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**24 MARCH 2020**

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\*1170 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—HOTLINE FOR MOTOR MECHANICS—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 Transport and Roads—

(1) How many staff are employed at Transport for NSW to answer the technical inquiries hotline for motor mechanics?

(a) Where is the hotline office located?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Transport for NSW provides a Vehicle Technical Enquiry Line, available to all customers, on 1300 137 302. There are seven staff employed to provide this service.

(a) The Vehicle Technical Enquiry Line operates from Transport for NSW's offices at 110 George Street, Parramatta.

**25 MARCH 2020**

(Paper No. 219)

\*1172 PREMIER—INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND THE TRAVEL BAN—Revd Mr Nile 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—

(1) Is the government aware of the report in The Australian by Will Glasgow and Heidi Han of 20 February 2020, titled "Western Sydney University pays \$1,500 to Chinese students to help beat travel ban"?

(2) Can the Premier advise whether this is true?

(a) If so, who exactly is responsible for this university policy?

(3) How many students have beaten the travel ban at this time?

(a) Have they been tested for the Corona Virus?

(4) Can the Premier advise if any action has been taken against students who have beaten the travel ban?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Tertiary Education.

**15 APRIL 2020**

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1216 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICES PROGRAM FUNDING—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

(1) NSW Fair Trading administers the Financial Counselling Services Program (FCSP):

- (a) What is the total funding amount for the current financial year?
- (b) What was the funding allocation for the 2018-19 financial year?
- (c) What was the funding allocation for the 2017-18 financial year?
- (d) What was the funding allocation for the 2016-17 financial year?
- (e) What was the funding allocation for the 2015-16 financial year?
- (f) What was the funding allocation for the 2014-15 financial year?
- (g) What was the funding allocation for the 2013-14 financial year?

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- (h) What was the funding allocation for the 2012-13 financial year?
  - (i) What was the funding allocation for the 2011-12 financial year?
  - (j) What was the funding allocation for the 2010-11 financial year?
- (2) What programs were funded in the last financial year from the FCSP?
- (a) What are the names and locations of the organisations running these programs?
  - (b) How much funding was allocated to each organisation as stated in their Funding Agreement?
- (3) Has the Government allocated additional funding for this program (FSCP) to address consumer financial issues emerging from the 2019-2020 bushfires?
- (a) If so, how much additional funding was allocated for this financial year?
  - (b) How much additional funding has been allocated for the 2020-21 financial year?
  - (c) Which organisations have received extra funding through the FSCP for the purposes of providing financial counselling and advice to bushfire affected individuals and communities?
- (4) Has the Government allocated additional funding for this program (FSCP) to address consumer financial issues emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic?
- (a) If so, how much additional funding is allocated for this financial year?
  - (b) How much funding has been allocated for the 2020-21 financial year?
  - (c) Which organisations have received extra funding through the FSCP for the purposes of providing financial counselling and advice to individuals who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic?
- 1217 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—RSPCA FUNDING—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- (1) For each of the past five financial years, how much Government funding has been given to the Royal Society for Protection of Animals (RSPCA)?
  - (2) Is the Minister aware of the RSPCA's decision on 15 April 2020 to join and support the political campaign run by Sleeping Giants to boycott Sky News?
  - (3) What Government guidelines are in place regarding funding bodies that engage in overtly political and censorious campaigns?
    - (a) Has the RSPCA complied with these guidelines?
- 1218 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—SOUTH COAST HARVEST ESTIMATES—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- (1) What is the current Forestry Corporation estimate of the 2019-20 bushfires on sawlog and pulplog Wood Supply Agreements?
  - (2) What are the anticipated impacts for each Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) region?
- 1219 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—EDEN REGION SAWLOG WOOD SUPPLY AGREEMENT—Mr Shoebridge 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 new Eden Region sawlog Wood Supply Agreement commence and end?
  - (2) When will this agreement be available on the Forestry Corporation website?
  - (3) How will the agreement be adapted to the post-fire conditions?
- 1220 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—FIREFIGHTING BY FORESTRY CORPORATION—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- (1) What was the cost of firefighting by the Forestry Corporation in the recent bushfire season?

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- (2) How much of the cost of firefighting was covered by grants from the Community Service Obligations on the north coast?
- (3) How much of the cost of firefighting was covered by grants from the Community Service Obligations on the south coast?
- 1221 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—BLUE RIDGE HARDWOODS—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- (1) What were the volumes of the Parcel Sale of sawlogs to Blue Ridge Hardwoods from 1 January to 31 December 2019?
- (2) What were the prices for the Parcel Sale of sawlogs to Blue Ridge Hardwoods from 1 January to 31 December 2019?
- 1222 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—SALVAGE LOG SALES—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- (1) Will Forestry Corporation be selling logs salvaged from any fire affected forests which are not currently covered by a Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (CIFOA) or Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (IFOA)?
- (a) If so, from which forests and what anticipated volumes?
- (b) If not, what is happening with the logs salvaged in these forests?
- (2) Does Forestry Corporation have any role in the salvage of logs from National Parks?
- (a) If so, where are these logs taken?
- (b) If so, is Forestry Corporation involved in the sale of these logs?
- 1223 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—THREATENED SPECIES REPORT IMPACTS—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- (1) What, if any, changes to logging operations have there been following the recommendations from the federal Threatened Species Commissioner in the report "Australian Government bushfire recovery package for wildlife and their habitat - Provisional list of animals requiring urgent management intervention"?
- (2) Will the recommendations in this report require changes to any logging operations currently approved under Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (CIFOA) or Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (IFOA)?
- (3) Will the recommendations in this report require changes to any future logging operations by Forestry Corporation?
- (4) Will the recommendations of this report require any changes have to be made to the logging of burnt areas in compartment 174A of Mogo State Forest?
- (5) Will the recommendations of this report require any changes have to be made to the logging of burnt areas in compartment 60A of South Brooman State Forest?
- 1224 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—EDEN REGION LOGGING—Mr Shoebridge 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 native forest logging resume in the Eden region?
- (2) What plans are there for any pulp logs harvested while the Eden chipmill remains non-functional?

1225 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MONA VALE EAST ROAD UPGRADES—Mrs Houssos 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) Will the finished Mona Vale East Road upgrades project have a dual speed detection camera?
- (2) Will modified design of the truck arrestor bed be made public?
  - (a) If so, when?
- (3) Will there be community consultation on the modified design?
- (4) Has a continuous arrestor bed model been investigated for Mona Vale Road East?
- (5) Are there any safety provisions for runaway heavy vehicles that were not able to enter the arrestor bed?
- (6) Has the runaway truck speed been calculated at the arrestor bed entrance?
  - (a) What is it?
- (7) What is the new Truck Arrestor Bed length and gradient?

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