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- 1927 **ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—PRIVATE SHUTTLE BETWEEN CBD AND ROZELLE**—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) Is a private shuttle between the CBD and Rozelle for Roads and Maritime employees still operating?
- (a) If not, on what date did it cease running?
- 1928 **TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—PRIVATE SHUTTLE BETWEEN CBD AND ROZELLE**—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) Is a private shuttle between the CBD and Rozelle for Roads and Maritime employees still operating?
- (a) If not, on what date did it cease running?
- 1929 **TRADE AND INDUSTRY—JOBS FOR NSW**—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- (1) In 2016-17 how much was spent by Jobs for NSW on employees, consultants, contractors and temporary staff?
- 1930 **PREMIER—LITERACY FOR LIFE PROGRAM**—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- (1) Is the Premier aware that funding will be cut in December for an assistant position in the successful Literacy for Life program run out of the Enterprise Centre in Brewarrina?
- (2) What action will the Premier take to prevent the loss of this position?
- 1931 **ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—LITERACY FOR LIFE PROGRAM**—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that funding will be cut in December for an assistant position in the successful Literacy for Life program run out of the Enterprise Centre in Brewarrina?
- (2) Who authorised the funding cut?
- (3) What action will the Minister take to prevent the loss of this position?
- 1932 **EDUCATION—LITERACY FOR LIFE PROGRAM**—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that funding will be cut in December for an assistant position in the successful Literacy for Life program run out of the Enterprise Centre in Brewarrina?
- (2) Who authorised the funding cut?
- (3) What action will the Minister take to prevent the loss of this position?
- 1933 **TRADE AND INDUSTRY—KANGAROO MEAT PROCESSING LICENCES**—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- (1) How many licences does your Department provide for kangaroo meat processing in New South Wales?
- 1934 **TRADE AND INDUSTRY—BREWARRINA SHIRE DROUGHT**—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What assistance has been provided to those affected by drought in Brewarrina Shire?
 - (2) What representations have been made to the Commonwealth regarding assistance for farmers affected by drought in Brewarrina Shire?
- 1935 REGIONAL WATER—WATER EXTRACTED FROM THE BARWON-DARLING RIVER SYSTEM—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- How much water has been extracted from the Barwon-Darling River system between the Queensland border and Wilcannia?
- 1936 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—GOODDOOGA ROAD UPGRADE—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—
- Regarding the upgrade and sealing of the Goodooga Road:
- (1) What is the estimated total cost for this project?
 - (2) What is the estimated completion date for this project?
- 1937 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—HOSTEL SETUP IN BOURKE—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- Given recent discussion between Family and Community Services (FACS) in Bourke and local residents about setting up a hostel style facility that provides housing and food for children on weekends:
- (1) What is the current position of FACS regarding this proposal?
- 1938 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—SOLAR POWER PLANTS FOR BOURKE SHIRE—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Does the Government have a plan to attract solar power plants to Bourke Shire?
 - (2) What is the Government's plan to attract solar power plants to Bourke Shire?
- 1939 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—ROADS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT—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—
- What is the average length of a roads maintenance contract between Roads and Maritime and local government?
- 1940 HEALTH—RURAL HEALTH SERVICES STAFFING—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—
- What is your plan to ensure that rural hospital transfers do not leave local health services and hospitals understaffed?
- 1941 HEALTH—COBAR HEALTH SERVICES—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—
- (1) In 2016-17 what was the average number of years that a registered nurse at Cobar District Hospital was living in Cobar?
 - (2) How will the Government and the Western Area Health District ensure that the Cobar Health Service has the required number of health professionals living in the community?
 - (3) What is the average number of hours per week that a General Practitioner is taking visits at Cobar

Health Service?

- 1942 HEALTH—WALGETT HEALTH SERVICES—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—
- (1) In 2016-17 what was the average number of years that a registered nurse at Walgett Health Service was living in Walgett?
 - (2) How will the Government and the Western Area Health District ensure that the Walgett Health Service has the required number of health professionals living in the community?
 - (3) What is the average number of hours per week that a General Practitioner is taking visits at Walgett Health Service?
- 1943 HEALTH—BREWARRINA HEALTH SERVICES—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—
- (1) In 2016-17 what was the average number of years that a registered nurse at Brewarrina Health Service was living in Brewarrina?
 - (2) How will the Government and the Western Area Health District ensure that the Brewarrina Health Service has the required number of health professionals living in the community?
 - (3) What is the average number of hours per week that a General Practitioner is taking visits at Brewarrina Health Service?
- 1944 HEALTH—BOURKE HEALTH SERVICES—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—
- (1) In 2016-17 what was the average number of years that a registered nurse at Bourke District Hospital was living in Bourke
 - (2) How will the Government and the Western Area Health District ensure that the Bourke Health Service has the required number of health professionals living in the community?
 - (3) What is the average number of hours per week that a General Practitioner is taking visits at Bourke Health Service?
- 1945 LANDS AND FORESTRY—FORESTRY CORPORATION AND EDEN CHIP MILL WOOD SUPPLY AGREEMENT—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) Is the Wood Supply Agreement (WSA) between the Forestry Corporation and the Eden Chip Mill in the name of Allied Natural Wood Exports Pty Ltd or South East Fibre Exports Pty Ltd or Harris Daishowa Pty Ltd?
 - (2) If the agreement is with Allied Natural Wood Exports, did the Minister approve any changes from the original WSA?
 - (a) If so, on what date?
 - (b) Were any changes made?
 - (i) If so, what were the changes?
- 1946 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—DAMAGE TO THE EDEN CHIP MILL JETTY LOANS—Ms Walker to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) Has any agency within the Minister's departments made any loans to Allied Natural Wood Exports Pty or South East Fibre Exports Pty Ltd following storm damage to the Eden Chip Mill Jetty in June 2016?
 - (a) If so, what are the terms of the loan?

- (i) What is the interest rate?
- (ii) On what date was the loan made?
- (iii) When will it be repaid?
- (iv) How much, if any, has already been repaid?

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1947 LANDS AND FORESTRY—DAMAGE TO THE EDEN CHIP MILL JETTY LOANS—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—

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1948 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—DAMAGE TO THE EDEN CHIP MILL JETTY LOANS—Ms Walker to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

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1949 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—DAMAGE TO THE EDEN CHIP MILL JETTY LOANS—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 Transport and Infrastructure—

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1950 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—DAMAGE TO THE EDEN CHIP MILL JETTY LOANS—Ms Walker to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

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- 1951 TREASURER—DAMAGE TO THE EDEN CHIP MILL JETTY LOANS—Ms Walker 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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- 1952 ARTS—ARTS PRODUCTION FUNDING—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Is it true that your ministry has given \$30,000 for the production of a film called "Tomgirl" about a young man who cross-dresses with his uncle in Blacktown?
- (2) Is it true that other films that have received tax payer funds include "Joy Boy", about a six year old that does a performance of "Happy Birthday Mr President", and "Disco Dykes" about a broken family of lesbians?
- 1953 PLANNING—URBAN RENEWAL CORRIDOR STRATEGY—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 Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—
- (1) Does the Minister agree with the figures cited in the report published on the front page of the Sydney Morning Herald on 14 October 2015, for the number new units planned for construction in the planned Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm whether or not he has any knowledge of any heritage or historic dwellings that might be destroyed in any Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy planned for Sydney in the coming years?
- (3) Can the Minister explain why the planned redevelopment of suburbs in Western Sydney that have existing thriving communities are described as "renewal"?
- 1954 PREMIER—NEXTGEN WASTE TO ENERGY—Mr Buckingham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- Does the Government plan to take any action regarding the proponent of the NextGen waste to energy facility offering nearby residents free solar panels to help allay their concerns about the impacts the incinerator will have on local residents and air quality in Western Sydney?
- 1955 PLANNING—NEXTGEN WASTE TO ENERGY—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 Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

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- 1956 RESOURCES—SHENHUA—Mr Buckingham to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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- (1) Has the Government signed a written deed of settlement to the Shenhua Watermark coal company or a related entity?
 - (a) If so, on what date was this signed?
 - (b) If not, is there any written agreement between the Shenhua Watermark coal company, or a related entity, and the NSW Government regarding this buyback?
 - (i) If so, on what date was this signed?
 - (ii) If not, on what basis did the Government make the announcement?

- 1957 TREASURER—SHENHUA—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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- 1958 EMERGENCY SERVICES—ANSWER TO QUESTION 1843—Mr Shoebridge 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—

I refer to the Minister's answer to Question 1843 published in Questions and Answers Paper No 136.

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the comments by Sutherland Shire Council specific to the proposed Bundeena Coast Eco-Lodge at 60-70 Bournemouth St in their submission to the draft Planning for Bushfire Protection 2017 which include the statement "With regards to the assessment of the Bundeena Scout Land (DA14/1238), Council raised significant concerns regarding the use on the site as a recreational camp in an area of high bushfire risk. While the use obviously did not meet the objectives and sound planning principles of reducing the risk to life and property, the Rural Fire Service (RFS) did not recommend refusal of the proposed development application based on these principles."?
 - (a) What is the Minister's response?
- (2) Why did the RFS issue a Bush Fire Safety Authority for the proposed Bundeena Coast Eco-Lodge (Council reference DA14/1238, RFS reference DA14/3551) on 26 June 2015 without having been referred the submissions made to Sutherland Shire Council during their public exhibition of the proposal as required by regulation 61 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000?
 - (a) Why did the RFS issue an amended Bush Fire Safety Authority for the amended development proposal on 18 May 2016 without having been referred the submissions made to Sutherland Shire Council during their public exhibition of the proposal as required by regulation 61 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000?

- (3) Is the Minister satisfied that the Bush Fire Safety Authority issued for the proposed Bundeena Coast Eco-Lodge, complies with the Rural Fires Act 1997 (NSW) and the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW)?

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