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\* 5275 RANDWICK BOYS HIGH SCHOOL AND RANDWICK GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADES—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Considering the commitment to upgrade facilities to Randwick Boys' High School and Randwick Girls' High School was made in 2018, why are the projects still listed as being in the 'planning phase' on the NSW Schools infrastructure website (as at 16 March 2021)?
  - (a) What planning has been done over the past three years?
  - (b) Given that the NSW School Infrastructure website lists this project as being 'prioritised for planning', and that it has been in planning for three years, how many more years should the communities of these schools expect the prioritised planning stage to take?
  - (c) After touring the School with the Member for Coogee in October 2019 and seeing firsthand the need to upgrade facilities, what steps were taken to fast track the upgrades of these schools?
  - (d) When will the project move out of the planning stage and into the design phase?
  - (e) When will the project move to the 'in progress' phase?
  - (f) When can these school communities expect these upgrades to be completed?
  - (g) Will the Government re-announce these upgrades in the lead up to the 2023 Election?
  - (h) Can a child born in the Coogee electorate in 2021 expect these upgrades to be completed before they enter high school?

Answer—

The final business case has been submitted to NSW Treasury for consideration.

Further updates and information relating to the project will be communicated via the School Infrastructure NSW website at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/>.

\* 5276 REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARD—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) From 1 January to 30 November 2020, how many people from the following post codes applied for the Regional Seniors Travel Card:
  - (a) 2280;
  - (b) 2282;
  - (c) 2285;
  - (d) 2289;
  - (e) 2290;
  - (f) 2291;
  - (g) 2305;
  - (h) 2306?
- (2) Since 30 November 2020, how many people from the following post codes applied for the Regional Seniors Travel Card (to 16 March 2021):

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- (a) 2280;
- (b) 2282;
- (c) 2285;
- (d) 2289;
- (e) 2290;
- (f) 2291;
- (g) 2305;
- (h) 2306?

Answer—

(1)

(a) – (f)

No data

(g) – (h):

Grand Total	13,825
2280	3,858
2290	3,768
2285	3,012
2282	2,256
2289	454
2306	363
2305	114

(2)

(a) – (f)

No data

(g) – (h):

Grand Total	11,031
2280	3,094
2290	2,898
2285	2,460
2282	1,850
2289	310
2306	303
2305	116

\* 5277 REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARD REJECTIONS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Customer Service—

(1) From 1 January to 30 November 2020, how many applicants for the Regional Seniors Travel Card from the following post codes have had their applications rejected:

- (a) 2280;
- (b) 2282;
- (c) 2285;

- (d) 2289;
  - (e) 2290;
  - (f) 2291;
  - (g) 2305;
  - (h) 2306?
- (2) Since 30 November 2020, how many applicants for the Regional Seniors Travel Card from the following post codes have had their applications rejected (as at 16 March 2021):
- (a) 2280;
  - (b) 2282;
  - (c) 2285;
  - (d) 2289;
  - (e) 2290;
  - (f) 2291;
  - (g) 2305;
  - (h) 2306?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

\* 5278 INTERSECTION OF ST JAMES ROAD AND RAILWAY—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Noting the intersection of St James Road and the railway at Adamstown, and the significant traffic blockage presented by the crossing, what steps is the Government taking to address this issue?
- (a) When was the most recent traffic survey of this railway crossing undertaken?
  - (b) What were the results of the most recent traffic survey?
  - (c) What is the Government's preferred solution to the ongoing traffic issues in this area?

Answer—

I am advised:

Issues relating to the roads and traffic surrounding the Adamstown level crossing, including St James Road, are matters for Newcastle City Council. The surrounding roads are local roads under the care and control of the Council.

\* 5279 TAFE ENROLMENTS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) In 2011, how many residents of the following post codes were enrolled in TAFE courses:
- (a) 2280;
  - (b) 2282;
  - (c) 2285;
  - (d) 2289;
  - (e) 2290;

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- (f) 2291;
  - (g) 2305;
  - (h) 2306?
- (2) In 2021, how many residents of the following post codes were enrolled in TAFE courses (as at 16 March 2021):
- (a) 2280;
  - (b) 2282;
  - (c) 2285;
  - (d) 2289;
  - (e) 2290;
  - (f) 2291;
  - (g) 2305;
  - (h) 2306?

Answer—

I am advised that due to the commercial environment in which TAFE NSW operates, it would be inappropriate to provide student data at a locational level.

I am also advised that TAFE NSW provides enrolment and course information in its annual report, which can be found at [www.tafensw.edu.au/corporate/annual-report](http://www.tafensw.edu.au/corporate/annual-report).

\* 5280 PROTECTIONS FOR STAFF AND MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES—  
Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Premier representing the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Noting any processes or procedures which may be in place to address allegations of an unsafe workplace at the Parliament of New South Wales, what procedures or processes are in place to support an employee of the Parliament should they report an unsafe work place?
- (2) What procedures or processes are in place to address the concerns of an employee should they experience workplace harassment?
- (3) What procedures or processes are in place to support an elected Member of the Legislative Assembly or Legislative Council should they report an unsafe work place?
- (4) What procedures or processes are in place to address the concerns of an elected Member of the Legislative Assembly or Legislative Council should they experience workplace harassment?

Answer—

Questions concerning the New South Wales Parliament are best directed to the Presiding Officers.

However, I am advised that the NSW Parliament has a number of policies which deal with standards of conduct in the Parliamentary workplace, and procedures relating to workplace safety. For example, the Harassment Free Workplace Policy applies to members' staff and staff of the Department of the Legislative Assembly, Department of the Legislative Council and Department of Parliamentary Services. The New South Wales Parliament also has an Anti-Bullying Policy and the Grievance Policy.

Staff employed in a Ministerial Office are also subject to policies and procedures set out in the Ministers' Office Handbook including policies relating to bullying, harassment and discrimination, and work health and safety.

The Government has zero tolerance for bullying, harassment and sexual misconduct in the workplace. All Government workplaces should be places of safety and respect, including the workplaces of staff employed by political office holders.

The Hon. Pru Goward has been engaged to review the adequacy of policies and procedures concerning bullying, harassment and sexual misconduct in Ministerial offices, and will report her findings and any recommendations to the Premier.

\* 5281 OPALPAY FOR BUS SERVICES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Noting the plans to switch payment for On Demand bus services in the Hunter to the Opalpay smartphone app, what steps are being taken to ensure that people without credit cards or smartphones are not excluded from the service?

Answer—

I am advised:

On Demand services in Sydney and surrounds are moving to a new online booking and payment platform called Opal Connect. Opal Connect provides customers easy access to a single online platform to book and pay for public and private transport services as well as access to additional benefits such as travel credits.

As part of this change, OpalPay will no longer be available on these services. Sustaining and supporting manual phone bookings and OpalPay on-board payments is not viable over the longer term.

Support for customers to learn about booking and paying for On Demand services via Opal Connect is available online or by phoning the relevant On Demand service operator.

\* 5282 SELF-HARM ISSUES AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

Noting reports of a significant 25 per cent spike in young people presenting to emergency departments with self-harm issues, what steps is the Government taking to address this crisis?

Answer—

The Government has committed \$87 million over three years until 2021-22 for the Towards Zero Suicides set of initiatives which include supports to young people with self-harm issues, with an additional \$29.5 million over four years to 2022-23 to support Lifeline and Kids Help Line provide increased capacity to support people in distress.

The Government is also funding Headspace with \$584,000 over two years to deliver a series of parent education sessions in regions identified as having a high need related to self-harm and risk of suicide in children and young people. This complements funding of \$6 million over three years for twelve (12) community-based Suicide Prevention Coordinators to support local suicide prevention collaboratives being established across New South Wales.

The Youth Aftercare Pilots implemented from April 2021 in two New South Wales locations (one metro and one regional/rural) will explore innovative models of engaging children and young people who self-harm or at high risk of suicide by providing psychosocial supports to reduce risk and improve wellbeing.

Additionally, as part of the 2020-21 NSW budget, \$46.8 million over four years will deliver 100 new school-based nurses to support the health and wellbeing needs of students and their families.

\* 5283 CYBER-BULLYING—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

Noting the impact of cyber-bullying on young people's mental health, what steps is the Government taking to address this issue?

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Answer—

The Government is committed to improving the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people, including those that are impacted by cyberbullying.

A key election commitment of this government is to enhance crisis support services for children and young people in New South Wales which has included \$5.5 million over four years for Kids Helpline.

Schools play an important role in promoting wellbeing and preventing mental illness in students and the Government has invested in a range of school-based prevention and early intervention programs aimed at fostering student mental health and wellbeing, including:

- Project Air Strategy for Schools - \$330,000 for Project Air Strategy for schools.
- Got It! Getting on Track In Time - \$11 million annually funds teams in 15 Local Health Districts, providing early intervention for 5-8 year old children in New South Wales schools.
- Updated NSW Anti-Bullying Strategy - \$6.1 million over three years, from 2018-19 to 2020-21. This includes \$4.1 million over three years to extend the implementation of Youth Aware of Mental Health.
- Mindfulness sessions - \$1.2 million each by the Government and the Buildcorp Foundation for Smiling Mind over 2019-21 to deliver 400 mindfulness sessions in public primary schools.
- A range of government supported organisations provide youth mental health workshops in schools.
- Wellbeing and Health In-reach Nurse Coordinator - \$46.8 million over 4 years (2020-21 – 2023-24) for 100 additional Coordinators.

\* 5284 ACCESS TO REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARD—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) From 1 January to 30 November 2020, how many Regional Seniors Travel Cards were delivered to residents of the Lake Macquarie local government area?
  - (a) What was the cost of the program in the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area?
- (2) Has the Government undertaken any work to model the cost should residents of the Newcastle local government area be able to access the Regional Seniors Travel Card?
  - (a) If so, what is the projected cost of expanding the program to cover the Newcastle local government area?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There were 26,763 Regional Seniors Travel Cards delivered to residents of the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area in between 1 January 2020 to 30 November 2020.
  - (a) The cost of the program for the associated cards in the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area was \$6,690,750.
- (2) No. There has been no modelling relating to extending the Regional Seniors Travel Card to the Newcastle local government area. The program scope is aligned to the Restart NSW definition of regional areas.

\* 5285 WAGGA WAGGA MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

In relation to the commitment you made at the by-election in Wagga Wagga regarding a new multi-storey car park with up to 800 spaces:

- (1) Why do the approved plans for this car park provide only approximately 400 spaces?



- (2) Will the Government not honour its commitment around car parking?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (3) Will the new car park be free parking as was also committed at the by-election?

Answer—

\$431 million has been invested in the Wagga Wagga Hospital redevelopment.

The Wagga Wagga Health Service Redevelopment Stage 3 and Multi-Storey Car Park projects will deliver over 900 free car park spaces across the health campus. The plans include car parking spaces in both a multi-storey car park and at two on-grade car parks.

The distribution of free car park spaces across the multi-storey and on-grade car parks changed during the design process as a result of the plans for the new University of NSW Biomedical Sciences Centre. More car parking spaces are being provided at the on-grade car parks and fewer spaces in the multi-storey car park.

\* 5286 PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN BELLAMBI—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Is the Government investigating selling the public housing estate located in Bellambi to a commercial partner to enable it to be redeveloped?
- (a) If so, what stage of the process are these negotiations up too?
- (2) When will the Government be informing the community about its plans for this large residential estate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No.
- (2) There are currently no plans for the Bellambi housing estate.

\* 5287 SCHOOL COUNSELLORS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What is the current expected waiting time for a student to see a counsellor at:
- (a) Randwick Girls' High School?
- (b) Randwick Boys' High School?
- (c) Rose Bay Secondary College?
- (2) What steps is the Government actively taking to urgently reduce the wait time to receive mental health support at the schools in (1)?
- (3) How many counsellors are employed at:
- (a) Randwick Girls' High School?
- (i) How many hours per week?
- (b) Randwick Boys' High School?
- (i) How many hours per week?
- (c) Rose Bay Secondary College?

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- (i) How many hours per week?
- (4) What is the ratio therefore of counsellor to students and public high schools in the Coogee electorate?
- (5) What steps is the Government actively taking to urgently improve the ratio of counsellors to students at the above listed public schools?
- (6) Given the increased stress placed on school students by the disrupted nature of the 2020 school year and the COVID-19 pandemic, what is being done to increase access students have to counsellors and mental health support at:
- (a) Randwick Girls' High School?
- (b) Randwick Boys' High School?
- (c) Rose Bay Secondary College?

Answer—

- (1) Any student indicated for the school counselling service in the three identified schools is triaged based on need and immediate access arranged, if required.
- (2) Part of the new \$88.4 million mental health and wellbeing election commitment will result in the establishment of up to 100 additional school counselling positions so that every NSW public high school will have full-time psychology support on site.
- (3) Randwick Boys High School, Randwick Girls High School and Rose Bay Secondary College each have a school counselling allocation of one full-time counsellor (five days per week).
- (4) The current ratio of students to school counselling staff across all NSW schools is 1:725.

School counselling allocations are not based on student enrolments only. Allocations to schools are based on student enrolment data and indicators of need. Indicators of need include students impacted by disability and/or additional learning and support needs, disadvantage and location.

All NSW public schools receive an allocation of school counselling service. The total counselling allocation for schools in the Coogee Electorate is 5.7. The school counselling allocations for each of the schools in the Coogee Electorate are below.

School Name	Counselling Allocation
Bronte Public School	0.25
Centennial Park School	0.40
Clovelly Public School	0.40
Coogee Public School	0.40
Rainbow Street Public School	0.40
Randwick Boys High School	1 .00
Randwick Girls High School	1 .00
Randwick Public School	1 .00
South Coogee Public School	0.45
Sydney Children's Hospital School	0.20
Waverley Public School	0.20
Total	5.7

- (5) Students and families have told the Department they want access to a variety of support services and resources whilst at school. School counsellors are one of over 2000 wellbeing roles that support our students, including Student Support Officers, Chaplains, Behaviour Specialists, Learning and Support staff and Wellbeing Health In-reach Nurse Coordinators.

The total counselling allocation for schools in the Coogee Electorate has increased from 3.92 full time equivalent positions (FTE) in 2015, to 5.7 FTE currently. The counselling allocation is based

on enrolment data and indicators of need. School counselling allocations for all schools, including those in the Coogee Electorate, are adjusted every three years to reflect demographic changes. The Department of Education is reviewing the methodology for allocating school counselling resources for the next allocation cycle which commences in 2022.

Where the need for additional counselling support is identified, such as in response to a serious incident affecting the school community, additional staff are provided on a case by case basis by the local Senior Psychologist Education.

- (6) Between 2020 and June 2023, an additional 350 student support officer positions and 100 school counselling positions are being established as part of the NSW Government's \$88.4 million investment to increase students' mental health support. The additional school counselling positions will be phased in with 25 positions in 2020/21, 50 positions in 2021/22 and 25 positions in 2022/23. The first 25 of the school counselling positions have been recruited.

The Department is also working with NSW Health to deliver on their commitment to rollout an additional 100 Wellbeing Health In-reach Nurse (WHIN) coordinators over four years, 2021-2025. WHIN coordinators will support vulnerable school students and their families' health and wellbeing needs, and coordinate appropriate assessments and referral to health and social services.

A mental health and wellbeing hub has also been established on the Department's website. This is a single-entry point to resources, information, tools and programs to support the mental health and wellbeing of students, teachers, parents and carers.

- (a) Randwick Girls High School has counselling service five days per week and will receive a full time Student Support Officer in July 2021. Student Support Officers have a range of professional backgrounds and provide an accessible point of support for students who might be experiencing bullying, stress or other issues. These positions are allocated to schools in three phases over three years. Schools are prioritised according to need, size and flexible funding allocation.
- (b) Randwick Boys High School has counselling service five days per week and will receive a full time Student Support Officer in July 2022.
- (c) Rose Bay Secondary College has counselling service five days per week and will receive a full time Student Support Officer in July 2021.

\* 5288 REMOVAL OF BUS SERVICES IN REGION 9—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Are the following bus services planned to be removed by the Government, as outlined in the South East Sydney Integrated Service Plan:
- (a) 302;
  - (b) 314;
  - (c) 373;
  - (d) 376;
  - (e) 377;
  - (f) 393;
  - (g) 394;
  - (h) 395;
  - (i) 397;
  - (j) 399;
  - (k) L94;

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- (l) The already removed M50;
- (m) The already removed M10;
- (n) The already removed 891;
- (o) The already removed 893;
- (p) The already removed 340;
- (q) The already removed 378?
- (2) Does the Government only use opal data when determining bus routes and demand for services?
  - (a) What time period of Opal data was used to justify the removal of the:
    - (i) M10;
    - (ii) M50;
    - (iii) 891;
    - (iv) 893;
    - (v) 340?
- (3) When the M10, M50, 891, 893, 340 and 378 bus routes were removed, did the Government engage in any community consultation?

Answer—

- (1)
  - (a) - (k)
 

The detailed bus plan for Sydney's South Eastern Suburbs has not been finalised.
  - (l) - (m)
 

These routes were withdrawn on 25 October 2020, as part of broader bus network changes to Sydney Bus Services Contract Region 6 (inner west).
  - (n) - (o)
 

Bus services 891, 893, and 898 between Central Eddy Avenue and University New South Wales High Street were withdrawn on 22 December 2020.
  - (p) This route was withdrawn on 24 January 2021, as part of broader bus network changes to Sydney Metropolitan Bus Services Contract Region 7 (North West and parts of the lower North Shore).
  - (q) This route was withdrawn on 4 October 2015, as part of the bus changes to the CBD, to support Sydney's light rail construction. The route was subsequently replaced with new services to and from Bronte on route 379.
- (2) A range of factors are considered when planning service changes, including feedback received from customers, bus operators and other stakeholders. This is assessed against both current and future growth in the wider region, as well as current and emerging travel patterns drawn from Opal data.
  - (a) Opal data is used from many periods across the year, to determine demand, including between February and March, where typically the highest customer demand for public transport services is experienced. Opal data before the COVID-19 Pandemic (2019) was used to inform recent service changes, including for routes M10, M50, 891, 893 and 340.

- (3) The initial proposal to change the M10 and M50 was contained in the 2013 CBD and South East Light Rail Environmental Impact Statement, which was released for consultation, as required under planning regulations.

A range of engagement also took place with schools, the University of New South Wales and directly with customers, to ensure they were aware of the changes before implementation.

\* 5289 IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What process is in place to issue correct photographic identification where applicants' names have been anglicised on other supporting identification issued by other bodies?
- (2) In each of the past five years, how many requests have been made for photographic identification where supporting documentation features anglicised names and has resulted in investigation by the Identification Unit at Transport for NSW?
- (3) What is the average length of time it takes for an applicant to receive photographic identification after lodging their request and an investigation being undertaken?
- (4) What action is the Government taking to improve this process for impacted New South Wales residents?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In cases where a customer's name has been anglicised on other supporting identification issued by other bodies, Transport for NSW requires a Change of Name Certificate from NSW Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages.
- (2) & (3)  
There is no Identification Unit at Transport for NSW.
- (4) The current policy and procedure is fit for purpose for enabling customers to change their name whilst also:
  - mitigating against the risk of identity fraud; and
  - ensuring the integrity of Transport for NSW's identity management systems.

\* 5290 SENIORS CARD NSW PRIVACY—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) Does the Government collect revenue for providing private data of Seniors Card and Seniors Savers Card holders in New South Wales to third parties?
  - (a) If so, how much revenue was collected for providing private data of Seniors Card and Seniors Savers Card holders in New South Wales in:
    - (i) 2017-2018?
    - (ii) 2018-2019?
    - (iii) 2019-2020?
    - (iv) 2020-2021 (as at 16 March 2021)?
- (2) How many privacy complaints have been lodged in the past two calendar years in relation to the provision to third parties of private data of Seniors Card and Seniors Savers Card holders?

Answer—

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- (1) The Seniors Card and Senior Savers Card does not provide member's data to third parties for the purpose of collecting revenue.
- (2) N/A

\* 5291 DINE AND DISCOVER VOUCHERS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What is the total number of businesses that have registered to participate in the Dine & Discover program?
- (2) How many vouchers have been issued to New South Wales residents to date?
- (3) What is the total value of the vouchers that have been redeemed to date?
- (4) How many businesses in the Summer Hill electorate have registered for the scheme?
- (5) When will residents of the Summer Hill electorate be able to apply for vouchers?

Answer—

The Dine & Discover Program is the responsibility of the Minister for Customer Service and this question is more appropriately asked of him.

\* 5292 LOVE BITES PROGRAM—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) In how many schools in New South Wales is the Loves Bites program currently being taught?
- (2) What was the total amount of funding offered by the Government to support the program in 2019-2020?
- (3) What is the total amount of funding allocated in the 2020-2021 State Budget to support the program?
- (4) How many schools in the 2019 school year sought to have the program taught in their school?
- (5) How many schools in the 2020 school year sought to have the program taught in their school?
- (6) How many schools in 2021 have sought to have the program taught in their school (as at 16 March 2021)?

Answer—

School principals, in consultation with teachers and the school community, make their own decisions on whether to offer external programs based on the suitability of the materials or programs and the availability of school resources. The Department does not collect or maintain information about school funding or usage of programs delivered by external organisations.

Respectful relationships and consent is taught as mandatory learning through Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) for students in Kindergarten to Year 10, and Life Ready for students in Years 11 and/or 12. There are a range of programs offered through external organisations, such as Love Bites, to deliver the curriculum.

\* 5293 TRIAL OF FREE SANITARY PRODUCTS IN SCHOOLS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) When will the trial providing free sanitary products in New South Wales schools commence?
  - (a) How many schools will participate in the trial?
  - (b) How will schools be selected to participate?

- (2) What is the total amount of funding available in the 2020-2021 State Budget to facilitate a trial?
- (3) What support will be provided to schools, teachers and educators to conduct the trial?
- (4) How will the availability of free sanitary products be communicated to students?
- (5) How long will the trial be conducted?
- (6) How will the trial be evaluated and what are the criteria for success?
- (7) What research has the Department of Education conducted into the impacts of period poverty in New South Wales schools and what were the outcomes?

Answer—

1. Free menstrual hygiene products will be made available to students in 31 schools, across the South Western Sydney metropolitan area and the Dubbo region in Regional New South Wales, for two terms as part of a pilot program. This pilot is due to commence in Term 2, 2021.
2. Dispensers and menstrual hygiene products including pads and tampons will be provided at no cost to schools or students.
- 3 – 4. Information about the products and their availability has been supplied to principals and schools will educate students who are likely to access these products.
5. The trial is scheduled to commence in both pilot areas for two terms.
6. The model is to be piloted, to understand the potential demand for free menstrual hygiene products, and in turn the costs associated with the type of school, administrative resources required, risks, and communication materials for students and parents/carers. An evaluation will be conducted following the pilot rollout to determine the success of the project, and the future ongoing provision of sanitary products in New South Wales schools, including funding.
7. The Department of Education undertook a desktop analysis on the provision of menstrual hygiene products.

The analysis included:

- Number of female students aged 11 years and upwards
- Number of toilet cubicles assigned to female students across all schools
- Products types and per unit cost
- Potential demand
- Distribution models
- Waste management bins and maintenance frequency
- Initial stakeholder input from primary, secondary and school for specific purpose principals and secondary school students.

The Department developed a model that reflected the potential demand based on age, ease of access to products, and full access to sanitary waste bins.

It was determined that this model would meet the potential need for 95 per cent of all female students in Years 7 – 12, and the potential need for 25 per cent of all female students in Years 5 – 6. The model included installing a sanitary waste bin in all toilet cubicles accessed by female students in Years 5 – 12.

\* 5294 HOUSING FOR TRANSGENDER AND GENDER DIVERSE PEOPLE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What is the number of transgender or gender diverse people in New South Wales are estimated to be at risk of homelessness?
- (2) What action has the Government taken to ensure adequate affordable housing for transgender or gender diverse people at risk of homelessness in New South Wales?

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- (3) Is the Government in discussions with community housing providers or other organisations to secure housing specifically for transgender or gender diverse people at risk of homelessness in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

Estimates of the number of people experiencing homelessness are reported by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and data on the number of people accessing Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) is reported by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. Neither agency currently reports data specifically about homelessness for transgender or gender diverse people.

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) commissions two SHS that provide targeted support for transgender or gender diverse people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness:

- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex or Queer Youth Homelessness Project delivered by The Twenty-Ten Association.
- Transgender Homelessness Support Service delivered by The Gender Centre.

Anyone who is homeless or at risk of homelessness can call Link2home on 1800 152 152 for information, assessment or referral to homelessness services and support in NSW. Link2home is available statewide, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year.

\* 5295 PUBLIC HOUSING TERMINATION NOTICES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many termination notices for rental arrears have been issued to tenants of public housing in New South Wales in:
- (a) March 2021 (as at 16 March);
  - (b) February 2021;
  - (c) January 2021;
  - (d) December 2020;
  - (e) November 2020;
  - (f) October 2020;
  - (g) September 2020;
  - (h) August 2020;
  - (i) July 2020;
  - (j) June 2020;
  - (k) May 2020;
  - (l) April 2020;
  - (m) March 2020?
- (2) How many termination notices for rental arrears have been issued to tenants of public housing in the Summer Hill electorate in:
- (a) March 2021 (as at 16 March);
  - (b) February 2021;
  - (c) January 2021;
  - (d) December 2020;



- (e) November 2020;
  - (f) October 2020;
  - (g) September 2020;
  - (h) August 2020;
  - (i) July 2020;
  - (j) June 2020;
  - (k) May 2020;
  - (l) April 2020;
  - (m) March 2020?
- (3) Has the Minister, the Department of Communities and Justice or any other Government agency issued a specific directive to recoup rental arrears from public housing tenants following the end of the COVID-19 eviction moratorium?
- (4) How many evictions of public housing tenants have been executed for rental arrears since 1 January 2021?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) provides safe and secure social housing for people across New South Wales. The majority of public housing tenants pay a subsidised rent – generally 25 per cent of their income.

In response to COVID-19, DCJ committed to not evict public housing tenants for rent arrears. This moratorium on evictions ended in December 2020 for social housing tenants and DCJ has since managed any arrears in accordance with standard practice.

When a public housing tenant falls into rent arrears, DCJ will contact the tenant verbally or in writing to seek agreement to enter into and comply with the arrangement before a ‘notice of termination’ is contemplated. The ‘notice of termination’ clearly explains that if the tenant reaches and complies with an agreement to repay rent arrears, DCJ will not pursue termination of the tenancy.

DCJ will work closely with tenants to provide support and will consider any exceptional circumstances that may apply. DCJ has strong links to community services in mental health, financial counselling and advocacy services, and actively works to connect tenants with available services. DCJ is committed to supporting tenants to maintain successful tenancies and avoiding any possibility of eviction.

\* 5296 WESTCONNEX DAMAGE CLAIMS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Are joint ventures involved in the construction of the WestConnex project required by law to provide all information and available data to assess the damage claims of property holders?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (2) What options are available to claimants to appeal the decision by joint ventures to not provide relevant information when assessing claims for damages?
- (3) Will the Government legislate to ensure joint ventures are compelled to provide relevant information to claimants?

Answer—

I am advised:

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In line with Transport for NSW's contractual arrangements, it remains the responsibility of WestConnex and their contractors to resolve any property damage claims caused by WestConnex work.

Property owners can escalate their property damage to Transport for NSW if they are dissatisfied with the contractors' determination on their property damage claim.

\* 5297 COVID-19 DISPOSABLE MEDICAL WASTE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Does the Government have a strategy to manage the increase in disposable masks, gloves, hand sanitiser bottles and other medical waste in our environment as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?
- (2) What new programs has the Government introduced to stop medical waste like disposable masks from entering our environment since the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic?
- (3) What new programs has the Government introduced to stop medical waste like disposable masks from entering our rivers, beaches and waterways since the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Answer—

- (1) Yes. The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) actively monitors litter in NSW to ensure the NSW Litter Prevention Strategy addresses priority and emerging litter items.
- (2) - (3)

The new Marine Litter Campaign introduced in February 2021 includes a public relations strategy with a focus on the emergence of new litter items such as face masks.

\* 5298 PROPOSAL TO RECLASSIFY AND RENAME THE PROSPECT CREEK—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Customer Service—

Considering the NSW Geographical Names Board is in receipt of a proposal to reclassify and rename the Prospect Creek as the Lennox River, and that the proposal will be evaluated at the Board's meeting on 17 November 2020, should that Proposal ultimately be approved will the Government allocate resources to the upgrade and maintenance of the river and adjacent facilities?

Answer—

The Geographical Names Board (GNB) considered the proposal rename a section of Prospect Creek to Lennox River on the 15 September and 17 November 2020. On both occasions the Board resolved to reject the proposal as it does not comply with the NSW Place Name Policy:

- Section 9.2 Selection of names - The changing of long-established place names is to be avoided except where necessary to avoid ambiguity or duplication; and,
- Section 9.2 Selection of names - The multiplication of names for different parts of the same topographical feature such as a stream or mountain range shall be avoided, and the one name applied to a stream or mountain range throughout its entire length.

The GNB is the statutory authority for geographical place names in New South Wales. The Board has the power to assign, record and publish place names, which it does so under the Geographical Names Act 1966 (the Act) and the NSW Place Naming Policy. Assigning a name under the Act does not impact other legislation or change rights and responsibilities, nor does it influence the classification of a feature.

\* 5299 ROYAL COMMISSION INTO AGED CARE QUALITY AND SAFETY—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Considering the final report of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety noted the critical role of informal carers and that "The failings of the aged care system to provide adequate support to informal carers must be rectified":

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- (a) What is the Government doing to assist informal carers?
  - (b) What funding will be allocated by the Government in response to the Royal Commission to support carers?
  - (c) What is the Government doing to boost respite care for informal carers?
  - (d) What support will be provided to carer groups to enable them to better support informal carers?
- (2) Will the Government encourage the Commonwealth to implement the following recommendations from the Report:
- (a) That "informal carers are identified by My Aged Care, care finders and assessment services when an older person is assessed for aged care"?
  - (b) That "care finders should be able to refer informal carers to services for assessment and access to respite care and other supports"?
- (3) What assistance will the Government provide to the Commonwealth to implement the recommendation that "My Aged Care and the Carer Gateway should be linked so that informal carers need only use one system to secure respite care and the full range of information, training and support services available on both sites?"

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
- (a) The Government has in place the NSW Carers Strategy: Caring in NSW 2020-2030 which is the NSW Government's commitment to better recognise and support the 854,300 unpaid carers<sup>1</sup> of people with disability, mental illness, chronic illness, frail aged, dementia or drug or alcohol dependency.<sup>2</sup> The strategy is available at:  
<https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/inclusion/carers/nsw-carers-strategy>.
  - (b) The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) has a budget of \$4.9 million per annum to support carers. This covers strategy implementation, the NSW Carers Advisory Council, Carers Investment Program, peak funding for Carers NSW, and the delivery of the NSW Companion Card Program.
  - (c) Respite services are the responsibility of the Commonwealth Government and provided through the Carer Gateway. In October 2020, the NSW Government promoted the Carer Gateway through 'It's Caring' social media campaign, which encourages carers to engage with available support services, including counselling and respite. This is accessible at <https://www.caring.dcj.nsw.gov.au/>.  
  
The Carer Gateway is also promoted on the Department of Communities and Justice website at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/inclusion/carers/helpful-resources-for-carers>, as well as through the peak agency Carers NSW and which is also funded by the department, which is accessible at <http://www.carersnsw.org.au/advice/services-supports>.
  - (d) DCJ funds Carers NSW to provide services that assist the operation of carer support groups. Carer Peer Connect provides opportunities for carers in New South Wales to be linked with each other where they can receive and provide peer support. Carer Peer Connect is centrally managed by Carers NSW. Their online peer support program, Carer Peer Connect provides opportunities for carers living anywhere in New South Wales to be linked in with one another to be able to receive and provide peer support.

(2) – (3)

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Action eight of the NSW Carers Strategy Action Plan 2020-22 makes a commitment to monitor the roll out of new service system supports. DCJ will work closely with the Commonwealth to monitor the Carer Gateway, NDIS and My Aged Care, using data and qualitative evidence to advocate to the Commonwealth on gaps and service priorities for carers in NSW (including respite).

<sup>1</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2018 Survey of Disability, Ageing & Carers

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/inclusion/carers/nsw-carers-strategy>

\* 5300 MENTAL HEALTH REVIEW TRIBUNAL—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

(1) Regarding the review of the Mental Health Review Tribunal in respect to forensic patients, how many recommendations have been implemented?

(a) Which recommendations are yet to be implemented?

(i) Why are they outstanding?

Answer—

(1) (a) – (i).

The Review of the Mental Health Review Tribunal in Respect of Forensic Patients made 30 recommendations. Twenty-eight have been completed and two are in progress.

The two remaining recommendations in progress (recommendations 20 and 21) relate to supervision of forensic patients on leave and release. To ensure supervision practices are safe and appropriate, the Ministry of Health is carrying out thorough stakeholder consultations on appropriate guidelines. The recommendations are due to be implemented in 2021.

\* 5301 PARRAMATTA FEMALE FACTORY AND INSTITUTIONS PRECINCT—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

What is the status of the application for World Heritage Listing of the Parramatta Female Factory and Institutions Precinct?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, the Hon. Don Harwin MLC.

\* 5302 WESTMEAD 2036 DRAFT PLACE STRATEGY—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In the Westmead 2036 Draft Place Strategy what provision is made for the expansion of psychiatric health services in the Westmead Health Precinct?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Draft Westmead Place Strategy:

- sets a 20-year vision for Westmead to become a world-class health and innovation district with exceptional place outcomes for workers and residents
- outlines the structure for future land use and nominates priorities and actions to achieve the vision
- does not specifically rezone or amend development controls

- enables innovation in the delivery of specialized and integrated health services.

Questions on the provision of health services should be referred to the Minister for Health and Medical Research.

\* 5303 WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Is a volunteer a worker for the purposes of the Work Health and Safety Act?
- (2) Generally, who is determined to be the person conducting a business or undertaking in a Government agency for the purposes of the Work Health and Safety Act?
- (3) What duty of care is owed to a volunteer in relation to workplace safety?
- (4) What guidance is given by SafeWork to employers in relation to workplace bullying?
- (5) How many complaints of workplace bullying have been received by SafeWork in each of the past three years?
- (6) What actions should a volunteer take to complain about bullying in a workplace?
- (7) What actions should a person conducting a business or undertaking take on being informed of a complaint about bullying in the workplace?
- (8) On receiving a complaint from a volunteer in relation to bullying in a workplace, what action would generally be taken by SafeWork?
- (9) What actions should a volunteer undertake if they are harmed by the negligent driving of another volunteer in a government agency vehicle?
- (10) If an incident of harm caused to a volunteer by the negligent driving of another volunteer in a government agency vehicle is reported to the agency, which agencies are responsible for compliance with the Work Health and Safety Act?

Answer—

- (1) Yes, unless there are no paid workers in the organisation.

In some circumstances work health and safety laws apply to volunteers and volunteer associations.

If the volunteer association employs a paid worker, they have work health and safety duties and obligations, including a primary duty of care, to all of the workers and volunteers. In this case, both workers and volunteers have health and safety obligations at work. This includes taking reasonable care of the health and safety of themselves and others.

If the volunteer association is a group of volunteers working together for one or more community purposes and the association has no paid employees, the work health and safety laws do not apply to the association.

- (2) The Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (WHS Act) states that if notices are to be issued to the Crown, or proceedings are to be commenced against the Crown, the notices may be served on, or proceedings commenced against, the responsible agency. The Act provides some guidance on what constitutes a responsible agency for the purposes of each of these types of action.

A department, an agency, a particular role, or the Crown itself can be regarded as a Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU) in relation to a Government worker. In some cases multiple such parties can be a PCBU in relation to the same worker.

Determining the appropriate PCBU in a particular case requires consideration of the individual facts and circumstances of the matter, in particular, the legislation applicable to the agency, how the agency is structured, where responsibility for employment and work health and safety functions sit, and other factors.

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- (3) Subject to the exemption noted in 1 above for volunteer associations with no paid workers, it is the same as a worker, so the primary duty of care from section 19 of the WHS Act.
- (4) Safe Work Australia (SWA) Guides are Preventing and responding to workplace bullying and Work-related psychological health and safety: A systematic approach to meeting your duties.

SafeWork NSW website provides access to the guidance and information about what is bullying and what SafeWork NSW can do about it.

(5)

Year Received	Complaints related to bullying
2018	638
2019	552
2020	686

- (6) Like a worker, a volunteer should use the internal procedures, and any worker in New South Wales can complete the SafeWork NSW online bullying form and submit for triage.
- (7) The Safe Work Australia (SWA) Guide for Preventing and responding to workplace bullying outlines the recommendations on responding to a bullying complaint and are clarified in the guide.
- (8) The request would be submitted for triage against the Heads of Workplace Safety Authority, national framework for a common approach to work health and safety regulator event triaging. Triage assesses the potential risk which then guides the type and level of response required to address the risk.
- (9) Like any hazard, it should be reported through internal processes, and any worker can contact SafeWork NSW on 13 10 50. If the harm meets the criteria it may be a mandatory notification to SafeWork NSW.
- (10) Under the WHS Act, each PCBU has a duty and duties are not transferable.

\* 5304 ELECTRICAL SAFETY AT NORTHCONNEX—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) When was the Minister first made aware of electrical safety concerns at NorthConnex?
- (2) When was the Minister's office first made aware of electrical safety concerns at NorthConnex?
- (3) When was the Better Regulation Division first made aware of electrical safety concerns at NorthConnex?
- (4) What is the date of any written brief on this matter which was prepared within the Better Regulation Division?
- (5) What is the date of any talking points prepared in response to an article on the electrical fire reported by The Sunday Telegraph on 31 May 2020?

Answer—

- (1) – (5) These matters were canvassed extensively during Budget Estimates.

\* 5305 REFERRALS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

(1) How many clients have been referred to the Statewide Intellectual Disability Mental Health Outreach Service from the following local health districts (as at 16 March 2021):

- (a) Sydney;
- (b) Northern Sydney;
- (c) Central Coast;
- (d) Western Sydney;
- (e) Nepean Blue Mountains;
- (f) South Eastern Sydney;
- (g) South Western Sydney;
- (h) Illawarra Shoalhaven?

(2) How many clients have been referred to the Sydney Children's Hospital Network Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Hub from the following local health districts (as at 16 March 2021):

- (a) Sydney;
- (b) Northern Sydney;
- (c) Central Coast;
- (d) Western Sydney;
- (e) Nepean Blue Mountains;
- (f) South Eastern Sydney;
- (g) South Western Sydney;
- (h) Illawarra Shoalhaven?

Answer—

(1) – (2)

To protect the privacy of individuals referred from the listed local health districts, referral totals have been aggregated.

As at 16 March 2021, 18 referrals have been received from the identified local health districts to the Statewide Intellectual Disability Mental Health Outreach Service.

At 16 March 2021, 94 referrals have been received from the identified local health districts by the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Hub.

\* 5306 MERRYLANDS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

(1) In each of the past three years how many clients were provided the following services at Merryland Community Health Centre:

- (a) child and family health;
- (b) podiatry;
- (c) mental health;
- (d) drug health services;

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- (e) aged and chronic care;
- (f) nursing;
- (g) women's health;
- (h) speech pathology;
- (i) occupational therapy;
- (j) physiotherapy;
- (k) podiatry;
- (l) audiometry;
- (m) counselling;
- (n) aged day care;
- (o) palliative care?

Answer—

Client appointments at Merrylands Community Health Centre are managed in accordance with the NSW Health Guideline Outpatient Services Framework that provides guidance for local health districts and hospitals on the planning, provision and management of outpatient services.

\* 5307 REDEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL UNITS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) What are the current plans for the redevelopment of the three specialist admissions units (Paringa, Riverview and Hainsworth)?
- (2) What are the current plans for the redevelopment of the forensic inpatient unit (Bunya)?
- (3) What are the current plans for the redevelopment of the specialist high dependency unit (Yaralla)?
- (4) What are the current plans for the redevelopment of the six non-acute rehabilitation units (Banksia, Boronia, Acacia, Jarrah, Willow and Waratah)?
- (5) For how many days in the last year were the three specialist admissions units (Paringa, Riverview and Hainsworth) at capacity?
- (6) For how many days in the last year was the forensic inpatient unit (Bunya) at capacity?
- (7) For how many days in the last year were the specialist high dependency unit (Yaralla) at capacity?
- (8) For how many days in the last year were the six non-acute rehabilitation units (Banksia, Boronia, Acacia, Jarrah, Willow and Waratah) at capacity?

Answer—

(1) – (4)

Within Cumberland Hospital, there are three specialist admissions units (Paringa, Riverview and Hainsworth), one forensic inpatient unit (Bunya), one specialist high dependency unit (Yaralla) and six non-acute rehabilitation units (Banksia, Boronia, Acacia, Jarrah, Willow and Waratah).

For the specialist units Paringa, Riverview, Hainsworth and Yaralla, and the non-acute rehabilitation units of Banksia, Boronia, Acacia, Jarrah, Willow and Waratah planning is underway for a modern purpose-built Integrated Mental Health Complex. These will be co-located with general hospital services within the Westmead Health Precinct. The execution of this plan is subject to approval of the business case, which is currently being prepared.



Bunya unit has commenced planning for new low secure forensic beds to be delivered in western Sydney under the \$700 million Statewide Mental Health Infrastructure Program. More information is available on the [Health Infrastructure NSW website](https://www.hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/WWW_Hinfra/media/SiteImages/Newsroom/200803_SWMHIP-Brochure-A4_WEB.pdf) at: [https://www.hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/WWW\\_Hinfra/media/SiteImages/Newsroom/200803\\_SWMHIP-Brochure-A4\\_WEB.pdf](https://www.hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/WWW_Hinfra/media/SiteImages/Newsroom/200803_SWMHIP-Brochure-A4_WEB.pdf).

(5) – (8)

In the period of January to December 2020, the following units were at capacity for these days:

Paringa – 188

Riverview – 131

Hainsworth – 188

Bunya – Nil

Yaralla – 236

Banksia – Nil

Boronia – 168

Acacia – 344

Jarrah – Not open

Willow – Nil

Waratah – Nil.

\* 5308 STATE WATER MANAGEMENT OUTCOMES PLAN—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Is there a current gazetted State Water Management Outcomes Plan?
  - (a) If so, what is the gazettal date?
- (2) Does the State Water Management Outcomes Plan guide the making of Water Sharing Plans?
- (3) Will the NSW Water Strategy be used to write a future State Water Management Outcomes Plan?
- (4) Will the Namoi and Barwon Darling Regional strategies be used to influence the making of Water Sharing Plans?

Answer—

- (1) The last State Water Management Outcomes Plan was gazetted in 2002 and had effect under the Water Management Act 2000 (the Act) for five years.
- (2) Reviews, various types of analysis and consultative processes inform the making of water sharing plans within the framework of the overarching principles and objects of the Water Management Act 2000.
- (3) The NSW Government is developing an integrated suite of water strategies that will guide state-level and regional-scale water management decisions and investment over the next 20 years.
- (4) The Regional Water Strategies are looking at options to achieve improved water security, economic prosperity, Aboriginal water outcomes, and enhanced environmental outcomes. Where these options identify actions that will result in changes to the relevant water sharing plans, the changes will be informed through, and made after, public consultation.

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\* 5309 VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS AND AIRBAG INSPECTION REQUESTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Are vehicle registrations being cancelled because of actual or perceived non-response to an airbag inspection request?
  - (a) If so, are cancellations being carried out with no notice to the owners, resulting in the vehicle being unknowingly driven unregistered?
  - (i) How is an owner expected to present an unregistered vehicle to a recall inspection centre?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) New South Wales vehicle registrations are not being cancelled because of actual or perceived nonresponse to an airbag inspection request. However, certain New South Wales vehicle registrations are being suspended for vehicles affected by the nationwide Takata compulsory safety recall, where a vehicle owner has not complied with the requirement to replace their defective airbag despite repeated contact from the vehicle suppliers.

Vehicle manufacturers have obligations to contact affected vehicle owners, as outlined on the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) website.

The Commonwealth Government, through the ACCC, requested all State and Territory Registration Authorities to support the safety recall by implementing registration sanctions against noncompliant vehicles.

- (a) Vehicle owners who are affected by the compulsory recall and have not yet complied with the requirement to have their defective airbag replaced are being sent a warning letter which advises of impending registration suspension if they do not take action. This warning letter states the vehicle owner has 28 days to rectify their vehicle or their registration will be suspended. The letter also states the Takata recall is a critical safety issue and advises the vehicle owner of their manufacturer details and what to do to avoid suspension. If the vehicle owner does not take action then a Notice of Registration Suspension letter is sent to the vehicle owner. This letter again advises of the critical safety issue and the action required to have the suspension lifted.
  - (i) Vehicle owners should not be driving a vehicle if registration is suspended – this information is included in the letters sent to the owner. Vehicle owners have several options – they can arrange with the vehicle manufacturer for towing of the vehicle or, where available, the manufacturer can send a mobile repairer to the vehicle owner's preferred location to have the airbag rectified.

Transport for NSW will grant an extension when a vehicle owner has attempted airbag replacement prior to the suspension date, but the replacement is scheduled to take place after the suspension date. The vehicle owner must provide proof of booking before an extension will be granted.

\* 5310 SEASONAL WORKER PROGRAM—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) How many industry working groups have been developed by the Department of Primary Industries under the Season Worker Program and Pacific Labour program?
- (2) Are there industry working groups for shearing, horticulture or agriculture?
  - (a) If not, how are the groups organised?
- (3) Are any members of these industry working groups from the Murray electorate?

- (a) If so, who are they?  
(i) Who do they represent?

Answer—

- (1) Department of Primary Industries has developed:
- One specialised working group to discuss Seasonal Worker Program and the Pacific Labour Scheme, and
  - In addition, the Seasonal Worker Program and Pacific Labour Scheme have been discussed regularly in the Horticulture, Intensive/Extensive Livestock and Cropping COVID-19 Industry Working Groups
- (2) Industry working groups were established by sector, these included
- Animal biosecurity and animal welfare
  - Horticulture
  - Cropping
  - Intensive/extensive livestock
  - Supply chain and trade
  - Regional affairs
  - Retail food and food safety
  - Recreational fishing and hunting
    - Forestry
  - Seafood Industry.
- There has been a total of 72 industry working group meetings held since their establishment in April 2020.
- (3) Many members across the working groups represented industries across New South Wales, including the Riverina.

\* 5311 NATIONAL HEAVY VEHICLE REGULATOR—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the current status of the progress towards the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NVHR) being the regulator of heavy vehicles in New South Wales?
- (a) If complete, when was this completed?
- (2) Are annual audits of times taken to complete permit approvals by the NVHR undertaken?
- (a) If so, is this information publically available?
- (3) Is there an increase in time taken to complete agricultural and heavy vehicle permits over the previous Roads and Maritime Services process?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In December 2020, it was confirmed that both the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) and the Heavy Vehicle Inspection Scheme (HVIS) will be transferred from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR).

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TfNSW expects it will take about 18 months to transfer responsibility for delivering both HVNL and HVIS functions in NSW to the NHVR. This means that transition is likely to occur around mid-2022. Transition will only occur when the Government is satisfied that TfNSW and the NHVR are in a position to implement a seamless transition. The final decision to transition functions and staff will occur when the NHVR has completed a Business Readiness Assessment.

- (2) Yes, this information is publicly available in the NHVR annual report.
- (3) While there is no direct reporting comparison available, the NHVR reporting indicates that processing time improved from 18.59 days in 2018-19 to 16.83 days in 2019-20.

\* 5312 **FIXING COUNTRY ROADS PROGRAM**—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) When will the opening and closing dates for submitting applications for the next round of Fixing Country Roads Program be announced?
- (2) Given the Government promised the next round of Fixing Country Roads program would commence last year, what assistance will be provided to councils who are likely to lose federal funding due to the delays in this program?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Timing for the next round of Fixing Country Roads program will be based on maximising the program outcomes and supporting the delivery of projects by councils. Once the key dates are announced, all eligible councils will be notified via email.
- (2) To date, no council has contacted Transport for NSW regarding the potential loss of Commonwealth Government funding. Fixing Country Roads is a highly competitive program, with decisions on projects to be funded based on information and supporting documents provided in the applications. All proposals need to demonstrate how they meet the statutory purpose of the Restart NSW fund as well as deliver value for money. Applicants cannot presume their application will be successful even if co-contribution funding has been secured from another other program or source.

\* 5313 **SHORTAGE OF SENIOR BUILDING SURVEYORS**—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Given the Commonwealth Government's HomeBuilder program has contributed to an ongoing shortage of New South Wales-qualified Senior Building Surveyors and delays in approvals in New South Wales border regions, will the Government consider:
  - (a) Allowing registered Victorian surveyors to operate in border regions without the need for dual-registration?
  - (b) Removing the requirement for qualified Victorian surveyors to study for an extra twelve months to register in New South Wales?
  - (c) Encouraging the Commonwealth Government to extend HomeBuilder to those who have been unable to gain building approval by the deadline due to a shortage of building surveyors?

Answer—

- (1)
  - (a) No. Registered Victorian surveyors who want to work as a registered certifier in New South Wales can apply under the Mutual Recognition Act 1992. An applicant is entitled, after notifying NSW Fair Trading, to carry on the equivalent occupation in New South Wales

while they are waiting to be registered in New South Wales for the equivalent occupation, so there is no delay.

- (b) There is no requirement for persons who are registered in Victoria as surveyors to have to do an additional 12 months of study to be registered in NSW as a certifier under the Mutual Recognition Act 1992.
- (c) This question should be directed to the Treasurer, the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, as the matter falls within his portfolio responsibilities.

\* 5314 REPRESENTATIONS TO MINISTER—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Further to representations I made to the Minister on 27 October 2020 on behalf of my constituents, the residents of 9 and 11 Ivers Place Minto, could you advise when a response is expected?

Answer—

I am advised:

While there are no records of the Department receiving any written representations on this issue dated 27 October 2020, the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) has confirmed the agreed works at the properties have been actioned. LAHC has maintained regular contact with the residents and kept them informed as the matter has progressed.

\* 5315 COVID-19 RELIEF FOR LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier—

Why won't you extend your COVID-19 business relief package announced for the Northern Beaches to include businesses in Liverpool?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance and Small Business.

\* 5316 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL MAMMOGRAM MACHINE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Does Liverpool Hospital have a mammogram machine?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

BreastScreen NSW currently provides services from two sites in Liverpool.

There are also plans to include a further mammography service for diagnostic purposes as part of the Liverpool Health and Academic Precinct Redevelopment.

\* 5317 KIDNEY STONE BLASTING CAPACITY LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Does Liverpool Hospital have the capacity to blast a kidney stone?
  - (a) If so, is that capacity used?
  - (b) If not, why not?

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Answer—

Liverpool Hospital has capacity and uses laser equipment to treat kidney stones.

- \* 5318 CORRECTIONS OFFICER WAGES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

In any circumstances, are inmates required to pay the wages of Corrections Officers, or any other fee, if they need to obtain medical treatment outside of a corrections centre?

Answer—

I am advised:

Inmates in NSW are not required to pay any fee in relation to costs associated with a transfer from a NSW prison to a public hospital for medical treatment as a public patient.

Under the Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Act 1999, an inmate, or a third party on behalf of an inmate, can request to attend a private medical treatment by a provider nominated by the inmate. It is the policy of Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) that these inmate escorts will be costed and CSNSW will recoup the costs associated with the escort from the inmate (or third party).

- \* 5319 1-3 BIGGE STREET—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

Have the buildings at 1-3 Bigge Street, Warwick Farm been identified by the NSW Cladding Taskforce as high risk or at risk?

Answer—

The Cladding Taskforce does not disclose details of buildings with potentially combustible cladding.

This approach was endorsed by the NSW Police Force and NSW Fire & Rescue as releasing locations could increase the risk of buildings be subject to arson.

The list of buildings has not been released in response to Government Information Public Access (GIPA) applications nor a Standing Order 52. Several reasons for non-disclosure exist including public safety. Claims of privilege and refusals to release in response to GIPA applications have been supported by Parliament and by the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

Members of the Opposition have been reminded of this on a number of occasions.

- \* 5320 COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

(1) In relation to combustible cladding, which buildings within the City of Liverpool Council area have been identified by the NSW Cladding taskforce as:

- (a) High risk?
- (b) At risk?

Answer—

The Cladding Taskforce does not disclose details of buildings with potentially combustible cladding.

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- \* 5321 BUSHFIRE AFFECTED WATERWAYS PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Why were grant applications under the 2019-20 Bushfire Affected Coastal Waterways (BACW) Program 2019-20-BACW-0009 and 2019-20-BACW-0009 by Liverpool Council rejected?

Answer—

I am advised:

That the matters raised are the responsibility of the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Shelley Hancock MP.

- \* 5322 VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCIES IN DCJ—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

How many voluntary redundancies have been approved in the Department of Communities and Justice since 1 January 2021?

Answer—

I am advised:

There have been no voluntary redundancies approved by the Department of Communities and Justice between 1 January and 19 April 2021.

- \* 5323 CORONER'S COURT BACKLOG—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

What steps will you take to deal with the increased backlog in the Coroner's Court?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Report on Government Services 2021 shows that in 2019-20, the pending caseload in the NSW Coroners Court (open investigations into deaths reported to the Coroner) decreased from 3,544 in 2018-19 to 3,176. The report can be accessed at: <https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services>.

Available data does not indicate that there has been an increase in the coronial jurisdiction's pending caseload (i.e. open investigations into deaths reported to the coroner).

- \* 5324 PROVISION OF HIGH-RESOLUTION MANOMETRY EQUIPMENT FOR WESTMEAD CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Will consideration be given to the provision of a high-resolution manometry gastrointestinal motility diagnostic system at Westmead Children's Hospital for the investigation of gastrointestinal disorders for patients, which will alleviate intrusive surgical procedures, unnecessary cumulative and harmful exposure to scan-related radiation and general anaesthetic?

Answer—

I am advised Sydney Children's Hospitals Network is investigating options to improve paediatric manometry services for children in NSW.

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\* 5325 SUICIDE REGISTER—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Has the NSW Suicide Register commenced?
  - (a) If not, when will it commence?
- (2) Where can information from the Suicide Register be viewed or obtained?
- (3) How often will the Suicide Register be updated?
- (4) What sources of information, and what organisations, will be used to determine suicide as a cause of death in the Suicide Register?

Answer—

1. The NSW Suicide Monitoring System was announced by New South Wales Premier Gladys Berejiklian, with the then Minister for Mental Health, Tanya Davies on 17 October 2018, and commenced reporting in November 2020 following two years of extensive systems development and stakeholder consultation.
2. Information about the System can be viewed and obtained from the NSW Health website.
3. Data and reports from the System are updated every month.
4. The Suicide Monitoring System uses data from NSW Police and the NSW Coroner to identify suspected or confirmed suicide deaths. A final determination about the manner or cause of death can only be made by the Coroner after their inquiry.

\* 5326 NATIVE FISH IN FORBES SHARE WATERCOURSES—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Have native fish been stocked in any natural watercourses located in the Forbes Shire Council since 2017-2018 releases?
  - (a) If so,
    - (i) What is the date of each release?
    - (ii) What is the location of each release?
    - (iii) What species of fish have been released?
    - (iv) What is number of fingerlings released at each respective release?

Answer—

Yes, native fish are stocked in the Lachlan River Catchment including in the Forbes Shire Council area. Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Fisheries stocks both directly from the DPI hatchery at the Narrandera Fisheries Centre and from approved private hatcheries in conjunction with community and angling groups under the Dollar for Dollar Program. See table below:

Site Description	Date of Release	Species	Number	Stocking Program
Lachlan River – Archery Club / Cumbidgewa reserve	27 March 2018	Golden Perch	1,333	Dollar for Dollar
Lachlan River - Red Bend Reserve	27 March 2018	Golden Perch	1,333	Dollar for Dollar
Lake Forbes	17 April 2018	Golden Perch	5,000	NSW DPI Stocking



Jemalong Creek – Lachlan Valley Way Bridge	27 March 2018	Golden Perch	1,333	Dollar for Dollar
Lachlan River – Jemalong Weir U/S	17 April 2018	Golden Perch	5,000	NSW DPI Stocking
Lake Forbes	30 April 2014	Golden Perch	5,000	NSW DPI Stocking
Lake Forbes	13 January 2021	Murray Cod	2,000	NSW DPI Stocking
Lachlan River – Archery Club / Cumbidgewa reserve	23 December 2020	Murray Cod	1,500	NSW DPI Stocking
Jemalong Creek – Lachlan Valley Way Bridge	19 March 2021	Golden Perch	2,000	NSW DPI Stocking
Total			24,499	

\* 5327 INTERSECTION UPGRADES ON HENRY LAWSON DRIVE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the Community Consultation Report for the Intersection Upgrades on Henry Lawson Drive at Georges Hall was completed in February, advising that construction will begin in 2021, when will construction commence?

(a) What is the expected completion date?

Answer—

I am advised:

Construction is on track to begin in 2021 and is expected to take around one year to complete.

\* 5328 HENRY LAWSON DRIVE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Considering the Community Consultation Report for the Intersection Upgrades on Henry Lawson Drive at Georges Hall in February, what improvements for community consultation will be made when developing future aspects of the Henry Lawson Drive upgrades?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW will continue to engage with the local community on the upgrade of Henry Lawson Drive, Georges Hall, and for Stage 1A of the proposed upgrade at Milperra. This engagement will include advance notification of construction prior to the start of work, as well as regular, three-monthly community updates during the construction phase.

Transport for NSW consulted widely on the upgrades during 2020, including printed notifications, direct letters and targeted social media campaigns. The engagement took into consideration limited opportunities for direct contact due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are about 5,500 residences and businesses within the distribution catchment for both projects, which was supported by geographically targeted social media advertising (posts regarding the Georges Hall upgrade had an audience reach of 26,000).

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Both public comment phases were followed up with published consultation reports, which are available on the project webpage at: <https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/henry-lawson-drive/index.html>.

\* 5329 CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN COUNCIL RATE INCREASES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Local Government—

Given the recent, unprecedented rate increases of up to 63 per cent cumulatively over five years that have been proposed by the Canterbury-Bankstown Council, what processes are in place to ensure that ratepayers in amalgamated councils will not be subject to these rates?

Answer—

Following extensive consultation with the Local Government sector and stakeholders, I introduced the Local Government Amendment Bill 2021 into the Parliament on 17 March 2021. Through that Bill, the Government proposes greater flexibility to create new rating categories and subcategories allowing for separate residential rates to be set in urban areas. It is also proposed that new councils have the option to harmonise rates gradually over a period of up to four years instead of on 1 July 2021, so long as the council applies no more than 50 per cent of the total increase in rates for each rating category over the period, in any one year.

It will be a matter for Canterbury-Bankstown Council to determine, in consultation with its community, whether or not to take up these additional flexibilities as they move to a new rating structure for the entire local government area.

Councils are able to seek additional increases in general income beyond the annual rate peg. The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) is responsible for assessing and determining council applications for Special Rate Variations (SRV). In making an application to IPART, councils are required to follow the Guidelines for the Preparation of an Application for a Special Variation to General Income prepared by the Office of Local Government (OLG).

The Guidelines require IPART to assess applications in terms of:

- demonstrated need for the additional revenue;
- community engagement and awareness of the proposed changes; and
- productivity improvements to reduce overall council costs.

IPART also considers each applicant council's long-term financial plan, the impact of the proposed increase on ratepayers and any submissions made by interested parties.

\* 5330 GREENFIELD SITES FOR BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Have any prospective greenfield sites for the Bankstown-Lidcombe hospital been rejected?
  - (a) If so, which sites?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response at LA 3927.

\* 5331 VACCINATION CAPACITY AT BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering the selection of Royal Prince Alfred, Liverpool, Westmead, St George, Hornsby, Nepean, Newcastle, Wollongong, Coffs Harbour, Dubbo, and Wagga Wagga as hospitals designated as vaccination hubs, when will the Bankstown-Lidcombe hospital be supplied with the resources to vaccinate vulnerable people in nearby areas?

Answer—

NSW Health is working closely with Australian Government agencies to plan and implement a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccination program in NSW. Vaccinations are being offered in phases.

From 22 March more hubs have progressively opened across NSW. These sites will initially focus on vaccinating priority frontline healthcare and border workers.

- \* 5332 STAFF VACCINATIONS AT BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering that frontline healthcare workers from Bankstown-Lidcombe hospital were required to receive vaccinations from Liverpool hospital, rather than at their workplace, when will the Bankstown-Lidcombe hospital be supplied with the resources to vaccinate their medical and administrative staff prior to public delivery?

Answer—

NSW Health is working closely with Australian Government agencies to plan and implement a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccination program in NSW. Vaccinations are being offered in phases. NSW Health is coordinating vaccination of eligible NSW Health staff in Phase 1a and 1b directly with employers. Eligible staff will be informed about how, when and where they will be able to get vaccinated.

- \* 5333 COUNCIL RATES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Local Government—

Acknowledging the role of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal, what oversight measures does the Ministry itself employ to ensure that local councils set rates in accordance with the interests of their residents?

Answer—

Decisions on the rate structure and distribution of the rating burden are the responsibility of individual councils in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

- \* 5334 MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE FOR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

Considering the report of the Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health titled "Current and future provision of health services in the South-West Sydney Growth Region" Section 2.20 which details the issues with culturally and linguistically diverse communities seeking mental health assistance, what measures are being put in place to help address these issues?

Answer—

South Western Sydney Local Health District is committed to ensuring that people of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds have equal access to services, by implementing a number of programs and initiatives, including mental health services.

The findings and recommendations from the New South Wales Legislative Council Inquiry into the provision of health services in the south west Sydney growth region are currently being considered. A response to the report will be provided by 30 May 2021.

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- \* 5335 ACCESS TO PAEDIATRIC HEALTHCARE SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering the report of the Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health titled "Current and future provision of health services in the South-West Sydney Growth Region" Section 5.15 which details the insufficient access to paediatricians and related paediatric healthcare workers, what measures are being put in place to help address these issues?

Answer—

The NSW Government is improving access to health care services for children in south western Sydney, with the implementation of the Enhanced Paediatric Capacity Plan which will provide a significant uplift in paediatric services in the region.

The findings and recommendations from the Upper House Inquiry into the provision of health services in the south west Sydney growth region are currently being considered. A response to the report will be provided by 30 May 2021.

- \* 5336 MARINE PROTECTIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Who monitors the ten marine park sites where sanctuary zones were changed to habitat protection zones?
  - (a) To what extent will the monitoring be ongoing?

Answer—

- (1) Department of Primary Industries – Fisheries conducts research and monitoring programs across the Marine Estate with some of this monitoring occurring within marine parks. Research and monitoring programs are designed to understand the condition of the Marine Estate, the effect of threats to resource condition and benefits of management actions.

Following the 2013 Ocean Beaches and Headlands Assessment which was implemented through regulation amendment in 2018, the Government rezoned ten sites in marine parks from sanctuary zone to habitat protection zone to allow shore-based recreational line fishing. Changes were introduced at: Cape Byron Marine Park, Solitary Islands Marine Park, Port Stephens–Great Lakes Marine Park and Batemans Marine Park; but not at Lord Howe Island Marine Park or Jervis Bay Marine Park.

- (a) Fish and biodiversity surveys have been conducted to assess the long-term trends and responses to management actions at numerous sites along the New South Wales coastline. Three long-term monitoring sites were located within the ten rezoned sites, and monitoring is ongoing at these sites.

- \* 5337 WYONG COASTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Has the Central Coast Council submitted the Wyong Coastal Zone Management Plan three times to obtain certification?
  - (a) If so, why has it not been certified?

Answer—

- (1) The former Wyong Shire Council submitted the Wyong Coastal Zone Management Plan 2011 for certification and subsequently withdrew it.

Central Coast Council submitted Wyong Coastal Zone Management Plan 2017 and again in 2018.

- (a) The Wyong Coastal Zone Management Plan was not certified under the previous Minister as it did not address the certification requirements of the former Coastal Protection Act 1979, and Coastal Management Act 2016.

The Department continues to assist all councils across the State in preparing their Coastal Management Programs and implementing management actions.

You can follow the progress and development of Coastal Management Programs at <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/water/coasts/coastal-management/programs/coastal-management-program-report-card>

Coastal Zone Management Plans (CZMPs) certified under the former Coastal Protection Act will cease to have effect on 31 December 2021.

\* 5338 OUTSTANDING REVENUE NSW PENALTIES—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) Of the Revenue NSW penalties issued to constituents who reside in the postcode of 2770, how many are outstanding (as at 1 March 2021)?
- (a) What is the nature of the penalties issued?
- (b) What were the causes of the penalties being issued?
- (c) What is the total outstanding amount owed?

Answer—

(1) and (c) As at 1 March 2021, there were 40,777 penalty notices issued in the last five financial years that were outstanding for customers who reside in postcode 2770, with a total value of \$10,201,296.

Financial Year Issued	Number of penalties outstanding	Amount outstanding
2016-17	5,833	\$1,434,165
2017-18	7,652	\$1,814,201
2018-19	9,620	\$2,266,808
2019-20	11,794	\$3,080,180
2020-21	5,878	\$1,605,943
Total amount	40,777	\$10,201,296

(a) and (b) The top five categories for which penalties notices were outstanding were: Railcorp – 18,283; Driving (serious) – 6,908; Driving (minor) – 6,145; Parking – 3,331; and, Bicycle – 3,141.

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\* 5339 PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR TOORALE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Has the Commonwealth, as funding partner of the Project Agreement for Toorale water infrastructure works, been informed that the water metering as planned under the proposed infrastructure works at the Toorale property has been found to be deficient by the Natural Resources Access Regulator?
- (2) Regarding the Project Agreement for Toorale water infrastructure works project purpose, are all proposed works consistent with the aim of "facilitating downstream delivery of environmental flows"?
- (3) Will the proposed new diversion and water holding structures outlined by the Project Agreement allow full flow of water through the Toorale property to the Darling River at times downstream needs demand that?
- (4) How does the Water Sharing Plan referenced in the Project Agreement facilitate downstream delivery of environmental flows?
  - (a) Where can this Water Sharing Plan be found?
  - (b) Does the Commonwealth approve of the water sharing arrangements as per the Project Agreement?
- (5) Will all proposed water diversions on the Toorale property be accurately measured with a complaint meter?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In August 2020, the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) undertook an on-ground compliance assessment of the infrastructure works on Toorale State Conservation Area.  
NRAR assessed all works as compliant with their respective approvals and consistent with requirements of the Water Management Act 2000. NRAR advised that future works will require appropriate metering to meet the NSW Non-urban water metering framework when it comes into effect in December 2021.  
The Commonwealth Government is aware of NRAR's assessment and findings.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) The proposed structures outlined by the project agreement will increase the ability to pass flows through Toorale from the current rate of 600 megalitres per day, up to a potential 1650 megalitres per day. Modification to downstream structures, including the removal of Peebles Dam in 2019, will also increase flows to the Darling River.
- (4) The Toorale Water Infrastructure Project Agreement between the Australian Government and NSW does not refer to a Water Sharing Plan.
  - (a) All Water Sharing Plans made under the Water Management Act 2000 can be found on the NSW Legislation website.
  - (b) Yes.
- (5) The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE), Environment, Energy and Science Group continues to liaise with NRAR and DPIE Water to ensure that water diversions, following

commissioning of the new structures on Toorale, will be measured in accordance with the NSW non-urban water metering framework.

\* 5340 WEE WAA HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) When was the Department of Education first made aware of the health risk posed to students and staff attending the Wee Waa High School site?
- (2) When was the Department of Education first notified that a report to SafeWork NSW was made?
- (3) What actions did the Department of Education take when it was first notified of the concerns regarding safety of the Wee Waa High School site to protect staff and students from any harm?
  - (a) If any action was taken, on what dates?

Answer—

1. Reports of mould at Wee Waa High School were received in February 2020. Immediate action was taken to identify and remediate the impacted areas. Further reports of mould related symptoms were made in late July 2020 and additional action was taken.
2. SafeWork NSW attended the site on 1 September 2020 to request hygiene reports relating to mould in the school and the timeline of proposed work from the local School Infrastructure NSW office.
3. The safety and wellbeing of students and staff at Wee Waa High School is our highest priority. Reports of mould at Wee Waa High School were received in February 2020. Remediation work was immediately undertaken, and clearance provided by independent hygienists. New occurrences of mould appeared throughout the year and further remediation work was undertaken and clearances provided.

\* 5341 FUNDING FOR DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLANS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

What funding or funding programs are available to Local Councils to enable them to undertake necessary upgrades to enact their Disability Inclusion Action Plans?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local Councils are responsible for funding actions and priorities under Disability Inclusion Action Plans (DIAP) that seek to provide people with disability fair and equitable access to goods and services within the community.

However, eligible local councils can apply for a range of grants through the Government to assist with DIAPs.

Further information on grants and funding is available at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding>.

\* 5343 SUPPORT FOR LOCAL COUNCILS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

Given that the New South Wales and Commonwealth Governments allocated almost \$9.7 million to Richmond Valley Council towards a 13-hectare industrial park in Casino under the Local Employment Program for bushfire recovery, how can other councils such as Lismore City, Kyogle, Tenterfield and Tweed shires apply for similar support to grow and expand local industry, create new jobs and encourage enterprises to establish in their Local Government Areas?

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Answer—

There is no program called Local Employment Program for bushfire recovery.

- \* 5344 TAFE JOB CUTS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

Will the Government rule out cuts to 470 jobs in regional and rural New South Wales under two major restructures of TAFE NSW in educational support, student services, facilities management and logistics?

Answer—

I am advised:

It is inaccurate to suggest that TAFE NSW is cutting 470 regional jobs.

A new structure for Student Services and Facilities Management and Logistics is yet to be finalised.

Extended staff consultation occurred between 16 February and 1 April 2021. This feedback is currently being reviewed and will inform the final organisational structure and role composition.

Any changes made will allow TAFE NSW to refresh position descriptions and ensure the right alignment of roles and teams.

- \* 5345 TAFE JOB CUTS IN ELECTORATE OF LISMORE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

Will the Government rule out cuts to nine jobs based in the Electorate of Lismore (six in Lismore; two in Tenterfield and one in Murwillumbah) under two major restructures of TAFE NSW in educational support, and in student services, facilities management and logistics?

Answer—

I am advised:

A new structure for Student Services and Facilities Management and Logistics is yet to be finalised.

Extended staff consultation occurred between 16 February and 1 April 2021. This feedback is currently being reviewed and will inform the final organisational structure and role composition.

It is not possible to provide an accurate breakdown by location until the final organisation structure is approved.

Any changes made will allow TAFE NSW to refresh position descriptions and ensure the right alignment of role and teams.

- \* 5346 TRANSGRID SUBSTATION UPGRADES—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Is the TransGrid substation at Rogerson Road, McKees Hill, being upgraded in any way to improve its capacity which would enable the grid system to gain access to the proposed Maoneng Industrial 100-200MW Battery Storage system planned for 1348 Bruxner Highway, McKees Hill?
- (2) Is a similar upgrade being planned and/or implemented for the TransGrid substation at Ellangowan Road, Casino?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) TransGrid has no plans to upgrade the shared transmission network in the Lismore area.

Under the National Electricity Rules, any party may make an application to connect to the transmission network and TransGrid is required to make an offer to connect in response. Where a



party accepts an offer to connect, new assets are installed for the specific purpose of connecting the new plant to the transmission network. The National Electricity Rules require that all information received through the connection process is kept confidential, unless publicised by the proponent.

- (2) Essential Energy is the owner of the Casino Zone Substation and has advised there are no large-scale projects that would require any augmentation of the Casino Zone Substation.

- \* 5347 FASTER MOBILE AND INTERNET COVERAGE IN LISMORE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

When will local communities in the Electorate of Lismore see the benefits of \$400 million in Government funding allocated for faster mobile and internet coverage in regional New South Wales, as promised on 24 February 2019?

Answer—

Despite communications typically being a Commonwealth Government responsibility, the Government has committed \$400 million through the Regional Digital Connectivity Program, including \$100 million being delivered through the Gig State project which will improve internet connectivity in key regional locations.

The Government has already invested \$39 million to address mobile black spots across regional New South Wales, with 121 towers in operation and a further 19 coming soon.

This includes 15 mobile phone towers across the Lismore electorate, benefitting families and business owners in around 4,300 premises and 87km of new coverage on local roads.

- \* 5348 PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF CANTERBURY RACECOURSE—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What progress has been made under the Canterbury Planned Precinct with regard to the development of a Masterplan to support the rezoning of the area including Canterbury Racecourse?
- (2) What guidance has the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and/or the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment provided, or been asked to provide, with regard to the establishment of or participation in a coordination group to assist Canterbury Bankstown City Council and the site owner, Australian Turf Club, in the development of a Masterplan for Canterbury Racecourse?
- (3) What guidance has the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and/or the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment provided, or been asked to provide, with regard to proposed modification DA-8910/197 /B that would allow night racing to continue at Canterbury Racecourse without the requirement for on-site parking at the carpark in Area 6?
- (4) How much funding has Racing NSW and the Australian Turf Club received from the Government since the merger of Australian Jockey Club and Sydney Turf Club in 2010?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Canterbury Bankstown Council (Council) has established the Canterbury Racecourse Coordination Committee to develop a planning strategy for the site. This will consider land uses, community infrastructure (such as schools), open space and development outcomes for the site.
- (2) The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) has accepted an invitation to participate in a Canterbury Racecourse Coordination Committee to oversee Council's masterplan. This Committee is independently chaired by Peter Poulet the Greater Sydney Commission's District Commissioner – Central City.

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- (3) Council is considering a modification application (DA-8910/1997/B) in relation to the 'Area 6' site on King Street Canterbury, owned by the Australian Turf Club.

This is a local development application and Council is the consent authority. Neither the Minister nor the Department have a role in the determination of this matter.

- (4) This matter should be referred to the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation.

- \* 5349 IPART TERMS OF REFERENCE ON RENTS FOR DOMESTIC WATERFRONT TENANCIES—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Premier—

A review of domestic waterfront tenancy precinct rates from 2012-13 to 2018-19 identified an anomaly in the rates charged to Precinct 2. A merger of Precincts 2 and 4 was proposed, and was supported by Transport for NSW. The Premier must now issue new Terms of Reference under part 9 of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992, so that IPART may conduct a new review that considers the method for calculating rents for domestic waterfront tenancies in a new precinct created by the amalgamation of Precincts 2 and 4. When will these Terms of Reference be issued?

Answer—

I am advised there is no timeframe as yet for an Independent Pricing and Regulatory Review Tribunal review into domestic waterfront tenancy rates.

- \* 5350 81 KOOYOO STREET—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

Given the Country University Centre (CUC) will vacate 81 Kooyoo Street, Griffith, leaving the building available for use, will the Government consider assisting in subsidising the rental on this property to establish a much needed Multicultural Centre in Griffith?

Answer—

Please visit: <https://multicultural.nsw.gov.au/grants/> to see all grant programs administered by my agency, Multicultural NSW.

- \* 5351 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Premier—

Given daylight saving time was extended from four to six months for the 2000 Summer Olympic Games, will the Government consider restoring daylight saving times to four months considering the late sunrise times in Western New South Wales and the adverse impact this has on rural families?

Answer—

I understand there are currently no plans to change daylight saving times.

Further questions should be directed to the Attorney General.

- \* 5352 ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON AT NEW GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Will Murrumbidgee Local Health District employ an orthopaedic surgeon directly to work full-time at Griffith Base Hospital?

- (a) If so, on what date will they commence work?

Answer—

- (1) – (a)

I am advised that the District will engage orthopaedic surgeons to provide services at the redeveloped Griffith Base Hospital.

Until the completion of the new hospital, elective orthopaedic surgery is being provided for public patients at St Vincent's Private Community Hospital.

- \* 5353 RECOGNITION OF SERVICE BY TRAFFIC EMERGENCY PATROL OFFICERS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Would consideration be given to including Traffic Emergency Patrol Officers for eligibility in being awarded the National Medal, similar to other emergency service workers?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

- \* 5354 COVID-19 CLINIC STAFF REQUIREMENTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How many COVID-19 clinic staff are required to staff one COVID-19 clinic/drive-through facility?

Answer—

NSW Health COVID-19 clinics operate on a demand management model and are staffed accordingly. Not all clinics are staffed in the same way.

- \* 5355 COVID-19 CLINIC QUALIFICATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

What are the minimum qualifications for COVID-19 clinic personnel?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Health Clinics employ a range of health professionals including doctors, nurses and allied health professionals, who operate within their scope of practice. There are also administration, clerical and support staff performing functions within these clinics. Any training needs are identified by the local health district.

Minimum qualifications will depend on the role being performed. Those skills and qualifications fall within those health professionals' scope of practice.

- \* 5356 COVID-19 CLINIC TRAINING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Is there any training provided by the Government for COVID-19 clinic personnel?

- (a) If so, what is the duration of training for COVID-19 clinic personnel?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response to LAQ 5355.

- \* 5357 DELIVERY OF COVID-19 CLINIC TRAINING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Which mode of delivery is used by the Government for the training of COVID-19 clinic personnel?

- (a) Is it face-to-face or online training?

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Answer—

I refer the Member to the response to LA 5355.

\* 5358 JET SKI INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) How may defects and infringement notices have been issued to jet ski riders in the Fairfield Electorate from March 2020 to March 2021 (as at 17 March 2021)?
  - (a) What was the total defect and infringement notice revenue collected during this time from riders from the Fairfield Electorate?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Transport and Roads in relation to defect notices and the part in relation to infringement notices Minister for Finance and Small Business.

\* 5359 JET SKI REGISTRATIONS IN FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) What was the number of jet ski registrations from March 2020 to March 2021 in the Fairfield Electorate (as at 17 March 2021)?
  - (a) How many of these registrations for jet skis are new registrations?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Transport and Roads.

\* 5360 ROAD FATALITIES AND CAR ACCIDENTS AT FAIRFIELD EAST—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

In light of recent road fatalities and car accidents at Fairfield East, what does the Government plan to do to keep motorists and pedestrians safe on these roads?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are four mid-block locations within the Fairfield electorate that have a fixed speed camera. One of these locations is within the suburb of Fairfield East.

Speed cameras save lives. In addition to funding enhanced Police enforcement, education campaigns and other road safety initiatives across the state, the NSW Government in November 2020 announced changes to the Mobile Speed Camera Program. Independent modelling estimates that with these changes in place, the program will save up to 43 lives, and prevent around 600 serious injuries a year in NSW.

I urge the Member to get behind these changes and encourage his party to stop opposing important measures aimed at keeping our community safe.

Mobile speed cameras operate at numerous locations across the Fairfield electorate, including two major roads within the suburb of Fairfield East.

\* 5361 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL COVID-19 VACCINATION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Will Fairfield Hospital play a role in the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine program?
  - (a) If so, when?

Answer—

NSW Health is working closely with Australian Government agencies to plan and implement a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccination program in NSW. Vaccinations are being offered in phases.

From 22 March more hubs have progressively opened across NSW. These sites will initially focus on vaccinating priority frontline healthcare and border workers. Staff who work at Fairfield Hospital are receiving their vaccination at the Liverpool Hospital Vaccination Hub.

- \* 5362 STAFF PARKING AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Will the Government subsidise the parking fees for health workers at Fairfield Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised charges for existing staff and public car parking will continue to be determined by the Local Health District, in line with NSW Health policies.

- \* 5363 COMMUNITY ROOMS IN NEWTOWN PUBLIC HOUSING PRECINCTS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many community rooms are there in public housing precincts in the electorate of Newtown (as at 17 March 2021)?
  - (a) How many of these community rooms are currently open for use by tenants?
  - (b) How many of these community rooms are accessible to tenants by booking only?
  - (c) Who is the point of contact for each of these community rooms and/or manages bookings and tenant access?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

- \* 5364 RODENT INFESTATIONS IN SURRY HILLS PUBLIC HOUSING BUILDINGS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What is involved in the current rodent management program in public housing blocks in Surry Hills?
  - (a) Has this program increased capacity during the pandemic as rodents have moved into blocks while restaurants have been closed?
- (2) What is the procedure for monitoring the activity of rodents to ensure that infestations are managed?
- (3) Are tenants notified of rodent management programs as they are underway?
  - (a) Are they conducted when required or are they scheduled each year?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Land and Housing Corporation's (LAHC's) rodent management program of the Northcott Estate, comprising the low rise apartments on Devonshire Street and Clisdell

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Street and the Northcott high rise building on Belvoir Street, involves the strategic placement of bait stations (replenished on a monthly basis) at key locations around the buildings and common areas.

- (a) Yes. To complement the existing ongoing program, LAHC recently completed an intensive 12-day rodent baiting program at Devonshire Street after a higher level of rodent activity was detected in that location.
- (2) In responding to rodent activity in common areas, LAHC engages accredited pest management services to inspect properties and then implements appropriate measures as recommended. LAHC also takes a holistic approach and works collaboratively with the City of Sydney (CoS) and the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) to develop strategies that can assist in reducing rodent activity, such as improving the management of waste and tenancy issues.
- (3) Public housing tenants in Surry Hills are not notified of the rodent management actions implemented at specific times as it is an ongoing program. Because it is ongoing, educating tenants about their responsibilities plays a key part in the holistic approach LAHC takes in addressing rodent activity.
  - (a) The frequency of rodent management in Surry Hills generally occurs on a quarterly basis, or on a monthly basis for areas that experience higher activity, but is dependent on the extent of rodent activity. Based on advice from pest controllers, LAHC will bolster this with more intensive rodent management as needed based on advice from the pest controllers.

\* 5365 OCCUPATION CERTIFICATES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) Why is the absence of an occupation certificate not a required disclosure document in the sale of a property given the impact the lack of an occupation certificate may have on the ability of a buyer to insure the property?
- (2) What protections are in place for buyers who purchase a property where an occupation certificate is not present?
- (3) In each of the past five financial years, in how many instances have properties without an occupation certificate been sold?
  - (a) In each of those years, how many buyers have contacted Fair Trading or other Government agencies following the purchase of a property without an occupation certificate?

Answer—

(1) Occupation certificates are not prescribed documents for inclusion in contracts for sale of land, but are otherwise dealt with by way of contractual terms, including implied and prescribed terms deemed by legislation to be included in the contract for sale:

- The Conveyancing (Sale of Land) Regulation 2018 ('Regulation') prescribes documents to be included in the contract for sale of land that relate to the vendor's ability to convey title to the land, whether planning restrictions exist, that land is appropriately zoned for present use and that the property is serviced by a water authority.
- The disclosure documents generally do not relate to the quality of the structures that are built on the land, as these are matters that can be investigated by a purchaser as part of the purchaser's due diligence.
- In many cases, an occupation certificate will not be available when contracts are prepared and will be obtained by the vendor during the term of the contract (and governed by provisions in the contract). This is particularly so where properties are sold off the plan.
- For strata properties sold off the plan, cl7 of the Regulation implies a term into the contract. This gives the purchaser assurance that an occupation certificate will issue before completion. The

purchaser cannot be compelled to settle until at least 14 days after being given the occupation certificate by the vendor.

- For house and land packages, cl8 of the Regulation implies at term into the contract (which cannot be varied by agreement). The terms states that an occupation certificate will issue before completion. The purchaser cannot be compelled to settle until at least 14 days after being given the occupation certificate by the vendor.
- S66K of the Conveyancing Act provides that risk of damage to the property passes to the purchaser at completion of the contract (or earlier, when the purchaser takes occupation of the property), at which time the purchaser should have appropriate insurance. The implied provisions noted above are aimed at ensuring completion does not occur until the purchaser has been provided with the occupation certificate.

(2) As outlined in the response to 1 above, the conveyancing legislation implies terms into contracts for strata properties sold off the plan and house and land packages which require the occupation certificate to issue before completion of the contract, and which prevent a purchaser from being compelled to settle until at least 14 days after the occupation certificate has been provided by the vendor.

(3) As there is no legislative requirement to report at the level of detail sought in this question, the Department of Customer Service does not have this information readily available.

(a) NSW Fair Trading does not have a complaint code for the registration of complaints relating to Occupation Certificates, however a search of NSW Fair Trading's complaint management database was conducted, and the following was identified:

FY 2016 - 1 complaint

FY 2017 - 0 complaint

FY 2018 - 2 complaint

FY 2019 - 12 complaints

FY 2020 - 6 complaints

\* 5366 E-SCOOTERS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Given the Government has not conducted a trial of e-scooters in New South Wales, what advice or protections are being offered by the Government and its agencies to consumers who buy personal mobility devices and who may be subject to a fine for using them on public land?
- (2) Are retailers required to provide information to consumers about the use of personal mobility devices such as e-scooters on public lands?
  - (a) If so, how is this enforced and in how many instances in the past two calendar years has this been enforced?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Riding an e-scooter on roads or road-related areas, other than on private property, is illegal in New South Wales.
- (2) Enforcement of, and compliance with, the Australian Consumer Law in relation to obligations of retailers are a matter for the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

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\* 5367 LEACOCK REGIONAL PARK—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Does the National Parks and Wildlife Service actively monitor properties surrounding Leacock Regional Park in Casula with the view to purchasing land for inclusion in the park?
- (2) Are there any plans to expand Leacock Regional Park should neighbouring properties come on the market?
- (3) Is the National Parks and Wildlife Service aware of any neighbouring properties to Leacock Regional Park that might be becoming available for purchase?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes, to the extent reasonably practicable in the context of a state-wide acquisition program and noting that the National Parks and Wildlife Service purchases only from willing sellers.
- (2) Opportunities to expand Leacock Regional Park are limited. One property adjoining the park is identified in the Liverpool Local Environment Plan for potential purchase by Government if the opportunity should arise. If it was acquired, it is envisaged it would be added to the regional park.
- (3) The National Parks and Wildlife Service is not aware of any suitable neighbouring properties currently for sale on the open market. Land purchase offers to the National Parks and Wildlife Service and related negotiations are commercial-in-confidence.

\* 5368 LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION MP HOTLINE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Given the public health order requiring employers to allow employees to work from home no longer applies, when will the Land and Housing Corporation hotline for MPs and their offices be operational again?

Answer—

I am advised:

- The email only service is deemed to be the most efficient and effective way to provide a dedicated service to MPs regarding maintenance of social housing properties. LAHC will therefore continue to provide an email only service.
- For any urgent matters, MP offices should contact the contractor's maintenance line directly on 1800 422 322. The maintenance line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and will connect them directly with the relevant maintenance contractor.

\* 5369 MAINTENANCE STIMULUS PROGRAM—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Given recent advice to my office from the Land and Housing Corporation that it will receive \$160 million to undertake a maintenance stimulus program to the existing social housing portfolio:
  - (a) How much money will be allocated to social housing properties in the Macquarie Fields electorate?
  - (b) When will the money be allocated?
  - (c) When will work start in the Macquarie Fields electorate?



- (d) How many social housing properties in the Macquarie Fields electorate will receive capital works?

Answer—

The Government provided a ‘State-wide’ allocation of \$160 million to the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) for accelerated maintenance and repairs to social housing properties it owns and manages.

The accelerated maintenance and repairs are being planned and delivered across the State on a priority and ability-to-deliver basis rather than by electorate, and have been underway since November 2020.

- \* 5370 GLENFIELD FARM—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Premier representing the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Given the heritage significance of Glenfield Farm in Casula, are there any plans to expand the curtilage of Glenfield Farm should neighbouring properties come to the market?
- (2) Is Heritage NSW aware of any neighbouring properties that might be becoming available for purchase?

Answer—

Heritage NSW is not aware of any neighbouring properties that might become available for purchase and has no plans to expand the curtilage of Glenfield Farm at this time.

- \* 5371 NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What options are the Department of Education investigating for the maintenance and development of the existing Newcastle High School site and buildings over the next decade?
- (2) Does the Department of Education have any plans to demolish the three-story, cavity-brick, recently-refurbished former Hunter Girls' High School building partly addressing National Park Street, Hamilton at Newcastle high?
- (3) Does the recently-refurbished former Hunter Girls' High School building partly addressing National Park Street, Hamilton, at Newcastle High have exceptional heritage value?
- (4) Is the Minister aware that the Department's School Infrastructure section's heritage report incorrectly represents the dates, history, and titles of the schools that historically operated on the Newcastle High School site?
- (5) Was the current Newcastle High School Library constructed in the 1920s as a gymnasium for the former Newcastle Girls High School?
- (6) Why does the Department of Education's heritage report on Newcastle High School advise that the current Newcastle High School Library building was constructed in the 1970s?
- (7) Is the Minister aware that the 1960's-built three-story Newcastle High School science block and the adjacent school hall (Henson Hall) have long been suffering from concrete cancer due to the corrosion of steel reinforcing?
  - (a) If so, what action is being taken to remediate this problem?

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Answer—

A final business case for the Newcastle Education Precinct is pending finalisation and is targeted to be submitted to Treasury by mid-2021. In developing the strategic business case a range of options have been considered for the Precinct.

In undertaking any major capital works upgrade the Department considers the heritage, cultural and environmental factors.

The progress of the Newcastle Education Precinct project will be communicated to school communities through regular project updates. Further information is available via the School Infrastructure NSW website at [www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au).

\* 5372 DUMPING IN HUNTER WETLANDS NATIONAL PARK—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the illegal dumping taking place off Ferry Road, Sandgate in the Hunter Wetlands National Park?
- (2) Are there any plans to clean up the illegal dumping in the Hunter Wetlands National Park?
  - (a) If so, what are these plans?
- (3) Are there any plans to stop the illegal dumping in the Hunter Wetlands National Park?
  - (a) If so, what are these plans?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is aware of illegal dumping along the Hunter River, particularly at accessible areas, such as the Ferry Road boat ramp at Sandgate, which is in an industrial area.
- (2) Yes.
  - (a) NPWS has organised a rubbish removal program at Ferry Road, Sandgate with Hunter Local Land Services. NPWS will remove illegally dumped materials accessible by vehicle, while the Hunter Local Land Services will coordinate a contractor and volunteers to remove marine debris from mangroves accessible by boat only.
- (3) Yes.
  - (a) NPWS will investigate restricting vehicle access to the Ferry Road area to limit future illegal dumping and plans to install a 'Report Illegal Dumping' sign to encourage reporting of illegal activity. NPWS will also continue to work closely with Hunter Local Land Services, volunteers and community groups to support the prevention and removal of rubbish from the park.

\* 5373 INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF RAIL COAL DUST EMISSIONS MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN THE NSW COAL CHAIN—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the Independent Review of Rail Coal Dust Emissions Management Practices in the NSW Coal Chain conducted in 2016?
  - (a) If so, has any action been taken with regard to Recommendation 1?
    - (i) If so, what is this action?
  - (b) If so, has any action been taken with regard to Recommendation 2?

- (i) If so, what is this action?
- (c) If so, has any action been taken with regard to Recommendation 3?
  - (i) If so, what is this action?
- (d) If so, has any action been taken with regard to Recommendation 4?
  - (i) If so, what is this action?

Answer—

I refer the member to the answer to Question 4176, asked in the Legislative Assembly, and printed in Questions and Answers Paper No. 88.

\* 5374 NEW INTERCITY TRAIN FLEET—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many train stations were upgraded or modified to accommodate the new intercity train fleet?
- (2) How many tunnels were modified to accommodate the new intercity train fleet?
- (3) What is the total cost of the modifications undertaken on the rail network to accommodate the new intercity train fleet?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Twelve stations were modified to accommodate the New Intercity Fleet.
- (2) Eight tunnels were modified to provide new intercity trains through to Lithgow.
- (3) The expenditure of modifications to the rail network is wholly included within the \$2.8 billion budget for the project.

\* 5375 MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many mobile speed cameras are in use in New South Wales?
- (2) How many mobile speed cameras have markings on the vehicles?
- (3) How many mobile speed cameras do not have markings on the vehicles?
- (4) How many penalty notices were issued by the mobile speed cameras in January 2021?
- (5) How many penalty notices were issued by mobile speed cameras in January 2020?
- (6) How much revenue does the Government expect to collect from mobile speed cameras this financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Around 45 mobile speed camera vehicles are currently in regular operation across NSW.
- (2) There is updated high visibility livery on around 70 per cent of the mobile speed camera fleet (31 vehicles).
- (3) There are no markings on around 30 per cent of the fleet (14 vehicles).
- (4) – (5) This information is publicly available.

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- (6) The fine from a speed infringement varies according to the speed at which a vehicle is detected travelling, as outlined in the penalty framework.

Information about red light and speeding infringements detected by a camera by financial year is available on Revenue NSW's website.

\* 5376 REGIONAL HIGH SPEED RAIL REPORT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Are there any plans to make the report into high speed rail in regional New South Wales publicly available?
- (a) If so, when?
- (b) Why has the report, which was announced over two years ago, not yet been made publicly available?
- (2) Considering the Premier said that high speed rail in regional New South Wales would "transform New South Wales unlike any other project", is the Government still committed to delivering high speed rail to regional New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government's commitment to develop a blueprint for the delivery of a fast rail network is a major piece of State-shaping work. The NSW Government is taking the time to get this vision right and will have more to say once the strategy is released.

\* 5377 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many demountable classrooms are in use at each of the following schools:
- (a) Hunter School of Performing Arts;
- (b) Newcastle High School;
- (c) Tighes Hill Public School;
- (d) Hamilton North Public School;
- (e) Mayfield West Public School;
- (f) Mayfield East Public School;
- (g) Islington Public School;
- (h) Lambton High School;
- (i) The Junction Public School;
- (j) Hamilton South Public School;
- (k) Adamstown Public School;
- (l) Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus;
- (m) Stockton Public School;

- (n) Merewether Heights Public School;
  - (o) Newcastle East Public School;
  - (p) Merewether High School;
  - (q) Fern Bay Public School;
  - (r) Carrington Public School;
  - (s) Hamilton Public School?
- (2) What is the school maintenance backlog for each of the following schools:
- (a) Hunter School of Performing Arts;
  - (b) Newcastle High School;
  - (c) Tighes Hill Public School;
  - (d) Hamilton North Public School;
  - (e) Mayfield West Public School;
  - (f) Mayfield East Public School;
  - (g) Islington Public School;
  - (h) Lambton High School;
  - (i) The Junction Public School;
  - (j) Hamilton South Public School;
  - (k) Adamstown Public School;
  - (l) Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus;
  - (m) Stockton Public School;
  - (n) Merewether Heights Public School;
  - (o) Newcastle East Public School;
  - (p) Merewether High School;
  - (q) Fern Bay Public School;
  - (r) Carrington Public School;
  - (s) Hamilton Public School?
- (3) What is the current enrolment capacity for each of the following schools:
- (a) Hunter School of Performing Arts;
  - (b) Newcastle High School;
  - (c) Tighes Hill Public School;
  - (d) Hamilton North Public School;
  - (e) Mayfield West Public School;
  - (f) Mayfield East Public School;
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- (j) Hamilton South Public School;
  - (k) Adamstown Public School;
  - (l) Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus;
  - (m) Stockton Public School;
  - (n) Merewether Heights Public School;
  - (o) Newcastle East Public School;
  - (p) Merewether High School;
  - (q) Fern Bay Public School;
  - (r) Carrington Public School;
  - (s) Hamilton Public School?
- (4) What is the current number of out of zone enrolments at each of the following schools:
- (a) Hunter School of Performing Arts;
  - (b) Newcastle High School;
  - (c) Tighes Hill Public School;
  - (d) Hamilton North Public School;
  - (e) Mayfield West Public School;
  - (f) Mayfield East Public School;
  - (g) Islington Public School;
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  - (l) Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus;
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  - (n) Merewether Heights Public School;
  - (o) Newcastle East Public School;
  - (p) Merewether High School;
  - (q) Fern Bay Public School;
  - (r) Carrington Public School;
  - (s) Hamilton Public School?
- (5) How many classrooms are at each of the following schools:
- (a) Hunter School of Performing Arts;
  - (b) Newcastle High School;
  - (c) Tighes Hill Public School;
  - (d) Hamilton North Public School;
  - (e) Mayfield West Public School;

- (f) Mayfield East Public School;
  - (g) Islington Public School;
  - (h) Lambton High School;
  - (i) The Junction Public School;
  - (j) Hamilton South Public School;
  - (k) Adamstown Public School;
  - (l) Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus;
  - (m) Stockton Public School;
  - (n) Merewether Heights Public School;
  - (o) Newcastle East Public School;
  - (p) Merewether High School;
  - (q) Fern Bay Public School;
  - (r) Carrington Public School;
  - (s) Hamilton Public School?
- (6) How many classrooms have air conditioning at each of the following schools:
- (a) Hunter School of Performing Arts;
  - (b) Newcastle High School;
  - (c) Tighes Hill Public School;
  - (d) Hamilton North Public School;
  - (e) Mayfield West Public School;
  - (f) Mayfield East Public School;
  - (g) Islington Public School;
  - (h) Lambton High School;
  - (i) The Junction Public School;
  - (j) Hamilton South Public School;
  - (k) Adamstown Public School;
  - (l) Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus;
  - (m) Stockton Public School;
  - (n) Merewether Heights Public School;
  - (o) Newcastle East Public School;
  - (p) Merewether High School;
  - (q) Fern Bay Public School;
  - (r) Carrington Public School;
  - (s) Hamilton Public School?
- (7) Are there any plans to increase air conditioning at each of the following schools:
- (a) Hunter School of Performing Arts;

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- (b) Newcastle High School;
  - (c) Tighes Hill Public School;
  - (d) Hamilton North Public School;
  - (e) Mayfield West Public School;
  - (f) Mayfield East Public School;
  - (g) Islington Public School;
  - (h) Lambton High School;
  - (i) The Junction Public School;
  - (j) Hamilton South Public School;
  - (k) Adamstown Public School;
  - (l) Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus;
  - (m) Stockton Public School;
  - (n) Merewether Heights Public School;
  - (o) Newcastle East Public School;
  - (p) Merewether High School;
  - (q) Fern Bay Public School;
  - (r) Carrington Public School;
  - (s) Hamilton Public School?
- (8) How many teachers are there at each of the following schools:
- (a) Hunter School of Performing Arts;
  - (b) Newcastle High School;
  - (c) Tighes Hill Public School;
  - (d) Hamilton North Public School;
  - (e) Mayfield West Public School;
  - (f) Mayfield East Public School;
  - (g) Islington Public School;
  - (h) Lambton High School;
  - (i) The Junction Public School;
  - (j) Hamilton South Public School;
  - (k) Adamstown Public School;
  - (l) Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus;
  - (m) Stockton Public School;
  - (n) Merewether Heights Public School;
  - (o) Newcastle East Public School;
  - (p) Merewether High School;
  - (q) Fern Bay Public School;



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- (r) Carrington Public School;  
(s) Hamilton Public School?

Answer—

1. The below table indicates the number of demountable teaching spaces at the above-listed schools, as at 31 March 2021.

School Name	Approximate Number of demountable Teaching Spaces
Hunter School of Performing Arts	0
Newcastle High School	0
Tighes Hill Public School	5
Hamilton North Public School	0
Mayfield West Public School	5
Mayfield East Public School	2
Islington Public School	0
Lambton High School	0
The Junction Public School	2
Hamilton South Public School	2
Adamstown Public School	1
Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus	1
Stockton Public School	0
Mereweather Heights Public School	0
Newcastle East Public School	0
Mereweather High School	1
Fern Bay Public School	4
Carrington Public School	1
Hamilton Public School	0

2. The Maintenance backlog for FY 2020-21 is zero.
3. Every eligible student who wishes to attend a NSW public school will be given a place at their local school. Accordingly, the Department does not have fixed enrolment capacities at New South Wales public schools. Schools have the ability to adapt to fluctuating enrolments through the use of a combination of temporary and permanent teaching spaces.
4. The current number of non-local enrolments at each of the following schools is:
- Hunter School of Performing Arts. This school is fully selective and there is no intake area for this school
  - Newcastle High School. 373
  - Tighes Hill Public School. 83
  - Hamilton North Public School. 103
  - Mayfield West Public School. 92
  - Mayfield East Public School. 55

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- g. Islington Public School. 93
- h. Lambton High School. 224
- i. The Junction Public School. 108
- j. Hamilton South Public School. 84
- k. Adamstown Public School. 76
- l. Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus. 144
- m. Stockton Public School. 95
- n. Mereweather Heights Public School. 57
- o. Newcastle East Public School. 51
- p. Mereweather High School. This school is fully selective and there is no intake area for this school.
- q. Fern Bay Public School. 3
- r. Carrington Public School. 21
- s. Hamilton Public School. 99

5. The below table lists the approximate number of permanent teaching spaces at the above-listed schools:

School Name	Approximate Number of permanent Teaching Spaces
Hunter School of Performing Arts	70
Newcastle High School	72
Tighes Hill Public School	10
Hamilton North Public School	7
Mayfield West Public School	15
Mayfield East Public School	10
Islington Public School	8
Lambton High School	57
The Junction Public School	23
Hamilton South Public School	17
Adamstown Public School	15
Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus	48
Stockton Public School	15
Mereweather Heights Public School	17
Newcastle East Public School	11
Mereweather High School	56
Fern Bay Public School	1
Carrington Public School	4
Hamilton Public School	13

6. The below table lists the approximate number of permanent teaching spaces at the above-listed schools:

School Name	Approximate number of Air Conditioned Classrooms
Hunter School of Performing Arts	39
Newcastle High School	13
Tighes Hill Public School	10
Hamilton North Public School	7
Mayfield West Public School	15
Mayfield East Public School	10
Islington Public School	1
Lambton High School	16
The Junction Public School	23
Hamilton South Public School	6
Adamstown Public School	14
Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus	13
Stockton Public School	4
Mereweather Heights Public School	15
Newcastle East Public School	2
Mereweather High School	9
Fern Bay Public School	1
Carrington Public School	4
Hamilton Public School	13

7. Further updates regarding the Cooler Classrooms Program will be communicated on the School Infrastructure NSW website at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/>. However, as website is constantly updating, the list of Cooler Classrooms projects and their status may not always reflect the current information.
8. The number of teachers at each of the following schools is:
- Hunter School of Performing Arts – 74.186 FTE
  - Newcastle High School – 91.300 FTE
  - Tighes Hill Public School – 20.629 FTE
  - Hamilton North Public School – 9.571 FTE
  - Mayfield West Public School – 19.615 FTE
  - Mayfield East Public School – 16.249 FTE
  - Islington Public School – 15.122 FTE
  - Lambton High School – 81.200 FTE
  - The Junction Public School – 29.329 FTE
  - Hamilton South Public School – 22.980 FTE
  - Adamstown Public School – 18.836 FTE
  - Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus – 68.842 FTE
  - Stockton Public School – 15.669 FTE
  - Mereweather Heights Public School – 18.268 FTE
  - Newcastle East Public School – 14.370 FTE
  - Mereweather High School – 71.000 FTE

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- q. Fern Bay Public School – 7.128 FTE
- r. Carrington Public School – 6.108 FTE
- s. Hamilton Public School – 17.393 FTE

\* 5378 FISHING FLOATS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of how many commercial fishing traps with floats there are in New South Wales ocean waters?
- (2) How many reports have been made of property damage to boats from fishing floats (as at 17 March 2021)?
- (3) Will incidents of damage to boats or personal harm to boating public who collide with fishing floats continue to be monitored?
- (4) Will the Minister consider implementing regulations to ensure all fishing trap floats are painted with Hi-Viz orange or contain a light, flag or strobe to assist boaters to avoid these obstacles?

Answer—

I am advised:

Data sets for vessel incidents are maintained and monitored by Transport for NSW. There is no evidence of property damage to boats specifically by fishing floats.

Debris and other rubbish are common in waterways; fishing floats are just another type of floating material which may cause damage if contacted by a vessel. Vessel operators are frequently reminded by Transport for NSW staff to keep a proper lookout and proceed at a safe speed if there is any doubt about the presence of damaging materials on the waterway.

Administration of fishing trap floats is undertaken by the NSW Department of Primary Industries. It is recommended that further questions on this matter are directed to the Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW.

\* 5379 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS LINE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) What is the average wait time on the Hunter New England Mental Health Access Line?
- (2) What is the longest time someone has waited on the Hunter New England Mental Health Access Line?
- (3) How many calls were answered on the Hunter New England Mental Health Access Line in:
  - (a) 2019;
  - (b) 2020;
  - (c) 2021 (as at 17 March 2021)?
- (4) How many staff are available to answer calls on the Hunter New England Mental Health Access Line?
- (5) What strategies are in place to reduce wait times on the Hunter New England Mental Health Access Line?
- (6) What is the average wait time for an appointment with a psychiatrist in the Hunter New England Health District?
- (7) What is the longest time someone has waited for an appointment with a psychiatrist in the Hunter New England Health District?

- (8) How many people had their first appointment with a psychiatrist in the Hunter New England Health District in each of the following years:
- (a) 2019;
  - (b) 2020;
  - (c) 2021 (to date)?
- (9) How many psychiatrists are employed in the Hunter New England Health District?

Answer—

(1) – (5)

Local health districts monitor their own performance against the service criteria for the Mental Health Access Line which require 70 per cent of calls answered within 30 seconds and not more than one per cent of calls wait over two minutes, with no more than five per cent of calls abandoned.

The Hunter New England Mental Health Line is staffed 24 hours, seven days per week, using overlapping shifts to ensure there are additional staff available to answer calls during peak periods. Staffing numbers range from one staff member overnight (11pm to 7am), to six staff from 8am to 4.30pm.

In 2019, a call-back service was implemented by the Hunter New England Mental Health Line so that people with non-urgent enquiries can elect to be called back by the service and do not need to remain on-hold to speak with a mental health clinician.

As part of the Government's mental health package in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the District received \$750,000 to enhance the responsiveness and performance of its Mental Health Line service. This increased the number of shifts worked on the Mental Health Line during peak hours.

The Ministry of Health has commissioned an independent statewide evaluation of the Mental Health Line service. The evaluation will use data and qualitative findings to assess outsourcing arrangements and District-operated services.

(6) – (9)

It is not possible to ascertain accurate wait times for psychiatrist services. Psychiatrists work within multidisciplinary teams and will see clients if requested at the time of referral, or at various stages throughout the consumer's care plan, at the case manager's request.

There are 74 psychiatrists employed in the Hunter New England Mental Health Service.

\* 5380 REZONING AND ACQUISITIONS IN LUDDENHAM—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What properties in Luddenham are being rezoned as part of the Western Sydney Airport and aerotropolis development?
- (a) What properties are being acquired?
  - (b) What project does each property need to be rezoned or acquired for?
- (2) What consultation has occurred with home owners in Luddenham who are facing rezoning or their properties being acquired?
- (a) When did this consultation take place?
  - (b) Where did this consultation take place?
  - (c) Who was involved in the consultation?
    - (i) What agency were these people from?
  - (d) What was discussed?

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- (3) How are values for properties being determined?
- (a) What are the rates per square metre being offered to each property owner?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Parts of the suburb of Luddenham were rezoned by the State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Aerotropolis) 2020 which came into effect on 1 October 2020. The areas rezoned are shown in the map at: <https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/pdf/map/b945b0db-8633-4461-8305-338f2c90dc33>.

In addition, development previously allowable in Luddenham Village under the *Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008* continues to be permissible.

The only properties that have been identified for acquisition in Luddenham are those impacted by major transport infrastructure projects, including the M12 Motorway and Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport. The acquisition process for those projects are a matter for the relevant transport agencies responsible for these projects.

- (2) Consultation with the Luddenham community on the draft Western Sydney Aerotropolis Planning Package, which included the proposed zoning approach, took place from December 2019 to March 2020.

In-person consultation included three community information and feedback sessions between January to February 2020 and 145 one-on-one meetings over 13 days between December 2019 and February 2020. Consultation material was also available online on the Planning NSW website and notification letters were sent to all landowners.

Staff from a range of agencies were involved in consultations, including: Liverpool City Council; Penrith City Council; Green and Resilient Places Division, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment; Corridor Protection, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment; Western Sydney Airport; Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications; Sydney Water; Property Acquisition, Transport for NSW; Corridor Preservation Team, Transport for NSW; Roads and Maritime, Transport for NSW; Sydney Metro Greater West; Western Sydney City Deal, Greater Sydney Commission; and Aerotropolis Team, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

Issues discussed during consultation are available in the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan Finalisation Report at: [https://shared-drupal-s3fs.s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/master-test/fapub\\_pdf/00-Western+Sydney+Aerotropolis/000-Final+Planning+Package/Final+Documents/Western+Sydney+Aerotropolis+Plan+Finalisation+Report.pdf](https://shared-drupal-s3fs.s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/master-test/fapub_pdf/00-Western+Sydney+Aerotropolis/000-Final+Planning+Package/Final+Documents/Western+Sydney+Aerotropolis+Plan+Finalisation+Report.pdf).

Consultation was conducted by Transport for NSW. Any questions should be referred to the Minister for Transport and Roads.

- (3) Any property that is to be acquired will be in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* (the ‘Just Terms Act’). This process involves independent valuations of the land.

Matters regarding the acquisition of sites by Transport for NSW and Sydney Metro should be referred to the Minister for Transport and Roads.

\* 5381 FUEL PIPELINE TO WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has Transport for NSW completed its preliminary work to identify route options for a fuel pipeline to Western Sydney Airport, as stated on its website on 25 May 2020?

- (a) If so, when was that work completed?
- (2) When did the preliminary work begin?
- (3) When will the findings of the preliminary work be made public?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available.

\* 5382 REZONING AND ACQUISITIONS IN BRINGELLY—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What properties in Bringelly are being rezoned as part of the Western Sydney Airport and aerotropolis development?
  - (a) What properties are being acquired?
  - (b) What project does each property need to be rezoned/acquired for?
- (2) What consultation has occurred with home owners in Bringelly who are facing rezoning or their properties being acquired?
  - (a) When did this consultation take place?
  - (b) Where did this consultation take place?
  - (c) Who was involved in the consultation?
    - (i) What agency were these people from?
  - (d) What was discussed?
- (3) How are values for properties being determined?
  - (a) What are the rates per square metre being offered to each property owner?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Parts of the suburb of Bringelly were rezoned by the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Aerotropolis) 2020* which came into effect on 1 October 2020. The areas rezoned are shown in the map at: <https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/pdf/map/b945b0db-8633-4461-8305-338f2c90dc33>

Property acquisitions are shown in the map at: <https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/pdf/map/14928857-5fd1-49bd-9ef2-610d0b329737>.

Other properties in Bringelly have also been identified for acquisition where they are impacted by major transport infrastructure projects, including the Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport. Questions relating to these properties should be directed to the Minister for Transport and Roads.

- (2) Consultation with the Bringelly community on the draft Western Sydney Aerotropolis Planning Package, which included the proposed zoning approach, took place from December 2019 to March 2020.

In-person consultation included three community information and feedback sessions held from January to February 2020 and 145 one-on-one meetings conducted over 13 days between December 2019 and February 2020. Consultation material was also available online on the Planning NSW website and notification letters were sent to all landowners.

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Staff from a range of agencies were involved in consultations, including: Liverpool City Council; Penrith City Council; Green and Resilient Places Division, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment; Corridor Protection, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment; Western Sydney Airport; Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications; Sydney Water; Property Acquisition, Transport for NSW; Corridor Preservation Team, Transport for NSW; Roads and Maritime, Transport for NSW; Sydney Metro Greater West; Western Sydney City Deal, Greater Sydney Commission; and Aerotropolis Team, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

Issues discussed during consultation are available in the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan Finalisation Report at: [https://shared-drupal-s3fs.s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/master-test/fapub\\_pdf/00-Western+Sydney+Aerotropolis/000-Final+Planning+Package/Final+Documents/Western+Sydney+Aerotropolis+Plan+Finalisation+Report.pdf](https://shared-drupal-s3fs.s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/master-test/fapub_pdf/00-Western+Sydney+Aerotropolis/000-Final+Planning+Package/Final+Documents/Western+Sydney+Aerotropolis+Plan+Finalisation+Report.pdf).

Consultation relating to major transport infrastructure projects was also conducted by Transport for NSW. Any questions should be referred to the Minister for Transport and Roads.

- (3) Any property that is to be acquired will be in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*. This process is a sale by negotiation and includes providing independent valuations of the land.

\* 5383 DATA PUBLISHED ON OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEBSITE—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) When will the 2019-20 time series data be published and publicly accessible on the Office of Local Government website?
- (2) When was the time series data for the following financial years published and publicly accessible on the Office of Local Government website:
- (a) 2018-19;
- (b) 2017-18;
- (c) 2016-17?

Answer—

The Government is committed to delivering and ensuring transparency in local government. The Your Council website I launched in 2019 is an example of this commitment, allowing local residents to access comprehensive statistics on the operations of their local council and the profile of their community.

Councils are required to submit their financial statements within four months of the end of each financial year. Councils have the capacity to request an extension to this date. This may in turn have a cascading impact on the ability of the Office of Local Government to collate, cleanse and check the data prior to release.

\* 5384 PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS BY TRANSPORT FOR NSW—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What form of correspondence were Transport for NSW employees required to inform land owners that their properties were being compulsorily acquired?
- (a) Was this correspondence via phone, email, letter or in person?
- (2) When were residents impacted by the proposed train lines from the Western Sydney Airport to Macarthur and Leppington informed that their properties would be acquired?
- (a) How were they informed?
- (3) When will residents be made an official offer for their properties?



- (4) When is construction on both lines expected to begin?

Answer—

I am advised:

Your question proceeds on a false premise. The Sydney Metro—Western Sydney Airport project does not go to Macarthur or Leppington.

- \* 5385 ACROVYN 4000—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

Does the product Acrovyn 4000 comply with the most updated National Construction Code?

Answer—

I cannot comment on the compliance of Acrovyn 4000 with the most updated National Construction Code, as this depends on the specific application and circumstances where the product is to be used.

- \* 5386 REZONING AND ACQUISITIONS IN ROSSMORE—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What properties in Rossmore are being rezoned as part of the Western Sydney Airport and aerotropolis development?

(a) What properties are being acquired?

(b) What project does each property need to be rezoned or acquired for?

- (2) What consultation has occurred with home owners in Rossmore who are facing rezoning or their properties being acquired?

(a) When did this consultation take place?

(b) Where did this consultation take place?

(c) Who was involved in the consultation?

(i) What agency were these people from?

(d) What was discussed?

- (3) How are values for properties being determined?

(a) What are the rates per square metre being offered to each property owner?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Parts of the suburb of Rossmore were rezoned by the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Aerotropolis) 2020* which came into effect on 1 October 2020. The areas rezoned are shown in the map at: <https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/pdf/map/b945b0db-8633-4461-8305-338f2c90dc33>.

The remaining land in Rossmore retains its existing zoning under the *Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008*.

No properties in the suburb of Rossmore within the Western Sydney Aerotropolis have been identified for acquisition as part of precinct planning for the Aerotropolis.

(2) Consultation with the Rossmore community on the draft Western Sydney Aerotropolis Planning Package, which included the proposed zoning approach, took place from December 2019 to March 2020.

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In-person consultation included three community information and feedback sessions between January to February 2020 and 145 one-on-one meetings over 13 days between December 2019 and February 2020. Consultation material was also available online on the Planning NSW website and notification letters were sent to all landowners.

Staff from a range of agencies were involved in consultations, including: Liverpool City Council; Penrith City Council; Green and Resilient Places Division, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment; Corridor Protection, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment; Western Sydney Airport; Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications; Sydney Water; Property Acquisition, Transport for NSW; Corridor Preservation Team, Transport for NSW; Roads and Maritime, Transport for NSW; Sydney Metro Greater West; Western Sydney City Deal, Greater Sydney Commission; and Aerotropolis Team, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

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(3) No properties have been identified for acquisition in Rossmore under the current *State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Aerotropolis) 2020*.

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\* 5387 SOCIAL HOUSING STOCK IN CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Within the Electorate of Cessnock as at 30 June 2020:
  - (a) How many social housing properties were:
    - (i) Occupied;
    - (ii) Unoccupied?
  - (b) How many of the occupied properties have outstanding maintenance issues?
  - (c) How many of the unoccupied properties have outstanding maintenance issues?
  - (d) How many existing properties were listed for sale?
- (2) Within the Electorate of Cessnock as at 31 December 2020:
  - (a) How many social housing properties were:
    - (i) Occupied;
    - (ii) Unoccupied?
  - (b) How many of the occupied properties have outstanding maintenance issues?
  - (c) How many of the unoccupied properties have outstanding maintenance issues?
  - (d) How many existing properties were listed for sale?
- (3) How many properties were purchased to increase stock between 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020?
- (4) How many properties were sold to decrease stock between 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Within the Electorate of Cessnock as at 30 June 2020:
  - (a) i. 134 NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) owned and Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) managed; and 695 LAHC-owned and community housing provider (CHP)-managed social housing properties were occupied. ii. Three LAHC-owned and DCJ-managed social housing properties were unoccupied.
  - (b) Of the occupied properties, three DCJ-managed and 14 CHP-managed properties have outstanding maintenance issues.
  - (c) Of the unoccupied properties, none have outstanding maintenance issues.
  - (d) There were no LAHC properties listed for sale.
- (2) Within the Electorate of Cessnock as at 31 December 2020:
  - (a) i. 126 LAHC-owned and DCJ-managed; and 702 LAHC-owned and CHP-managed social housing properties were occupied.  
ii. Three LAHC-owned and DCJ-managed social housing properties were unoccupied.
  - (b) Of the occupied properties, three DCJ-managed and 40 CHP-managed have outstanding maintenance issues.
  - (c) Of the unoccupied properties none have outstanding maintenance issues.
  - (d) There were no LAHC properties listed for sale.
- (3) Between 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020, five properties were purchased.  
There were no constructions in that period.
- (4) Between 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020, 20 properties (13 dwellings and seven land lots) were sold.

\* 5388 REGIONAL RENEWAL PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Which schools in the Cessnock Electorate have been successful in receiving funding in the \$120 million Regional Renewal Program which was announced in March 2021?
  - (a) How much did each of the successful schools receive?
  - (b) What is the funding being used for by each of the successful schools?
- (2) How many schools in the Cessnock Electorate applied for and were unsuccessful in receiving funding in the Program?

Answer—

1. In the Cessnock electorate, the following schools have been successful in receiving funding under the Regional Renewal Program, representing a total value of \$4.05 million:

Name of school	Project Details
Bellbird Public School	A new covered outdoor learning area

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Cessnock High School	New shade structure and covered walkways
Edgeworth Heights Public School	Toilet upgrade and new maintenance shed
Kurri Kurri High School	Creative and Performing Arts and Hall upgrade
Laguna Public School	Handrails, balustrading and concreting upgrades
Mount View Public School	Toilet Upgrade
Nulkaba Public School	New play equipment, softfall and shade structure
Nulkaba Public School	New covered walkways

Individual project budgets are commercial-in-confidence, as tendering is currently underway.

2. The assessment of all applications has not yet been completed.

\* 5389 FAST TRACK DELIVERY OF NEW DAMS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Has the Minister and/or her office written to the Treasurer during or after March 2020 to advise that the scope of the Fast Track Delivery of New Dams was increasing from \$80 million to \$200 million and to seek approval for a direction to be issued to Water NSW?
  - (a) If so, was the direction issued?
    - (i) If so, when was it received by Water NSW?

Answer—

- (1) In April 2020 the NSW Government approved funding for the business cases, early works and pre-construction activities for the Wyangala Dam Wall Raising, Dungowan Dam and Pipeline, and Mole River Dam projects. The estimated funding for final business cases for the three projects was \$80 million, and the cost of pre-construction and early works was \$215 million for the Wyangala and Dungowan projects.
  - (a) A direction from the Minister for Water to WaterNSW was issued on 13 May 2020 under section 20P of the State Owned Corporations Act 1989. The Direction was approved by the Treasurer.

\* 5390 SCHOOL BUSES WITH SEATBELTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many dedicated school buses operate in the Cessnock Electorate in the following Local Government Areas:
  - (a) Cessnock Local Government Area?
    - (i) Of these, how many are fitted with seatbelts?
    - (ii) Of these, how many are scheduled to have seatbelts fitted by end of 2021?
  - (b) Lake Macquarie Local Government Area?
    - (i) Of these, how many are fitted with seatbelts?
    - (ii) Of these, how many are scheduled to have seatbelts fitted by end of 2021?
  - (c) Singleton Local Government Area?

- (i) Of these, how many are fitted with seatbelts?
- (ii) Of these, how many are scheduled to have seatbelts fitted by end of 2021?

Answer—

- (1) All dedicated school buses providing services under a Rural and Regional Bus Service Contract in rural and regional areas will have seatbelts by 31 December 2021.
  - (a) There are 24 dedicated school buses providing services under Transport for NSW service contracts in Cessnock local government area, 18 of which are fitted with seat belts. All of these services are provided under Outer Sydney Metropolitan Bus Service Contracts.
  - (b) There are 27 dedicated school buses operating under Transport for NSW service contracts in Lake Macquarie local government area, two of which are fitted with seat belts. All of these services are provided under Outer Sydney Metropolitan Bus Service Contracts.
  - (c) There are 21 dedicated school buses providing services under Transport for NSW service contracts in Singleton local government area, six of which are fitted with seat belts. All the services provided under Rural and Regional Bus Service Contracts are fitted with seat belts.

\* 5391 COVID-19 BREACH INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) In respect to Hunter Valley Police District:
  - (a) How many infringement notices have been issued by police to licensed premises for COVID-19 regulation breaches since 1 March 2020 to 18 March 2021?
    - (i) How many have been appealed?
    - (ii) How many have been withdrawn following internal considerations?
    - (iii) How many have been withdrawn following advocacy from sources outside of NSW Police?
    - (iv) How many licensed premises have been infringed for breaching the regulations on more than one occasion?
  - (b) How many infringement notices have been issued by police to indoor gyms for COVID-19 regulation breaches since 1 March 2020 to 18 March 2021?
    - (i) How many have been appealed?
    - (ii) How many have been withdrawn following internal considerations?
    - (iii) How many have been withdrawn following advocacy from sources outside of NSW Police?
    - (iv) How many indoor gyms have been infringed for breaching the regulations on more than one occasion?
  - (c) How many infringement notices have been issued by police to individuals for COVID-19 regulation breaches since 1 March 2020 to 18 March 2021?
    - (i) How many have been appealed?
    - (ii) How many have been withdrawn following internal considerations?
    - (iii) How many have been withdrawn following advocacy from sources outside of Police NSW?
    - (iv) How many individuals have been infringed for breaching the regulations on more than one occasion?

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- (d) What training has been provided to police officers conducting general duties to ensure they appropriately identify and respond to breaches of COVID-19 regulations?
- (2) In respect to Lake Macquarie Police District:
  - (a) How many infringement notices have been issued by police to licensed premises for COVID-19 regulation breaches since 1 March 2020 to 18 March 2021?
    - (i) How many have been appealed?
    - (ii) How many have been withdrawn following internal considerations?
    - (iii) How many have been withdrawn following advocacy from sources outside of NSW Police?
    - (iv) How many licensed premises have been infringed for breaching the regulations on more than one occasion?
  - (b) How many infringement notices have been issued by police to indoor gyms for COVID-19 regulation breaches since 1 March 2020 to 18 March 2021?
    - (i) How many have been appealed?
    - (ii) How many have been withdrawn following internal considerations?
    - (iii) How many have been withdrawn following advocacy from sources outside of NSW Police?
    - (iv) How many indoor gyms have been infringed for breaching the regulations on more than one occasion?
  - (c) How many infringement notices have been issued by police to individuals for COVID-19 regulation breaches since 1 March 2020 to 18 March 2021?
    - (i) How many have been appealed?
    - (ii) How many have been withdrawn following internal considerations?
    - (iii) How many have been withdrawn following advocacy from sources outside of Police NSW?
    - (iv) How many individuals have been infringed for breaching the regulations on more than one occasion?
  - (d) What training has been provided to police officers conducting general duties to ensure they appropriately identify and respond to breaches of COVID-19 regulations?
- (3) In respect to Manning-Great Lakes Police District:
  - (a) How many infringement notices have been issued by police to licensed premises for COVID-19 regulation breaches since 1 March 2020 to 18 March 2021?
    - (i) How many have been appealed?
    - (ii) How many have been withdrawn following internal considerations?
    - (iii) How many have been withdrawn following advocacy from sources outside of NSW Police?
    - (iv) How many licensed premises have been infringed for breaching the regulations on more than one occasion?
  - (b) How many infringement notices have been issued by police to indoor gyms for COVID-19 regulation breaches since 1 March 2020 to 18 March 2021?
    - (i) How many have been appealed?

- (ii) How many have been withdrawn following internal considerations?
    - (iii) How many have been withdrawn following advocacy from sources outside of NSW Police?
    - (iv) How many indoor gyms have been infringed for breaching the regulations on more than one occasion?
  - (c) How many infringement notices have been issued by police to individuals for COVID-19 regulation breaches since 1 March 2020 to 18 March 2021?
    - (i) How many have been appealed?
    - (ii) How many have been withdrawn following internal considerations?
    - (iii) How many have been withdrawn following advocacy from sources outside of Police NSW?
    - (iv) How many individuals have been infringed for breaching the regulations on more than one occasion?
  - (d) What training has been provided to police officers conducting general duties to ensure they appropriately identify and respond to breaches of COVID-19 regulations?
- (4) In respect to Newcastle City Police District:
- (a) How many infringement notices have been issued by police to licensed premises for COVID-19 regulation breaches since 1 March 2020 to 18 March 2021?
    - (i) How many have been appealed?
    - (ii) How many have been withdrawn following internal considerations?
    - (iii) How many have been withdrawn following advocacy from sources outside of NSW Police?
    - (iv) How many licensed premises have been infringed for breaching the regulations on more than one occasion?
  - (b) How many infringement notices have been issued by police to indoor gyms for COVID-19 regulation breaches since 1 March 2020 to 18 March 2021?
    - (i) How many have been appealed?
    - (ii) How many have been withdrawn following internal considerations?
    - (iii) How many have been withdrawn following advocacy from sources outside of NSW Police?
    - (iv) How many indoor gyms have been infringed for breaching the regulations on more than one occasion?
  - (c) How many infringement notices have been issued by police to individuals for COVID-19 regulation breaches since 1 March 2020 to 18 March 2021?
    - (i) How many have been appealed?
    - (ii) How many have been withdrawn following internal considerations?
    - (iii) How many have been withdrawn following advocacy from sources outside of Police NSW?
    - (iv) How many individuals have been infringed for breaching the regulations on more than one occasion?

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- (d) What training has been provided to police officers conducting general duties to ensure they appropriately identify and respond to breaches of COVID-19 regulations?
- (5) In respect to Port Stephens Police District:
- (a) How many infringement notices have been issued by police to licensed premises for COVID-19 regulation breaches since 1 March 2020 to 18 March 2021?
- (i) How many have been appealed?
  - (ii) How many have been withdrawn following internal considerations?
  - (iii) How many have been withdrawn following advocacy from sources outside of NSW Police?
  - (iv) How many licensed premises have been infringed for breaching the regulations on more than one occasion?
- (b) How many infringement notices have been issued by police to indoor gyms for COVID-19 regulation breaches since 1 March 2020 to 18 March 2021?
- (i) How many have been appealed?
  - (ii) How many have been withdrawn following internal considerations?
  - (iii) How many have been withdrawn following advocacy from sources outside of NSW Police?
  - (iv) How many indoor gyms have been infringed for breaching the regulations on more than one occasion?
- (c) How many infringement notices have been issued by police to individuals for COVID-19 regulation breaches since 1 March 2020 to 18 March 2021?
- (i) How many have been appealed?
  - (ii) How many have been withdrawn following internal considerations?
  - (iii) How many have been withdrawn following advocacy from sources outside of Police NSW?
  - (iv) How many individuals have been infringed for breaching the regulations on more than one occasion?
- (d) What training has been provided to police officers conducting general duties to ensure they appropriately identify and respond to breaches of COVID-19 regulations?

Answer—

I am advised:

1. In respect to Hunter Valley Police District:

- a. 0
  - i. 0
  - ii. 0
  - iii. 0
  - iv. 0
- b. 0
  - i. 0
  - ii. 0
  - iii. 0
  - iv. 0
- c. 36



- i. The NSW Police Force is unable to extract this data unless through manual extraction processes which can be time and resource consuming, and may only be accurate at the time of checking.
- ii. The NSW Police Force is unable to extract this data unless through manual extraction processes which can be time and resource consuming, and may only be accurate at the time of checking.
- iii. The NSW Police Force is unable to extract this data unless through manual extraction processes which can be time and resource consuming, and may only be accurate at the time of checking.
- iv. 0
- d. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the NSW Police Force has run several education campaigns. These campaigns have been supported by informal and formal resources to assist officers in the enforcement of Public Health Orders.

2. In respect to Lake Macquarie Police District:

- a. 1
  - i. 0
  - ii. 0
  - iii. 0
  - iv. 0
- b. 0
  - i. 0
  - ii. 0
  - iii. 0
  - iv. 0
- c. 28
  - i. The NSW Police Force is unable to extract this data unless through manual extraction processes which can be time and resource consuming, and may only be accurate at the time of checking.
  - ii. The NSW Police Force is unable to extract this data unless through manual extraction processes which can be time and resource consuming, and may only be accurate at the time of checking.
  - iii. The NSW Police Force is unable to extract this data unless through manual extraction processes which can be time and resource consuming, and may only be accurate at the time of checking.
  - iv. 1
- d. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the NSW Police Force has run several education campaigns. These campaigns have been supported by informal and formal resources to assist officers in the enforcement of Public Health Orders.

3. In respect to Manning-Great Lakes Police District:

- a. 1
  - i. 0
  - ii. 0
  - iii. 0
  - iv. 0
- b. 0
  - i. 0
  - ii. 0
  - iii. 0
  - iv. 0
- c. 21
  - i. The NSW Police Force is unable to extract this data unless through manual extraction processes which can be time and resource consuming, and may only be accurate at the time of checking.

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- ii. The NSW Police Force is unable to extract this data unless through manual extraction processes which can be time and resource consuming, and may only be accurate at the time of checking.
- iii. The NSW Police Force is unable to extract this data unless through manual extraction processes which can be time and resource consuming, and may only be accurate at the time of checking.
- iv. 0
- d. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the NSW Police Force as run several education campaigns. These campaigns have been supported by informal and formal resources to assist officers in the enforcement of Public Health Orders.

4. In respect to Newcastle City Police District:

- a. 0
  - i. 0
  - ii. 0
  - iii. 0
  - iv. 0
- b. 0
  - i. 0
  - ii. 0
  - iii. 0
  - iv. 0
- c. 22
  - i. The NSW Police Force is unable to extract this data unless through manual extraction processes which can be time and resource consuming, and may only be accurate at the time of checking.
  - ii. The NSW Police Force is unable to extract this data unless through manual extraction processes which can be time and resource consuming, and may only be accurate at the time of checking.
  - iii. The NSW Police Force is unable to extract this data unless through manual extraction processes which can be time and resource consuming, and may only be accurate at the time of checking.
  - iv. 1
- d. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the NSW Police Force as run several education campaigns. These campaigns have been supported by informal and formal resources to assist officers in the enforcement of Public Health Orders.

5. In response to Port Stephens Police District:

- a. 0
  - i. 0
  - ii. 0
  - iii. 0
  - iv. 0
- b. 0
  - i. 0
  - ii. 0
  - iii. 0
  - iv. 0
- c. 35
  - i. The NSW Police Force is unable to extract this data unless through manual extraction processes which can be time and resource consuming, and may only be accurate at the time of checking.
  - ii. The NSW Police Force is unable to extract this data unless through manual extraction processes which can be time and resource consuming, and may only be accurate at the time of checking.

- iii. The NSW Police Force is unable to extract this data unless through manual extraction processes which can be time and resource consuming, and may only be accurate at the time of checking.
- iv. 3
- d. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the NSW Police Force as run several education campaigns. These campaigns have been supported by informal and formal resources to assist officers in the enforcement of Public Health Orders.

\* 5392 REHABILITATION SECURITY DEPOSITS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) With regard Rehabilitation Security Deposits held with NSW Resources Regulator:
  - (a) Which mines have lodged a security deposit since 1 July 2016?
  - (b) Which mines have had the security deposit returned to them since 1 July 2016?
  - (c) Which mines have commenced rehabilitation work since 1 July 2016?
  - (d) Which mines have completed rehabilitation work since 1 July 2016?
- (2) Why are some mines not required to lodge a Rehabilitation security deposit?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) 698 authorities were granted between 1 July 2016 until 28 February 2021 , all attracting a security deposit:

Row Label	Exploration Licence	Assessment Lease	Mining Lease	Total
Coal	9	3	37	49
Mineral	601	10	38	649
Total	610	13	75	698

- (b) 434 authorities were retired between 1 July 2016 until 28 February 2021 and 418 security deposits returned, noting that 16 of these authorities were Department held and required no security deposits:

Row Label	Exploration Licence	Assessment Lease	Mining Lease	Total
Coal	25	1	12	38
Mineral	326	2	66	394
Petroleum	2			2
Total	353	3	78	434

- (c) All mines in New South Wales are required to undertake progressive, ongoing rehabilitation throughout the life of mine in accordance with their mining operations plan.
- (d) Refer to answer (b) above.

The above details exclude Small Scale Titles of the Lightning Ridge and White Cliffs mineral claim districts (Opal).

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\*For clarification, security deposits are held the by the Department of Regional NSW, Mining, Exploration and Geoscience and not the Resources Regulator.

- (2) With the exception of Government held titles, the Department requires a rehabilitation security deposit for all authorisations granted under the Mining Act 1992 (s261B Mining Act 1992).

\* 5393 KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) With regards to the Pathology Department at Kurri Kurri Hospital:
- (a) What are the hours of operation?
  - (b) Have these hours of operation varied since 1 July 2017?
    - (i) If so, have they decreased or increased?
  - (c) How many staff are rostered to the Pathology Department on a daily basis?
    - (i) Is this Monday to Friday or seven days?
  - (d) Are the staff 'shared' with other departments of the hospital?
    - (i) If so, does this affect the operating hours of the Pathology Department?
  - (e) How many patients attended the Pathology Department at Kurri Kurri Hospital each year since 1 July 2017?
  - (f) Has the Pathology Department closed for any extended periods since 1 July 2017?
    - (i) If so, when?

Answer—

The Kurri Kurri Hospital Pathology Department is open from 8am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. I am advised these hours have not varied since July 2017 and there have been no extended closures.

I am further advised that the department is staffed by two pathology collectors, who also perform pathology collections in the hospital for inpatients. An average of approximately 7,000 patients attend the department each year.

\* 5394 FIRE AND RESCUE NSW STAFFING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Within Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) staffing, for each year since 30 June 2016, how many were employed in the following positions:
- (a) Commissioner;
  - (b) Deputy Commissioner;
  - (c) Assistant Commissioner;
  - (d) Chief Superintendent;
  - (e) Superintendent;
  - (f) Inspector;
  - (g) Station Officer;
  - (h) Leading Firefighter;
  - (i) Senior Firefighter;
  - (j) Qualified Firefighter;

- (k) Student;
- (l) Captain (Retained);
- (m) Deputy Captain (Retained);
- (n) Retained Firefighter (Retained)?
- (2) How many employees of each position were dismissed over these periods?
  - (a) What were the reasons for dismissal?
  - (b) How many of the dismissed personnel took FRNSW to the Industrial Relations Commission for unfair dismissal?
    - (i) How many were successful?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about staffing at Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) is available in the FRNSW Annual Report.

\* 5395 FIRE AND RESCUE NSW—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) In relation to cases involving Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) at the Industrial Relations Commission (IRC), for each year since 1 July 2016 (as at 18 March 2021):
  - (a) How many cases have involved FRNSW?
  - (b) How many cases have been ruled in favour of FRNSW?
  - (c) How many cases have been ruled in favour of the other party?
  - (d) How much money has been paid by FRNSW on legal fees?
  - (e) How much money has been ordered to be paid by FRNSW to another party?
  - (f) How many appeals has FRNSW lodged against the rulings of the IRC?
    - (i) How many of these have been successful?
  - (g) What is the average cost of FRNSW to defend itself at the IRC for each case?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
  - (a) 91
  - (b) 7
  - (c) 7
  - (d) \$156,334
  - (e) \$1,031,000
  - (f) 0
  - (g) \$9,771

\* 5396 STUDENTS TRAVELLING FROM THE TILLIGERRY PENINSULA AND MEDOWIE—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many students from Medowie attend Irrawang High School (as at 11 February 2021)?
  - (a) How many school buses does the Government provide for these students to get to and from school each day?

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- (2) How many students from the Tilligerry Peninsula attend Hunter River High School (as at 11 February 2021)?
- (a) How many school buses does the Government provide for these students to get to and from school each day?

Answer—

- (1) As at 11 February 2021, 421 students from Medowie attend Irrawang High School.
- (a) The Government provides five buses in the morning and six buses in the afternoon for these students to get to and from school each day.
- (2) As at 11 February 2021, 260 students from the Tilligerry Peninsula attend Hunter River High School
- (a) The Government provides four buses in the morning and four buses in the afternoon for these students to get to and from school each day.

\* 5397 HORSE RACING WHIPS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the research published in the journal: *Animals* on 11 November 2020 showing that humans and horses have the equivalent anatomy to detect pain in the skin and reinforcing evidence that horses suffer distress from whipping?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of evidence:
- (a) About persistent breaches of horse racing whip rules, along with poor detection of breaches by stewards;
- (b) That whip use does not support racing integrity and fairness for horses or riders;
- (3) What plans does the Government have to promote or require 'whipping-free' races or to ban whips from horse racing?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to prevent whipping cruelty in horse racing.

Answer—

- Whip use is governed by the Australian Racing Rules (Rules), which are administered by Racing Australia and enforced by Racing NSW. The Rules are informed by best practice standards of integrity and animal welfare.
- Racing NSW established by the *Thoroughbred Racing Act 1996* (the Act) as the controlling body for thoroughbred racing in this State. The Act provides that Racing NSW does not represent the Crown and is not subject to direction or control by or on behalf of the Government.
- I am advised that Racing Australia Advisory Protocols Panel is currently undertaking a review of the national whip rules.

\* 5398 MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) How many Mobile Speed Camera (MSC) offences were detected in the Maitland electorate/local government area (including New England Highway East Maitland, Rutherford and Telarah, Lindesay Street/Raymond Terrace Road East Maitland-Millers Forest, Cessnock Road-Church Street Gillieston Heights-Maitland, Maitland Vale Road/Luskintyre Road/Stanhope Road Bolwarra Heights-Lambs Valley and Metford Road East Maitland-Morpeth) between;
- (a) 19 November 2020 to 30 January 2021;
- (b) 19 November 2019 to 30 January 2020?

- (2) How many offences during the above time periods were for:
- (a) Exceeding the speed limit by 10 kilometres per hour;
  - (b) Exceeding the speed limit by 20 kilometres per hour;
  - (c) Exceeding the speed limit by more than 20 kilometres per hour?

Answer—

This question should be referred to Minister for Finance and Small Business.

\* 5399 COVID-19 PUBLIC BUILDING VENTILATION STANDARDS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of National Construction Code standards for public building ventilation given the COVID-19 pandemic experience shows the impact of poor air quality on health, including research showing aerosol transmission, higher rates of indoor transmission and higher rates for indoor areas with low humidity?
- (2) Do public building ventilation standards require significant turnover of air or monitoring of carbon dioxide or humidity levels?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to:
  - (a) Review these requirements or provide advice about ventilation needed to reduce COVID-19 transmission risks; and
  - (b) Improve public building ventilation standards to address public health needs?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation.

\* 5400 NSW REVIEW OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL RELATIONS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What is the progress on implementing the recommendations contained in the Final Report of the NSW Review of Federal Financial Relations published in November 2020?
- (2) Has the Government formally responded to the findings and recommendations in that report?
- (3) How many recommendations in that report have been:
  - (a) supported?
  - (b) not supported?
- (4) What action has been taken on the implementation of each recommendation in that report?

Answer—

Treasury has advised me as follows:

- (1) The Government is continuing to explore reform opportunities informed by the Review of Federal Financial Relations (the Review) and its recommendations.  
The Government continues to also advocate for reform to GST through the Board of Treasurers and Council of Federal Financial Relations.
- (2) The Final Report of the Review and its recommendations was released on 1 November 2020, in parallel with the 2020-21 NSW Budget. Tax Reform was a key recommendation of the report and in response, the 2020-21 Budget set in motion a proposal for reform property tax.
- (3) and (4) See above.

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\* 5401 WOLLONGONG ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) On what date does the Minister expect that the planning processes he requested will be completed in relation to the upgrade of the Wollongong Entertainment Centre (WEC)?
- (2) On what date will the upgrade of the WEC commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

Wollongong City Council chair a multi-agency steering committee including Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Regional New South Wales, Illawarra Business Chamber and Venues NSW which is developing a vision for the Illawarra Sports and Entertainment Precinct to enhance economic and social benefits for the people of Wollongong and the wider-Illawarra.

The completion date for the planning process being undertaken by Wollongong City Council is a matter for the Council.

\* 5402 RETURN TO WORK PROGRAM—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) By postcode, how many women were eligible for funding under the Return to Work program announced in the 2020-21 NSW Budget in the:
  - (a) Wollongong Electorate;
    - (i) How many women have received funding under the Return to Work program?
    - (ii) How many women were ineligible for funding under the Return to Work program?
    - (iii) What was the reason for this ineligibility?
    - (iv) What was the average funding assistance provided to eligible applicants?
    - (v) What was this funding used for?
  - (b) Wollongong Local Health District?
    - (i) How many women have received funding under the Return to Work program?
    - (ii) How many women were ineligible for funding under the Return to Work program?
    - (iii) What was the reason for this ineligibility?
    - (iv) What was the average funding assistance provided to eligible applicants?
    - (v) What was this funding used for?
- (2) How many women in New South Wales received funding under the Return to Work program?
- (3) How many women in New South Wales were eligible for funding under the Return to Work program?
- (4) How many women in New South Wales were ineligible for funding under the Return to Work program?
- (5) What was the average funding assistance provided to eligible applicants in NSW?
- (6) How many women in New South Wales by electorate received funding under the Return to Work program?

Answer—

- (1) This information is currently not available by postcode or electorate.



(b) The Return to Work Program is not a health program it is a program run by Women NSW and Service NSW. There is no such entity as the “Wollongong Local Health District”.

I am advised that at this stage of the Return to Work Program, detailed information about the location of applicants and outcomes of applications is not available.

(2)-(5)

I am advised that:

- Approximately \$4.1 million in grants
- 5.4 per cent application decline rate
- \$4,551.19 average amount approved per woman
- 2296 women have appointments with Service NSW Return to Work Coordinators throughout March, April, and May 2021.

(6) This information is currently not available by electorate.

\* 5403 WAIVER OF BUSINESS FEES AND CHARGES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many businesses were eligible for waiving fees and charges associated with the COVID-19 economic stimulus package announced in March 2020 in the:
  - (a) Wollongong Electorate?
    - (i) How many businesses applied for the waiving of fees?
    - (ii) What was the total amount of waivers provided for businesses?
    - (iii) What was the main category of business granted waivers?
  - (b) Wollongong Local Government Area?
    - (i) How many businesses applied for the waiving of fees?
    - (ii) What was the total amount of waivers provided for businesses?
    - (iii) What was the main category of business granted waivers?
- (2) What was the criteria for determining the eligibility of businesses under this initiative?
- (3) How many businesses were unsuccessful in their applications for waivers?
  - (a) What were the reasons for their refusal?

Answer—

- (1) 3,563 businesses in the Wollongong electorate and 3,322 businesses in the Wollongong local government area received waivers totalling \$648,704 and \$587,558.25 respectively. In both cases the main category of businesses receiving waivers was “Building and construction”.
- (2) The license, registration and permit fees automatically waived under this package are set out on the Service NSW website at: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/covid-19-help-small-businesses/fee-waivers-and-tax-assistance>.
- (3) The waivers were automatically applied for all these fees.

\* 5404 PAYROLL TAX RELIEF FOR WOLLONGONG BUSINESSES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many businesses have been provided with payroll tax relief as part of the Government's COVID-19 economic stimulus package introduced in March 2020 in the:

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- (a) Wollongong Electorate (as at 18 March 2021)?
  - (i) How many of these business established payment arrangements for their deferred tax liability?
  - (ii) What was each business's deferred tax liability worth?
  - (iii) How much was the payroll tax relief worth?
- (b) Wollongong Local Government Area (as at 18 March 2021)?
  - (i) How many of these business established payment arrangements for their deferred tax liability?
  - (ii) What was each business's deferred tax liability worth?
  - (iii) How much was the payroll tax relief worth?

Answer—

Revenue NSW does not collect or hold data by electorate or local government area.

Payroll tax customers whose total grouped Australian wages for the 2019-20 financial year were \$10 million or less, had their annual tax liability reduced by 25 per cent when they lodged their annual reconciliation. 25,150 customers benefited from this reduction to a total value of \$380.2 million.

All payroll tax customers required to pay monthly were given the option of deferring until 30 October 2020 monthly payments for March, April, May, July, August and September 2020. On average, 60 to 70 per cent of customers opted to defer one or more monthly payments.

The due date for lodging the 2019-20 annual reconciliation was deferred from 28 July 2020 to 30 October 2020 for all payroll tax customers.

After lodging, customers had the option of paying any outstanding liability in full or entering into a Stimulus Payment Arrangement. As at 31 March 2021, there were 2,135 customers with an active payroll tax Stimulus Payment Arrangement and \$592.2 million under arrangement.

\* 5405 ADDITIONAL CLEANERS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer—

- (1) How many additional cleaners of public infrastructure have been employed under the COVID-19 economic stimulus package announced on 17 March 2020?
- (2) How many additional cleaners employed are from the:
  - (a) Wollongong electorate;
  - (b) Wollongong local government area?
- (3) What is the ongoing status of their employment?

Answer—

The additional cleaners measure is a state-wide initiative, protecting all users of public infrastructure. As at 01 April 2021, 7,467 new and/or redeployed cleaners had been engaged through the program.

Cleaners employed to undertake additional COVID-related cleaning of public infrastructure are engaged by service providers to government.

\* 5406 SERVICE NSW CENTRES IN WOLLONGONG AND WARRAWONG—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) How many additional staff were employed in Service NSW Centres at Warrawong and Wollongong as part of the COVID-19 economic stimulus package announced on 27 March 2020?

- (a) What is the employment classification of these additional staff?
- (2) How many additional staff were employed in Service NSW Centres by each electorate?
- (3) How many customers has Service NSW served for every year since these centres were established in:
- (a) Wollongong?
- (b) Warrawong?

Answer—

- (1) As a result of the stimulus package 3 employees were hired in Warrawong and Wollongong.
- (a) In Warrawong one role was permanent ongoing and one was a temporary contract position. In Wollongong one employee was hired on a temporary employment basis.
- (2) Table provided below lists each electorate and the number of roles created in each electorate, this includes permanent, temporary and contractor roles noting:
- (a) There were five employees who filled two different roles as part of this program. For these employees both roles have been included as the roles were created and filled in their respective electorates.

Albury	2
Auburn	5
Ballina	3
Bankstown	3
Barwon	6
Bathurst	7
Bega	3
Blacktown	4
Blue Mountains	3
Camden	2
Castle Hill	1
Cessnock	2
Clarence	6
Coffs Harbour	3
Coogee	2
Cootamundra	2
Dubbo	3
Gosford	143
Goulburn	3
Hawkesbury	2
Hornsby	2
Keira	1

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Kiama	1
Kogarah	3
Lake Macquarie	3
Lismore	1
Liverpool	2
Maitland	17
Manly	2
Maroubra	3
Miranda	4
Monaro	3
Mount Druitt	1
Murray	6
Myall Lakes	7
Newcastle	18
Newtown	2
Northern Tablelands	4
Orange	5
Oxley	7
Parramatta	338
Penrith	1
Pittwater	3
Port Macquarie	3
Port Stephens	7
Prospect	1
Rockdale	3
Ryde	2
South Coast	4
Strathfield	1
Sydney	330
Tamworth	2
Terrigal	1
Tweed	1
Upper Hunter	2
Wagga Wagga	1
Willoughby	2

Wollondilly	3
Wollongong	3
Wyong	5
Grand Total	1010

(3) Customers Served each year since opening in a) Warrawong and b) Wollongong:

Service Centre Name	Year of Opening	Date								
		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Warrawong	2015	N/A	N/A	10,911	141,070	125,768	121,449	107,282	97,302	22,727
Wollongong	2013	3,385	74,489	81,467	83,467	61,030	51,411	48,832	40,893	9,110

\* 5407 DINE & DISCOVER NSW - WOLLONGONG—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) How many businesses in the Wollongong Local Government Area are participating in the Dine & Discover NSW Vouchers as at 18 March 2021?
- (2) How many businesses are participating in the Dine & Discover NSW Vouchers in the following postcodes (as at 18 March 2021):
  - (a) 2518;
    - (i) What businesses are participating?
  - (b) 2519;
    - (i) What businesses are participating?
  - (c) 2500;
    - (i) What businesses are participating?
  - (d) 2500;
    - (i) What businesses are participating?
  - (e) 2526;
    - (i) What businesses are participating?
  - (f) 2506;
    - (i) What businesses are participating?
  - (g) 2502;
    - (i) What businesses are participating?
  - (h) 2505;
    - (i) What businesses are participating?
  - (i) 2528?
    - (i) What businesses are participating?
- (3) How many eligible residents in the Wollongong local government area have downloaded their vouchers (as at 18 March 2021)?

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- (4) How many residents of the Wollongong local government area are eligible for the Dine and Discover NSW vouchers?

Answer—

- (1) 219 business from the Wollongong LGA are participating in the Dine & Discover voucher scheme. (as at 18/03/2021)  
(2) Please find the number of business who participate in the Dine and Discover voucher scheme with LGAs. (as at 18/03/2021)

Post-code	Number of Businesses Participating
2518	18
2519	18
2500	96
2526	10
2506	2
2502	8
2505	2
2528	2

- (3) 32,927 vouchers have been taken up by residents Wollongong LGA. This is approximately 8,232 residents. (as at 18/03/2021).  
(4) The Department of Customer Service does not hold this data.

\* 5408 ENERGY PAYMENTS ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) How many residents were eligible for the boost to the Energy Accounts Payments Assistance Scheme as part of the COVID-19 economic stimulus package announced on 27 March 2020 in:  
(a) Wollongong electorate;  
(b) Wollongong local Government area?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised the Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) scheme is a non-means tested emergency support program for households experiencing a short-term financial crisis or emergency, meaning any household is potentially able to apply for assessment by a non-Government EAPA provider or the NSW Government's EAPA Assessment Team.

\* 5409 CONSENT AND RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What action has the Government taken to provide support for students who reported incidents of unwanted sexual activity and lack of consent at school in response to the media articles relating to this issue and the petition by Chanel Contos?  
(2) What programs does the Government provide for public schools to address these concerns about consent and abusive relationships?

- (3) What requirements does the Government have for private schools to provide age-appropriate educational programs on consent and relationships early enough to prevent this abuse?
- (4) What changes will the Government make to ensure that students receive age-appropriate educational programs early enough to prevent this abuse?
- (5) What processes will the Government introduce to encourage students to report these incidents when they occur and ensure they can safely do so?
- (6) What updated training and resource materials has the Government provided for teachers about consent and relationship education?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to improve early access to education on consent and relationships?

Answer—

1. Schools work in partnership with students, families and agencies to foster a positive, respectful and inclusive environment where student welfare is a key priority and students seeking help are responded to and appropriately supported.

Staff at schools in New South Wales, as mandatory reporters, respond respectfully to problematic and harmful sexualised behaviours, reporting incidents to the Department of Education in the case of public schools, and to NSW Police and the Department of Communities and Justice where appropriate.

2. The NSW Curriculum supports the teaching of consent and respectful relationships in age-appropriate ways from Kindergarten through to Year 10 in the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) Syllabus. The new PDHPE syllabus, released in 2018, included a stronger focus on respectful relationship education and age-appropriate teaching of consent. Senior students in New South Wales public schools also extend their learning about respectful relationships, protective strategies, power, abuse and violence as part of the mandatory 25-hour Life Ready course.

In addition, the Department of Education offers activities such as education and awareness sessions for students in secondary schools delivered by NSW Police. These are focused on where to go for help and assistance and to build positive relationships with police officers so young people feel confident to seek assistance if required.

3. All Government and non-Government schools in New South Wales are required to teach the mandatory NSW Curriculum. The mandatory PDHPE curriculum supports the teaching of consent and respectful relationships in an age-appropriate way from Kindergarten through to year 10. PDHPE may also be taken as an elective subject in years 11 and 12.

As Minister, I requested the Department's Life Ready Course materials be made available to the non-government school sector. The Department has reached out to both Catholic Schools NSW and Association of Independent Schools of NSW and is working to make the program resources available to their schools on an opt in basis.

4. The PDHPE syllabus released in 2018 supports the teaching of consent and respectful relationships in an age-appropriate way from Kindergarten through to Year 10.
5. For public schools, the Department will continue to build staff competence to recognise and appropriately respond to these behaviours through annual child protection training and the use of the Traffic Lights resource, which helps staff to identify problematic or harmful sexual behaviours in children and young people.

In addition to content delivered through the PDHPE curriculum, public schools may offer activities such as education and awareness sessions for students in secondary schools delivered by NSW Police. This includes providing information on where to go for help and assistance and to build positive relationship with police officers so young people feel confident to seek assistance if required. It is open for the NSW Police to work with all school sectors to provide these education and awareness-building activities.

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I understand that in direct response to Ms Chanel Contos' public petition, the NSW Police Force is also launching an operation to promote flexible ways for victims to report sexual assault.

6. The Department provides annual mandatory Child Protection training for all staff, which is updated to focus on specific emerging issues. The module focuses on staff developing skills in identifying and responding to suspected child sexual assault. It supports staff to identify the indicators of sexual abuse and respond positively and supportively to a student's disclosure.  
In October 2020, the Department released updated curriculum materials to support public schools to deliver child protection and respectful relationships education. The resources include teaching strategies, units of work and support resources, planning and programming advice and school-based considerations for teaching child protection and respectful relationships in kindergarten — year 10.
7. The Statement of Intent, signed by the heads of the three New South Wales education sectors on 26 March 2021, is an important first step in strengthening consent education and represents a joint commitment to address student concerns and provide greater support to school communities. Actions committed to include: continuing to work with student groups and collaborating with key parent, Aboriginal and other cultural representative groups to develop and implement new strategies; as well as reviewing existing resources, guidance, professional learning, referral pathways, reporting protocols and responsibilities to ensure that teachers and school leaders have what they need to support their students effectively.

Additionally, the NSW Education Standards Authority is currently revising the NSW Curriculum. This will provide further opportunities to ensure the mandatory NSW Curriculum meets the learning needs of students.

\* 5410 BARANGAROO PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made about transport links with the newly developing Barangaroo business precinct?
- (2) What complaints has the Government received about transport links between the eastern suburbs and Barangaroo?
- (3) What transport has the Government provided to replace the 340 bus service between Paddington and the western CBD?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to improve public transport links with Barangaroo?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) By 2024, Infrastructure NSW and Sydney Metro will deliver the new Barangaroo precinct, complete with a new metro station and public spaces.

Customers will benefit from fast travel times to Barangaroo of about 44 minutes from Rouse Hill Station, 26 minutes from Belmore Station, 24 minutes from Epping Station and just three minutes from Victoria Cross Station. Barangaroo metro station will transform access to the Walsh Bay Arts and Cultural precinct, as well as providing easy access to nearby residential, commercial and entertainment areas and the ferry hub, while taking pressure off Wynyard and Martin Place stations.

- (2) Nil.
- (3) In addition to the 1700 weekly train services, bus routes 333 (North Bondi to Circular Quay) and 440 (Bondi Junction to Rozelle) provide services between Paddington and the CBD. For access to the western side of the CBD customers can alight from route 333 at Martin Place and use active transport links all the way through to Barangaroo. Alternatively, customers can catch route 440 to the Haymarket light rail stop and connect to light rail services to access Town Hall, Wynyard and Circular Quay.



Bus routes 324 (Watsons Bay to Walsh Bay via Old South Head Road), 325 (Watsons Bay to Walsh Bay via Vaucluse Road), 311 (Millers Point to Central via Darlinghurst and Potts Point), F3 Parramatta River and F4 Pyrmont Bay ferry services also currently provide public transport options to Barangaroo for customers.

- (4) As Barangaroo continues to develop, Transport for NSW will continue to look at ways to enhance the local bus network to ensure easier customer journeys.

\* 5411 OLD PYRMONT COTTAGES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier representing the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What heritage protections apply to the Old Pyrmont Cottages including 1, 3, 5 Cross Street and 6-8 Scott Street?
- (2) How are these protections reinforced in conditions applied to sale of the properties?
- (3) What further plans does the Government have to ensure heritage protections of these buildings and their community use?

Answer—

- (1) Old Pyrmont Cottages at 6-8 Scott Street, 1, 3 and 5 Cross Street are listed on the State Heritage Register. Under the Heritage Act 1977, owners are required to meet minimum standards of maintenance and repair. Any proposed alteration or development requires prior approval by the Heritage Council of NSW.
- (2) State Heritage Register listing runs with property title, therefore the sale of a listed property transfers obligations and requirements onto any new owner. In May 2020, Old Pyrmont Cottages were sold freehold with several conditions, as recommended by Heritage NSW. In addition to a Conservation Management Plan (CMP), a Heritage Review Strategy prepared by Place Management NSW to meet conservation requirements was approved by Heritage NSW in 2018. This strategy set out the required actions to be completed as part of, and as a condition of, sale.
- (3) Old Pyrmont Cottages at 6-8 Scott Street, 1, 3 and 5 Cross Street continue to be protected by the Heritage Act 1977.

\* 5412 ABORIGINAL FLAG—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What consideration has the Government given to flying the Aboriginal flag permanently on the Sydney Harbour Bridge?
- (2) What consideration has the Government given to flying the Aboriginal flag permanently in Darling Harbour alongside the Australian flag?
- (3) What consideration has the Government given to flying the Aboriginal flag permanently on the ANZAC Bridge alongside the Australian flag?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to fly the Aboriginal flag on other transport and maritime infrastructure?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (3) This is a matter for the Department of Premier and Cabinet.
- (2) The Darling Harbour Bridge is managed by Place Management NSW. This is a matter for the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.
- (4) The NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet determines protocols for flag use on state government buildings.

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\* 5413 PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What is the outcome of the Crown Lands review of lease transfers for the former Paddington Bowling Club site?
  - (a) What changes will be made to Crown Lands processes as a result?
  - (b) What information will be made public about the review?
- (2) Has the site not been operated as a bowling club since June 2015?
- (3) What steps has the Government taken to ensure this Crown Land remains accessible to the community and available for recreation purposes?
- (4) What information does the Government have about upcoming requests to change the lease or leaseholder?
- (5) How does the Government ensure that the local community and other stakeholders are informed, consulted and can participate in decisions on any changes to the lease?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to ensure this site remains in public ownership, accessible to the community and used for recreation purposes?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Crown Lands review found the lease transfers were validly approved and registered.
- (a) and (b) Nil.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) and (6) Crown Lands is engaged in discussions with the Lessee and Woollahra Council to re-activate the land for community and recreational uses in accordance with the lease purpose and planning controls that apply. The tennis courts are open and available.
- (4) Crown Lands is assessing an application to change the guarantor to the existing lease which, if approved, will require a variation to the lease.
- (5) The Crown Lands Community Engagement Strategy sets out the minimum community engagement requirements for dealings under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

\* 5414 SOCIAL HOUSING HANDYPERSON—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What proportion of maintenance reports does the Government estimate could be dealt with by a skilled handyman and do not require a licensed tradesperson?
  - (a) What is the average number of these reports each month?
  - (b) How many of these are for tenants living in the inner city?
- (2) What is the current process for helping social housing tenants with simple maintenance tasks that do not require a licensed tradesperson like replacing light bulbs, replacing tap washers and tightening door handles?
- (3) What assessment did the Government make of the previous Surry Hills handyman service?
- (4) What cost benefit assessment has the Government made about using licensed tradespersons or handymen for these simple repairs?
- (5) Where does the Government refer tenants eligible for NDIS or MyAgedCare for help with simple home maintenance tasks?

- (6) What consideration has the Government given to providing a handyperson service for multi-unit buildings where there are large numbers of elderly tenants with limited mobility?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to ensure vulnerable tenants can get simple handyperson tasks carried out quickly and at low cost to the social housing maintenance budget?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Land and Housing Corporation's (LAHC's) systems do not capture the requested information.
- (2) – (7) Social housing tenants enter into leases and have legal obligations in relation to maintaining their homes. To be eligible for social housing, they must be able to sustain a tenancy, with or without support.

LAHC does not assist tenants to perform routine tasks such as changing light bulbs, cleaning soap scum from shower screens, removing surface mould, removing garbage etc. Such tasks are the responsibility of tenants in accordance with the Residential Tenancies Act.

People who require support to maintain their tenancy must show they have access to, and are willing to engage with, appropriate support services. Social housing providers make appropriate referrals to other agencies in situations where a tenant has not accessed available support services.

If a tenant needs support in performing such tasks they should contact the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ). DCJ, as the tenancy manager, will look into the matter in relation to the tenancy agreement, and assist the tenant to connect with appropriate support services. In exceptional circumstances, LAHC responds to requests from DCJ to assist a tenant if there is no support service available, while DCJ is exploring alternative options.

\* 5415 LIGHT RAIL PRIORITY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the CBD and South East light rail travel times and improvements since the service opened?
- (2) Does the light rail have priority at traffic intersections, with automatic activation of traffic signals prioritising public transport?
- (3) What measures have been introduced to safely speed up the light rail service?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to give priority for public transport including light rail services over vehicle traffic in the inner city?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The average end-to-end journey time has improved from around 45-50 minutes (December 2019) to 35 minutes (February 2021).
- (2) The advanced detection of light rail vehicles creates priority to the approaching signals as much as possible without hindering existing network users, including pedestrians.
- (3) Improvements in journey time and overall performance have been safely delivered through:
  - Bedding in of the service
  - Continuous improvement in service delivery and operational management; and
  - improving coordination with traffic signals.
- (4) Transport for NSW will continue to work with ALTRAC to improve light rail reliability, journey time and the customer experience, and the interactions with all road users (motor vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians).

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\* 5416 AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANISATION SEXUAL HARASSMENT REPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the March 2020 Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) report from the 'National Inquiry into Sexual Harassment in Australian Workplaces'?
- (2) What action has the Government taken to support a coordinated national response?
- (3) What action has the Government taken on the following identified priority programs:
  - (a) social change strategies on sexual harassment, including increased knowledge and behaviour change;
  - (b) targeted, evidence-based prevention strategies for populations at higher risk;
  - (c) initiatives targeting young people focussed on sexual harassment as gender-based violence?
- (4) What advocacy has the Government carried out with the Commonwealth to support ratification of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Convention concerning the elimination of violence and harassment in the world of work (ILO 190)?
- (5) What changes to defamation law and civil proceedings are being considered to better protect victims of sexual harassment?
- (6) What judicial education and training is the Government providing to improve court processes dealing with sexual harassment?
- (7) What action has the Government taken to ensure adequate community support and legal help is available for victims of sexual harassment?
- (8) What measures has the Government taken to ensure that all New South Wales government agencies implement procedures to prevent and effectively address sexual harassment in the workplace?
- (9) What further action will the Government take to address sexual harassment in the workplace in response to the AHRC report?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Government is committed to working with the Commonwealth Government on a nationally coordinated response to the Australian Human Rights Commission's (AHRC) Respect@Work: Sexual Harassment National Inquiry Report (2020). The Government is already taking action on a number of recommendations, including via the NSW Women's Strategy 2018-2022 and the NSW Sexual Assault Strategy 2018-2021.
- (2) On 8 April 2021, the Commonwealth Government released its response to the report, A Roadmap for Respect: Preventing and Addressing Sexual Harassment in Australian Workplaces (the Roadmap). The Roadmap can be accessed at: <https://www.ag.gov.au/rights-and-protections/publications/roadmap-for-respect>. The Roadmap responds to all of the 55 recommendations made in the Respect@Work report. A National Cabinet meeting was held 9 April 2021 where the Respect@Work report and the Commonwealth Government's Roadmap for Respect response was discussed. At that meeting, New South Wales, along with other states and territories, agreed to provide a formal response to the Respect@Work report by 30 June 2021.
- (3) A number of priority programs and activities are included the NSW Sexual Assault Strategy 2018-2021, with sexual harassment addressed via a number of programs, including:
  - The #makenodoubt community education campaign, which identifies a continuum from sexual harassment to sexual assault and the importance of consent.

- The NSW Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Corporate Leadership group, convened to provide strategic leadership from a range of industries and professions, promoting safe workplaces free of harassment.
- Support to New South Wales universities and university residential colleges to support their implementation of the recommendations from the AHRC report *Change the Course*.
- A Sexual Assault Toolkit currently being developed by ACON for LGBTQ communities to recognise and respond to sexual assault will include unpacking myths and attitudes that condone or enable sexual harassment in LGBTQ community settings.

In addition, the Government joined Our Watch on 1 July 2019, making New South Wales part of a cohesive national primary prevention approach.

The NSW Curriculum supports the teaching of child protection and respectful relationships in an age-appropriate way from Kindergarten through to Year 10 in Personal Development Health and Physical Education. A strengthened syllabus released in 2018 includes content on respectful and positive relationships, sexually-based harassment, discrimination and consent.

- (4) In 2020, advice was sought by the Commonwealth on the NSW Government's current compliance with articles of the International Labour Organisation Violence and Harassment Convention 2019. Input regarding NSW Government's responses to violence and harassment was provided.
- (5) A Defamation Working Party, comprised of representatives from each jurisdiction and led by New South Wales, has been reviewing state and territory uniform defamation laws since 2019. On 31 March 2021, Attorneys General agreed to release a discussion paper for the Stage 2 Review of the Model Defamation Provisions (Stage 2 Discussion Paper) for public consultation. Part B of the Stage 2 Discussion Paper asks whether defamation law impacts reports of alleged criminal conduct to police and statutory investigative bodies and reports of misconduct to employers and professional disciplinary bodies. The Stage 2 Discussion Paper is available at [www.justice.nsw.gov.au/defamationreview](http://www.justice.nsw.gov.au/defamationreview).
- (6) The Judicial Commission of New South Wales, an independent statutory corporation, is responsible for judicial education and training in New South Wales. On 1 July 2020, I asked the Secretary of the Department of Communities and Justice to review legislation, policies and practices in courts and tribunals in relation to inappropriate workplace behaviour, with particular reference to sexual harassment. A copy of that report was provided to the Judicial Commission of NSW and Heads of Jurisdiction for their consideration.
- (7) Anti-Discrimination NSW (ADNSW) provides free information about discrimination and sexual harassment through its enquiry service. Information about this service is available at: [https://www.antidiscrimination.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/adb1\\_makingacomplaint/enquiries.aspx](https://www.antidiscrimination.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/adb1_makingacomplaint/enquiries.aspx). Complaints about sexual harassment may also be made to ADNSW. Information about making complaint and how it is handled by ADNSW is available at: [https://www.antidiscrimination.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/adb1\\_makingacomplaint/adb1\\_makingacomplaint.aspx](https://www.antidiscrimination.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/adb1_makingacomplaint/adb1_makingacomplaint.aspx).
- (8) – (9) On 1 July 2020, I requested that the Secretary of the Department of Communities and Justice review legislation, policies and practices in courts and tribunals in relation to inappropriate workplace behaviour, with particular reference to sexual harassment. In response to the review, DCJ has revised human resource processes to align with best practice, including complaints, induction and on-boarding processes. These are currently being implemented.  
On the 18 February 2021, the Premier formally requested a review be undertaken into the processes in place for ministerial staff to make certain that the Government has the best practice processes for making and handling complaints about bullying, harassment or sexual assault. This review is currently underway.

\* 5417 SUSPICIOUS GAMING ACTIVITY REPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) Does the Suspicious Gaming Activity Report identify significant levels of criminal money laundering through poker machines in registered clubs?

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- (a) What plans does the Government have to make this report publicly accessible?
- (2) How many complaints has Liquor and Gaming NSW received about this type of money laundering since 2010?
  - (a) What is the outcome of these complaints?
- (3) How many referrals has Liquor and Gaming NSW made to AUSTRAC or the Australian Tax Office about alleged tax evasion since 2010?
- (4) How many investigations has Liquor and Gaming carried out into these allegations since 2010?
  - (a) What is the outcome of these?
- (5) What action has been taken to prevent criminal money laundering through poker machines?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to prevent money laundering through poker machines?

Answer—

Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC) is Australia's financial intelligence agency and is responsible for anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing regulation. Regulated entities must monitor and report suspicious financial activities or transactions involving gaming machines directly to AUSTRAC. Also, the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW) makes money laundering an offence and NSW Police have the relevant enforcement powers.

In late 2020 and early 2021 and in consultation with NSW Police, data from the centralised monitoring system identified potential 'suspicious activity' in relation to five venues. The current capability of the system in relation to 'suspicious activity' was not available prior to 2020.

Liquor & Gaming NSW (L&GNSW) also proactively refers intelligence related-information associated with money laundering and suspicious activity received from external sources, to either AUSTRAC, NSW Police or both. No referrals have been made to the Australian Tax Office.

The following referrals have occurred:

Breakdown by year

2020: 3 referrals; 2 to AUSTRAC, 1 to NSW Police. 2 matters remain under investigation.

2019: 5 referrals; 3 to AUSTRAC, 2 to NSW Police.

2018: 1 referral, to NSW Police

2015: 1 referral, to AUSTRAC and NSW Police

2011: 1 referral, to NSW Police

There is presently no intention to make the 'suspicious activity report' public as to do so may compromise the ability to identify and address money laundering and like activities, and may also impede ongoing investigations.

\* 5418 IMAGE BASED ABUSE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

What is being done to prevent online image based abuse?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force's Child Abuse and Sex Crimes Squad collaborates with other Australian law enforcement agencies to prevent, detect and disrupt online image-based abuse.

Strategies towards the prevention of online image-base abuse include but are not limited to:

- The establishment of the Child Exploitation and Internet Unit (CEIU) to investigate all facets of online child abuse including images;
- The establishment of the Victim Identification Team to identify victims located online and via child abuse material exhibit seizures;
- Data sharing with other law enforcement agencies as appropriate to investigations;
- Working with the e-Safety Commission to identify and investigate online child abuse matters;
- Record and investigate allegations of online child abuse, including prosecution of offenders;
- Identify and investigate any material uploaded on the "Dark Net";
- Being a member of the National Victim Identification program and other working groups; and
- Working with the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation (ACCCE) regarding online child abuse matters and ongoing education and training.

There are a number of offences relating to online image-based abuse under the Crimes Act 1900, and the NSW Police Force will continue to identify and investigate matters to protect victims and prosecute offenders.

- \* 5419 EDUCATION ON IMAGE BASED ABUSE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What is the Minister doing to educate students on online image based abuse?

Answer—

As part of the New South Wales curriculum, students in kindergarten to year 12 develop understanding, skills and attitudes to prevent and protect themselves from online image-based abuse. The curriculum also provides a comprehensive approach to ethical behaviour and respectful relationships that explicitly addresses developing interpersonal skills such as refusal and assertiveness, as well as strategies for seeking support for themselves and others.

These learning programs are delivered in the broader context of online safety, identity and respectful relationships as part of the key learning area, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE).

PDHPE is mandatory for all students from kindergarten to year 10. In New South Wales public schools, this learning is extended through a mandatory 25-hour course for years 11 and/or 12 students.

- \* 5420 HOUSING WAITING LIST IN WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

What is being done to decrease the Housing NSW wait list in the Wallsend electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is committed to providing safe and affordable housing to our most vulnerable citizens via its Future Directions for Social Housing in NSW.

Future Directions is a ten year strategy to drive better outcomes for social housing tenants and is underpinned by three strategic priorities: more social housing; more opportunities, support and incentives to avoid and/or leave social housing; and a better social housing experience.

I am advised that as of 30 June 2020 there were 161 priority applicants and 2,455 general applicant households on the NSW Housing waitlist across the Lake Macquarie, Newcastle and Maitland allocation zones . This information is publicly available and can be accessed at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/expected-waiting-times>

I am further advised that to date a total of 58 new dwellings have been delivered in

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Wallsend under the Social and Affordable Housing Fund program, an initiative of Future Directions. The program provides access to social and affordable homes together with coordinated access to tailored support services that empower people to improve their lives and achieve greater security and independence.

Clients in Wallsend who have a priority need may be eligible for a private rental subsidy such as Rent Choice while they wait for an offer of social housing.

Rent Choice provides a time limited rental subsidy which is tapered over time to enable people to improve their circumstances and sustain private rental housing. I am further advised that 85 per cent of households exit Rent Choice without returning for housing assistance 12 months later, helping to reduce the waiting list for social housing.

\* 5421 SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Noting that since the reduction in the speed limit from 70 kilometres per hour to 60 kilometres per hour along Newcastle and Griffiths Road and Thomas Street, from Wallsend to Broadmeadow, more than \$6 million has been raised in fines from the fixed speed cameras on this stretch of road, what is the Government doing to specifically educate drivers who drive this stretch of road about the ongoing issue of speed?

Answer—

I am advised:

In the two weeks leading up to the speed limit change, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) installed electronic message signs at twelve locations along this stretch of road, to provide advanced notice to motorists.

The NSW Police Force also regularly conducts speed monitoring and enforcement activities along this stretch of road, through scheduled tasking or while on the way to other tasks.

TfNSW issued a media release to local media outlets, which resulted in coverage in local newspapers, television and radio. The Centre for Road Safety also distributed an email update to subscribers.

TfNSW displays ongoing road safety messages, including speeding messages, via two overhead fixed message boards located on Newcastle Road, Broadmeadow and Thomas Street, Wallsend.

\* 5422 WALLSEND AGED CARE FACILITY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Does the Minister or Hunter New England Local Health District have plans to close or privatise the Wallsend Aged Care facility?

Answer—

There are currently no plans to close or privatise Wallsend Age Care Facility.

\* 5423 HOUSING UNDER OCCUPANCY—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

(1) What was the number of under occupied Housing NSW properties in the following financial years:

(a) 2017-18;

(b) 2018-19;

(c) 2019-20?

Answer—

I am advised:



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The under occupancy rate for 2017-18 was 16.1% and for 2018-19 it was 16.4%. This information can be found at the Department of Communities and Justice website: [https://public.tableau.com/profile/facs.statistics#!/vizhome/TableA2B1C3D2N80/Performance\\_measure](https://public.tableau.com/profile/facs.statistics#!/vizhome/TableA2B1C3D2N80/Performance_measure).

The under occupancy rate for 2019-20 is 16.6%, this information can be located in the Report on Government Services 2021, Productivity Commission website:

Table 18A.32 refers: <https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-governmentservices/2021/housing-and-homelessness/housing#downloads>

- \* 5424 NORTHERN REGION COMMAND POLICE NUMBERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Noting that in 2006, police numbers for the Northern Region Command were 2,305 police officers, supported by 192 administrative staff and in 2020, there were only 2,191 Police Officers supported by 185 administrative staff, why have police numbers in the Command dropped by 114 and support staff by 7, despite a 21 per cent increase in population in the area over the same period?

Answer—

I am advised:

All police positions attached to Police Districts or Police Area Commands are flexible resources. These resources are supplemented by officers from specialist Commands, which are managed centrally, but can be deployed across Police Districts and Police Area Commands to respond to changing crime patterns and emerging issues.

Since 2006, there have been several changes, including the reengineering of Police Districts and Police Area Commands. As a result, it is not possible to make valid comparisons between staff numbers over the period since 2006. In Northern Region, there has been an overall increase of 220 authorised police positions and 61 police officer headcount.

- \* 5425 NEWCASTLE POLICE DISTRICT OFFICER NUMBERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Noting that police numbers in the Newcastle Command have gone from 245 officers in 2006 to 244 officers in 2020 and that Newcastle has ranked for the past six years in the top 10 local government areas for incidents of steal from persons, steal from motor vehicle, fraud and other theft. Why have police numbers not increased in the Newcastle Police District despite these crime statistics and a population increase of 17 per cent?

Answer—

I am advised:

The staffing numbers for 2006 and 2020 cannot be accurately compared due to a variety of reasons. These include centralisations of a number of positions into Police Commands between 2012 and 2014, which resulted in staff relocation and transfer of officers. In addition, between 2017 to 2018, there was a significant re-engineering of the whole organisation for the NSW Police Force, which involved the amalgamations of the Local Area Commands to establish Police Area Commands and Police Districts.

All police positions attached to Police Districts and Police Area Commands are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the districts. All local resources are supplemented by specialist police who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to meet the changing community needs and respond to changing crime patterns and emerging issues.

As part of the Government's 2018 commitment to an additional 1,500 police officers, Newcastle Police District was allocated six new positions in 2019-20, and four new positions in 2020-21.

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- \* 5426 HOUSING WAITING LIST—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—  
Will the Minister be increasing Budget to allow more Housing NSW properties to be built or redeveloped to decrease the current Housing NSW wait list?

Answer—

I am advised:

In the 2020-21 NSW Budget, the NSW Government committed almost \$900 million in additional funding for new and upgraded social housing, including Aboriginal housing, and supporting housing sector jobs.

- \* 5427 REDUCING THE ROAD TOLL EDUCATION—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What education, liaison with Council or other measures is the Government taking to reduce the road toll?

Answer—

I am advised:

Campaigns, programs and other actions in place to reduce the road toll are outlined on the Transport for NSW Centre for Road Safety website.

- \* 5428 DINE & DISCOVER RESTAURANT VOUCHER PROGRAM—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Customer Service—

When will the Dine & Discover restaurant voucher program switch from limited trials to a full rollout in the Electorate of Lismore to support local clubs, pubs and other eateries in the hospitality industry?

Answer—

The Government is implementing 'Dine & Discover NSW' voucher scheme to encourage consumer spending and support businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dine & Discover NSW commenced with a trial in The Rocks and Broken Hill. The trial then expanded to include Sydney CBD, the Northern Beaches, and Bega Valley.

Dine and Discover project rolled out to Lismore Electorate on the 17th March 2021.

If you have any further enquiries specific to COVID-19, please contact Service NSW at 13 77 88.

- \* 5429 SPEED CAMERAS IN THE ILLAWARRA—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many speed cameras are in operation in the Illawarra region (as at 18 February 2021)?
- (2) How many mobile speed cameras were in operation in the Illawarra region in:
  - (a) 2018;
  - (b) 2019;
  - (c) 2020?
- (3) Are there any plans, requests, or contractual requirements on operators to increase the number of mobile speed cameras in the Illawarra region?
  - (a) If so, by how many?

Answer—

- (1) There were six fixed mid-block speed cameras, 10 red-light speed cameras and two average speed camera lengths in operation in the Illawarra region as at 18 February 2021. There were approximately three mobile speed cameras in regular operation across the Illawarra region.
- (2) There were approximately three mobile speed cameras in regular operation across the Illawarra region during the period from 2018 to 2020. The annual level of speed camera enforcement within the Illawarra region was:
  - (a) 2018 – 3,668 hours
  - (b) 2019 – 3,765 hours
  - (c) 2020 – 3,747 hours.
- (3) In November 2020, the Government announced a range of changes to the NSW mobile speed camera program to save lives on roads in New South Wales. These changes include an increase in the number of enforcement hours per month across New South Wales, which will be applied evenly across all New South Wales regions.

\* 5431 PORT OF NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) In relation to the Government's policy on container facility development, does "container" mean any moveable device, designed for continuous use in loading and unloading cargoes on and from Ships, including boxes, crates, cylinders, tanks, TEUs, other stackable units and any similar cargo-carrying device which is designated as a container by international stevedoring standards from time to time and Containerised has a corresponding meaning. Container includes:
  - (a) Overseas import containers;
  - (b) Overseas export containers;
  - (c) Local containers (coastal inwards or outwards); and
  - (d) Empty containers and transhipped containers?
- (2) If not, what is the meaning of "container" in relation to the Government's policy on container facility development?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to the previous response to LC 5233.

\* 5432 HOMELESSNESS FUNDING—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What was the total homelessness funding, including Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) and related program funds, allocated for the 2019-2020 financial year?
- (2) What is the total homelessness funding, including SHS and related program funds, allocated for the 2020-2021 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Productivity Commission's Report of Government Services provides state and territory government expenditure on homelessness services over the last five years (Table 19A.1).

The report is publicly available at: <https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-ongovernment-services/2021/housing-and-homelessness/homelessness-services>.

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The NSW Budget commits \$291.8 million in 2020-21 to deliver homelessness programs and services across NSW, including initiatives funded under the NSW Homelessness Strategy 2018-2023. This is part of a \$1 billion investment in 2020-21 by the NSW Government in housing and homelessness supports.

\* 5433 WATER OWNED BY CHINESE ENTERPRISES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Considering the Register of foreign ownership of water entitlements has confirmed Chinese enterprises owned 662 gigalitres of Australian water entitlements as at 30 June 2020, how many gigalitres of New South Wales water entitlements did Chinese companies hold as at 30 June 2020?
- (2) How many gigalitres of New South Wales water entitlements did Chinese government-owned enterprises hold as at 30 June 2020?
- (3) Why is information on foreign holdings of New South Wales water entitlements not publicly available?

Answer—

The foreign ownership register is managed by the Australian Government.

Information on foreign ownership of water entitlements is reported by the Australian Taxation Office, with the report covering the most recent complete water year available online.

\* 5434 TRANSFER POINT RATINGS IN WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Will the Government reduce the transfer point ratings for the following schools:
  - (a) Wentworth Public School;
  - (b) Buronga Public School;
  - (c) Coomealla High School;
  - (d) Gol Gol Public School;
  - (e) Bulahdelah Central School?
- (2) What is the Government doing to address the chronic teacher shortage in these schools?

Answer—

1. There is no intention to reduce funding or support provided through the overall incentive scheme to rural and remote schools and teachers.
2. The Government has a range of initiatives in place to attract teachers to areas of need. This includes active promotion of teaching as a career through the Department's teach.NSW website and social media channels; teacher education scholarships, including specific teach.Rural scholarships; employment programs such as the Rural Experience Program; and sponsored training programs.

The Department also offers a range of incentives to attract and retain teachers in rural and remote communities. This includes rental subsidisation, locality and cost of living allowances, the retention benefit, the rural teacher incentive, and transfer points.

The Department continues to refine and improve its strategies to meet the needs of school communities and teachers to ensure New South Wales public schools are staffed by quality teachers. As part of this work, the Department is developing a strategy looking at further

innovations and initiatives to deliver a sustainable supply of quality teachers over the next ten years.

\* 5435 TAFE NSW JOB LOSSES AFFECTING WOMEN—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) How many of the jobs the Government plan to cut as a result of the restructure of TAFE NSW are currently held by women?
- (2) Is the Government cutting jobs predominantly held by women in regional New South Wales during a pandemic?
  - (a) If so, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

A new structure for Student Services and Facilities Management and Logistics is yet to be finalised.

Extended staff consultation occurred between 16 February and 1 April 2021. This feedback is currently being reviewed and will inform the final organisational structure and role composition.

It is not possible to provide an accurate breakdown of impacts by gender or location until the final change management plan has been completed and the placement process has concluded.

Any changes made will allow TAFE NSW to refresh position descriptions and ensure the right alignment of roles and teams.

Further, the NSW Public Service Commission's State of the NSW Public Sector and Workplace profile reports provide annual data relating to the proportion of women in the NSW public sector by cluster, remuneration and grade. The reports are available at [www.psc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.psc.nsw.gov.au).

\* 5436 TRUEGRAIN RAINFALL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Has the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) had to remove any excess water from the Truegain, Rutherford site following rainfall events between 29 July 2020 and 28 February 2021?
  - (a) If so, how much water was pumped out?
  - (b) Did any water overflow from the site into Stony Creek?
- (2) Has the EPA conducted any downstream water testing for per-and poly-fluoroalkyl (PFAS) substances along Stony Creek, Fishery Creek and Wallis Creek between 6 August 2020 and 28 February 2021?
  - (a) Is the precautionary advice issued to downstream residents by the EPA in May 2019 still current?
  - (b) Does the EPA plan to conduct further water testing during 2021 so residents can have current data on PFAS contamination affecting the creeks almost two years after it was detected?
- (3) Has Cleanway provided the EPA with the detailed site investigation into PFAS contamination upstream of the Truegain site?
  - (a) Will the EPA publicly release the investigation report?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) Approximately 1,597,590 litres of wastewater were removed from the premises.
- (b) No.

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- (2) No.
  - (a) Yes.
  - (b) No.
- (3) Yes.
  - (a) The report is owned by a third party and cannot be publicly released by the EPA.

\* 5437 OPAL CARD SURCHARGES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) Does Service NSW apply a surcharge on Opal Card top-ups using the Government's Regional Seniors Travel Card?
  - (a) If so, why?
- (2) What is the value of the surcharge applied by Service NSW to Regional Seniors Travel Card holders for Opal Card top-ups between 1 February 2020 and 31 January 2021?

Answer—

- (1) Yes, as a pre-paid Visa card, a transaction using a Government Regional Seniors Travel Card to top up an Opal Card at a Service NSW Centre will incur a surcharge of 0.44%.
  - (a) The surcharge is as per current NSW Treasury policy (TC18-18) for agencies to recoup the cost of bank fees in the processing of credit card transactions by levying a surcharge. The surcharge amount of 0.44% complies with the Reserve Bank of Australia guidelines governing surcharges on credit card transactions (Standard No 3 of 2016) and is less than the cost to Service NSW of processing the respective credit card transaction.
- (2) It is not possible to determine the amount of surcharge applied by Service NSW to Regional Seniors Travel Card holders for Opal Card top ups as the type of Visa credit card (or any other credit card) is not captured during the processing of the Opal Card top up

\* 5438 GROWING LOCAL COMMUNITIES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Considering Maitland City Council has estimated that there are unfunded roadworks for the Thornton precinct totalling approximately \$110 million, why was their application for \$51.17 million in grant funding for those projects under the Growing Local Communities Grant Application Program in the 2017-18 financial year not successful?
- (2) Noting that in the same financial year the 2322 postcode (which includes Thornton) generated more than \$165 million in revenue for the Government (the second highest postcode revenue in the state for that year), why hasn't the Government funded road works to support the new development which were driving these record stamp duty receipts?

Answer—

- (1) The project did not meet the Restart NSW fund criteria as required under the Growing Local Economies Fund.
- (2) This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

\* 5439 PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THORNTON AND CHISHOLM—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Noting in the 2017-18 financial year the 2322 postcode (which includes Thornton and Chisholm) generated more than \$165 million in revenue for the Government (the second highest postcode

revenue in the state for that year), why hasn't the Government planned a new public school for the new suburb of Chisholm?

- (2) When will the Government upgrade the Thornton Public School?
- (3) What is the capacity of Thornton Public School's permanent classrooms?
- (4) How many demountable school buildings are on the site of the Thornton Public School?
- (5) What is the current enrolment of students at Thornton Public School?
- (6) What is the projected enrolment of students at Thornton Public School in 2023?
- (7) What is the projected number of primary and high school students at:
  - (a) Chisholm?
  - (b) Thornton?

Answer—

- (1) The enrolment demand from the suburbs of Thornton and Chisholm is accommodated by Thornton Public School. This school can accommodate additional enrolments on its current site.
- (2) There are currently no plans to upgrade Thornton Public School.
- (3) Every eligible student who wishes to attend a Government school will be given a place at their local school. Accordingly, the Department does not have fixed enrolment capacities at Government schools. Schools have the capacity to adapt to fluctuating enrolments through the use of a combination of temporary and permanent teaching spaces.
- (4) Thornton Public School has nine demountable classrooms in 2021.
- (5) The current enrolment of students at Thornton Public School is 768 students.
- (6) – (7) The Department's student population projections are not available publicly because they inform investment decisions.

\* 5440 RUTHERFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How long has the General Assistant's accommodation been located in a shipping container during upgrades to Rutherford Public School?
- (2) Has a tender been let for the construction of a dedicated facility to be used by the General Assistant as part of the school upgrade?
  - (a) When was the tender called?
  - (b) What was the closing date for the tender?
  - (c) What is the forecast date for commencement of construction?
  - (d) What is the forecast date for completion of the facilities?
- (3) What will be included in the layout of the new facility?

Answer—

1. Temporary accommodation was created for the General Assistant to allow for the two phased upgrade of Rutherford Public School. Phase 2 of the project is scheduled to be completed in mid-2021.

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2. A tender to deliver replacement accommodation was published on 5 March 2021. The tender period was extended via addendum on 18 March 2021 and closed on 6 April 2021. The completion date will be known once the successful tenderer has been identified.
3. The new accommodation will include four bays with automated roller doors, a dividing wall to secure one bay, a small space for workshop benches, a basin, passive roof ventilation, windows and screens, a personal access door and connection to a water tank to harvest roof water.

\* 5441 THORNTON BRIDGE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the comments in 2011 by The Hon. Robyn Parker, former Member for Maitland, that "Thornton Bridge was needed in 2008, it's vital infrastructure" as part of her criticism of the Roads and Transport Authority's review which found that 1,400 homes could be constructed before a new rail bridge at Thornton would be required, how many homes have been built in Thornton since 2011?
  - (a) If the duplication of the bridge was vital infrastructure in 2009 and 2011, why has the Government still not duplicated the bridge, nearly ten years later?
- (2) Considering the complaints that it takes people across Maitland suburbs such as Thornton, Largs, Morpeth, and Chisholm, over 45 minutes to get through Thornton, a two to three kilometre trip, due to congestion issues at the intersection of New England Highway and Raymond Terrace Road, when will the Government finish the duplication of the state owned rail bridge at Thornton?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Matters relating to the duplication of the rail bridge at Thornton should be referred to Maitland City Council.

Thornton Road and Railway Avenue, either side of the Thornton Rail Bridge are local roads under the care and control of Maitland City Council. In the draft Rail-Road Interface Agreement for the Maitland local government area, John Holland Rail has been listed as the Bridge Structure Manager for Thornton Rail Bridge and Maitland City Council has been listed as the road manager. The Australian Rail Track Corporation also has an interest as the owner and manager of the rail lines underneath.

- (2) Transport for NSW has recently been granted funding to undertake a master-planning exercise of the Greater East Maitland Catalyst Area, which includes Thornton. Transport for NSW will engage with Maitland City Council and other stakeholders as part of this planning work and determine the issues and challenges within the transport networks that need to be resolved to maintain safe and efficient journeys for all transport users. This may include opportunities on local roads where local congestion occurs during peak periods.

\* 5442 MAITLAND NETWORK STUDY—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the current status of the Maitland Network Study as mentioned in the Greater Newcastle Future Transport Plan?
- (2) When is the study scheduled for completion?
- (3) Will the study be the subject of public consultation?
  - (a) If so, when will the consultation period commence?
  - (b) If so, who will undertake the consultation?
- (4) Has the need for the following infrastructure been included for consideration in the study:



- (a) Westbound flyover on the New England Highway at the intersection with Cessnock Road and Church Street Maitland;
- (b) Widening of the Church Street Railway Bridge;
- (c) Bypassing the roundabout to connect Church Street with Allan Walsh Drive;
- (d) State government ownership of Metford Road and Chisholm Drive;
- (e) Improving connectivity between Raymond Terrace Road and the New England Highway at Thornton;
- (f) Duplication of Cessnock Road between the Hunter Expressway and Maitland Railway Roundabout;
- (g) Duplication of Buchanan Road?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW is currently reviewing the Maitland Network Study to ensure it aligns with the Movement and Place Framework.
- (2) The findings of the Maitland Network Study will inform development of the Draft Maitland Transport Plan.
- (3) Public exhibition of the Draft Maitland Transport Plan is scheduled for early 2022 and will be jointly managed by Transport for NSW and Maitland City Council.
- (4) The study has given consideration to all relevant infrastructure and network priorities.

\* 5443 HUNTER WATER MAITLAND SHOPFRONT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What are the current operating arrangements for residents and tradespeople wanting to use the Hunter Water Maitland Customer Service Centre?
- (2) When does Hunter Water's lease with Maitland City Council for the facility end?
  - (a) Does Hunter Water intend to renew the lease?
  - (b) When will that lease be renewed and for what duration of time?
- (3) How many residential inquiries did Hunter Water receive at the Maitland Customer Service Centre during the following financial years:
  - (a) 2019-20;
  - (b) 2018-19;
  - (c) 2017-18?
- (4) How many inquiries and applications for residential home and commercial building projects did Hunter Water receive at the Maitland Customer Service Centre during the following financial years:
  - (a) 2019-20;
  - (b) 2018-19;
  - (c) 2017-18?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that in April 2020, Hunter Water closed non-essential face to face interactions following public health advice. Following the easing of restrictions, Hunter Water reopened its

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Newcastle Customer Support Centre for appointments, and has since reopened the Centre for all enquiries, Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm.

In addition to face-to-face enquiries at its Customer Support Centre, I am advised that Hunter Water makes available the following services:

- Making bill payments or other account related enquiries – customers can visit any Australia Post office, or visit [www.hunterwater.com.au](http://www.hunterwater.com.au), use live web chat services, contact Hunter Water's Honeysuckle based call centre over the phone, or by visiting its Newcastle Customer Support Centre.
- Building and Development – in addition to phone support, website and live chat support, development based applications can also be made Hunter Water's online developer portal (accessible 24/7)
- General enquiries and complaints - customers can contact Hunter Water over the phone, online at [www.hunterwater.com.au](http://www.hunterwater.com.au), use live web chat services, visit its Newcastle Customer Support Centre, or write to Hunter Water via post.
- Tradespeople – trade allies who need to submit applications, or require complex plumbing or development advice can utilise Hunter Water's online services (accessible 24/7) or visit Hunter Water's Newcastle Customer Support Centre

(2) I am advised that Hunter Water's commercial space lease with Maitland City Council ends on 30 June 2021.

(a) I am advised that Maitland City Council has written to Hunter Water advising that the existing contract will not be renewed by Maitland City Council, and that Council's future space planning has not considered a Hunter Water counter facility.

(b) See above.

Hunter Water is continuing to assess how to best serve its customers in Maitland, following the conclusion of the lease with Maitland City Council.

(3) I am advised that Hunter Water received the following residential enquiries at its Maitland Customer Service Centre:

(a) 796

(b) 1,047

(c) 970

(4) I am advised that Hunter Water received the following development and commercial related enquiries at its Maitland Customer Service Centre: a. 6,094

(b) 7,319

(c) 8,631

Further to the above, I am advised that current enquiries relating to development and building matters is considerably lower than in 2019/20, due to the increasing uptake of online services, consistent with Hunter Water's launch of a developer self-service portal. Currently, over 90% of applications are now submitted online.

I am advised that Hunter Water remains committed to tailoring its services to meet evolving customer needs.

\* 5444 STORMWATER AT TRUEGRAIN—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What is the status of above ground water storage facilities at the former Truegain, Rutherford site following the rainfall event on Sunday 14 March 2021?
- (2) Did stormwater have to be pumped from bunded areas of the property?
  - (a) If so, how much liquid was removed from the site?
  - (b) If so, where was the liquid taken for treatment of on-site contaminants?
  - (c) Was any testing undertaken on the liquid?
  - (d) What chemicals were found in the liquid?
- (3) Did any stormwater overflow from the site during or after the 53 millimetres of rainfall on 14 March 2021?
- (4) Did the Environment Protection Authority monitor downstream flows which inundated farmland between the Main North Rail Line, Telarah and Gillieston Heights?
  - (a) If not why not?
  - (b) If so, what monitoring was conducted?
    - (i) What were the results?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The above ground storage facilities at the site are operational.
- (2) No stormwater was pumped from the bunds. However, on 14 March 2021, heavy rainfall caused the bunds to overflow onto the handstand areas. This overflow was captured in the interception system.
  - (a) As a result of rainfall on 14 March 2021, approximately 200,000 litres were removed from the interception system and premises over the following three days.
  - (b) The liquid was treated by a mobile liquid waste treatment plant installed at a nearby premises in Rutherford.
  - (c) Yes.
  - (d) The liquid was tested for PFAS after being treated. PFAS was not detected.
- (3) No.
- (4) No.
  - (a) Not applicable.
  - (b) Not applicable.
    - (i) Not applicable.

\* 5445 CORRESPONDENCE WITH DARRYL MAGUIRE—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Did the Minister received correspondence including emails, letters, and requests from Darryl Maguire, former Member for Wagga Wagga, regarding Canterbury Racecourse in 2016 or 2017?
  - (a) If so, will the Minister release this correspondence?

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(2) Did Planning Officials or Ministerial Planning staff meet with Darryl Maguire about Canterbury racecourse in the following years:

- (a) 2015;
- (b) 2016;
- (c) 2017;
- (d) 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No.
- (2) No.

\* 5446 CANTERBURY PRIORITY PRECINCT—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Did the Minister's office arrange a meeting or meetings in 2016 with the Department of planning and Environment officials and Darryl Maguire, former Member for Wagga Wagga, regarding the Canterbury Priority Precinct?

Answer—

I am advised:

No.

\* 5447 DEVELOPMENT ON CANTERBURY RACECOURSE SITE—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Why was the decision made to announce, in 2017 via the Sydney Morning Herald, that up to 18 storey apartment blocks could be built on top of the Canterbury Racecourse after the Government said it was exploring options to rezone the site in anticipation of its sale?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Sydney Morning Herald article of 12 July 2017 responds to the release of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's draft strategy for the Sydenham to Bankstown Corridor, which was never endorsed nor implemented. Moreover, the draft strategy was not directed specifically at Canterbury Racecourse.

\* 5448 CANTERBURY RACECOURSE REZONING—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) Does the Minister have briefing notes regarding the potential rezoning of Canterbury racecourse?

- (a) If so, will they be made publicly available?
- (b) If not, does the Government have rezoning plans for the Canterbury racecourse?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No.
  - (a) Not applicable.

(b) No.

\* 5449 NEW RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Noting a Sydney Morning Herald stated in a 2017 article that a preliminary planning process is looking at the suitability of the Canterbury Racecourse site for a new residential community with heights ranging from three to eighteen storeys, is this preliminary process continuing or being reassessed?
- (2) What are the results from the preliminary planning process?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) City of Canterbury-Bankstown (Council) is developing a long-term planning strategy for the Canterbury Park Racecourse site if the Australian Turf Club operations cease, consistent with action E5.10 of Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement, Connective City 2036.
- (2) Council is continuing to prepare a masterplan.

\* 5450 MEETINGS WITH MIRVAC—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Has the Minister, his staff, and/or officials from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, held meetings with Mirvac or their representatives about Canterbury Racecourse in the following years:
  - (a) 2016;
  - (b) 2017;
  - (c) 2018;
  - (d) 2019;
  - (e) 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

Ministerial staff did not meet with Mirvac about Canterbury Racecourse from 2016 to 2020. I refer you to my diary disclosures which are publicly available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

The former Department of Planning and Environment met with Mirvac in August 2018, to discuss several site including Canterbury Racecourse. Consistent with their submission to the revised Draft Sydenham to Bankston Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy 2017. Mirvac advised it had an agreement with the Australian Turf Club regarding the King Street car park site, and that the racecourse site could provide open space and housing to support future needs.

The Department of Planning Industry and Environment (the Department) has met with Mirvac on a number of occasions since 2019 to discuss a range of sites, including Canterbury Racecourse. The Department has always identified the role of Canterbury-Bankstown Council in preparing a masterplan for the Canterbury precinct as the pathway to consider the future of the Canterbury Racecourse site.

\* 5451 SOCIAL HOUSING DWELLINGS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Considering the response to LAQ4380, are there currently any social housing dwellings being constructed by the Land and Housing Corporation?
  - (a) Are there any plans to construct new dwellings in the next twelve months?

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- (2) Are any social or affordable dwellings being constructed currently by community housing providers?
- (a) Are any social or affordable dwellings planned to commence construction in the next twelve months by community housing providers?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are currently 41 social housing dwellings being constructed by the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) in the Gosford state electorate.
- (a) Construction of the 41 dwellings in the Gosford state electorate has commenced and are due for completion in the next 12 months.
- (2) – (2a) LAHC does not hold records of developments by community housing providers unless they take place on land that is owned by LAHC.

\* 5452 EMERGENCY TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many people have been accommodated in emergency temporary accommodation, funded by the Government, on the Central Coast in the following years:
- (a) 2011;
- (b) 2012;
- (c) 2013;
- (d) 2014;
- (e) 2015;
- (f) 2016;
- (g) 2017;
- (h) 2018;
- (i) 2019;
- (j) 2020;
- (k) 2021 (as at 18 March 2021)?
- (2) How many people are currently accommodated in emergency temporary accommodation on the Central Coast (as at 18 March 2021)?
- (a) How many have been accommodated for more than two days?

Answer—

I am advised:

Emergency temporary accommodation is accommodation for a short period of time for people who are not normally eligible for social housing, but are facing extreme circumstances where there are no alternatives in the private market.

There have been two households housed in the Central Coast: one in October 2012 in the NN19 Gosford Allocation Zone and one in June 2020 in the NN20 Wyong Allocation Zone.

There are no people currently accommodated in emergency temporary accommodation

\* 5453 HOMELESS PERSONS STREET COUNT—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What are the results of the latest street count of homeless persons sleeping rough or in emergency accommodation on the Central Coast?
  - (a) How do the results compare to the count undertaken last year?
  - (b) How was the count conducted?
  - (c) How many personnel undertook the count?
  - (d) Was the community invited to participate?
  - (e) Is information on the count publicly available?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 2021 New South Wales statewide street count was completed from 2 February to 1 March 2021. Over 150 local organisations partnered with the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) to complete street counts in more than 280 towns and suburbs in 71 local government areas (LGA) across the state.

There were 1,141 people experiencing street homelessness counted in 2021 – a reduction of 13 per cent compared to 2020.

Information about the New South Wales street counts, including about how the counts are conducted, is available at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/about/reforms/homelessness/premiers-priority-to-reduce-street-homelessness/street-count>.

The count in the Central Coast LGA was held on 11 February 2021. There were 27 people experiencing street homelessness counted, a reduction of 53 per cent compared to 2020. There were 29 people who undertook the count, including from DCJ, Pacific Link, St Vincent De Paul Society, Uniting and Coast Shelter.

\* 5454 VACANT LAND IN THE ENTRANCE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Considering the response to LAQ4813, will the vacant Land and Housing Corporation and Aboriginal Housing Office land in The Entrance electorate be utilised to provide new social and affordable housing for my electorate?

Answer—

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation is currently redeveloping a vacant site in Gosford to provide social housing. There are no current plans to redevelop remaining sites. As at December 2020, the NSW Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) holds no vacant land in the Central Coast Local Government Area.

\* 5455 ALLOCATION OF POLICE OFFICERS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Considering the response to LAQ4052, what is the current number of sworn and unsworn officers allocation to:
  - (a) Tuggerah Lakes Police District (as at 17 March 2021);
    - (i) What is the current number of probationary constables working within, but not allocated to this district?
  - (b) Brisbane Water Police District (as at 17 March 2021)?

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- (i) What is the current number of probationary constables working within, but not allocated to this district?

Answer—

I am advised:

All police positions attached to Police Districts or Police Area Commands are flexible resources. These resources are supplemented by officers from specialist Commands, which are managed centrally, but can be deployed across Police Districts and Police Area Commands to respond to changing crime patterns and emerging issues.

The headcount of police officer, administrative and probationary constable positions as at 17 March 2021 for Brisbane Water and Tuggerah Lakes Police Districts are as follows:

Police District	Police Officer	Administrative	Probationary Constable
Brisbane Water	205	14	15
Tuggerah Lakes	215	13	17

- \* 5456 WYONG LOCAL FLOOD PLAN—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Considering your response to LAQ5028, what is the current status of the review of the Wyong Local Flood Plan?
- (a) Why are the flood warning levels still different to those contained within the NSW State Emergency Service flood warning guide?
- (b) Will the Local Flood Plan contain an updated flood warning procedure?
- (c) When is the review and update of the Local Flood Plan expected to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Flood warnings are issued by NSW State Emergency Service in accordance with the NSW State Emergency Management Plan, NSW State Flood Plan and the supplementary document Provision and Requirements for Flood Warning in New South Wales as well as other applicable policies and procedures. The updated Central Coast Local Flood Plan will include updated definitions for flood warning classifications, aligned with the state level flood plan. While the finalisation of the Central Coast Local Emergency Management Committee's review of the updated plan has been delayed by the recent flood and storm event, it will be completed in due course.

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- \* 5457 COMMITMENT OF FUNDS TO HILLSBOROUGH INDOOR SPORTS STADIUM—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) Was Transport for NSW consulted on the suitability of the proposed indoor sports stadium site at Hillsborough prior to the commitment of \$25 million being made in March 2019?
- (a) If not, why not?



Answer—

I am advised:

The site at Hillsborough was made available by Lake Macquarie City Council to the Newcastle Basketball Association for the proposed indoor basketball stadium. Consultation is being undertaken by Council.

\* 5458 DINE & DISCOVER ADVERTISING—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) What was the total dollar amount allocated to advertising the Dine & Discover program?
  - (a) What percentage was allocated to advertising in rural and regional newspapers?
  - (b) What percentage was allocated to advertising in rural and regional radio stations?
- (2) If no money was allocated to advertising Dine & Discover program in rural and regional New South Wales, how was it anticipated that people would find out about the program?

Answer—

To date, total planned spend for Dine & Discover NSW for business onboarding and consumer awareness is \$1,696,100 (this includes development and production of the campaign as well as the purchase of advertising).

The total amount of planned Dine & Discover NSW expenditure on rural and regional newspapers is 7.3 per cent of the total advertising budget. However, the combined total amount spent on advertising in rural and regional, (including digital, video, social media etc) is above the 26 per cent required by the NSW Advertising Guidelines.

The total amount of planned Dine & Discover NSW expenditure on rural and regional radio stations is 16.7 per cent of the total advertising budget. However, the combined total amount spent on advertising in rural and regional, (including digital, video, social media etc) is above the 26 per cent required by the NSW Advertising Guidelines.

\* 5459 COOLAH TOPS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Has a review of the Coolah Tops Plan of Management been completed?
  - (a) If so, what is the status of the Plan of Management?
  - (b) If not, what is the time frame for the completion of the Plan of Management?

Answer—

- (1) No.
  - (a) The Coolah Tops National Park Plan of Management was adopted in 2002 and it continues to guide the management of the park.
  - (b) A review is not currently planned based on the plan remaining fit for purpose and continuing to inform the delivery of annual implementation priorities.

\* 5460 ALTERNATIVE SAFE SHOOTING PROGRAM—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

Will an alternative funding model to the Safe Shooting Program be considered so that range modifications requested by the Firearms Registry are affordable for Firearms Clubs in Barwon?

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Answer—

I am advised this matter should be referred to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

\* 5461 CARAVAN REGISTRATION FEES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Given that caravan registration in New South Wales ranges from \$72.00 to \$733.00 (dependent on weight) and Victorian caravan registration has a flat fee of \$60.50, what extra benefits are caravan owners in New South Wales getting for their money?

Answer—

I am advised:

Motor vehicle tax is based on the tare weight of a vehicle to reflect the impact that it causes to the road network. Other jurisdictions have different laws and funding policies. However, all vehicle weight tax revenue in NSW is directed to the Roads Fund, which is established under the Motor Vehicles Taxation Act 1988. This funds road safety initiatives, maintains the road network and improves traffic management. In 2018, no other jurisdictions had a similar funding arrangement.

Since 1 November 2018, the NSW Government has also reduced motor vehicle tax on privately-registered caravans and camper trailers by 40 per cent to ease the cost of living for owners of these caravans and camper trailers across New South Wales. Yours sincerely

\* 5462 REGIONAL EVENTS ACCELERATION FUND—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

How will the Regional Events Acceleration Fund, a competitive grant geared towards new events, help the many existing business who are currently struggling with ongoing uncertainty from COVID-19?

Answer—

The \$20 million Regional Events Acceleration Fund will boost economic and social recovery in regional New South Wales by attracting and supporting the delivery of new and existing major events that will attract visitors, improve local economies and create jobs for regional communities.

\* 5463 ONCOLOGY BEDS IN GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Considering that a new oncology clinic has been built at Griffith Base Hospital, doubling the number of beds to eight, why have nurse numbers not been increased accordingly allowing the clinic to treat eight patients instead of four?

(2) What is the Government doing to permanently increase staffing levels?

Answer—

The new Oncology Clinic at Griffith Base Hospital has been built to respond to the future needs of the Griffith community. The current number of chairs is meeting the service demand and there is capacity to expand in the future. Staffing levels are adjusted in accordance with service demand.

\* 5464 NEWCASTLE POLICE ASSIGNMENTS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) How many police officers were assigned to the Newcastle Local Area Command in January 2011?

(2) How many police officers were assigned to the Newcastle City Police District in January 2021?

Answer—

I am advised that the staffing numbers for 2011 and 2021 cannot be accurately compared due to a variety of reasons. These include centralisations of a number of positions into Police Commands between 2012 and 2014, which resulted in staff relocation and transfer of officers. In addition, between 2017 to 2018, there was a significant re-engineering of the whole organisation for the NSW Police Force, which involved the amalgamations of the Local Area Commands to establish Police Area Commands and Police Districts.

As at 31 January 2021, the authorised number of police positions was 247.

All police positions attached to Police Districts and Police Area Commands are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the districts. All local resources are supplemented by specialist police who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to meet the changing community needs and respond to changing crime patterns and emerging issues.

As part of the Government's 2018 commitment to an additional 1,500 police officers, Newcastle Police District was allocated six new positions in 2019-20, and four new positions in 2020-21.

- \* 5465 TAFE JOB LOSSES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

Can the Minister clarify where projected job losses from the planned TAFE NSW restructure will be located?

Answer—

I am advised:

A new structure for Student Services and Facilities Management and Logistics is yet to be finalised.

Extended staff consultation occurred between 16 February and 1 April 2021. This feedback is currently being reviewed and will inform the final organisational structure and role composition.

It is not possible to provide an accurate breakdown by location until the final organisation structure is approved.

Any changes made will allow TAFE NSW to refresh position descriptions and ensure the right alignment of roles and teams.

- \* 5466 NEW OFFICERS IN NEWCASTLE—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) How many new officers were assigned to the Newcastle Local Area Command and/or Police District in each quarter of the following years:

- (a) 2012;
- (b) 2013;
- (c) 2014;
- (d) 2015;
- (e) 2016;
- (f) 2017;
- (g) 2018;
- (h) 2019;
- (i) 2020?

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Answer—

I am advised:

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\* 5467 HILLSBOROUGH INDOOR SPORTS STADIUM—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Noting the proposed indoor sports stadium at Hillsborough, was the Minister's Department approached at any time by any stakeholders prior to the development application being lodged regarding the use of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass ramp to allow access to the site on an ongoing basis?

(a) If so, what was the substance of any such communication?

(i) What was the outcome?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to LA Q2755.

\* 5468 POLICE OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS IN LAKE MACQUARIE—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) How many police officers were assigned to the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command in January 2011?

(2) How many police officers were assigned to the Lake Macquarie Police District in January 2021?

Answer—

I am advised:

The staffing numbers for 2011 and 2021 cannot be accurately compared due to a variety of reasons. These include centralisations of a number of positions into Police Commands between 2012 and 2014, which resulted in staff relocation and transfer of officers. In addition, between 2017 to 2018, there was a significant re-engineering of the whole organisation for the NSW Police Force, which involved the amalgamations of the Local Area Commands to establish Police Area Commands and Police Districts.

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As part of the Government's 2018 commitment to an additional 1,500 police officers, Lake Macquarie Police District was allocated five new positions in 2019-20, and three new positions in 2020-21.

- \* 5469 LOCATION FOR HILLSBOROUGH INDOOR SPORTS STADIUM—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Was the Minister consulted on the suitability of the location of the proposal for the Hillsborough indoor sports stadium prior to making the announcement of funding on 14 March 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

No.

- \* 5470 NEW OFFICERS IN LAKE MACQUARIE—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) How many officers were assigned to the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command or Police District in each quarter of the following years:

- (a) 2012;
- (b) 2013;
- (c) 2014;
- (d) 2015;
- (e) 2016;
- (f) 2017;
- (g) 2018;
- (h) 2019;
- (i) 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

The staffing numbers between 2012 and 2020 cannot be accurately compared due to a variety of reasons. These include centralisations of a number of positions into Police Commands between 2012 and 2014, which resulted in staff relocation and transfer of officers. In addition, between 2017 to 2018, there was a significant re-engineering of the whole organisation for the NSW Police Force, which involved the amalgamations of the Local Area Commands to establish Police Area Commands and Police Districts.

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- \* 5471 IMPACTS OF NEW STADIUM ON HILLSBOROUGH ROAD—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Considering Transport for NSW advice, dated 12 November 2020, which states that the proposed indoor sports stadium development at Hillsborough is forecast to deliver an additional 335 traffic movements per hour during peak times and 150 traffic movements per hour at other times onto the already poor traffic conditions on Hillsborough Road, what steps are being taken to relieve traffic, safety and congestion issues on Hillsborough Road?

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Answer—

I am advised:

Works at the intersection of Hillsborough Road and the Newcastle Inner City Bypass have been completed and are operational.

A strategic business case for the proposed upgrade of Hillsborough Road has been completed by Transport for NSW, identifying the preferred solution to the transport issues between Macquarie Road and the Newcastle Inner City Bypass.

Early consultation with key stakeholders has been undertaken and further consultation is planned as the project progresses.

The proposed indoor sports stadium is a matter for Lake Macquarie Council. Transport for NSW has provided traffic data to assist in identifying the impacts of the development on the surrounding transport networks.

\* 5472 GEORGES RIVER SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLAN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Is the Georges River currently subject to a Safety Management Plan?

(a) If not, will a Safety Management Plan be developed and implemented for the Georges River?

Answer—

I am advised:

In January 2013, Transport for NSW published the Georges River and Botany Bay Safety Plan. The plan set out a number of boating and waterway safety related programs and initiatives. In 2017, the Maritime Safety Plan (MSP) 2017-21 was released. The MSP 2017-2021 applies to all waterways within NSW and adopts a Safe Systems approach to reducing boating trauma.

\* 5473 LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Considering that Roads and Maritime Services is represented on Local Traffic Committees, what are the precise expectations for community consultation done by a council before supporting a traffic amendment?

(a) Is twelve submissions from a council area of 350,000 people an acceptable level of community consultation for a Roads and Maritime Services representative to support a traffic amendment?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Local Traffic Committee (LTC) is primarily a technical review committee, which is required to advise the Council on matters referred to it by Council. It should be noted that the LTC has no decision-making powers. The role of the LTC is to consider the technical aspects of any proposal and make a recommendation to the Council. The merits of the proposal, from a community perspective, is the responsibility of the Council and the views/opinions of community members should be taken into account by the Council rather than the LTC. a. It is the responsibility of the relevant council to make that determination.

- \* 5474 COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING REGISTER—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

How many buildings within the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Government Area were on the combustible cladding register as at 1 March 2021?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are 91 buildings in the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Government Area listed on the register as at 1 March 2021.

- \* 5475 BANKSTOWN RAILWAY STATION MODIFICATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Further to the answer provided in LAQ 3638, has any consideration been given towards what implications the Bankstown Railway Station modification would mean with respect to the upcoming Bankstown Masterplan that will result in rezoning windfalls for certain landlords?

(a) If so, what consideration and appropriate due diligence was undertaken?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Bankstown Railway Station modification has been designed to meet the needs of station users.

- \* 5476 FIXING LOCAL ROADS PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) What applications did the Canterbury-Bankstown Council make to the Fixing Local Roads program?

(a) Which of these applications were successful?

Answer—

I am advised:

Canterbury-Bankstown Council is not eligible to receive funding under Fixing Local Roads which is designed to help councils in regional New South Wales repair, maintain and seal local roads. Eligible local government areas are listed in the guidelines which are available on the Transport for NSW website.

- \* 5477 SPEED LIMIT ON M5 BETWEEN BELMORE AND KING GEORGES ROAD—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Why is the speed limit on the M5 Eastbound between Belmore Road and King Georges Road 80 km/h, yet the westbound limit is 100 km/h?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to LA 3792.

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\* 5478 REVERSE-CYCLE AIR-CONDITIONING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many schools in the Bankstown Electorate will receive reverse-cycle air-conditioning units in 2021?
- (a) Which schools in the Bankstown Electorate will receive reverse-cycle air-conditioning units in 2021?

Answer—

The NSW Government's Cooler Classrooms Program is a five-year, \$500 million commitment to deliver cooling, heating and fresh air ventilation systems to more than 900 NSW public schools.

As part of the program's rollout, systems have been installed at Bankstown Girls High School, Bankstown Public School and Bass High School.

Due to a range of factors, such as defining the scope of works, heritage considerations and the electrical capacity at the school, timeframes for installation of air conditioning is different at each school.

Details of the improvements being made at all NSW public schools are available at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/find-your-school.html>.

The website includes the status of individual school projects under the Cooler Classrooms program. However, as the School Infrastructure NSW website is constantly updating, the list of Cooler Classrooms projects and their status may not always reflect the current information.

\* 5479 DUNC GRAY VELODROME—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) When was the most recent market evaluation made for the Dunc Gray Velodrome?
  - (a) What was the most recent market valuation for the Velodrome?
- (2) Has the Office of Sport, Venues NSW or the Minister's Office received any offers to purchase the Velodrome?
  - (a) If so, when was the offer made?
    - (i) Whom was the offer made by?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Dunc Gray Velodrome is owned by Canterbury Bankstown Council.

Questions related to market valuation and any offers to purchase the Velodrome would need to be referred to Canterbury Bankstown Council.

\* 5480 COMMUNITY AND SMALL BUSINESS CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION FUND—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

How many grants were given to small businesses and community organisations in the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Government Area under the Community and Small Business Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Fund between 1 July 2019 and 1 March 2021?



Answer—

I am advised:

As of 1 March 2021, 15 installations had been completed in the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Government Area under the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund.

\* 5481 MOBILE PHONE DETECTION CAMERAS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Have Mobile Phone Detection Cameras been used in the Bankstown Electorate between 1 March 2020 - 1 March 2021?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) Where in the Bankstown Electorate have they been located?
    - (ii) How many offences were recorded within the Bankstown Electorate?
    - (iii) Which locations in the Bankstown Electorate are being considered for the installation of fixed Mobile Phone Detection Cameras?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
  - (i) & (iii) Transport for NSW does not disclose camera locations. The research is clear that deterrence is more effective when drivers assume they could be detected and penalised for illegal behaviour anywhere, anytime.
  - (ii) 234 penalty notices have been issued for mobile phone offences detected by the Mobile Phone Detection Camera Program in the Bankstown Electorate. Yours sincerely.

\* 5482 RELIGIOUS CONFESSION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

What is the outcome of your consideration of principles developed through the Council of Attorneys-General concerning religious confession and the implementation of the Royal Commission's recommendations?

Answer—

I am advised:

In November 2019, the Council of Attorneys-General members agreed to consider principles around confessional privilege to be applied to relevant legislation, which were developed by a working group led by NSW.

In October 2020, I wrote to church leaders drawing their attention to these principles, and requesting details of any reforms that their institutions may have made in order to help ensure the safety of children in light of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse findings and recommendations, including in relation to confessional privilege.

The NSW Government is considering the application of the principles to NSW legislation, and the information provided by church leaders will be useful in these deliberations.

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- \* 5483 FRAUD AND SCAM PROTECTION IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

What action have you and your Government taken to protect vulnerable people and the elderly in the Liverpool electorate from fraud and scams?

Answer—

The nature of scams targeting Australia requires a co-ordinated and national response. NSW Fair Trading works closely with other state and territory consumer protection agencies to educate consumers about scam identification and avoidance. The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission hosting the Scamwatch website.

Fair Trading provides information via its publicly available website to NSW consumers. Consumers are also encouraged to contact Fair Trading with enquiries and Fair Trading can provide information on:

Links to lodging a complaint online

Scam and cybercrime identification and avoidance

Links to and information about other agencies who may be able to assist the customer.

Fair Trading remains vigilant and alert to scamming operations and takes the appropriate action to protect consumer rights.

A search of NSW Fair Trading's complaint database for the period 1 January 2019 to 24 March 2020 identified one (1) report about a potential scam from a consumer in the Liverpool electorate.

- \* 5484 SOUTH WEST SYDNEY LEGAL PRECINCT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

Does the proposed South West Sydney Legal Precinct at Campbelltown rule out the development of any justice facilities around Badgerys Creek?

Answer—

I am advised: No.

- \* 5485 NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

Why does the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal accept only originating process electronically and not allow other material to be filed electronically?

Answer—

I am advised:

Parties can ask the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) to make directions allowing them to lodge their submissions and evidence electronically. These applications are considered on a case by case basis.

The NSW Government recently announced a \$54 million investment in digital reform across courts and tribunals. This funding will enable an increase in NCAT's capacity for online lodgement.

- \* 5486 NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL CLEARANCE RATE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

Why is the clearance rate of matters at the NSW Civil Administrative Tribunal falling?

Answer—

I am advised:

Measures taken to limit the spread of COVID-19 resulted in the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal's clearance ratio falling to 95.6 per cent during the 2019-20 financial year, compared with 99.2 per cent in 2018-19.

The clearance ratio for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021 recovered to 100.2 per cent.

\* 5487 SIGNING AND WITNESSING DOCUMENTS VIA AUDIO-VISUAL LINK—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Why does the Government insist that when having a signature witnessed by audio-visual link, both the Justice of the Peace and the person signing must be within New South Wales?
  - (a) What practical steps does Government propose to ensure this happens?

Answer—

I am advised:

The remote witnessing provisions in the Electronic Transactions Act 2000 allow a document to be witnessed where the witness and signatory are not in each other's physical presence.

The Oaths Act 1900 does not enable the witnessing of oaths, declarations or affidavits by NSW Justices of the Peace (JPs) where either the JP or the signatory is located outside of NSW.

Guidance regarding the operation of these provisions is available at <https://www.jp.nsw.gov.au/Documents/witnessing-legal-documents-remotely-jpfactsheet.pdf>.

\* 5488 RETIREMENT VILLAGES IN LIVERPOOL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

How many retirement villages are registered in the Local Government area of Liverpool?

Answer—

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\* 5489 STATUTORY PROVISIONS ON DISPUTE RESOLUTION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

What action does the Government propose in relation to the NSW Law Reform Commission Report no. 146 on statutory provisions on dispute resolution?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Law Reform Commission did not make any recommendations for the NSW Government to consider and noted that the best course was to leave existing statutory provisions unchanged.

\* 5490 BRIEFING COUNSEL ON THE BASIS OF GENDER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

Do you and/or the Department of Communities and Justice have a policy of equitable briefing of counsel on the basis of gender?

Answer—

I am advised:

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The NSW Government Equitable Briefing Policy for Women Barristers applies to all NSW government sector agencies that brief counsel, including the Department of Communities and Justice.

\* 5491 LGBTIQA+ ELDER ABUSE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Does the Government measure rates of elder abuse experienced by older people who identify as LGBTIQA+?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If so, how many reports of this were made to the NSW Aged Care and Disability Commission in each calendar year since the Commission was established (as at 23 March 2021)?
- (2) What specific programs has the Government to assist older LGBTIQA+ people who may be vulnerable to elder abuse?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 1 July 2019, the NSW Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) was established. The ADC does not currently measure rates of abuse specifically in relation to older people who identify as LGBTIQA+. Where it is relevant to the report and the ADC's handling of the matter, the information is recorded in the case notes and text fields in the case management system.

The former Elder Abuse Helpline and Resource Unit transferred to the ADC on 1 July 2019 and increased its scope to become the Ageing and Disability Abuse Helpline.

The ADC's Ageing and Disability Abuse Helpline provides person-centred support and assistance to older people who are subject to, or at risk of, abuse, neglect and exploitation in their family, home and community, including older LGBTIQA+ people. Assistance includes providing information, advice, support and making referrals (such as for legal advice, advocacy or counselling).

In June 2020, the NSW Government published the NSW Interagency Policy for Preventing and Responding to Abuse of Older People (Elder Abuse). The policy sets out the approach to preventing and responding to abuse of older people for NSW Government agencies. The report can be accessed at: [https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/591024/NSW-InteragencyPolicy-Abuse-of-Older-People.pdf](https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/591024/NSW-InteragencyPolicy-Abuse-of-Older-People.pdf).

\* 5492 UNDERQUOTING FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SALES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) How many instances of underquoting for residential property sales have been identified in each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2017-18;
    - (i) How many were in the Summer Hill Electorate?
    - (ii) How many complaints regarding underquoting for residential property sales have been lodged to NSW Fair Trading?
    - (iii) How many fines have been issued to real estate agents for underquoting for residential property sales?
  - (b) 2018-19;
    - (i) How many were in the Summer Hill Electorate?

- (ii) How many complaints regarding underquoting for residential property sales have been lodged to NSW Fair Trading?
- (iii) How many fines have been issued to real estate agents for underquoting for residential property sales?
- (c) 2019-20;
  - (i) How many were in the Summer Hill Electorate?
  - (ii) How many complaints regarding underquoting for residential property sales have been lodged to NSW Fair Trading?
  - (iii) How many fines have been issued to real estate agents for underquoting for residential property sales?
- (d) 2020-21 (as at 23 March 2021)?
  - (i) How many were in the Summer Hill Electorate?
  - (ii) How many complaints regarding underquoting for residential property sales have been lodged to NSW Fair Trading?
  - (iii) How many fines have been issued to real estate agents for underquoting for residential property sales?

Answer—

Fair Trading does not sort complaints by electoral district.

\* 5493 LONG COVID—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many New South Wales residents have been diagnosed with long COVID, also known as Post Acute COVID-19 Syndrome, since the beginning of the pandemic?
- (2) How many residents in New South Wales are currently living with long COVID?
- (3) What support does the Government provide to people with long COVID in New South Wales?
- (4) What resources are available for people with long COVID in New South Wales?
- (5) What is NSW Health's plan to manage long COVID?

Answer—

The spectrum of recovery following COVID-19 infection remains uncertain. There is currently no consensus on a definition for the diagnosis of long COVID to be able to provide definitive case numbers.

I am advised that in a sample of close to 3,000 laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases in New South Wales, while about 80 per cent recover within 20 days of infection, at three months from disease onset, eight per cent had not. These prolonged symptoms can range from very mild to those significantly impacting health and wellbeing.

The support required by COVID patients depends on the spectrum of symptoms persisting, with some people able to be monitored by their general practitioner whilst others may require referral to specialist NSW Health services for additional input and management.

The Government's response to COVID-19 is based on local and international expert health advice. The response is scalable and flexible to the evolving situation. The findings from ongoing research studies demonstrate the seriousness of COVID-19 infection. These studies will help to inform future projections of Australian health system needs.

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\* 5494 COOKS RIVER BANK WALL—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Is the wall along the Cooks River adjacent to the River Canoe Club (Richardson's Crescent, Marrickville) property owned and managed by NSW Crown Lands?
- (2) What has been the total amount of money expended by NSW Crown Lands in maintaining the wall in each of the past ten financial years?
- (3) Has an assessment been made of the integrity of the wall?
  - (a) If so, when?
- (4) What action will the Government take to properly maintain the wall?
- (5) What is the total length of the walls along the Cooks River owned and managed by NSW Crown Lands?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Crown Lands did not construct the wall. It is partly located on a Crown waterway and partly on freehold land.
- (2) N/A.
- (3) A Coastal Management Program (CMP) is currently being developed for the Cooks River Catchment by the Cooks River Alliance, which will incorporate an asset assessment of the wall adjacent to the River Canoe Club.
- (4) Crown Lands are contributing to the CMP Asset Management & Governance Working Group.
- (5) The total length will be determined through detailed surveys, completed as part of the CMP process.

\* 5495 NORTHERN RIVERS RAIL TRAIL—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) What impact will the proposed expansion of the Bentley Quarry have on the Northern Rivers Rail Trail?
- (2) Will the Government act to ensure the Quarry expansion, if approved, does not adversely impact the Northern Rivers Rail Trail?
  - (a) If so, how?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has not received a formal proposal regarding the Bentley Quarry. The rail trail is wholly contained in the rail corridor.
- (2) If a formal proposal is submitted, TfNSW will assess it on its merits and provide advice to the appropriate consent authority.
  - (a) If a formal proposal is submitted, TfNSW will carry out a review of the identified traffic route(s) and prepare a response under the applicable environment and planning process on any increase in traffic to key safety areas of the rail trail, including level crossings and bridges.

\* 5496 SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEERS IN THE STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What complaint procedures are in place to support volunteers in the NSW State Emergency Services (SES) to make complaints or reports about harassment, assault, bullying or discrimination?

- (2) How many formal complaints or reports about harassment, assault, bullying or discrimination have been lodged by SES volunteers in each of the following calendar years:
- (a) 2016;
    - (i) How many of these complaints or reports have been investigated?
    - (ii) How many of these investigations have resulted in:
      - (A) Disciplinary action against staff or paid employees of the SES?
      - (B) Expulsion of volunteers or termination of employment of paid staff of the SES?
      - (C) Referral for criminal action?
  - (b) 2017;
    - (i) How many of these complaints or reports have been investigated?
    - (ii) How many of these investigations have resulted in:
      - (A) Disciplinary action against staff or paid employees of the SES?
      - (B) Expulsion of volunteers or termination of employment of paid staff of the SES?
      - (C) Referral for criminal action?
  - (c) 2018;
    - (i) How many of these complaints or reports have been investigated?
    - (ii) How many of these investigations have resulted in:
      - (A) Disciplinary action against staff or paid employees of the SES?
      - (B) Expulsion of volunteers or termination of employment of paid staff of the SES?
      - (C) Referral for criminal action?
  - (d) 2019;
    - (i) How many of these complaints or reports have been investigated?
    - (ii) How many of these investigations have resulted in:
      - (A) Disciplinary action against staff or paid employees of the SES?
      - (B) Expulsion of volunteers or termination of employment of paid staff of the SES?
      - (C) Referral for criminal action?
  - (e) 2020;
    - (i) How many of these complaints or reports have been investigated?
    - (ii) How many of these investigations have resulted in:
      - (A) Disciplinary action against staff or paid employees of the SES?
      - (B) Expulsion of volunteers or termination of employment of paid staff of the SES?
      - (C) Referral for criminal action?
  - (f) 2021 (as at 23 March 2021)?
    - (i) How many of these complaints or reports have been investigated?
    - (ii) How many of these investigations have resulted in:
      - (A) Disciplinary action against staff or paid employees of the SES?

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- (B) Expulsion of volunteers or termination of employment of paid staff of the SES?
- (C) Referral for criminal action?
- (3) How is the Government working to improve reporting mechanisms and work culture within the SES?
- (4) In 2019-2020, what was the total amount of funding spent by the Government on programs to strengthen reporting mechanisms and improve work culture within the SES?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Investigation of reports of harassment, assault, bullying or discrimination in the NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES) is handled in accordance with the NSW SES Code of Conduct & Ethics, the NSW SES Internal Grievance Policy and Bullying and Harassment Policy and internal procedures. Any remedial or disciplinary action in relation to these types of allegations are conducted in accordance the Government Sector Employment Act 2013, the NSW Government Sector Employment Rules, and the NSW SES Allegations of Misconduct Procedures for Volunteer Members.
- (2)
- (a) Of the 18 formal complaints and reports received in 2016, five have been investigated, with one expulsion of volunteers or termination of employment of paid staff of the SES.
  - (b) Of the 18 formal complaints and reports received in 2017, one has been investigated.
  - (c) Of the 14 formal complaints and reports received in 2018, four have been investigated, with three expulsions of volunteers or termination of employment of paid staff of the SES.
  - (d) Of the 29 formal complaints and reports received in 2019, 12 have been investigated, with five expulsions of volunteers or termination of employment of paid staff of the SES.
  - (e) Of the 17 formal complaints and reports received in 2020, eight have been investigated, with three expulsions of volunteers or termination of employment of paid staff of the SES.
  - (f) Of the five formal complaints and reports received in 2021 (as at 23 March 2021), two have been investigated.
- Please note that for answers 2 a-f: the complaints / reports referred to in the statistics above which were not formally investigated, were referred for managerial action which included the issuance of managerial warnings/counselling where appropriate, facilitated mediation between the parties and ongoing monitoring of the respondent's conduct and workplace interactions.
- (3) NSW SES has invested in resources and training for staff and volunteers to build capability and awareness to deal effectively with harassment, assault, bullying or discrimination issues, including:
- mandatory online training in the code of conduct and ethics;
  - leadership training and development for commanders;
  - rollout and delivery of the ASPIRE leadership program;
  - the referral of all reports to Probity & Standards, managed in accordance with procedural fairness principles;
  - the development of a diversity and inclusion strategic framework.
- (4) Funds spent in relation to the rollout and delivery of the ASPIRE leadership program in 2020 were approximately \$110,000. Additionally, in 2020 the Government announced the allocation of \$5.9



million to NSW SES over the next five years which is to be used to establish the NSW SES Wellbeing Service and Support Team and the Mental Health Enhancement Project Team. A portion of this funding has also been allocated to create a new Senior Professional Standards Officer position within Probity and Standards.

\* 5497 SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEERS IN THE RURAL FIRE SERVICE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What complaint procedures are in place to support volunteers in the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) to make complaints or reports about harassment, assault, bullying or discrimination?
- (2) How many formal complaints or reports about harassment, assault, bullying or discrimination have been lodged by RFS volunteers in each of the following calendar years:
  - (a) 2016;
    - (i) How many of these complaints or reports have been investigated?
    - (ii) How many of these investigations have resulted in:
      - (A) Disciplinary action against staff or paid employees of the RFS?
      - (B) Expulsion of volunteers or termination of employment of paid staff of the RFS?
      - (C) Referral for criminal action?
  - (b) 2017;
    - (i) How many of these complaints or reports have been investigated?
    - (ii) How many of these investigations have resulted in:
      - (A) Disciplinary action against staff or paid employees of the RFS?
      - (B) Expulsion of volunteers or termination of employment of paid staff of the RFS?
      - (C) Referral for criminal action?
  - (c) 2018;
    - (i) How many of these complaints or reports have been investigated?
    - (ii) How many of these investigations have resulted in:
      - (A) Disciplinary action against staff or paid employees of the RFS?
      - (B) Expulsion of volunteers or termination of employment of paid staff of the RFS?
      - (C) Referral for criminal action?
  - (d) 2019;
    - (i) How many of these complaints or reports have been investigated?
    - (ii) How many of these investigations have resulted in:
      - (A) Disciplinary action against staff or paid employees of the RFS?
      - (B) Expulsion of volunteers or termination of employment of paid staff of the RFS?
      - (C) Referral for criminal action?
  - (e) 2020;
    - (i) How many of these complaints or reports have been investigated?
    - (ii) How many of these investigations have resulted in:
      - (A) Disciplinary action against staff or paid employees of the RFS?

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- (B) Expulsion of volunteers or termination of employment of paid staff of the RFS?
  - (C) Referral for criminal action?
- (f) 2021 (as at 23 March 2021)?
  - (i) How many of these complaints or reports have been investigated?
  - (ii) How many of these investigations have resulted in:
    - (A) Disciplinary action against staff or paid employees of the RFS?
    - (B) Expulsion of volunteers or termination of employment of paid staff of the RFS?
    - (C) Referral for criminal action?
- (3) How is the Government working to improve reporting mechanisms and work culture within the RFS?
- (4) In 2019-2020, what was the total amount of funding spent by the Government on programs to strengthen reporting mechanisms and improve work culture within the RFS?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has a number of Service Standards in place that support their volunteers to make complaints or reports about harassment, assault, bullying or discrimination. The Code of Conduct and Ethics, and the Respectful and Inclusive Workplace Service Standards are well established; both documents apply to staff and volunteer members. These documents are supported by processes outlined in the Service Standards 1.1.3 Grievance and Service Standards 1.1.2 Discipline.
- (2) The figures below include bullying, harassment (including sexual harassment) and discrimination matters reported to the Professional Standards Unit, Membership Services and/or an Area Command by volunteer member/s. Conduct matters handled by the local brigade or district management, including district disciplinary panels (DDPs), are not captured centrally.
  - (a) There were 10 formal complaints lodged in 2016-2017.
    - (i) Six (of the remaining four complaints: two complainants did not wish to proceed, one respondent resigned prior to the matter being finalised, the remaining matter was referred to NSW Police)
    - (i) 0
    - (ii) 2 volunteers removed
    - (iii) 1.
  - (b) There were 19 formal complaints lodged in 2017-2018
    - (i) 11 (of the remaining eight complaints: three complainants did not wish to proceed, one matter could not proceed without further information (anonymous complaint), three complainants agreed to mediation, the remaining matter was referred to NSW Police)
    - (i) 0
    - (ii) 1 volunteer removed
    - (iii) 1.
  - (d) There were 22 formal complaints lodged in 2018-2019

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- (i) 19 (of the remaining three complaints: one complainant did not wish to proceed, one matter could not proceed without further information (anonymous complaint), the remaining matter was referred to NSW Police)
- (i) One (six of the complaints lodged involved staff members. Two of these were substantiated, remedial action was taken in response to one of these matters)
- (ii) three volunteers removed
- (iii) 1.
- (e) There were 9 formal complaints lodged in 2019-2020
- (i) Eight (the remaining complaint could not proceed without further information (anonymous complaint))
- (ii) 0
- (iii) 0.
- (f) There were 26 formal complaints lodged in 2020-2021 (as at 23 March 2021)
- (i) 23 (this figure includes matters currently under investigation. Of the remaining three complaints: two complainants did not wish to proceed, the remaining matter was referred to NSW Police)
- (i) 1
- (ii) 1 staff termination
- (iii) 1.
- (3) The NSW RFS has commenced a review of its grievances and disciplinary framework to ensure that all complaints, including those at the District and Brigade level, are known and managed appropriately.
- The NSW RFS has piloted a tool, called the Convention Guide to help leaders across the organisation navigate different processes relating to people management, and help them manage grievances and disciplinary matters effectively.
- Additionally, in December 2020 the NSW RFS introduced a new Member Induction program. The Induction is a mandatory training module for all new members, and it sets the expectations, standards and behaviours expected of all NSW RFS members.
- (4) These types of programs are afforded for under normal operating budget provisions and are not in all circumstances captured separately for reporting of expenditure. The NSW RFS has implemented a number of key improvements in the last and current financial year including:
- Establishment of the Area Management Model which saw the inclusion of People and Business functions in each of the seven Area Commands. These teams have been established to strengthen the management of member related issues at the District level, including grievance and disciplinary matters, with professional guidance and support from the central People and Strategy directorate.
  - Workplace conduct training, including Member Induction (referred to in Q3) and Code of Conduct and Ethics training.
  - The Conversation Guide (referred to in Q3).
  - Grievance and discipline review (referred to in Q3).
  - Specific interventions as required to address grievance and disciplinary matters, for example outsourcing of independent investigations and facilitated mediation to resolve local level matters as required.

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\* 5498 SUMMER HILL TRAIN STATION PAY ZONES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Why were pay zone stickers installed at Summer Hill Train Station?
- (2) How will the installation of these stickers impact the public access of pedestrians using the station tunnel to cross the train line?
- (3) Are pedestrians using the tunnel as a thoroughfare expected to tap on and off with an Opal card as they do so?
- (4) How many fines have been issued to pedestrians for not having a valid ticket past the pay zone stickers when they reported using the tunnel as a thoroughfare?
- (5) If Transport for NSW intends on enforcing fines for pedestrians using the tunnel as a thoroughfare, will consideration be given to constructing a pedestrian bridge or providing other means for residents and pedestrians to use the tunnel?
  - (a) If not, will Transport for NSW amend the pay zone to allow residents and pedestrians to continue to use the tunnel as a thoroughfare given there is not another crossing between Liverpool Road and Grosvenor Crescent?

Answer—

I am advised:

Pay zone strips have been installed at 46 ungated stations across the Sydney Trains network and at Rose Bay Ferry wharf as part of the fare compliance program. These strips have been positioned near Fixed Location Readers to increase the visibility of the readers to customers. The strips are used as a communication tool to remind customers to tap on and off public transport to avoid a fine, and do not limit access or use of the tunnel.

Pedestrians using the tunnels as a thoroughfare are not expected to tap on and off with an Opal card. In the event that pedestrians do tap on and off, no cost will be incurred. There have been no fines issued and Transport for NSW does not intend to issue fines to customers using the tunnel as a thoroughfare.

\* 5499 COVID-19 VACCINATION 1B COHORT—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Is NSW Health monitoring the waitlist for COVID-19 vaccinations for the 1B cohort which includes people over 70 years of age?
  - (a) If so, what is the average wait time for the COVID-19 vaccination in the 1B cohort in:
    - (i) The Greater Sydney Region?
    - (ii) The Sydney Local Health District?
    - (iii) Regional New South Wales?
- (2) How is the Government working with the Commonwealth to reduce wait times for people seeking a COVID-19 vaccination over the age of 70?

Answer—

NSW Health is not monitoring the waitlist for COVID-19 vaccinations for the phase 1b cohort of people over 70 years of age.

Governance of the COVID-19 vaccination program sits with the Australian Government

Department of Health. Vaccination of this cohort is through usual immunisation providers, including some GP practices and GP respiratory clinics.

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\* 5500 SPECIAL ACTIVATION PRECINCTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) What progress has been made on the Moree Special Activation Precinct (SAP) (as at 17 February 2021)?
  - (a) What is the current status of this SAP?
  - (b) Is it finalised as a SAP?
  - (c) Is a regional plan required as part of the business case approval process?
- (2) Has the Narrabri SAP been fully approved?
  - (a) Is Narrabri incorporated into the Moree Regional Plan or does it have its own regional plan?
  - (b) Does it require a regional plan or business case?
- (3) Will the Minister detail the requirements of a SAP approval once an investigation has been initiated?

Answer—

1. (a) – (c) The Special Activation Precincts is progressing through the master planning process.
2. A business case is being prepared.
3. Please refer to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Activation Precincts) 2020 Act.

\* 5501 ELECTRIC VEHICLES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the Ernst & Young evaluation in the September 2020 report "Uncovering the hidden costs and benefits from Electric Vehicles" that electric vehicles already contribute more tax revenue over their lifetime than comparable internal combustion engines?
- (2) What changes will the Government make to the electric vehicles plan as a result of this evaluation?

Answer—

- (1) The report's analysis of government revenue generated by electric vehicles and internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles is based on a combination of both Commonwealth and state taxes. The Commonwealth collects the most substantial vehicle taxes and charges including GST, fuel excise, and the luxury car tax. States collect motor vehicle duty and registration charges.
- (2) This question should be directed to the Minister for Energy and Environment, the Hon. Matt Kean MP. New South Wales includes the entire state except the metropolitan areas of Greater Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong.

\* 5502 MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER MANAGEMENT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What steps is Water NSW taking to address the problems caused by fluctuating water levels in the Hay Weir?
- (2) Considering the importance of hands-on familiarity in good river management, including maintaining consistent water levels in the weir, why are no Water NSW employees based in Hay?

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Answer—

- (1) The current operating protocol aims to manage fluctuations at Hay to a maximum daily change of 300mm - in either a rise or fall direction - with the water level measured immediately upstream of the weir.
- (2) WaterNSW considers many factors in decision-making concerning all structures throughout the system it manages. Decisions in relation to Hay Weir are made in the context of the valley as a whole.

\* 5503 WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2000—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) If there is a constraint in a river system, is a river operator or Irrigation Infrastructure Organisation required to deliver water in accordance with the water access priorities listed in Section 58 of the Water Management Act 2000?
- (2) Are there any special rules or exemptions with respect to the environment or Irrigation Infrastructure Organisations?
- (3) Under what circumstances would Section 58 of the Water Management Act 2000 not apply to water access?
- (4) Is it possible to put the obligations of the Water Management Act 2000 out to contract?

Answer—

- (1) Water sharing plan priority of delivery rules do not apply within the area of operation of Irrigation Infrastructure Organisations (irrigation corporations).
- (2) Section 58 of the Water Management Act 2000 sets the priorities between different categories of access licences. Any access licence held by an environmental water holder or by an Irrigation Corporation is subject to the priorities set by section 58 and the same rules as any other licences of the same category or categories. Environmental water that is not pursuant to an access licence (planned environmental water) would have the delivery priority as set in the relevant water sharing plan.
- (3) Section 58 of the Water Management Act 2000 only applies to access licences.
- (4) The question needs clarity for an answer to be provided.

\* 5504 PRESCHOOL EDUCATION AT POONCARIE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Given that many children in Pooncarie and the surrounding area have to travel over 100km to the nearest preschool, will the preschool at Pooncarie be reinstated?

Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to providing access to 600 hours of quality preschool education for all children in the year before school.

The Department of Education has met with a representative from the Pooncarie community and provided advice on the regulatory arrangements and funding supports available for the establishment of Early Childhood Education Services.

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The Department will continue to provide support and advice on options for the establishment of a preschool service to support children and families in Pooncarie.

\* 5505 SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL'S VASCULAR ANOMALY CLINIC—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Why has funding for the nurse specialist position at Sydney Children's Hospital's Vascular Anomaly Clinic been cancelled, resulting in the clinic no longer running?
- (2) What will be done to replace this service?

Answer—

(1) – (2)

The Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) at Sydney Children's Hospital vascular clinic was introduced as a temporary trial in October 2019. I am advised that the CNS was temporarily reallocated to the COVID vaccination clinic in March 2021, resulting in brief cancellation of the clinic session. The CNS will return to the vascular service on 19 April 2021 where the position will continue for a further six months while a review into the service is undertaken.

\* 5506 MANILDRA POLICE STATION—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Will consideration be given to prioritising an assessment for necessary upgrades to the aging police residence at Manildra, which is presently unoccupied, the condition of which is seen as an impediment to the placement and retention of a police officer at Manildra?

Answer—

I am advised:

Property NSW is responsible for maintenance and repairs to the Manildra Police Station and the associated residence. It advises that major works required on the residential property are not part of its current refurbishment program. As such, Property NSW will source alternative rental accommodation for the incoming Lock-up Keeper.

\* 5507 LUNA PARK INQUIRY—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

In light of recent information which raises serious questions over the adequacy of the police investigation and the veracity of the subsequent inquest into the deaths of seven people as a result of the fire at Luna Park in 1979, will you instruct the coroner to commence a fresh inquiry regarding the cause of the fire?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 8 April 2021, the NSW Coroner received an application from a person with sufficient standing under s.83 of the Coroners Act 2009 to seek a fresh inquest into the Luna Park Ghost Train fire of 1979.

The NSW Coroner has made a formal request to the NSW Police Force to conduct a review into all evidence concerning the cause and origin of the fire and the circumstances surrounding the deaths as a result of the fire.

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\* 5508 STOCKPILE SAFETY—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

In relation to the investigation by SafeWork about the storage risk of a huge stockpile of batteries in a residential suburb, as reported by The Sydney Morning Herald (20 March 2021), what action has been taken (as at 24 March 2021)?

Answer—

SafeWork NSW issued six notices to MRI (Aust) Pty Ltd in November 2020 in relation to personal protective equipment (PPE), inadequate training and information to workers and hazardous chemical storage and labelling.

The six notices were closed by the Inspector as the company and its workers were no longer operating from the premises and the premises itself had been secured so as to prevent access.

The City of Liverpool Council and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) commenced to take action with respect to the issues on site. Jurisdiction for the clean-up of the site is with Environment Protection Authority and local Council. SafeWork NSW will continue to monitor the site and will work with leading agencies.

\* 5509 NSW FAIR TRADING COMPLAINTS REGISTER—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

(1) Since the NSW Fair Trading complaints register was introduced to list businesses that have had 10 or more complaints against them in one calendar month, which 50 companies have been listed on the register the most?

(a) How many times was each company listed?

(2) Which industries were most complained about?

(a) How often were these industries complained about?

Answer—

The Register is publicly available on the NSW Fair Trading website.

\* 5510 LEGAL CASES BY REGULATORY BODIES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

(1) In each of the last ten years:

(a) How many actions have been initiated by NSW Fair Trading in the NSW Supreme Court?

(i) Under which legislation was each action initiated?

(b) How many actions have been initiated by SafeWork or WorkCover in the NSW Supreme Court?

(i) Under which legislation was each action initiated?

(c) In how many actions did NSW Fair Trading intervene in the NSW Supreme Court?

(i) Under which legislation was each intervention initiated?

(d) In how many actions did NSW Fair Trading intervene in jurisdictions outside New South Wales?

(i) Under which legislation was each intervention initiated?

(e) In how many actions did SafeWork or WorkCover intervene in jurisdictions outside New South Wales?

(i) Under which legislation was each intervention initiated?



Answer—

- (1) (a) and (a) (i) In each of the following financial years:

2010/11 - NSW Fair Trading initiated two matters in the Supreme Court, one pursuant to the Fair Trading Act 1987 and one pursuant to the Property, Stock and Business Agents Act 2002.

2011/12 - NSW Fair Trading initiated two matters in the Supreme Court, comprised of one matter pursuant to the Fair Trading Act 1987 and one matter pursuant to the Supreme Court Act 1970. NSW Fair Trading also initiated one matter in the Court of Appeal pursuant to the Supreme Court Act 1970 (in respect of a matter under the Property, Stock and Business Agents Act 2002).

2012/13 - NSW Fair Trading initiated two matters in the Supreme Court, one pursuant to the Fair Trading Act 1987 and Home Building Act 1989 and one pursuant to the Building Services Corporation Act 1989.

2013/14 - NSW Fair Trading initiated one matter in the Supreme Court pursuant to the Supreme Court Act 1970.

2014/15 - NSW Fair Trading initiated two matters in the Supreme Court pursuant to the Fair Trading Act 1987 and the Home Building Act 1989 and one matter pursuant to the Fair Trading Act 1987.

2015/16 - NSW Fair Trading initiated one matter in the Supreme Court pursuant to the Fair Trading Act 1987.

2016/17 - NSW Fair Trading initiated one matter in the Supreme Court pursuant to the Supreme Court Rules.

2018/19 - NSW Fair Trading initiated two matters in the Supreme Court, one matter pursuant to the Fair Trading Act 1987 and one matter pursuant to the Supreme Court Rules (in respect of a matter concerning the Fair Trading Act 1987).

2019/20 - Nil matters initiated.

2020/21 - Nil matters initiated.

- (1) (b) and (b) (i) In each of the following financial years:

2010-11 - The WorkCover Authority of NSW initiated one matter in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal pursuant to the Dust Diseases Tribunal Act 1989.

2011-12 - Nil matters initiated.

2012-13 - Nil matters initiated.

2013-14 - Nil matters initiated.

2014-15 - Nil matters initiated.

2015-16 - Nil matters initiated.

2016-17 - Nil matters initiated.

2017-18 - Nil matters initiated.

2018-19 - Nil matters initiated.

2019-20 - SafeWork NSW initiated one matter in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal pursuant to the Supreme Court Act 1970. 2020/21 - SafeWork NSW initiated one matter in the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeal pursuant to the Criminal Appeal Act 1912.

- (1) (c) and (c) (i) In each of the following financial years NSW Fair Trading intervened in:

2010-11 – Nil matters

2011-12 - Nil matters

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2012-13 - Nil matters

2013-14 - Nil matters

2014-15 - Nil matters

2015-16 - Nil matters

2016-17 - Nil matters

2017-18 - Nil matters

2018-19 - Nil matters

2019-20 - Nil matters

2020-21 - Nil matters

- (1) (d) and (d) (i) In each of the following financial years NSW Fair Trading intervened in:

2010-11 – Nil matters

2011-12 - Nil matters

2012-13 - Nil matters

2013-14 - Nil matters

2014-15 - Nil matters

2015-16 - Nil matters

2016-17 - Nil matters

2017-18 - Nil matters

2018-19 - Nil matters

2019-20 - Nil matters

2020-21 - Nil matters

- (1) (e) and (e) (i) In each of the following financial years SafeWork/WorkCover intervened in:

2010-11 – Nil matters

2011-12 - Nil matters

2012-13 - Nil matters

2013-14 - Nil matters

2014-15 - Nil matters

2015-16 - Nil matters

2016-17 - Nil matters

2017-18 - Nil matters

2018-19 - Nil matters

2019-20 - Nil matters

2020-21 - Nil matters.

\* 5511 RESIDENTIAL (LAND LEASE) COMMUNITIES ACT—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) How many complaints have been received by NSW Fair Trading since commencement of the Residential (Land Lease) Communities Act (as at 24 March 2021)?
  - (a) How many complaints related to:
    - (i) Site fees;
    - (ii) Voluntary sharing arrangements;
    - (iii) Retaliatory conduct against a home owner for making a complaint;
    - (iv) Residents Committees;
    - (v) Interference in sales;
    - (vi) Other matters (please describe)?

Answer—

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The complaint data is available by the complaint categories used by Fair Trading when registering complaints.

The categories listed do not align with the Fair Trading database. Many of these complaints may cross multiple categories and cannot clearly be split into categories (i) to (vi).

\* 5512 OUTLAWING PREDATORY BUSINESSES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Has the Minister received advice regarding outlawing predatory businesses that rely on exploiting vulnerable consumers?
  - (a) What discussions has the Minister had with his counterparts in other jurisdictions regarding this issue?
  - (b) What action has been taken regarding this matter?
  - (c) What action will be taken regarding this matter?

Answer—

Due to the broad nature of the question, a detailed answer cannot be provided.

The question could refer to any number of business practices regulated under Australian Consumer Law. In order to helpfully respond to questions, please ensure that specific questions are asked in future.

\* 5513 UNFAIR TERMS IN INSURANCE CONTRACTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Has the Minister received advice regarding the need to ensure unfair contract terms in insurance are banned?
  - (a) What discussions has the Minister had with his counterparts in other jurisdictions regarding this matter?
  - (b) What action has been taken regarding this matter?
  - (c) What action will be taken regarding this matter?

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Answer—

Unfair contract terms in insurance contracts is regulated by the Commonwealth.

\* 5514 AUSTRALIAN CONSUMER LAW PENALTIES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Has the Minister received advice regarding an increase to penalties for breaches of Australian Consumer Law to deter major businesses for taking advantage of consumers?
  - (a) What discussions has the Minister had with his counterparts in other jurisdictions regarding this issue?
  - (b) What action has been taken regarding this matter?
  - (c) What action will be taken regarding this matter?

Answer—

- (1) In September 2018, penalties for a breach of the Australian Consumer Law (ACL) was raised from \$1.1 million for companies to the greater of \$10 million, three times the value of the benefit received, or where the benefit cannot be calculated, 10 per cent of annual turnover in the preceding 12 months. Penalties against individuals per breach under the ACL were also increased from \$220,000 to \$500,000.
  - (a) Amendments to the ACL require agreement from participating jurisdictions which requires discussion with counterparts in other jurisdictions.
  - (b) The increase in penalties has commenced.
  - (c) The ACL is a multiple regulator model and jurisdictions, including New South Wales, can enforce the penalties prescribed under the ACL.

\* 5515 NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Has the Minister received advice regarding the use of non-disclosure agreements following resolution of disputes under Australian Consumer Law?
  - (a) What discussions has the Minister had with his counterparts in other jurisdictions regarding this issue?
  - (b) What action has been taken regarding this matter?
  - (c) What action will be taken regarding this matter?

Answer—

- (1) The Minister has not received advice on the use of non-disclosure agreements following resolution of disputes under the Australian Consumer Law (ACL).
  - (a) This issue has not been raised by the Minister or his counterparts in other jurisdictions at previous Minister forums (that is, the Legislative and Governance Forum on Consumer Affairs).
  - (b) On 28 February 2019, section 86AB of the Fair Trading Act 1987 (NSW) commenced as part of the Better Business Reforms package. The provision voids any term in a nondisclosure agreement that limits a consumer's ability to make a complaint to NSW Fair Trading. Additionally, it requires suppliers who enter into a non-disclosure agreement with a consumer, to inform the consumer before or at the time of entering into the agreement, that the agreement does not limit their ability to lodge a complaint with NSW Fair Trading.

- (c) No further action is being taken at this time.

\* 5516 REASONABLE TIME FOR A PRODUCT TO LAST—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Has the Minister received advice regarding a reasonable period of time that a product should last in relation to Australian Consumer Law?
  - (a) What discussions has the Minister had with his counterparts in other jurisdictions regarding this issue?
  - (b) What action has been taken regarding this matter?
  - (c) What action will be taken regarding this matter?

Answer—

Due to the broad nature of the question, a detailed response cannot be provided .

Different products are expected to last for different lengths of time.

For example, an automobile should last longer than a ham sandwich.

\* 5517 WOMEN'S CHANGE ROOM FUND—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Why was Newcastle excluded from the \$50 million grant fund to deliver women's change rooms?
- (2) Will the decision to exclude Newcastle be reviewed?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Regional New South Wales includes the entire state except the metropolitan areas of Greater Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong.

\* 5518 NEW AMBULANCES—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many of the 16 new state-of-the-art ambulances reportedly on order for the North Coast of New South Wales will be allocated to the Lismore electorate?
- (2) When will these new ambulances be delivered?
  - (a) Where will they be stationed?

Answer—

- (1) Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.
- (2) The locations for the paramedic intensive care ambulances are determined using a NSW Ambulance service planning methodology and the final sites will be announced in the near future. The delivery of the new intensive care unit ambulances is planned for the second half of 2021.

\* 5519 PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON TRAVELLING STOCK RESERVE USE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Why were only three regions – Tweed Heads, Tamworth and Federation (Corowa) - chosen for public consultation on the future use of Travelling Stock Reserves under a Crown Lands review, originally launched in 2012?

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(a) If so, what will the budget allocation be?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Water.

\* 5520 DOUBLING THE KOALA POPULATION—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

Can the Government realistically double New South Wales' koala population from a baseline of 20,000 to 40,000 by 2050, despite the Government's independent scientific experts providing advice against setting such a target?

Answer—

The Government will release a whole-of-government strategy to help achieve the goal of doubling the number of koalas in New South Wales by 2050.

The strategy is likely to include a combination of national park additions, incentives for private landholders to conserve koala habitat, regional programs to improve the health and safety of koalas, habitat restoration and actions to fill key knowledge gaps.

The development of the draft strategy has been guided by the Chief Scientist and Engineer and an independent Koala Strategy Expert Panel.

\* 5521 HINTERLAND CAPABILITY OF NEW AMBULANCES—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Do any of the 16 new ambulances reportedly ordered for the North Coast of New South Wales have four-wheel-drive capability to safely transport isolated patients, given the rough hinterland terrain of local government areas like Kyogle in the Lismore electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that within the NSW Ambulance Northern NSW Zone, there are seven 4WD Landcruisers, which can be dispatched in appropriate conditions.

\* 5522 ACCESS TO TRAVELLING STOCK ROUTES—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

Does the Government have any plans to restrict access to Travelling Stock Routes to farmers only, at the expense of other users including Indigenous custodians, bushwalkers, bird watchers, horse riders, mountain bikers, swimmers, kayakers, recreational fishers, campers, seed collectors, photographers and Landcare groups?

Answer—

No.

\* 5523 LONG TERM TOURISM SUPPORT FOLLOWING COVID-19—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

What long-term COVID-19 economic support measures are in place to help tourism operators on the Northern Rivers and Northern Tablelands regions to survive once the short-term stimulus of Dine and Discover NSW Vouchers is over?

Answer—

The Government has put in place a range of measures to assist businesses across New South Wales, including businesses in the Northern Rivers and Northern Tablelands regions, designed to support business investment, help small businesses manage short-term cash flow challenges, and provide targeted support to individuals to the most severely affected communities and regions.

Long-term, measures include:

- Continuing the Government Business Connect program until 30 June 2024, so more businesses can continue to obtain advice to navigate challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, including advice on how best to position their business
- Permanent increase to the payroll tax threshold from \$1 million to \$1.2 million and reducing the payroll tax rate from 5.45 percent to 4.85 per cent
- Providing small businesses with fees and charges rebate of \$1,500 until 30 June 2022 to help them with the cost of doing business.

The Government's tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW, is providing industry-wide assistance through its investment in events, destination marketing, PR and industry development programs to help businesses recover.

The Government has committed \$51 million in new tourism funding to support and stimulate business post-JobKeeper, \$3 million through the Tourism Product Development Fund and \$1.5 million through the Regional Business Event Development Fund to support the regional visitor economies, including in the Northern Rivers and Northern Tablelands regions.

Destination NSW continues to secure events for the Northern Rivers and Northern Tablelands regions which benefit the wider region. Recently, Great Southern Nights, an initiative by Destination NSW and the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) to support the live music, entertainment and hospitality industries recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, delivered 65 gigs in 24 venues in these regions in November 2020.

Destination NSW developed its Love NSW tourism recovery campaign, which encourages people to stay and spend locally in New South Wales and in which Northern Rivers and Northern Tableland towns and experiences featured. New South Wales local councils had the opportunity to increase their destination's exposure by investing in the campaign activity. The regions also featured in road trip itineraries of the NSW Road Trips campaign, which aims to encourage dispersal to rural towns.

Destination NSW is delivering industry support and practical resources to help travel and tourism operators recover through its NSW First Program. The resources provide business owners with advice about how to stay in touch with customers, maintaining relationships with media and distribution partners, and opportunities to develop new areas of business. Since March 2020, 67 businesses in the Northern Rivers and Northern Tablelands regions participated in the Program.

Destination NSW continues to encourage businesses to list their products and experiences, free of charge, on Get Connected, which delivers over 4.7 million leads to the tourism industry in New South Wales each year. There are 2,234 product listings for businesses within the Northern Rivers and Northern Tablelands regions across a range of categories including accommodation providers, tourist attractions, events, and restaurants.

Destination NSW continues to provide funding for Destination North Coast to deliver its destination development and stakeholder engagement programs.

The Government is delivering \$240,000 as part of a 2019 Election commitment over three years to support the Northern Rivers Food Tourism strategy with Northern Rivers Food Inc. The development of the Strategy has focussed on COVID-19 recovery through capability building and the development of food trails.

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Growing the regional visitor economy remains a key focus of the Government. The NSW Visitor Economy Strategy 2030, released earlier this year, includes a regional target to deliver \$25 billion in regional overnight expenditure by 2030. The Government remains committed to working with all regional stakeholders to achieve this target and deliver economic benefits across the State. You can view the Strategy at [www.destinationnsw.com.au/about-us/strategies-and-plans/visitor-economy-strategy-2030](http://www.destinationnsw.com.au/about-us/strategies-and-plans/visitor-economy-strategy-2030).

- \* 5524 MANAGEMENT OF TRAVELLING STOCK LANDS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

What has the Government done, or is doing, at a whole-of-government level to develop a framework of strategic management principles for shared and sustainable use of the Travelling Stock Reserves network across New South Wales?

Answer—

Local Land Services has developed a Travelling Stock Reserves (TSRs) State-wide Plan of Management. It is a single state-wide plan of management across New South Wales to ensure the future management of TSRs aligns with Indigenous, conservation, livestock, production, recreation and community priorities.

The plan establishes a consistent approach to managing TSRs by Local Land Services that reflects the community's expectations and shows a contemporary approach for the future management and viability of TSRs in New South Wales.

- \* 5525 TRAVELLING STOCK RESERVES—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

(1) Is the Government considering closing and/or selling any Travelling Stock Reserves?

(a) If so, when will local councils and the general public be informed of this?

(2) How will the proceeds of any potential rationalisation of public land be spent?

Answer—

(1) No.

(2) Not applicable.

- \* 5526 COFFS HARBOUR TAFE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

Considering a \$13 million trades hub is about to open in Coffs Harbour, why has the Government cancelled bricklaying and tiling courses at Coffs Harbour TAFE which will force future students to travel 400 kilometres to Newcastle TAFE to learn these trades?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government understands the people of NSW want access to industry-relevant skills training that leads to a good job and a rewarding career. We continue to support TAFE NSW as the state's comprehensive public provider by providing it with more resources than ever before to deliver the training that students and industry need.

In Coffs Harbour, this means expanded delivery of in-demand qualifications in areas such as Carpentry, Construction, Plumbing, and Water operations. It also means the delivery of a brand-new Multi Trades Hub that will enable TAFE NSW to train an additional 700 apprentices a year.

TAFE NSW has experienced very low demand for the bricklaying and tiling courses over the past few years. Based on consultation with industry and analysis of data, no new enrolments are being taken in bricklaying and



tiling courses at the Coffs Harbour campus. If demand increases for bricklaying and tiling courses TAFE NSW will reintroduce them.

- \* 5527 COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—  
When will the COVID-19 restrictions relating to chanting and singing in places of worship be eased?

Answer—

Up to date information on NSW Health's response to COVID-19, is available on the NSW Health website at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au>.

- \* 5528 RELOCATION OF POWERHOUSE MUSEUM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Premier representing the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) As a result of flooding to the proposed Powerhouse Museum site during the severe storm event in March 2021, will the Government consider moving the facility to another site in Parramatta that is not flood-prone?

(a) If so, where will it be moved to?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

At no point was the Powerhouse Museum site flooded during the storm event in March 2021 . Based on available flood data, flood waters were 4 metres below the future ground floor of Powerhouse Parramatta.

The Parramatta Riverbank site was chosen after an extensive review of possible locations and is the ideal location for the Powerhouse Parramatta.

Powerhouse Parramatta will be a very safe building for people to visit and for the collection to be exhibited. The museum has been designed to withstand large and rare flood events.

- \* 5529 TREE CLEARING ACROSS HIGHWAYS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the timeline for tree clearing across highways in New South Wales?

- (2) What is the cost of the tree clearing directive for highways in New South Wales?

- (3) Where will the initial tree clearing along highways commence?

- (4) Will replacement trees be planted elsewhere to compensate for trees cleared along New South Wales highways?

(a) If so, will any trees be planted in the Fairfield Electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)-(3) Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has a long standing program for the removal of hazardous trees and management of vegetation to maintain the performance and safety of the road network. This is an ongoing program that operates across the state.

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In response to the bushfires of 2019-20 and the floods that followed, TfNSW established a Corridor Resilience Program. The Program is designed to reduce the impact on the road network of extreme weather events and improve the recovery time of the network following events.

Under the Program work has been completed on the Gwydir Highway (July to November 2020) and is nearing completion on the Princes Highway (July 2020 to April 2021).

In the 2020-21 financial year, TfNSW has budgeted \$22,391,779 for its ongoing vegetation management program on the state road network. The Corridor Resilience Program has a budget of \$10 million for the 2020-21 financial year.

TfNSW is assessing priorities to identify the next corridor for treatment.

(4) Replacement trees have not been required to be planted for these programs to date. Should replacement trees be required they will be planted consistent with the conditions of the environmental approval for the works.

\* 5530 IMPACT OF STORM ON FAIRFIELD SCHOOLS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Which schools in the Fairfield Electorate sustained damage during the severe storm event in March 2021?
- (2) What is the estimated cost of works to repair damaged school property of schools in the Fairfield Electorate that sustained damage during the March 2021 severe storm event?

Answer—

- (1) A number of schools experienced damage during the storms, most relatively minor.  
All repairs are expected to be completed by the commencement of Term 2, 2021.
- (2) The local School Infrastructure NSW office is currently obtaining formal costings of repairs from contractors and will work with loss adjustors as appropriate.

\* 5531 REVIEW OF FLOOD MITIGATION MEASURES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Will flood mitigation measures across New South Wales be reviewed following the March 2021 severe storm event?
  - (a) If so, what will the timeline for the review be?

Answer—

I am advised:

Responsibility for flood mitigation and flood risk management planning is shared across state and local government agencies. These measures are subject to regular review by councils to ensure they are appropriate in meeting the needs of flood affected communities.

\* 5532 ASSISTANCE TO STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Will the Government provide additional funding to local State Emergency Service units to assist with localised clean-up measures to flooded areas following the March 2021 severe storm event?

- (a) If so, what will the budget allocation be?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW SES responded to over 14,250 requests from the community during the March 2021 floods, and was adequately funded to do so. Longer term community recovery has now been transitioned to Resilience NSW.

- \* 5533 ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL COUNCILS FOLLOWING FLOOD—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Will the Government provide extra funding to local councils to repair damaged roads after the March 2021 severe storm event, given it was classified as a once-in-50-year flood?

- (a) If so, what will the budget allocation be?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, the Honourable Paul Toole MP.

- \* 5535 NEW POWERHOUSE SITE MODIFICATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Premier representing the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Following the recent severe storm event in March 2021, will the new Parramatta Powerhouse Museum receive any design and structural modifications as a result of flooding at the proposed site?

- (a) If so, what will these modifications be?

Answer—

I am advised:

At no point was the Powerhouse Museum site flooded during the storm event in March 2021. Based on available flood data, flood waters were 4 metres below the future ground floor of Powerhouse Parramatta.

The Powerhouse Parramatta has been designed to withstand large and rare flood events. It will be a very safe building for people to visit and for the collection to be exhibited.

The Powerhouse Parramatta has been engineered in line with the relevant Australian Standards, the Building Code of Australia and accepted engineering principles to withstand the flood loadings on the structure.

- \* 5536 WHARF DAMAGE ALONG PARRAMATTA RIVER—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Which ferry wharf infrastructure has been damaged during the severe storm event in March 2021 along the Parramatta River?

- (a) What is the cost of the damage?

Answer—

I am advised:

There was no damage to ferry wharf infrastructure along the Parramatta River during the severe storm event in March 2021.

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\* 5537 WORKING GROUP TO PROGRESS FISHING ACCESS OPPORTUNITIES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) How many meetings have been held by the Department of Primary Industries - Fisheries and WaterNSW working group to progress fishing access opportunities in certain water supply reservoirs?
  - (a) Which water supply reservoirs have been discussed?
- (2) Is the working group's focus on reservoirs in the Greater Sydney Water Supply System or across regional New South Wales?
- (3) How many water supply reservoirs in New South Wales already permit recreational fishing activities:
  - (a) In the Greater Sydney Water Supply System?
  - (b) In regional New South Wales?
- (4) Does the working group intend to consult with recreational fishers?
  - (a) Will they be offered a position on the working group?
- (5) Will the Risk Assessment Recreational Fishing in Sydney Water Supply Dams Final Report provide a benchmark for the working group?

Answer—

- (1) The working group has met twice, with a third meeting scheduled for the end of April.
  - (a) Woodford Dam, Tallowa Dam and Fitzroy Falls Reservoir.
- (2) The Working Group is discussing opportunities to permit recreational fishing access at Woodford Dam, Fitzroy Falls Reservoir and at Tallowa Dam.
- (3) (a) The WaterNSW website <https://www.waternsw.com.au/supply/GreaterSydney/dams> provides information on recreational fishing access on dams managed by the agency in the Greater Sydney and regional New South Wales.
  - (b) See response above.
- (4) As required, the Working Group will seek input from stakeholders, including the Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council and other relevant recreational fishing organisations.
  - (a) See response above.
- (5) A key finding of the Risk Assessment on Recreational Fishing in Sydney Water Supply Dams study was that a more detailed qualitative risk assessment would be required to provide higher level detail on potential water quality risks and mitigation options at Prospect and Cataract Reservoirs, which are an integral part of Sydney's water supply. No severe or high risks were identified for access to Woodford Dam. The Working Group is progressing opportunities to permit recreational fishing access at Woodford Dam and to improve/enhance existing fishing access at Fitzroy Falls Reservoir and at Tallowa Dam.

\* 5538 MOBILE SPEED CAMERA FINES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) Between 19 November 2020 and 28 February 2021 how many Mobile Speed Camera offences were detected in the Maitland Electorate/Local Government Area at the following locations:
  - (a) New England Highway at East Maitland;
  - (b) New England Highway at Rutherford;
  - (c) New England Highway at Telarah;

- (d) Lindesay St/Raymond Terrace Rd between East Maitland and Millers Forest;
- (e) Cessnock Rd-Church St between Gillieston Heights and Maitland;
- (f) Maitland Vale Rd/Luskintyre Rd/Stanhope Rd between Bolwarra Heights and Lambs Valley;
- (g) Metford Rd between East Maitland and Morpeth
- (h) Other locations (please specify)
- (2) Between 19 November 2019 and 28 February 2020 how many Mobile Speed Camera offences were detected in the Maitland Electorate/Local Government Area at the locations listed in question one?
- (3) How many offences during the time periods in question one and two were for;
  - (a) Exceeding the speed limit by 10 km/h;
  - (b) Exceeding the speed limit by 20 km/h;
  - (c) Exceeding the speed limit by more than 20 km/h?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Finance and Small Business.

\* 5539 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL NSW STAFF NUMBERS IN MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) How many Department of Mining, Exploration and Geoscience positions within the Department of Regional NSW have been advertised since 1 January 2021?
  - (a) How many of those advertised positions are based in the Maitland head office?
- (2) How many positions advertised since 1 January 2021 with Mining, Exploration and Geoscience are located at other Department of Regional NSW offices?
  - (a) Which offices are these positions located at and what is the number of positions recruited at each office?
  - (b) Are these new or existing positions within Mining, Exploration and Geoscience?
- (3) What is the exact number of positions in the establishment for each of the following offices (vacant and filled) based in Maitland as at 1 January 2021?
  - (a) Mining, Exploration and Geoscience;
  - (b) Mining, Exploration and Geoscience - Geological Survey of NSW;
  - (c) Mining, Exploration and Geoscience - Resource Operations;
  - (d) Mining, Exploration and Geoscience - Resources Policy, Planning and Programs;
  - (e) Public Works Advisory & Regional Development;
  - (f) Public Works Advisory & Regional Development - Public Works Advisory;
  - (g) Public Works Advisory & Regional Development - Regional Development;
  - (h) Public Works Advisory & Regional Development - Regional Programs;
  - (i) Public Works Advisory & Regional Development - Office of Drought Response;
  - (j) Public Works Advisory & Regional Development - Office of Regional Youth;
  - (k) Department of Primary Industries (DPI) – Engagement and Industry Assistance;
  - (l) DPI – Agriculture;

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- (m) DPI – Biosecurity and Food Safety;
  - (n) DPI – Fisheries;
  - (o) DPI – Research and Business Excellence;
  - (p) DPI – Strategy and Policy;
  - (q) DPI – Forestry Policy, Research & Development;
  - (r) Local Land Services;
  - (s) Local Land Services – Strategy and Engagement;
  - (t) Local Land Services – Regional Operations;
  - (u) Local Land Services – Soil Conservation Service;
  - (v) Any other offices within the Department of Regional NSW?
- (4) For each of the offices listed in question 3, please indicate the exact number of positions in the establishment that were filled as at:
- (a) 1 January 2021?
  - (b) 1 January 2020?
  - (c) 1 January 2019?
  - (d) 1 January 2018?
  - (e) 1 January 2017?
  - (f) 1 January 2016?
  - (g) 1 January 2015?
  - (h) 1 January 2014?
  - (i) 1 January 2013?
  - (j) 1 January 2012?
  - (k) 1 January 2011?
- (5) For each of the offices listed in question 3, please indicate the exact number of positions in the establishment that were vacant as at:
- (a) 1 January 2021?
  - (b) 1 January 2020?
  - (c) 1 January 2019?
  - (d) 1 January 2018?
  - (e) 1 January 2017?
  - (f) 1 January 2016?
  - (g) 1 January 2015?
  - (h) 1 January 2014?
  - (i) 1 January 2013?
  - (j) 1 January 2012?
  - (k) 1 January 2011?

Answer—

(1 and (2) Information on advertised roles is publicly available at the time on the 'I work for NSW' web site.

(3) and (4) Information on staffing numbers are published in the Department of Regional NSW DRNSW annual report.

(5)

	Under recruitment as at 1 January 2021
(a) - (d) Mining, Exploration and Geoscience	Information on advertised roles is publicly available at the time on the 'I work for NSW' website.
(e) - (j) Public Works Advisory & Regional Development	Information on advertised roles is publicly available at the time on the 'I work for NSW' website.
(k) - (q) Department of Primary Industries (DPI)- Engagement and Industry Assistance	This is a matter for the Minister for Agriculture.
(r) to (u) Local Land Services	This is a matter for the Minister for Agriculture.
(v) Any other offices within the Department of Regional NSW? Not applicable.	

(5) (b) - (k) The Department of Regional NSW was formed on 2 April 2020.

\* 5540 MOBILE SPEED CAMERA SETTINGS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has any change been made to Mobile Speed Cameras settings to detect offences as a result of the Government's announcement of changes effective from 20 November 2020?
- (2) Were Mobile Speed Camera operators advised by the Government to use a revised formula from 20 November 2020?
- (3) Has the revised formula reduced the tolerance factor of the speed detection equation to just plus-one kilometre per hour?
  - (a) If not, what is the tolerance factor?
- (4) Are NSW Police Highway Patrol using the same formula as Mobile Speed Camera operators to detect speeding offences?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)-(3) Transport for NSW In the interest of public safety, Transport for NSW does not comment on the settings to detect offences for its speed detection devices. Motorists are required by law to adhere to the signposted speed limit. If they travel at or below the signposted limit they will not be detected by a speed camera.

(4) This is a matter for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

\* 5541 TRUEGRAIN SITE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) How long has the front door of the Truegain, Rutherford property been damaged?
  - (a) Has it been reported to police?
    - (i) If so, when?

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- (ii) If not, why not?
  - (b) When did the Environment Protection Authority become aware of it?
- (2) Who put the sandbags on the left hand side of the property?
  - (a) What is the purpose of the sandbags?
  - (b) Are they able to stop toxic chemicals from leaking out?
  - (c) Why were no sandbags placed on the right hand side of the property, leaving water over the driveway on Sunday 21 March 2021?
- (3) Was water pumped out over the weekend of 20-21 March 2021?
  - (a) If so, how much?
    - (i) At what times?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) and (b) On 4 February 2021 the door was intentionally altered by NSW Fire and Rescue to enable clear access to the property after being identified as a hazard. The NSW Environmental Protection Authority was made aware of the alteration on 4 February 2021 and advised NSW Police of the alteration on 26 February 2021.
- (2) Suez Recycling and Recovery Pty Ltd.
  - (a) To prevent overflow from the site.
  - (b) By containing wastewater, the sandbags also retain chemicals in that wastewater.
  - (c) Water at the site flows from west to east, or right to left. Therefore, there is no need to place sandbags on the western or right-hand side of the property.
- (3) Yes.
  - (a) 20 March 2021 - 98,500 litres.  
21 March 2021 - 70,000 litres.
    - (i) 20 March 2021 — 5 am until 5 pm. 21 March 2021 — 7 am until 4 pm.
  - (b) Not applicable.

\* 5542 HUNTER VALLEY FLOOD MITIGATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) How many flood gates are there on the Hunter Valley Flood Mitigation Scheme?
  - (a) How many are in each local government area?
    - (i) What are their exact locations?
  - (b) Which agency is responsible for the operation of each of the flood gates?
- (2) Do any of the flood gates on the mitigation scheme open automatically?
  - (a) If so, how many?
    - (i) Where are they located?
- (3) Do any of the flood gates on the mitigation scheme close automatically?
  - (a) If so, how many?



- (i) Where are they located?
- (4) Do any of the agencies involved in the operation of flood gates publicly report when gates have been opened?
- (a) If so, where is it reported?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (5) Who has ultimate responsibility for the management of the Hunter Valley Flood Mitigation Scheme?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are 259 floodgates in the Hunter Valley Flood Mitigation Scheme (HVFMS).
- (a) Newcastle Local Government Area (LGA) – 4  
Maitland LGA – 138  
Singleton LGA - 3  
Upper Hunter LGA – 2  
Port Stephens LGA - 112
- (i) Floodgate locations are available at <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/-/media/OEH/Corporate-Site/Documents/Water/Floodplains/hunter-valley-flood-mitigation-scheme-factsheet-200454.pdf>.
- (b) The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) operates the floodgates, with the exceptions of:
- three gates in Singleton I-GA operated by SES
  - Maitland rail gates, operated by the Australian Trail Track Corporation. (SES decides when to close these rail floodgates.)
- (Note, there are approximately 27 additional gates in the Maitland I-GA owned and operated by the local council. These gates are not part of the HVFMS.)
- (2) and (2) (a) Yes. Apart from the Wallis Creek, Woodville, Pennington Drain, Penstock and Iron Bark Creek floodgates, the floodgates open automatically.
- (i) See above.
- (3) and (3) (a) Yes. Apart from Woodville, Penstock and Iron Bark Creek floodgates, the floodgates close automatically.
- (i) See above.
- (4) The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) does not publicly report when gates have been opened.
- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Except for Wallis Creek, Woodville, Pennington Drain, Penstock and Iron Bark Creek floodgates, all gates open automatically, allowing draining of local catchment water from floodplain areas once river levels drop.
- There is no public announcement due to the extremely variable timing of floodgate openings, which are influenced by river heights in three major rivers, depth of water behind each floodgate on the floodplain, and the influence of tides. The large number of floodgates would necessitate dozens of notifications and potentially retractions as river heights vary due to new peak flows and tidal influences.

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- (5) Under the *Water Management Act 2000* ownership of the HVFMS assets rests with the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation. However, DPIE— Environment Energy and Science Group is currently maintaining the scheme under a transfer of delegation signed by the former Minister for Primary Industries in November 2011.

\* 5543 DINE AND DISCOVER—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) How has the Government determined who is eligible and when they will receive Dine and Discover vouchers?
- (2) How many postcodes across the state are currently eligible to apply?
  - (a) When will the remaining postcodes be able to apply?
- (3) How long will it take for an applicant to receive the vouchers once an application is made?
- (4) Will the Government extend the vouchers expiry date beyond 30 June 2021?
- (5) How many applicants have applied for vouchers (as at 24 March 2020)?
  - (a) How many applicants have received their vouchers?
  - (b) What was the average time from applying to receiving the vouchers?
- (6) How many Dine NSW vouchers have been redeemed?
  - (a) What is the total quantum of vouchers that have been redeemed (as at 24 March 2021)?
- (7) How many Discover NSW vouchers have been redeemed?
  - (a) What is the total quantum of vouchers that have been redeemed (as at 24 March 2021)?

Answer—

- (1) The vouchers are available for New South Wales residents aged 18 and over to spend at participating eligible COVID-safe businesses across New South Wales, including regional New South Wales.  
To ensure a seamless customer experience for all eligible New South Wales residents, the rollout of the Dine & Discover NSW Scheme was staggered by local government area (LGA). The state-wide rollout of the Scheme is now complete. All residents of New South Wales aged 18 years and over are now able to apply for vouchers. Both Dine and Discover vouchers can be used 7 days a week and can now also be redeemed on public holidays.
- (2) All postcodes across New South Wales in all LGAs are eligible to apply.
  - (a) The state-wide rollout of the Scheme is now complete. All postcodes across New South Wales are eligible to apply.
- (3) Up to 1 day.
- (4) There have been no further changes and the expiry date of the vouchers remains to be 30 June 2021.
- (5) 793,810.
  - (a) 793,312.
  - (b) As of 16th April 2021 vouchers are received between 1-4 minutes, average time is 2.5 minutes
- (6) As at 29 March 2021, 240,478 have been redeemed.
  - (a) 86,157.
- (7) As at 29 March 2021, 69,923 have been redeemed.
  - (a) 20,682.

\* 5544 GEARING UP WORKSHOPS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) How many participants attended the Gearing Up – Taking the Grind out of Grants and Governance workshop program at the following locations;
  - (a) Albury;
  - (b) Wagga Wagga;
  - (c) Cowra;
  - (d) Dubbo;
  - (e) Bathurst;
  - (f) Mudgee?
- (2) What was the outcome of the six workshops?
- (3) What was the feedback from participants on the workshops?
- (4) Will the program continue to be run throughout 2021?
  - (a) What other locations have been selected or are under consideration?

Answer—

- (1) Three workshops have been held to date at:
  - (a) Dubbo (15 March) – 11 participants
  - (b) Bathurst (17 March) – 26 participants
  - (c) Mudgee (18 March) – 19 participants.

(2) and (3) All workshops will be independently evaluated to gain client feedback and further improve the activities.

The evaluation is done at two stages. Stage one is during the event and stage two is conducted six weeks after each workshop to better understand the impact of the event.

The outcomes will be better understood once all workshops in the series have been delivered and evaluated.

- (4) Eight additional workshops are planned to be delivered by 30 June 2021, in the following locations.
  - (a) Moree.
  - (b) Gunnedah.
  - (c) Armidale.
  - (d) Cooma.
  - (e) Lismore.
  - (f) Wagga.
  - (g) Albury.
  - (h) Cowra.

\* 5545 LOCAL LAND SERVICES AFTER HOURS OPERATIONS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) What is Local Land Services (LLS) advice to livestock owners when they need to request assistance with animals outside of office hours?

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- (a) Is a standard operating procedure used statewide or are local arrangements in place for each region?
- (b) What are the current arrangements for responding to emergency requests during natural disasters such as flood and bushfire?
- (2) Do local government rangers assist LLS outside of office hours?
  - (a) Who should livestock owners call under these circumstances, LLS or the local council?
- (3) How many head of livestock were rescued in the LLS Hunter Region during the flood event over the weekend of 20-21 March 2021?
  - (a) What is the breakdown of livestock rescues for the Maitland Local Government Area?
  - (b) Who conducted the rescues?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) is the legislated agency responsible for delivering the Agriculture and Animals Services Functional Area (AASFA). NSW DPI is supported by several key supporting agencies including the RSPCA and Animal Welfare League while Local Land Services (LLS) is a major partner agency in delivering AASFA services to impacted landholders.

When livestock owners need to request assistance outside of hours they should phone the LLS 1300 number or in emergencies the dedicated AASFA 1800 hotline number. For emergency animal disease notification/advice livestock owners can phone the LLS 1300 number and will be referred to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888. This hotline operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

- (a) A state-wide standard operating procedure is in place for both emergency animal disease notification and assistance for natural disasters.
- (b) Emergency response arrangements are outlined in the NSW State Emergency Plan. During natural disasters, support is provided to livestock owners through AASFA and requests for assistance are made through either the LLS 1300 number, or in major events such as flood or fire, the 1800 AASFA hotline.

These requests are then forwarded to the relevant Local Control Centre in each I-LS region for action. In addition, requests for assistance may also come via other emergency agencies, in which they are recorded and forwarded to the relevant I-LS region for action.

- (2) Local Government rangers may provide assistance to LLS staff with the impounding of livestock on a case by case basis. For emergencies, Local Government rangers are not required to provide direct support to livestock owners. That remains the responsibility of AASFA.

If livestock owners need to request assistance they should phone the I-LS 1300 number or in emergencies the dedicated AASFA 1800 hotline number. For emergency animal disease notification/advice livestock owners can phone the LLS 1300 number and will be referred to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888. This hotline operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

- (3) Given the severity of the flooding in the LLS Hunter region, it is unclear exactly how many livestock were rescued or how many have perished over the weekend of 20-21 March 2021. Initial intelligence shows that many landholders adhered to NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES) advice to move stock to high ground.

As of 27 March 2021, the AASFA 1800 hotline had received 12 requests for assistance for animals to be rescued. In addition, AASFA does not keep specific data on the number of animals NSW SES have rescued as multiple volunteer units and community members are providing adhoc support across the entire impacted local government areas.

- (a) Not available.
- (b) As the lead agency, NSW SES are responsible for undertaking rescues during floods with people taking priority and then animals where resources allow and it is safe to do so. Requests for assistance from livestock owners may go direct to NSW SES or via AASFA where the requests are forwarded to NSW SES staff who are specifically trained for animal rescue in flood water. Other supporting agency staff, and community members have jointly assisted wherever safe to do so, have and continue to move livestock from flood waters.

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\* 5546 TAFE JOB LOSSES—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) How many positions are expected to be removed from TAFE institutions located in the Orange electorate?
  - (a) How many jobs losses will occur as a result of this?
    - (i) What TAFE locations will these jobs be lost from?

Answer—

I am advised:

A new structure for Student Services and Facilities Management and Logistics is yet to be finalised.

Extended staff consultation occurred between 16 February and 1 April 2021. This feedback is currently being reviewed and will inform the final organisational structure and role composition.

It is not possible to provide an accurate breakdown by location until the final organisation structure is approved.

Any changes made will allow TAFE NSW to refresh position descriptions and ensure the right alignment of roles and teams.

\* 5547 HOUSING ALLOCATION ZONES—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) For each of the last 15 years and in each NSW Department of Communities and Justice Housing Allocation Zone what is:
  - (a) The total number of properties within the zone, by property type/bedrooms (e.g. 2 Bedroom Apartments, 3 Bedroom Houses, etc.)?
  - (b) The total number of clients within each zone?
  - (c) The numbers of:
    - (i) Senior Client Service Officers;
    - (ii) Client Service Officers;
    - (iii) Any other staff/level of client service officer to which clients are assigned?
  - (d) The average tenure of staff in the allocation zone?

Answer—

I am advised that information on the number of properties in each Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) district (by property type/bedroom) as at 30 June 2020 can be found on the Social Housing

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Residential Dwellings dashboard which is publicly available at: [https://public.tableau.com/profile/facs.statistics#!/vizhome/Social\\_Housing\\_Residential\\_Dwellings/Dashboard](https://public.tableau.com/profile/facs.statistics#!/vizhome/Social_Housing_Residential_Dwellings/Dashboard).

I am further advised that information for previous years on the number of properties in each DCJ district by social housing type is available in the Annual Statistical Report 2018-19 which is publicly available at: [https://public.tableau.com/profile/facs.statistics#!/vizhome/TableA2B1C3D2N75-76/Performance\\_measure](https://public.tableau.com/profile/facs.statistics#!/vizhome/TableA2B1C3D2N75-76/Performance_measure).

In relation to the number of social housing applications on the NSW Housing register for previous years is in the Annual Statistical Report 2018-19 which is publicly available at: [https://public.tableau.com/profile/facs.statistics#!/vizhome/TableA2B1C2D0N68/Performance\\_measure](https://public.tableau.com/profile/facs.statistics#!/vizhome/TableA2B1C2D0N68/Performance_measure). I understand that data for 30 June 2020 will be available in April 2021.

DCJ has dedicated teams across New South Wales that consist of Client Service Officers that work primarily with social housing applicants and clients experiencing homelessness. I also understand that this support is accessible through the Housing Contact Centre which is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

\* 5548 MELBURRA ROAD—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Considering the significant concerns regarding the current state of disrepair of the Melburra Road which frequently leaves children stranded and unable to attend school via bus, has funding been provided to the Narrabri Shire Council for flood repairs to Melburra Road?

Answer—

I am advised:

Narrabri Shire Council has submitted a Natural Disaster claim to Resilience NSW for damages caused during the 2020 flood event to Melburra Road which is a local road. Transport for NSW and Resilience NSW are working closely with Narrabri Shire Council during the claim assessment process.

\* 5549 FAR WEST GAS EXPLORATION—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) What was the total cost associated with producing the data package for the Bancanna, Yathong-Ivanhoe and Pondie Range Troughs tight sands gas reserves?
  - (a) How does the Government plan to recoup costs?
- (2) Has the Government been advised that Paradigm Resources is now insolvent?
- (3) Did Paradigm Resources fulfil all license requirement responsibilities for the exploration of gas at Bancannia, Yathong-Ivanhoe and Pondie Range Troughs?
- (4) What are the consequences of insolvency for Paradigm Resources in terms of its gas mining interests in the Bancannia, Yathong-Ivanhoe and Pondie Range Troughs?

Answer—

- (1) The data package was a desktop study involving only staff time within my Department. The data package only briefly mentioned tight gas potential as one of several exploration opportunities.
  - (a) Data packages encourage exploration interest leading to uptake of exploration permits which attract a rental fee for the government. Exploration companies spend money in New South Wales exploring, often employing local people and spending on local businesses. If a discovery is made the production of gas will attract a royalty to be paid to the Government.
- (2) No. The insolvency was widely reported in the business and industry news sites.

- (3) – (4) Paradigm Resources Pty Ltd has never held exploration licences for gas or petroleum in New South Wales.

\* 5550 HISTORICAL CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN EDUCATION—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Considering the response to LA Q5125 that between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2020 the Department of Education's insurer iCare paid a total of \$29,389,244 in damages to survivors of historical child abuse, what was the highest payment made to a survivor?
- (a) What was the lowest payment made to a survivor?
- (b) What was the average payment made to a survivor?
- (c) How many survivors in total received a payment?
- (d) How many public schools in New South Wales had a survivor who received a payment?

Answer—

- (1) The highest payment made to a survivor was \$680,000. This figure has been rounded to protect the survivor's identity.
- (a) The lowest payment made to a survivor was \$20,000. This figure has been rounded to protect the survivor's identity.
- (b) The average of payments made to survivors is \$299,890.
- (c) The number of survivors in total who received a payment was 98.
- (d) There were 22 claims relating to 22 public schools for alleged abuse occurring between 1989 to 2020. The data from the Department's insurer is not readily available for the remaining 76 claims for abuse occurring pre-1989.

A 'payment' includes but is not limited to damages, out of pocket expenses, treatment costs, and legal costs.

\* 5551 TIMBER HARVESTING IN NATIONAL PARKS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Have the preliminary findings of the tree-thinning monitoring program currently underway in Murray Valley National Park shown that timber harvesting is compatible with sound environmental management?
- (2) Will the Government allow regulated commercial timber harvesting in National Parks, so as to better manage forests while providing affordable and accessible winter fuel for locals who are unable to harvest their own?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) It is too early to draw conclusions about the outcomes of the ecological thinning trial in Murray Valley National Park.
- (2) The National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 does not permit commercial timber harvesting in New South Wales national parks.

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- \* 5552 AUSTRALIAN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION—Mr David Mehan to ask the Premier representing the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Does the Government or Office for Industrial Relations have any arrangement in place to assist the Australian Building and Construction Commission in its works including access to Government infrastructure projects?

Answer—

I am advised:

No. Employee Relations NSW (formerly the Office of Industrial Relations) does not have any arrangements in place that assist the Australian Building and Construction Commission in its works, including access to Government Infrastructure Projects.

- \* 5553 FLOODS NEAR ME APP—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Is the 'floods near me' app being updated and maintained?
  - (a) Will it continue to be offered to the public?

Answer—

The Floods near Me app had an issue with the Android version and a link to google maps. This has now been resolved.

The Floods near Me app is a beta version but is functional for general use.

- \* 5554 SALE OF LAND AND DWELLINGS IN WYOMING—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Considering LAQ 4648, how much money was received on the sale of land and dwellings at Wyoming, including from the Wyoming Estate?
- (2) Which 'community purpose asset' was sold?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) \$3,071,500 in sale proceedings was received for the sale of NSW Land and Housing Corporation assets.
- (2) The community purpose asset that was sold was a vacant child care centre located at Wyoming.

- \* 5555 PACIFIC HIGHWAY ON THE CENTRAL COAST—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Considering LAQ 4649, what progress is planned to occur in the next twelve months on the Stage 4 and 5 upgrade to the Pacific Highway on the Central Coast?

Answer—

I am advised:

Subject to further funding being allocated, the next steps of Stage 4 of the Pacific Highway upgrade would include identifying opportunities for targeted improvements at high priority sites within the upgrade corridor.

During the next 12 months, the detailed design will be completed for Stage 5A of the project.



- \* 5556 SALE OF LAND AT BATEAU BAY—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Considering LAQ 4617, how much money was received on the sale of land and dwellings located at Bateau Bay, including from the Bateau Bay Estate?

Answer—

I am advised that LA Q4617 was asked of the Minister for Health and Medical Research and relates to the Shoalhaven Hospital upgrade. There is no correlation between this question and the Bateau Bay Estate.

- \* 5557 FLOOD LEVEL CAPACITY AT TUGGERAH STREET—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

What level of flooding has the extension of Tuggerah Street at Lisarow been designed for in connection with the Stage 3 upgrade of the Pacific Highway there?

Answer—

I am advised:

One of the primary project design objectives was to avoid increasing the predicted flood level impacts on private property by more than 10 millimetres for 1 in 100-year flood events. The design generally meets this objective.

- \* 5558 PLANS FOR VACANT LAND SITES—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Considering the answers to LAQ 4813 and 5082, what plans does the Land and Housing Corporation have for the other vacant land sites to provide additional affordable and social housing on the Central Coast?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no current plans to redevelop the vacant Land and Housing Corporation sites on the Central Coast.

- \* 5559 INDEPENDENT PLANNING COMMISSION PROJECTS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) Regarding the application by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for projects of a mineral resources nature since the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) was established, what is:

- (a) The name of the proponent?
- (b) The nature of the application?
- (c) The length of time for processing?
  - (i) Has this length improved over time?

(2) Regarding the application by the IPC for projects of a mineral resources nature since it was established, what is:

- (a) The name of the proponent?
- (b) The nature of the application?
- (c) The length of time for processing?
  - (i) Has this length improved over time?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There have not been any mining development applications determined by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment since 1 March 2018 (when the IPC was established).
- (2) There have been 7 mining development applications determined by the IPC since 1 March 2018. The information on all projects is publicly available on the IPC's website at: [www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/projects](http://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/projects). The table below outlines the details of the projects that are of a mineral resources nature.

Project	Applicant	Determination Date	Assessment Time (w/Gov't)
United Wambo Coal Mine	United Collieries Pty Limited	28 August 2019	476
Bylong Coal	KEPCO Bylong Australia Pty Ltd	18 September 2019	488
Rix's Creek Coal Extension	Rix's Creek Pty Ltd	12 October 2019	394
Vickery Coal 2	Vickery Coal Pty Ltd	12 August 2020	476
Russell Vale Underground Expansion	Wollongong Coal Ltd	8 December 2020	514
Maxwell Underground	Maxwell Ventures (Management) Pty Ltd	22 December 2020	331
Dendrobium Mine Extension Project	Illawarra Coal Pty Ltd	5 February 2021	317

- \* 5560 TRAVEL TIME BETWEEN WOLLONGONG AND SYDNEY CBD—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What is the average road travel between Wollongong CBD and Sydney CBD during the period 2011 to 2021 (as at 25 March 2021)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The median travel time between the Wollongong CBD and Sydney CBD during peak times on a weekday is 1 hour 25 minutes, using data from 2015 to 25 March 2021.

- \* 5561 NEW INTERCITY FLEET—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many times has the start of operation for the New Intercity Fleet on the South Coast Line been postponed?
- (2) Has Transport for NSW set a date for the start of operation of the New Intercity Fleet on the South Coast Line?
  - (a) If so, when?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The new trains are being tested on the South Coast Line (all the way to Kiama), Newcastle Central Coast Lines (all the way to Newcastle Interchange), and on the Blue Mountains Line (all the way to Lithgow).

There is still some work to be completed before the train enters passenger service on the Central Coast and Newcastle Line. This includes familiarising staff with the new train through education and training exercises, clarifying the operating model, finalising consultation with stakeholders and other operational readiness activities.

A date for the train to enter service will be determined once these activities have been completed, which is expected to be in the next couple of months.

A timeline for when the trains will start operating on the Blue Mountains and South Coast lines will be determined after the first train enters service on the Central Coast and Newcastle Line and more trains are delivered.

\* 5562 NSW PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSIONS GREEN PAPER—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Government provided a formal response to the NSW Productivity Commission's Green Paper, Continuing the Productivity Conversation?
  - (a) If not, on what date is the Government intending to do so?
- (2) How many submissions were received from the following providing comments on the Green Paper:
  - (a) Individuals?
    - (i) Are these submissions publicly available?
      - (A) If so, what is the weblink?
  - (b) Organisations?
    - (i) Are these submissions publicly available?
      - (A) If so, what is the weblink?
- (3) Will the Government implement each of the Green Paper's recommendations?

Answer—

Treasury has advised me as follows:

- (1) The Productivity Green Paper was released in August 2020 to seek feedback from government agencies, businesses, peak organisations and individuals on its 56 draft recommendations. The feedback is informing the development of the Final Productivity Paper, including final recommendations, to be presented to the Government by the Productivity Commissioner later in 2021. The Government will consider its response to the Final Productivity Paper recommendations once ved.
- (2) There were 84 submissions on the NSW Productivity Commission Green Paper, 13 submissions from individuals and 71 submissions from organisations. Of the 84 submitters, 68 have provided permission to publish their submissions on the NSW Productivity Commission website. The submissions are available here <https://www.productivity.nsw.gov.au/submissions-productivity-green-paper>
- (3) The Productivity Green Paper presented 56 draft recommendations. These are being further refined to the final recommendations in the Commission's Final Productivity Paper to be delivered to the NSW Government later in 2021. The Government will consider the final recommendations once received.

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\* 5563 NOISE NUISANCE IN WOLLONGONG—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) In reference to LA5234, has the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) conducted any operations across the Wollongong local government area and Wollongong CBD to crackdown on noise nuisance from motor vehicles over the last five years?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) What was the location of the operation?
    - (ii) Which suburb or suburbs were targeted?
    - (iii) When did the operation take place?
    - (iv) Did the operation involve any other agency, including NSW Police?
    - (v) How many vehicles were fined?
- (2) Given the increase in complaints from Wollongong residents about motor vehicle noise nuisance, will the EPA be requested to conduct an operation targeting the Wollongong CBD as soon as possible?
  - (a) If not why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has conducted three operations in the Wollongong local government area in the past five years.
  - (a)
    - (i) and (iii) Oak Flats on 15 April 2016 and Helensburgh on 20 August 2017 and 1 December 2018
    - (ii) Oak Flats: Police intercepted vehicles traveling in the Oak Flats area.  
Helensburgh: Police intercepted vehicles on Lawrence Hargrave Drive at Stanwell Park and Austinmer
    - (iv) Operations were organised by the NSW Police Force
    - (v) 26
- (2) The EPA is available to work with the NSW Police Force as required.

\* 5564 YEAR 12 COMPLETION RATES IN WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Further to LAQ 880, what is the Year 12 completion rate for all public schools in the Wollongong electorate for each calendar year from 2010 to 2021 (as at 21 March 2021)?
  - (a) Have these completion rates improved?
  - (b) What statistics are available for the Year 12 completion rates in independent schools in the Wollongong electorate in these years?
- (2) What factors are involved in the deterioration of completion rates from the peak periods in 2009-2011 period and subsequent years?
- (3) What action has been taken to arrest the decline in completion rates?

- (a) Have evaluation processes taken place to determine whether these initiatives have been successful?

- (i) If so, what are they  
(ii) If not, why not?

Answer—

(2)

Measurement Year	Per cent of public school students who completed <sup>1</sup>
2007	67.2
2008	66.1
2009	71.6
2010	71.1
2011	71.9
2012	65.7
2013	67.4
2014	63.6
2015	64.0
2016	65.6
2017 <sup>2</sup>	64.9

Notes:

1. Completion" is defined as the proportion of students who started Year 10 in a government school in the Wollongong State Electoral District (2018 boundaries) and who were awarded an HSC within three years of the Measurement Year. Students completing other credentials (such as the International Baccalaureate) are not recorded as completing.

2. There are students who completed Year 10 in 2017 who are still at school.

- (a) The completion rate between Measurement Years 2009 and 2011 were around 71-72 per cent. Since Measurement Year 2014 the completion rate in public schools has been between 64 per cent and 66 per cent.

(b)

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2014	63.6

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2015	64.0
2016	65.6
2017	64.9

(2) and (3) The Department of Education's Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) published a report Supporting school completion: The importance of engagement and effective teaching, which explored the links between students' engagement and experience of teaching practices in the middle of high school (Year 10) and their likelihood of completing Year 12 two years later. An accompanying resource was also published which outlined practical strategies that may help facilitate high school completion and post-school transition. These documents are available on the CESE website at <https://www.cese.nsw.gov.au/publications-filter/supporting-school-completion>.

The Department has a target for the retention of students to Year 12. This is based on "apparent retention" which is a different measure to that developed for the Premier's Priority for Aboriginal students. The target is to "Increase the proportion of New South Wales public school students continuing to Year 12 to 76.7 per cent by 2022". The most recent data indicates that 73.0 per cent of students continued to Year 12 in 2020.

The Educational Pathway Pilot Program is designed to improve careers information for school students, and is designed to change the way students, educators, parents and carers think about how to choose a suitable pathway for post-school learning or employment.

The Program is delivered in 24 government schools in South West Sydney and the North Coast, and offers the schools access to five new 'Head Teachers-Career' who coordinate how to deliver the best possible career advice and make sure all students know their vocational options.

The Program started in 2020 and students, parents, teachers, principals and local employers have had access to hundreds of virtual careers events run by the Head Teachers.

The Program continues in 2021 and is currently being evaluated.

\* 5565 SUPPORT FOR FORESTRY AND WOOD PRODUCTS INDUSTRY—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

(1) How much of the \$71.8 million allocated to support the forestry and wood products industry in 2018 has been spent (as at 25 March 2021)?

(a) What has it been spent on?

Answer—

(1) Approximately \$42,693,049.

(a) Forest monitoring, old-growth remapping, plantation expansion and replanting plantations after the bushfires, forest contractor training and a range of industry innovation projects.

\* 5566 PICTON ROAD UPGRADE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Has the design work for improvements to the M1 Princes Highway between Picton Road and Bulli Tops been completed?

(a) If so, when were they completed?

(b) How much did the detailed design cost?

(c) What is the estimated cost of these improvements?

(2) On average, how many of the following vehicle types use this section of road on a daily basis:

(a) Passenger vehicles?

- (b) Heavy Vehicles?
- (3) Have funds been allocated to undertake the improvements?
  - (a) If so, when will this work commence and conclude?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
  - (a) The detailed design work for Stage One improvements to the M1 Princes Motorway between Picton Road and Bulli Tops was completed in April 2019.
  - (b) The \$5 million was committed in the 2017-18 Government budget towards the project.
  - (c) The In 2015, the Commonwealth Government committed \$42 million and the Government committed \$42.1 million to the project.
- (2) and (3) The This information is publicly available.

\* 5567 TOUCHDOWN OFFICE NETWORK—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) When will the Touchdown Office Network start?
- (2) Has a location for the Touchdown Office Network been determined for Wollongong?
  - (a) If not, when is this likely to be determined?
- (3) What locational factors are involved in determining a suitable location for a Touchdown Office Network in Wollongong?
- (4) How many people will be able to use the proposed Wollongong Touchdown Office Network?
- (5) Will it be available to all New South Wales departments and agencies?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Property and Development NSW has, consistent with the NSW Government's decentralisation priorities, been considering the priority areas for touchdown accommodation to be developed.
- (2) Property and Development NSW has been considering the priority areas for touchdown accommodation to be developed.
- (3) Locational factors include existing as well as predicted staffing requirements across relevant NSW Government agencies.
- (4) The number of people able to use the Touchdown space will be subject to the final determined location.
- (5) The NSW Touchdown Office Network concept is that work points are available to all NSW Government employees.

\* 5568 ICAC FUNDING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Premier—

- (1) Is the Premier aware that the Independent Committee Against Corruption (ICAC) is investigating John Sidoti MP, Member for Drummoyne and former Wagga Wagga MP, Darryl Maguire?
- (2) Is the budget of ICAC being reduced by \$3.4 million?
  - (a) If so, why?

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- (i) Will the reduction of funding for ICAC impact its investigations?
- (3) Will funding for ICAC be increased?

Answer—

The Independent Commission Against Corruption's (ICAC) investigations into the Member for Drummoyne and former Member for Wagga Wagga are on the public record.

The 2020-21 ICAC Budget is \$32.3 million which is a 21.4 per cent increase from 2019-20.

Consistent with previous practice, the need for any additional funding is assessed throughout the financial year to ensure that ICAC continues to be fully equipped to investigate, expose and prevent corruption at all times. The Government has provided supplementary funding to ICAC on every occasion that ICAC has requested it for at least the last ten years.

\* 5569 HAMILTON SOUTH PLAYGROUND DEMOLITION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) have demolished a children's playground on Neil Terrace, Hamilton South?
- (a) Why was the playground demolished?
- (2) Did LAHC spend over \$8,000 repairing brickwork and fencing surrounding the playground last year?
- (a) If not, how much was spent?
- (3) How much money was spent on demolishing the playground?
- (4) Will the playground be replaced or the existing playground owned by LAHC at Hamilton South be upgraded?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (a) As I have previously stated, the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) found the playground was no longer fit for purpose, and the decision to decommission made on the basis that the installation and maintenance of playground equipment is not a key priority for LAHC, and would divert funds from upgrading and repairing tenants' homes. LAHC identified options for residents to access other playgrounds and sporting fields operated by the Council within close proximity.
- (2) No.
- (a) In June 2020, LAHC spent \$5,350 plus GST on repairs to broken brickwork and damaged fencing surrounding the playground, as they were identified as safety issues.
- (3) LAHC spent \$30,378 plus GST undertaking a search for underground services prior to demolition, demolishing the playground and the surrounding brick wall and fence, disposing of waste, and laying and watering 320m<sup>2</sup> of turf.
- The estimate to upgrade the playground was in excess of \$100,000, with the recurrent cost of maintaining the playground estimated at \$15,000 to \$20,000 each year.
- (4) No, LAHC will not replace or upgrade the playground as the installation and maintenance of playground equipment would divert funds from upgrading and repairing tenants' homes.



\* 5571 EVERYONE CAN PLAY GRANT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Considering Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC)'s decision to demolish a playground in Hamilton South, why does the Government demolish playgrounds without replacing them?
- (2) Is the LAHC eligible for funding under the Everyone Can Play Grant?
  - (a) If not, will the eligibility criteria of the Grant be amended to make the LAHC eligible so that communities such as the one living in the Hamilton South social housing estate don't miss out on playgrounds?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This matter should be referred to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing.
- (2) The Everyone Can Play grant program for new and upgraded inclusive playspace is available to all councils in NSW.

\* 5572 NEWCASTLE INNER-CITY BYPASS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What funds did the Government receive from the Commonwealth Government for the Newcastle Inner-city bypass?
- (2) Will the funding that the New South Wales Government allocated for this project be directed towards other projects in the Hunter?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I refer you to the response to LC Q5226.

\* 5573 TRAFFIC ISSUES ON CITY ROAD—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What action is the Government taking to address traffic issues on City Road between Alice Street and Scenic Drive?
- (2) Are there any plans to upgrade City Road between Alice Street and Scenic Drive?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to LC Q5225.

\* 5574 DEFINITION OF CONTAINER—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Was the definition of the term "container" changed by the Government in the Port Commitment Deeds for Port Botany and Port Kembla, dated 31 May 2013, following a decision announcement on 5 November 2013 to lease the Port of Newcastle to the private sector?
- (2) When the Government leased Port Botany and Port Kembla to NSW Ports Pty Ltd on 31 May 2013, did the Port Commitment Deeds define the term "container" to be: "Container means any moveable device, designed for continuous use in loading and unloading cargoes on and from Ships, including boxes, crates, cylinders, tanks, twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), other stackable units and any

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similar cargo-carrying device which is designated as a container by international stevedoring standards from time to time and containerised has a corresponding meaning. Container includes:

- (a) Overseas import containers;
  - (b) Overseas export containers;
  - (c) Local containers (coastal inwards or outwards); and
  - (d) Empty containers and transhipped containers?
- (3) After the Government announced its decision to lease the Port of Newcastle to the private sector on 5 November 2015, did the Government and NSW Ports Pty Ltd change the definition of the term "container" in the Port Commitment Deeds for Port Botany and Port Kembla to be: "TEU"?
- (a) If so, why?
- (4) When the Government leased the Port of Newcastle to Port of Newcastle Investments Pty Ltd on 30 May 2014, did the Port Commitment Deed define "container" to be: "TEU"?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Treasurer.

\* 5575 HUNTER INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT FUND—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What is the status of the \$5 million funding committed in 2016 from the Hunter Infrastructure Investment Fund to upgrade the Newcastle Basketball Stadium at Broadmeadow, considering that Newcastle Basketball is relocating to Lake Macquarie?
- (a) Has this funding been spent?
    - (i) If not:
      - (A) Will it be allocated to the Lake Macquarie Facility?
      - (B) Will it be allocated to another project in the Hunter?
      - (C) Could this funding be used to progress the Hunter Sports and Entertainment Precinct?

Answer—

This matter should be referred to the Treasurer.

\* 5576 NELSON BAY ROAD - STOCKTON TO FULLERTON COVE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the Government's commitment to a full duplication of Nelson Bay Road from Stockton to Anna Bay, when will work on the Stockton to Fullerton Cove section of the road commence?
- (a) Why has work not yet commenced?
  - (b) Why has this commitment not yet been met?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is investing \$275 million to improve safety and travel times on Nelson Bay Road and includes the duplication of Nelson Bay Road as part of this work.

The first priority is the Williamstown to Bobs Farm section.

Work between Stockton to Fullerton Cove falls within the scope of the Fern Bay to Williamtown section.  
Work on this section is still in the planning phase.

\* 5577 LOWER HUNTER FREIGHT CORRIDOR—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) What funding was allocated in the 2017/18 budget towards the planning of the Lower Hunter Freight Corridor?
  - (a) How much of this allocation has been spent?
- (2) What funding was allocated in the 2018/19 budget towards the planning of the Lower Hunter Freight Corridor?
  - (a) How much of this allocation was spent?
- (3) What funding was allocated in the 2019/20 budget towards the planning of Lower Hunter Freight Corridor?
  - (a) How much of this allocation was spent?
- (4) What funding was allocated in the 2020/21 budget towards the planning of the Lower Hunter Freight Corridor?
  - (a) How much of this allocation was spent?
- (5) Why has the Lower Hunter Freight Corridor stalled?
- (6) Is the Government committed to progressing the Lower Hunter Freight Corridor?
- (7) Is the Government aware of the significant delays freight trains cause to traffic in Newcastle as they pass through level crossings?
- (8) When will the Lower Hunter Freight Corridor be completed?
- (9) What work has the Government undertaken to preserve the freight corridor so it does not get built out?
- (10) Has any land been acquired for the Lower Hunter Freight Corridor?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to LC 5231.

\* 5578 PUBLIC HOUSING WAITING TIMES IN SHELLHARBOUR—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

What is the current waiting times for public housing in the electorate of Shellharbour (as at 18 February 2021)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The average waiting times for social housing in the Shellharbour allocation zone are publicly available on the Department of Communities and Justice website <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/expected-waiting-times>.

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\* 5579 ABORIGINAL CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What is the number of Aboriginal children currently residing in out-of-home care in the following postcodes:
- (a) 2256;
  - (b) 2257;
  - (c) 2250;
  - (d) 2260;
  - (e) 2261;
  - (f) 2251?

Answer—

I am advised that as at 30 June 2020 there were 346 Aboriginal children in out of home care in the Central Coast district. The postcodes asked about are a subset of the total district count.

\* 5580 POPULATION OF DEER IN WERAKATA NATIONAL PARK—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

What is the current estimated population of deer in Werakata National Park (as at 18 February 2021)?

Answer—

I am advised that the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) does not have an estimate of the deer population in Werakata National Park.

NPWS has undertaken an annual ground-based deer shooting program in Werakata National Park since 2009.

NPWS is an active member of the Hunter Regional Pest Animal Committee, coordinated by Hunter Local Land Services, and works collaboratively with the committee on deer management priorities and information in the Cessnock area.

\* 5581 LACHLAN RIVER FISH LADDERS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) How many fish ladders are presently installed in the Lachlan River (as at 25 March 2021)?
- (2) What are the locations where fish ladders are presently installed?
- (3) Has there been a recent study or assessment to determine the number of existing obstructions to native fish passage?
  - (a) If so, where have these been identified?
- (4) Have there been locations determined necessary for the installation of fish ladders to facilitate native fish migration and breeding?
  - (a) If so, how many fish ladders?
- (5) What are the locations identified for future installation of fish ladders?
  - (a) When will these be installed?

Answer—

- (1) Four fishways are presently installed in the Lachlan River (as at 25 March 2021)

- (2) Fishways are installed at: Booligal Weir, Lake Car
- (3) Audits of fish passage barriers in the Lachlan catchment occurred largest in the late 2000s; however additional sites are being identified as new information arises.
  - (a) Barriers to fish passage have been identified throughout the entire Lachlan Catchment within the mainstream Lachlan River and all main tributaries.
- (4) –(5) (a) This is currently under consideration.

\* 5582 YARRA BAY CRUISE SHIP TERMINAL—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Considering the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces comments stating "the obvious place to put a cruise terminal would be Garden Island", will the Minister cease the Government's plans to build a cruise ship terminal at Yarra Bay?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government's plans have been placed on hold for up to 18 months.

\* 5583 HASHMI EYELINER PRODUCTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How many consumers became sick after using the Hashmi eyeliner products listed in the product warning issued by NSW Fair Trading on 20 September 2018?

Answer—

I am advised that NSW Health was notified of three cases with elevated blood lead level after using Hashmi eyeliner products between December 2017 and March 2018.

\* 5584 SERVICE NSW—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) In each of the past two years:
  - (a) How many residents of the Granville electorate were served by Service NSW centres?
  - (b) How many residents of the Granville electorate contacted the Service NSW contact centre?
  - (c) How many residents of the Granville electorate visited the Service NSW website?
  - (d) How many residents of the Granville electorate applied for rebates through the Cost of Living program?
    - (i) How much was granted for each rebate?
  - (e) How many businesses in the Granville electorate contacted a Making Business Easier concierge?
  - (f) How many community engagement events did Service NSW hold in the Granville electorate?
  - (g) What proportion of residents of the Granville electorate have a MyServiceNSW account?
  - (h) What proportion of residents of the Granville electorate are aware of the Service NSW brand?
    - (i) How many residents of the Granville electorate have used the Service NSW app to check-in to COVID-safe venues?

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- (ii) How many check-ins have been made?
- (iii) How many businesses in the Granville electorate have registered COVID-safe business plans?

Answer—

- (1) (a) – (d) Service NSW does not hold this data.
- (e) The number of businesses between 9th March 2020 to 13th April 2021 in the Granville electorate contacting Service NSW for Business Concierges was 1468.  
Queries from businesses were in relation to COVID (including COVID Safe Plans and QR Codes), \$1500 rebate, Flood program and Bushfire grant and support.
- (f) Six community engagement events were held in the Granville electorate in the past two years. From March 2020 to February 2021, there was little to no Service NSW community engagement activity given the pandemic.
- (g) Service NSW does not hold this data.
- (h) A state-wide Brand survey was carried out in December 2018 with 86% of respondents awareness of Service NSW. This increased to 94% when prompted with a visual asset.
- (i) Service NSW does not hold this data.  
From 18 August 2020 until 31 March 2021, for the suburbs, Clyde, Granville, Greystanes, Guildford, Holroyd, Mays Hill, Merrylands, Merrylands West, Parramatta, South Granville, South Wentworthville, Wentworthville, Westmeade, a total of 2,086,565 check-ins were made.
- (ii) 950 Safety plans have been registered in the Granville electorate

\* 5585 ROOFTOP SOLAR IN RENTAL PROPERTIES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Do approximately 30 per cent of owner-occupied dwellings have rooftop solar but only four per cent of rental properties?
- (2) What data or information does the Government have about the proportion of rental residential properties with rooftop solar compared to owner-occupied residential properties?
- (3) What incentives and support does the Government provide to support rooftop solar in residential rental properties?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of incentive programs in other jurisdictions?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to reduce greenhouse emissions and energy costs in residential rental properties through rooftop solar?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised definitive figures on this question are not available. In 2018, public company EnergyLab reported nationally that 29 per cent of owner-occupied dwellings had rooftop solar installations, compared to four per cent of rental dwellings.
- (2) I am advised the most recent available study showing the proportion of systems installed on owner occupied dwellings compared to rental residential properties is IPART's 2015 Household survey of electricity, gas and water usage. This showed that 95.4 per cent of the respondents with solar PV installed were householders that owned their home.
- (3) to (5) The Government's Home Energy Action program provides a subsidy of up to 50 per cent of the cost of rooftop solar and other energy efficiency upgrades for eligible social housing tenants. The

Government is investigating other initiatives to support access to solar for other residential rental properties.

\* 5586 REUSE AND REPAIR SHOPS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What funding or support does the Government provide to reuse and repair shops or projects in New South Wales?
- (2) How many reuse and repair shops operate in New South Wales (as at 25 March 2021)?
  - (a) How many of these does the Government support?
- (3) What measures does the Government have in place to require tools, appliances and equipment to be able to be repaired?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to expand community reuse and repair efforts and capacity?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Support is available for reuse and repair shops under the nine-year, \$802 million Waste Less, Recycle More initiative. Funded by this initiative, the Better Waste and Recycling Fund for local councils and regional waste groups has seen \$758,706 allocated to implement reuse and repair projects, textiles recovery and investigations into reuse options.

Through the same initiative, a further \$80,000 has been provided for reuse and repair projects through illegal dumping prevention initiatives. Funding to support reuse and repair has also been provided through the Circulate and Bin Trim programs.

- (2) and (2) (a) Reuse and repair shops take many forms and there is no comprehensive tally of those that operate in New South Wales. It is known that at least 34 reuse and repair or tip shops operate in connection with the Government funded state-wide network of Community Recycling Centres.
- (3) Between 2017 and 2021, the Better Waste and Recycling Fund provided \$500,666 directly towards the operation and establishment of 24 reuse, repair and re-homing services and \$258,040 towards textiles recovery and re-use projects. Community Recycling Centres, which are funded by the Waste Less, Recycle More initiative, indirectly support at least 34 reuse and repair or tip shops.
- (4) The Government supports reuse and recycling as we transition to a circular economy. Future opportunities for continuing support for this sector are articulated in the NSW Circular Economy Policy Statement. It identifies reuse and repair as a key focus area in the move to a circular economy. The Government is engaging with the Productivity Commission on its Right to Repair inquiry. Opportunities are also being considered as part of the 20-year waste strategy currently being developed.

The Government is developing a 20-year waste strategy which will set a long-term vision for reducing waste, driving sustainable recycling markets, while ensuring consumers are at the centre of how we design resilient waste services. We are working to ensure that New South Wales is leading by example and maximising reuse and recycling activities to keep materials within the productive economy

\* 5587 PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB INSOLVENCY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) When was the Government informed that on 20 February 2020:
  - (a) All of the shares in Quarry Street Pty Ltd (the tenant of the Crown land at the former Paddington Bowling Club Site) were transferred from an entity owned and controlled by Jon Adgemis to Janet Cameron and an entity owned and controlled by Ms Cameron?

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- (i) How was the Government informed of this?
- (b) Ms Cameron became the sole owner?
  - (i) How was the Government informed of this?
- (2) Was the Minister's consent sought or provided for this change in ownership and control?
  - (a) If so, when was that consent provided?
- (3) To what extent has the Government investigated the change in ownership and undertaken due diligence to ensure that it satisfies the requirement that a tenant of Crown land must ensure that the land will be used for its reserved purpose?
  - (a) If the Government has not investigated this, will enquiries and assessments be undertaken immediately?
    - (i) If so, what enquiries and assessments will take place?
    - (ii) When will these occur?
    - (iii) How will these occur?
- (4) To what extent has the Government investigated whether the transfer of ownership and control has been made to persons who are fit and proper to control the tenant of this significant Crown land, as was originally conducted for Quarry Street Pty Ltd?
  - (a) If the Government has not investigated this, will enquiries and assessments be undertaken immediately?
    - (i) If so, what enquiries and assessments will take place?
    - (ii) When will these occur?
    - (iii) How will these occur?
- (5) Given ministerial consent to Quarry Street Pty Ltd was provided in November 2017 for the site to be used for child care services, to what extent has the Government investigated whether that purpose remains Quarry Street Pty Ltd's intended use of the site, noting the change in ownership and control and that nothing has been done to implement this planned use in the more than three years since?
  - (a) If the Government has not investigated this, will enquiries and assessments be undertaken immediately?
    - (i) If so, what enquiries and assessments will take place?
    - (ii) When will these occur?
    - (iii) How will these occur?
- (6) Do the original guarantees for the performance of the lease by Quarry Street Pty Ltd remain in place or have they been changed?
  - (a) If they have been changed, how?
- (7) To what extent does the Government consider that the original consent provided to Quarry Street Pty Ltd in 2017 remains appropriate in light of these changes?
- (8) What consideration will the Government give to rescinding the lease and restoring the site to public control and access, including providing for Woollahra Municipal Council to manage this Crown Land?
- (9) What action will the Government take to ensure this site remains in public ownership, accessible to the community and used for recreation purposes?



Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) On 24 January 2020 the tenant wrote to Crown Lands seeking consent:
  - for Ms Janet Heather Cameron to become the sole director of Quarry Street Pty Ltd;
  - for the shares in Quarry Street Pty Ltd to be owned 75 per cent by Ms Janet Heather Cameron and 25 per cent by Bicheno Investments Pty Ltd; and
  - for Jaga Securities Pty Limited to be replaced by Bicheno Investments Pty Ltd as guarantor for the tenant's obligations.
- (2) The lease does not require the tenant to seek consent for a change of directors but does require Ministerial consent for a change in shareholder.  
 On 4 February 2020, in reply to the letter of 24 January 2020, Crown Lands incorrectly advised that consent was not required for the change of shareholding.  
 Crown Lands are writing to the lessee, questioning their failure to seek consent for a sublease, and reminding them of their obligation to seek prior Ministerial consent for a change in shareholder.
- (3) The permitted use of the lease is for "community and sporting club facilities, tourist facilities and services, access" and it is these uses, not the ownership structure, that ensures the land can only be used in accordance with the reserve purpose.  
 Crown Lands has reviewed the change in ownership and has no reason to believe that the change in ownership will affect the land being used for its reserved purpose.  
 Crown Lands is monitoring the site to ensure the land is used for its reserved purpose.
- (4) The lessee was determined to be a fit and proper entity at the point the lease was transferred from CSKS Pty Ltd to Quarry Street Pty Ltd in 2018.
- (5) and (7) Ministerial consent was not provided to Quarry Street Pty Ltd in November 2017 for the site to be used for childcare services. The former Lessee, CSKS Holdings, sought landowner's consent to lodge a development application to develop the land for childcare services. In June 2015, landowner's consent to develop the land for childcare services was withdrawn.
- (6) The original guarantees remain in place.
- (8) There are no grounds to rescind the lease at this time.
- (9) Crown Lands is engaged in discussions with the Lessee and Woollahra Council to reactivate the land for community and recreational uses in accordance with the lease purpose and planning controls that apply. The tennis courts remain open and available.

\* 5588 POLICE PRESENCE IN PYRMONT/ULTIMO PENINSULA—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of policing needs for the Ultimo/Pymont peninsula?
- (2) What policing resources has the Government increased to the precinct since the Ultimo/Pymont redevelopment began?
- (3) What is the trend in policing callouts and reports for this precinct?
  - (a) Are policing demands decreasing or increasing?
- (4) What consideration has the Government given to providing a police station for this precinct?
- (5) What assessment has the Government made of future policing needs for the increasing population and the Pymont Peninsula Place Strategy plans including a Metro Station and casino redevelopment?

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- (6) What plans does the Government have to increase policing resources for this precinct?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force continuously monitors crime trends, workload distribution, and resource allocation for all parts of New South Wales, including the Pyrmont/Ultimo area. Where a trend in policing demand is identified, this information informs resource allocation decisions. The Sydney City Local Area Command also conducts a weekly assessment of crime trends to inform personnel allocations.
- (2) Resources have been allocated in accordance with policing demand.
- (3) There were 258 fewer calls for service from the Pyrmont/Ultimo area in the past year (March 2020—February 2021) compared to the previous year (March 2019—February 2020). The Pyrmont/Ultimo area accounted for less than 20 per cent of all service calls to the Sydney City Police Area Command during those two years.
- (4) The NSW Police Force has not identified an operational requirement for a police station in the Pyrmont/Ultimo area.
- (5) The NSW Police Force allocates and prioritises resources based on operational requirements and demands for policing. Population growth is a consideration for resource planning, as it generally correlates with increased calls for service. However, research suggests that population density is not closely correlated with demands on policing. Given the range of factors that can influence demand, the NSW Police Force uses predictive analytics when carrying out strategic workforce planning, then continuously monitors workload distribution and resource allocation to ensure supply is meeting demand.
- (6) If data in the future indicates an increase in policing resources is required within the Pyrmont/Ultimo area, the NSW Police Force will use these insights to inform resource allocation decisions.

\* 5589 SEXUAL ASSAULT COURT MATTERS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) What measures do courts in New South Wales use to prevent sexual assault victim-survivors experiencing traumatisation during trials?
- (2) What training and education is provided for courts and juries on sexual assault?
- (3) What options are available for restorative justice for sexual assault matters in New South Wales?
- (4) What requirements do courts in New South Wales have for hearing from expert witnesses testimony on the nature of sexual violence?
- (5) What further steps will the Government take to improve the court process for sexual assault victim-survivors?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that victim-survivors of sexual offences are supported throughout all stages of trial proceedings and that any trauma associated with the court process is minimised to the greatest extent possible. Complainants in sexual assault matters are entitled to a number of statutory procedural and evidentiary protections in NSW, which seek to minimise multiple court appearances and support complainants to give their best evidence. Most of the procedural protections are automatic, which provides certainty for complainants and legal practitioners, and protects against inconsistent application by courts. Importantly, complainants

retain a choice as to how they give evidence and may elect not to use any or all of these measures at any stage of the proceedings.

- (2) The Criminal Procedure Act 1986 provides a number of jury directions and warnings to be given in sexual offence proceedings to ensure that misconceptions and erroneous beliefs do not affect the assessment of a complainant's evidence.

The Judicial Commission of NSW, an independent statutory corporation, is responsible for judicial education and training in NSW.

- (3) Restorative justice is available in NSW for adult offenders through the Victims Support Unit of Corrective Services NSW. In cases of sexual assault, however, self-referrals from sex offenders are not permitted but must be made by the victim-survivor or from a psychologist following the successful completion of a treatment program.
- (4) The admission of expert evidence in a sexual offence trial is subject to the same rules of evidence as any other proceeding and will turn on the fact of the matter. The Evidence Act 1995 provides the criteria to be satisfied for the admission of such evidence.
- (5) As part of the NSW Government's ongoing work to improve victim-survivors' experiences of court processes, the 2020-21 budget has committed funding to install new or upgraded Audio-Visual Link (AVL) facilities in more courtrooms. This will support complainants by facilitating their right to use alternate means to give their evidence via AVL, both within and outside of the court precinct.

The NSW Law Reform Commission's Report 148: Consent in Sexual Offences includes a number of measures that may improve victim-survivors' experiences of the criminal justice system for sexual assault matters, including recommendations to introduce new jury directions. The NSW Government will respond to the report in 2021.

\* 5590 AGED CARE ROYAL COMMISSION - HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the final report of the Aged Care Royal Commission and its reform recommendations about the need for integrated health services, particularly dementia care, palliative care and allied health?
- (a) What action will the Government take to support implementation of these reforms?

Answer—

The Australian Government has policy, funding and regulatory responsibility for the aged care system. The NSW Government is reviewing relevant recommendations of the final report of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety. The Australian Government's response to the final report will naturally impact upon the decisions made by NSW in this area.

\* 5591 YOUNGER PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the final report of the Aged Care Royal Commission and its reform recommendations about ensuring that younger people with disability are not required to live in aged care facilities?
- (a) What action will the Government take to support implementation of these reforms?

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Answer—

I am advised the Commonwealth Government is responsible for both the aged care system and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), the latter covering younger people with disability in residential aged care.

The Commonwealth Government Department of Social Services has published Younger People in Residential Aged Care Strategy 2020-25. The strategy can be found on the Commonwealth Government's Department of Social Services website at <https://www.dss.gov.au/disability-and-carers-programs-services-for-people-with-disability-younger-people-with-disability-in-residential-aged-care-initiative/younger-people-in-residential-aged-care-strategy-2020-25>.

The strategy aims that there be:

- no people under the age of 65 entering residential aged care by 2022;
- no people under the age of 45 living in residential aged care by 2022; and
- no people under the age of 65 living in residential aged care by 2025.

I am advised that New South Wales officials have met with Commonwealth Government officials to discuss how New South Wales agencies can assist the Commonwealth Government in its implementation of its strategy.

Details about the strategy should be directed to the Commonwealth Government.

\* 5592 AGED CARE ROYAL COMMISSION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the final report of the Aged Care Royal Commission and its extensive reform recommendations?
- (2) What action has the Government planned to contribute to the recommended:
  - (a) integrated national aged care system,
  - (b) national Council of Elders and
  - (c) a comprehensive program covering all aspects of support and care for older people to remain in their home as long as possible?
- (3) What information, support and advocacy does the Government provide to older people in New South Wales so they can get the aged care services they need?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to support the recommended aged care reforms?

Answer—

This matter should be referred to the Minister for Health and Medical Research.

\* 5593 SCHOOL FEES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What is the trend in 'school fees' contribution in New South Wales public schools since 2011 (as at 25 March 2021)?
  - (a) What is the percentage change over that time?
- (2) What is the trend in 'other private sources' of public school income since 2011 (as at 25 March 2021)?
  - (a) What is the percentage change over that time?

- (3) Are students that are unable to afford voluntary school fees excluded from extra-curricular activities and excursions?
- (a) If not, how does the Government ensure this does not occur?
- (4) What measures does the Government have in place to ensure free public school education?
- (5) What action will the Government take to ensure equitable and free access for all students and their families to public schools and education?

Answer—

- (1) Income from fees, charges and parent contributions for New South Wales public schools is subject to variability over the period 2011 to 2019, with a total nominal decrease of 20.5 per cent.
- (2) Income from other private sources for New South Wales public schools is subject to variability over the period 2011 to 2019, with a total nominal increase of 93.8 per cent.
- (3) Schools adhere to Department of Education policies to ensure students who are not able to afford voluntary school contributions are not excluded from extra-curricular activities and excursions.

Policy statement 1.2 of the Excursions Policy states: Excursions are inclusive, and all students within the specific learning group are to be given the opportunity to participate.

Policy statement 1.6 of the Voluntary School Contribution policy states: Principals will ensure that no student or family suffers any discrimination or embarrassment over failure to make a voluntary or subject contribution.

Schools are encouraged to use flexible socio-economic background or per-capita funds to address possible educational disadvantage and ensure the provision of equitable access to opportunities for all students.

- (4) All New South Wales public schools are subject to the Voluntary School Contribution policy, which states:
- school contributions are voluntary and payment is a matter for decision by parents (1.2)
  - there will be no charge to fulfil the minimum requirements of the curriculum (1.3)
  - Parents who are unable to pay for elective subjects because of financial hardship may be eligible for assistance from the school (1.5).

- (5) The Government remains committed to a needs-based funding model. The Resource Allocation Model (RAM) was developed to ensure a fair, efficient and transparent allocation of the state public education budget for every school each year. Needs-based funding is delivered through the RAM including four equity loadings (socio-economic background, Aboriginal background, English language proficiency and low-level adjustment for disability) and three base allocation loadings (location, professional learning, and per capita).

Equity loadings and other needs-based funding allocations are provided to schools to address the additional learning needs of students and reduce the impact of disadvantage on student outcomes. Principals consult with staff, parents and carers to determine the best way to support the learning needs of students in their schools. Schools are required to align their funding to their Strategic Improvement Plans and report on the impact of funding on student learning in the annual report.

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- (1) What is the total number of businesses that have registered to participate in the Dine & Discover program?
- (2) How many vouchers have been issued to New South Wales residents (as at 16 March 2021)?
- (3) What is the total value of the vouchers that have been redeemed (as at 16 March 2021)?
- (4) How many businesses in the Summer Hill electorate have registered for the scheme?
- (5) When will residents of the Summer Hill electorate be able to apply for vouchers?

5595 VOLUNTARY PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What was the total amount of voluntary parent contributions raised in New South Wales:
  - (a) Primary Schools in:
    - (i) 2018-19;
    - (ii) 2019-20;
    - (iii) 2020-21 (as at 4 May 2021)?
  - (b) High Schools in
    - (i) 2018-19;
    - (ii) 2019-20;
    - (iii) 2020-21 (as at 4 May 2021)?
- (2) In the Summer Hill electorate, what was the total amount of voluntary parent contributions raised in:
  - (a) Primary Schools in:
    - (i) 2018-19;
    - (ii) 2019-20;
    - (iii) 2020-21 (as at 4 May 2021)?
  - (b) High Schools in
    - (i) 2018-19;
    - (ii) 2019-20;
    - (iii) 2020-21 (as at 4 May 2021)?
- (3) How has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the rate of voluntary contributions collected by parents?
- (4) Has a formal directive been made to schools in New South Wales in regards to how funds from voluntary contributions are to be spent given the potential reduction in contributions collected over the past two financial years?

5596 VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Has the Minister spoken to the Commonwealth Minister for Families and Social Services regarding the Federal Review of Volunteer Management Activity (VMA) and the potential impacts on small, local volunteer organisations and neighbourhood centres in New South Wales?

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- (2) What action will be taken to ensure small, local volunteer organisations and neighbourhood centres in New South Wales do not close as a result of changes to Commonwealth funding for VMA?
- (3) Have these changes been considered as part of the development of the NSW Volunteering Strategy 2020-2030?
- (4) How will these changes, if implemented, impact the delivery of the Volunteering Strategy 2020-2030?
- 5597 COVID-19 IMMUNISATIONS IN PRISONS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) How many COVID-19 vaccinations have been administered to incarcerated people in corrections facilities in New South Wales (as at 4 May 2021)?
- (2) How many second-dose COVID-19 vaccinations have been administered to incarcerated people in corrections facilities in New South Wales (as at 4 May 2021)?
- 5598 BUILDINGS THAT DO NOT REFLECT APPROVED RENDERING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- (1) What powers does the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment have to force developers to rectify buildings where a completed building does not reflect the rendering as approved through the planning process?
- (2) Are there any regulations or laws regarding the accuracy of architectural renderings submitted through the planning process?
- (a) What obligations exist for developers and architects when it comes to renderings in the planning process?
- (3) What recourse exists for local communities when a building does not match the designs offered in the planning process, due to poor materiality, cut corners in construction, or amendments obscured through the use of private certifiers?
- 5599 SOCIAL ISOLATION FOR SENIORS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—
- (1) How is the Government tracking rates of social isolation amongst older people as we continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic?
- (2) How are seniors in New South Wales identified as being at risk of social isolation and to whom are those at risk reported for follow up?
- (3) How are projects funded through the Combatting Social Isolation for Seniors during COVID-19 grant program evaluated?
- (4) How is the Government working to reduce social isolation amongst seniors in vulnerable target groups including:
- (a) First Nations people?
- (b) Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities?
- (c) Regional and rural communities?
- (d) People with disability?
- (e) Low-income communities?
- (f) LGBTIQ+ communities?
- (g) Women?

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5600 30KM PER HOUR SPEED ZONES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) At which locations in New South Wales are the Government and local councils trialling 30km/hr speed zones?
- (2) Are the trials being managed by Transport for NSW or local councils?
- (3) How is the trial being evaluated?
  - (a) How is Transport for NSW monitoring the trials?
- (4) What support, financial or otherwise, has Transport for NSW offered to councils seeking to establish 30km/hr speed zone trials?
- (5) What plans does Transport for NSW have to extend the trials to other areas?
- (6) What is the total number of locations in New South Wales zoned with a speed limit of 40km/hour?

5601 PAID ZONE STICKERS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) When was the decision made to install "paid zone" stickers at train stations cross New South Wales, including Lewisham and Summer Hill?
  - (a) Why was the decision made to do so?
- (2) What directive was made to station staff and transport officers in regards to fining pedestrians, cyclists or residents accessing pedestrian thoroughfares such as those in Lewisham and Summer Hill?
- (3) How many transport fines have been issued to pedestrians, cyclists or residents using the pedestrian tunnels at Lewisham and Summer Hill since the installation of these "paid zone" stickers (as at 4 May 2021)?
- (4) Given the potential of these stickers to cause confusion for pedestrians, cyclists and residents seeking to use public thoroughfares at stations, will the Minister consider removing them?

5602 55 LIVINGSTONE ROAD MARRICKVILLE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What is the value of the maintenance and repairs backlog at 55 Livingstone Road, Marrickville?
- (2) What was the estimated cost of damages to 55 Livingstone Road, Marrickville, caused by the recent rain and floods?
- (3) How many residents at 55 Livingstone Road, Marrickville, are still awaiting repairs as a result of the rain and floods of March 2021?
- (4) In each of the past five financial years, what has been the annual amount of money expended on repairs and maintenance at 55 Livingstone Road, Marrickville?

5603 EFFECT OF MARCH FLOODS ON SOCIAL HOUSING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What is the total cost of the damage to social housing properties owned and managed by the Government across New South Wales from rain and flooding in the March storms?
- (2) What is the total cost of the damage to social housing properties owned and managed by the Government in the Summer Hill electorate from rain and flooding in the March storms?
- (3) As of 15 March 2021, what was the current maintenance backlog in social housing properties in New South Wales?
- (4) What is the current maintenance backlog in social housing properties in New South Wales as of 27 March 2021?



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- (5) How many social housing properties are still awaiting repairs due to the rain and flooding?
- (6) How many social housing dwellings across New South Wales were rendered uninhabitable by the rain and floods?
- (7) How many residents in social housing were relocated because their dwellings were rendered uninhabitable by the rain and floods?
- 5604 INTALLATION OF FISHWAYS AND FISH LADDERS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—  
Considering LA Q5581, in which you responded “Audits of fish passage barriers in the Lachlan catchment occurred in the late 2000s”, when will fishways or fish ladders be installed at fish passage obstructions, which include weirs at Condobolin, Kiacatoo, Booberoi, Jemalong and Forbes?
- 5605 ESCALATING SUICIDE RATES—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—  
Regarding statistics published on NSW Health’s NSW Suicide Monitoring System which show that suicide deaths outside of Greater Sydney in the month of January have almost doubled, from 30 in January 2019, 40 in January 2020 and 56 in January 2021, what steps have been taken to address this rapidly escalating suicide rate?
- 5606 TOWARDS ZERO SUICIDES INITIATIVES—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—
- (1) Regarding the Government’s October 2018 announcement of a \$87 million funding commitment over three years for the Towards Zero Suicides initiatives, which three years within the 2018-23 Strategic Framework for Suicide Prevention has the \$87 million in funding been or will be allocated?
- (2) What is the proportion of funding for each of the three years?
- (3) What suicide prevention initiatives have been funded?
- (a) How much funding has been allocated to each of those initiatives?
- 5607 WESTMEAD 2036 DRAFT PLACE STRATEGY—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—  
In the Westmead 2036 Draft Place Strategy what provision is made for the expansion of psychiatric health services in the Westmead Health Precinct?
- 5608 PARRAMATTA FEMALE FACTORY AND INSTITUTIONS PRECINCT—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Premier representing the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts—  
What is the status of the application for World Heritage Listing of the Parramatta Female Factory and Institutions Precinct?
- 5609 DINE AND DISCOVER VOUCHERS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—
- (1) How many applications were received since commencement for Dine and Discover vouchers from residents of the Granville electorate?
- (2) How many applications from residents of the Granville electorate were successful since applications opened?
- (3) What is the total value of vouchers used to date by from residents of the Granville electorate?
- (4) How many dine vouchers have been redeemed to date from businesses in the Granville electorate?

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- (5) How many discover vouchers have been redeemed to date from businesses in the Granville electorate?
  - (6) How many businesses in the Granville electorate applied to accept dine and discover vouchers?
  - (7) How many businesses in the Granville electorate successfully applied to accept dine and discover vouchers?
  - (8) What funding was allocated to encourage businesses to apply to accept vouchers?
  - (9) What promotional activity to encourage businesses to apply to accept vouchers was undertaken in languages other than English?
- 5610 COMMENCEMENT OF FAIR TRADING AMENDMENT (COMMERCIAL AGENTS) BILL—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- (1) Given that the Fair Trading Amendment (Commercial Agents) Bill 2016 was passed on 13 October 2016, was assented to on 18 October 2016 and remains wholly uncommenced, when will the Act commence?
- 5611 NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL ANNUAL REPORT—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- (1) In relation to applications to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal, how many matters related to eviction on no grounds, in each of the last five years?
  - (2) What proportion does (1) represent of all applications relating to eviction?
  - (3) Of the 908 Residential (Land Lease) Communities Act finalisations in 2019-20, what were the top 10 matters which were considered?
  - (4) Of the 43 Strata and community scheme finalisations in 2019-20, what were the top 10 matters which were considered?
  - (5) Of the 1,276 strata finalisations in 2019-20, what were the top 10 matters which were considered?
  - (6) Of the 46 retirement villages finalisations in 2019-20, what were the top 10 matters which were considered?
  - (7) Of the 1,368 Motor Vehicles finalisations in 2019-20, what were the top 10 matters which were considered?
  - (8) Of the 14 Residential (Land Lease) Communities Act appeals finalised in 2019-20, what were the matters which were considered?
  - (9) Of the eight Strata and community scheme appeals finalised in 2019-20, what were the matters which were considered?
  - (10) Of the 45 strata schemes appeals finalisations in 2019-20, what were the matters which were considered?
  - (11) Of the 4 retirement villages appeals finalised in 2019-20, what were the matters which were considered?
  - (12) Of the 43 Motor Vehicles appeals finalised in 2019-20, what were the matters which were considered?
- 5612 PRODUCT SAFETY—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- (1) In relation to the safety of toys:
    - (a) How many enquiries were received in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
    - (b) How many complaints were received in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?

- (c) How many investigations were conducted in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
- (d) How many prosecutions were conducted in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
- (e) How many prosecutions were successful in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
- (f) What was the total amount of penalties and fines issued in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
- (2) Since the commencement of mandatory safety standards for button batteries:
  - (a) How many enquiries were received in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
  - (b) How many complaints were received in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
  - (c) How many investigations were conducted in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
  - (d) How many prosecutions were conducted in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
  - (e) How many prosecutions were successful in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
  - (f) What was the total amount of penalties and fines issued in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
- (3) Given that CHOICE reported five out of eight tested bassinets failed key safety requirements:
  - (a) What action has been taken to assure the public that bassinets sold in New South Wales are safe?
  - (b) How many enquiries were received about unsafe bassinets in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
  - (c) How many complaints were received in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
  - (d) How many investigations were conducted in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
  - (e) How many prosecutions were conducted in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
  - (f) How many prosecutions were successful in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
  - (g) What was the total amount of penalties and fines issued in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?

5613 REPORT OF THE STATUTORY REVIEW OF THE MOTOR DEALERS AND REPAIRERS ACT 2013—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Which of the 17 recommendations in the Report of the Statutory Review of the Motor Dealers and Repairers Act 2013 have been accepted by the Government?
- (2) What consultation has taken place with stakeholders since the report was tabled?
- (3) As at 1 May 2021, how many relevant tradesperson's certificate are on issue?
- (4) As at 1 May 2021, how many relevant licences are on issue?
- (5) How many enforcement actions have been taken in each of the past five years for unlicensed work?
- (6) How many enforcement actions have been taken in each of the past five years for work undertaken without a tradesperson's certificate?
- (7) Does the Government envisage bringing forward any amendments to the Act?
  - (a) If so, when?
- (8) Does the Government envisage bringing forward any relevant amendments to the Fair Trading Act, 1987?
  - (a) If so, when?

5614 RESIDENTIAL (LAND LEASE) COMMUNITIES ACT 2013—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

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- (1) How many residential land lease communities were there in 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21?
  - (2) How many residents of residential land lease communities were there in 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21?
  - (3) How many enquiries were received in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
  - (4) How many complaints were received in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
  - (5) How many investigations were conducted in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
  - (6) How many matters progressed to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
  - (7) How many matters progressed to higher courts in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
  - (8) How many prosecutions were conducted in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
  - (9) How many prosecutions were successful in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21?
- 5615 SMALL BUSINESS FEES AND CHARGES REBATE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- (1) How many applications have been received since commencement for the small business fees and charges rebate?
  - (2) How many applications have been successful since commencement for the small business fees and charges rebate?
  - (3) What is the total value of successful applications since commencement for the small business fees and charges rebate?
  - (4) What is the value of successful applications since commencement for the small business fees and charges rebate, in each local government area?
- 5616 ROYAL EASTER SHOW TOY SAFETY—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- (1) In relation to a report by the Western Weekender on 2 April 2021, that “As a result of the safety blitz, only one toy was found which did not comply with Australian Standards and Australian Consumer Law”, which toy did not comply?
  - (2) With which Australian Standard did the toy not comply?
  - (3) With which section of the Australian Consumer Law did the toy not comply?
  - (4) What action was taken when the toy was found to be non-compliant?
- 5617 PROPERTY AND STOCK AGENTS ACT 2002—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- (1) How many penalties for breaches of s8 (Agents required to be licensed) of the Property and Stock Agents Act 2002 were issued in each of the past five financial years?
  - (2) How many licences under the Property and Stock Agents Act 2002 expired and were not renewed in each of the past five financial years?
  - (3) How many licences under the Property and Stock Agents Act 2002 expired and the licence holder subsequently made a new application for a licence?
  - (4) How many applications for restoration of a licence under s25A of the Property and Stock Agents Act 2002 were made in each financial year since the commencement of the section?

- (5) How many applications for restoration of a licence under s25A of the Property and Stock Agents Act 2002 were granted in each financial year since the commencement of the section?
- (6) Since the commencement of section 25A of the Property and Stock Agents Act 2002 what reasons have been accepted for the granting of a restoration of a licence?
- (7) Since the commencement of the section 25A of the Property and Stock Agents Act 2002 what matters are considered when assessing whether to grant the restoration of a licence?
- (8) If a licence has been expired for three months or more does the Office of Fair Trading recommend to licence holders that they make a new application or apply under s25A of the Property and Stock Agents Act 2002 for the restoration of the licence?

5618 COMMUNITY ROOMS IN NEWTOWN PUBLIC HOUSING PRECINCTS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many community rooms are there in public housing precincts in the electorate of Newtown (as at 17 March 2021)?
  - (a) How many of these community rooms are currently open for use by tenants?
  - (b) How many of these community rooms are accessible to tenants by booking only?
  - (c) Who is the point of contact for each of these community rooms and/or manages bookings and tenant access?

5619 GAS METER MAINTENANCE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What oversight exists to ensure Metre Data Loggers (MDLs) owned by the energy infrastructure company Jemena, are maintained regularly to provide accurate energy usage readings?
- (2) Does Jemena provide annual reports or records of the number of operational and non-operational MDLs?
  - (a) If so are these records available to the public?
- (3) Is Jemena required to take, or attempt to take, meter readings on site at residential properties?
  - (a) If not, what information can be provided on the number of remote meter readings which have been taken by Jemena in the last 12 months (as at 4 May 2021)?
  - (b) How many Jemena MDLs could not be read remotely due to faults and malfunctions in the last 12 months?
  - (c) How many accounts sent out by Energy Australia were based on Jemena providing estimates of gas usage due to malfunctioning MDLs?
- (4) What guidelines are used by Jemena to calculate estimates of gas usage if they are unable to read a meter remotely?
- (5) What information can be provided on the number of complaints the Ombudsman or Energy Australia has received due to inaccurate estimates of gas usage provided by Jemena?

5620 BABY BUNDLES—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many NSW Health Baby Bundles have been supplied in each year since the launch of the program (as at 4 May 2021)?
  - (a) How many Baby Bundles are expected to be supplied in 2021-22?
- (2) Who are the current product suppliers for the Baby Bundle?
  - (a) What is the amount paid to each supplier under the current contract?

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- (3) When does this current contract for Baby Bundle suppliers expire?
- (a) Does NSW Health plan to return to tender or invite new submissions when the current contracts expire?
- (b) What is the timeline for a new tender process for the Baby Bundle?
- (4) Where can members of the public access the details of the current contracts and tender process to supply products for the NSW Health Baby Bundle, which do not appear to be available on the e-tender database?
- 5621 ABORIGINAL HOUSING STIMULUS PACKAGE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) How much of the \$13.5m COVID-19 Aboriginal Housing Office stimulus for maintenance and reduction in cost of living has been spent (as at 4 May 2021)?
- (a) Where has this amount been spent in regional and remote New South Wales?
- (b) What percentage has been spent on housing maintenance?
- (c) What percentage has been spent on reducing cost of living pressures?
- (2) How was the allocation of these funds decided?
- (3) What amount of these funds is unspent (as at 4 May 2021)?
- (a) Will this unspent amount be spent before the end of June 2021?
- (b) Where have any unspent amounts been allocated?
- (c) Will any unspent funds be rolled over into the 2021-2022 financial year?
- 5622 CONTAMINATED LAND ON PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) Have there ever been any reports of contaminated land on the following sites:
- (a) Explorer Street and Aurora Place, South Eveleigh Public Housing estate?
- (b) South Sydney Rotary Park, 53A Henderson Road, Eveleigh?
- (2) Was the land tested for contamination on Explorer Street and Aurora Place and Rotary Park in South Eveleigh, prior to the development of public housing and the park on the site?
- (a) If so, when?
- (i) What action or remediation works were undertaken?
- 5623 HOUSING MAINTENANCE STIMULUS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) How much of the \$60.5m COVID-19 housing maintenance stimulus has been spent (as at 4 May 2021)?
- (a) How much and what proportion of this amount has been spent in regional New South Wales?
- (b) How much and what proportion of this amount has been spent in the Newtown electorate?
- (2) How was the allocation of these funds decided?
- (3) What amount of these funds is unspent (as at 4 May 2021)?
- (a) Will this unspent amount be spent before the end of June 2021?
- (b) Where have any unspent amounts been allocated?

(c) Will any unspent funds be rolled over into the 2021-22 financial year?

5624 CLEANING STAFF AT BANKSTOWN LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Given the recent expansion of the Bankstown-Lidcombe hospital emergency department, how many Full Time Equivalent hospital cleaning staff were originally pledged to the Department?

(a) How many are currently allocated (as at 4 May 2021)?

(i) If these differ, why?

5625 CLEANING TIMES AT BANKSTOWN LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

What is the current time allocated for hospital cleaning staff to clean a room after a patient has been discharged at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital (as at 4 May 2021)?

5626 SALARY PACKAGING AT BANKSTOWN LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Given that health services staff at Bankstown-Lidcombe hospital are required to pay a monthly administration fee for their salary packaging benefits and that 50 percent of the savings from salary packaging schemes are passed onto the employer, what measures are taken to ensure that these staff are being properly compensated?

5627 STAFF PARKING FEES AT BANKSTOWN LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

What measures are being taken to ensure that staff at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital are able to travel to work safely and affordable considering the reintroduction of parking fees for staff?

5628 REPLACEMENT BUSES FOLLOWING T3 CLOSURE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Given the announced closure of the T3 Bankstown to Sydenham line from Monday June 28 to Monday July 11 2021, how many replacement buses will be allocated per day to compensate for this closure?

(a) How many replacement buses will be allocated during peak hour times?

5629 REPLACEMENT BUS TIMETABLE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Given the announced closure of the T3 Bankstown to Sydenham line from Monday June 28 to Monday July 11 2021, when will the timetable for replacement buses be released to the public?

5630 NOISE WALL ON STACEY STREET—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Will the noise wall on Stacey Street, Bankstown be expanded?

5631 COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING REGISTER—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Further to LA Q5747, what measures are being taken to ensure the safety and structural integrity of the 91 buildings in the Canterbury-Bankstown area identified on the Combustible Cladding register?

5632 REPLACEMENT OF COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) Further to LA Q5747, will the Government consider replacing the cladding on the 91 buildings in the Canterbury-Bankstown area that are on the Combustible Cladding register?

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- (a) If so, when?

5633 REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARD—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) From 1 January to 30 November 2020, how many applicants for the Regional Seniors Travel Card from the following post codes have had their applications rejected:

- (a) 2280;
- (b) 2282;
- (c) 2285;
- (d) 2289;
- (e) 2290;
- (f) 2291;
- (g) 2305;
- (h) 2306?

- (2) Since 30 November 2020, how many applicants for the Regional Seniors Travel Card from the following post codes have had their applications rejected (as at 16 March 2021):

- (a) 2280;
- (b) 2282;
- (c) 2285;
- (d) 2289;
- (e) 2290;
- (f) 2291;
- (g) 2305;
- (h) 2306?

5634 LINK2HOME PROGRAM - EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What was the average time spent in emergency accommodation for people referred through Link2Home in the following quarters:

- (a) 1 October to 31 December 2019;
- (b) 1 January through 31 March 2020;
- (c) 1 April through 30 June 2020;
- (d) 1 July through 30 September 2020;
- (e) 1 October to 31 December 2020;
- (f) 1 January to 31 March 2020?

5635 LINK2HOME PROGRAM - TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many people were referred to temporary accommodation through Link2Home in the following quarters:



- (a) 1 October to 31 December 2019;
- (b) 1 January through 31 March 2020;
- (c) 1 April through 30 June 2020;
- (d) 1 July through 30 September 2020;
- (e) 1 October to 31 December 2020;
- (f) 1 January to 31 March 2020?

5636 ROUGH SLEEPERS IN NEWCASTLE AND LAKE MACQUARIE—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Noting that street homelessness has dropped 63 per cent in the Newcastle Local Government area, of the 33 rough-sleepers in the Newcastle local government area assisted off the street in the twelve months to February 2021, how many were women?
  - (a) Of the 15 rough-sleepers in the Lake Macquarie local government area assisted off the street in the twelve months to February 2021, how many were women?

5637 CUSTOMERS ISSUED MOBILE SPEED CAMERA PENALTY NOTICES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many customers in the following post codes received mobile speed camera penalty notices in each of the financial years from 2014-15 to 2019-2020:
  - (a) 2280;
  - (b) 2282;
  - (c) 2285;
  - (d) 2289;
  - (e) 2290;
  - (f) 2291;
  - (g) 2305;
  - (h) 2306?

5638 MOBILE SPEED CAMERA PENALTY NOTICES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many mobile speed camera penalty notices were issued in each of the financial years from 2014-15 to 2019-2020 from cameras located in the following post-codes:
  - (a) 2280;
  - (b) 2282;
  - (c) 2285;
  - (d) 2289;
  - (e) 2290;
  - (f) 2291;
  - (g) 2305;
  - (h) 2306?

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5639 MOBILE SPEED CAMERA REVENUE—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How much revenue was generated by mobile speed camera penalty notices in each of the financial years from 2014-15 to 2019-2020 from customers living in the following post codes:
- (a) 2280;
  - (b) 2282;
  - (c) 2285;
  - (d) 2289;
  - (e) 2290;
  - (f) 2291;
  - (g) 2305;
  - (h) 2306?

5640 BUSHFIRE COMMUNITY FUNDING REQUESTS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) How many applications for funding from the bushfire community recovery and resilience fund were received from the Lake Macquarie local government area?
- (a) What was the total amount of funding requested by these applications, including unsuccessful applicants?

5641 ADAMSTOWN RAILWAY CROSSING—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Noting the significant traffic blockage caused by the railway crossing in Adamstown, has a business case been prepared relating to the railway crossing?
- (2) Have any scoping studies been undertaken by the Government with regards to the railway crossing?
- (3) What is the Government's preferred solution to the issues presented by the railway crossing?

5642 HOMELESSNESS IN NEWCASTLE AND LAKE MACQUARIE—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Noting predictions from Homelessness NSW of a 38 per cent spike in homelessness in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie, what is the Government's plan to address the homelessness crisis?

5643 COVID-19 RELIEF FOR LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

Why won't you extend your COVID-19 business relief package announced for the Northern Beaches to include businesses in Liverpool?

5644 BUSHFIRE AFFECTED WATERWAYS PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—

Why were grant applications under the 2019-20 Bushfire Affected Coastal Waterways (BACW) Program 2019-20-BACW-0009 and 2019-20-BACW-0009 by Liverpool Council rejected?

5645 OPERATION MONZA—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Has the Director of Public Prosecutions assessed evidence and considered prosecution of Police Officers MON 3, MON 4, and MON 5 referred to in the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission Report of Operation Monza?
- (a) If not, why not?
- 5646 RESPONSE TO DEFENCE LAWYERS NSW CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—  
What was your response to the letter dated 9 April 2021 from Emmanuel Kerkyasharian on behalf of Defence Lawyers NSW concerning Law Enforcement Conduct Commission Operation Monza?
- 5647 STOCKPILE OF BATTERIES IN WARWICK FARM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—  
What steps have been taken by the Environmental Protection Authority and/or your Department concerning the stockpile of batteries by MRI e-cycle solutions in Orange Gove Rd, Warwick Farm?
- 5648 CHARLES STREET, LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- (1) In relation to 3/4 Charles St Liverpool;
- (a) Has the stove been replaced?
- (i) If not why not?
- (b) Has the carpet in the hallway, damaged by a water overflow from the laundry been replaced?
- (i) If not, why not?
- 5649 PSYCHIATRIC CARE AT LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—  
During what hours is the Psychiatric Emergency Care Centre at Liverpool Hospital staffed?
- 5650 OFFICERS INVOLVED WITH OPERATION MONZA—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- (1) What action, if any, has been taken on the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission Operation Monza Report recommendations concerning Officers MON 3, Officer MON 4 and Officer MON 5 in relation to reviewable action pursuant to s173 of the Police Act 1990?
- (2) What other action, if any, has been taken against those officers?
- (3) Are any of those officers still attached to Strike Force Raptor?
- (a) If so, why?
- 5651 STRIKE FORCE RAPTOR—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—  
What steps have you taken to reform Strike Force Raptor in light of the findings of the Report of the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission Operation Monza?
- 5652 MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—  
Do you propose to answer my letter to you, dated 8 March 2021, concerning premises at 22 Firth Avenue, Green Valley?
- 5653 MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

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Do you propose to answer my letter to you, dated 8 March 2021, concerning premises at 22 Firth Avenue, Green Valley?

5654 JET SKI INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

(1) How many infringement notices have been issued to jet ski riders in the Fairfield Electorate from May 2020 to May 2021 (as at 4 May 2021)?

(a) What was the total infringement notice revenue collected during this time from riders in the Fairfield Electorate?

5655 DISCOVERY OF COVID-19 AT FAIRFIELD WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How many times throughout 2020 were traces of COVID-19 found in waste water from the Fairfield Wastewater Treatment Plant?

5656 TESTING AT FAIRFIELD WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How many times throughout 2020 was testing for COVID-19 conducted on waste water at the Fairfield Wastewater Treatment Plant?

5657 TREATMENT OF WATER TIMELINE FOR FAIRFIELD WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

What is the timeline for the treatment of waste water to detect for traces of COVID-19 at the Fairfield Wastewater Treatment Plant?

5658 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR LOCAL COUNCILS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Will the Government consider providing additional funding to local councils to repair roads damaged by the March 2021 severe storm event, given that it was classified as a once-in-a-century flood?

(a) If so, what will the budget allocation be?

5659 JET SKI DEFECT NOTICES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) How many defect notices have been issued to jet ski riders in the Fairfield Electorate from May 2020 to May 2021?

(a) What was the total defect notice revenue collected during this time from riders in the Fairfield Electorate?

5660 JET SKI REGISTRATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) What was the number of jet ski registrations from May 2020 to May 2021 in the Fairfield Electorate (as at 4 May 2021)?

(a) How many of these are new registrations?

5661 PINCH POINTS ON HORSLEY DRIVE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Has a Strategic Business Case been completed for works on the pinch points at the intersection of The Horsley Drive and Nelson Street, and the intersection of The Horsley Drive and Polding Street?

(a) If so, how much funding has been allocated for the upgrade of these intersections?

5662 STRATEGIES TO REDUCE ROAD FATALITIES IN FAIRFIELD EAST—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

In light of recent road fatalities and car accidents in Fairfield East, what strategies, other than mobile and fixed speed cameras, will the Government implement to address road safety in this area?

5663 EXTENSION OF HOMEBUILDER PROGRAM—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Treasurer—

Given the Commonwealth Government's HomeBuilder program has contributed to an ongoing shortage of New South Wales-qualified Senior Building Surveyors and delays in approvals in New South Wales border regions, will the Government consider encouraging the Commonwealth Government to extend HomeBuilder to those who have been unable to gain building approval by the deadline due to a shortage of building surveyors?

5664 LABOUR SHORTAGE IN NEW SOUTH WALES FARMS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Noting the Victorian Government's \$2,430 'sign-on bonus' to new harvest worker, and the effect that has had on a labour shortage on farms in New South Wales, especially near the border, will the Government consider instituting a similar bonus scheme?
- (2) What compensation schemes are available for farmers in New South Wales who have lost this season's crops due to border closures and a lack of workers?

5665 KOSZIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK'S PLAN OF MANAGEMENT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Given that Kosciuszko National Park's Plan of Management (PoM) prohibits new overhead transmission lines, why is the Government proposing an amendment to the PoM to exempt Snowy 2.0 from the requirement to install all new transmission lines underground?
  - (a) Has the Government already agreed to overhead transmission lines, despite the Environment Impact Statement for overhead lines having only recently been exhibited?

5666 TELESTROKE ROLLOUT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Considering your recent announcement to extend the Telestroke model of care into more rural and regional areas in New South Wales, when will Telestroke be rolled out in Deniliquin and Griffith?
- (2) How will host hospitals be equipped to effectively deliver Telestroke?
- (3) What additional training will be provided to staff at host hospitals to deliver Telestroke?
- (4) Will the rollout of Telestroke also equip hospitals with the capacity to deliver clot-busting treatment?

5667 ALTERNATIVE SAFE SHOOTING PROGRAM—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Will an alternative funding model to the Safe Shooting Program be considered so that range modifications requested by the Firearms Registry are affordable for Firearms Clubs in Barwon?

5668 ABORIGINAL HEALTH LIAISON OFFICERS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many Aboriginal Health Liaison Officers are employed at the following NSW Health facilities (as at 4 May 2021):
  - (a) Baradine Multipurpose Service;
  - (b) Bourke Multipurpose Service;

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- (c) Brewarrina Multipurpose Service;
  - (d) Broken Hill Base Hospital;
  - (e) Cobar District Health Service;
  - (f) Collarenebri Multipurpose Service;
  - (g) Condobolin District Health Service;
  - (h) Coolah Multipurpose Service;
  - (i) Coonabarabran District Health Service;
  - (j) Coonamble Multipurpose Service;
  - (k) Dunedoo Multipurpose Service;
  - (l) Gilgandra Multipurpose Service;
  - (m) Goodooga Health Service;
  - (n) Gulargambone Multipurpose Service;
  - (o) Ivanhoe Health Service;
  - (p) John Prior Multipurpose Service;
  - (q) Lake Cargelligo Multipurpose Service;
  - (r) Lightning Ridge Multipurpose Service;
  - (s) Narrabri District Hospital;
  - (t) Nyngan Health Service;
  - (u) Tibooburra Health Service;
  - (v) Tottenham Multipurpose Service;
  - (w) Walgett Multipurpose Service;
  - (x) Warren Multipurpose Service;
  - (y) Menindee Health Service;
  - (z) Wee Waa District Hospital;
  - (aa) White Cliffs Health Service;
  - (bb) Wilcannia Multi-Purpose Service?
- (2) Under what circumstances are these individuals called upon to provide advice to families who identify as Aboriginal and/or NSW Health staff who may be caring for a person who identifies as Aboriginal?

5669 DERMATOLOGIST WAIT TIMES AT BROKEN HILL HOSPITAL—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many people are currently on the waiting list to see the dermatologist at Broken Hill Hospital (as at 4 May 2021)?
- (2) What is the frequency of dermatologist visits for appointments and procedures at Broken Hill Hospital?
- (3) What is the average wait time for an appointment to see a dermatologist at Broken Hill Hospital?
  - (a) Is this in line with acceptable standards?

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5670 HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE BOOST IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Noting in 2019, the Government promised the largest workforce boost in healthcare by investing \$2.8 billion to recruit 5,000 extra nurses, midwives and frontline staff, and that half of these new recruits would be employed in regional area; how many new nurses, midwives and frontline staff have been employed since the 2019 General Election in the following Local Health Districts (as at 4 May 2021):
  - (a) Far West;
  - (b) Western NSW;
  - (c) Murrumbidgee;
  - (d) Hunter New England?
- (2) In which facilities have these new nurses, midwives and frontline staff been employed?

5671 RANDWICK CAMPUS OF HOSPITALS REDEVELOPMENT—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Noting that no new parking spaces will be created during phase one of the redevelopment of the Randwick Campus of Hospitals;
  - (a) Will any new parking spaces be created during phase two of the redevelopment?
  - (b) Will any new parking spaces be created during phase three of the redevelopment?
- (2) At the completion of phase one of the redevelopment, how many new rooms will be added to hospital capacity?
  - (a) How many more patients will be able to be treated each calendar year as a result of phase one of the redevelopment?
  - (b) How many more hospital staff will be employed as a result of phase one of the redevelopment?
- (3) At the completion of phase two of the redevelopment, how many new rooms will be added to hospital capacity?
  - (a) How many more patients will be able to be treated each calendar year as a result of phase two of the redevelopment?
  - (b) How many more hospital staff will be employed as a result of phase two of the redevelopment?
- (4) At the completion of phase three of the redevelopment, how many new rooms will be added to hospital capacity?
  - (a) How many more patients will be able to be treated each calendar year as a result of phase three of the redevelopment?
  - (b) How many more hospital staff will be employed as a result phase three of the redevelopment?

5672 RANDWICK CAMPUS OF HOSPITALS PARKING SPACES—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Noting that no new parking spaces will be created during phase one of the redevelopment of the Randwick Campus of Hospitals, what work has the Government completed to create more parking options for staff, patients and visitors of the hospitals?

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- (2) Will the Government consider asset sharing arrangements with the Australian Turf Club in order to provide greater parking capacity?
- (3) Without public transport running 24 hours a day, seven days per week, how will the Government facilitate additional hospital staff to commuting to and from the newly built hospital buildings?

5673 UPGRADES TO RANDWICK BOYS' AND RANDWICK GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOLS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, and Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Considering that all public primary schools in the Coogee Electorate are at or nearing capacity:
  - (a) Will the planned upgrade to Randwick Boys' High School create more classrooms and teaching spaces?
  - (b) Will the planned upgrade to Randwick Boys' High School create more public high school spaces for boys?
  - (c) Will the planned upgrade to Randwick Girls' High School create more classrooms and teaching spaces?
  - (d) Will the planned upgrade to Randwick Girls' High School create more public high school spaces for girls?
- (2) Considering the growing demand for public school education in the Eastern Suburbs, does the Government have plans to build a new co-educational high school in the Eastern Suburbs?

5674 HUNTER INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT FUND—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What is the status of the \$5 million funding committed in 2016 from the Hunter Infrastructure Investment Fund to upgrade the Newcastle Basketball Stadium at Broadmeadow, considering that Newcastle Basketball is relocating to Lake Macquarie?
  - (a) Has this funding been spent?  
If not:
    - (i) Will it be allocated to the Lake Macquarie Facility?
    - (ii) Will it be allocated to another projected in the Hunter?
    - (iii) Could this funding be used to progress the Hunter Sports and Entertainment Precinct?

5675 DEFINITION OF CONTAINER—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Was the definition of the term "container" changed by the Government in the Port Commitment Deeds for Port Botany and Port Kembla, dated 31 May 2013, following a decision announcement on 5 November 2013 to lease the Port of Newcastle to the private sector?
- (2) When the Government leased Port Botany and Port Kembla to NSW Ports Pty Ltd on 31 May 2013, did the Port Commitment Deeds define the term "container" to be: "Container means any moveable device, designed for continuous use in loading and unloading cargoes on and from Ships, including boxes, crates, cylinders, tanks, twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), other stackable units and any similar cargo-carrying device which is designated as a container by international stevedoring standards from time to time and containerised has a corresponding meaning. Container includes:
  - (a) Overseas import containers;
  - (b) Overseas export containers;
  - (c) Local containers (coastal inwards or outwards), and;



- (d) Empty containers and transhipped containers?
- (3) After the Government announced its decision to lease the Port of Newcastle to the private sector on 5 November 2015, did the Government and NSW Ports Pty Ltd change the definition of the term "container" in the Port Commitment Deeds for Port Botany and Port Kembla to be: "TEU"?
- (a) If so, why?
- (4) When the Government leased the Port of Newcastle to Port of Newcastle Investments Pty Ltd on 30 May 2014, did the Port Commitment Deed define "container" to be: "TEU"?
- 5676 LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION PLAYGROUNDS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—  
Considering Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC)'s decision to demolish a playground in Hamilton South, why does the Government demolish playgrounds without replacing them?
- 5677 COVID-19 PUBLIC BUILDING VENTILATION STANDARDS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- (1) What assessment has the Government made of National Construction Code standards for public building ventilation given the COVID-19 pandemic experience shows the impact of poor air quality on health, including research showing aerosol transmission, higher rates of indoor transmission and higher rates for indoor areas with low humidity?
- (2) Do public building ventilation standards require significant turnover of air or monitoring of carbon dioxide or humidity levels?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to:
- (a) Review these requirements or provide advice about ventilation needed to reduce COVID-19 transmission risks; and
- (b) Improve public building ventilation standards to address public health needs?
- 5678 ELECTRIC VEHICLES PLAN—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—  
What changes will the Government make to the electric vehicles plan as a result of the Ernst & Young evaluation in the September 2020 report "Uncovering the hidden costs and benefits from Electric Vehicles"?
- 5679 AGED CARE ROYAL COMMISSION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the final report of the Aged Care Royal Commission and its extensive reform recommendations?
- (2) What action has the Government planned to contribute to the recommended:
- (a) integrated national aged care system,
- (b) national Council of Elders and
- (c) comprehensive program covering all aspects of support and care for older people to remain in their home as long as possible?
- (3) What information, support and advocacy does the Government provide to older people in New South Wales so they can get the aged care services they need?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to support the recommended aged care reforms?
- 5680 ABORIGINAL FLAG—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier—

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- (1) What consideration has the Government given to flying the Aboriginal flag permanently on the Sydney Harbour Bridge?
  - (2) What consideration has the Government given to flying the Aboriginal flag permanently on the ANZAC Bridge alongside the Australian flag?
- 5681 GROWING LOCAL COMMUNITIES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- Noting that in the 2017-18 Financial Year, the 2322 postcode (which includes Thornton) generated more than \$165 million in revenue for the Government (the second highest postcode revenue in New South Wales for that year), why hasn't the Government funded road works to support the new development which were driving these record stamp duty receipts?
- 5682 MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—
- (1) How many Mobile Speed Camera (MSC) offences were detected in the Maitland electorate/local government area (including New England Highway East Maitland, Rutherford and Telarah, Lindesay Street/Raymond Terrace Road East Maitland-Millers Forest, Cessnock Road-Church Street Gillieston Heights-Maitland, Maitland Vale Road/Luskintyre Road/Stanhope Road Bolwarra Heights-Lambs Valley and Metford Road East Maitland-Morpeth) between;
    - (a) 19 November 2020 to 30 January 2021;
    - (b) 19 November 2019 to 30 January 2020?
  - (2) How many offences during the above time periods were for:
    - (a) Exceeding the speed limit by 10 kilometres per hour;
    - (b) Exceeding the speed limit by 20 kilometres per hour;
    - (c) Exceeding the speed limit by more than 20 kilometres per hour?
- 5683 MOBILE SPEED CAMERA FINES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—
- (1) Between 19 November 2020 and 28 February 2021 how many Mobile Speed Camera offences were detected in the Maitland electorate/local government area at the following locations:
    - (a) New England Highway at East Maitland;
    - (b) New England Highway at Rutherford;
    - (c) New England Highway at Telarah;
    - (d) Lindesay St/Raymond Terrace Rd between East Maitland and Millers Forest;
    - (e) Cessnock Rd-Church St between Gillieston Heights and Maitland;
    - (f) Maitland Vale Rd/Luskintyre Rd/Stanhope Rd between Bolwarra Heights and Lambs Valley;
    - (g) Metford Rd between East Maitland and Morpeth;
    - (h) Other locations (please specify)?
  - (2) Between 19 November 2019 and 28 February 2020 how many Mobile Speed Camera offences were detected in the Maitland electorate/local government area at the locations listed in question one?
  - (3) How many offences during the time periods in question one and two were for;
    - (a) Exceeding the speed limit by 10 km/h;

- (b) Exceeding the speed limit by 20 km/h;
- (c) Exceeding the speed limit by more than 20 km/h?

5684 DETECTION SETTINGS FOR HIGHWAY PATROL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Are NSW Police Highway Patrol using the same formula as Mobile Speed Camera operators to detect speeding offences?

5685 RACING NSW AND AUSTRALIAN TURF CLUB FUNDING—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

How much funding has Racing NSW and the Australian Turf Club received from the Government since the merger of Australian Jockey Club and Sydney Turf Club in 2010?

5686 PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON TRAVELLING STOCK RESERVE USE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Why were only three regions – Tweed Heads, Tamworth and Federation (Corowa) - chosen for public consultation on the future use of Travelling Stock Reserves under a Crown Lands review, originally launched in 2012?

- (a) If so, what will the budget allocation be?