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\* 6661 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—GIG STATE PROJECT—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) In relation to the Gig State project announced in the 2021/2022 NSW Budget:
- (a) Can the Minister please provide a list of the locations and corresponding State electorates of the digital network infrastructure that is proposed to be upgraded for the following financial years:
- (i) 2021/2022?
  - (ii) 2022/2023?
  - (iii) 2023/2024?
  - (iv) 2024/2025?
  - (v) 2025/2026?

Answer—

Funding for two projects under the Regional Digital Connectivity (RDC) Program were announced in the 2021/2022 Budget. Details of these programs can be found in the Budget papers.

The Department of Regional NSW is currently working with the Commonwealth and State agencies to inform locations, timeframes and solutions to deliver improved digital connectivity for regional communities.

\* 6662 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—PROJECT CLADDING TASKFORCE—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Noting the ongoing public interest in this issue and progress of the Government's Project Remediate program, and that the Government stated its intention to begin reporting on the status of Project Remediate buildings by postcode publicly through the existing monthly reporting mechanisms commencing in May:
- (a) How many owners corporations have registered their interest in Project Remediate?
  - (b) How many residential buildings have been identified as having high risk combustible cladding?
    - (i) What postcodes are these buildings in?
  - (c) How many residential apartment buildings in New South Wales have had high-risk combustible cladding removed by the Project Cladding Taskforce?
    - (i) What postcodes are these buildings in?
  - (d) How many buildings are still under review by the Project Cladding Taskforce?
    - (i) What postcodes are these buildings in?
  - (e) What has been the cost so far of the removal of combustible cladding overseen by the Project Cladding Taskforce?
  - (f) What is the total budget of the Project Cladding Taskforce, including the costs of establishing and running the Taskforce and remediation work?
  - (g) What is the total annual budget of the Project Cladding Taskforce, including the costs of establishing and running the Taskforce and remediation work, for each of the following financial years:

- (i) 2019- 2020?
- (ii) 2020- 2021?
- (iii) 2021- 2022?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) As of 8 July 2021, 91 registrations from owners corporations have been received.
- (b) As of 31 May 2021, 241 residential (Class 2) buildings were recorded as having potentially high-risk combustible cladding under review, assessment, or remediation according to the latest update from the consent authority.
  - (i) The following table indicates the relevant postcodes and number of buildings.

Postcode	Number of buildings
2008	1
2009	2
2067	3
2111	3
2112	6
2113	2
2114	2
2121	2
2127	1
2300	2
2000	6
2007	2
2008	1
2009	3
2010	12
2011	4
2015	2
2017	14
2018	3
2020	2
2021	1
2022	8
2026	2
2027	1
2028	1
2036	1
2037	2
2040	1

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2041	1
2043	1
2046	1
2047	1
2049	1
2050	10
2060	2
2061	2
2062	1
2065	4
2066	2
2067	1
2071	1
2072	1
2073	1
2074	1
2077	4
2088	2
2089	1
2093	1
2095	1
2099	3
2111	1
2117	1
2118	3
2119	1
2121	2
2127	5
2131	4
2134	2
2135	5
2136	1
2138	1
2140	5
2142	1
2144	2
2145	4
2150	10
2153	1

2154	1
2155	4
2160	1
2170	6
2193	3
2194	5
2195	2
2196	1
2200	3
2204	2
2205	3
2208	1
2216	3
2217	1
2220	2
2227	2
2228	2
2229	1
2230	1
2280	1
2300	5
2302	1
2500	7
2560	1

- (c) Project Remediate has not yet carried out remediation work on any buildings.
- (i) Refer to 1(c).
- (d) Of the 241 residential buildings referred to in 1(b), according to the latest update from the consent authority, 4 are awaiting assessment, 107 have an expert assessment underway, 28 have a detailed action plan requested or received and 102 have remediation underway or ordered or approved.
- (i) Refer to 1(b)(i).
- (e) Nil - Refer to 1(c).
- (f) There is no discrete budget for the Cladding Taskforce, which is a decision-making forum comprised of representatives from multiple NSW Government agencies.
- Project Remediate has an expenditure budget of \$139 million in 2020-21 over four years, which covers project management and assurance service costs. A further \$43.06 million has been allocated for loan administration costs.
- Budget allocation for Project Remediate will be updated as program details and tender processes for delivery services are finalised.
- (g) Refer to 1(f).
- (i) Refer to 1(f).
- (ii) Refer to 1(f).

(iii) Refer to 1(f).

\* 6663 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—WATERSW V HARRIS 2020—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) What was the penalty decided for the defendants in this case by the Land and Environment Court?

Answer—

I am advised this question should be referred to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing, the Hon. Melinda Pavey.

\* 6664 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—LAND CLEARING IN THE LOWER MACQUARIE/BARWON DARLING—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) Are there any current investigations into the illegal land clearing first reported in the Lower Macquarie/Barwon Darling region in 2013?

(a) If so, have there been or will there be any charges issued?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) No.

(a) Not applicable.

\* 6665 COUNTER TERRORISM AND CORRECTIONS—COVID VACCINATIONS IN PRISONS—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

(1) What is the plan for vaccination in prisons and youth detention centres?

(a) Are these plans publicly available?

(b) Who has overall authority/accountability?

(2) What is the number of people (detainees and staff) that have been vaccinated so far?

(a) What is the target?

(b) What is the timeline?

(3) What is the proportion of people (detainees and staff) that have been vaccinated so far?

(4) Who is being given priority?

(5) Is there a process especially for chronically unwell, elderly and First Nations people?

(6) How will side-effects be monitored?

(7) How will side-effects be managed?

(8) How will consent be dealt with?

(a) Can you provide numbers of vaccine refusals?

(9) What health promotion activities is the Minister doing to address misinformation and vaccine hesitancy?

(10) Who is providing the vaccination services (public or private contractors)?

(11) Will vaccination mitigate the need for enforced quarantine and undue lockdowns?

(12) Are there any vaccination plans for people facing prison/sentencing who are currently in the community?

- (13) Are there any vaccination plans for people exiting prison?
- (14) How many cases of COVID-19 have you had in prisons/detention centres in New South Wales to date?
- (a) How many have been staff
- (b) How many have been inmates?
- (15) Have you monitored impact on health and wellbeing as a result of COVID related lockdowns and disruption of prison visits?
- (a) If so, could you provide details?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1,10,12,13) Corrective Services NSW and Youth Justice NSW COVID vaccination programs are managed by the Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network (Justice Health). The Honourable Member should direct his questions to the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Health and Medical Research.

(11) In consultation with Justice Health and NSW Health, CSNSW will assess current quarantine processes in place for fresh reception inmates.

(14) To date there have been no confirmed cases among Corrective Services staff at any NSW prison. A health care worker at Long Bay Hospital was diagnosed with COVID-19 on 28 March 2020.

No inmate has contracted COVID-19 while in custody in NSW.

Corrective Services received one positive COVID-19 inmate on 26 July 2020, after his arrival in NSW from Victoria. At all times the inmate was treated as a suspected case. The inmate was isolated appropriately, and, on confirmation of positive status, transferred to the Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre Isolation Hub. The inmate was transferred out of the Isolation Hub on 21 August 2020 after a negative test result and clearance from Justice Health. There have been no other confirmed cases among inmates since.

(15) Corrective Services implemented a range of initiatives to address the impact of the suspension of in person visits and other COVID related precautionary measures. Corrective Services did not pursue COVID related ‘lockdowns’ in response. To mitigate disruption to family relationships caused by the suspension of visits, correctional centres took action to increase inmate access to free telephone calls with up to three free calls permitted a week (up to 8 January 2021). AVL technology was increasingly made available for family visits. To date, more than 250,000 video visits have been facilitated for inmates.

“Stop the Spread” posters and flyers were distributed to inmates on hygiene practices to help protect themselves and staff. Where Corrective Services

Industries employment ceased, inmates continued to receive an average wage for up to six weeks. The inmate weekly buy-up limit was temporarily increased to \$150 a week and the monthly deposit limit into an inmate’s account was temporarily raised to \$800.

Corrective Services also provided support for inmates required to be isolated due to displaying COVID like symptoms. This included inmates receiving well-being and activity packs in-cell, prioritising mental health referrals, keeping them informed about COVID-19 and ensuring they had access to services where possible.

Corrective Services continues to work with Justice Health to ensure that the needs of those who may be more at risk are considered. Justice Health has identified and monitors inmates at increased risk.

\* 6666 SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE—MURDI PAAKI REGIONAL ASSEMBLY—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts—

(1) How many working groups are parties to The Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly (MRPA) (Murdi Paaki)?



- (a) What are the names of these working groups?
- (b) How many of these working groups are active participants?
- (2) How much State funding did Murdi Paaki receive in the following years:
  - (a) 2018?
  - (b) 2019?
  - (c) 2020?
- (3) Is the Government's engagement with Traditional owners and Native Title holders in the Far West exclusive to Murdi Paaki?
  - (a) If not, what is the role of Murdi Paaki in State Government consultation with First Nations peoples in North West New South Wales?
- (4) To ensure the MPRA is compliant under their agreement with the Government have there been any:
  - (a) Audits?
  - (b) Assessments?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are sixteen (16) Aboriginal Community Working Parties that form the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly.
  - (a) Each Community Working Party (CWP) is named after the community they represent. 1.Wentworth/Dareton CWP (inclusive of Wentworth, Dareton, Buronga, Namatjirra Ave and Gol Gol), 2.Broken Hill CWP, 3.Menindee CWP, 4.Ivanhoe CWP, 5.Wilcannia CWP, 6.Cobar CWP, 7.Bourke CWP, 8.Enngonia CWP, 9.Weilmoringle CWP, 10.Walgett CWP, 11.Collarenebri CWP, 12.Goodooga CWP, 13.Coonamble CWP, 14.Gulargambone CWP, 15.Lightning Ridge CWP, 16.Brewarrina CWP.
  - (b) All of the Community Working Parties are active participants in the Assembly to various degrees dependent on the individual community.
- (2) Aboriginal Affairs NSW has provided the following funding to the auspicing body for Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly for the delivery of various projects and grants:
  - (a) 2018/2019 Financial Year - \$442,500
  - (b) 2019/2020 Financial Year - \$380,000
  - (c) 2020/2021 Financial Year - \$200,000
- (3) Aboriginal Affairs NSW works with all communities and their representative groups on the Murdi Paaki region in far west NSW. This includes the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly, Barkandji Native Title Prescribed Body Corporation, Ngemba Native Title Claimants, Bourke Tribal Council through Maranguka and other native title and traditional bodies.
  - (a) Role of the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly is outlined in on their website at <https://www.mpra.com.au/>. This does not include a role in NSW Government consultations with First Nations.
- (4) All funds granted to MPRA, via their auspice, from Aboriginal Affairs NSW are done so through a grant funding agreement. Each agreement requires MPRA to report against a project plan with key milestones and activities as well as a budget.
  - (a) Aboriginal Affairs NSW also requires MPRA and all Alliances to provide annual audited financial statements.
  - (b) All milestone and progress reports are assessed by Aboriginal Affairs NSW and funding instalments are only released upon satisfactory progress and expenditure, as well as compliance with the funding agreement.

- \* 6668 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—SAFE SCHOOLS—Reverend the Hon. Fred Nile to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

The Government has repeated its opposition to the "Safe Schools" program and asserted that it is not to be taught in New South Wales schools. The Morrison Government, has produced a new resource promoting gender fluidity for all Australian schools called "The Good Society":

- (1) Will the Minister ensure that this re-badged and more extreme version of "Safe Schools" is not taught to New South Wales children?

Answer—

The Good Society is part of the Australian Government's Respect Matters program to support respectful relationships education.

The Department has a range of resources on its website that supports the development of respectful relationships, aligned to the NSW K-10 Personal Development, Health and Physical Education syllabus.

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- 6829 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—FLOOD RECOVERY—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) In regards to the flood recovery package announced on 13 July 2021:
- (a) What the total dollar amount of New South Wales contribution is budgeted to be?
  - (b) What support programs will the package go towards?
  - (c) How many residents are expected to apply for each of these programs?
  - (d) How many businesses are expected to apply for each of these programs?
  - (e) When will applications for each of these programs open and close?
  - (f) How much of this total dollar amount is new or in addition to previously announced programs?
  - (g) What are the details of previously announced programs?
    - (i) When did these previously announced programs open and close?
    - (ii) How many residents are expected to apply for each of these programs?
    - (iii) How many businesses are expected to apply for each of these programs?

- 6830 CUSTOMER SERVICE—MOBILITY DATA—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) By what means has the government collected mobility data for the Fairfield local government area (LGA) during the Sydney lockdown?
- (2) What technologies are deployed for this purpose?
- (3) Is this data collected for every New South Wales LGA?
  - (a) Is this data published in some format?

- 6831 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—MOBILITY DATA—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) By what means has the government collected mobility data for the Fairfield local government area (LGA) during the Sydney lockdown?
- (2) What technologies are deployed for this purpose?

(3) Is this data collected for every New South Wales LGA?

(a) Is this data published in some format?

6832 PREMIER—MOBILITY DATA—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Premier—

(1) By what means has the government collected mobility data for the Fairfield local government area (LGA) during the Sydney lockdown?

(2) What technologies are deployed for this purpose?

(3) Is this data collected for every New South Wales LGA?

(a) Is this data published in some format?

6833 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—ABORIGINAL FISHING IN COASTAL NSW—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

(1) What was the total number of finalised charges under the Fisheries Management Act 1991 and the Fisheries Management Act 1994 brought against Aboriginal people, segmented by charge outcome for the years:

(a) 2016?

(b) 2017?

(c) 2018?

(d) 2019?

(e) 2020?

(f) 21 to date?

(2) What was the total number of finalised charges under the Fisheries Management Act 1991 and the Fisheries Management Act 1994 brought against non-Aboriginal people, segmented by charge outcome for the years:

(a) 2016?

(b) 2017?

(c) 2018?

(d) 2019?

(e) 2020?

(f) 21 to date?

(3) What was the total number of finalised charges under the Fisheries Management Act 1991 and the Fisheries Management Act 1994 brought against companies, segmented by charge outcome for the years:

(a) 2016?

(b) 2017?

(c) 2018?

(d) 2019?

(e) 2020?

(f) 21 to date?

(4) What was the total number of charges under the Fisheries Management Act 1991 and the Fisheries Management Act 1994 brought against Aboriginal people but not finalised for the years:

- (a) 2016?
  - (b) 2017?
  - (c) 2018?
  - (d) 2019?
  - (e) 2020?
  - (f) 21 to date?
- (5) For those instances where charges under the Fisheries Management Act 1991 and the Fisheries Management Act 1994 were brought but not finalised against Aboriginal people, what was the reason for not pursuing charges?
- (6) For fines issued against Aboriginal people under the Fisheries Management Act 1991 and the Fisheries Management Act 1994 what was the total:
- (a) Number in the following years:
    - (i) 2016?
    - (ii) 2017?
    - (iii) 2018?
    - (iv) 2019?
    - (v) 2020?
    - (vi) 21 to date?
  - (b) Value in the following years:
    - (i) 2016?
    - (ii) 2017?
    - (iii) 2018?
    - (iv) 2019?
    - (v) 2020?
    - (vi) 21 to date?
- (7) For fines issued against non-Aboriginal people under the Fisheries Management Act 1991 and the Fisheries Management Act 1994 what was the total:
- (a) Number in the following years:
    - (i) 2016?
    - (ii) 2017?
    - (iii) 2018?
    - (iv) 2019?
    - (v) 2020?
    - (vi) 21 to date?
  - (b) Value in the following years:
    - (i) 2016?
    - (ii) 2017?
    - (iii) 2018?
    - (iv) 2019?
    - (v) 2020?

- (vi) 21 to date?
- (8) For fines issued against companies under the Fisheries Management Act 1991 and the Fisheries Management Act 1994 what was the total:
- (a) Number in the following years:
- (i) 2016?
- (ii) 2017?
- (iii) 2018?
- (iv) 2019?
- (v) 2020?
- (vi) 21 to date?
- (b) Value in the following years:
- (i) 2016?
- (ii) 2017?
- (iii) 2018?
- (iv) 2019?
- (v) 2020?
- (vi) 21 to date?
- 6834 ATTORNEY GENERAL—INQUIRY INTO THE DRUG “ICE”—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- (1) Noting the lack of information in the purported response to Mr Shoebridge's QoN 5625 and QoN 5626 regarding the cost of the Special Commission of Inquiry into the drug ‘Ice’:
- (a) What was the total cost to the New South Wales Government for the Government’s Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug “Ice”, under Commissioner Professor Dan Howard SC?
- 6835 PREMIER—INQUIRY INTO THE DRUG “ICE”—Mr David Shoebridge to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Premier—
- (1) Noting the lack of information in the purported response to Mr Shoebridge's QoN 5625 and QoN 5626 regarding the cost of the Special Commission of Inquiry into the drug ‘Ice’:
- (a) What was the total cost to the New South Wales Government for the Government’s Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug “Ice”, under Commissioner Professor Dan Howard SC?
- 6836 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—COMPLAINTS BY THE DEPUTY PREMIER TO THE FIXATED PERSONS INVESTIGATIONS UNIT—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- (1) How many complaints or referrals have been made by The Deputy Premier, or his office, that have been investigated by the Fixated Persons Investigations Unit of the NSW Police Force?
- (2) How many complaints or referrals have been made by The Deputy Premier, or his office, directly to the Fixated Persons Investigations Unit of the NSW Police Force?
- (3) Did the Deputy Premier, or his office, make complaints directly to the Fixated Persons Investigations Unit for:
- (a) Mr Jordan Shanks?

(i) If yes, when were those referrals made?

(b) Mr Kristo Langker?

(i) If yes, when were those referrals made?

6837 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—KNOWLEDGE OF FIXATED PERSONS INVESTIGATIONS UNIT MATTER RELATING TO THE NSW DEPUTY PREMIER—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) When did the Minister for Police and Emergency Services or the Minister's office first become aware that the NSW Police Force Fixated Persons Investigations Unit was investigating a matter relating to the NSW Deputy Premier?

(2) Does the New South Wales Minister for Police and Emergency Service receive advice as a matter of process or protocol about investigations by the Fixated Persons Investigations Unit relating to Members of the NSW Parliament?

6838 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—REFERRALS TO THE NSW POLICE FORCE FIXATED PERSONS INVESTIGATIONS UNIT—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) In each year since the Fixated Persons Investigations Unit was formed (2017-2021):

(a) How many individuals have been referred to the unit for investigation?

(b) How many of those referrals resulted in a person being identified as a 'fixated person'?

(c) How many individuals have been charged as a result of these investigations?

(i) How many charges have been brought and how many convictions have been recorded?

(ii) What were the charges and convictions for?

(d) How many referrals related to persons potentially fixated on Members of the NSW Parliament?

(e) How many referrals related to persons potentially fixated on New South Wales Ministers?

6839 PREMIER—KNOWLEDGE OF FIXATED PERSONS INVESTIGATIONS UNIT MATTER RELATING TO THE NSW DEPUTY PREMIER—Mr Justin Field to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Premier—

(1) When did the Premier or the Premier's Office become aware that the NSW Police Force Fixated Persons Investigations Unit was investigating a matter involving the Deputy Premier?

(2) Does the Premier receive advice as a matter of process or protocol about investigations by the Fixated Persons Investigations Unit relating to Members of the NSW Parliament?

6840 PREMIER—USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES IN DEFAMATION ACTION AGAINST JORDAN SHANKS—Mr Justin Field to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Premier—

(1) Has the Deputy Premier used to date any public money or resources, including Departmental or Ministerial Staff time in regards to his defamation action against Jordan Shanks?

(a) If yes, what resources have been used?

(2) Will the Deputy Premier use any public money or resources, including Departmental or Ministerial Staff time in regards to his defamation action against Jordan Shanks?

(3) Will any legal costs incurred by the Deputy Premier in regards to his defamation case against Jordan Shanks be paid by or recovered from public monies?

6841 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—PRIMATE RESEARCH—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Have any primates from the Wallacia breeding colony in New South Wales been sent to overseas in the past five years?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) How many have been exported?
    - (ii) Which countries have they been exported to?
    - (iii) Which research institutions have they been exported to?
    - (iv) What is the nature of the experiments being performed on these primates overseas?

6842 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—ASSESSMENT INSPECTION, REVIEW OF NATIVE REGULATORY MAP - JERVIS BAY ROAD—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Regarding Question on Notice 6625 from Justin Field MLC on 16 June 2021 and answered on 7 July 21, and relating to the assessment conducted by an LLS officer of lot 3, DP 24495 in the Shoalhaven local government area:
  - (a) What was the size of the area on the property that was being considered for remapping through the assessment process?
  - (b) What portion of the area did the assessor inspect during the visit?
  - (c) What percentage of the area was deemed to have contained late-mature to over-mature trees?
  - (d) What percentage of the area was deemed to be regrowth?
  - (e) How many hollow bearing trees were identified in the area?
  - (f) How many dead standing trees were identified in the area?
  - (g) How many fallen logs were identified in the area?
  - (h) How many “weathered cut stumps” were identified in the area?

6843 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—ASSESSMENT REPORT, REVIEW OF NATIVE REGULATORY MAP - JERVIS BAY ROAD—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Regarding Questions on Notice 6624 and 6625 from Justin Field MLC on 16 June 2021 and answered on 7 July 21, and relating to the assessment conducted by an LLS officer of lot 3, DP 24495 in the Shoalhaven local government area:
  - (a) Was a report/result of assessment produced as a result of the site inspection conducted on 9 September 2020?
    - (i) If so, in what form did the report/result of assessment take?
    - (ii) If no, what was the output from the assessment?
  - (b) When was the report or output from the assessment completed?
  - (c) Will you provide a copy of the report/assessment outcomes?
  - (d) Will you provide copies of the 47 photographs taken during the assessment?
  - (e) Who was the report provided to?

6844 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—INVESTIGATION OF RURAL LAND CLEARING - JERVIS BAY ROAD—Mr Justin Field to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and

Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Regarding Question without notice by Justin Field MLC on 12 May 2021 and answered by The Hon. Don Harwin MLC on 2 June 2021 regarding ‘Land Clearing’ and relating to rural land clearing at corner of Jervis Bay Road and the Princes Highway — specifically lot 3, DP 24495 in the Shoalhaven local government area.

The answer indicated that as a result of a review requested by Local Land Services of the Native Vegetation Regulatory Map, the land was reclassified and remapped from Category 2 Sensitive Regulated Land to Category 2 - Regulated Land and that “The Department followed the standard practice to review the available recent and historical aerial imagery and had found clear evidence of past logging on the site was visible in 30 imagery in 2009 and 2014” and that “past disturbance and the amount of regrowth trees meant the site no longer met the definition of old growth forest”:

- (a) Please provide (in electronic form) the ‘reclassification assessment’ report completed as part of this review request?
- (i) If the report cannot be provided, please explain why?
- (b) Please outline the “standard practice” referred to in the answer?
- (c) What is the definition of “old growth forest” used in making this assessment?
- (d) Did any Department of Planning and Environment (DPIE) officials visit the site as part of this assessment process before making the determination to remap the area?
- (i) If yes, what were the dates of the visits?
- (ii) What are the qualifications of the DPIE officials who visited the site?
- (e) Please provide the imagery relied on in making the review judgement?
- (f) Did DPIE make a judgement about when historical logging/clearing on the site had occurred?
- (i) If yes, when did it consider that recent clearing/logging had occurred on this site?
- (ii) Did any of these findings trigger consideration of an investigation into potentially illegal land clearing under the previous Native Vegetation Act?
- (iii) Did any of these findings trigger consideration of an investigation into potentially illegal land clearing under the current laws?
- (g) Did DPIE liaise with any agencies/organisations, other than Local Land Services, as part of this assessment?
- (i) If yes, which agencies/organisations did DPIE liaise with?
- (h) Was the presence of hollow bearing trees considered as part of the assessment process?
- (i) Was the fact that the land was mapped as a habitat corridor by Shoalhaven Local Council considered as part of the assessment process?
- (j) Was a threatened species assessment considered as part of the assessment process?
- (i) If so, what threatened species were identified?

6845 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—FOLLOW UP REGARDING THE INVESTIGATION OF RURAL LAND CLEARING - JERVIS BAY ROAD—Mr Justin Field to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) In relation to Question on Notice 6627 asked on 16 June 2021 to the Minister for Energy and Environment and answered on 7 July 2021:
- (a) When was the investigation closed?
- (b) On what basis did the Department agree to the landholders request that the outcome of the investigation remain confidential and private?



- (i) On what date was that agreement reached?
- (c) What actions took place in regards to the investigation between 18 March 2020 when the investigation commenced and 18 May when the first site inspection was conducted?
- (d) Regarding the following site visits conducted on 18 May:
  - (i) How long was the site visit?
  - (ii) How many officers participated in the site visit?
  - (iii) What were the positions of each officer that participated in the site visit?
  - (iv) What were the qualifications of each officer that participated in the site visit?
  - (v) What actions were taken during the visit?
  - (vi) How many photographs were taken at the site visit?
- (e) Regarding the following site visits conducted on 15 July 2021:
  - (i) How long was the site visit?
  - (ii) How many officers participated in the site visit?
  - (iii) What were the positions of each officer that participated in the site visit?
  - (iv) What were the qualifications of each officer that participated in the site visit?
  - (v) What actions were taken during the visit?
  - (vi) How many photographs were taken at the site visit?

6846 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—LAND CLEARED ON CATEGORY 2 SENSITIVE LAND - JERVIS BAY ROAD—Mr Justin Field to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) In relation to Question on Notice 6623 asked on 16 June 2021 to the Minister for Agriculture and answered on 7 July 2021 and referred to the Minister for Energy and Environment:
  - (a) As identified in site visits conducted by NSW Environment, Energy and Science (EES) of lot 3, DP 24495 in the Shoalhaven local government as part of an investigation into rural land clearing, what area (in square metres or similar measurement) of land previously mapped and categorised as category 2 sensitive regulated land was identified as having been cleared?

6847 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—JERVIS BAY ROAD AND PRINCES HIGHWAY INTERSECTION UPGRADE AT FALLS CREEK—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Regarding question on notice 6629 asked on 16 June 2021 to the Minister for Transport and Roads and referred to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, in relation to the proposed Jervis Bay Road and Princes Highway intersection upgrade at Falls Creek:
  - (a) Has the government engaged with landowners of properties impacted by the footprint of the proposed intersection?
    - (i) What date/s did this take place?
    - (ii) What was the nature of this engagement?
  - (b) Specifically, has the government engaged with Jervis Bay Stock Feeds or owners of Lot 2 and 3 DP24495?
    - (i) What date/s did this take place?
    - (ii) What was the nature of this engagement?
  - (c) Will any currently private land need to be acquired in order to complete this project?

- (i) If yes, what land (by Lot and DP number) will be required?
- (d) Have biodiversity offset requirements for this project been assessed?
  - (i) If so, what assessment has been undertaken to date?
  - (ii) Who conducted the assessment?
  - (iii) When was the assessment conducted?

6848 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—AGENCY FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2021-22 - DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) With regard to the Agency Financial Statement 2021-22 for the Department of Regional NSW, and specifically the Operating Statement or relevant financial documents regarding the budget for the Department of Primary Industries:
  - (a) What was the 2020-2021 budget and revised budget pertaining to Employee Related Operating Expenses?
  - (b) What is the 2021-22 budget pertaining to Employee Related Operating Expenses?
  - (c) What was the 2020-2021 budget and revised budget pertaining to Other Operating Expenses?
  - (d) What is the 2021-22 budget pertaining to Other Operating Expenses?
  - (e) What was the 2020-2021 budget and revised budget pertaining to Grants and Subsidies?
  - (f) What is the 2021-22 budget pertaining to Grants and Subsidies?
  - (g) What was the 2020-2021 budget and revised budget pertaining to Appropriation Revenue?
  - (h) What is the 2021-22 budget pertaining to Appropriation Revenue?
  - (i) What was the 2020-2021 budget and revised budget pertaining to Cluster Grant Revenue?
  - (j) What is the 2021-22 budget pertaining to Cluster Grant Revenue?
  - (k) What was the 2020-2021 budget and revised budget pertaining to the Sales of Goods and Services?
  - (l) What is the 2021-22 budget pertaining to the Sales of Goods and Services?

6849 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES STAFF—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) How many Full-time equivalent (FTE) staff were employed by the Department of Primary Industries on 1 July 2020?
- (2) How many FTE equivalent staff were employed by the Department of Primary Industries for 1 July 2021?
- (3) How many contractors were engaged by the Department of Primary Industries for the FY 2020-21?
- (4) What was the total wages bill for FTE equivalent staff employed by the Department of Primary Industries in FY 2020-21?
- (5) What was the total cost of contractors engaged by the Department of Primary Industries in FY 2020-21?
- (6) How many FTE equivalent were employed within the corporate services section of Department of Primary Industries in FY 2020-21?

6850 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—LOCAL LAND SERVICES STAFF—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

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- (1) How many Full-time equivalent (FTE) staff were employed by the Local Land Services on 1 July 2020?
  - (2) How many FTE equivalent staff were employed by the Local Land Services for 1 July 2021?
  - (3) How many contractors were engaged by the Local Land Services for the FY 2020-21?
  - (4) What was the total wages bill for FTE equivalent staff employed by the Local Land Services in FY 2020-21?
  - (5) What was the total cost of contractors engaged by the Local Land Services in FY 2020-21?
  - (6) How many FTE equivalent were employed within the corporate services section of Local Land Services in FY 2020-21?
- 6851 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE STAFF—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- (1) How many Full-time equivalent (FTE) staff were employed by the Soil Conservation Service on 1 July 2020?
  - (2) How many FTE equivalent staff were employed by the Soil Conservation Service for 1 July 2021?
  - (3) How many contractors were engaged by the Soil Conservation Services for the FY 2020-21?
  - (4) What was the total wages bill for FTE equivalent staff employed by the Soil Conservation Service in FY 2020-21?
  - (5) What was the total cost of contractors engaged by the Local Land Services in FY 2020-21?
- 6852 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—AGENCY FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2021-22 - NSW SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICES—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- (1) With regard to the Agency Financial Statement 2021-22 for the Department of Regional NSW, and specifically the Operating Statement or relevant financial documents regarding the budget for the NSW Soil Conservation Services:
    - (a) What was the 2020-2021 budget and revised budget pertaining to Employee Related Operating Expenses?
    - (b) What is the 2021-22 budget pertaining to Employee Related Operating Expenses?
    - (c) What was the 2020-2021 budget and revised budget pertaining to Other Operating Expenses?
    - (d) What is the 2021-22 budget pertaining to Other Operating Expenses?
    - (e) What was the 2020-2021 budget and revised budget pertaining to Grants and Subsidies?
    - (f) What is the 2021-22 budget pertaining to Grants and Subsidies?
    - (g) What was the 2020-2021 budget and revised budget pertaining to Appropriation Revenue?
    - (h) What is the 2021-22 budget pertaining to Appropriation Revenue?
    - (i) What was the 2020-2021 budget and revised budget pertaining to Cluster Grant Revenue?
    - (j) What is the 2021-22 budget pertaining to Cluster Grant Revenue?
    - (k) What was the 2020-2021 budget and revised budget pertaining to the Sales of Goods and Services?
    - (l) What is the 2021-22 budget pertaining to the Sales of Goods and Services?
- 6853 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—BIOSECURITY MEASURES—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) What was the total expenses incurred by the Department of Primary Industries for biosecurity measures in the following financial years:
  - (a) 2015-16?
  - (b) 2016-17?
  - (c) 2017-18?
  - (d) 2018-19?
  - (e) 2019-2020?
  - (f) 2020-2021?
- (2) What was the budget versus actual allocation for biosecurity measures in the 2020-21 budget?
- (3) What is the amount allocated for biosecurity measures in the 2021-22 budget?

6854 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—WEED AND PEST CONTROL—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) What was the total expenses incurred by the Department of Primary Industries for weed and pest control measures in the following financial years:
  - (a) 2015-16?
  - (b) 2016-17?
  - (c) 2017-18?
  - (d) 2018-19?
  - (e) 2019-2020?
  - (f) 2020-2021?
- (2) What was the budget versus actual allocation for weed and pest control measures in the 2020-21 budget?
- (3) What is the amount allocated for weed and pest control measures in the 2021-22 budget?

6855 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MEETINGS—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) For the period 1 July 2020 and 30 September 2020, how many meetings were held between or involving the Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW and the Director General of the Department of Primary Industries?
- (2) For the period 1 October 2020 and 31 December 2020, how many meetings were held between or involving the Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW and the Director General of the Department of Primary Industries?
- (3) For the period 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021, how many meetings were held between or involving the Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW and the Director General of the Department of Primary Industries?

6856 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES RURAL NSW—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) For the period 1 July 2020 and 30 September 2020, how many discrete trips were undertaken by the Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW to rural NSW, not including his own electorate?
- (2) For the period 1 October 2020 and 31 December 2020, how many discrete trips were undertaken by the Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW to rural NSW, not including his own electorate?

- (3) For the period 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021, how many discrete trips were undertaken by the Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW to rural NSW, not including his own electorate?

6857 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM AND THE REGIONAL PROGRAMS TEAM—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) In relation to the Regional Development Team and the Regional Programs team, part of the Public Works Advisory and Regional Development Group:
- (a) How many Full-time equivalent (FTE) staff were employed by:
- (i) The Regional Development team on 1 July 2020?
- (ii) The Regional Programs team on 1 July 2020?
- (b) How many contractors were engaged for FY 2020-21 by:
- (i) The Regional Development team?
- (ii) The Regional Programs team?
- (c) What was the total wages bill for FTE equivalent staff employed in FY 2020-21 by:
- (i) The Regional Development team?
- (ii) The Regional Programs team?
- (d) What was the total cost of contractors engaged for FY 2020-21 by:
- (i) The Regional Development team?
- (ii) The Regional Programs team?
- (e) How many permanent staff work in regional New South Wales?
- (f) How many contractors work in regional New South Wales?

6858 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—PEABODYS METROPOLITAN MINE—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Are any remediation plans in place for the historic mine tunnels near Helensburgh underneath the Garawarra State Conservation Area and adjacent to waterways that flow through the Royal National Park?
- (2) Who will be responsible for remediation in the event of damaging impacts caused by the historic mine tunnels near Helensburgh underneath the Garawarra State Conservation Area and adjacent to waterways that flow through the Royal National Park?
- (3) Does the department of planning anticipate that Peabody will submit extraction plans for Metropolitan mine tunnels 308 - 315 within the next 12 months?
- (4) Will any new extractions plan for Metropolitan Mine tunnels 308 - 315 be publicly exhibited before approval by the department of planning?
- (5) Will members of the public and interested groups be able to put in submissions regarding the extraction plans for Metropolitan Mine tunnels 308 - 315?

6859 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—PEABODYS METROPOLITAN MINE—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Camp Gully Creek flows through the Royal National Park and is adjacent to the surface facilities of Peabody's Metropolitan Mine at Helensburgh:
- (a) How much water has Peabody's Metropolitan Mine taken from Camp Gully Creek over the last ten years?

6860 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—PEABODYS METROPOLITAN MINE—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) How much water has Peabody's Metropolitan mine discharged into Camp Gully Creek over the last five years?
- (2) What monitoring plans are in place for the Metropolitan mine water discharged into Camp Gully Creek?
- (3) What are the discharge points for water pumped out of the surface facilities of the Metropolitan mine at Helensburgh?
- (4) Environment Protection Authority (EPA) records state that 10 tonnes of coal overflowed into a creek adjacent to Peabody's Metropolitan Mine surface facilities in 2009, was this Camp Gully Creek which flows into the Royal National Park?
  - (a) If so, what work has been done to remove the coal from the Royal National Park waterways?
  - (b) If any remediation took place:
    - (i) Who carried out the work?
    - (ii) How much coal was removed from the Royal National Park waterways?
  - (c) What other incidents of coal spilling into the creek have occurred since the 1970s?
- (5) What are the locations of the discharge points of water that is pumped out of the mine tunnels that run underneath Woronora Reservoir?
  - (a) How is that water treated?
- (6) Over the last 10 years has testing equipment for the Metropolitan Mine water discharge into Camp Gully Creek failed so that water testing records have not been submitted?
  - (a) If so, how many times?
- (7) Bionet records indicate that Platypus were sighted in Waratah Rivulet in 2006 and 2007:
  - (a) Have any platypus been sighted since?
    - (i) If not, are impacts as a result of the mining operation responsible for the local extinction of the species?

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