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*1289 LANDS AND FORESTRY—TALUS STREET RESERVE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

(1) What is the status of the lease and any proposed sub tenancies over the Talus Street Reserve?

Answer—

The Head Lease is due to expire on 4 April 2018. The status of the Head Lease over the Talus Street Reserve is currently the subject of ongoing litigation and is a matter for the manager of the Talus Street Reserve Trust. The status of any proposed sub tenancies is a matter for the Head Lessee.

*1290 LANDS AND FORESTRY—GOSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

(1) Is the Gosford Public School site located on Crown Land? If not, what is its status?

(a) If so, is it reserved or dedicated and for what public purpose?

(2) Was the site transferred or vested in another Government agency? If so, when?

(3) When was the Minister administering the Crown Lands Act 1989 advised that the Government was considering the sale, lease or any other dealing in the site?

(4) Was a land assessment carried out over the site in accordance with the Crown Lands Act 1989? If not, why not?

(5) Has an Aboriginal Land Claim been lodged over the former Gosford Public School site? If so, when?

(6) Has the Minister determined the claim? If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) No. The former Gosford Public School site is not located on Crown land administered under the Crown Lands Act 1989. It is currently held in freehold title by Property NSW.

(2) It is understood the site was previously held in freehold title by the Minister for Education and Minister for Education and Training and was vested to Property NSW pursuant to the Government Property NSW Amendment (Transfer of Property) Order 2016 published on the NSW Government Legislation website on 29 April 2016.

(3) This site is not on Crown land, therefore the Minister administering the Crown Lands Act 1989 cannot administer.

(4) No. As the site is not on Crown land.

(5) No. As the former Gosford Public School site is not located on Crown land it is not "claimable Crown land" as defined by the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.

(6) No. There is no Aboriginal Land Claim to determine.

*1291 LANDS AND FORESTRY—POPPY PARK LAND CLAIMS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

(1) Is the public reserve at Gosford known as "Poppy Park" located on Crown Land?

(2) If so, is it reserved or dedicated and for what public purpose?

(3) Has an Aboriginal Land Claim been lodged over the reserve? and If so, when was it lodged?

(4) Has the Minister determined the claim? If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

(2) The subject land was partly reserved for "public recreation" in 1972 and partly in 2004 by addition to

the existing Reserve 78162.

- (3) Yes. The subject land and adjoining Crown land is subject to a series of Aboriginal Land Claims lodged by the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council on 1 October 2015.

- (4) No, the Aboriginal land claim has not been determined.

There are a large number of Aboriginal land claims across NSW that are assessed in order of receipt or otherwise on an agreed priority basis.

The process of investigating Aboriginal land claims is both exhaustive and necessary to satisfy the statutory requirements of the legislation and precedents of the Courts.

- *1292 LANDS AND FORESTRY—ROOKWOOD NECROPOLIS TRUST—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

What remuneration is paid to the Chair and two members of the Rookwood Necropolis Trust, appointed for a two year term commencing 1 December 2016?

Answer—

Remuneration of Crown cemetery trust boards, including the Rookwood Necropolis Trust Board, is based on an evaluation performed by the Public Service Commission.

The Chair of Rookwood Necropolis Trust is remunerated at the rate of \$35,000 per annum.

The other Rookwood Necropolis Trust board members are paid employees of the operational trusts that deliver cemetery services at Rookwood, and are therefore not entitled to board remuneration.

- *1293 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—LOCAL LAND SERVICES—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What is the salary of the Chair of Chairs of the Local Land Services?

- (2) How many full time equivalent staff provided executive support for the Chair of Chairs in the following years

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

- (3) What is the cost of staff providing executive support for the Chair of Chairs in the following years

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

Answer—

- (1) Current remuneration \$320,876 (Total remuneration – inclusive of employer superannuation contributions).

- (2) Note: Numbers below do not include the Chair; FTE's are expressed at 30/06/14, 30/06/15 and 30/06/16 respectively.

- (a) 2013-14 9.7 (incl. 1 contingent worker) Admin support included in total nil.
- (b) 2014-15 13.8 (incl. 1 contingent worker) Admin support included in total 0.9.
- (c) 2015-16 27.8 (incl. 1 contingent worker) Admin support included in total 1.6.

Total also includes Biodiversity Reform 5 FTE; secondments/special projects/Landcare initiative 5 FTE.

- (3) Based on 30 June position each year inclusive of 25 per cent on-costs. These figures are annualised, based on staff salaries and do not take into account the commencement date of the employee which may have occurred during the year. The values stated below do not include the Chair and should be read in conjunction with the details contained in (2) above i.e. Executive Support Unit holds a number of staff involved in various project initiatives LLS delivers.

- (a) 2013-14 - \$1.3 million

- (b) 2014-15 - \$1.9 million
- (c) 2015-16 - \$3.9 million

*1294 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—LOCAL GOVERNMENT—Mr Moselmane 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 salary range for Local Government Administrators following forced Council amalgamations between \$200,000 to \$300,000 per year?
- (2) Please list the total remuneration package for each Local Government Administrator in New South Wales?
- (3)
 - (a) Are some former Mayors and Councillors, despite not now holding elected political office still being paid Mayoral and Councillor Fees and Expenses?
 - (b) Is the Minister aware of the total amount of fees paid to those former Mayors and Councillors since their Councils were amalgamated?
 - (c) If so, what is the total amount of fees paid to former Mayors and Councillors since Councils were forced to amalgamate in 2016?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No
- (2) This Information can be found at <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/pages/budget-estimates.aspx>
- (3) The remuneration of LRC and IAG members is a matter for each new council. However, the NSW Government provided guidance to Administrators that members of these committees should be remunerated at a rate equal to the remuneration each received as a former councillor or mayor

*1295 POLICE—POLICE FIREARMS LICENCES—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) What is the total number of firearms holders with a Category A licence?
- (2) For the firearms holders in Question 1:
 - (a) How many are men?
 - (b) Of these men:
 - (i) How many are in the 12 to 17 age bracket?
 - (ii) How many are in the 18 to 34 age bracket?
 - (iii) How many are in the 35 to 64 age bracket?
 - (iv) How many are in the 65+ age bracket?
- (3) For the firearms holders in Question 1:
 - (a) How many are women?
 - (b) Of these women:
 - (i) How many are in the 12 to 17 age bracket?
 - (ii) How many are in the 18 to 34 age bracket?
 - (iii) How many are in the 35 to 64 age bracket?
 - (iv) How many are in the 65+ age bracket?
- (4) What is the total number of firearms holders with a Category B licence?
- (5) Of the firearms holders in Question 4:
 - (a) How many are men?
 - (b) Of these men:
 - (i) How many are in the 12 to 17 age bracket?

- (ii) How many are in the 18 to 34 age bracket?
 - (iii) How many are in the 35 to 64 age bracket?
 - (iv) How many are in the 65+ age bracket?
- (6) Of the firearms holders in Question 4:
- (a) How many are women?
 - (b) Of these women:
 - (i) How many are in the 12 to 17 age bracket?
 - (ii) How many are in the 18 to 34 age bracket?
 - (iii) How many are in the 35 to 64 age bracket?
 - (iv) How many are in the 65+ age bracket?
- (7) What is the total number of firearms holders with a Category C licence?
- (8) Of the firearms holders in Question 7:
- (a) How many are men?
 - (b) Of these men:
 - (i) How many are in the 12 to 17 age bracket?
 - (ii) How many are in the 18 to 34 age bracket?
 - (iii) How many are in the 35 to 64 age bracket?
 - (iv) How many are in the 65+ age bracket?
- (9) Of the firearms holders in Question 7:
- (a) How many are women?
 - (b) Of these women:
 - (i) How many are in the 12 to 17 age bracket?
 - (ii) How many are in the 18 to 34 age bracket?
 - (iii) How many are in the 35 to 64 age bracket?
 - (iv) How many are in the 65+ age bracket?
- (10) What is the total number of firearms holders with a Category D licence?
- (11) Of the firearms holders in Question 10:
- (a) How many are men?
 - (b) Of these men:
 - (i) How many are in the 12 to 17 age bracket?
 - (ii) How many are in the 18 to 34 age bracket?
 - (iii) How many are in the 35 to 64 age bracket?
 - (iv) How many are in the 65+ age bracket?
- (12) Of the firearms holders in Question 10:
- (a) How many are women?
 - (b) Of these women:
 - (i) How many are in the 12 to 17 age bracket?
 - (ii) How many are in the 18 to 34 age bracket?
 - (iii) How many are in the 35 to 64 age bracket?
 - (iv) How many are in the 65+ age bracket?

Answer—

I am advised:

That data in the terms requested is not readily available from police information systems and its extraction would represent an unreasonable diversion of policing resources.

Total numbers of licensed firearm licence holders in each category as at 26 March 2016 is available on the police website at: http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/services/external_information_access_unit/disclosure_logs

*1296 PLANNING—URBANGROWTH NORTH PARRAMATTA GROWTH TRANSFORMATION—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) Under the proposed UrbanGrowth North Parramatta Growth Transformation Program what buildings within the heritage core will remain in public ownership?
- (2) Will any new buildings be erected within the heritage core, if so, what?
- (3) Have the geotechnical and/or archaeological investigations into the site begun?
- (4) Will there be a complete archaeological investigation of the sub floor areas of the Matron's Quarters, Lying In Hospital and 3rd Class sleeping quarters?
- (5) What are the proposed uses and/or readaptive uses of the Female Factory site?
- (6) UrbanGrowth have stated that their conservation investigation and planning will enable consideration of a National heritage Listing, what steps is UrbanGrowth taking to consider this?
- (7) Are any further steps being taken to consider a World Heritage Listing for the site?

Answer—

I am Advised:

- (1) Most of the heritage buildings within the heritage core and in public open space areas are expected to remain in public ownership.
- (2) A: No residential buildings are proposed within the heritage core. The site zoning does allow for two support buildings within the heritage core, such as for bathrooms or additional rooms to support future uses.
- (3) Yes. These investigations are underway. They commenced in December 2016 and are expected to be completed by mid-2017.
- (4) The historical archaeological investigations currently underway within the former Female Factory are to develop a methodology to undertake repairs to those buildings whose structural stability is compromised. The three buildings referred to are not undergoing structural repairs, hence no archaeological investigations are taking place there. However, if ground disturbance is required, then further archaeological investigations will take place.
- (5) No decisions have yet been made on the future uses of the heritage core. The vast majority of the heritage core buildings are occupied by Health NSW. Vacant building 104 (former asylum) is undergoing emergency heritage repair to stabilise and waterproof it. In November 2016 UrbanGrowth NSW held a community event, Sprout, seeking the community's and heritage specialists' views on possible future uses for the former Female Factory site. UrbanGrowth NSW is researching a number of exemplar case studies (including international sites) where heritage buildings and spaces have been conserved and re-purposed. Our investigation will also analyse governance and maintenance structures.
- (6) UrbanGrowth NSW has been liaising with the Historic Heritage Section of the Federal Department of Environment and Energy in relation to the Parramatta Female Factory heritage, and will continue this liaison. The Department manages the process for including a place on the Federal Heritage List. UrbanGrowth NSW sent a letter of support for the National Heritage Listing to the Federal Department of Environment and Energy.
- (7) UrbanGrowth NSW is not aware of any action to consider a World heritage listing for this sight.

*1297 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What is the current status of Mr Tim Hume's review into out of home care?
- (2) When will Mr Tim Hume's review into out of home care be publically released?
- (3) How many calls did the Child Protection Helpline receive in the following calendar years:
 - (a) 2014-15?

- (b) 2015-16?
- (c) 2016 to date?
- (4) Over the last 12 months, what is the average call wait time to the Child Protection Helpline?
- (5) Over the last 12 months, what is the longest period of time a caller has had to wait to be connected to the Child Protection Helpline?
- (6) Over the last 12 months, what percentage of calls made to the Child Protection Helpline are abandoned?
- (7) Why are call wait times not made available to the general public?
- (8) Given the reported increase in call volume to the helpline what steps is Family and Community Services taking to ensure that callers to the hotline are answered and their reports are taken in a reasonable timeframe?
- (9) Given the reported increase in call volume what steps are being taken to ensure that caseworkers are not placed in untenable positions and their capacity to complete assessments of information is not compromised?
- (10) Has extra funding and/or resources been allocated to the helpline in response to reports of increased call volumes?
- (11) What is the status of the new telephony system that was scheduled to be introduced in 2016?

Answer—

I am advised that call data does not reflect the total number of contacts received by the Helpline. Contacts include calls, eReports, fax and email. Information about the number of reports received by Helpline is published on the FACS Statistics website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*1298 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—KENSINGTON POND EMBANKMENT PROJECT—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) On what date did the Dam Safety Committee list the Kensington Centennial Park Pond as a prescribed dam?
- (2) What was the reason the Dam Safety Committee listed the Kensington Centennial Park Pond as a prescribed dam?
- (3) Who is the owner of the Kensington Centennial Park Pond?

Answer—

- (1) On 10 May 2016 the NSW Dams Safety Committee (DSC) informed (by letter) Mr Robert Casimir, Design Manager, Sydney Light Rail project that at the DSC's May 2016 meeting a decision was made to prescribe the pond. According to the Dams Safety Act 1978 a prescribed dam means a dam that is specified in schedule 1 of the Act. This is usually updated annually by way of Government Gazettal and when this next occurs the schedule will list the pond.
- (2) Significant deficiency in flood capacity and the results of dam break assessment work carried out by consultants working on the project.
- (3) Transport for NSW is acting as the dam owner during construction and through operation of the Sydney Light Rail.

*1299 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—KENSINGTON POND EMBANKMENT 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) What is the final cost of the design and construction of the Kensington Pond Embankment as part of the CBD and South East Light Rail project?
- (2) Is Transport for NSW paying for the design and construction of the Kensington Pond Embankment?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This is the subject of ongoing negotiation and is therefore commercial in confidence.

(2) Yes.

*1300 ENVIRONMENT—METRO OFFSETS—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) What is the Government's detailed plan to fully offset the greenhouse gas emissions of electricity consumed by the operation of the Sydney Metro?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

*1301 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—METRO OFFSETS—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 Government's detailed plan to fully offset the greenhouse gas emissions of electricity consumed by the operation of the Sydney Metro?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government remains committed to offsetting the greenhouse gas emissions from operational electricity use for Sydney Metro.

In early 2016 the commencement of a procurement process to secure a power supply for Sydney Metro Northwest and associated offsets via a renewable energy source was announced. The procurement process is scheduled to be substantially complete by mid-2017. This allows enough time for any new generator capacity to be installed in 2019 when Sydney Metro Northwest will commence operations.

*1302 ENVIRONMENT—SMITHS LAKE FISH DIE OFF—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) What was the cause of the Smiths Lake fish die off in December 2016?
(2) What actions is the Office of Environment and Heritage taking to prevent a recurrence of another similar fish die off?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Hon Niall Blair MLC, Minister for Primary Industries.

*1303 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—SMITHS LAKE FISH DIE OFF—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What was the cause of the Smiths Lake fish die off in December 2016?
(2) What actions is the Department of Primary Industries taking to prevent a recurrence of another similar the fish die off?

Answer—

- (1) I am aware of a fish kill at Symes Bay (Smiths Lake) which occurred over a number of days during early December 2016. Symes Bay is a shallow bay within Smiths Lake and forms part of the Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park.

Fisheries Officers from the Department of Primary Industries inspected the site on 13 December 2016 and found large numbers of dead and dying Mullet. Initial investigations indicated no abnormal water quality issues as being the likely cause; however it was reported that the water temperature was high.

Following initial field investigations, water and fish samples were collected and submitted for analysis with the Department's Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute (EMAI). Water quality tests showed no significant toxicants or other issues that could have contributed to the fish kill.

The analysis of water quality readings and sampled fish found evidence to support a finding that a combination of environmental factors (high water temperatures) and opportunistic parasitism by a protozoal pathogen (*Trichodina* spp) (determined from histopathology and further molecular investigation) contributed to the mortalities. These protozoal outbreaks are known to occur in fish when under stress. The observed elevated water temperatures are likely to have created an ideal environment for this type of protozoal infestation.

- (2) Fish kills in coastal intermittently closed and open lagoons and lakes (ICOLLS) can be a natural occurrence. A review of my Department's fish kill database indicates that fish kills are more likely to occur in summer. This is likely to be due to the generally higher water temperatures which can contribute to changes in water quality or other environmental factors.

My Department will continue to work closely with other relevant State agencies and local government on developing strategies to improve the health and resilience of coastal lakes and the broader NSW marine estate.

*1304 ENVIRONMENT—ASBESTOS FIRE WORKS—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) Are commercial fireworks operators in New South Wales required to store fireworks in containers that have asbestos?
- (2) Did the 2016/2017 Sydney Harbour New Year's Eve fireworks contractor use storage containers that had asbestos?
- (3) Are there any environmental or human health risks of the use of asbestos in containers by commercial fireworks operators?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

*1305 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—DOLPHIN MARINE MAGIC POOL—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What specifically was the metal fragment swallowed by the dolphin calf Ji-Ling at Dolphin Marine Magic?
- (2) Are the facilities at Dolphin Marine Magic suitable for breeding seals?
- (3) Can you please provide an update in relation to the formal undertaking by Dolphin Marine Magic in relation to the proposed new seal pool?

Answer—

- (1) A small flat piece of metal of unknown origin.
- (2) The facilities are suitable for breeding
- (3) It is not appropriate to provide information on ongoing operational compliance and enforcement action being undertaken by the Department of Primary Industries.

*1306 ENVIRONMENT—GORE BAY OIL SPILL—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How much oil was spilled into Sydney Harbour during the Gore Bay oil spill on December 30, 2016?
- (2) What was the cause of the spill?
- (3) What was the environmental impact of the spill?
- (4) Why did it take the Environment Protection Authority two months to direct Viva Energy to clean up a marine fuel oil spill at their Gore Bay Terminal in Greenwich?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The amount of material and cause of the spill is subject to the Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) ongoing investigation.
- (2) See Question 1.
- (3) The EPA has engaged the Office of Environment and Heritage to obtain expert advice on the clean-up, as well as the Sydney Institute of Marine Science and the University of NSW to assist with assessment of environmental harm.
- (4) A clean-up operation began immediately with EPA on site.

*1307 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—GORE BAY OIL SPILL—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) Who held the Port Safety Operations Licence previous to the current holder of the licence?
- (2) Is the Minister satisfied with the performance of the Port Safety Operations Licence holder in relation to the Gore Bay oil spill on December 30, 2016?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The then Sydney Ports Corporation.
- (2) The Port Authority of New South Wales responded appropriately as set out in its Port Safety Operating Licence. A boom was deployed at Gore Cove to contain the spill to the shoreline/water interface and no contamination occurred beyond that area.

*1308 SPORT—AFL MULTICULTURAL ROUND—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What assistance did the NSW Government provide to the AFL Multicultural Round in July 2016?
 - (a) How much financial assistance was provided, if any?

Answer—

- (1) A \$20,000 contribution to the 2016 AFL Multicultural Round was made by Multicultural NSW.

*1309 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—BANGAROO FERRY HUB—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

On 4 September 2015 you said that the Barangaroo Ferry Hub was expected to open to customers in late 2016.

- (1) Why has the project failed to meet your stated completion date?
- (2) What is the construction cost of the Barangaroo Ferry Hub?
- (3) When will the Barangaroo Ferry Hub be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The construction program was estimated on available information in 2015. Geotechnical conditions changed and piling was more protracted than expected. Barangaroo district's growing population of residents, restaurants and businesses also placed increased pressure on the project to minimise hammering noise of the 76 piles.
- (2) This information is available in the Budget Papers.
- (3) The final completion date will be determined following a period of operational readiness, commissioning, trial berthing and training.

*1310 SPORT—COMBAT SPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEES—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

(1) Have any advisory committees been appointed under section 82 of the Combat Sport Act 2013?

(a) If so, How many advisory committees have been appointed?

(i) Who has been appointed to these advisory committees?

(ii) How often did these advisory committees meet?

(iii) When (on which dates) did these advisory committees meet?

Answer—

The Combat Sports Authority (CSA) has appointed one Advisory Committee under section 82 of the Combat Sports Act 2013. The following were appointed to the CSA Advisory Committee:

- Dr Lou Lewis
- Ms Lucy Tui
- Mr Paul Jones
- Mr Terrence Ryan
- Mr Jim (Dimitrios) Perdios
- Mr George Pilellis
- Mr Charles Lucas
- Mr Andrew Parnham
- Mr Ian Batty
- Mr John Ioannou

*1311 SPORT—COMBAT SPORT HEADGEAR REQUIREMENTS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

(1) Are amateur boxers currently required to wear headgear under International Boxing Association requirements?

(a) If not, then from what date have amateur boxers not been required to wear headgear in New South Wales?

Answer—

Under International Boxing Association rules:

- Headgear is prohibited in amateur Men's Elite Open competitions at the International, Continental and National level.
- Headgear is mandatory at all other competitions (eg women's, juniors, men's non elite).

In NSW, under a Combat Sports Authority Rule entitled, Protective Equipment – Headgear for amateurs, all combatants contesting amateur boxing contests must wear headgear.

Upon request, an exemption to this rule can be made by the CSA by issuing an order. In 2015, to comply with International Boxing Association requirements, the Combat Sports Authority issued five orders enabling specified Elite Men's Division amateur combat sport contests to be conducted without headgear.

*1312 POLICE—DEPUTY PREMIER CHALLENGE COINS—Ms Voltz 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 Deputy Premier Challenge coins were in stock when you resigned on 14 November 2016?

(2) What did it cost to purchase these coins?

(3) What is the current location of the Deputy Premier Challenge coins?

Answer—

There are currently 18 Deputy Premier challenge coins in my office.

The order of coins was approved by the NSW Police Force Commissioner and the invoice provided by

the NSW Police Force confirms that each coin cost \$17.60.

Coins were gifted to dignitaries and office holders in the course of my duties and some coins were donated to Police Legacy to raise money for injured police officers and their families through fundraising initiatives

- *1313 PREMIER—DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT INFORMATION (PUBLIC ACCESS) ACT 2009—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

Where and how does the Department of Premier and Cabinet comply with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, in particular to have a contracts register that complies with Part 3 Division 5?

Answer—

This information is publically available on the Government's eTendering website, in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

- *1314 PREMIER—DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET CONSULTANCY SERVICES—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

(1) How much did the Department of Premier and Cabinet spend on consultancy services with Zappian Diplomacy in 2015-16?

(a) Why is this figure not published in the Department of Premier and Cabinet Annual Report for 2015-16?

(b) What were the services provided by Zappian Diplomacy to the Department of Premier and Cabinet?

Answer—

(1) I am advised the Department of Premier and Cabinet spent \$81 ,061 (GST exclusive) on consultancy services with Zappian Diplomacy in 2015-16.

(a) I am further informed, this figure was not published in the Department of Premier and Cabinet Annual Report for 2015-16 due to a typographical error.

(b) Zappian Diplomacy was contracted in adherence to the relevant guidelines from February to June 2016 to advise on international investment.

- *1315 PREMIER—INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS IN THE STATE—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

According to the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Annual Report, in 2015-16, "the Department of Premier and Cabinet helped to secure \$1.3 billion worth of international investment into the state." What were these international investments?

Answer—

I refer you to information provided by then Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events and Minister for Sport on 31 August 2016, in response to a Question on Notice from the Hon Penny Sharpe during Budgets Estimates 2016-17.

- *1316 EDUCATION—IPLAY INITIATIVE—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

(1) How many schools has iPlay been delivered to in 2016?

(a) How many of those schools are public schools?

(b) What was the cost of iPlay in 2016?

(2) How many schools is iPlay to be delivered to in 2017?

- (a) How many of those schools are public schools?
- (b) What is the projected cost of iPlay in 2017?
- (3) How many health and physical education specialist mentors have been employed under the iPlay program?

Answer—

I am advised iPLAY was delivered to 20 public primary schools in 2016. The NSW Department of Education provided funding of \$70,000 to support the program in 2016.

It is anticipated a further 70 public primary schools will participate in iPLAY in 2017 and a further \$70,000 has been allocated to support the program in 2017.

iPLAY is delivered by health and physical education specialist teachers, who are employed on part-time casual contracts by the tertiary partners. To date, 16 mentors have been trained to deliver iPLAY and 7 mentors have begun work in the 20 NSW primary schools.

- *1317 SPORT—PARRAMATTA STADIUM UPGRADE—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

What is the current projected cost of the rebuild of Parramatta Stadium?

Answer—

The Western Sydney Stadium project is currently running on time and within budget. The current projected cost is within \$300 million.

- *1318 WESTCONNEX—PARRAMATTA TO SYDNEY AIRPORT TRAVEL TIME—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

The 2015 WestConnex Updated Strategic Business Case states that the WestConnex will "save motorists 40 minutes on a typical journey from Parramatta to Sydney Airport". What is the current typical journey time from Parramatta to Sydney Airport?

Answer—

I am advised:

Time savings for motorists of 40 minutes referenced in the WestConnex Updated Strategic Business Case are based on projected morning peak conditions in 2031.

- *1319 EDUCATION—PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE SOCIAL MEDIA—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) What was the cost of establishing the 'NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge' Facebook Page?
- (2) What are the ongoing or recurring costs for maintaining the 'NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge' Facebook page?
- (3) Which unit or department has responsibility for maintaining the 'NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge' Facebook page?

Answer—

The Department of Education's School Sport Unit created a Premier's Sporting Challenge Facebook page in early 2014 as a communication tool to further spread messages around physical activity and the Premier's Sporting Challenge programs.

I am advised that the costs associated with setting up and maintaining the Facebook page are minimal and are included as a component of the responsibilities of the School Sport Unit.

*1320 EDUCATION—PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many schools opted out of the Premier's Sporting Challenge?
- (2) How many schools opted in for the Premier's Sporting Challenge?
- (3) How many schools did not respond to the email request to opt in or out of the Premier's Sporting Challenge?

Answer—

I am advised that as at 22 March 2017, 168 schools had opted out and 1,553 schools had confirmed participation with a further 514 undecided at this time.

The Premier's Primary and Secondary School Sport Challenges are open until the end of Term 2 each school year.

*1321 PREMIER—RECOVERY OF ILLEGAL DONATIONS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) Which former Liberal Party parliamentarians have been issued a demand from the Electoral Commission to repay the illegal donations they received?
 - (a) By what date are they required to have repaid the illegal donations they accepted?
 - (b) To date, have any of these Liberal MPs repaid the Electoral Commission for these illegal donations?
 - (c) If so, what amount has been repaid, and who made these payments?
 - (d) What action will be taken against those who fail to repay the illegal donations that were made to the Liberal Party?

Answer—

I am advised this information is publically available on the NSW Electoral Commission's website.

*1322 PREMIER—RECOVER OF GRANT PAYMENT TO AUSTRALIAN MULTICULTURAL CHRISTIAN SOCIETY—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) Has the Department of Premier & Cabinet written to the Australian Multicultural Christian Society seeking the return of a \$10,000 grant paid under the Community Building Partnership program?
- (2) Has the Australian Multicultural Christian Society returned the \$10,000 grant it received under the Community Building Partnership Program?
 - (a) If not, what action will now be taken to recover the funds?

Answer—

The Government is currently in the process of having the organisation repay the grant amount.

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

*1323 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—RESOURCES FOR REGIONS PROGRAM—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

Who were appointed to the independent panel that considered and approved applications for funding under the Resources for Regions program?

Answer—

The Panel is an internal INSW group that ensures INSW has appropriate input from regional stakeholders before INSW endorses projects. The Panel currently consists of representation from:

- INSW Board
- NSW Farmers Association
- Local Government NSW

The Panel is extended by additional members when required. For Resources for Regions applications, representation has extended to include:

- NSW Mining
- Association of Mining Related Councils

Infrastructure NSW's Regional Independent Assessment Panel does not approve funding applications. Applications for funding are approved by the Cabinet Standing Committee on Expenditure Review (ERC).

*1324 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL MEETINGS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) How many times did the Road Safety Council meet in 2015?
- (2) How many times did the Road Safety Council meet in 2016?
- (3) How many times is the Road Safety Council scheduled to meet in 2017?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about the Road Safety Advisory Council is available on Transport for NSW's website.

*1325 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL MEMBERS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Which individuals sit on the Road Safety Council?
- (2) Which organisations do each of them represent or are affiliated with?

Answer—

am advised: Information about the Road Safety Advisory Council is available on Transport for NSW s website.

*1326 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—SAFework NSW EXTREME HEAT SAFETY ALERTS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) Did SafeWork NSW issues any safety alerts for working in extreme heat conditions for New South Wales for the following dates:
 - (a) 11 January 2017?
 - (b) 13 January 2017?
 - (c) 17 January 2017?
 - (d) 18 January 2017?
 - (e) 30 January 2017?
 - (f) 31 January 2017?
 - (g) 5 February 2017?

Answer—

- (1) SafeWork NSW issued Social Media Posts on the following dates:

Published date	Content	Channels	Boosted on Facebook Boosted posts show on news feeds for a longer period of time
10-Feb	With more hot weather on the way it's important to keep your workers cool and safe on the job. The latest issue of the SafeWork Wrap includes tips on how to beat the heat, as well as the real cost of a workplace injury, mental health in the workplace and more. Check it out today.	FACEBOOK	No
25-Jan	SafeWork NSW and Cancer Council NSW have teamed up to talk about what workers can do to protect themselves when working outdoors in the sun. Listen to this webinar to find out more.	FACEBOOK, LINKEDIN, TWITTER	Yes - 7 days
17-Jan	Prevent heat related illness and fatalities - find out the facts about working in extreme heat.	FACEBOOK, LINKEDIN, TWITTER	Yes - 7 days
11-Jan	It's going to be a hot one! Working in hot environments can affect both indoor and outdoor workers. Keep your workers safe – read our fact sheet 'Protecting your workers from extreme heat' for safety advice.	FACEBOOK, LINKEDIN, TWITTER	No
14-Dec	With temperatures predicted to be in the mid-high 30's again today, SafeWork NSW urges businesses to take steps to ensure workers are safe. (link to media release)	FACEBOOK	No
13-Dec	Beat the heat! Working in hot environments can affect both indoor and outdoor workers. Find out how to keep your workers safe this summer – watch our video safety alert on working in extreme heat.	FACEBOOK, LINKEDIN, TWITTER	Yes - 7 days

On 10 January and 11 February 2017, SafeWork NSW issued Media Releases urging workers and businesses to make their safety the number-one priority in heatwave conditions and providing safety tips and links to further guidance information.

*1327 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—SAFEWORK NSW EXTREME HEAT CONDITIONS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

(1) How many calls or complaints did SafeWork NSW receive regarding safety issues relating to extreme heat conditions and how many instructions were issued to employers to cease work due to safety for the following dates?

- (a) 11 January 2017?
- (b) 13 January 2017?
- (c) 17 January 2017?
- (d) 18 January 2017?
- (e) 30 January 2017?
- (f) 31 January 2017?
- (g) 5 February 2017?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) Calls – 30, Complaints – 11
- (b) Calls – 14, Complaints – 11
- (c) Calls – 17, Complaints – 8
- (d) Calls – 66, Complaints – 12
- (e) Calls – 21, Complaints – 5
- (f) Calls – 32, Complaints – 7
- (g) Calls – 0, Complaints – 0

There were no instructions issued to employers to cease work on these days.

*1328 PLANNING—STATE SIGNIFICANT AGRICULTURAL LAND—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

Have any lands been listed as State significant agricultural land under Schedule 2 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Rural Lands) 2008?

Answer—

I am advised:

No.

*1329 SPORT—SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK STADIUM UPGRADE—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

What is the current projected cost of the upgrade to Sydney Olympic Park Stadium?

Answer—

The Government is currently conducting a strategic business case on the redevelopment of ANZ Stadium.

*1330 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—TRAFFIC MODELLING SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL PROJECT—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Has the modelling of traffic and signalised intersections for the operational phase of the CBD and South East Light Rail project been completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

*1331 VETERANS AFFAIRS—VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM ADVERTISING—Ms Voltz 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—

How much funding has been spent on advertising the Veterans Employment Program since its inception in May 2016?

Answer—

As of 23 March 2017 the Veterans Employment Program has spent the following amounts on advertising:

- \$490- Social Media

*1332 VETERANS AFFAIRS—VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM MANAGEMENT—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

(1) How many full time equivalent positions are dedicated solely to the management of the Veterans Employment Program?

- (a) How many people in total are in this team?
- (b) What are their individual roles and responsibilities?
- (c) Are they part of another team within a government agency or are they a standalone unit?
- (d) Which agency are they part of?

Answer—

To ensure the Program is able to be effectively managed, a small project team was established within Veterans' Affairs in the Department of Premier and Cabinet. The governance structure within the Program includes a program manager (a contemporary veteran) and supporting project officer (the spouse of a current serving veteran). The two positions are dedicated full-time to the Program.

The role of the manager is to lead and manage the planning and delivery of the Veterans Employment Program to enable 200 additional veterans being employed in NSW public sector roles by 2019. This includes:

- Building and maintaining collaborative working relationships with key internal and external stakeholders to deliver, monitor and support the implementation of the Program
- Regularly communicate with key stakeholders to ensure project outcomes are met
- Monitor and report on the implementation of the Program and identify and action emerging issues by seeing and preparing detailed project plans, and resolving any problems to mitigate risks.
- Monitor budgets and targets to ensure effective and appropriate use of funds.

The supporting officer's role is to coordinate and undertake program work activities to contribute to the successful implementation and delivery of objectives of the Program while supporting the achievement of services to government and other stakeholders. This includes:

- Coordinate, in collaboration with the Manager, the ongoing development of the NSW Government Veterans Employment Program, including the preparation of relevant research and documents, and significant stakeholder engagement.
- Coordinate the maintenance of the Program web portal and social media accounts ensuring compliance with departmental practices.
- Contribute to the preparation of formal correspondence, advice, briefs, speeches and reports to advise and/or respond to Ministerial and Departmental requests.
- Undertake research, develop a thorough understanding of the stakeholder landscape, and undertake policy work related to Veterans' Affairs.

As part of the 'Machinery of Government' changes, Veterans' Affairs (including the Program team) will be moving from the Department of Premier and Cabinet to the Department of Justice. This change will formally take place on 01 April 2017. There are no anticipated changes to the Program as part of this move.

*1333 VETERANS AFFAIRS—EMPLOYMENT OF VETERANS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR—Ms Voltz 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) What was the number of veterans employed in the NSW Public Sector in the following years:

- (a) 1 January - 31 December 2011?
- (b) 1 January - 31 December 2012?
- (c) 1 January - 31 December 2013?
- (d) 1 January - 31 December 2014?
- (e) 1 January - 31 December 2015?
- (f) 1 January - 31 December 2016?

Answer—

Data has been collected by the NSW Public Service Commission (PSC) that estimates 105 former ADF personnel have been newly employed in NSW Government roles since the commencement of the Program (between 31 March to 31 August 2016). No data was collected prior to 31 March 2016.

*1334 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—WESTCONNEX IMPACT ON EASTERN DISTRIBUTOR—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Has the owner and operator of the Eastern Distributor been consulted about the impact that Westconnex will have on traffic volumes on the Eastern Distributor?

Answer—

I am advised:

The question should be directed to the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for Westconnex and Minister for Sport.

*1335 SPORT—COMBAT SPORT CONTEST ORDERS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many orders relating to a combat sport contest were issued in 2016?
- (2) How many orders relating to a combat sport contest issued in 2015 related to exemption from the International Boxing Association's requirements to wear headgear?

Answer—

- (1) Nil.
- (2) Five orders were made by the Combat Sports Authority in 2015 relating to Elite Men's Division amateur combat sport contests that enabled specified amateur boxing contests to be conducted without headgear in accordance with International Boxing Association (AIBA) rules for such contests.

*1336 LANDS AND FORESTRY—ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

Is the land being used by the NSW Flying Doctors Service to run a commercial flight simulator centre in Dubbo classified as Crown Land?

Answer—

No.

- *1337 HEALTH—HOSPITAL PRIVATISATION BROKEN HILL—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Will any aspect of the current operation, provision of services or ownership of Broken Hill Base Hospital be included in the hospital partnership program, which lead to the privatisation of four regional hospitals?

Answer—

I am advised:-

There are no plans to include Broken Hill Base Hospital in the Health Partnerships program.

- *1338 HEALTH—HOSPITAL PRIVATISATION WAGGA WAGGA—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Will any aspect of the current operation, provision of services or ownership of Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital be included in the hospital partnership program, which lead to the privatisation of four regional hospitals?

Answer—

I am advised:-

There are no plans to include Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital in the Health Partnerships program.

- *1339 HEALTH—HOSPITAL PRIVATISATION NARRABRI—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Will any aspect of the current operation, provision of services or ownership of Narrabri District Hospital be included in the hospital partnership program, which lead to the privatisation of four regional hospitals?

Answer—

I am advised:-

There are no plans to include Narrabri District Hospital in the Health Partnerships program.

- *1340 HEALTH—HOSPITAL PRIVATISATION GUNNEDAH—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Will any aspect of the current operation, provision of services or ownership of Gunnedah District Hospital be included in the hospital partnership program, which lead to the privatisation of four regional hospitals?

Answer—

I am advised:-

There are no plans to include Gunnedah District Hospital in the Health Partnerships program.

- *1341 COUNTER TERRORISM—COUNTERTERROR REPRESENTATION AND REPORTS—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

(1) Does the Minister for Counter Terrorism have a representative on the State Counter Terrorism Committee?

(2) Will the Police Commissioner regularly report to the Minister for Counter Terrorism?

Answer—

- (1) The Minister for Counter Terrorism is supported by the Department of Premier and Cabinet. The State Counter Terrorism Committee has a representative from the Department of Premier and Cabinet.
- (2) The NSW Commissioner of Police continues to report directly to the Minister for Police. The Minister for Counter Terrorism may be briefed by the NSW Police Force as required.

*1342 HERITAGE—STATE HERITAGE REGISTER NOMINATIONS—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many nominations for listing on the State Heritage Register were received for each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date? Please provide the total number per financial year.
- (2) How many nominations for listing on the State Heritage Register were accepted for consideration for each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date? Please provide the total number per financial year.
- (3) How many nominations for listing on the State Heritage Register were assessed by the Heritage Council of NSW or its committees for each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date? Please provide the total number per financial year.
- (4) How many nominations for listing on the State Heritage Register were recommended for listing by the Heritage Council of NSW or its committees for each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date? Please provide the total number per financial year.
- (5) How many nominations for listing on the State Heritage Register were directed for listing by the Minister for Heritage for each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date? Please provide the total number per financial year.
- (6) How many nominations for listing on the State Heritage Register were recommended for listing but not accepted by the Minister for Heritage for each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date? Please provide the total number per financial year.

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 30 in 2011–12, 30 in 2012–13, 50 in 2013–14, 46 in 2014–15, 33 in 2015–16, 24 in the year 1 July 2016 to date.
- (2) See answer to question 1.
- (3) This information can be found at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritage/heritagecouncil/meetings.htm.
- (4) See answer to question 3.
- (5) This information can be found at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/whoweare/reports.htm or www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/about/publications/publications_categories_list#annual report, depending on the reporting year in question.
- (6) 0 in 2011–12, 1 in 2012–13, 1 in 2013–14, 0 in 2014–15, 1 in 2015–16, 1 in the year 1 July 2016 to date.

*1343 HERITAGE—STATE HERITAGE REGISTER—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What nominations for listing on the State Heritage Register were received by the Office of Environment and Heritage but not accepted for consideration for each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date? Please provide a list.
- (2) What nominations for listing on the State Heritage Register were accepted for consideration or assessed by the Heritage Council of NSW or its committees, but were not recommended for listing, for each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date? Please provide a list.

- (3) What nominations for listing on the State Heritage Register were recommended for listing by the Heritage Council of NSW or its committees, but were not accepted by the Minister for Heritage, for each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date? Please provide a list.

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Nil.

- (2) This information can be found at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritage/heritagecouncil/meetings.htm.

(3)	Year	Items
	2011 12	Nil
	2012 13	1
	2013 14	1
	2014 15	Nil
	2015 16	1
	2016 to 21 Feb 2017	1

- *1344 HERITAGE—HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Since 2 April 2015, for each nomination recommended by the Heritage Council of NSW or its committees for listing on the State Heritage Register and subsequently decided by the Minister for Heritage, how many days passed between the date of the recommendation of the Heritage Council of NSW or its committees to list each item and the date of the Minister's decision to list each item?

Please provide as a list containing the name of each nominated listing, the date the listing was recommended, the date the listing was decided by the Minister, and the number of days passed between these dates.

Answer—

I am advised:

An average of 91 days.

- *1345 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 rescues of dolphins occurred in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date?
- (2) How many rescues of whales occurred in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date?
- (3) How many rescues of seals occurred in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date?
- (4) How many rescues of other fauna occurred in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date? Please provide details of fauna.
- (5) How many dolphins were rehabilitated in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date?
- (6) How many whales were rehabilitated in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date?
- (7) How many seals were rehabilitated in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from 1 July 2016 to date?
- (8) How many other fauna were rehabilitated in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2015-16, and from

1 July 2016 to date? Please provide details of fauna.

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 11
- (2) 16
- (3) 46
- (4) The number of other fauna that Dolphin Marine Magic undertook to rescue were:
 - 40 green turtles and 11 hawksbill turtles in 2011-12;
 - 8 green turtles and 1 unidentified turtle species in 2012-13;
 - 1 elegant sea snake, 1 freshwater turtle, 1 gannet, 33 green turtles, 1 grey heron, 2 hawksbill turtles, 14 loggerhead turtles, 2 long-neck freshwater turtles, 1 olive ridley turtle, 1 pelican, 26 shearwaters, and 1 tawny frogmouth in 2013-14;
 - 1 crested tern, 9 hawksbill turtles, 1 elegant sea snake, 1 freshwater turtle, 51 green turtles, 1 pelican, and 1 short-neck turtle in 2014-15;
 - 32 green turtles, 3 hawksbill turtles, 2 muttonbirds, and 1 pied cormorant in 2015-16; and
 - 1 stokes' sea snake, 15 green turtles, 7 hawksbill turtles, 2 loggerhead turtles, 1 brown cuckoo dove, 1 king parrot, 15 seagulls, 1 shearwater, and 1 southern giant petrel from 1 July 2016 to date.
- (5) 1
- (6) 0
- (7) 20
- (8) The number of other fauna that underwent rehabilitation at Dolphin Marine Magic were:
 - 40 green turtles and 11 hawksbill turtles in 2011-12;
 - 8 green turtles and 1 unidentified turtle species in 2012-13;
 - 1 elegant sea snake, 1 freshwater turtle, 1 gannet, 33 green turtles, 2 hawksbill turtles, 14 loggerhead turtles, 2 long-neck freshwater turtles, 1 olive ridley turtle, 1 pelican, 26 shearwaters, and 1 tawny frogmouth in 2013-14;
 - 1 crested tern, 9 hawksbill turtles, 1 elegant sea snake, 1 freshwater turtle, 51 green turtles, 1 pelican, and 1 short-neck turtle in 2014-15;
 - 32 green turtles, 3 hawksbill turtles, 2 muttonbirds, and 1 pied cormorant in 2015-16; and
 - 1 stokes' sea snake, 15 green turtles, 7 hawksbill turtles, 2 loggerhead turtles, 1 brown cuckoo dove, 1 king parrot, 15 seagulls, 1 shearwater, and 1 southern giant petrel from 1 July 2016 to date.

*1346 HERITAGE—STATE HERITAGE REGISTER NOMINATIONS AWAITING ASSESSMENT—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many nominations for listing on the State Heritage Register have been received and are yet to be accepted for consideration, at today's date? Please provide a list of the nominations.
 - (a) Of these nominations, how many days have passed since each nomination was received by the Office of Environment and Heritage to today's date?
- (2) How many nominations for listing on the State Heritage Register have been accepted for consideration and are currently awaiting assessment by the Heritage Council of NSW or its committees, at today's date? Please provide a list of the nominations.
 - (a) Of these nominations:
 - (i) how many days have passed since each nomination was received by the Office of Environment and Heritage to today's date; and
 - (ii) how many days have passed since each nomination was accepted for consideration to today's date?

- (3) How many nominations for listing on the State Heritage Register have been recommended for listing by the Heritage Council of NSW or its committees and are currently awaiting decision from the Minister for Heritage, at today's date? Please provide a list of the nominations.
- (a) Of these nominations:
- (i) how many days have passed since each nomination was received by the Office of Environment and Heritage to today's date; and
 - (ii) how many days have passed since each nomination was recommended for listing by the Heritage Council of NSW or its committees to today's date?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) None since 2 April 2015.
- (a) Not applicable.
- (2) 31 since 2 April 2015.
- (a)
- (i) and ii. Days passed since receipt and acceptance (occurs on the same day) is an average of 427 days.
- (3) None.
- (a) Not applicable.

*1347 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—

- (1) 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 in each of the following regions:
- (a) Blue Mountains,
 - (b) Central Coast Hunter,
 - (c) Far South Coast,
 - (d) Far West,
 - (e) Lower North Coast,
 - (f) Metropolitan North East,
 - (g) Metropolitan South West,
 - (h) North Coast,
 - (i) Northern Plains,
 - (j) Northern Rivers,
 - (k) Northern Tablelands,
 - (l) South Coast,
 - (m) Southern Ranges,
 - (n) Western Rivers?

Please provide expenditure per region per financial year.

Answer—

I am advised:

The requested 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 in each of the described regions, is not available due to the structure of the agencies financial reporting systems.

*1348 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—DOLPHIN MARINE MAGIC INVESTIGATION—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What is the current status of Department of Primary Industries' investigations and negotiations regarding the size of seal enclosures at Dolphin Marine Magic?
 - (a) Has the Department reached a conclusion or agreement regarding the size of enclosures? Please provide details.
- (2) What is the current status of Department of Primary Industries' investigations and negotiations regarding the size of dolphin enclosures at Dolphin Marine Magic?
 - (a) Has the Department reached a conclusion or agreement regarding the size of enclosures? Please provide details.

Answer—

- (1) It is not appropriate to provide information on ongoing operational compliance and enforcement action being undertaken by the Department of Primary Industries.
 - (a) It is not appropriate to provide information on ongoing operational compliance and enforcement action being undertaken by the Department of Primary Industries.
- (2) The Department is satisfied that the primary and secondary dolphin pools at Dolphin Marine Magic meet applicable standards and licensing conditions.
 - (a) The Department is satisfied that the volume of the dolphin pools meets standards and licensing conditions.

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*1349 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—DRONE SPOTTING SHARK TECHNOLOGY TRIAL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) How many sharks were detected by drones?
- (2) Which beaches were subject to drone patrols?
- (3) How many flights were conducted?
- (4) When were the flights conducted?
- (5) What was the total cost of the drone trial?
- (6) Was an academy established to train people to fly the drones? If not, why not?
- (7) How many people were trained to operate the drones?
- (8) Were patrols conducted at night? If not, why not?
- (9) Were any drones lost as part of the trial?

Answer—

- (1) A total of 46 shark sightings were seen over the Christmas Holiday period (19 December 2016 to 29 January 2017 - excluding 25 December 2016). Twenty six were sharks 2m or larger in total length and therefore considered as potentially dangerous. These larger shark sightings comprised of 14 Bull Sharks, 5 White Sharks, 2 Mako Sharks and 5 unidentified Whaler Shark species. Most shark sightings were at Redhead Beach, Lake Macquarie (23 shark sightings). Sixteen of the Redhead shark sightings were sharks of 2m or larger, 10 of which were identified as Bull Sharks and one as a White Shark.
- (2) Flights were conducted at five locations; Lennox Head (Seven Mile Beach), Ballina (Shelley and Lighthouse Beach), Evans Head (Main Beach and Shark Bay), Redhead (Redhead Beach), and Kiama (Surf Beach and Kendall's beach).
- (3) A total of 1080 flights (18-25 mins in duration depending on what was seen and environmental conditions) were flown up to 40 days from 19 December 2016 to 29 January 2017 (excluding 25th December). The contracts were for 41 days of flying but weather conditions prevented flights on 1-5 days among the five locations. On each day the contractors were required to undertake six flights – flights are limited by battery life – and on most days six flights were undertaken.

- (4) Flights were flown every day of the NSW Summer School Holidays (19 December 2016 to 29 January 2017 - excluding 25 December 2016). The first flight each day was flown at 07:30 (EDST), with consecutive flights at half hour intervals. Pilots deviated from this if a circuit required multiple batteries (e.g. if a hazardous shark is sighted and requires monitoring beyond a battery's capacity), or if a shark sighting is declared between scheduled flights.
- (5) The total cost of the drone trials over the NSW Summer School Holiday period was \$142,342.
- (6) While there was no academy established, the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) requires contractors to hold Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) qualifications. The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Fisheries provided the contracted drone pilots with flight details, safety procedures, and communication protocols.
- (7) No drone pilot training was provided by NSW DPI. NSW DPI uses qualified RPAS contractors at each location. Four companies were used across the five locations.
- (8) No drone flights were conducted at night (as per Civil Aviation Services Authority regulations and the current certified flight plans). The current research and bather protection program associated with the NSW DPI Shark Management Strategy is for coverage during daylight hours.
- (9) No drones in the NSW DPI drone trials were lost.

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- 1350 EDUCATION—TEACHERS TOOLBOX—Mr Donnelly to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—
- 1351 HEALTH—FAMILY PLANNING ANNUAL REPORT—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—
- 1352 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—ELECTRICITY BLACKOUT—Mr Searle to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- *1353 TRADE AND INDUSTRY—NSW MULTICULTURAL BUSINESS ADVISORY PANEL—Mr Searle asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- (1) Who were the members of the NSW Multicultural Business Advisory Panel during 2015 and 2016 and what are their qualifications?
 - (2) What remuneration was paid to each of the members of the NSW Multicultural Business Advisory Panel during 2015 and 2016?
 - (3) What was the cost of all travel undertaken by members of the NSW Multicultural Business Advisory Panel during 2015 and 2016?
 - (4) How many times did the NSW Multicultural Business Advisory Panel meet during 2015 and 2016?

Answer—

- (1) A list of the Multicultural Business and Advisory Panel (MBAP) members and their respective biographies are enclosed (Attachment A - please see the Legislative council Procedure Office for a copy). Members' terms expired in October 2015.
- (2) The MBAP members were not paid remuneration in 2015 or 2016.
- (3) There were no travel costs associated with MBAP in 2015 or 2016.
- (4) The MBAP did not meet in 2015 or 2016.

- 1354 EDUCATION—SAFE SCHOOLS—Mr Donnelly to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—
- 1355 RESOURCES—WHITEHAVEN'S MAULES CREEK COALMINE—Mr Buckingham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1356 RESOURCES—DF1 APEX ENERGY'S DECOMMISSIONED COAL SEAM GAS WELL AT DARKES FOREST—Mr Buckingham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1357 HEALTH—MISDIAGNOSIS OF PATIENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES—Mr Buckingham 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—
- 1358 ENVIRONMENT—SNOW WATER INITIATIVE—Mr Buckingham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1359 REGIONAL WATER—SNOW WATER INITIATIVE—Mr Buckingham to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 1360 REGIONAL WATER—LICENSED BORES IN TWEED SHIRE—Mr Buckingham to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 1361 TREASURER—THE ADANI MINING DEVELOPMENT IN THE GALILEE BASIN—Mr Buckingham 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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(Paper No. 93)

- 1362 PREMIER—KPMG—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- 1363 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR DETERMINATIONS AND DECISIONS—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—
- 1364 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—COUNCIL RESIGNATIONS—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—
- 1365 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—COUNCIL OWNED AIRPORTS—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—

1366 EDUCATION—BARYULGIL PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

*1367 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—OTHER JURISDICTION GENERAL CONSTRUCTION INDUCTION TRAINING CARDS—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 Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many construction workers employed or subcontracted in New South Wales hold a general construction induction training card that was issued in another jurisdiction?
 - (a) In what jurisdictions were these cards issued?
 - (b) How many cards were issued in each jurisdiction that are currently being used in NSW?
- (2) Which government agency in New South Wales is responsible for monitoring such cards that were issued in other jurisdictions?
- (3) Which other jurisdictions do not require a compulsory face to face component as part of their general construction induction training?

Answer—

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

1368 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—TUCKS ROAD TOONGABBIE—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—

1369 PREMIER—TUCKS ROAD TOONGABBIE—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

1370 PLANNING—TUCKS ROAD TOONGABBIE—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

1371 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—FORMER COROWA COUNCIL MINUTES—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—

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

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

1374 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—ADDITIONAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATORS—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—

- 1375 RACING—LIQUOR AND GAMING NSW NET PROFIT DATA—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- 1376 RACING—LIQUOR AND GAMING NSW NET PROFIT DATA—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- 1377 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—SKYTRAIN BRIDGE—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1378 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—REPORT INTO SKYTRAIN BRIDGE—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1379 HEALTH—WAGGA WAGGA RURAL REFERRAL HOSPITAL—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 1380 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—OPAL FARES—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- 1381 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR MAINTENANCE AND ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE—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—

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(Paper No. 94)

- 1382 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—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—
- 1383 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—MACQUARIE PERCH—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 1384 ENVIRONMENT—OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE SURVEY—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—
- 1385 RACING—ELECTRONIC GAMING MACHINES – GAMBLING PREVALENCE STUDY—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

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(Paper No. 95)

- 1386 LANDS AND FORESTRY—GOSFORD SCHOOL SITE—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- 1387 RACING—LIQUOR AND GAMING NSW LEGISLATION—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- 1388 HEALTH—ORGAN DONATION—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—
- 1389 PREMIER—SALUTING MONASH COUNCIL—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 Premier—
- 1390 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—PUBLIC TRANSPORT—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—
- 1391 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMMUTE TRIPS—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—
- 1392 TREASURER—PRIVATE BUSINESS INVESTMENT AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES—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—
- 1393 TOURISM AND MAJOR EVENTS—NEW SOUTH WALES TOURISTS—Mr Graham 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—
- 1394 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—TRAVEL ON STATE ROADS—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—
- 1395 EDUCATION—QUALIFICATIONS—Mr Graham to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—
- 1396 SKILLS—QUALIFICATIONS—Mr Graham 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—

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(Paper No. 96)

- 1397 PREMIER—MERGED COUNCIL BOUNDARIES—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) When was the Australian Electoral Commission advised of the boundaries of the new forcibly merged councils in New South Wales?
- (2) Why does the AEC continue to advise enrollees that they are on the electoral roll for council areas and wards that have not existed since May 2016?

1398 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—COUNCIL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

What action has the Office of Local Government taken, in consultation with the Audit Office of New South Wales and local government representatives, to develop guidelines to ensure greater consistency across councils in the treatment of assets, including a depreciation methodology that more closely correlates with the actual condition of deterioration of the infrastructure?

1399 PREMIER—STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUNDING—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) Regarding the Stronger Communities Funding, will this funding still be made available to those communities which the Government has decided should no longer be forcibly merged?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If not, will the previously allocated funds be returned to Consolidated Revenue?

1400 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUNDING—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Regarding the Stronger Communities Funding, will this funding still be made available to those communities which the Government has decided should no longer be forcibly merged?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If not, will the previously allocated funds be returned to Consolidated Revenue?

1401 DISABILITY SERVICES—ADVOCACY ASSISTANCE—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

What funding commitments has the Government made to advocacy groups to assist individuals in cases where they will not be able to choose a NDIS package for themselves?

1402 MULTICULTURALISM—DISABILITY REPORTABLE INCIDENTS—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) Will the Disability Reportable Incidents Scheme no longer operate under NDIS?
- (2) Will the collation of data become the jurisdiction of NDIA?
 - (a) if so do they have an obligation to publicly publish reportable incidents?

1403 DISABILITY SERVICES—ASSISTANCE TO NAVIGATE NDIS—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

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

- 1404 **DISABILITY SERVICES—CAPPED RATE**—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—
- (1) What is the capped quarterly participation rate after the NDIS is fully implemented in the 2018-2019 period?
 - (2) What provisions are in place for the Government to renegotiate the figure if it is deemed too low by the Department of Human Services and the burden of provision falls back on the State?
- 1405 **DISABILITY SERVICES—EXIT FROM NON GOVERNMENT PROVIDERS**—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—
- (1) Does the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) record the reasons why clients exit non-government providers? If not, why not?
 - (2) As non-government providers will account for the majority of service provision under NDIS, what processes are in place for the Government to collect the data and to act as a watchdog and regulator of NDIA?
- 1406 **DISABILITY SERVICES—FORCED REMOVAL**—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—
- If Legal Guardians of adults with disabilities, who are responsible for decision making regarding accommodation and other services, do not accept the allocation of provider for an ADHC group homes, what procedures are in place to ensure the tenant is not evicted and forced out of their current accommodation?
- 1407 **DISABILITY SERVICES—GROUP HOMES SALES**—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—
- What provisions are there to stop service providers selling group homes in expensive residential areas and relocating clients away from their family and support groups in cheaper accommodation precincts?
- 1408 **DISABILITY SERVICES—CYSTIC FIBROSIS**—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—
- (1) Why does the NDIS not recognise Cystic Fibrosis (CF) as a disability despite its classification as one under NSW Health?
 - (2) Considering NSW Disability Services will not exist as of 2018 what action have you taken to ensure that people suffering from Cystic Fibrosis, whose annual expenses are commonly in excess of \$4,000 for essential equipment, do not get left behind?
- 1409 **DISABILITY SERVICES—INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY RIGHTS SERVICE**—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—
- Has the Government allocated any funding to protect advocacy groups such as the Intellectual Disability Rights Service? If not, why not?
- 1410 **DISABILITY SERVICES—NDIS BILATERAL AGREEMENT**—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—
- Given that the Bilateral Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States states: "'For the purpose of NSW making a contribution, an existing NSW client is assessed as having transitioned to the NDIS at the time of plan approval," with contributions being made at the end of every month.

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

1411 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—DIRECT SERVICE TO SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What was the number of trains travelling directly to Sydney Olympic Park from Penrith along the western line on the following dates for games held by Western Sydney Wanderers at Spotless Stadium and ANZ Stadium?

23 October 2016

29 October 2016

18 November 2016

25 November 2016

10 December 2016

1 January 2017

22 January 2017

4 March 2017

19 March 2017

24 March 2017.

1412 DISABILITY SERVICES—NDIS EXPENSES—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

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

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

1413 DISABILITY SERVICES—DISABILITY ADVOCACY GROUPS—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

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

1414 DISABILITY SERVICES—NDIS TRANSITION FUND—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) What is the status of the \$100 million NDIS Transition Fund you announced from the proceeds of the sale of HomeCare?
 - (a) How much of this fund has been spent?
 - (b) what initiatives have been funded?

- 1415 DISABILITY SERVICES—NDIS TRANSITION—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

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

- (1) Is the NDIS implementation in New South Wales reliant on Government in-kind contributions?
 - (a) are they included in the initial funding?
 - (b) will their withdrawal see a shortfall in initial funding?
- (2) Will payments and cash injections be adjusted and withdrawn from a service not properly funded under the transition arrangements?

- 1416 DISABILITY SERVICES—PROVIDER TENDER—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

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

- 1417 DISABILITY SERVICES—REPORT OF REVIEWABLE DEATHS—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

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

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

- 1419 EDUCATION—STUDENT SUSPENSIONS—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

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

- (1) Will the Government adjust Department of Education policy in regards to suspension of students with disabilities to provide teachers with additional resources regarding productive discipline for students with disabilities?

- (2) Does the Department provide any resources for teachers of students with disabilities differ from traditional methods and what are they?

David Blunt
Clerk of the Parliaments

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