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- 1757 AGEING—DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE TERMINATION PAYMENT ELIGIBILITY—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—
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- 1763 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—PROPOSED ARTIFICIAL REEF ON THE SOUTHERN TWEED COAST—Ms Walker to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

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- 1764 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH MANAGEMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURY CLAIMS—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- (1) What changes, if any, have been made to the handling of psychological injury claims following reports in the Sydney Morning Herald on 10 September about the new pre-liability early intervention process?
 - (2) Who prepared the new pre-liability early intervention process?
 - (3) Who within NSW Health signed off the new pre-liability early intervention process?

- (4) Who was consulted in the development of the new pre-liability early intervention process?
- (5) Did the Minister sign off the new pre-liability early intervention process?

1765 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—COMMERCIAL INTEREST SURVEY FOR MARINA DEVELOPMENT IN SNUG COVE—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

In relation to the Community-Based Research and Evaluation (CBRE) Market Sounding Survey regarding the commercial interest in developing a marina in Snug Cove:

- (1) How many responses from the market sounding survey were received?
- (2) How was the market sounding exercise conducted?
- (3) Was the survey distributed to interested parties?
- (4) Was the survey advertised?
- (5) Was the survey distributed to selected people?
- (6) When will the findings of the report be released?
- (7) On what basis did the Minister determine that the Government should support the wave attenuator at Snug Cove rather than the one proposed adjacent to the Cattle Bay development?

1766 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—ESSENTIAL ENERGY AND THE MURRAY ELECTORATE—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

In light of Essential Energy job cuts:

- (1) How many blackouts or power outages have occurred in the Murray electorate during the past two years?
- (2) What action has been taken to prevent further blackouts or power outages in the Murray electorate?
- (3) What assistance or recovery plans are in place to support residents and businesses in the Murray electorate who suffer as a result of blackouts or power outages?

1767 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—ESSENTIAL ENERGY AND THE COOTAMUNDRA ELECTORATE—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

In light of Essential Energy job cuts:

- (1) How many blackouts or power outages have occurred in the Cootamundra electorate during the past two years?
- (2) What action has been taken to prevent further blackouts or power outages in the Cootamundra electorate?
- (3) What assistance or recovery plans are in place to support residents and businesses in the Cootamundra electorate who suffer as a result of blackouts or power outages?

1768 AGEING—BLACKOUT AND POWER OUTAGE REPORTING—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

- (1) In 2016, how many blackouts or power outages did Essential Energy report in:
 - (a) Wentworth Shire?
 - (b) Balranald Shire?
 - (c) Carrathool Shire?
 - (d) Griffith City?
 - (e) Murrumbidgee Council?
 - (f) Hay Shire?
 - (g) Murray River Council?

- (h) Berrigan Shire?
- (i) Edward River Council?
- (j) Bland Shire?
- (k) Narranderra Shire?
- (l) Coolamon Shire?
- (m) Junee Shire?
- (n) Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council?
- (o) Harden Shire?
- (p) Young Shire?
- (q) Temora Shire?
- (r) Weddin Shire?
- (s) Cowra Shire?

(2) In 2016, how many blackouts or power outages did Endeavour Energy or Ausgrid report in:

- (a) Sydney City?
- (b) Inner West Council?
- (c) Randwick?
- (d) Woollahra?
- (e) Waverly?
- (f) Bayside Council?
- (g) Mosman Council?
- (h) Manly Council?
- (i) Canada Bay Council?
- (j) North Sydney Council?
- (k) Blacktown City Council?
- (l) Parramatta Council?
- (m) Cumberland Council?
- (n) Fairfield City Council?
- (o) Liverpool Council?
- (p) Penrith City Council?

1769 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—EDEN WOODCHIP MILL—Ms Walker to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) In relation to storm damage done to the Eden woodchip mill on 5 June 2016 when significant parts of the jetty and conveyor belt collapsed into Twofold Bay:
- (a) Is debris from these structures still on the seabed at Twofold Bay?
 - (b) Has the owner of the woodchip mill been given any advice, request or directive to remove or manage the debris?
 - (i) If so what are the details?
 - (ii) Is there a timeframe for the removal?
 - (c) Is the debris considered likely to have any impact on the habitat of the weedy sea dragon or other significant marine species?
 - (d) Will there be any penalty for delays in removing the debris?

1770 ENVIRONMENT—RESULTS OF BULGA STATE FOREST AUDITS—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—

In 2009, the then Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) (now Office of Environment and Heritage) issued Forest NSW (now Forestry Corporation of NSW) (FCNSW) a warning letter for application of silviculture practices in Bulga State Forest that were not in accordance with the terms of

the Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals. In the same correspondence, DECC advised it would monitor these issues in future audits. In the time since that letter was issued:

- (1) How many audits of Bulga State Forest have been carried out?
 - (a) On what dates did these audits take place?
 - (b) What were the results of these audits?
 - (c) If they are not already, will these audits be made publically available?
- (2) When is the next scheduled audit of the Bulga State Forest?
- (3) Have these audits recorded similar silviculture practices to those noted in 2009?
 - (a) If so, how many audits recorded similar practices?
 - (b) If any compliance issues have been noted, what action has been taken?
- (4) Has FCNSW been issued any further warnings, or has any other action been taken, regarding silviculture practice in Bulga State Forest since 2009?
 - (a) If so, what is the nature of these actions?
 - (b) How many actions have been taken?

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