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(Paper No. 146)

*877 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—COOLER CLASSROOMS STATUS REPORT - DESIGN PHASE—Mrs Houssos asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) What is the mean temperature for the Cooler Classrooms status report for the design phase of the following NSW Public Schools in January?

Alma Public School

Stuart Public School

Temora West Public School

The Henry Lawson High School

Tullibigeal Central School

Ungarie Central School

Wagga Wagga High School

Wee Waa High School

Wyalong Public School

Yenda Public School

Answer—

School	Mean maximum January temperature (degrees Celsius)
Alma Public School	34
Sturt Public School	33.5
Temora West Public School	33.5
The Henry Lawson High School	33.5
Tullibigeal Central School	34.5
Ungarie Central School	34
Wagga Wagga High School	33.5
Wee Waa High School	35
Wyalong Public School	34
Yenda Public School	34

*878 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—COOLER CLASSROOMS STATUS REPORT - TENDER PHASE—Mrs Houssos asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) What is the mean temperature for the Cooler Classrooms status report for the tender phase of the following NSW Public Schools in January?

Alma Public School

Ivanhoe Central School

James Fallan High School

Koorringal High School

Lake Caregelligo Central School

Mallawa Public School

Moree Secondary College Albert Street Campus

Narrabri High School

Narromine High School
 Nyngan High School
 Pilliga Public School
 Quambone Public School
 Tottenham Central School
 Tumut Public School
 Urana Public School
 Wade Public School
 Weilmoringle Public School
 Yass High School
 Yass Public School

Answer—

School name	Mean Maximum January Temperature (°C)
Alma Public School	34
Ivanhoe Central School	36
James Fallon High School	32
Koorinal High School	33.5
Lake Cargelligo Central School	34.5
Mallawa Public School	35
Moree Secondary College Albert Street Campus	34.5
Narrabri High School	34.5
Narromine High School	34.5
Nyngan High School	35.5
Pilliga Public School	35
Quambone Public School	35
Tottenham Central School	34.5
Tumut Public School	32
Urana Public School	34.5
Wade Public School	Not in Cooler Classrooms program
Weilmoringle Public School	36
Yass High School	30.5
Yass Public School	30.5

*879 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TIMBER BRIDGES—Mr Veitch asked 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) Please list the name and location of any timber bridges that remain on state and regional roads. Please provide in table form.

Answer—

I am advised:

There are more than 1800 timber bridges on state, local and regional roads across New South Wales. The vast majority of these are managed by local councils. Timber bridges on state and regional roads currently owned or managed by Transport for NSW are:

See Appendix A of this Q&A Paper.

*880 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—JOINT USE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY FACILITY AT YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What is the proposal for community members to access the Joint Use Library and Community Facility at Young High school during school hours?
- (2) Will Boorowa and Harden libraries still operate in the same capacity once the new facility is open?
- (3) If the lease is terminated early by either party will Schools Infrastructure NSW assist Council to establish a new library at a different site?

Answer—

- (1) During school hours, some spaces within the new library facility at Young High School will be reserved for exclusive school use, and some spaces will be reserved for exclusive community use. The majority of the spaces will be available for community use after school hours.
- (2) This is a matter for Hilltops Council.
- (3) Conditions of termination will be outlined in the deed and lease documents which are currently being finalised.

*881 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—FOUNDATION BROKEN HILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Has the Minister ever committed funds for a project officer position at Foundation Broken Hill?
- (2) If so, when is the position to start and how much has been allocated?

Answer—

The NSW Government acknowledges the work of the Broken Hill Foundation in advancing the social and economic interests of Far West NSW. As the Minister for Western NSW, I am committed to looking after communities in this region.

The NSW Government has established a Regional NSW office in Broken Hill. This office will improve government service delivery and economic development outcomes for people in Western NSW. The Broken Hill Foundation will be one of the key stakeholders that the office will work with to improve the lives of people in Broken Hill and Regional NSW. Adam Marshall

*882 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—BLACKHEATH DUPLICATION PROJECT—Mr Veitch asked 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) Will the proposed duplication open up the whole Blue Mountains to 30m b-double trucks?
- (2) Has Transport for NSW considered reopening existing rail lines instead of a roads based solution?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The proposed duplication will be designed to the highest standard for safety and accessibility, recognising it is one of the four major freight connections into Sydney. The design would allow for future use by safer, more productive and cleaner freight vehicles.
- (2) Transport for NSW supports the re-opening of a non-operational rail line whenever it is economically viable and sustainable to do so. The Great Western Highway upgrade is being developed alongside

long term rail options and both are required to meet future demand and address current issues around congestion, journey reliability and safety.

*883 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—BRIDGES FOR THE BUSH—Mr Veitch asked 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) Please list all the uncompleted projects funded by the Bridges for the Bush Initiative. Please provide the following;
 - (a) Project title
 - (b) Local Government Area
 - (c) Date the project started
 - (d) Expected completion date
 - (e) Funds expended to date

Answer—

I am advised:

(See Appendix B of this Q&A Paper)

*884 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TIMBER TRUSS BRIDGES—Mr Veitch asked 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) What are the maintenance costs for timber truss bridges in NSW? Please include in your answer;
 - (a) Name of bridge
 - (b) Local Government Area
 - (c) Cost of maintenance for the following financial years
 - (i) 2015/2016
 - (ii) 2016/2017
 - (iii) 2017/2018
 - (iv) 2018/2019

Answer—

I am advised:

(Please see Appendix C of this Q&A Paper for table)

There are two timber truss bridges in Greater Sydney: BN390 - Bridge on Tunks Creek, Galston Road, Galston (Hornsby Shire Council) and BN413- Bridge on Wollombi Road over Macdonald River, St Albans (Hawkesbury City Council). Transport for NSW does not maintain a record of the maintenance cost for individual timber truss bridges in the Greater Sydney region.

*885 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

In relation to each Regional Economic Development Strategy please provide;

- (1) The name of the Functional Economic Region?
- (2) The list of expert contractors involved in the strategy?
- (3) The costs and expenses to date involved in the planning and establishment of each strategy

Answer—

- (1) This information is publicly available online.
- (2) As above.

- (3) DPC advises it is not possible to provide a precise costing for each individual strategy, but total costings for the 38 strategies are in accordance with the NSW Government's procurement policies and relevant frameworks.

*886 PREMIER—REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY—Mr Veitch asked 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 Premier—

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*887 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—SPECIAL ACTIVATION PRECINCTS IN REGIONAL NSW—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Please list all locations in regional NSW that have been selected to have a Special Activation Precinct?
- (2) How many Special Activation Precincts in total will be in NSW?
- (3) What is the selection criteria applied in determining the location of a Special Activation Precinct?

Answer—

The NSW Government has announced Special Activation Precincts in four locations: Parkes, Wagga Wagga, the Snowy Mountains and Moree. In addition, there is an election commitment to investigate a Special Activation Precinct in Williamstown.

No limit or predetermined number of Special Activation Precincts has been set. Each potential location is assessed based on its potential to deliver economic benefits to regional New South Wales.

Potential Special Activation Precinct locations are assessed using five criteria:

contribution to regional economic development
regional job creation leveraging an existing investment
partnering opportunity, and
level of current NSW Government commitment.

*888 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—SPEED MITIGATION MEASURES—Mr Veitch asked 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) What speed mitigation measures will Transport for NSW implement along the Snowy Mountains Highway through the township of Adelong in the next two years?
 - (a) Please list each measure, expected cost and completion date.

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW considers the current speed zone of 50km/h through the town of Adelong to be appropriate. Transport for NSW is reviewing the 100km/h speed zone to the west of Adelong. Speed zone reviews can be requested via [https:// www.saferroadsnsw.com.au/haveyoursay.aspx](https://www.saferroadsnsw.com.au/haveyoursay.aspx), and all requests are investigated.

***889 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—BICYCLE LANES - SNOWY MOUNTAINS HIGHWAY—**Mr Veitch asked 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) Has Transport for NSW received representations to create bicycle lanes adjacent to the Snowy Mountains Highway from the Sandy Gully Road intersection to the township of Adelong?
- (2) Are there any plans to create bicycle lanes?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW had informal discussions with Snowy Valleys Council regarding bicycle lanes next to the Snowy Mountains Highway. Transport for NSW will continue discussions with Council and assist in funding applications as appropriate.

***890 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—SNOWY MOUNTAINS HIGHWAY—**Mr Veitch asked 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) With regard to the overtaking lane currently under construction on the Snowy Mountains Highway west of Adelong;
 - (a) What is the project budget?
 - (b) Expected completion date?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available in a media release dated 12 November 2019 on the Transport for NSW website.

***891 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—SNOWY MOUNTAINS HIGHWAY FROM LINK ROAD INTERSECTION—**Mr Veitch asked 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—

With regard to the government decision to reduce the 100km/h speed limit to 80km/h on the Snowy Mountains Highway from Link Road intersection at Yarrangobilly to Providence Road at Adaminaby, can you advise;

- (1) Is the speed reduction permanent?
 - (a) If not, what is the timeframe for the reduced speed limit to be in place?
- (2) What safety enhancement projects does the government have planned for the next four years along this stretch of the Snowy Mountains Highway?
- (3) What budget allocation has been made for safety enhancements along this stretch of the Snowy Mountains Highway over the next four years?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Pavement rehabilitation work will be undertaken in 2019/20 financial year to ensure the road surface is in good condition for the expected increase in traffic on the Snowy Mountains Highway. Transport

for NSW will continue to work collaboratively across government and with industry to investigate safety and traffic improvements that can be made on the highway.

- (3) Transport for NSW constantly monitors the State road network, including this stretch of highway, to identify enhancements that can be made to improve safety. This monitoring informs submissions that are made each financial year for funding under safety programs, such as the Safer Roads Program. These submissions then compete for funding on their merits against others from across the state.

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(Paper No. 147)

- *892 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Searle asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

In response to Answer to Question on Notice 0700- Water, Property and Housing- SOCIAL HOUSING:

- (1) In relation to question 1, why was no answer with dollar amounts and numbers of properties provided?
- (2) As at 30 June 2019, what was the dollar value of the social housing maintenance backlog?
- (3) As at 30 June 2019, how many properties comprised the backlog?
- (4) In relation to answers to 3 and 6: why does the answer to 3 include both owned and head leased properties while the answer to 6 includes only owned properties?
- (5) Including both owned and head leased properties, how many properties were in the social housing portfolio:
 - (a) As at June 2011; and
 - (b) As at June 2019.

Answer—

In response to questions 1, 2 & 3, the maintenance backlog number is not provided as the calculation is a notional, high-level calculation based on an assessment and extrapolation of 'Property Assessment Surveys'. Approximately 20,000 surveys are conducted annually across a portfolio of 126,000 residential properties in conjunction with a high-level assessment of infrastructure works.

4. LAHC includes head leased dwellings in the count of its residential social housing portfolio, as these dwellings are procured solely for the housing of our social housing tenants. The financial values of these head leased dwellings are not included in the portfolio's net carrying amount in LAHC's balance sheet, as these properties are not owned by LAHC.

5. a) 133,927 dwellings b) 128,166 dwellings

- *893 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TIMBER TRUSS BRIDGES - HERITAGE LISTING—Mr Veitch asked 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) Please provide a list of all the timber truss bridges on state and regional roads that have a heritage listing? Please list the name and location of each bridge.

Answer—

I am advised:

(See Appendix D of this Q&A Paper)

2 DECEMBER 2019

(Paper No. 148)

*894 PUBLIC SERVICE AND EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS, AND THE ARTS—SAFE WORK—Mr Shoebridge asked the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How are fatalities that arise from self-inflicted injuries (suicides) occurring during work-related activity reported to the work place safety regulator?
- (2) How are such incidents recorded and published?
- (3) How many fatalities arising from self-inflicted injuries (suicides) occurring during work related activity have occurred in the past ten years?

Answer—

- (1) Fatalities that arise from self-inflicted injuries during work-related activity are generally reported to SafeWork NSW via Emergency Services and/or from the Persons Conducting a Business or Undertaking. On very rare occasions, SafeWork NSW has been notified by a family member of the deceased.
- (2) If the incident was due to self-harm and work was identified as being the primary contributing factor, it would be recorded as work-related, in the category "Notifiable Worker." Only summary details such as fatality count, industry and age-range are recorded.
Safework Australia excludes deaths resulting from self-harm because it is difficult to assess the extent of the connection between work and a decision to take one's own life.
- (3) There have been 19 self-harm incidents identified that have occurred in the workplace. These have generally occurred outside business hours at the workplace and are not related to work-related activity.

*904 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—LGBTIQ NETWORK—Mr Latham asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

With regard to the recently announced LGBTIQ network created by all NSW Departmental Secretaries, including for the Minister's Department,

- (1) In the Minister's Department, how will the formation of the Network improve workplace productivity and public service delivery for the people of NSW?
- (2) What research is the Minister relying on for the conclusions in (1) above?
- (3) What other public benefits other than those in (1) above does the Minister expect will arise from the sexualisation of the departmental workforce?
- (4) Which positions in the Minister's Department have job descriptions which make mention of their sexuality?
- (5) What positions under the Minister's administration can be identified where the sexuality of the worker matters to the performance of their work responsibilities?
- (6) How many staff in the Minister's Department requested the formation of the new Network?
- (7) Why have heterosexuals (H) been excluded from the Network?
- (8) What policies of 'Diversity and Inclusion' has the Minister established for heterosexual (H) staff?
- (9) What is the estimated time departmental staff will spend on Network activities (such as the Advisory Committee, counselling services, peer support, special events etc) per annum? Is this on or out of paid work time?
- (10) For jobs with specific public safety responsibilities in the Minister's department, how is it beneficial for staff to be focussed on matters of sexuality?
- (11) Is it mandatory in the Minister's Department for staff to "bring their whole selves to work" (including their sexuality) and how is such coercion administered?
- (12) In (11) above, what consideration is given to the privacy rights of staff who prefer to keep their sexuality out of the workplace, as a private, personal matter irrelevant to their work duties?
- (13) How many staff in the Minister's Department have nominated for Network membership?

Answer—

1-3. A world class public service reflects the diversity of the community it serves. The NSW Public Service Commission ('the PSC') has conducted extensive research and consultation on the benefits of creating a diverse and inclusive workplace. This research and reports are publicly available on the PSC website and in their annual reports.

4-5. All position descriptions in the NSW public service contain information regarding diversity and inclusion.

6-10. The LGBTIQ Network ('the Network') will be managed by the NSW Public Service Commission and will be open and inclusive to all staff.

11-12. It is optional for staff to provide information regarding diversity and inclusion and responses to these questions remain strictly confidential.

13. As the Network is yet to commence, further information is not available.

*906 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—LGBTIQ NETWORK—Mr Latham asked 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 Local Government—

With regard to the recently announced LGBTIQ network created by all NSW Departmental Secretaries, including for the Minister's Department,

- (1) In the Minister's Department, how will the formation of the Network improve workplace productivity and public service delivery for the people of NSW?
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*907 MENTAL HEALTH, REGIONAL YOUTH AND WOMEN—LGBTIQ NETWORK—Mr Latham asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

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- (9) What is the estimated time departmental staff will spend on Network activities (such as the Advisory Committee, counselling services, peer support, special events etc) per annum? Is this on or out of paid work time?
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Answer—

1-3. A world class public service reflects the diversity of the community it serves. The NSW Public Service Commission ('the PSC') has conducted extensive research and consultation on the benefits of creating a diverse and inclusive workplace. This research and reports are publicly available on the PSC website and in their annual reports.

4-5. All position descriptions in the NSW public service contain information regarding diversity and inclusion.

6-10. The LGBTIQ Network ('the Network') will be managed by the NSW Public Service Commission and will be open and inclusive to all staff.

11-12. It is optional for staff to provide information regarding diversity and inclusion and responses to these questions remain strictly confidential.

13. As the Network is yet to commence, further information is not available.

*908 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—LGBTIQ NETWORK—Mr Latham asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

With regard to the recently announced LGBTIQ network created by all NSW Departmental Secretaries, including for the Minister's Department,

- (1) In the Minister's Department, how will the formation of the Network improve workplace productivity and public service delivery for the people of NSW?
- (2) What research is the Minister relying on for the conclusions in (1) above?
- (3) What other public benefits other than those in (1) above does the Minister expect will arise from the sexualisation of the departmental workforce?

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- (13) How many staff in the Minister's Department have nominated for Network membership?

Answer—

1-3. I understand that the LGBTIQ Network ('the Network') is an initiative of the NSW Public Service Commission (PSC), which I am advised has conducted extensive research and consultation on the benefits of creating a diverse and inclusive workplace. This research and reports are publicly available on the PSC website and in their annual reports.

4-5. All position descriptions in the NSW public service contain information regarding diversity and inclusion.

6-10. I am further advised that the Network will be managed by the PSC and will be open and inclusive to all staff.

11-12. I am advised that staff decide whether or not to disclose such information and responses remain strictly confidential.

13. As the Network is yet to commence, further information is not available.

*910 PREMIER—LGBTIQ NETWORK—Mr Latham asked 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 Premier—

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- *912 PUBLIC SERVICE AND EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS, AND THE ARTS—LGBTIQ NETWORK—Mr Latham asked the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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*916 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY FOR POPULATION GROWTH—Mr Latham asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What projections is the Minister using for population growth in Sydney for:
 - (a) 2030?
 - (b) 2040?
 - (c) 2050?
- (2) What strategies is the Government using to ensure Sydney has adequate water supply for each of the years in (1) above?

Answer—

1. Assumed population in 2018-19: 5.173m

a. 2030: 6.22m

b. 2040: 7.141m

c. 2050: 8.039m

Population to 2041 is based on DPIE 2016 Population projection release considering the 2017 preliminary actual population estimate from ABS and Sydney Water's area of operations (Sydney, Blue Mountains and Illawarra). Post-2041, growth rates based on the 2014 ABS medium population projections are used. Assuming the following inputs - medium fertility, net interstate and overseas migration and high life expectancy. (Source: Sydney Water)

2. The Metropolitan Water Plan (MWP) was first developed in 2004 and has since been reviewed three times in 2006, 2010 and 2017. The NSW Government's 2017 Metropolitan Water Plan outlines our strategy for a secure and affordable water supply for Greater Sydney, both in drought and over the long-term. Planning has commenced to update this Plan.

*917 SPORT, MULTICULTURALISM, SENIORS AND VETERANS—LGBTIQ NETWORK—Mr Latham asked 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 Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

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3 DECEMBER 2019

(Paper No. 149)

*923 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—FISH DEATHS IN BLOWERING DAM—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

(1) With regard to the fish deaths in Blowering Dam during November 2019, can the Minister please advise the following:

- (a) The estimated dates and period of the fish deaths?
- (b) The estimates number of fish involved and the species of fish?
- (c) Is Department of Primary Industries- Fisheries investigating the deaths?

If so:

- (i) When will the investigation be completed?
- (ii) Will a report be prepared?
- (iii) Will the report be made public? If so, when?

(2) Were any of the dead fish relocated from the Darling River system or Menindee Lake System?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) The first fish deaths were reported to the Department on 25 November 2019. Based on the varying rates of decay of the fish, it is estimated they may have died across a range between 2 days and 2 weeks prior to this date.
- (b) Approximately 50 adult Murray cod , a single Golden Perch and numerous carp were reported to have died.
- (c) Yes.
 - (i) Laboratory analysis of deceased fish and water samples is-ongoing.
 - (ii) DPI Fisheries will prepare a statement on the findings.
 - (iii) That statement will be released to the public. The timeframe is subject to the completion of laboratory analysis which is undertaken by independent organisations.

(2) No.

5 DECEMBER 2019

(Paper No. 151)

*929 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—SOCIAL HOUSING—Ms Moriarty asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How much of the \$22 billion Communities Plus program will be spent in the State Electorate of Canterbury?
- (2) How many of the 23,000 social housing dwellings to be built under the Communities Plus program will be built in the State Electorate of Canterbury?
- (3) How many of the 500 affordable housing dwellings to be built under the Communities Plus program will be built in the State Electorate of Canterbury?
- (4) How many of the 40,000 private housing dwellings to be built under the Communities Plus program will be built in the State Electorate of Canterbury?
- (5) How many of the 3,400 additional social and affordable homes to be built under the Social and Affordable Housing Fund will be built in the State Electorate of Canterbury?

Answer—

- (1) Under the Communities Plus program \$14.2 million has been spent on delivering new social housing in the Canterbury State Electorate between 1/7/2016 and 30/7/2019.
- (2) Since the launch of the Communities Plus program, 39 new social housing dwellings have been delivered in the State Electorate of Canterbury.

- (3) No affordable housing dwellings have been announced in the State Electorate of Canterbury. The NSW Land and Housing Corporation is continually reviewing redevelopment opportunities across NSW to deliver the Communities Plus program, including in the State Electorate of Canterbury.
- (4) No new developments containing private dwellings have been announced in the Canterbury electorate. The NSW Land and Housing Corporation is continually reviewing redevelopment opportunities across NSW to deliver the Communities Plus program, including in the State Electorate of Canterbury.
- (5) The Social and Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF) has already delivered access to 21 dwellings in the State Electorate of Canterbury State with a further 13 expected before the end of 2022. This makes a total of 34 SAHF dwellings in the Canterbury State electorate delivered by 2022.

6 DECEMBER 2019

(Paper No. 152)

- *930 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—COST OF MEALS IN NSW PUBLIC HOSPITALS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

What is the total amount the Government spent on food and beverage products for the provision of meals to patients in NSW public hospitals for each of the following years?

- (1) 2016-17?
- (2) 2017-18?
- (3) 2018-19?

Answer—

Statistics about food and hotel supplies are published in the NSW Health Annual Report.

- *933 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION EXPENDITURE—Mr Searle asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

In regard to question on notice 0753 from the Honourable Mark Buttigieg:

- (1) The answer provided to question one stated that the answer can be seen on the 2018-2019 Annual Report of the Department of Family and Community Services. Can you please indicate the page of the report that lists the capital expenditure for Land and Housing Corporation in 2018-2019?
- (2) The answer provided to question three stated that the answer can be seen on the 2018-2019 Annual Report of the Department of Family and Community Services. Could you please indicate the page of the report that lists the operating expenditure specific to the Land and Housing Corporation in 2018-2019?
- (3) The answer to question five stated that the answer can be seen on the 2018-2019 Annual Report of the Department of Family and Community Services. Personnel services are listed on page 141 and page 144 with differing figures. Can you please indicate which page lists the total expenditure on staffing and employment for the Land and Housing Corporation in 2018-2019?

Answer—

- (1) Page 166 of Volume 2 of the Annual Report discloses total capital expenditure for 2018-2019.
- (2) Page 141 of Volume 2 of the Annual Report discloses total Operating Expenditure for 2018-2019.
- (3) Page 141 of Volume 2 of the Annual Report discloses total employee related expenditure for 2018-2019, reported as Personnel services.

10 DECEMBER 2019

(Paper No. 154)

*940 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—ARMIDALE - REFUGEES—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What support is being provided to the Armidale region following the settlement of 609 refugees in terms of:
 - (a) Interpretation services available for GPs, pharmacists and other allied health services and their patients?
 - (b) Translated medical information for GPs, pharmacists and other allied health services to provide to patients?
 - (c) Any other available health resources to support the newly migrated community?
- (2) Are there any plans to incentivise an increase in General Practices in the Armidale region to deal with increased demand and speciality?
 - (a) If yes, what timeline is in place?

Answer—

- (1) (a-c) Annual funding is provided to the Hunter New England Local Health District for specialised refugee health services.
- (2) Primary care is the responsibility of the Australian Government.

*941 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ARMIDALE REGION - REFUGEES—Mr Mookhey asked 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 Transport and Roads—

- (1) What support is being provided to the Armidale region following the settlement of 609 refugees in terms of:
 - (a) Local community transport, particularly between healthcare services?
 - (b) Long distance travel to healthcare hubs such as Tamworth and Newcastle?
 - (c) Translated transport information, including safety information, for transport providers and customers?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question was asked of the Minister for Transport and Roads, but has been referred to me, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, for response.

- (1) Transport for New South Wales provides support to refugee groups through the Community Transport Program and the Transport Access Regional Partnerships Grants Program.
 - (a) The Community Transport Program assists people who are transport disadvantaged owing to physical, social, cultural and/or geographic factors, by providing local and regional transport to essential services, including health/medical appointments, shopping, and social access. Tablelands Community Transport is the local Community Transport Service Provider in Armidale.
 - (b) The Transport Access Regional Partnerships Grants Program has supported the Armidale refugees by providing a grant of \$19,600 to Tablelands Community Transport to assist with travel to medical appointments, many of which are long distance.
 - (c) Transport for NSW has distributed Community Transport brochures in 11 languages. These brochures provide information on the services available, eligibility criteria and how to find local Community Transport service providers.

*942 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—TUMUT REGION—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many ambulances service the Tumut region at any one time?
- (2) How many full-time equivalent doctors service Tumut hospital?
- (3) What are the weekly average hours of the above doctors?

- (4) How many times did Tumut based ambulances travel to Wagga Wagga Base Hospital during:
 - (a) 2019 to date?
 - (b) 2018?
 - (c) 2017?
 - (d) 2016?
- (5) What is the average wait time for ambulances at Tumut Hospital?
- (6) What is the average wait time for ambulances at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital?
- (7) How many full-time equivalent paramedics service the Tumut region?
- (8) What are the weekly average hours of the above paramedics, including overtime?
- (9) If a Tumut based ambulance is travelling to Wagga Wagga Base Hospital, what contingencies are in place for the Tumut region in the case of a medical episode?

Answer—

- (1) and (9) NSW Ambulance operates a state wide service and ambulance services in the Tumut region are supported by stations at Tumut, Batlow, Tumbarumba and Gundagai.
- (2) - (3) Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need at any point in time.
- (4) - (8) NSW Ambulance activity and performance data is published by the Bureau of Health Information. The 2019-20 NSW Government Budget will deliver additional paramedics and control centre staff across the state. Paramedics work under the Paramedics and Control Centre Officers (State) Award 2019.

*945 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—WATER CRISIS—Ms Moriarty asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) According to Mr James Jackson, "Water supplies for intensive dairy, poultry, feedlot and horticulture production are likely to be exhausted by the end of this year in the Peel, Macquarie, Namoi, Border Rivers and Darling River systems for production." What plans does the Government have to deal with this crisis?
 - (a) What has Department of Primary Industries been communicating to farmers about the impending crisis?
 - (b) How have they communicated that information?
- (2) How many expert advisers are there within Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Water and Water NSW to manage the crisis?
- (3) Given the length of time to approve, build and fill dams has the Government considered Aquifer Replenishment or additional pipelines in any areas?
 - (a) If so, which areas?
 - (b) What have been the other initiatives?
 - (c) How have these been prioritised in terms of agricultural industries that rely on water?
 - (d) Has your Department been consulted on this?

Answer—

Mr Jackson's statement is not entirely correct and does not reflect information provided to representatives of NSW Farmers. Water is no longer available from the Peel River downstream of Dungowan as a result of a temporary weir being installed to conserve water for Tamworth town water supply. Water is no longer being delivered to licence holders on the Manila and Namoi Rivers between Split Rock Dam and Lake Keepit as a result of releases from Split Rock being pulsed to conserve water for Manilla's town water supply. Water will be available to high security licence holders on an intermittent basis.

NSW DPI staff members continue to work with intensive livestock industry groups, individual farmers, agencies and water utilities to improve the flow of information, put farmers in touch with relevant authorities, communicate industry needs to authorities and advise farmers on alternative water sources.

Staff members of NSW DPI have attempted to contact every individual intensive livestock operation that uses regulated river water in the Namoi (including Peel and Manilla), Macquarie and Lachlan River

systems. These licence holders have been provided with the latest information about water availability and where to obtain updated information. Their water requirements, current sources and potential alternatives have been discussed. The time frames for obtaining groundwater access licences have been discussed.

Intensive livestock producers were contacted individually by telephone. In addition, intensive livestock producers on the Peel River were invited to a meeting with government agencies at Tamworth Agricultural Institute on September 19th.

DPIE Water has staff working both directly and indirectly on drought response, in addition to dedicated resources more broadly in other areas of the Department.

Staff numbers directly working in DPIE Water dedicated to drought response are: •

- DPIE-Water's Drought Team of 5 , •
- An additional 6 contract hydrogeologists have been engaged to assess additional groundwater applications arising from the drought. •
- James McTavish, Regional Town Water Supply Coordinator, has been engaged to work directly with local councils on their emergency town water supply requirements.

More broadly, DPIE Water has a wide range of water experts that assist these staff, including the Local Water Utilities Team that continues to work closely with towns on their immediate and longer -term water security needs, Water Allocations Team that assesses water availability and management responses, including producing more regular Water Allocation Statements required because of the drought and staff working on specific temporary water restrictions.

Managing the effects of drought, and in particular extending the available surface water resources and assisting customers and communities, is core business for WaterNSW. The drought response affects the day to day working lives of all of our approximately 800 employees who are supporting our customers, front line operational staff and drought response teams through this drought.

In addition, some time ago the NSW Government stood up a dedicated Drought Response Project Team of 25 employees representing most of the WaterNSW business units. Over 90 staff are directly involved in our drought response as a core focus, plus over 100 additional people involved through our various delivery partners.

The NSW Government is funding the development of business cases for three new pipeline projects: •

- a two way pipeline between Lostock Dam to Glennies Creek Dam in the Greater Hunter region •
- a two way potable water pipeline from Hunter Water Corporation's network to Singleton •
- a pipeline from Lake Rowlands to Carcoar Dam in the Lachlan region

As part of the state's drought response, the NSW Government has approved funding for the following projects that will include investment in pipelines: •

- Bathurst Regional Council - Pipeline to Winburndale Dam - \$5,000,000 - Critical Drought Initiatives (2019) •
- Bourke Shire Council - Groundwater supply for Bourke - \$4,092,135 - Emergency Water Carting and Infrastructure Fund (2017 - present) and Critical Drought Initiatives (2019) •
- Dubbo Regional Council - Groundwater supply for Dubbo - \$30,000,000 - Drought Stimulus Package (2019) •
- Orange City Council - Alternate water supply for Orange (Cowra to Orange connection) - \$5,500,000 - Critical Drought Initiatives (2019) •
- Orange City Council - Icily Road to Spring Creek Dam Pipeline - \$2,500,000 - Critical Drought Initiatives (2019) •
- Warrumbungle Shire Council - Groundwater supply for Coonabarabran - \$3,917,500 Emergency Water Carting and Infrastructure Fund (2017 - present) and Drought Stimulus Package (2019) •
- WaterNSW - Alternate water supply for Tamworth - \$38,466,000 - Critical Drought Initiatives (2019)

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is developing regional water strategies for 12 regions across NSW. The strategies will use the best available information about climate variability and other key risks to identify options to enhance water resilience. The potential use of managed aquifer recharge in these catchments is being considered alongside other infrastructure, policy and planning options that may improve the long-term resilience of water resources for these regions.

The two pipeline projects in the Hunter were prioritised through the Greater Hunter Regional Water Strategy on the basis of the economic benefits to industry. In other valleys, the Regional Water Strategies will undertake a prioritisation process to identify preferred options.

*947 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—OFFICE OF RACING—Ms Moriarty asked the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) What steps has the Government taken to prevent NSW thoroughbred race horses being sent interstate to abattoirs or knackeries?
- (2) Is the Department aware of similar instances of animal cruelty in the Standardbred horses (trotters) industry?
- (3) What funding does the Government provide to the Office of Racing to develop and manage racing governance frameworks and support the growth and economic viability of racing in New South Wales.
 - (a) Does the Office of Racing have KPI's to meet?
 - (b) How are they measured?

Answer—

- (1) Racing NSW is established by the Thoroughbred Racing Act 1996 (the Act) as the controlling body for thoroughbred racing in this State. It does not represent the Crown and is not subject to control or direction by the Government.

Racing NSW's responsibilities under the Act and the Rules of Racing (Rules) include controlling, supervising and regulating thoroughbred racing, investigating and enforcing penalties for breaches of the Rules and initiating, developing and implementing relevant policies.

It is noted that on 13 November 2019, the Chair of Racing NSW, Mr Russell Balding AO, wrote to the Managing Director of the ABC, Mr David Anderson, to raise concerns about possible breaches of ABC Editorial Policies and Code of Practice relating to the 7.30 program in question.

- (2) No
- (3) Responsibility for the growth and operations of the various racing codes including strategies to support their economic viability rests with each of the governing bodies.

11 DECEMBER 2019

(Paper No. 155)

*948 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—INLAND RAIL—Ms Moriarty asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) During construction of the Inland Rail, what impacts does the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) envisage on bores from blasting?
- (2) What long term impacts have been identified on bores?
- (3) If farmer allocations are being cut, how will ARTC source water?
- (4) Who will be responsible to provide water to those properties/businesses/residents who lose their water because of the greenfield project Federal or State?

Answer—

- (1) For the Parkes to Narromine Inland Rail project, blasting is prohibited under condition E10.
- (2) For the Parkes to Narromine Inland Rail project, condition E34 requires the project to be designed and constructed to ensure that there is no permeant interception of, and/or connection with groundwater.
- (3) This matter should be referred to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing.
- (4) This matter should be referred to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing.

*952 MENTAL HEALTH, REGIONAL YOUTH AND WOMEN—MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS LINE—Ms Moriarty asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) What is the average waiting time for a call to the Mental Health Access Line (1800 011 511) to be answered by an operator for 2019? Please also break waiting figures down by year and month, from 2011 to 2019 since it began in 2011.
- (2) What is the average waiting time for a call to the Mental Health Access Line (1800 011 511) to be answered during the hours of 6pm and 1am by an operator for 2019?
- (3) How many calls to the Mental Health Access Line have gone unanswered in 2019? Please also break down the figures for number of unanswered calls by year and month, from 2011 to 2019?
- (4) How many calls have gone unanswered in total since 2011?

Answer—

(1) (4) Local health districts monitor their own performance against the service criteria for the Mental Health Access Line according to service criteria that requires 70 per cent of calls answered within 30 seconds and not more than 1 per cent of calls wait over two minutes, with no more than 5 per cent of calls abandoned.

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(Paper No. 158)

*955 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—GENDER SELECTION ON ANTENATAL RECORDS—Mr Latham asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Does the Government Health Antenatal Record card contain options for ticking Male or Female?
 - (a) If so, why?
- (2) What medical advice does the Minister have that men can have babies?
- (3) How many people opted for the Male box in:
 - (a) 2018 and
 - (b) 2019?

Answer—

(1)-(3) The Antenatal Record Card uses standard, mandatory identifiers in line with the State Health Form policy directive. The policy is in line with the National Patient Safety Quality Standards 2017.

*956 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—COMMERCIAL WASTE INCINERATOR FACILITY IN MATRAVILLE—Mr Latham asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Has the Orora Paper Mill and Suez Waste Management lodged a development application for commercial waste incinerator facility in Matraville under State Significant Development (SSD) with the Department of Planning? If so:
 - (a) Has the Planning Secretary issued the environmental assessment requirements for the project?
 - (b) What community consultation has taken place to date?
- (2) Given the proposal will burn up to 160,000 tonnes of waste as fuel per year (including glues and plastics), and will create highly toxic and carcinogenic persistent organic pollutants affecting surrounding suburbs in the Randwick Council and Bayside Councils areas, has the Minister given consideration to the community benefit, health impacts and additional truck movements of a commercial waste incinerator in Matraville? If so, what are the details? If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) No development application has been lodged.

- (a) On 2 October 2019, Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for a potential cogeneration plant at Botany were issued by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department). These are publicly available at www.planning.nsw.gov.au.
 - (b) Yes, consultation with the community has commenced. I am advised SUEZ (the Applicant) has undertaken the following:
- (2) As no development application has been submitted, the Department has not commenced its detailed assessment of the proposal. Issues such as impacts to human health, air emissions, truck movements and benefits to the local community will be carefully considered by the Department and other key government agencies once the application has been made.

19 DECEMBER 2019

(Paper No. 161)

962 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—BATEMANS MARINE PARK – CONSULTATION WITH MARINE PARK AND FISHERIES STAFF—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Were Batemans Marine Park staff consulted about the proposal to open a number of Sanctuary Zones to fishing in the Batemans Marine Park before the decision was taken? If so:
 - (a) when did this consultation occur?
 - (b) in what form did this consultation take?
- (2) Were Batemans Marine Park staff notified about the decision to open a number of Sanctuary Zones to fishing in the Batemans Marine Park before it was announced on 12 December 2019?
- (3) Were local Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) Fisheries staff notified about the decision to open a number of Sanctuary Zones to fishing in the Batemans Marine Park? a. If so, when were they advised?
- (4) Were any directions given to Batemans Marine Park or local DPIE Fisheries Staff in relation to the enforcement of the new access rules as announced on 12 December 2019 in regards to Batemans Marine Park?
 - (a) If so, what were the directions given?

963 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—BASIS OF DECISION TO REMOVE SANCTUARY PROTECTIONS IN THE BATEMANS MARINE PARK—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

The Minister's Facebook post of 12 December 2019 announcing the decision to open a number of Sanctuary Zones to fishing in the Batemans Marine Park stated that:

"The announcement delivers on an election commitment of the government and provides immediate access to these areas while the overall government review of the marine park is being concluded, which could open up even more opportunities for locals and visitors".

- (1) On what date was this election commitment made?
- (2) In what format was this election commitment made?
- (3) Who made this election commitment?
- (4) What was the specific commitment that was made? (Please provide any links to the commitment that was made)

964 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—BATEMANS MARINE PARK – PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES WITHIN BATEMANS MARINE PARK—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) How will the public be notified of the decision to open a number of Sanctuary Zones to fishing in the Batemans Marine Park as announced on 12 December 2019 and the effect on fishing activities permitted within the Batemans Marine Park?
 - (2) Have new Batemans Marine Park Maps been printed?
 - (a) If so, when were they provided to fishing tackle shops?
 - (b) If not, when will they be available in fishing tackle shops?
- 965 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—COSTS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF CHANGES TO BATEMANS MARINE PARK ZONING—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- (1) What is the total amount of money that has been allocated to the implementation of the announcement to open a number of Sanctuary Zones to fishing in the Batemans Marine Park that was announced on 12 December 2019?
 - (2) How much money has been allocated to the following:
 - (a) Printing new Marine Park Maps?
 - (b) Public advertising?
 - (c) Updated signage at impacted areas?
 - (d) Postage/advice to recreational fishing licence holders, tackle shops and other stakeholders
 - (e) Any other related expenses?
- 966 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS TO REMOVE SANCTUARY ZONES FROM BATEMANS MARINE PARK—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- (1) Has the Minister or Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) staff received proposals to allow fishing in further sanctuary zones in Batemans Marine Park, besides those subject to the announcement on 12 December?
 - (a) If so, what sanctuary zones have been proposed?
 - (b) If so, who by?
 - (2) Is the Government actively considering allowing fishing in further sanctuary zones in Batemans Marine Park, besides those subject to the announcement on 12 December?
- 967 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—BATEMANS MARINE PARK – NOTICE TO STAKEHOLDERS—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- (1) What are the names and organisations of the individuals photographed with the Minister in Narooma at the announcement to open a number of Sanctuary Zones to fishing in the Batemans Marine Park as posted on the Minister's Facebook page on 12 December 2019?
 - (2) When were the individuals pictured with the Minister in this Facebook post informed of the decision and invited to participate in the announcement event?
 - (a) How many individuals or organisations were informed of the decision ahead of the public announcement?
 - (b) What were the names of the individuals or organisations?
- 968 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—CONCURRENCE FOR BATEMANS MARINE PARK SANCTUARY ZONE ANNOUNCEMENT—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- (1) On what date did you provide concurrence for the decision to open a number of Sanctuary Zones to fishing in the Batemans Marine Park as announced on 12 December 2019 by the NSW Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW?

- (2) What advice did you seek to inform your decision to provide concurrence to open a number of Sanctuary Zones to fishing in the Batemans Marine Park ahead of the decision on 12 December 2019?
 - (a) Will you make any advice public? If not, why not?
 - (3) Did you or your office consult with either the Marine Estate Management Agency or the Marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel before taking your decision?
- 969 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—BATEMANS MARINE PARK – CONSULTATION WITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- (1) Was the Batemans Marine Park Advisory Committee consulted about the proposal to open a number of Sanctuary Zones to fishing in the Batemans Marine Park before the announcement on 12 December 2019?
 - (a) If yes, when did this consultation occur?
 - (b) If yes, was a specific proposal put to the Committee to consider?
 - (2) Was the Batemans Marine Park Advisory Committee informed of the decision ahead of the announcement?
 - (a) If so, when were they advised?
- 970 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—BATEMANS MARINE PARK – CONSULTATION WITH THE MARINE ESTATE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- (1) Was the Marine Estate Management Authority consulted about the proposal to open a number of Sanctuary Zones to fishing in the Batemans Marine Park before the announcement on 12 December 2019?
 - (a) If so, when did this consultation occur?
 - (2) Was the Marine Estate Management Authority informed of the decision ahead of the announcement?
 - (a) If so, when was this advice provided?
 - (3) Was any advice sought from the Marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel before the announcement was made on 12 December?
 - (a) If so, when was this advice sought?
 - (b) Was any advice received?
 - (c) If so, when was this advice received?
- 971 MENTAL HEALTH, REGIONAL YOUTH AND WOMEN—RATIO OF INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH BEDS—Ms Moriarty to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—
- (1) What is the current ratio of inpatient mental health beds per population in NSW?
 - (2) What was the ratio of inpatient mental health beds available per population in NSW in 2018/19?
 - (3) What was the ratio of inpatient mental health beds available per population in NSW in 2017/18?
 - (4) What was the ratio of inpatient mental health beds available per population in NSW in 2016/17?
 - (5) What was the ratio of inpatient mental health beds available per population in NSW in 2015/16?
 - (6) What is the current ratio of inpatient mental health beds per population in the Sydney local health district?
 - (7) What is the current ratio of inpatient mental health beds per population in the South Western Sydney local health district?
 - (8) What is the current ratio of inpatient mental health beds per population in the South Eastern Sydney local health district?
 - (9) What is the current ratio of inpatient mental health beds per population in the Illawarra Shoalhaven local health district?

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- (10) What is the current ratio of inpatient mental health beds per population in the Western Sydney local health district?
- (11) What is the current ratio of inpatient mental health beds per population in the Nepean Blue Mountains local health district?
- (12) What is the current ratio of inpatient mental health beds per population in the Northern Sydney local health district?
- (13) What is the current ratio of inpatient mental health beds per population in the Central Coast local health district?
- (14) What is the current ratio of inpatient mental health beds per population in the Hunter New England local health district?
- (15) What is the current ratio of inpatient mental health beds per population in the Northern NSW local health district?
- (16) What is the current ratio of inpatient mental health beds per population in the Mid North Coast local health district?
- (17) What is the current ratio of inpatient mental health beds per population in the Southern NSW local health district?
- (18) What is the current ratio of inpatient mental health beds per population in the Murrumbidgee local health district?
- (19) What is the current ratio of inpatient mental health beds per population in the Western NSW local health district?
- (20) What is the current ratio of inpatient mental health beds per population in the Far West local health district?
- 972 PREMIER—SESSIONAL ORDER—Mr Primrose 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 Premier—
- (1) Since the adoption of the Sessional Order amending Standing Order 65 (5) of the Legislative Council pertaining to the "Rules for Questions" and its effect on 67 (2) requiring answers to questions on notice to be directly relevant, has advice been provided to the lead Minister and each Minister in the cluster on the implications of this amended provision for answering questions?
- (a) If so, when was the advice provided?
- (i) By whom?
- (ii) When was the advice provided?
- (iii) What specific guidance did the advice provide?
- (b) If not, why has no advice been provided?
- 973 TREASURER—SESSIONAL ORDER—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—
- (1) Since the adoption of the Sessional Order amending Standing Order 65 (5) of the Legislative Council pertaining to the "Rules for Questions" and its effect on 67 (2) requiring answers to questions on notice to be directly relevant, has advice been provided to the lead Minister and each Minister in the cluster on the implications of this amended provision for answering questions?
- (a) If so, when was the advice provided?
- (i) By whom?
- (ii) When was the advice provided?
- (iii) What specific guidance did the advice provide?
- (b) If not, why has no advice been provided?
- 974 CUSTOMER SERVICE—SESSIONAL ORDER—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) Since the adoption of the Sessional Order amending Standing Order 65 (5) of the Legislative Council pertaining to the "Rules for Questions" and its effect on 67 (2) requiring answers to questions on notice to be directly relevant, has advice been provided to the lead Minister and each Minister in the cluster on the implications of this amended provision for answering questions?
- (a) If so, when was the advice provided?
- (i) By whom?
- (ii) When was the advice provided?
- (iii) What specific guidance did the advice provide?
- (b) If not, why has no advice been provided?
- 975 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—SESSIONAL ORDER—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- (1) Since the adoption of the Sessional Order amending Standing Order 65 (5) of the Legislative Council pertaining to the "Rules for Questions" and its effect on 67 (2) requiring answers to questions on notice to be directly relevant, has advice been provided to the lead Minister and each Minister in the cluster on the implications of this amended provision for answering questions?
- (a) If so, when was the advice provided?
- (i) By whom?
- (ii) When was the advice provided?
- (iii) What specific guidance did the advice provide?
- (b) If not, why has no advice been provided?
- 976 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—SESSIONAL ORDER—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- (1) Since the adoption of the Sessional Order amending Standing Order 65 (5) of the Legislative Council pertaining to the "Rules for Questions" and its effect on 67 (2) requiring answers to questions on notice to be directly relevant, has advice been provided to the lead Minister and each Minister in the cluster on the implications of this amended provision for answering questions?
- (a) If so, when was the advice provided?
- (i) By whom?
- (ii) When was the advice provided?
- (iii) What specific guidance did the advice provide?
- (b) If not, why has no advice been provided?
- 977 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—SESSIONAL ORDER—Mr Primrose 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 Transport and Roads—
- (1) Since the adoption of the Sessional Order amending Standing Order 65 (5) of the Legislative Council pertaining to the "Rules for Questions" and its effect on 67 (2) requiring answers to questions on notice to be directly relevant, has advice been provided to the lead Minister and each Minister in the cluster on the implications of this amended provision for answering questions?
- (a) If so, when was the advice provided?
- (i) By whom?
- (ii) When was the advice provided?
- (iii) What specific guidance did the advice provide?
- (b) If not, why has no advice been provided?
- 978 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—SESSIONAL ORDER—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) Since the adoption of the Sessional Order amending Standing Order 65 (5) of the Legislative Council pertaining to the "Rules for Questions" and its effect on 67 (2) requiring answers to questions on

notice to be directly relevant, has advice been provided to the lead Minister and each Minister in the cluster on the implications of this amended provision for answering questions?

- (a) If so, when was the advice provided?
 - (i) By whom?
 - (ii) When was the advice provided?
 - (iii) What specific guidance did the advice provide?
- (b) If not, why has no advice been provided?

979 ATTORNEY GENERAL—SESSIONAL ORDER—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) Since the adoption of the Sessional Order amending Standing Order 65 (5) of the Legislative Council pertaining to the "Rules for Questions" and its effect on 67 (2) requiring answers to questions on notice to be directly relevant, has advice been provided to the lead Minister and each Minister in the cluster on the implications of this amended provision for answering questions?

- (a) If so, when was the advice provided?
 - (i) By whom?
 - (ii) When was the advice provided?
 - (iii) What specific guidance did the advice provide?
- (b) If not, why has no advice been provided?

980 PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—SESSIONAL ORDER—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) Since the adoption of the Sessional Order amending Standing Order 65 (5) of the Legislative Council pertaining to the "Rules for Questions" and its effect on 67 (2) requiring answers to questions on notice to be directly relevant, has advice been provided to the lead Minister and each Minister in the cluster on the implications of this amended provision for answering questions?

- (a) If so, when was the advice provided?
 - (i) By whom?
 - (ii) When was the advice provided?
 - (iii) What specific guidance did the advice provide?
- (b) If not, why has no advice been provided?

981 SKILLS AND TERTIARY EDUCATION—NAMBUCCA HEADS TAFE COLLEGE AND CAMPUS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

(1) Will the Macksville College continue to operate as a TAFE campus and provider of TAFE courses for the foreseeable future?

(2) What is the stage of development for the proposed Nambucca Heads TAFE College and campus?

- (a) What is the site location (street address or grid reference) for this College?
- (b) What is the estimated date, month and year, for the completion of this College?
- (c) When is the first intake of students estimated to occur?
- (d) What kind of mode of learning will this College be delivering:
 - (i) Face to face, with onsite TAFE Teachers/Educators?
 - (ii) Online connected learning, with onsite TAFE Teachers/Educators?
 - (iii) Online connected learning with offsite TAFE Teachers/Educators?
 - (iv) Virtual college, with only online/ virtual forms of education and contact with Teachers/Educators?
 - (v) If some other method, what is it?
- (e) What will be the skills focus of the proposed Nambucca Heads TAFE College; and what, if any, planning or demand analysis has been undertaken to date to inform any such focus?

- (i) Where is this information publicly available?
- (ii) If it is not publicly available, what are the names of the documents?

982 PREMIER—HEAD OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN NSW—Mr Primrose 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 Premier—

At a hearing of the Public Accountability Committee held on Friday 13th December 2019, Mr Tim Reardon, the Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, gave evidence that:

'My engagement with ICAC has been many and varied over a period of time. As I indicated to you, catching up with people face to face is what I like to do. As the head of the Public Service I catch up with a lot of people all the time.'

(1) Is Mr Reardon the Head of the Public Service in NSW?

- (a) If so, on what date was he appointed?
 - (i) What legislation provides for such an appointment?
 - (ii) What is his role in relation to the role of the Public Service Commissioner?
 - (iii) Does the Commissioner report to Mr Reardon?
- (b) If not, who is?

David Blunt
Clerk of the Parliaments

Appendix A to QON 0879

Bridge	Road
Abercrombie Bridge B1015	Abercrombie Road
B1461 Gostwyck Bridge	Dungog Road – crossing Paterson River
B1472 Coorei Bridge	Stroud Hill Road – crossing Williams River
B1527 Beckers Bridge	Glendonbrook Road – crossing Webbers Creek
B1535 Vacy Bridge	Gresford Road – crossing Paterson River
B1627 Swamp Creek	Cessnock Road – crossing Swamp Creek
B1737 Bulga Bridge	Putty Road – crossing Wollombi Brook
B2082 Barrington Bridge	Thunderbolts Way – crossing Barrington River
B8583 Forresters Creek	The Entrance Road – crossing Forresters Creek
Bridge on Galston Road over Pearces (Tunks) Creek	Galston

Bridge on Pitt Town Road over Hortons Creek	Pitt Town
Bridge on road MR393, over Flat Rock Creek (No 2)	Royal National Park
Bridge on road SR525, over McCarrs Creek	Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park
Bridge over Murray River – Koondrook Bridge	Thule Street, Barham
Bridge Over Murray River at Tooleybuc	Tooleybuc
Bridge over the MacDonald River	St. Albans
Bridge over Yarramundi Lagoon	Agnes Banks
Bridge-sized culvert Extends over an unnamed creek	Wiseman's Ferry
Charleyong Bridge (truss)	Main Road 92 Charleyong
Coolumooka Bridge (truss)	Main Road 91 Bombala
Coonamit Bridge – over Wakool River	Swan Hill Road, N Swan Hill
Old Brewarrina Bridge B4854 (used as a pedestrian bridge)	Old Kamilaroi Highway
On H16 over Clarence River - Tabulam Bridge	West of Casino
RR399 over Rouse River - Korns Bridge	Crystal Creek
RR544 over Leycester Creek – Colemans Bridge	Lismore
RR7706 over the Severn River - Fladbury Bridge	29.83 km North of Glen Innes
Over Abercrombie River - Abercrombie Bridge	North Crookwell
Over Wollombi Brook – Bulga Bridge	North of Windsor
Pedestrian bridge over Redbank Creek	North Richmond
Suspension Bridge over Kangaroo River - Hampden Bridge	Kangaroo Valley
Swan Hill Bridge over Murray River	Swan Hill Road
Wallaga Lake Bridge (girder)	Main Road 272 Wallaga Lake
Wee Jasper Bridge over Goodradigbee River	Wee Jasper Road

Appendix B to QON 0883

Project	LGA	Started	Expected completion	Funds to date
Barrington Bridge replacement	MidCoast Council	8/2016	New bridge 6/2020 Demolish old bridge 6/2021	\$12.3 million
Brig O'Johnston Bridge strengthening	Dungog Shire Council	7/2009	12/2022	\$6.7 million
Briner Bridge upgrade	Clarence Valley Council	6/2018	6/2020	\$6.9 million
Charleyong Bridge replacement	Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council	11/2016	Mid-2020	\$14.7 million
Colemans Bridge upgrade	Lismore City Council	12/2018	5/2020	\$1.12 million
Gee Gee Bridge replacement	Murray River Council	8/2013	1/2021	\$14.5 million
Gunnedah Bridge replacement	Gunnedah Shire Council	8/2017	6/2021	\$35 million

McKanes Bridge upgrade	Lithgow City Council	7/2013	6/2022	\$2.13 million
Monkerai Bridge rebuilding	MidCoast Council	2/2016	6/2020	\$9.6 million
New Bridge at Tabulam over Clarence River	Kyogle Shire and Tenterfield Shire Council	6/2014	1/2021	\$40.56 million
New Echuca Bridge & approaches	Murray River Council	9/2012	Stage 1 – completed 6/2018 Stage 2 – complete 11/2019 Stage 3 – 8/2022 Stage 4 – 8/2021	NSW - \$19.8 million Co-funded by NSW/Victoria and Federal governments
Olympic Kapooka Hwy Bridge replacement	Wagga Wagga City Council	3/2011	Opened 6/2016 Landscaping 9/2020	\$47.6 million
Rawsonville Bridge replacement	Dubbo Regional Council	5/2019	6/2023	\$157,000
Tooleybuc Bridge replacement	Murray River Council	Deferred	TBC	\$4.7 million
Warroo Bridge replacement	Forbes Shire Council	5/2019	12/2023	\$704,000

Appendix C to QON 0884

Bridge	LGA	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Abercrombie Bridge	Bathurst Regional	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$22,000
Barrington Bridge	Mid-Coast	\$10,115	\$15,090	\$3,666	\$3,141
Beryl Bridge	Mid Western	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Brig O'Johnston Bridge	Dungog	\$530,548	\$1,443,850	\$417,564	\$190,260
Briner Bridge	Clarence Valley Council	\$106,166	\$12,462		\$268
Bulga Bridge	Singleton		\$37,031	\$764,126	
Carrathool Bridge	Carrathool	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Charleyong Bridge	Queanbeyan-Palerang		\$324	\$5,397	
Cobram Bridge	Berrigan	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Colemans Bridge	Lismore City Council	\$338,360	\$369		\$1,276

Coolumbooka Bridge	Snowy Monaro		\$8,012		\$537,690
Coonamit Bridge	Murray River	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Gee Gee Bridge	Murray River	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Glennies Creek Bridge	Singleton	\$146,080	\$113,009	\$166,475	
Junction Bridge	Snowy Valleys	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Koondrook Bridge	Murray River	\$3,321,189	\$9,355,053	\$10,479,682	\$8,025,997
Korns Crossing Bridge	Tweed Shire Council		\$59,457	\$544,510	\$57,358
McKanes Bridge	Lithgow	\$2,000	\$40,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Monkerai Bridge	Mid-Coast	\$19,414	\$12,075	\$2,153	
Morpeth Bridge	Maitland	\$1,317,551	\$5,879,752	\$1,241,765	
New Buildings Bridge	Bega Valley Shire	\$731	\$521,519	\$2,148,390	\$660,393
Payten's Bridge	Forbes	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$788,000	\$303,000
Rawsonville Bridge	Dubbo Regional	\$70,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$479,000
Scabbing Flat Bridge	Dubbo Regional	\$11,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Sportsmans Creek	Clarence Valley Council	\$149,542	\$41,454	\$24,556	
Swan Hill Bridge	Murray River	\$2,168,851	\$3,413,421	\$2,935,206	\$2,686,178
Tabulam Bridge	Kyogle Shire Council		\$141,043		
Tooleybuc Bridge	Murray River	\$64,004	\$148,440	\$209,506	\$703,078
Vacy Bridge	Dungog	\$1,049,557	\$1,062,370		
Victoria Bridge	Wollondilly	\$37,705	\$44,557	\$162,336	\$315,159
Wallaby Rocks Bridge	Bathurst Regional	\$580,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Warroo Bridge	Forbes	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Wee Jasper Bridge	Yass Valley	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000

Appendix D to QON 0893

Name	Location
Barham	Murray River at Barham, Barham – Koondrook
Bulga	Wollombi Brook, Putty Road
Cooreei	Williams River at Dungog, Stroud Hill Road
Crankies	Coolumbooka River at Crankies Plains, Cathcart Road
Galston	Pearce's (or Tunks) Creek, Galston Gorge, Asquith – Galston
St Albans	McDonald River at St. Albans, Wisemans Ferry to Wollombi
Tooleybuc	Murray River at Tooleybuc, Tooleybuc Road
Wallaby Rocks	Turon River, Sofala – Hill End
Wee Jasper	Goodradigbee River, Tumut – Yass
Cobram	Murray River at Barooga, Berrigan – Cobram
Coonamit	Wakool River, Swan Hill to Moulamein
Swan Hill	Murray River at Swan Hill, Swan Hill Road
Vacy	Paterson River, Paterson – Gresford