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- *255 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—COAL SEAM GAS EXPLORATION AND APPRAISAL—Ms Boyd asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

Referring to coal seam gas exploration and appraisal that has been underway on Petroleum Assessment Lease 2 (PAL 2) and Petroleum Exploration Lease 238 (PEL238) since 2004:

- (1) How does the government determine what is genuine appraisal activity in general?
- (2) How has the government determined what is genuine appraisal activity in the cases of PAL2 and PEL238?
- (3) How much gas has been piped to Wilga Park power station from PAL2 in the 2018/19 financial year?
- (4) How much gas has been piped to Wilga Park power station from PEL238 in financial years:
 - (a) 2014/15?
 - (b) 2015/16?
 - (c) 2016/17?
 - (d) 2017/18?
 - (e) 2018/19?
- (5) If full year data is unavailable for 2018/19, what is the latest recorded data and date recorded to?
- (6) How much of the gas from PAL2 and PEL238 has been subject to royalty payment?
- (7) How much has been paid in royalty on that gas?

Answer—

These questions should be referred to the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade.

I am advised that:

In response to questions 1 and 2, under a Petroleum Exploration Licence (PEL) and Petroleum Assessment Lease (PAL) titleholders must operate their licences in accordance with an activity approval for assessable prospecting activities.

As part of the approved activities for PAL2 and PEL238, gas is generated from wells covered by these titles as part of the titleholder's exploration program.

In general, during appraisal activities, a titleholder may collect information on average well production rates and gas composition analyses.

In response to questions 3, 4 and 5, I am advised that the Petroleum (Onshore) Regulation 2016 limits the beneficial use of gas extracted by number of days rather than volume. The Department does not hold data on the amount of gas that is sent to Wilga Park power station for beneficial use.

In response to questions 6 and 7, under the NSW royalty regime, royalties are payable on the net well head value of gas. The net well head value is calculated by subtracting allowable deductions (certain operating expenses from the gross value of the gas produced). However, the allowable deductions are currently greater than the revenue, resulting in a negative net value.

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- *257 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS FROM SMOKE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Can you confirm that there is no evidence of adverse health effects from smoke discharged from the flues or chimneys of wood burning heaters in metropolitan residential areas, if they have been installed in accordance with local council regulations?
 - (a) If so, what is the citation for the most recent evidence?
 - (b) If not, what are the health effects?

Answer—

Exposure to smoke from wood burning heaters may have adverse health effects, ranging from itchy eyes to exacerbation of existing health conditions.

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299 CUSTOMER SERVICE—SIRA PROSECUTIONS—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) How many prosecutions did the State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) undertake against insurers for breaches of the Workers Compensation Act 1987 or the Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998 in:
 - (a) 2018/19?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2016/17?
- (2) How many prosecutions did SIRA undertake against insurers for breaches of s283 of the Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998 in:
 - (a) 2018/19?
 - (b) 2017/18?
 - (c) 2016/17?

300 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—BUCKENBOWRA STATE FOREST—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) In your response to Legislative Council Question on notice no.128 you advised:
 - (a) that Buckenbowra State Forest was not being added to the National Parks system Following this can you advise if any individual attention has been given to the status of compartments #516 and #517 of Buckenbowra State Forest into the Monga National Park?
 - (b) that no direct impact on Monga National Park was identified Are you aware that on 22 April 2019 the trail was blocked by seven large trees that had blown over?
 - (i) If so, was this due to greater wind exposure caused by logging uphill?
- (2) What consideration has been given to increasing the size of buffers of logging operations adjoining National Parks to minimise the visual and auditory impact of these?

301 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—NEWBORN EMERGENCY TRANSPORT SERVICE—Mr Roberts to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many ambulances does Newborn Emergency Transport Service (NETS) operate across New South Wales?
- (2) What is the replacement policy for ambulances operated by NETS?
- (3) How many ambulances does NETS operate across New South Wales?
- (4) Are there any NETS ambulances that currently exceed the kilometres and/or age of the replacement policy and are overdue for replacement?
 - (a) If so, how many?

(b) If so, when will this occur?

302 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—RESOURCES FOR REGIONS PROGRAM—Mr Mookhey to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) When did applications close for Round 6 of the Resources for Regions program?

- (a) How many applications were received?
- (b) How many applications were submitted by local government area?
- (c) By local government area, who were the applicants?
- (d) What was the total value of funds sought?
- (e) Did approved projects satisfy the minimum 25% financial co-contribution?
 - (i) If not, which applicants were exempt from this requirement?
- (f) On what date did you receive the recommendations for projects to be funded?
- (g) On what date did you approve projects for funding?
- (h) Do you recall committing on 30 April 2019 to announcing the successful projects "within the coming weeks"?
- (i) How much longer do the 11 communities with successful projects have to wait for the announcement or announcements of those projects?

303 JOBS, INVESTMENT, TOURISM AND WESTERN SYDNEY—PROPORTION OF VISITORS TO SYDNEY—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

- (1) For the most recent year in which statistics are available, for overseas at Kingsford Smith Airport, what proportion visit:
 - (a) the Sydney CBD/Sydney Harbour/Darling Harbour precincts?
 - (b) the eastern suburbs of the city?
 - (c) Western Sydney?
- (2) For the most recent year in which statistics are available, for domestic arrivals at Kingsford Smith Airport, what proportion visit:
 - (a) the Sydney CBD/Sydney Harbour/Darling Harbour precincts?
 - (b) the eastern suburbs of the city?
 - (c) Western Sydney?

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