Ausgrid report in the following years?

- (a) 2016
- (b) 2015
- (c) 2014

Answer—

The accepted standard measure for reliability performance is SAIFI (System Average Interruption Frequency Index), which is the average number of interruptions per customer per annum. I am advised representative figures for unplanned interruptions are:

(1) ESSENTIAL ENERGY:

2013/14 - 1.7

2014/15 - 2.0

2015/16 - 1.8

(2) ENDEAVOUR ENERGY:

2013/14 - 1

2014/15 - less than 1

2015/16 3 - less than 1

(3) USGRID:

2013/14 - less than 1

2014/15 - less than 1

2015/16 - less than 1

*1465 EDUCATION—BROKEN HILL HIGH SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

(1) When will the existing maintenance backlog at Broken Hill High School be filled?

(2) Please provide the current summary of recommended maintenance work at Broken Hill High School?

Answer—

I'm advised that more than \$290,000 was spent on maintenance at Broken Hill High School in 2015/16. A further \$390 million has been allocated in 2016/17 and 2017/18 to address backlog maintenance in schools across the State.

This funding will continue to address the \$1 billion education maintenance backlog left by Labor when we came to government.

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

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

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

*1466 EDUCATION—WAGGA WAGGA HIGH SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

(1) When will the existing maintenance backlog at Wagga Wagga High School be filled?

(2) Please provide the current summary of recommended maintenance work at Wagga Wagga High School?

Answer—

I'm advised that more than \$240,000 was spent on maintenance at Wagga Wagga High School in 2015/16. A further \$390 million has been allocated in 2016/17 and 2017/18 to address backlog maintenance in schools across the State.

This funding will continue to address the \$1 billion education maintenance backlog left by Labor when we came to government.

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

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

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

*1467 EDUCATION—TAMWORTH HIGH SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

(1) When will the existing maintenance backlog at Tamworth High School be filled?

(2) Please provide the current summary of recommended maintenance work at Tamworth High School?

Answer—

I'm advised that more than \$350,000 was spent on maintenance at Tamworth High School in 2015/16. A further \$390 million has been allocated in 2016/17 and 2017/18 to address backlog maintenance in schools across the State.

This funding will continue to address the \$1 billion education maintenance backlog left by Labor when we came to government.

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

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

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

*1468 ENVIRONMENT—PEST AND WEED MANAGEMENT—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

What was the annual expenditure on Pest and weed management for each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date, in national parks and reserves? Please provide expenditure per financial year.

Answer—

I am advised:

A comparable breakdown of annual expenditure on Pest and Weed Management for each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date, in national parks and reserves, is not available.

*1469 PREMIER—ANOTHER SLICE OF LIFE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

In relation to awarding Another Slice of Life Australia Pty Ltd grant funding of \$80,000 in 2010 and \$150,000 in 2013 under the Government's Community Building Partnership program (South Coast electorate) for the construction of a workshed and other facilities at the location of the organisation's sustainable living and vegetable gardens:

- (1) Did the applicant declare that they or key members of the organisation have an actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest with the relevant State Member of Parliament?
 - (a) If so, how was the conflict of interest dealt with?
- (2) Did the applicant indicate that any purchase of capital equipment would have a life expectancy of 15 plus years, as required under the 'Guidance Notes' for the 2013 program?
- (3) Given that the project funded by the 2013 grant was finalised in 2014 and the use for which it was built subsequently ceased in 2016, what requirements are in place to ensure the community is receiving value for money for grant-funded projects that are ended after such a short period of time?
- (4) Was there any requirement for either of the projects funded under the program to benefit the community for a certain timeframe?
 - (a) If so, what was the timeframe?
- (5) Is the Government concerned that the facilities for which funding was provided under the program were built on private land that is owned by the husband of the Managing Director of Another Slice of Life Australia Pty Ltd, given that the land in question is now advertised for sale, including these additional facilities, for a price of \$410,000, an increase of almost seven times the purchase price of \$61,000 paid in 2007?
 - (a) If so, what action will the Government take to investigate this matter and the role of the relevant State Member of Parliament in assessing and allocating the funding of these projects?
- (6) What provisions are in place to ensure community funding grants provided by the Government are not able to be used in any way that would allow a private individual to benefit financially from any improvements that grant funds may have made to a private property or land holding?

Answer—

- (1) to (5) I am advised the Member for South Coast has no conflict of interest relating to Another Slice of Life or its directors.

The Government is currently reviewing the circumstances of the grants awarded to Another Slice of Life Australia and has ordered an independent audit. Following the audit, the Government will determine the appropriate action, including options for repayment.

As you are aware, the Community Building Partnership Grants Program was established by the former Labor government of which you were a member.

*1470 ENVIRONMENT—DOLPHIN MARINE MAGIC—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

Regarding the operation of Dolphin Marine Magic at Coffs Harbour under licence from the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service to rescue and rehabilitate dolphins, whales, seals and other fauna:

- (1) How many of the dolphins rescued in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date:
 - (a) were returned to the wild?
 - (b) remain in captivity?
 - (c) perished?
- (2) How many of the whales rescued in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date:
 - (a) were returned to the wild?
 - (b) remain in captivity?

- (c) perished?
- (3) How many of the seals rescued in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date:
- (a) were returned to the wild?
 - (b) remain in captivity?
 - (c) perished?
- (4) How many of each of any other fauna species rescued in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date:
- (a) were returned to the wild?
 - (b) remain in captivity?
 - (c) perished?
- (5) How many of the dolphins rehabilitated in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date:
- (a) were returned to the wild?
 - (b) remain in captivity?
 - (c) perished?
- (6) How many of the whales rehabilitated in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date:
- (a) were returned to the wild?
 - (b) remain in captivity?
 - (c) perished?
- (7) How many of the seals rehabilitated in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date:
- (a) were returned to the wild?
 - (b) remain in captivity?
 - (c) perished?
- (8) How many of each of any other fauna species rehabilitated in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date:
- (a) were returned to the wild?
 - (b) remain in captivity?
 - (c) perished?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Updated numbers following a data review in April 2017 are:
- 1 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 1 perished in 2010-11
 - 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 2 perished in 2011-12
 - 1 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 1 perished in 2012-13
 - 1 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 0 perished in 2013-14
 - 3 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 1 perished in 2014-15
 - 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 3 perished in 2015-16
 - 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 0 perished in 2016-17 (to date)
- (2) Updated numbers following a data review in April 2017 are:
- 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 1 perished in 2010-11
 - 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 3 perished in 2011-12
 - 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 4 perished in 2012-13
 - 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 2 perished in 2013-14
 - 1 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 2 perished in 2014-15
 - 1 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 2 perished in 2015-16
 - 1 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 1 perished in 2016-17 (to date)

- (3) Updated numbers following a data review in April 2017 are:
- 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 0 perished in 2010-11
 - 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 0 perished in 2011-12
 - 5 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 4 perished in 2012-13
 - 5 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 3 perished in 2013-14
 - 3 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 1 perished in 2014-15
 - 5 returned to the wild, 1 remains in captivity, and 2 perished in 2015-16
 - 6 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 6 perished in 2016-17 (to date)
- (4)
- 8 green turtles and 3 hawksbill turtles returned to the wild; 0 remain in captivity; 9 green turtles, 2 hawksbill turtles, 1 loggerhead turtle, 1 ornate sea snake, and 1 little penguin perished in 2010-11
 - 16 green turtles returned to the wild; 0 remain in captivity; and 14 green turtles and 9 hawksbill turtles perished in 2011-12
 - 0 returned to the wild; 0 remain in captivity; and 1 green turtle perished in 2012-13
 - 1 freshwater turtle, 11 green turtles, 2 long neck freshwater turtles, 1 pelican, and 13 shearwaters returned to the wild; 0 remain in captivity; and 1 elegant sea snake, 1 gannet, 20 green turtles, 2 hawksbill turtles, 12 loggerhead turtles, 13 shearwaters, and 1 tawny frogmouth perished in 2013-14
 - 1 crested tern, 1 freshwater turtle, 1 short-neck turtle, 18 green turtles, and 1 hawksbill turtle returned to the wild; 0 remain in captivity; and 1 elegant sea snake, 1 pelican, 29 green turtles, and 7 hawksbill turtles perished in 2014-15
 - 15 green turtles, 1 hawksbill turtle, 1 muttonbird returned to the wild; 0 remain in captivity; 14 green turtles, 1 hawksbill turtle, 1 muttonbird, and 1 pied cormorant perished in 2015-16
 - 4 seagulls returned to the wild; 0 remain in captivity; and 6 green turtles, 5 hawksbill turtles, 1 king parrot, 1 loggerhead turtle, 11 seagulls, 1 shearwater, 1 southern giant petrel, and 1 Stokes' sea snake perished in 2016-17 (to date)
- (5)
- 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 0 perished in 2010-11
 - 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 0 perished in 2011-12
 - 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 0 perished in 2012-13
 - 1 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 0 perished in 2013-14
 - 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 0 perished in 2014-15
 - 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 0 perished in 2015-16
 - 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 0 perished in 2016-17 (to date)
- (6)
- 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 0 perished in 2010-11
 - 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 0 perished in 2011-12
 - 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 0 perished in 2012-13
 - 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 0 perished in 2013-14
 - 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 0 perished in 2014-15
 - 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 0 perished in 2015-16
 - 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 0 perished in 2016-17 (to date)
- (7)
- 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 0 perished in 2010-11
 - 0 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 0 perished in 2011-12
 - 1 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 1 perished in 2012-13
 - 2 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 3 perished in 2013-14
 - 1 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 1 perished in 2014-15
 - 1 returned to the wild, 1 remains in captivity, and 1 perished in 2015-16
 - 3 returned to the wild, 0 remain in captivity, and 3 perished in 2016-17 (to date)
- (8)

- 8 green turtles and 3 hawksbill turtles returned to the wild; 0 remain in captivity; 9 green turtles, 2 hawksbill turtles, 1 loggerhead turtle, 1 ornate sea snake, and 1 little penguin perished in 2010-11
- 16 green turtles returned to the wild; 0 remain in captivity; 14 green turtles, and 9 hawksbill turtles perished in 2011-12
- 0 returned to the wild; 0 remain in captivity; and 1 green turtle perished in 2012-13
- 2 long-neck freshwater turtles, 1 freshwater turtle, 11 green turtles, 1 pelican, and 13 shearwaters returned to the wild; 0 remain in captivity; 1 elegant sea snake, 1 gannet, 20 green turtles, 2 hawksbill turtles, 12 loggerhead turtles, 13 shearwaters, and 1 tawny frogmouth perished in 2013-14
- 1 crested tern, 1 hawksbill turtle, 1 freshwater turtle, 18 green turtles, and 1 short-neck turtle returned to the wild; 0 remain in captivity; 7 hawksbill turtles, 1 elegant sea snake, 29 green turtles, and 1 pelican perished in 2014-15
- 15 green turtles, 1 hawksbill turtle, 1 muttonbird returned to the wild; 0 remain in captivity; 14 green turtles, 1 hawksbill turtle, 1 muttonbird, and 1 pied cormorant perished in 2015-16
- 4 seagulls returned to the wild; 0 remain in captivity; 6 green turtles, 5 hawksbill turtles, one king parrot, one loggerhead turtle, 11 seagulls, one shearwater, 1 southern giant petrel, and 1 Stoke's sea snake perished in 2016-17 (to date).

*1471 HEALTH—HEALTH STATISTICS—Mr Graham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What was the number of potentially avoidable deaths for people under 75 per 100,000 population in 2016?
- (2) What was the number of potentially avoidable deaths for women under 75 per 100,000 population in 2016?
- (3) What was the number of potentially avoidable deaths for men under 75 per 100,000 population in 2016?
- (4) What is the percentage of adults who drink more than two standard alcoholic drinks per day?
- (5) What is the percentage of males who drink more than two standard alcoholic drinks per day?
- (6) What is the percentage of females who drink more than two standard alcoholic drinks per day?
- (7) What is the proportion of the New South Wales population aged over 14 years who has used an illicit drug in the preceding 12 months in 2016?
- (8) What was the percentage of children who were overweight or obese in 2016?
- (9) What was the proportion of people aged 16 and over who smoked in 2016?
- (10) What was rate of readmission for patients with mental health conditions at New South Wales public hospitals within 28 days of a previous admission in 2016?
- (11) What percentage of patients receive community follow-up within seven days of discharge from a New South Wales public mental health unit in 2015/16?
- (12) What is the proportion of public mental health patients who reported that they were employed in 2015-16?
- (13) In 2016 what was the infant mortality rate per 1000 live births for Aboriginal children in New South Wales?
- (14) What was the percentage of potentially preventable hospitalisations as a proportion of total hospital admissions in 2015-16?
- (15) What was the rate of potentially preventable hospitalisations for Aboriginal people per 100,000 population in 2015-16?

Answer—

- (1) to (3) Unknown. The Australian Bureau of statistics has not yet released death data for 2016.
- (4) to (6) This information is available on the HealthStats NSW website at: www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au

(7) unknown. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has not yet released results from the 2016 National Drug strategy Household survey.

(8) This information is available on the HealthStats NSW website at: www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au

(9) This information is available on the HealthStats NSW website at: www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au

(10 and (11) This information is available in the NSW Health Annual Report at www.health.nsw.gov.au

(12) This information is not available.

(13) Unknown. The Australian Bureau of statistics has not yet released death data for 2016.

(14) and (15) Information up to 2014-15 is available on the HealthStats NSW website at www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au. The information for 2015-16 should be uploaded in due course.

*1472 HEALTH—PATIENTS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mr Graham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) What is the percentage of patients seen in emergency departments within the clinically recommended time for each of the triage categories in the following time periods, listed by triage category?

(a) Apr-Jun 2016?

(b) July-Sept 2016?

(c) Oct-Dec 2016?

(d) Jan-Mar 2017?

(2) In 2015-16 what was the percentage of elective surgery patients who were admitted within 30 days?

(3) In 2015-16 what was the percentage of elective surgery patients who were admitted within 365 days?

(4) What was the median wait time for non-urgent category patients who received elective surgery in April to June 2016?

(5) What was the rate of staphylococcus aureus bloodstream infections in New South Wales public hospitals in 2016, measured per 10,000 occupied bed days?

Answer—

(1) This information is available via the BHI Healthcare Observer website at: [www.bhi.nsw.gov.au/Healthcare Observer/nocache](http://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au/Healthcare%20Observer/nocache).

Note that January to March 2017 data is not yet available.

(2) to (4) This information is available on the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare website at: <http://www.aihw.gov.au/home/>

*1473 ENVIRONMENT—RECYCLED WATER—Mr Graham asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

What was the volume of water recycled across the Sydney Water network in 2015-16?

Answer—

The volume of water recycled by Sydney Water in 2015-16 was 44 billion litres.

*1474 ENVIRONMENT—AIR QUALITY—Mr Graham asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) In each of Sydney, the Hunter and Illawarra how many days of exceedences of the relevant air quality standard occurred in 2015-16 for:

(a) Nitrogen Dioxide?

(b) Sulfur Dioxide?

(c) Carbon Monoxide?

(d) Ozone?

(e) PM10?

(f) Lead?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available all of the data and information from the OEH air quality monitoring networks is available on the OEH website at <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/air>

NSW has not monitored lead in air levels since 2004 following the phase-out of lead petrol in Australia in 2002.

*1475 ENVIRONMENT—NEW SOUTH WALES PARKS—Mr Graham asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

In 2016 how many people visited State, National or Urban Parks in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

2016 visitation data for NSW national parks and reserves is still being finalised for publication. Visitation statistics for Centennial Parklands, Botanic Gardens and the Domain, Western Sydney Parklands, Parramatta Park and Taronga Zoo are provided in the annual reports which are available on their respective websites. The Office of Environment and Heritage does not collect data on visits to parks managed by the Commonwealth Government or other state agencies.

*1476 PREMIER—NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL WORKFORCE—Mr Graham asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

In 2016 what was the percentage of Aboriginal people working in the New South Wales Public Service?

Answer—

I am advised that information relating to the number of Aboriginal people employed in the NSW Public Sector is publicly available.

*1477 PREMIER—HOMELESSNESS—Mr Graham asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

(1) In 2016 what was the number of people in New South Wales that were homeless?

(2) What was the reduction in the number of homeless people between 2010 and 2016?

Answer—

(1) and (2) I am advised homelessness data is collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and is available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics website.

*1478 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—NSW GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS—Mr Graham asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) What was the total for New South Wales Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Mt CO₂e) in 2016?

(2) What was the total by sector for New South Wales Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Mt CO₂e) in 2016?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The New South Wales Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Mt CO₂e) data for 2016 is not yet available. The most recent data indicates NSW emissions in 2013/14 were 130 million tonnes.

(2) The total by sector for New South Wales Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Mt CO₂e) in 2016 is not yet available. The most recent total by sector data is: Stationary Energy- 67 million tonnes; Transport- 26

million tonnes; Fugitive emissions- 15 million tonnes; Industrial processes - 12 million tonnes; Agriculture- 17 million tonnes; Waste- 4 million tonnes; Land use change and forestry- minus 10.2 million tonnes.

- *1479 SPORT—ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION—Mr Graham asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

In 2016 how many people aged 15 and over participated regularly (three times per week) in a sport or physical activity?

Answer—

AusPlay is the current source of Australian sport and physical activity participation data. AusPily is produced by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and is available at <https://www.clearinghouseforsport.gov.au/>.

- *1480 ARTS—CULTURAL EVENT PARTICIPATION—Mr Graham asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

In 2016 how many people in New South Wales aged 15 and over attended cultural events and venues?

Answer—

I am advised:

Attendance figures for cultural events and venues in 2016 are not available by the age of attendees.

- *1481 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—WAKEHURST PARKWAY FLOOD MITIGATION—Mr Donnelly asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Will the Minister outline the timetable for the commencement of the flood mitigation work that is being undertaken on the Wakehurst Parkway, arising from the construction of the new Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services has implemented a number of measures to mitigate the impacts of flooding on Wakehurst Parkway. These include new detection equipment and electronic signage, as well as an improved culvert cleaning and maintenance process to ensure drainage is operating at full capacity during heavy rain events.

- *1482 HEALTH—WAKEHURST PARKWAY FLOOD MITIGATION—Mr Donnelly asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Will the Minister outline the timetable for the commencement of the flood mitigation work that is being undertaken on the Wakehurst Parkway, arising from the construction of the new Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

11 MAY 2017

(Paper No. 107)

- 1546 ENVIRONMENT—APIARY SITE FEEDS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What is the annual revenue received by the Government from apiary site fees on National Parks since 2010-11?
- 1547 LANDS AND FORESTRY—APIARY SITE FEES—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) What is the annual revenue received by the Government from apiary site fees since 2010-11 on:
- Crown Lands?
 - State Forest Lands?
- 1548 LANDS AND FORESTRY—TRAVELLING STOCK RESERVES—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- Can the Minister provide a list in tabular form of Travelling Stock Reserves in New South Wales, the local government areas in which they are located and the status of each reserve (reserve or dedication purpose)?
- 1549 SOCIAL HOUSING—YOUTH HOMELESSNESS—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- How does the Government measure youth homelessness?
 - What are the Government's figures on youth homelessness in Western Sydney for each financial year from 2013-14 to date?
 - What is the Government doing to address youth homelessness in Western Sydney?
- 1550 WESTCONNEX—WESTCONNEX SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE STANDARDS—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—
- Has any driver working on or in relation to the WestConnex project worked a day shift followed by a night shift or worked a night shift followed by a day shift?
 - Do all contractors or subcontractors working on or in relation to the WestConnex project comply with the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator safety and compliance standards?
- 1551 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—WESTCONNEX EMPLOYEE DRIVERS—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- Has any driver working on or in relation to the WestConnex project worked a day shift followed by a night shift or worked a night shift followed by a day shift?
 - How many instances of non-compliance with the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator safety and compliance standards by contractors or subcontractors working on or in relation to the WestConnex project have been reported to Roads and Maritime Services?
- 1552 TREASURER—ANNUAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE GROWTH—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—
- (1) What was the annual capital expenditure growth in nominal percentage terms in:
- 2010-11?
 - 2011-12?
 - 2012-13?

- (d) 2013-14?
 - (e) 2014-15?
 - (f) 2015-16?
 - (g) 2016-17?
- (2) In dollar figures how much red tape has been cut by the Government since coming to office in March 2011?
- 1553 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—AVERAGE ELECTRICITY RELIABILITY—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- What was the average electricity reliability for New South Wales in 2016?
- 1554 POLICE—CRIME IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Graham 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) What was the percentage rate of increase or decrease in property crime in New South Wales between 2010 and 2016?
 - (2) What was the percentage rate of increase or decrease in violent personal crime in New South Wales between 2010 and 2016?
 - (3) What was the percentage rate of increase or decrease in alcohol related crime in New South Wales between 2010 and 2016?
 - (4) In the National Survey of Community Satisfaction with Policing in 2016 what was the proportion of the New South Wales population that perceived problems with:
 - (a) Speeding cars or dangerous drivers?
 - (b) Graffiti and other Vandalism?
 - (c) Drunken or disorderly behaviour?
 - (d) Louts or gangs?
- 1555 ATTORNEY GENERAL—COURT DEALINGS—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General—
- (1) What was the proportion of offenders who re-offended within 24 months in 2016?
 - (2) What percentage of pending criminal matters in the local court were dealt within 6 months in 2016?
 - (3) What percentage of pending civil matters in the district court were dealt within 12 months in 2016?
- 1556 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—NEW SOUTH WALES VOLUNTEERS—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) What was the proportion of the total community in New South Wales involved in volunteering in:
 - (a) 2010?
 - (b) 2016?
- 1557 EDUCATION—KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS 'READY FOR SCHOOL'—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—
- (1) What was the proportion of Kindergarten students assessed as 'ready for school' in literacy and in numeracy under the Best Start assessment program in 2016?

- 1558 PREMIER—APPRENTICE AND CADET EMPLOYMENT—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—
- (1) How many apprentices and cadets did the Government employ in:
 - (a) 2010?
 - (b) 2011?
 - (c) 2012?
 - (d) 2013?
 - (e) 2014?
 - (f) 2015?
 - (g) 2016?
- 1559 PLANNING—NEW DWELLINGS IN SYDNEY METROPOLITAN AREA AND THE CENTRAL COAST—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 Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—
- (1) In the Sydney Metropolitan Area and the Central Coast combined how many dwellings were built between 2004 and 2016?
 - (a) Of these how many were built in existing urban areas?
 - (b) How many were in greenfield locations?
 - (2) How many stocks of land were zoned and serviced with trunk infrastructure in the Sydney Metropolitan Region and the Central Coast between 2004 and 2016?
 - (3) How many new dwellings have been delivered in regional areas of New South Wales since 2010?
- 1560 EDUCATION—TAMWORTH HIGH SCHOOL MAINTENANCE BACKLOG—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—
- (1) Was Tamworth High School considered by the Department of Education for additional funding to fill growing maintenance backlogs in New South Wales schools, announced by you on 2 May 2017?
 - (2) Why did Tamworth High School miss out on the additional schools maintenance funding announced by you on 2 May 2017?
 - (3) How many times have you met with Kevin Anderson MP to discuss school maintenance backlog funding in the Tamworth Electorate prior to 2 May 2017?
- 1561 CORRECTIONS—SEXUAL ASSAULTS IN JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRES—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- (1) How many sexual assaults occurred in New South Wales juvenile justice centres in:
 - (a) 2013-2014?
 - (b) 2014-2015?
 - (c) 2015-2016?
 - (d) 2016-2017 (to date)?
 - (2) How many physical assaults occurred in New South Wales juvenile justice centres in:
 - (a) 2013-2014?
 - (b) 2014-2015?
 - (c) 2015-2016?
 - (d) 2016-2017 (to date)?

David Blunt
Clerk of the Parliaments

Authorised by the Parliament of New South Wales