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* 6861 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—DULY QUALIFIED PERSONS PORTAL AND SCALING FACTORS—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) In the recent Winter 2021 edition of Irrigation Australia's Journal (Vol 37, No 2, Page 40), Irrigation Australia's Water Metering Governance officer Peter Smith wrote that:

“One issue that has emerged is incorrect scaling factors entered into the DQP Portal in NSW. Many instances of incorrect scaling factors have been reported by WaterNSW, which creates problems for them and the water entitlement holder as the record of water use can be very inaccurate. Fixing the issue is not easy and may result in extra costs.”

Regarding issues with scaling factors entered into the DQP Portal:

- (a) How many instances of incorrect scaling factors being entered in the DQP Portal has Water NSW identified since July 2018?
- (b) How many separate Duly Qualified Persons has Water NSW identified as having entered incorrect scaling factors into the DQP Portal since July 2018?
- (c) What impact has the input of incorrect scaling factors had upon the accuracy of water use data held by Water NSW?
- (d) What is the action taken by Water NSW to correct water use data records where an instance of incorrect scaling factors being entered into the DQP?
- (e) Given this input of incorrect scaling factors, is Water NSW confident in the accuracy of water use data from compliant non-urban water meters?
- (f) Has any action been taken by Water NSW against any DQPs regarding the inputting of incorrect scaling factors?
 - (i) If so, what actions have been taken?
 - (ii) How many DQPs have been subject to action?
- (g) Has Water NSW identified any other issues with the quality or integrity of the work or data provided by DQPs relating to non-urban water metering?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) Water NSW has identified 26 instances of incorrect scaling factors that have been entered in the DQP Portal since July 2018.
 - (b) Out of the 26 instances, Water NSW has identified 8 separate DQPs that have entered incorrect scaling factors into the DQP Portal since July 2018.
 - (c) Where Water NSW has identified incorrect scaling factors, the data does not enter the water accounting system until the issue has been resolved. Therefore, it has not impacted the accuracy of the water users' accounts.
 - (d) Water NSW has taken following actions:
 - Incorrect scaling factor data has been quarantined; the data is corrected prior to billing.
 - Advised Irrigation Australia Limited (IAL), who is responsible for overseeing professional conduct of DQPs processes, of the issue.
 - Notifying all DQPs responsible for incorrect scaling factors.
 - Implementing additional compulsory online training program for DQP configuration of scaling factors.

- Customers will begin to receive an information pack once they have been registered through a DQP, which will explain the implications of the scaling factors and configuration requirements.
 - Working with LID Manufacturers and DQPs to develop a process that allows the LID to be remotely configured with the correct scaling factor.
- (e) Water NSW is confident in the accuracy of water use data from compliant water meters.
- (f) Water NSW is not responsible for taking actions against DQPs, however it advises Irrigation Australia Ltd of any known issues. Irrigation Australia Ltd has been appointed by the NSW Government for overseeing the professional conduct of DQPs.
- (g) Water NSW has identified various minor issues associated with the implementation of new technologies within non-urban water metering, however these issues are progressively being addressed and will not affect the accuracy of a water users' account balances.

Water NSW is working with both Irrigation Australia Ltd and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to ensure the ongoing quality and integrity of the work provided by DQPs relating to non-urban water metering.

* 6862 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—NSW GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO OPERATION AVON AND MEZZO—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) In the Government's response to Recommendation 2 of the ICAC Report into Operation Avon and Mezzo regarding complaints of corruption in the management of water in NSW and systemic non-compliance with the Water Management Act 2000, the Government indicated that a new, dedicated team had been established to drive implementation of water sharing plans and other water policy including to "ensure that evaluation and future amendments of water sharing plans include an evaluation against the principles in Section 5 of the Water Management Act 2000.

The Government's response indicated a review of existing procedures and guidance documents against those requirements by the end of Q2 2021:

- (a) Has the dedicated Water Sharing Plan Implementation team completed this review that was due to be published by 31 July 2021?
- (b) When will the report be published?

Answer—

The Department's existing procedures and guidance documents for water sharing plan replacement and amendments were reviewed to ensure they reflect the relevant requirements of Section 5 of the *Water Management Act 2000*.

* 6863 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—SECTION 233 EXEMPTIONS—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) On 14 July 2020 Irrigation Australia tweeted "there are situations where AS4747 meters are not available in larger sizes. We are aware of one CMI who has made ten S233 exemption applications on behalf of irrigators for high volume flow meters and 10 months later has not had a response.":
- (a) How many S233 exemption applications for an individual authority holder have been received by the Minister since the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018 commenced?
- (b) How many S233 exemptions have been granted for an individual authority holder since the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018 commenced?
- (i) How many of these exemptions remain in effect?
- (ii) What are these exemptions for?
- (c) How many S233 exemption applications are currently before the Minister but decisions are yet to be made?

Answer—

As at 21 July 2021, eighteen applications had been received for an exemption from the mandatory metering equipment condition under clause 233 of the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018.

One application has been granted and remains in effect. The exemption is for a regulator which was not able to meet the requirements for metering equipment to be validated every 12 months because the site only receives water every 2-3 years and water is required for validation to occur. The exemption is conditional on the approval holder using an alternative measurement method which meets specified requirements

Fifteen applications are currently before the Department for which decisions are yet to be made. The Department is working to assess these applications and make decisions.

* 6865 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—ADVANCED MANUFACTURING STRATEGY—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey 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) What is the status of the Advanced Manufacturing Strategy announced as part of the 2020-21 Budget?
- (2) How much money was spent on the Advanced Manufacturing Strategy in 2020-21?
- (3) How much money has been allocated to the Advanced Manufacturing Strategy in 2021-22?
- (4) When will the Advanced Manufacturing Strategy be completed?

Answer—

A new Advanced Manufacturing Strategy, announced as part of the 2020-21 Budget, is being progressed by Investment NSW.

* 6866 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—DEFENCE STRATEGY—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey 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) What is the status of the Defence Strategy announced as part of the 2021-21 Budget?
- (2) How much money was spent on the Defence Strategy in 2020-21?
- (3) How much money has been allocated to the Defence Strategy in 2021-22?
- (4) When will the Defence Strategy be completed?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney.

* 6867 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—OVERSEAS POSITIONS—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey 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) Of the Agent General in the United Kingdom and five New South Wales Senior Trade and Commissioners in Tokyo, New York, Mumbai, Singapore and Shanghai:
 - (a) Which positions have been filled?
 - (b) Who was appointed to each position?
 - (c) What is the salary for each position?
 - (d) What is the breakdown of the total remuneration for each position, including any allowances for:
 - (i) Housing?
 - (ii) Transport?

- (iii) Education costs (including education costs for dependants)?
- (iv) Cost of living?
- (v) Medical and insurance costs?
- (vi) Car parking?
- (vii) Relocation fees?
- (viii) Bonuses?
- (ix) Home assistance?

Answer—

The Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner North Asia (Tokyo) role has been filled and the five other roles are progressing. Details remain confidential while the selection, approval and on boarding processes are being undertaken. The remuneration details of individuals are private and confidential. These roles are being remunerated in line with the *Statutory and Other Offices Remuneration Act 1975*.

* 6868 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—VACCINATION RATES FOR HEALTH WORKERS—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) On 2 July 2021 What percentage of health workers had received two vaccine doses in:
- (a) All of New South Wales?
 - (b) Sydney Local Health District?
 - (c) South Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (d) South Eastern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (e) Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
 - (f) Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (g) Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District?
 - (h) Northern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (i) Central Coast Local Health District?
 - (j) Hunter New England Local Health District?
 - (k) Northern NSW Local Health District?
 - (l) Southern NSW Local Health District?
 - (m) Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
 - (n) Western NSW Local Health District?
 - (o) Mid North Coast Local Health District?
 - (p) Far West Local Health District?
 - (q) Regional New South Wales?
- (2) On 2 July 2021 what percentage of health workers had received just one vaccine dose in:
- (a) All of New South Wales?
 - (b) Sydney Local Health District?
 - (c) South Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (d) South Eastern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (e) Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
 - (f) Western Sydney Local Health District?

- (g) Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District?
 - (h) Northern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (i) Central Coast Local Health District?
 - (j) Hunter New England Local Health District?
 - (k) Northern NSW Local Health District?
 - (l) Southern NSW Local Health District?
 - (m) Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
 - (n) Western NSW Local Health District?
 - (o) Mid North Coast Local Health District?
 - (p) Far West Local Health District?
 - (q) Regional New South Wales?
- (3) On 2 July how many staff had been 'fit tested' for masks when looking after positive or probable COVID patients in:
- (a) All of New South Wales?
 - (b) Sydney Local Health District?
 - (c) South Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (d) South Eastern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (e) Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
 - (f) Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (g) Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District?
 - (h) Northern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (i) Central Coast Local Health District?
 - (j) Hunter New England Local Health District?
 - (k) Northern NSW Local Health District?
 - (l) Southern NSW Local Health District?
 - (m) Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
 - (n) Western NSW Local Health District?
 - (o) Mid North Coast Local Health District?
 - (p) Far West Local Health District?
 - (q) Regional New South Wales?
- (4) As of 15 July 2021 what percentage of health workers have received two vaccine doses in:
- (a) All of New South Wales?
 - (b) Sydney Local Health District?
 - (c) South Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (d) South Eastern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (e) Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
 - (f) Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (g) Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District?
 - (h) Northern Sydney Local Health District?

- (i) Central Coast Local Health District?
 - (j) Hunter New England Local Health District?
 - (k) Northern NSW Local Health District?
 - (l) Southern NSW Local Health District?
 - (m) Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
 - (n) Western NSW Local Health District?
 - (o) Mid North Coast Local Health District?
 - (p) Far West Local Health District?
 - (q) Regional New South Wales?
- (5) As of 15 July 2021 what percentage of health workers have received just one vaccine dose in:
- (a) All of New South Wales?
 - (b) Sydney Local Health District?
 - (c) South Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (d) South Eastern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (e) Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
 - (f) Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (g) Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District?
 - (h) Northern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (i) Central Coast Local Health District?
 - (j) Hunter New England Local Health District?
 - (k) Northern NSW Local Health District?
 - (l) Southern NSW Local Health District?
 - (m) Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
 - (n) Western NSW Local Health District?
 - (o) Mid North Coast Local Health District?
 - (p) Far West Local Health District?
 - (q) Regional New South Wales?
- (6) As of 15 July 2021 how many staff have been ‘fit tested’ for masks when looking after positive or probable COVID patients in:
- (a) All of New South Wales?
 - (b) Sydney Local Health District?
 - (c) South Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (d) South Eastern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (e) Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
 - (f) Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (g) Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District?
 - (h) Northern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (i) Central Coast Local Health District?
 - (j) Hunter New England Local Health District?

- (k) Northern NSW Local Health District?
- (l) Southern NSW Local Health District?
- (m) Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
- (n) Western NSW Local Health District?
- (o) Mid North Coast Local Health District?
- (p) Far West Local Health District?
- (q) Regional New South Wales?

Answer—

(1, 2, 4 & 5) COVID-19 statistics for NSW are released daily at 11am, including the number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the 24 hours up to 8pm the previous day. Available data on COVID-19 vaccinations in NSW is on the NSW Health website.

(3 & 6) Central data at the NSW Ministry of Health level on the number of staff fit tested when looking after positive or probable COVID patients is not available.

* 6869 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—COVID-19 TRANSMISSIONS ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Further to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice 4025 on 22 February 2021:

- (a) Can the Minister please update the information concerning the number of COVID-19 transmissions recorded on the various modes of New South Wales public transport?

Answer—

NSW Health has identified several instances of likely transmission of COVID-19 on public transport and in commercial passenger vehicles such as ride-share and mini-buses. Throughout the pandemic a number of people who were infectious with COVID-19 have travelled on public transport, including during the current outbreak.

* 6870 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—DEER ERADICATION—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 funds (not including funds allocated towards the development of New South Wales Feral Deer Management Strategy) were spent on deer eradication by:

- (a) Local Land Services for the following financial years:

- (i) 2015-16?
- (ii) 2016-17?
- (iii) 2017-18?
- (iv) 2018-19?
- (v) 2019-20?
- (vi) 2020-21?

- (b) Department of Primary Industries for the following financial years:

- (i) 2015-16?
- (ii) 2016-17?
- (iii) 2017-18?
- (iv) 2018-19?

- (v) 2019-20?
- (vi) 2020-21?
- (2) Were all the funds allocated to Local Land Services each financial year spent?
 - (a) If not:
 - (i) In what financial years?
 - (ii) Please specify the underspend of funds?
 - (iii) Why were the funds not spent?
- (3) Were all the funds allocated to Department of Primary Industries each financial year spent?
 - (a) If not:
 - (i) In what financial years?
 - (ii) Please specify the underspend of funds?
 - (iii) Why were the funds not spent?
- (4) Have any funds been allocated to deer eradication programs in 2021-22?
 - (a) If so, how much?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) I am advised LLS has allocated the following to deer eradication;
 - (i) 2015-16 \$0.00.
 - (ii) 2016-17? \$400,000.00.
 - (iii) 2017-18? \$392,229.00.
 - (iv) 2018-19? \$1,516,392.
 - (v) 2019-20? \$2,251,684.
 - (vi) 2020-21? \$2,137,092.
 - (b) LLS is the lead agency for established vertebrated pest control programs.
- (2)
 - (a)
 - (i) 2020/21
 - (ii) \$69,722
 - (iii) Inclement weather and major flooding prevented scheduled eradication activities to take place.
- (3) See 1.b)
- (4) Yes.
 - (a) Funding for this program is yet to be allocated

* 6871 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—CYBERCRIME—The Hon. Walt Secord to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) As Cybercrime is defined as the use of a computer or online network to commit crimes such as fraud, online image abuse, identity theft or threats and intimidation:
 - (a) How many incidents of cybercrime were reported in New South Wales to the NSW police in:

- (i) 2011-2012?
 - (ii) 2012-2013?
 - (iii) 2013-2014?
 - (iv) 2014-2015?
 - (v) 2015-2016?
 - (vi) 2016-2017?
 - (vii) 2017-2018?
 - (viii) 2018-2019?
 - (ix) 2019-2020?
 - (x) 2020-2021?
 - (xi) 1 January 2021 to 1 July 2021?
- (b) Of those incidents, how many related to "state actors" in:
- (i) 2011-2012?
 - (ii) 2012-2013?
 - (iii) 2013-2014?
 - (iv) 2014-2015?
 - (v) 2015-2016?
 - (vi) 2016-2017?
 - (vii) 2017-2018?
 - (viii) 2018-2019?
 - (ix) 2019-2020?
 - (x) 2020-2021?
 - (xi) 1 January 2021 to 1 July 2021?
- (c) How much was allocated to investigating, combating and solving cybercrime in New South Wales in the following financial years:
- (i) 2011-2012?
 - (ii) 2012-2013?
 - (iii) 2013-2014?
 - (iv) 2014-2015?
 - (v) 2015-2016?
 - (vi) 2016-2017?
 - (vii) 2017-2018?
 - (viii) 2018-2019?
 - (ix) 2019-2020?
 - (x) 2020-2021?
 - (xi) 1 January 2021 to 1 July 2021?
- (d) How many police officers were employed to investigate, combat and solve cybercrime in New South Wales in the following financial years:
- (i) 2011-2012?

- (ii) 2012-2013?
- (iii) 2013-2014?
- (iv) 2014-2015?
- (v) 2015-2016?
- (vi) 2016-2017?
- (vii) 2017-2018?
- (viii) 2018-2019?
- (ix) 2019-2020?
- (x) 2020-2021?
- (xi) 1 January 2021 to 1 July 2021?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring the NSW Police Force has the support they need to protect our community from crime, and cybercrime is no exception.

In 2017, as part of the re-engineering of the NSW Police Force, a standalone Cybercrime Squad was launched to address the emergent threat of technology enabled crime. The NSW Police Force Cybercrime Squad is currently comprised of 62 sworn and 8 unsworn employees.

While the NSW Police Force Cybercrime Squad provides specialist assistance in relation to cyber enabled and cyber assisted crime in this State, police officers throughout this State manage investigations where computers and online networks have been used to enable and assist the commission of offences on a daily basis.

The NSW Police Force does not centrally record data relating to the number of incidents where the commission of an offence has been enabled or assisted by a computer or online network. State Crime Command receives and triages approximately 1,000 referrals per month in relation to cybercrime, many of which are sent to Police Area Commands and Police Districts for investigation. Over the past 18 months the Cybercrime Squad has charged 34 people for 510 offences.

The NSW Police Force does not undertake activity based costings, and accordingly does not record the cost of investigating, combating and solving cyber enabled and cyber assisted offences in this State.

Questions relating to state actors are best directed to the Commonwealth Minister for Home Affairs.

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* 7072 FINANCE AND SMALL BUSINESS—SPEED FINES ISSUED BY MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS—
The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) Please provide the following information for each month since January 2019:
- (a) What is the number of speed fines issued by mobile speed cameras for offenses of speeding under 5km/h over the limit by:
 - (i) State Electorate?
 - (ii) Local Government Area?
 - (iii) Postcode?
 - (b) What is the dollar value of speed fines issued by mobile speed cameras for offenses of speeding under 5km/h over the limit by:
 - (i) State Electorate?
 - (ii) Local Government Area?

- (iii) Postcode?
- (c) What is the number of speed fines issued by mobile speed cameras for offenses of speeding between 5km/h and 10km/h over the limit by:
 - (i) State Electorate?
 - (ii) Local Government Area?
 - (iii) Postcode?
- (d) What is the dollar value of speed fines issued by mobile speed cameras for offenses of speeding between 5km/h and 10km/h over the limit by:
 - (i) State Electorate?
 - (ii) Local Government Area?
 - (iii) Postcode?

Answer—

Data on the number and value of fines for the mobile speed camera detected offence of “Exceed speed by 10 km/h or under” is searchable by the street and suburb in which the mobile speed camera is located at:

<https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/help-centre/resources-library/statistics/All-speeding-and-red-light-camera-detected-offences-DSF-010.xlsx>

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- 7084 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—FIREARMS REGISTRY—The Hon. Robert Borsak to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- (1) During the COVID-19 pandemic the NSW Firearms Registry has repeatedly stated it is "business as usual" at the Firearms Registry:
 - (a) Why have we not seen a quarterly update to the 'Firearm Licensing and Ownership Statistics and Firearm and Weapon Prohibition Order Statistics' reports since December 2020?
 - (2) What is the status of the update to the Registry's 'Performance Dashboards'?
 - (a) When will the Firearms Registry start delivering these reports again?
- 7085 POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—PROHIBITED WEAPONS—The Hon. Robert Borsak to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- (1) Of the prohibited weapons (silencer) permits issued for the Business/Employment Purposes genuine reason:
 - (a) What is the breakdown by the applicant's firearm licence type (i.e. Primary Production; Vertebrate Pest Animal Control; Occupational Requirements Relating to Rural Purposes; Animal Welfare; Firearms Collection) for the following years:
 - (i) 2015?
 - (ii) 2016?
 - (iii) 2017?
 - (iv) 2018?
 - (v) 2019?
 - (vi) 2020?
 - (vii) 2021 to 30 June 2021?

7086 CUSTOMER SERVICE—COVID-19 BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMS—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) What was the total number of staff in Service NSW when 2021 COVID-19 business support programs were announced?
- (2) What was the total number of staff in Service NSW when 2021 COVID-19 business support programs were opened for applications?
- (3) Have more staff been allocated to Service NSW to process these programs?
 - (a) If so, how many additional staff have been allocated to Service NSW?
 - (b) Of the additional staff how many are:
 - (i) New permanent employees of Service NSW?
 - (ii) New part-time or casual employees of Service NSW?
 - (iii) Re-deployed from other Government departments or agencies?
 - (iv) Contractors?
 - (c) If the new staff in (3) (b) (iii) above are re-deployed from other departments or agencies, from where these employees were re-deployed?
 - (i) How long will these re-deployments last?
 - (d) What is the average cost per contract staff member in (3) (b) (iv) above?

7087 CUSTOMER SERVICE—GRANT APPLICATIONS—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) How many applications were received from the Wollongong local government area for:
 - (a) 2021 COVID-19 business grant?
 - (b) JobSaver payment?
 - (c) 2021 COVID-19 micro-business grant?
- (2) How many applications were received from the Shellharbour local government area for:
 - (a) 2021 COVID-19 business grant?
 - (b) JobSaver payment?
 - (c) 2021 COVID-19 micro-business grant?
- (3) For the applications in (1) and (2):
 - (a) How many applications have been approved?
 - (b) What was the average processing time for applications?
 - (c) How many applications have yet to be assessed?
 - (d) How many applications have been rejected?
 - (i) What were the top 3 reasons for their rejection?
- (4) What was the average grant approved to businesses in the Wollongong local government area for:
 - (a) 2021 COVID-19 business grant?
 - (b) JobSaver payment?
 - (c) 2021 COVID-19 micro-business grant?
- (5) What was the average grant approved to businesses in the Shellharbour local government area for:
 - (a) 2021 COVID-19 business grant?
 - (b) JobSaver payment?

- (c) 2021 COVID-19 micro-business grant?
- (6) What was the average number of days between approval and payment for the assistance in (1) and (2)?
- 7088 CUSTOMER SERVICE—REBATES FOR SMALL BUSINESS—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—
- (1) How many businesses in the Wollongong local government area have applied for rebates for small business fees and charges?
- (a) How many business have been:
- (i) Approved?
- (ii) Rejected?
- (iii) Awaiting approval?
- (b) What is the average rebate that has been approved for businesses?
- (2) How many businesses in the Shellharbour local government area have applied for rebates for small business fees and charges?
- (a) How many business have been:
- (i) Approved?
- (ii) Rejected?
- (iii) Awaiting approval?
- (b) What is the average rebate that has been approved for businesses?
- 7089 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—WOLLONGONG MASS VACCINATION CENTRE—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) What is the total cost of the lease of the building accommodating the Wollongong Mass Vaccination Centre in Crown Street, Wollongong?
- (2) What is the length of the lease for the building accommodating the Wollongong Mass Vaccination Centre?
- (3) What was the total cost of the fit-out of the Wollongong Mass Vaccination Centre?
- (4) Was any material from Illawarra used in the fit-out?
- (a) If so, please list the materials supplied?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (5) Was any labour sourced from Illawarra used in the fit-out?
- (a) If so, please list the labour sourced?
- (b) If not, why not?
- 7090 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—KANAHOOKA ROAD—The Hon. Mick Veitch 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 Transport and Roads—
- (1) Has Transport for NSW commissioned any designs for a southbound on-ramp and northbound off-ramp at Kanahooka Road?
- (a) If so:
- (i) How long ago was this commissioned?
- (ii) What was the estimated total cost of the ramps?

7091 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—M1 BETWEEN WOLLONGONG AND DAPTO—The Hon. Mick Veitch 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 Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has the modelling and assessment of the future performance of the M1 between Wollongong and Dapto been completed?
 - (a) If so, when will the results be available to the public?
 - (b) If not, on what date will it be completed?

7092 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FAIRY MEADOW STATION—The Hon. Mick Veitch 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 Transport and Roads—

- (1) What was the total cost of the access upgrade of Fairy Meadow station?
 - (a) Was material from the Illawarra used on the project?
 - (i) If so, what was the proportion?
 - (ii) If not, why not?
 - (b) Was labour sourced from the Illawarra used on the project?
 - (i) If so, what was the proportion?
 - (ii) If not, why not?
- (2) On what date did the lifts at Fairy Meadow station become available for public use?
- (3) On how many days since the lifts at Fairy Meadow station were available for public use have they unavailable?

7093 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TOWRADGI STATION ACCESS UPGRADE—The Hon. Mick Veitch 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 Transport and Roads—

- (1) On what date is construction expected to be completed on the Towradgi Station access upgrade?
- (2) What is the total expected cost of the access upgrade at Towradgi Station?
 - (a) Was material from the Illawarra used on the project?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (ii) If so, what was the proportion?
 - (b) Was labour sourced from the Illawarra used on the project?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (ii) If so, what was the proportion?
- (3) How long after construction has been completed will the lifts at Towradgi Station be available for public use?

7094 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—UNANDERRA STATION ACCESS UPGRADE—The Hon. Mick Veitch 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 Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has a construction contract been awarded for the Unanderra Station access upgrade?
 - (a) If so, on what date?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (2) On what date will construction commence?
- (3) What is the expected completion date of construction?

- (4) How long after construction has been completed will the lifts at Unanderra Station be available for public use?
- (5) Does the final plan include a covered walkway for the footbridge?
- (a) If not:
- (i) Why not?
- (ii) What is the estimated cost of providing a covered walkway for the footbridge?
- 7095 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—TOUCHDOWN OFFICE NETWORK—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) Further to the answer to LA question on notice 5755:
- (a) Have the final sites for the Government's touchdown office network been decided?
- (i) If so, does it still include a site in Wollongong?
- (ii) If not, why not?
- (b) On what date will the touchdown office in Wollongong be available for use?
- 7096 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—WOLLONGONG DESALINATION PLANT—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) Has a site for the Wollongong desalination plant been selected?
- (a) If so, what is the address of the site?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (2) What is the estimated construction cost of the proposed Wollongong desalination plant?
- (3) What is the capacity of the proposed Wollongong desalination plant?
- (4) What date will the Wollongong desalination plant be operational?

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