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1268 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—GREYHOUND RACING ACT 2017 REVIEW—Ms Hurst to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Section 102 of the Greyhound Racing Act 2017 states that the Minister must review the Act "as soon as possible after the period of three years from the date of assent". Given that three years has passed since the date of assent of the Act, can you please advise when the review of the Greyhound Racing Act 2017 will commence and what form this review will take?

1269 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—URGENT INVESTIGATION INTO CONDITIONS FOR JB HIFI WORKERS—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Can you please advise what steps SafeWork have taken to investigate the measures being taken at JB-Hi Fi stores to guard against infection with COVID-19 of staff and customers?

1270 PREMIER—LIQUID FUEL RESERVES—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) How much liquid fuel such as diesel, petrol and jet fuel is used annually in New South Wales?
- (2) What percentage of liquid fuel used in New South Wales is sourced from overseas for the following categories:
  - (a) Diesel?
  - (b) Petrol?
  - (c) Jet fuel?
  - (d) Crude oil?
- (3) In terms of consumption cover, how many days' supply of liquid fuel reserve does New South Wales have if these overseas supplies are interrupted for:
  - (a) Diesel?
  - (b) Petrol?
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- (4) For each category of liquid fuel noted in question 2, what is the existing storage capacity of the various categories of liquid fuel in New South Wales ?
  - (a) What are the geographical locations of the main storage facilities in New South Wales?
  - (b) Is the government aware of any current plans to increase this storage capacity?
    - (i) If so, what is the plan?
    - (ii) Is the plan publically available?
- (5) Is the government represented on the National Oil Supplies Emergency Committee (NOSEC), under the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Energy Council, or a body with a similar remit?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If so, when was the most recent meeting?
  - (c) Who represented New South Wales at that meeting?
  - (d) Where is the report of that meeting publicly available?
- (6) Is it the case that the Australian Government recently signed an agreement with the United States of America to grant Australia access to emergency oil supplies in times of major global disruption?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) What was the cost of this measure?
    - (ii) Was this payment include the cost of:
      - (i) Storage?
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- (b) How many days reserve of oil does this deal cover?
  - (c) Is the NSW Government aware of what threshold causes the United States of America to be obliged to start supplying oil?
    - (i) If so, what is it?
    - (ii) If not, why has the NSW Government taken no interest in this issue given recent experiences of disasters in this state?
  - (d) Is the government aware of who will transport the oil to Australia?
    - (i) If so, what is it?
    - (ii) How long will this process take?
    - (iii) If not, why has the NSW Government not taken interest in this issue given recent experiences of disasters in the state?
  - (e) What amounts of each type of liquid fuel has the US Government agreed would be transferred, and what logistics have been agreed?
  - (f) Is it the case that if the United States of America Government approved the transfer and there were no logistical or military impediments, it would still take roughly three weeks for this oil to reach New South Wales and other states, defeating the entire purpose of having a 'strategic' stockpile to draw upon in the event of an emergency?
  - (g) Is the NSW Government aware of whether the oil will be refined to meet the various requirements in a state such as New South Wales?
    - (i) If so, where will this refining take place?
    - (ii) If not, why has the NSW Government taken no interest in this issue given recent experiences of disasters in this state?
- (7) Is it the case that severe fuel rationing would not only bring transport to a grinding halt in New South Wales, but would also cause serious disruptions for employment, schools and hospitals, as well as food supplies and medication stocks, and leave our emergency services unable to effectively act in times of disaster such as bushfires?
- (a) If so:
    - (i) Is the Minister aware of the likely effects on industry and trade?
    - (ii) Has the government modelled what disruptions may be caused for rural and regional New South Wales?
    - (iii) What specific planning has the government undertaken to mitigate against these problems?
    - (iv) Who undertook this planning?
    - (v) Where is the detail of the planning available?

1271 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—LIQUID FUEL RESERVES—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

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1272 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—LIQUID FUEL RESERVES—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

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1273 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—BULLI AND THIRROUL TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS—Mr Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) When will the results of the Bulli and Thirroul traffic improvement study be released to the public?
- (2) What measures will the Government implement to reduce traffic congestion along Lawrence Hargrave Drive?
  - (a) What will it cost?
  - (b) What is the timeline for this work?

1274 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN FUTURE TRANSPORT PLAN THIRROUL TO UNANDERRA NETWORK STRATEGY—Mr Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister explain why the Thirroul to Unanderra Network Strategy is still not publicly available?
- (2) When was the Thirroul to Unanderra Network Strategy completed?
- (3) Is the Memorial Drive Extension part of the Thirroul to Unanderra Network Strategy analysis or Illawarra Shoalhaven Future Transport Plan?

1275 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MEMORIAL DRIVE EXTENSION TO BULLI PASS, BULLI—Mr Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) When will the Government extend Memorial Drive to meet Bulli Pass?
- (2) Will the Government commit funding for the Memorial Drive Extension to Bulli Pass in the 2020/21 Budget?

1276 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES, ILLAWARRA PROJECTS - MOUNT OUSLEY INTERCHANGE ON THE M1 PRINCESS HIGHWAY—Mr Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What work has occurred on the design of the Mount Ousley Interchange project in 2019 and 2020 to date?
  - (a) How much of the budgeted \$3 million has been spent?

- (2) Will the Government commit to funding the detailed design of the interchange in the 2020/21 Budget?
  - (3) When will the detailed design of the interchange commence?
  - (4) When will the construction of the interchange commence?
  - (5) Is the Mount Ousley Interchange project a low priority for the Government?
- 1277 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MALDON-DOMBARTON RAIL PROJECT—Mr Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- (1) Will the removal of freight services off the South Coast Rail Line provide wider opportunities for improved passenger services on that line?
  - (2) Does the Minister plan to prioritise investment in the completion of the Maldon-Dombarton Rail project to establish a passenger-freight line in 2020/21?
    - (a) If not, why not?
- 1278 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—UPGRADE OF PICTON ROAD—Mr Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- (1) Does the Government plan to upgrade Picton Road to a four lane motorway?
    - (a) If so, how much will the Government spend on the upgrade of Picton Road in 2020/21?
- 1279 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ASBESTOS—Mr Buttigieg to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- (1) The Minister please provide all figures in respect of current and former employees of Transport for NSW, Sydney Trains, NSW Trains Link, State Transit, Sydney Ferries, RailCorp, Sydney Metro and any related former entity, who are known to have:
    - (a) Contracted asbestos related diseases?
    - (b) Become deceased as a result of an asbestos related disease?
- 1280 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—COVID19 STAFF ARRANGEMENTS FOR FAIR TRADING AND SAFEWORK—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- (1) How many additional staff have been engaged by Fair Trading to provide additional mediation services required to support negotiations between landlords and tenants under the tenancy support arrangements in place to respond to COVID19?
  - (2) How many additional staff has SafeWork engaged to respond to the increased complaints relating to COVID19 in New South Wales workplaces?

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