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**19 SEPTEMBER 2017**

(Paper No. 123)

\*1764 HEALTH—NSW HEALTH MANAGEMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURY CLAIMS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What 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?

Answer—

The Ministry of Health has formalised the process document for the handling of psychological injury claims. The process document was issued to be consistent with the University of NSW and Black Dog Institute publication titled 'Expert Guidelines: Diagnosis and Treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder with Emergency Service Workers'.

As Minister for Health, I do not sign off on process documents.

\*1765 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—COMMERCIAL INTEREST SURVEY FOR MARINA DEVELOPMENT IN SNUG COVE—Mr Veitch asked 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 10.
- (2) The market soundings were conducted by CBRE.
- (3) to (5) Invites to participate in the survey were sent to 15 industry participants identified by CBRE and Transport for NSW as a representative sample of the marina industry.
- (4) No.
- (6) The results of the confidential market sounding will not be released to the public.
- (7) The Eden Safe Harbour Project will provide a wave attenuator in Snug Cove which will provide a safer harbour for visiting and local vessels. The attenuator that is proposed in the adjacent Cattle Bay would protect a potential private commercial marina.

\*1766 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—ESSENTIAL ENERGY AND THE MURRAY ELECTORATE—Mr Mookhey asked 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Safe, secure and reliable operation of our energy networks is critical for delivering energy to households and businesses. IPART, as the regulator undertakes annual monitoring. In their most recent compliance report, IPART found Essential Energy met their obligations and licence conditions.

3,586 unplanned outages have occurred in the Murray electorate during the past two years.

Over the past two years, Essential Energy has invested a total of \$24.3 million in the Murray electorate, completing 299 major network upgrade projects in 2015-16 and 430 in 2016-17.

This prudent, targeted investment is ongoing, with Essential Energy committing well in excess of \$13.5 million to major network augmentation in the Murray electorate this financial year to deliver safe, reliable, cost-efficient electricity distribution services.

**\*1767 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—ESSENTIAL ENERGY AND THE COOTAMUNDRA ELECTORATE—**Mr Mookhey asked 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Safe, secure and reliable operation of our energy networks is critical for delivering energy to households and businesses. IPART, as the regulator undertakes annual monitoring. In their most recent compliance report, IPART found Essential Energy met their obligations and licence conditions.

3,815 unplanned outages have occurred in the Cootamundra electorate during the past two years.

Over the past two years, Essential Energy has invested a total of \$17 million in the Cootamundra electorate, completing 252 major network upgrade projects in 2015-16 and 328 in 2016-17.

This investment is ongoing, with Essential Energy committing well in excess of \$4 million to major network augmentation in the Cootamundra electorate this financial year to deliver safe, reliable, cost-efficient electricity distribution services.

**\*1768 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—BLACKOUT AND POWER OUTAGE REPORTING—**Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (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?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Resources and Minister for Energy and Utilities, the Hon Donald Harwin MLC.

\*1769 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—EDEN WOODCHIP MILL—Ms Walker asked 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?

Answer—

Allied Natural Wood Exports (ANWE) advises that some of the debris has been removed and the remainder is expected to be removed by the end of 2017.

ANWE has voluntarily undertaken this work.

The debris is unlikely to have any impact on the habitat of the weedy sea dragon or other significant marine species.

If any laws are breached, the Government will take appropriate action.

**\*1770 ENVIRONMENT—RESULTS OF BULGA STATE FOREST AUDITS—**Ms Walker asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

In 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?

Answer—

I am advised the Environment Protection Authority is continuing to investigate operations and matters identified in compliance inspections in Bulga State Forest. Any available reports can be found on the public register at [www.epa.nsw.gov.au/prpoeoapp](http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/prpoeoapp)

## **20 SEPTEMBER 2017**

(Paper No. 124)

**\*1771 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—WATER MANAGEMENT—**Mr Buckingham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What is the Government doing to achieve its environmental objectives for water quality and river flow?
- (2) Do any management plans for a water management area, or any part of a water management area, contain provisions requiring the establishment of action plans to encourage the abandonment of existing uses that cause harm to water sources, and to encourage the carrying out of remedial measures to minimise or alleviate any harm already caused to water sources by the continuance of existing uses?
  - (a) If yes, which plans contain this provision and for each one:
    - (i) What are the existing uses for which an action plan is required?
    - (ii) Has the action plan been established?
    - (iii) Are the action plans publicly available and if so where?
- (3) How many investigations have there been into breaches of Section 60A of the Water Management Act 2000 in each of the last four years?
  - (a) How many of these resulted in:

- (i) Advisory letters?
  - (ii) Formal warnings?
  - (iii) Show cause notices?
  - (iv) Clean up notices?
  - (v) Remedial action?
  - (vi) Official cautions?
  - (vii) Penalty notices?
  - (viii) Prosecutions?
  - (ix) Other?
- (4) How many investigations have there been into breaches of Section 60B of the Water Management Act 2000 in each of the last four years?
- (a) How many of these resulted in:
- (i) Advisory letters?
  - (ii) Formal warnings?
  - (iii) Show cause notices?
  - (iv) Clean up notices?
  - (v) Remedial action?
  - (vi) Official cautions?
  - (vii) Penalty notices?
  - (viii) Prosecutions?
  - (ix) Other?
- (5) How many investigations have there been into breaches of Section 60C of the Water Management Act 2000 in each of the last four years?
- (a) How many of these resulted in:
- (i) Advisory letters?
  - (ii) Formal warnings?
  - (iii) Show cause notices?
  - (iv) Clean up notices?
  - (v) Remedial action?
  - (vi) Official cautions?
  - (vii) Penalty notices?
  - (viii) Prosecutions?
  - (ix) Other?
- (6) How many investigations have there been into breaches of Section 60D of the Water Management Act 2000 in each of the last four years?
- (a) How many of these resulted in:
- (i) Advisory letters?
  - (ii) Formal warnings?
  - (iii) Show cause notices?
  - (iv) Clean up notices?
  - (v) Remedial action?
  - (vi) Official cautions?
  - (vii) Penalty notices?
  - (viii) Prosecutions?
  - (ix) Other?
- (7) How many times in each of the last four years has the Minister given written notice to a person under Section 60G of the Water Management Act 2000?
- (8) How many times in each of the last four years has the Minister imposed on a person a charge for water taken under Section 60G of the Water Management Act 2000?
- (a) For each of these incidents what was the value of the water taken and what was the value of the charge?

- (9) How many times in each of the last four years has the Minister imposed on a person an order that any water allocations credited or to be credited to the water allocation account for the licence be debited under Section 60G of the Water Management Act 2000?
- (a) For each of these incidents what was the quantity of the water taken and what was the quantity of the water debited?
- (10) How many times have audits of compliance with extraction limits under Section 8F of the Water Management Act 2000 been undertaken in the past four years?
- (a) Are the results of these audits publicly available and if so, where?

Answer—

- (1) Water sharing plans developed under the Water Management Act 2000 establish rules for sharing water between different uses such as town supply, domestic supply, stock watering, industry and irrigation, and ensure water is set aside for the environment. The specific rules governing environmental water are set out in each water sharing plan, available online at <https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/>.

In the inland region of NSW, water sources will also be subject to the requirements of the Murray Darling Basin Plan, including creating water resource plans. A water resource plan outlines how a particular area of the Murray Darling Basin's water resources will be managed to be consistent with the Murray Darling Basin Plan. It sets out the rules and arrangements relating to issues such as annual limits on water take, environmental water, managing water during extreme events and strategies to achieve water quality standards and manage risks. As part of developing water resource plans the NSW Government is reviewing the environmental objectives of water sharing plans and assessing whether rules are enabling the stated environmental objectives to be achieved.

More information on the Murray Darling Basin Plan requirements is available online at <https://www.mdba.gov.au/basin-plan-roll-out/water-resource-plans>.

More information on the NSW Government's approach to meeting the Murray Darling Basin Plan requirements is available online at <http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/water-management/water-resource-plans>.

- (2) No, water sharing plans do not contain provisions to encourage the abandonment of existing uses or to encourage the carrying out of remedial measures. However as stated above water resource plans are required to set out rules and arrangements relating to environmental water, managing water during extreme events, and strategies to achieve water quality standards. Various legislative and regulatory instruments and NSW Government initiatives aim to safeguard waterways and water sources against detrimental use, including the water sharing rules and limits set out in water sharing plans.
- (3) WaterNSW has provided the below information:  
Please see the Legislative Council Procedure Office for a copy of the table.
- (4) WaterNSW has provided the below information:  
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- (5) WaterNSW has provided the below information:  
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- (6) WaterNSW has provided the below information:  
Please see the Legislative Council Procedure Office for a copy of the table.
- (7) to (9) The Minister has not issued civil penalties under section 60G of the Water Management Act 2000.

10. Section 8F of the Water Management Act 2000 is not a requirement to audit. Rather it defines the method for adjusting the extraction limit to protect water committed for environmental purposes, including water reserved for the environment as a result of the implementation of water savings projects.

Audits are required to be carried out under Section 44 of the Water Management Act 2000 for all water sharing plans at intervals not exceeding 5 years and include an assessment of compliance with the extraction limits. Audits undertaken in 2014, 2015 and 2016 were used to inform internal continual improvement processes and the audit information is provided to the Natural Resources Commission to inform their plan reviews under Section 43A of the Water Management Act 2000.



The results of the audits for the past four years are not publicly available, however, since 2012 NSW and all Basin states have been required to report on water extractions and to meet other annual reporting requirements which are published online at <https://www.mdba.gov.au/publications/mdba-reports/water-take-compliance-reports>.

\*1772 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—SECTION 28 – SPACE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CHILDREN (EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES) SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS REGULATION 2012—Mr Field asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

With regard to Section 28 Space Requirements of the Children (Education and Care Services) Supplementary Provisions Regulation 2012:

- (1) Are there any other considerations in regards to a consent to not provide required outdoor space other than the ability to dedicate indoor space where children can still participate in activities that promote gross motor skills?
- (2) Is any consideration made of the needs of children for fresh air and sunlight when considerations are made in relation to space requirements?
- (3) Is there any requirement to incorporate daily visits (weather permitting) to outdoor play areas such as parks and pools to compensate for lack of outdoor space?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2) A service may have conditions imposed which may include the availability of natural light and ventilation.
- (3) This is dependent upon service approval conditions.

\*1773 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—DATA ON CHILD CARE OUTDOOR SPACE REQUIREMENTS—Mr Field asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

With regard to Section 28 Space Requirements of the Children (Education and Care Services) Supplementary Provisions Regulation 2012:

- (1) What is the total number of childcare facilities operating in New South Wales that have been granted exemptions to the outdoor space requirements?
- (2) How many of these facilities provide all of the space requirements in an indoor area?
- (3) How many of these facilities provide none of the required outdoor space in an indoor area?
- (4) Have any facilities been refused approval to operate on the basis of being unable to provide outdoor space?

Answer—

- (1) 158 as at 30 September 2017
- (2) The information is not available in the National Quality Agenda IT System.
- (3) The information is not available in the National Quality Agenda IT System.
- (4) The information is not available in the National Quality Agenda IT System.

\*1774 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—PROCESS FOR ASSESSING CHILDCARE OUTDOOR SPACE REQUIREMENTS—Mr Field asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

With regard to Section 28 Space Requirements of the Children (Education and Care Services) Supplementary Provisions Regulation 2012:

- (1) What is the process of applying for and granting consent with regard to being unable to provide required outdoor space?
- (2) Prior to granting consent to the provision of some or all of the outdoor space in an indoor area, what steps does the Regulatory Authority take to ensure compliance with the regulation?

- (a) Are physical inspections of the site made?
  - (i) If yes, who undertakes these inspections?
- (b) Are site or layout diagrams describing the use of space provided?
- (c) Are any declarations with regard to the use of space made by the operators?
- (3) Are any periodic reviews made of sites that gain consent with regard to being unable to provide required outdoor space to ensure indoor space to the required amount?

Answer—

- (1) The process is:

Approved providers submit an application for a waiver to the Regulatory Authority via the National Quality Agenda IT System.

- The approved provider must provide evidence of the measures taken by the service to ensure that every child has access to:
  - natural light and fresh air
  - quality experiences in natural environments
  - equipment and facilities to engage in energetic experience to develop gross motor skills
  - sustainable practices and support to become environmentally responsible and show respect for the environment.
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- sustainable practices and support to become environmentally responsible and show respect for the environment.
- Photos are required of the simulated outdoor space, as are landscaping plans including layout and resources to be used to simulate the area.
- Evidence is required from a provider indicating that a service without sufficient natural outdoor space is needed in the location. Evidence may include but is not limited to:
  - relevant demographic data showing the need and demand for early childhood education and care places in the area
  - information in support of the application from community groups, local councils or other organisations
  - copies of waiting lists or expressions of interest (this will not be accepted on its own).
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- Authorised officers conduct a visit to the service to assess physical space to determine whether the service has included access to natural environments and incorporated spaces that invite open-ended interactions, risk taking, exploration, discovery and connection with nature in accordance with the service's policy. A recommendation to approve or refuse the waiver is forwarded to the approvals team.
- Approval officers assess all evidence and information in accordance with the department's space waiver policy prior to an approval being given.

- (2)

- (a) Yes.

- (i) Authorised officers.

- (b) Yes.

- (c) Yes.

- (3) Yes.

\*1775 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—NATIONAL QUALITY FRAMEWORK STANDARDS AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES—Mr Field asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

In regards to the National Quality Framework Standards:

- (1) How many authorized officers are currently employed in the Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate in NSW Education?
  - (a) How many full time equivalent positions does this equate to?
- (2) Are authorized officers allocated on a dedicated basis to particular centres?
  - (a) If so, how many centres on average does an authorised officer cover?
- (3) How many child care facilities in New South Wales have received an initial visit from an authorized officer from NSW Education for their initial assessment and rating?
- (4) Are initial assessment and rating results available publicly?
  - (a) If yes, where is this information available?
- (5) How many of the approximately 5000 centres in New South Wales have a current and approved Quality Improvement Plan?
- (6) With respect to ongoing compliance and monitoring:
  - (a) How often are facilities required to be visited by an authorised officer after an initial visit?
  - (b) How often are Quality Improvement Plans reviewed?
    - (i) What is the process of review?
- (7) How many visits were conducted by authorised officers to childcare facilities in New South Wales in the 2017 financial year?
- (8) How many facilities in New South Wales in the past two years have received warnings as a result of failing to comply with National Quality Framework requirements?
- (9) How many facilities in New South Wales in the past two years have had licences to operate removed as a result of breaches of National Quality Framework requirements?

Answer—

- (1) 108.
  - (a) 110.
- (2) No.
  - (a) N/A
- (3) 94.23 per cent.
- (4) Yes.
  - (a) Information can be found on the website of the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority.
- (5) All services are required to have a Quality Improvement Plan.
- (6)
  - (a) The National Law does not specify when a service must be visited after the initial visit.
  - (b) As a part of the Assessment and Rating process i. The service must provide the Quality Improvement Plan when notified of Assessment and Rating. Officers review the Quality Improvement Plan as part of the desktop review of the service prior to conducting the Assessment and Rating visit.
- (7) 3,765.
- (8) The NSW Department of Education does not issue warnings to services for breaches of the National Law and Regulations. The department has a range of different notices it can issue depending on the type and severity of the breach identified.
- (9) 152 services were cancelled between 17/10/2015 and 17/10/2017.

\*1776 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—COMMFISH—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

When will the working groups be established under Commfish?

Answer—

Commfish NSW has considered the need for working groups and advised me that they will be formed as and when required. For example, there will be a working group established to discuss the Mulloway Recovery Program.

\*1777 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—MINISTERIAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COUNCIL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

(1) Is Graeme Byrnes involved in policy formulation as a member of the Ministerial Fisheries Advisory Council?

(a) If so, is the Minister satisfied that there is no conflict of interest on the part of Mr Byrnes?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

(2) Any conflicts of interest must be declared and managed in line with the adopted protocols.

## 21 SEPTEMBER 2017

(Paper No. 125)

\*1778 LANDS AND FORESTRY—LAND CLAIMS UNDER THE ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS ACT 1983—Mr Primrose 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—

In relation to land claims that have been made under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983, to date:

(1) How many claims have been lodged?

(2) How many claims have been granted?

(3) How many claims have been refused?

(4) How many claims have been appealed?

(5) How many claims have not yet been finalised?

(a) Of those claims that have not yet been finalised, in what year was the oldest such claim lodged?

Answer—

In relation to land claims that have been made under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983, as at 4 October 2017:

(1) 45,058 Aboriginal Land Claims have been lodged, with 1,886 withdrawn

(2) 2,944

(3) 8,328

(4) 408 Aboriginal Land Claims refusals have been appealed

(5) 32,988 Aboriginal Land Claims are currently undetermined

(a) Of the undetermined Aboriginal Land Claims the oldest Claim was lodged in 1984.

NOTE: Where claims have been part granted/withdrawn/refused it may result in that claim being counted in multiple categories. It is estimated that this situation applies to around 1,000 instances over the last 33 years.

\*1779 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE WARATAH SYMBOL—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to the Government's mandatory directive that requires the rebranding of logos used by New South Wales agencies, and the stipulation the waratah symbol must be used:

- (1) Will local councils need to replace their existing council logos on all their facilities with the waratah symbol?
  - (a) If not, will the waratah symbol also need to be displayed prominently next to existing council logos on all such facilities?
- (2) What are examples of council facilities that will now be required to display the waratah symbol? Will it include:
  - (a) Public toilets
  - (b) Libraries
  - (c) Swimming pools
  - (d) Street signage?
- (3) What is the estimated cost to local government in New South Wales of meeting the requirements of this mandatory directive?
- (4) What financial assistance is being provided to local councils to meet this additional cost burden?

Answer—

The NSW Government Branding Guidelines do not apply to local councils. However, local councils do need to adhere to the Funding Acknowledgment Guidelines for Recipients of NSW Government Grants.

\*1780 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—NEW SOUTH WALES WATER ENTITLEMENTS AND USAGE—Mr Buckingham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What is the total amount of water entitlements for each of the following in New South Wales:
  - (a) Nursery and floriculture production?
  - (b) Mushroom and vegetable growing?
  - (c) Fruit and tree nut growing?
  - (d) Grape growing?
  - (e) Sheep and beef cattle farming?
  - (f) Beef cattle feedlots (Specialised)?
  - (g) Grain farming?
  - (h) Cotton farming?
  - (i) Other crop growing?
  - (j) Dairy cattle farming?
  - (k) Poultry farming?
  - (l) Deer and other livestock?
  - (m) Mining?
  - (n) All other industries?
  - (o) Total all industries?
- (2) How much water was used in each of the last 4 years for each of the following in New South Wales:
  - (a) Nursery and floriculture production?
  - (b) Mushroom and vegetable growing?
  - (c) Fruit and tree nut growing?
  - (d) Grape growing?
  - (e) Sheep and beef cattle farming?
  - (f) Beef cattle feedlots (specialised)?
  - (g) Grain farming?
  - (h) Cotton farming?
  - (i) Other crop growing?
  - (j) Dairy cattle farming?
  - (k) Poultry farming?
  - (l) Deer and other livestock?
  - (m) Mining?

- (n) All other industries?
- (o) Total all industries?
- (3) Who are the top twenty customers of WaterNSW?
- (4) What is the total water entitlements held by each of the top twenty customers of WaterNSW?
- (5) How much water was used in each of the last four years for each of the top twenty customers of WaterNSW?
- (6) Who are the top six irrigated agriculture customers of WaterNSW?
- (7) What is the total water entitlements held by each of the top six irrigated agriculture customers of WaterNSW?
- (8) How much water was used in each of the last four years for each of the top six irrigated agriculture customers of WaterNSW?

Answer—

- (1) Water entitlements in NSW are not designated for specific end uses. Rather, the entitlement holder is free to determine how a water entitlements is best used. That said, water sharing plans in NSW establish rules for sharing water between different types of water use such as town supply, rural domestic supply, stock watering, industry and irrigation, and ensures that water is provided for the environment.
- (2) WaterNSW does not collect information about the end use of the water it delivers to customers, nor does any other rural water service provider in Australia as far as I am aware. The Australian Bureau of Statistics sometimes collects information of this nature. I am sure it will interest you to know that 26,100 agricultural businesses in NSW used a total of 2,805,300 mega litres of water in 2015-16. More information is available online at <http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf4618.0>.
- (3) Among WaterNSW's largest customers by revenue are AGL Macquarie, Auscott Limited, Australian Executor Trustees, Budval Pty Ltd, Coleambally Irrigation, Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder, Energy Australia, Hunter Water Corporation, Jemalong Irrigation, Lithgow City Council, Murray Irrigation, Murrumbidgee Irrigation, the NSW Environmental Water Holder, Oberon Council, RMI Pty Ltd, Rosella Sub TC Pty Ltd, Sydney Water Corporation, Tamworth Regional Council, Webster Limited, and Wingecarribee Shire Council. This is an estimate only and is based on the best available information held by WaterNSW when the list was compiled in early 2017.
- (4) This information has not been provided due to its commercial nature. Water entitlement and usage information is published online via the NSW Water Register at <http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/water-licensing/registers>.
- (5) Refer answer to question 4.
- (6) Auscott Limited is a proudly NSW-based agriculture company. The popular web search engine Google may assist you in determining the types of businesses noted in question 3 that are large customers of WaterNSW.
- (7) Refer answer to question 4.
- (8) Refer answer to question 4.

\*1781 ENVIRONMENT—PARRAMATTA PARK TRUST MEETINGS—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 the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many meetings did each of the trustees of the Parramatta Park Trust attend for the following financial years:
  - (a) 2015/16 Financial Year?
  - (b) 2016/17 Financial Year?
  - (c) 1st July 2017 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

Trustee	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17	01/07/2017 to date
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Andrew McDonald	1	3	N/A
Denis Fitzgerald	2	N/A	N/A
Lyn Lewis Smith	1	N/A	N/A
Denise Taylor	4	3	N/A
Phillip Bates AM	2	4	2
Stephanie Dale	4	3	1
Stewart Thompson	4	3	2
Lyll Gorman	N/A	N/A	2
Peter Johnson	N/A	4	1
Josephine Sukkar AM	N/A	N/A	2
Jane Witter	N/A	4	1

\*1782 ENVIRONMENT—PARRAMATTA LEAGUES LEASE REVIEW—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 the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What was the purpose of the lease review with Parramatta Leagues Club undertaken by the Parramatta Park Trust?
- (2) Were any of the lease conditions changed?
  - (a) If so, which conditions were changed?

Answer—

- (1) A lease review was undertaken due to the club's proposal to build a multistorey carpark.
- (2) Conditions relating to the club's proposal were added to the lease.

\*1783 EDUCATION—RSL LIFECARE ELECTION CAMPAIGN DONATIONS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) Has the Minister for Education returned all donations received for the election campaign from RSL Lifecare?
  - (a) What was the total sum of those donations?
  - (b) On which date or dates were they returned to RSL Lifecare?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the NSW division of the Liberal Party.

While I will attend functions in support of fundraising efforts for the party I represent, I do not handle donations.

\*1784 VETERANS AFFAIRS—RSL LIFECARE DONATIONS TO THE LIBERAL PARTY—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) Has the Liberal Party returned all donations received by them from RSL Lifecare?
  - (a) What was the total sum of those donations?
  - (b) On which date or dates were they returned to RSL Lifecare?

Answer—

These are matters for the NSW Division of the Liberal Party. However, I am advised the Liberal Party has identified several donations from that group dating back many years - all of which were appropriately declared. I am advised the Party has refunded nearly \$10,000.

\*1785 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—WATER MANAGEMENT ACT GOVERNMENT POLICIES—Mr Buckingham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

What Government policies are applicable under Section 16 (e) of the Water Management Act 2000?

Answer—

Section 15 of the Water Management Act 2000 allows for the preparation of draft management plans in relation to water sharing, water source protection, drainage management, and floodplain management. Broadly speaking, Section 16 (1)(e) includes all policies approved by the NSW Government that are relevant to the type of plan being made under Section 15, including policies relating to the environmental objectives for water quality and river flow.

For example, development of a floodplain management plan requires consistency with the approved Floodplain Harvesting Policy. Further, development of water sharing plans for unregulated river systems are required to be consistent with the approved Macro Water Sharing Plans The Approach for Unregulated Rivers. More information is available online at:

<http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/water-management/law-and-policy/key-policies>

and:

<http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/water-management/water-sharing/planning-process>.

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\*1786 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—MORTDALE ROUNDABOUT—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) In 2015, the Government provided \$200,000 for the construction of the roundabout in Roberts Avenue at the access driveway of 84D Roberts Avenue, Mortdale. At the time had Hurstville City Council already allocated \$150,000 for the construction of this roundabout?

(a) If so, why did the Government provide funding?

(2) Did Hurstville Council cost the project at \$150,000?

(a) If so, how was the additional \$50,000 accounted for?

(3) Did the decision by the Government to fund this roundabout include considerations related to private businesses nearby?

(4) What statistics were employed to advance the premise that the intersection was dangerous, and a roundabout was needed?

(5) Was the project prioritised over other established local blackspots? If so, what were the reasons for the prioritisation?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

\*1787 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—OATLEY STATION UPGRADE—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 criteria were employed in prioritising Oatley station upgrade over Narwee and Arncliffe, and who made that decision?

(2) An extension to the overhead footbridge on the city-bound side of the station was not identified in the original drawings. What were the reasons for the change, and what was the cost?

(3) When will shelter be provided for commuters on the west side of Oatley station?

(4) Please provide the current and future patronage figures for Oatley, Narwee and Arncliffe stations.



Answer—

I am advised :

- (1) The Transport Access Program assessment process uses evidence-based criteria, including current and future patronage. It takes into account the needs and demographics of customers who use the station. It also considers the location of important services, such as hospitals or schools and the accessibility of nearby transport interchanges. Construction is currently underway to upgrade Narwee Station and upgrades of Arncliffe and Oatley stations were completed in late 2016.
- (2) Oatley Station is a NSW State Listed Heritage station. The concept design, which was in the Review of Environmental Factors, featured a different footbridge. Following feedback from the community and the Heritage Council, the proposed structure was redesigned.
- (3) A shelter with a seat has been provided within the Western Forecourt for commuters on Mulga Road.
- (4) Patronage figures are available on the Bureau of Transport Statistics website.

\*1788 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING—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) Is there currently a review underway for standards and practices in driver training programs for truck drivers in New South Wales?
  - (a) If yes, when will the review be concluded?
  - (b) If not, when is the next review scheduled to happen?
- (2) Is Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) taking action to improve quality and consistency in the current scheme of training truck drivers?
  - (a) If so, what are these actions?
- (3) How often does RMS conduct audits into driving schools that provide training courses for truck drivers?
  - (a) How many times is each school audited per year?
  - (b) How are schools selected to be audited?
- (4) What is the minimum number of training hours that each driver has to undertake before they can obtain a heavy vehicle licence?
  - (a) Is RMS considering extending the number of hours?
- (5) Is RMS considering the suggestions made by the Australian Drivers Association for changes to the truck driver licensing scheme in their letter to RMS in August 2017?
- (6) How does RMS ensure that the number of hours each driver is doing for any one shift without taking a rest are not in violation of the maximum hours prescribed by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator?
- (7) How does RMS ensure that drivers are aware of the maximum number of hours allowed without rest by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator?
  - (a) In 2016, how many complaints did RMS receive from drivers who were asked or expected to exceed the maximum number of hours on the road without rest, by their employer?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services will commence a review of the Heavy Vehicle Competency Based Assessment Scheme in late 2017, with implementation to be undertaken in 2018.

Information on Heavy Vehicle Drivers and Heavy Vehicle Laws and Regulations is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*1789 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—SECTION 291A (3) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

Section 291A (3) of the Local Government Act specifies that any countback election is to be 'conducted in accordance with the regulations.' Which specific regulations detail how such countback elections should be conducted?

Answer—

I am advised:

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.

**\*1790 EMERGENCY SERVICES—FIREFIGHTING TRUCK LOCATION IN THE HILLS SHIRE—**Mr Primrose 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—

Given the high rise development underway in The Hills Shire, where is the nearest Bronto 'aerial firefighting' truck located?

Answer—

I advised:

The allocation of firefighting resources such as aerial ladder firefighting units, also known as 'Brontos', is determined by risk factors such as projected population growth, property density, increased infrastructure and the urban/bushland interface.

**\*1791 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES VOTING—**Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

Newcastle City Council has resolved to request an amendment to Division 5 of the Local Government Act that currently requires Councillors to vote on their own allowances:

(1) Does the Minister support this proposal?

(a) If so, for what reason?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Office of Local Government responded to Newcastle City Council.

**\*1792 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—NSW PORTS GOVERNMENT CAPS—**Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) Does the Ports Assets (Authorised Transactions) Act 2012 authorise the Government lease the Port of Newcastle?

(2) Did the Government enter into an agreement with NSW Ports in April 2013 to pay NSW Ports for container shipments above the Government's cap at the Port of Newcastle?

(3) Is the use of consolidated revenue to pay NSW Ports for container shipments above the Government's cap at the Port of Newcastle authorised by the 2012 Act, and if so, under what section?

(4) Does the Government fine the lessee of the Port of Newcastle under the 2012 Act for container shipments above the Government cap?

(5) Is the consolidated revenue to pay NSW Ports for container shipments above the Government's cap at the Port of Newcastle authorised by the Ports Assets (Authorised Transactions) Amendment Act 2013, and if so, under what section?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

- (2) The State entered into Commitment Deeds in May 2013, which can require payments by the State, in certain circumstances. To date, the State has not made any such payments under these Deeds.
- (3) No.
- (4) The Ports Assets (Authorised Transactions) Act 2012 does not contain provisions to fine parties to the Commitment Deeds in respect of payments under the Commitment Deeds.
- (5) No.

\*1793 LANDS AND FORESTRY—FOREST MATERIALS LICENCE—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—

In relation to answer to Supplementary Question 19 (c) of Budget Estimates 2017-18 for Forestry and Lands' portfolio, under which specific part, division, section or sub-section of the Forestry Act 2012 has the Forest Materials Licence (FML) over Broken Bago State Forest between CTK Natural Resources and Forest Corporation NSW been granted?

Answer—

Section 42 of the Forestry Act 2012.

### 11 OCTOBER 2017

(Paper No. 127)

1794 PREMIER—COST OF MEMBERS OF REMUNERATED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

1795 ATTORNEY GENERAL—ABORIGINAL DEATHS IN CUSTODY—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General—

\*1796 POLICE—ABORIGINAL DEATHS IN CUSTODY—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—

Of the 339 recommendations handed down by the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, how many have been implemented by the NSW Police?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force implemented 82 recommendations that were relevant to police. It should be noted that most recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody were not relevant to police.

\*1797 CORRECTIONS—ABORIGINAL DEATHS IN CUSTODY—Mr Shoebridge 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—

Of the 339 recommendations handed down by the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, how many have been implemented by Corrective Services?

Answer—

I am advised:

Of the 339 recommendations, 99 of them were relevant to CSNSW. CSNSW has fully implemented the majority of the Royal Commission's recommendations.

- 1798 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—EX-STATE WARDS COMPENSATION TOTALS—Mr Shoebridge 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—
- 1799 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—POINT TO POINT TRANSPORT—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—
- 1800 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—LAND MANAGEMENT CODES—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 1801 ENVIRONMENT—SPRING GULLY, BUNDEENA—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—
- 1802 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—OPAL CARD RECYCLING—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—
- 1803 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FARM TRESPASS POLICY MEETINGS—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- \*1804 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—SYDNEY GATEWAY—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) What projects comprise the Sydney Gateway?
  - (2) How much will be invested for the tollway component, including the capital, operational and maintenance cost of the tollway component?
    - (a) What is the benefit cost ratio and net present value (at a discount rate of 7 per cent) for the toll road component?
  - (3) What is the capital, operational and maintenance cost of the Botany Bay rail duplication component?
    - (a) What is the benefit cost ratio and net present value (at a discount rate of 7 per cent) for the rail duplication component?
  - (4) Why is the Government not proceeding with full priority on the Botany Bay rail duplication component?
  - (5) Has the Government received an unsolicited proposal from any organisation to build the Sydney Gateway?
    - (a) If yes, who from?
    - (b) Will the Government be going to tender for the Sydney Gateway?
    - (c) What is the expected cost to the Government, including staff time, for the assessment of the unsolicited proposal?
    - (d) Will the proponent of the unsolicited proposal be required to compensate the Government for assessing the unsolicited proposal?

Answer—

- (1) The \$16.8 billion WestConnex motorway program will deliver better road access across Sydney and better connect important economic parts of Sydney. The WestConnex budget includes an \$800 million contribution to the road component of Sydney Gateway. The full scope of Sydney Gateway is a separate project that does not come under the WestConnex program.
- (2) I refer to the response I provided at the Budget Estimates hearing.
- (3) and (4) Transport for NSW has developed a Strategic Business Case for the duplication of the Port

Botany Rail Line.

- (4) In accordance with the Unsolicited Proposals Guide, the NSW Government does not comment on whether or not a proposal has been received.

- 1805 ENVIRONMENT—ECOLOGICAL CONSULTANTS—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—
- 1806 WESTCONNEX—WESTCONNEX—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- 1807 PLANNING—KOALAS—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 Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—
- 1808 ENVIRONMENT—WASTE MANAGEMENT—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—
- 1809 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CYCLE WAYS—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—
- 1810 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CROWN PUBLIC ROADS—Dr Faruqi 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—
- \*1811 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—ELLERTON ROAD EXTENSION—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) Why has Roads and Maritime Service changed the noise barriers for the Ellerton Road Extension from Autoclaved aerated concrete to timber?
- (2) Are there any fire safety implications related to the timber noise barriers?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- This is a matter for Queanbeyan–Palerang Regional Council.
- 1812 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—ELLERTON ROAD EXTENSION—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—
- 1813 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—COUNCIL MEETINGS—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—
- 1814 PREMIER—DEPARTMENT TERMINATION PAYMENT—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- 1815 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—DEPARTMENT TERMINATION PAYMENT—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

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(Paper No. 128)

- 1816 PREMIER—LEASE OF RAILCORP LAND AT DARLEY ROAD, LEICHHARDT DISCUSSION—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- 1817 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—POINT OT POINT TRANSPORT COMMISSION—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—
- 1818 ENVIRONMENT—SPRING GULLY, BUNDEENA FIRE MANAGEMENT—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—
- 1819 LANDS AND FORESTRY—BLUE RIDGE HARDWOOD MILL RETOOLING—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—
- 1820 DISABILITY SERVICES—NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME ROLLOUT—Ms Walker 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—
- \*1821 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—WOOLGOOLGA TO BALLINA PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Ms Walker asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- (1) Why are bushfires not included as a potential risk in the:
    - (a) Koala management plan for the whole of the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade?
    - (b) Ballina Koala Plan for Section 10 of the upgrade?
  - (2) Given the 350 hectare bushfire in September which damaged koala and potoroo habitat adjacent to Old Bagotville Road (Section 10), and the Rural Fire Service designation of very high fire danger for the Far North Coast, what steps are being taken to protect koalas and potoroos from future bushfires?
  - (3) Why are there no underpasses or overpasses for Old Bagotville Road, when this is required under Condition Eight of the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (d.9 vii)?
  - (4) What measures have been taken to allow wildlife, koalas and potoroos, trapped behind temporary exclusion fences along Old Bagotville Road (Section 10) to access food and shelter trees?
  - (5) Has construction continued in Section 10 of the upgrade during koala breeding season (August to late November), if so was this in direct contradiction to advice given by both the Australian Museum and the NSW Environmental Protection Authority?
  - (6) Please provide details and results of surveys conducted at Laws Point, before and after phased resource reduction, regarding koalas outside the clearing footprint.
    - (a) When will these surveys be publicly available?
  - (7) How is the Roads and Maritime Service monitoring koalas in the phased resource reduction at Laws Point?
    - (a) How is the RMS ensuring that the koalas have adequate access to food and water?

- (i) How will koalas access food and water in areas to be clear-felled?
  - (b) How often is koala monitoring undertaken?
  - (c) Who undertakes this monitoring?
  - (d) What is reported in the monitoring?
  - (e) How often is it reported?
- (8) What is the timeframe for the commencement of clearing koala feed trees and shelter trees at Section 10 of the Upgrade?
- (9) Can the Minister provide the Biodiversity Offset Package for koala populations in Coolgardie/Bagotville as required under Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act Condition 16 D4 (a)(i)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about the Woolgoolga to Ballina Koala Management Plan is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

#### 17 OCTOBER 2017

(Paper No. 129)

- 1822 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—MURRAY CRAYFISH REGULATIONS COMPLIANCE—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 1823 TREASURER—LAND TAX—Mr Veitch 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—
- 1824 POLICE—POLICE FATALITIES DURING POLICE OPERATIONS—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—
- 1825 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHIEF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT—Mr Shoebridge 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—
- 1826 PLANNING—HEATHCOTE HALL DEVELOPMENT—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 Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—
- 1827 REGIONAL WATER—WERRIS CREEK WATER TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADE—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

#### 18 OCTOBER 2017

(Paper No. 130)

- 1828 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—NEXT GENERATION INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES (NGIS) 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—

- 1829 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—WOMEN'S REFUGES—Dr Faruqi 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—
- 1830 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—TRANSPORT FOR NSW NEW TIMETABLE INFORMATION—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—
- 1831 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—OPAL CARD COST—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—
- 1832 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—SYDNEY METRO SAFETY—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—
- 1833 ENVIRONMENT—DRAFT INDUSTRIAL NOISE GUIDELINE—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—
- 1834 SKILLS—JOBS FOR NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Field 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—
- 1835 TREASURER—GAMBLING TAXES IN BUDGET—Mr Field 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—
- 1836 PREMIER—RISING WARRAMGAMBA DAM WALL COSTS—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- 1837 PREMIER—RAISING WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL AND FLOOD RISKS—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- 1838 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—EX-STATE WARDS—Mr Shoebridge 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—
- 1839 PLANNING—LOW FREQUENCY NOISE—Mr Shoebridge 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—
- 1840 PREMIER—RAISING WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL AND FLOOD RISKS—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—



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- 1841 PREMIER—RAILCORP LAND AT DARLEY ROAD, LEICHHARDT—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- 1842 VETERANS AFFAIRS—VETERAN EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 1843 EMERGENCY SERVICES—BUNDEENA COAST ECO-LODGE AT 60-70 BOURNEMOUTH ST—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—

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- 1844 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—BLACKOUT AND POWER OUTAGE REPORTING—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (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?

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1845 TREASURER—RURAL ZONED LAND—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Given such information is not available through the Commonwealth Government, how many properties with a rural zoning of RU1, RU2 and RU4 were bought in New South Wales in the following financial years:
  - (a) 2010-11?
  - (b) 2011-12?
  - (c) 2012-13?
  - (d) 2013-14?
  - (e) 2014-15?
  - (f) 2015-16?
  - (g) 2016-17?
- (2) What was the total value of the properties purchased in New South Wales in each of those financial years with the following zoning:
  - (a) RU1?
  - (b) RU2?
  - (c) RU4?
- (3) How many foreign individuals or foreign owned entities purchased properties in New South Wales in each of those financial years with a rural zoning of:
  - (a) RU1?
  - (b) RU2?
  - (c) RU4?
- (4) What was the value of the properties in New South Wales purchased by foreign individuals or foreign owned entities in each of those financial years with a rural zoning of:
  - (a) RU1?
  - (b) RU2?
  - (c) RU4?
- (5) What was the total stamp duty receipts on properties purchased by foreign individuals and entities in each of those financial years with a rural zoning of:
  - (a) RU1?
  - (b) RU2?
  - (c) RU4?

1846 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—SYDNEY GATEWAY—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) Will users of the Sydney Gateway be required to pay a separate toll above that paid to use the WestConnex?
- (a) If so, how much will this additional toll be?
- 1847 WESTCONNEX—SYDNEY GATEWAY—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) Will users of the Sydney Gateway be required to pay a separate toll above that paid to use the WestConnex?
- (a) If so, how much will this additional toll be?
- 1848 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—ROZELLE INTERCHANGE—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) Will users of the Rozelle Interchange be required to pay a separate toll above that paid to use the WestConnex?
- (a) If so, how much will this additional toll be?
- 1849 WESTCONNEX—ROZELLE INTERCHANGE—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) Will users of the Rozelle Interchange be required to pay a separate toll above that paid to use the WestConnex?
- (a) If so, how much will this additional toll be?
- 1850 PREMIER—AUSTRALIAN MULTICULTURAL CHRISTIAN SOCIETY GRANT—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- (1) Has the Australian Multicultural Christian Society returned the \$10,000 grant it received under the Community Building Partnership Program?
- (a) If so, when was it returned?
- 1851 SPORT—COMBAT SPORTS INSPECTORS—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) How many inspectors are employed by the Combat Sports Authority:
- (a) on a full time basis?
- (b) on a part time basis?
- 1852 SPORT—COMBAT SPORTS INSPECTORS TRAINING—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) How many hours/days of training are provided to each Combat Sports Authority Inspector?
- (a) Where is the training for Combat Sport Authority Inspectors delivered?
- 1853 PREMIER—SAFE SCHOOLS PROGRAM—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—
- (1) Is the Premier aware of:
- (a) The report published by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation dated 16 April 2017

- concerning the Government's "dumping" of the "Safe Schools" program?
- (b) The answer given to my question to the Minister for Education, the Hon Rob Stokes, during the Budget Estimates Committee hearing dated 5 September 2017?
  - (c) The report in the Daily Telegraph dated 31 October 2017 which alleges that the "Safe Schools" program is being surreptitiously reintroduced in New South Wales schools under the "Child Protection" syllabus which is taught in "Personal Development, Health and Physical Education" (herein, the "new syllabus")?
- (2) Can the Premier inform the public whether under the new syllabus New South Wales school children as young as five and six are to be :
- (a) Taught material that includes the concept of "Gender Fluidity"?
  - (b) Taught that "femininity and masculinity are not necessary inherent categories that pre-exist in each individual"?
  - (c) Encouraged to "resist" the "dominant social order" and move beyond "gender as binaryism" (sic)?
  - (d) Asked to challenge the way in which they live their life "as a girl or a boy"?
  - (e) Instructed that the "desirable ways of enacting gender" is often "contradictory or fluid"?
- (3) Can the Premier further inform the public:
- (a) Who was involved in the drafting and preparation of the new syllabus?
  - (b) Were any non-governmental entities involved in the drafting and preparation of the new syllabus?
  - (c) Who were the "experts" who "peer reviewed" the suit of resources on which the new syllabus relies?
  - (d) What were the costs associated with retaining or consulting with these non-government entities (if any) and experts?
  - (e) Were any representations or submissions made by or on behalf of anyone formally associated with the "Safe Schools" program in the process of drafting and preparing the new syllabus?
- 1854 PLANNING—BANGALOW FOOD HUB DEVELOPMENT—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 Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—
- (1) Does the development of the Bangalow Food Hub, 201 Lismore Road fit within the original intent of the Local Environment Plan that permits rural industries on agricultural land?
    - (a) Has the Minister sought or received any advice on the risk that this this development will set a precedent for the industrialisation of prime agricultural land in New South Wales?
  - (2) Is there any other RU1 zoned land in New South Wales that has a development of the nature of 201 Lismore Road currently under determination by a Joint Regional Planning Panel?
  - (3) Has the Minister sought or received any advice that this development may set a precedent that all RU1 zoned land can be turned into industrial estates/developments?
  - (4) Is there an Environmental Impact Statement on 201 Lismore Road?
    - (a) If not, why not given that this site is in the middle of a wildlife corridor with evidence of the vulnerable species Koala and other threatened species?
  - (5) Is there a Koala Mitigation process, or a Koala Plan of Management for 201 Lismore Road for the protection of this species which are protected under both State and Commonwealth Acts?
    - (a) If not, why not?
  - (6) What protections are being incorporated in the 201 Lismore Road development plan to protect the koala population?
    - (a) Why are there no plans for an overpass, when this development is on a busy regional road with evidence of high koala car strikes and mortalities?

- 1855 ENVIRONMENT—PRIVATE NATIVE FORESTRY LICENCES—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—
- (1) Under what circumstance can a Private Native Forestry Licence be revoked?
  - (2) Have any been revoked in the last 5 years?
    - (a) If so, please provide the number revoked and the reasons for revocation.
- 1856 ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR SKILLS—LIDCOMBE 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) Has the Government undertaken any planning to close, sell or repurpose the Lidcombe TAFE campus?
  - (2) Have facilities managers been given instructions not to do any more maintenance at Lidcombe TAFE campus?
    - (a) If so, why?
- 1857 LANDS AND FORESTRY—MOGO STATE FORESTS PULP LOGS AND SAWLOGS—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 quantity of wood from Mogo State Forest Compartments 147 and 148 was supplied to mills in the Eden region, under the haulage subsidy arrangement funded by the Environment Trust "Protection of Koalas in Murrah Mumbulla Tanja Bermagui" project?
    - (a) What quantity of pulp logs?
    - (b) What quantity of sawlogs?
- 1858 ENVIRONMENT—SUSPENSION OF LOGGING IN MOGO STATE FOREST COMPARTMENT 148—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—
- (1) Why did Forestry Corporation recently suspend logging in Compartment 148 of Mogo State Forest?
  - (2) Was the decision to suspend logging a result of input by stakeholders and the community?
    - (a) Did the registration of three (3) significant trees by the National Trust in Compartment 148 contribute to the decision to suspend logging?
    - (b) Did the evidence of wombat holes in Compartment 148, provided by WIRES, contribute to the decision to suspend logging?
    - (c) Did the public meeting held by CoastWatch in Moruya, where the community expressed their concerns about logging in Mogo State Forest, contribute to the decision to suspend logging?
    - (d) Did the Environment Protection Authority's monitoring operations contribute to the decision to suspend logging?
    - (e) Did surveying and petitioning by local residents regarding logging in Mogo State Forest contribute to the decision to suspend logging?
    - (f) Did the registration of the presence of arboreal mammals on the Government's BioAtlas contribute to the decision to suspend logging?
  - (3) Does Forestry Corporation have any plans to resume logging in Compartment 148 of Mogo State Forest?
- 1859 LANDS AND FORESTRY—SUSPENSION OF LOGGING IN MOGO STATE FOREST COMPARTMENT 148—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 did Forestry Corporation recently suspend logging in Compartment 148 of Mogo State Forest?
  - (2) Was the decision to suspend logging a result of input by stakeholders and the community?
    - (a) Did the registration of three (3) significant trees by the National Trust in Compartment 148 contribute to the decision to suspend logging?
    - (b) Did the evidence of wombat holes in Compartment 148, provided by WIRES, contribute to the decision to suspend logging?
    - (c) Did the public meeting held by CoastWatch in Moruya, where the community expressed their concerns about logging in Mogo State Forest, contribute to the decision to suspend logging?
    - (d) Did surveying and petitioning by local residents regarding logging in Mogo State Forest contribute to the decision to suspend logging?
    - (e) Did the registration of the presence of arboreal mammals on the Government's BioAtlas contribute to the decision to suspend logging?
  - (3) Does Forestry Corporation have any plans to resume logging in Compartment 148 of Mogo State Forest?
- 1860 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—KOALA DEATHS ON PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—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) How many koalas have been killed as a result of Roads and Maritime Services operations between Ewingsdale and Woolgoolga since the upgrade to the Pacific Highway began?
    - (a) What is being done to keep the koala population safe for the rest of the upgrade period?
- 1861 ENVIRONMENT—BAGO STATE FOREST PINE PLANTATION—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—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of allegations that Forestry Corporation NSW is not following regulations in its pine plantations in Bago State Forest?
  - (2) Is the Environment Protection Authority investigating these allegations?
    - (a) If so, what have been the findings of these investigations so far?
- 1862 LANDS AND FORESTRY—BAGO STATE FOREST PINE PLANTATION—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 Minister aware of allegations that Forestry Corporation NSW is not following regulations in its pine plantations in Bago State Forest?
    - (a) What is being done to address these concerns?
- 1863 HEALTH—PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE FOR PARAMEDICS—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—
- Following the introduction of paramedicine to the list of registered health professions in NSW, will paramedics be expected to acquire their own professional indemnity insurance, or will they be covered by their employer?
- 1864 PLANNING—BIOCERTIFICATION FOR 7 WESTERN SYDNEY LGAS—Ms Sharpe 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—
- With reference to the Department of Planning and Environment seeking biocertification for seven Western Sydney Local Government Areas (Camden, Campbelltown, Wollondilly, Liverpool, Fairfield, Hawkesbury and Penrith):

- (1) What is the Minister's vision for conservation outcomes in Western Sydney?
- (2) When will the Minister make a public announcement about progress with this process?
- (3) How and when will local communities have the opportunity to give input into this process?

1865 ENVIRONMENT—SPRING GULLY—Ms Sharpe 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—

With reference to the Minister's answers to Supplementary Question 244, Budget Estimates 2017-18, regarding Spring Gully, Bundeena:

- (1) What legal advice has the National Parks and Wildlife Services (NPWS) received regarding the discrepancies in the land titles?
  - (a) If the legal advice has not yet been received, when does NPWS expect to received it?
- (2) What knowledge does the NPWS have of any proposed dealings concerning the unmade paper roads?
- (3) Is the NPWS aware of other legal opinions in relation to the unmade paper roads of DP1782?
  - (a) If so, please provide details.
- (4) What contact has the NPWS or Office of Environment (OEH) and Heritage had with Land and Property Information to resolve the discrepancies identified in the land titles?
  - (a) If any, please provide details.
- (5) Has the Minister or the OEH or the NPWS accepted or intend to accept any proposed gift of portions of the unmade roads under the terms proposed by RVA Australia Pty Ltd in the "Review of Environmental Factors Bundeena Coast Eco Lodge request alternative right of way", as exhibited by the NPWS?

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