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2108 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD LIGHT AND SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL PROJECT—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) With regard to the CBD Light and South East Light Rail project:

- (a) In a media release dated 28 May 2015 did you commit to having "major civil construction" completed in April 2018?
- (b) Will "major civil construction" be completed in April 2018?
- (c) If not, when will the "major civil construction" be completed?

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

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

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

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

2111 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD LIGHT RAIL—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) With regard to the CBD light rail project:

- (a) In a media release dated 28 May 2015 did you commit to completing the "final pedestrian zone block in George Street" by May 2017?
- (b) Was the final pedestrian zone block in George Street completed in May 2017?
  - (i) If not, when will the final pedestrian zone block in George Street be delivered?

2112 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—INTER-CITY TRAINS—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many seats are provided on the current eight carriage inter-city trains?
- (2) How many seats will be provided on the planned ten carriage inter-city trains?

2113 REGIONAL WATER—WILCANNIA WEIR FUNDING—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Do you expect to make a decision on funding for the Wilcannia weir this year?
  - (a) If not, what are the reasons for delaying the decision?

2114 PREMIER—LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTION SPENDING CAPS—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—

Given that council by-elections are being held in many local government areas, and that a) on 31 May 2016 in the Legislative Assembly the then Premier confirmed that the Government would introduce spending caps for local council elections; b) the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters in its 'Inquiry into the Final Report of the Expert Panel - Political Donations and the Government Response'

dated June 2016 unanimously recommended introducing spending caps for local government, and c) that such spending caps are the official policy of the Liberal Party of Australia (NSW Division):

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

2115 EDUCATION—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

(1) Regarding Forest Hill Public School:

- (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
- (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
- (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?

(2) Regarding Franklin Public School:

- (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
- (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
- (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?

(3) Regarding Lake Albert Public School:

- (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
- (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
- (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?

(4) Regarding North Wagga Public School:

- (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
- (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
- (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?

2116 EDUCATION—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

(1) Regarding Dubbo South Public School:

- (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
- (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
- (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?

(2) Regarding the School of the Air, Broken Hill:

- (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
- (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
- (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?

(3) Regarding Walgett Community College High School:

- (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
- (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
- (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?

(4) Regarding Lightning Ridge Central School:

- (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
- (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?

- (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (5) Regarding Coonamble High School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (6) Regarding Gilgandra High School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (7) Regarding Coonabarabran High School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (8) Regarding Bourke Public School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (9) Regarding Bourke High School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
- 2117 EDUCATION—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—
- (1) Regarding Tamworth South Public School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (2) Regarding Westdale Public School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (3) Regarding Tamworth Public School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
    - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
  - (4) Regarding Oxley High School:
    - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
    - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?

- (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
- (5) Regarding Peel High School:
  - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
  - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
  - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?
- (6) Regarding Gunnedah South Public School:
  - (a) How many demountable buildings are currently in use?
  - (b) How many years have these demountable buildings been in use by the Department of Education?
  - (c) When will all demountable buildings currently in use be decommissioned?

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

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

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

2119 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—TANGARA TRAINS TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE PROJECT—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) For the Tangara Trains Technology Upgrade project, the completion date on the contract was stated as 29 May 2018. In the September 2017 Fleet Delivery Program newsletter from Transport for NSW, the completion date has been changed to 2019. The newsletter states, "Upgrades are expected to be complete in 2019". Why has there been a delay on this project?
  - (2) Has there been any change to the project cost, from the original cost of \$131 million when the contract was awarded to UGL in 2014?
    - (a) If yes, how much is the change on cost?
    - (b) How much of this cost change is due to changes in the delivery timeline, if any?
    - (c) Is the project cost projected to change before completion?
  - (3) How many Tangara trains are currently out of the rolling stock?
    - (a) How many of the Tangara trains are out of the rolling stock due to this change in the delivery timeline?
    - (b) Who bears the cost of Tangara trains staying out of the rolling stock due to delays in project delivery?
  - (4) Why has a recommendation from the Waterfall inquiry to install Automatic Train Protection been delayed to this extent on Tangara trains?
  - (5) When will the Tangara trains upgrade be completed? Please provide a date.
- 2120 RESOURCES—EXPLORATION LICENCES—Mr Buckingham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- Regarding the application for operational release of Exploration Licence Application (ELA) 5573 and Exploration Licence (EL) 5574:
- (1) Has the entire area of the unallocated resource in EL 6676 been subject to a market interest test in the consideration of the application for the operational release of ELA 5573 and EL 5574?
    - (a) If not, why not?
    - (b) If yes, when did this occur and what was the result?
  - (2) Has consideration been given to whether the application for the operational release of ELA 5573 and EL 5574 will cut into a resource that would support a standalone operation, as outlined in clause 7.3 (g) of the Guidelines for coal exploration licence applications for operational purposes?
    - (a) If not, why not?
    - (b) If yes, what was the conclusion of this consideration?
  - (3) How will the remaining production period of the existing mine, Wilpinjong Coal Mine, with a new approval to extract 16 million tonnes per annum until 2033, be taken into consideration as an additional factor under clause 7.4 of the Guidelines for coal exploration licence applications for operational purposes?
  - (4) Will the consideration of the application for the operational release of ELA 5573 and EL 5574 be withheld until the judgement of the judicial review into the approval of the Wilpinjong Extension Project is handed down by the Land and Environment Court?
- 2121 ATTORNEY GENERAL—MARDI GRAS—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 Attorney General—
- (1) Can the Attorney General please advise whether any laws or regulations are suspended for the duration of the homosexual Annual Mardi Gras Parade or the after party, the last of which was held on Saturday 3 March?
  - (2) Do the authorities receive any instruction not to enforce any laws or regulations during that time?
    - (a) If so, who do they receive these instructions from, and why?
- 2122 EMERGENCY SERVICES—VEXATIOUS COMPLAINTS—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the report "Protect yourself from Vexatious Allegations" in the 2018 Summer Issue of "The Volunteer Firefighter"?
- (2) Can the Minister advise whether or not the Government has conducted any studies or inquiries into the administrative burdens and financial costs associated with the vexatious complaints in the Emergency Services and the public service generally?
- 2123 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—REGULATIONS GOVERNING COUNTBACK 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—
- Given your answer dated 14 November 2017 to my question number 1789, that:
- 'The Office of Local Government has commenced work with the NSW Electoral Commission on the drafting of the regulations governing the administration of countback elections and the design of the counting rules to be applied at them.'
- (1) How much longer will it be before the regulation is enacted and Section 291A (3) of the Local Government Act is operational?
- 2124 LANDS AND FORESTRY—SPOTTED GUM LOGS—Ms Walker to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) Has the Forestry Corporation committed to supplying spotted gum logs to the Heyfield Mill in Victoria?
- (a) If so, what is the quality, volume, quantity and price of these logs?
- (b) Which forests will be logged to supply these logs?
- 2125 LANDS AND FORESTRY—PRIVATE NATIVE FORESTRY CODE—Ms Walker to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) Why was the Hewitville Company allowed to continue operations at Limpinwood after breaching the Private Native Forestry Code of Practice?
- (2) Why was the Hewitville Company allowed to continue operations at Limpinwood after failing to gain permission from Tweed Council before illegal road building and logging in environmental zones?
- (3) How many breaches of the Private Native Forestry Code have been reported in the past 12 months?
- (4) How many of these were investigated?
- (a) What were the results?
- 2126 LANDS AND FORESTRY—REVIEW OF NSW REGIONAL FORESTRY AGREEMENTS—Ms Walker to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- How many public submissions did the Department of Primary Industries receive in the recent review of the NSW Regional Forestry Agreements, which closed 12 March 2018?
- 2127 ENVIRONMENT—REVIEW OF NSW REGIONAL FORESTRY AGREEMENTS—Ms Walker to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- How many public submissions did the Environment Protection Agency receive in the recent review of the NSW Regional Forestry Agreements, which closed 23 February 2018?



- 2128 ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR SKILLS—LISMORE TAFE CAMPUS—Ms Walker 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—
- (1) How many courses are currently being delivered at Lismore TAFE campus?
    - (a) What are the courses being delivered?
  - (2) How many students currently attend classes at Lismore TAFE campus?
  - (3) How many students attended classes at Lismore TAFE campus before the flooding in 2017 caused by Cyclone Debbie?
  - (4) What parts of Lismore TAFE campus are currently being used for classes?
  - (5) When will the entire campus be open and fit for education purposes?
- 2129 LANDS AND FORESTRY—PULP LOG ROYALTIES—Ms Walker to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—
- (1) What was the royalty payable for pulp logs in the Eden Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) Region in:
    - (a) 1990?
    - (b) 2000?
    - (c) 2010?
    - (d) 2017?
  - (2) What was the royalty payable for pulp logs in the Southern RFA Region in:
    - (a) 1990?
    - (b) 2000?
    - (c) 2010?
    - (d) 2017?

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