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* 5958 RECENTLY ESTABLISHED RESERVES IN FAR WEST NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What steps are being taken to ensure boundary fencing on recently established reserves in Far West New South Wales are maintained?
- (2) How are pest species being managed to avoid an impact on neighbouring agricultural properties?
- (3) What are the planned visitor number per annum to these reserves (as at 8 June 2021)?

Answer—

I have been advised of the following in answer to the specific questions raised, however I want to set out my objective that National Parks are good neighbours and support local economies, including through tourism. I want these new reserves to achieve that and I have asked the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) to put together a formal plan addressing these matters in relation to new national parks in the Western Division:

- (1) The NPWS boundary fencing policy enables NPWS and its neighbours to reach agreements about construction and maintenance of boundary fences on a case by case basis. NPWS will work with neighbours under this policy to maintain boundary fencing.
- (2) NPWS is currently implementing its largest ever feral animal control program, with a focus on aerial shooting and aerial baiting, including reserves in western New South Wales. By way of example, the level of aerial shooting across the state in the 12 months to 30 June 2021 represents a tripling of the level of aerial shooting compared to the 10-year average (ie, the 10 years to 31 December 2019).

New reserves are being incorporated into NPWS' expanded feral animal control program. For example, at Narrierra and the nearby Sturt National Park, NPWS is working with neighbour groups and Local Land Services, and has delivered almost 3500 baits since August 2020.

- (3) Recently established reserves will be opened to public visitation but it is not possible at this stage to estimate likely visitor numbers. However, I am advised that across western New South Wales (ie, West Branch, NPWS), more than 47,000 people spent over 134,000 visitor nights in 2020/21 in national park campgrounds and accommodation.

The Government is currently implementing the largest investment in visitor infrastructure in national park history. At Narriearra-Caryapundy, this will involve delivering over \$600,000 in infrastructure improvements, including new camping and picnic areas, a lookout, bird hides, and road upgrades. Narriearra-Caryapundy will be open to the public before the end of 2021.

* 5959 CLEAR THRESHOLDS FOR DROUGHT ASSISTANCE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

Will the Government create a clear threshold for when drought or drought recovery assistance is required for agriculture and agriculture dependent communities which specifies the trigger point for regional New South Wales entering meteorological, hydrological and socio economic drought and associated support and the trigger point for regional New South Wales drought recovery and associated supports?

Answer—

The recently published Future Ready Regions strategy sets out the Government's commitments to supporting regional communities through times of drought, to achieve sustainable, secure and healthy water resources, build stronger primary industries and communities that are prepared for drought.

* 5960 FAR WEST NETWORK AREA—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What percentage of Essential Energy's work in the Far West network area was offered to private contractors from 1 July 2019 to 8 June 2021?
 - (a) How does this compare with the Southern and Northern network areas for the same period?
- (2) What criteria is used to determine work offered to private contractors in the Far West Network Area?
- (3) In an emergency, what was Essential Energy's average response time for the Far West network from 1 July 2019 to 8 June 2021?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There is currently no "Far West network area" defined by Essential Energy. However, in the Barwon electorate, private contractors undertook 28 per cent of network related inspection and maintenance activities. If vegetation management is excluded, only 7 per cent of network related inspection and maintenance activities was outsourced.
 - (a) In Essential Energy's network area excluding the Barwon electorate, 38 per cent of network related inspection and maintenance activities were undertaken by private contractors. If vegetation management is excluded, outsourcing in the Barwon electorate is consistent with the remainder of Essential Energy's network area.
- (2) Essential Energy outsources work when peak workloads cannot be met with reasonable overtime, if specific expertise is required, or contracting is the best option with consideration of safety, quality, performance and cost.
- (3) Forty-four minutes was the average response time in the Barwon electorate.

* 5961 CHARLES STREET, LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

There were no records to show these concerns were reported to the Land and Housing Corporation or the maintenance line. Following receipt of this Question on Notice, the Land and Housing Corporation reported the issues to the maintenance contractor. Land and Housing Corporation expects the carpet and the stove/oven to be replaced in July 2021.

* 5962 EXTENSION OF HOMEBUILDER PROGRAM—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

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?

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Answer—

HomeBuilder is a Commonwealth funded grant program designed to help the residential construction market to bounce back from the COVID-19 crisis. For NSW applicants, the program is administered by Revenue NSW.

Applications for HomeBuilder could be lodged through an online portal between 10 August 2020 and 14 April 2021. This closing date for lodging completed applications was set by the Commonwealth. On 17 April 2021, the Commonwealth Government announced it would extend the construction commencement requirement from six months to 18 months for all applications (i.e. for all contracts signed between 4 June 2020 to 31 March 2021 inclusive).

This extended time for construction was, according to the Commonwealth Government, made in response to “unanticipated delays in the construction industry caused by COVID-19 related supply constraints including delays in global supply chains and recent natural disasters” (<https://ministers.treasury.gov.au/ministers/josh-frydenberg-2018/media-releases/homebuilder-extended-support-more-jobs>).

As this is a Commonwealth program, Revenue NSW has no discretion to allow new applications from those who would have been able to qualify under this extended construction timeline but had not lodged an application before 14 April 2021.

However, Revenue NSW did contact 17 applicants who had been rejected due to not meeting the original construction timeline to enable them to reinstate their applications.

Additionally, between 22 and 24 March 2021, Revenue NSW contacted 9,165 customers, prior to the portal closing on 14 April 2021, to advise them that they needed to finalise their application and lodge it by the deadline.

On 27 May 2021, with the agreement of the Commonwealth, all State and Territory Revenue Commissioners, including Revenue NSW, agreed to make the Home Builder portal available to those customers that had commenced an application but has not lodged a completed application before the 14 April 2021 cut-off.

New South Wales customers that had started an application but not completed it by 14 April 2021 were advised on 31 May 2021 that the portal will be re-opened to allow them to complete their application.

* 5963 COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING REGISTER—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

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?

Answer—

The NSW Cladding Taskforce oversees a suite of processes and measures to assess, investigate and ensure the safety of New South Wales buildings identified as having potentially dangerous cladding. Fire & Rescue NSW has inspected all buildings identified as having potentially combustible cladding and referred potentially high-risk buildings to the local consent authority for investigation and any necessary compliance and enforcement activity.

The Cladding Support Unit liaises closely with local councils to monitor the progress of investigations undertaken by councils where they are the consent authority for buildings in their local government areas, and provides support and guidance to assist in the prompt and consistent assessment of these buildings. Consent authorities issue orders for remediation where required and oversee the implementation of any necessary interim fire safety measures to reduce risk while investigation or remediation work takes place.

Project Remediate will support the remediation of high-risk combustible cladding on residential apartment buildings by providing interest-free loans and project management and assurance services to ensure remediation work is done safely and effectively.

- * 5964 REPLACEMENT OF COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

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?

Answer—

See answer to LA Q5963.

- * 5965 MENTAL HEALTH IN ORANGE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

(1) In response to the information collected whilst participating in the Orange City Council's Mental Health Round-Table:

- (a) What localised mental health initiatives will you now implement and coordinate to improve delivery of mental health services for Orange and district?
- (b) Will existing service coordination and delivery be modified or developed to improve mental health outcomes and mitigate the incidence of suicide?
- (c) Will consideration be given to funding and implementation of a community mental health coordination role for Orange and surrounding district?

Answer—

The Government made a significant investment of \$222 million in the 2021-22 budget towards mental health services. This will increase will directly benefit the people of the Western NSW Local Health District (LHD), including those in Orange and the surrounding District.

The Western NSW LHD has already been identified as one of the first Local Health Districts to receive one of the 25 'Safeguard' Youth Mental Health Crisis Teams. This is a \$109.5 million commitment which will see eight person teams provide an innovative and best-practice approach to care for children and adolescents with moderate to severe mental health issues. The teams will work with their families and carers navigate the system and provide an alternative to emergency departments and hospital admissions.

\$12.2 million was committed to Tresillian to establish six Regional Family Care centres and five Tresillian 2U vans. The new Regional Family Care centres will provide services to families experiencing difficulties in the critical first years of their child's life, one of which will be in Cowra. The 'Tresillian 2U' vans provide mobile community support to families with infants and children, one of which will be based in Bathurst.

Western NSW will continue to receive non-acute support through Response and Recovery specialists. Specialists who are based across the Central West and Western NSW provide outreach for communities and coordination with local services at the time of disasters or crisis, and during the ongoing recovery phase.

The District is also implementing Government Towards Zero Suicide initiatives, including opening Safe Haven's (Alternatives to Emergency Department) facilities in Parkes and Dubbo. This also includes Suicide Prevention Outreach Teams in Orange and Dubbo, with Rural Counsellors in Orange and Dubbo in partnership with Aboriginal Corporation Bila Muuji.

Suicide Prevention training, SafeSide, is being delivered for all mental health, drug and alcohol and generalist clinicians and peer workers.

The Government has funded headspace and Lifeline to establish a Suicide Prevention Collaborative within the Western NSW LHD. The collaborative will be based in the Central West, either in Parkes or Orange.

In addition to this, the Western NSW LHD has partnered with the Western NSW Primary Health Network to form the Western NSW Regional Suicide Prevention Committee, whose primary objective is to implement the Regional Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan. The Suicide Prevention Network

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group in Orange and the Western Cross Agency Advisory group working parties have been formed to develop the service models that fit under the plan.

Western NSW Local Health District has received funding for a Virtual Community Mental Health Team based in Orange, which provides District-wide support and for enhancements to the Acute Community Mental Health team.

Further announcements regarding the above will occur in due course.

- * 5966 SUICIDE AMONG FORMER SERVING POLICE OFFICERS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Will urgent consideration be given to the investigation of additional proactive mental health support measures to address the apparent rise in the incidence of suicide among serving and former serving police officers?

Answer—

The physical health and mental wellbeing of current and former officers is of critical priority to both the Government and the NSW Police Force. A suite of services has been developed by the NSW Police Force and these range from informal peer delivered programs and career transition services through to formal, individually tailored psychological support.

Updated guidelines for ‘Suicide Prevention and Management of At Risk Employees’ are in the final stages of approval with suicide prevention training to be delivered in the near future.

- * 5967 REMOTE RESCUE TUBES—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections representing the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

(1) Will consideration be given to the funding and installation of Remote Rescue Tubes at inland waterways which attract recreational water activities, as a step towards reducing the incidence of drowning deaths in rural and regional New South Wales?

(a) If so, will this be prioritised to be delivered prior to the commencement of the 2021-22 summer season?

Answer—

I am advised that this is a matter for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

- * 5968 INTERSECTION AT WOODVILLE AND GUILDFORD ROAD—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Since the last change in 2015, have any traffic studies been performed on the intersection of Woodville Road and Guildford Road (as at 8 June 2021)?

(2) Since 2015, what measures have been taken to improve the safety of traffic turning right onto Woodville Road at this intersection?

(3) Have any adjustments been made to traffic light phasing at this intersection to improve the safety of drivers turning right from Guildford Road onto Woodville Road?

Answer—

I am advised:

No further adjustments have been required for this intersection since the installation of dedicated right turn lanes on both sides of Guildford Road.

Safety has improved measurably since the intersection was upgraded in September 2015. There has been a 38 per cent reduction in the total number of crashes occurring within 75 metres of the intersection, including a 33 per cent reduction in serious injury crashes.

The phasing arrangements remain at three phases with no dedicated right turn green arrow for Guildford Road (both sides).

- * 5969 STURT HIGHWAY BETWEEN EUSTON AND GOL GOL—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

What specific action is the Government taking to lobby for and implement improved safety measures, such as more and better passing lanes, on the dangerous stretch of the Sturt Highway between Euston and Gol Gol?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is undertaking a Route Safety Review on the Sturt Highway from the Hume Highway to Gol Gol over three years from 2020/21 to 2022/23. The rollout of audio tactile line marking and wide centre line marking on the Sturt Highway is now complete as part of the first round of this three year program.

TfNSW has also installed over 10 kilometres of safety barriers on the Sturt Highway between Euston and Gol Gol in the 2020/21 financial year to reduce the severity of high risk crashes, including head-on overtaking crashes. Safety barrier sites have been selected using various factors including crash history, existing roadside hazards such as steep batters, curves or hazardous vegetation which increase the likelihood of vehicles going off the road.

Additional works, including widening to address road safety hazards related to edge drop offs and narrow shoulders, and intersection and curve improvements, will be carried out over the next two years and are in the planning stages.

As part of a Road Maintenance Council Contract, Wentworth Shire Council is currently working on a 3km pavement rehabilitation project (widen and overlay) on the Sturt Highway, 32.8kms to 35.8kms west of Euston. This project has been funded in 2020/21 and 2021/22 financial years.

A school crossing supervisor has also been appointed for Gol Gol Public School at Adelaide Street on the Sturt Highway.

TfNSW will continue to address priorities for overtaking lanes for the Sturt Highway, including an analysis of the effectiveness of the safety measures implemented for this section of road.

- * 5970 MURRUMBIDGEE SUICIDE RATES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) Considering the suicide rate in Murrumbidgee was almost twice as high as it was in Sydney in 2017-18, what research has the Government done on the cause of this suicide gap?
- (2) For what reasons are people in Murrumbidgee almost twice as likely to take their own life compared to residents of Sydney?
- (3) Why have suicide rates in the Murrumbidgee Local Health District increased for 8.0 per 100,000 people in 2003-04 to 17.7 per 100,000 people in 2017-18?

Answer—

There is an overall pattern of higher per capita suicide in rural and regional areas. This is in part due to social isolation, socioeconomic status, distance from services and access to general practitioners. This is consistent with other states and territories across Australia and globally.

The NSW Government has a number of programs and services tailored to the unique needs of rural and regional areas to prevent suicide among these communities.

In 2017-18, Murrumbidgee Local Health District's per capita suicide rate (17.7) was statistically equivalent to that of other comparable regional local health districts, including Northern NSW (18.2), Southern NSW

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(16.6) and Hunter New England (16.0). However every suicide is a tragedy, and the NSW Government is implementing a number of new suicide prevention initiatives in the Murrumbidgee.

In this years' budget new parents in rural and regional NSW will have access to increased specialised support with \$12.2 million in funding to enable Tresillian and Gidget Foundation Australia to collaborate and expand their services.

There will be six new centres, and one of these centres will be established in Griffith.

We are also spending \$109.5M over 4 years on 25 Child and Adolescent mental health response teams, supporting kids under 18 years who are experiencing an acute mental health or suicidal crisis. This is the largest amount ever spent on child and adolescent mental health in this state's history.

Every Local Health District will have at least one team within four years. We'll establish ten in the first year and Murrumbidgee will be one of the first regions to have one of these response teams.

We are also spending \$36.4m on 57 Response and Recovery Clinicians. Murrumbidgee currently has eight of these.

These positions are on top of a range of mental health services available.

* 5971 YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Given that as at 18 January 2021, the Government was in the planning phase of a project to upgrade the girls' boarding facilities at Yanco Agricultural High School, what stage are the major works currently at (as at 8 June 2021)?

(a) By what date will construction commence?

(b) By what date will it be completed?

Answer—

The progress of individual projects is communicated to school communities through regular project updates. Further information is available via the School Infrastructure NSW website at www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au.

* 5972 CRIMES (SERIOUS CRIME PREVENTION ORDERS) ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

How many orders have been made under the Crimes (Serious Crime Prevention Orders) Act since 21 October 2020 (as at 8 June 2021)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The JusticeLink system reports four Serious Crime Prevention Orders were made in the NSW Supreme Court between 21 October 2020 and 8 June 2021.

* 5973 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES AND JUSTICE RELOCATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

How many staff in the Corporate Services component of the Department of Communities and Justice are being relocated from Liverpool to Parramatta?

Answer—

I am advised:

Around 300 Corporate Services staff are being relocated from Liverpool to Parramatta.

- * 5974 DISRESPECT TO THE COURT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

How many people have been charged with the charge of Disrespect to the Court since March 2020 (as at 8 June 2021)?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Criminal Court data held by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) reports no finalised charges for disrespect to the court in any criminal court in New South Wales between 1 March 2020 and 31 March 2021, which is the latest court data reporting period.

- * 5975 JUSTICE REINVESTMENT PROGRAMS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

What plans do you have to expand Justice Reinvestment programs in New South Wales?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to LA Q5878.

- * 5976 YOUTH KOORI COURT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

When will you expand the Youth Koori Court beyond Surry Hills and Parramatta?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to LA Q4166.

- * 5977 EDMONDSON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

When will a new primary school be built in Edmondson Park?

Answer—

The progress of individual projects is communicated to school communities through regular project updates. Further information is available via the School Infrastructure NSW website at www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au.

- * 5978 GARRISON BOOTHS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Why is the garrison, or GAC, booth at Liverpool Station being removed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Gate Array Controller (GAC) booths were installed several decades ago and pre-date the introduction of Opal and contactless payments. The original operational functions of the GAC, such as ticket checking, are no longer required.

Removal of the booth to allow installation of new Opal gates and a customer service hub follows an extensive safety and risk assessment and consultation with staff.

Opal gates assist customers and station staff to move more quickly and safely through the station.

- * 5979 LIVERPOOL RAILWAY STATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Why is Sydney Trains breaching its undertaking not to remove the safety booth at Liverpool Railway Station until the resolution of the COVID-19 pandemic?

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Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Trains is committed to providing a safe workplace for employees and a safe commuting environment for customers.

Gate Array Controller (GAC) booths were installed several decades ago and pre-date the introduction of Opal and contactless payments. The GAC booths were never intended as "safety" booths. They were designated areas for staff to monitor and control gate access. The original operational functions of the GAC, such as ticket checking, are no longer required.

Removal of the booth to allow installation of new Opal gates and a customer service hub followed an extensive safety and risk assessment and consultation with staff.

Opal gates assist customers and station staff to move more quickly and safely through the station.

* 5980 NEW SPEED LIMITS IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What consultation was conducted by Transport for NSW with the community before the introduction of 30kmph speed limits in parts of Liverpool CBD?
 - (a) Are these speed limits permanent?
 - (i) If not, will there be any community consultation to determine whether they are to be continued?

Answer—

I am advised:

The implementation of a 30km/h High Pedestrian Activity Area speed limit was introduced based on the higher volume of people walking, cycling and exercising in the area.

The reduced speed limit is permanent and provides a safer environment for local residents to walk, cycle and commute.

Transport for NSW undertook a letterbox drop to inform residents of the planned 30km/h speed limit, as well as issued a media release. Transport for NSW discussed the proposed speed limit with NSW Police and Liverpool City Council who were supportive of the new lower speed limit.

* 5981 ASSISTED SCHOOL TRAVEL PROGRAM—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) In the 2019-20 financial year, how many applications were made to the Assisted School Travel Program from across New South Wales?
 - (a) How many were rejected?
 - (b) How many applications were made from the following postcodes:
 - (i) 2280;
 - (ii) 2282;
 - (iii) 2285;
 - (iv) 2289;
 - (v) 2290;
 - (vi) 2291;
 - (vii) 2305;
 - (viii) 2306

- (c) How many were rejected from the above postcodes?
- (2) In the 2019-20 financial year, how many appeals to the Assisted Schools Travel Program decisions were lodged?
- (a) How many were successful?

Answer—

The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) plays a significant role in meeting the needs of eligible students with disability by providing free specialised transport to and from school where parents and carers are unable to provide or arrange transport for the student either fully or in part. Eligibility criteria for the program are available on the Department's [website](#).

Note that application figures are only available by calendar year.

In 2020, 5,153 applications were received and 666 applications were rejected across New South Wales across the identified postcodes, 139 applications were received and 22 were rejected.

Appeals data is available by financial year. In 2019-20, just over 250 appeals were lodged. Over 70 per cent of these appeals were successful.

- * 5982 CHARLESTOWN HOUSING CRISIS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Noting that the current rental vacancy rate in the Charlestown electorate is 0.4 per cent, the lowest sustained rental vacancy rate in decades, what steps are being taken to address the housing crisis in the Charlestown electorate?

Answer—

The NSW Government released its first housing strategy with a 20-year vision for better housing outcomes across metropolitan and regional areas by 2041.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, in collaboration with the Department of Regional NSW, are investigating solutions to address the supply and affordability crisis in regions with the aim of delivering innovative solutions that support local communities.

In the Charlestown electorate, LAHC is currently redeveloping a site to deliver 14 new fit for purpose social homes, that is due for completion by late 2021. LAHC continually reviews its social housing portfolio to identify any opportunities to increase social housing in New South Wales, including in the Charlestown electorate.

- * 5983 LINK2HOME PROGRAM—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many calls has Link2Home taken during 2021 (as at 8 June 2021)?
- (a) How many calls did Link2Home take during 2020?
- (b) How many calls has Link2Home taken during 2021 from people in the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area (LGA) (as at 8 June 2021)?
- (2) How many calls has Link2Home take during 2021 from people in the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area (LGA) (as at 8 June 2021)?
- (a) How many calls did Link2Home take during 2020 in the Lake Macquarie LGA?
- (3) How many calls did Link2Home take during 2020 from people living in the Newcastle LGA?
- (4) What is the average wait-time to be connected to a Link2Home customer service operator?
- (5) What was the longest wait time recorded to be connected to a Link2Home customer service operator during the following months:

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- (a) January 2021;
 - (i) How many calls were terminated due to a person hanging up prior to being connected to a Link2Home customer service officer?
- (b) February 2021;
 - (i) How many calls were terminated due to a person hanging up prior to being connected to a Link2Home customer service officer?
- (c) March 2021;
 - (i) How many calls were terminated due to a person hanging up prior to being connected to a Link2Home customer service officer?
- (d) April 2021;
 - (i) How many calls were terminated due to a person hanging up prior to being connected to a Link2Home customer service officer?
- (e) May 2021;
 - (i) How many calls were terminated due to a person hanging up prior to being connected to a Link2Home customer service officer?
- (f) January 2020;
 - (i) How many calls were terminated due to a person hanging up prior to being connected to a Link2Home customer service officer?
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- (j) May 2020;
 - (i) How many calls were terminated due to a person hanging up prior to being connected to a Link2Home customer service officer?
- (k) June 2020;
 - (i) How many calls were terminated due to a person hanging up prior to being connected to a Link2Home customer service officer?
- (l) July 2020;
 - (i) How many calls were terminated due to a person hanging up prior to being connected to a Link2Home customer service officer?
- (m) August 2020;
 - (i) How many calls were terminated due to a person hanging up prior to being connected to a Link2Home customer service officer?
- (n) September 2020;

- (i) How many calls were terminated due to a person hanging up prior to being connected to a Link2Home customer service officer?
- (o) October 2020;
 - (i) How many calls were terminated due to a person hanging up prior to being connected to a Link2Home customer service officer?
- (p) November 2020;
 - (i) How many calls were terminated due to a person hanging up prior to being connected to a Link2Home customer service officer?
- (q) December 2020?
 - (i) How many calls were terminated due to a person hanging up prior to being connected to a Link2Home customer service officer?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) From 1 January to 8 June 2021, the number of calls answered was 60,530.
 - (a) 154,902.
 - (b) The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) is unable to provide this data. Link2Home is unable to determine the location of a caller that dials the Link2Home number.
- (2) and (3) As per response (1).
- (4) The average speed of answer for 1 January 2021 until 8 June 2021 is 7:38 minutes.
- (5)
 - (a) January 2021; Average Speed of Answer (ASA): 0:10:08.
 - (i) DCJ does not publish the abandonment rate. Further, there is no way to determine the number of calls terminated by the caller, or the caller's phone carrier due to reception or connectivity issues.
 - (b) February 2021; ASA: 0:11:35.
 - (i) As per response in (5) (a) (i).
 - (c) March 2021; ASA: 0:12:23.
 - (i) As per response in (5) (a) (i).
 - (d) April 2021; ASA: 0:11:07.
 - (i) As per response in (5) (a) (i).
 - (e) May 2021; ASA: 0:12:46.
 - (i) As per response in (5) (a) (i).
 - (f) January 2020; ASA: 0:04:28.
 - (i) As per response in (5) (a) (i).
 - (g) February 2020; ASA: 0:05:19.
 - (i) As per response in (5) (a) (i).
 - (h) March 2020; ASA: 0:06:15.
 - (i) As per response in (5) (a) (i).

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- (i) April 2020; ASA: 0:05:33.
 - (i) As per response in (5) (a) (i).
- (j) May 2020; ASA: 0:04:00.
 - (i) As per response in (5) (a) (i).
- (k) June 2020; ASA: 0:03:49.
 - (i) As per response in (5) (a) (i).
- (l) July 2020; ASA: 0:05:13.
 - (i) As per response in (5) (a) (i).
- (m) August 2020; ASA: 0:05:31.
 - (i) As per response in (5) (a) (i).
- (n) September 2020; ASA: 0:05:55.
 - (i) As per response in (5) (a) (i).
- (o) October 2020; ASA: 0:10:03.
 - (i) As per response in (5) (a) (i).
- (p) November 2020; ASA: 0:09:46.
 - (i) As per response in (5) (a) (i).
- (q) December 2020; ASA: 0:09:12.
 - (i) As per response in (5) (a) (i).

* 5984 TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION BUDGET—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many people in New South Wales have applied for and received payment for accommodation under the Temporary Accommodation budget in 2021 (as at 8 June 2021)?
 - (a) How many applied in 2020 and were granted accommodation funds?
 - (b) How many applied in 2019 and were granted accommodation funds?
- (2) What was the average number of days of accommodation funded under the Temporary Accommodation in:
 - (a) 2021 (as at 8 June 2021)?
 - (b) 2020?
 - (c) 2019?
- (3) How many people in the Lake Macquarie or Charlestown electorate have accessed the Temporary Accommodation budget in 2021 (as at 8 June 2021)?
 - (a) How many applied in 2020 and were granted accommodation funds?
 - (b) How many applied in 2019 and were granted accommodation funds?
 - (c) On average how many days worth of accommodation was funded under the Temporary Accommodation budget?
- (4) How many people in Newcastle have accessed the Temporary Accommodation budget in 2021 (as at 8 June 2021)?
 - (a) How many applied in 2020 and were granted accommodation funds?

- (b) How many applied in 2019 and were granted accommodation funds?
- (c) On average how many days worth of accommodation was funded under the Temporary Accommodation budget?
- (5) How many people used up their entire 28 days Temporary Accommodation Budget in:
 - (a) 2021 (as at 8 June 2021)?
 - (b) 2020?
 - (c) 2021?
- (6) What other emergency support is available who have used up their 28 days under the Temporary Accommodation budget?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on the number of households assisted with temporary accommodation is publicly available in the 2019-20 Annual Statistical Report. The report can be accessed at https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/TableA2B2C0D0N90_/Performance_measure.

Information about eligibility for Temporary Accommodation, as well as financial assistance for clients to establish or maintain a tenancy in the private rental market, is available at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/policies/rentstart-assistance-policy#temp>.

* 5985 PERMANENT QUARANTINE FACILITIES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Noting the Government taking responsibility for hotel quarantine, why isn't the Government acting to build purpose-built permanent quarantine facilities?
 - (a) Will the Government consider investing in permanent quarantine facilities for COVID-19 and future pandemics?
- (2) Does the Government have future plans to establish permanent quarantine facilities to address the recognised problem of airborne virus transmission occurring in existing hotel quarantine?
 - (a) If so, what are they?
- (3) Is the Government taking action in regards to quarantine following their careful consideration of the Victorian COVID-19 Hotel Quarantine Inquiry Interim Report?
 - (a) If so, what action is being taken?

Answer—

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

* 5986 VACCINE HESITANCY—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How is the Government working to address vaccine hesitancy in regard to the COVID-19 vaccination rollout?

Answer—

The Commonwealth Government is leading the national COVID-19 vaccine program and has launched advertising material and a communications campaign.

The Government has also developed targeted communications and a comprehensive advertising campaign to promote access to and support community uptake of COVID-19 vaccination.

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* 5987 GOVERNMENT PROPERTY INDEX—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Since the Government launched The Government Property Index how many inquiries has it received about the properties listed on the website (as at 8 June 2021)?
 - (a) How many of these inquiries were for properties in the Charlestown Electorate?
 - (i) If inquiries were received for properties in the Charlestown Electorate, which properties were inquired about?
 - (b) How many of these inquiries were for properties in Lake Macquarie?
 - (i) If inquiries were received for properties in Lake Macquarie, which properties were inquired about?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has launched the Government Property Index (GPI) to provide greater transparency of the State's property portfolio.

Consistent with these objectives, the GPI is freely available to all users.

Any Unsolicited Proposals submitted to the Department of Premier and Cabinet by individuals or organisations must be unique, provide value for money and contribute to the NSW Government's strategic priorities.

Any and all enquiries received are commercial in confidence and are not disclosed.

* 5988 HOUSING AFFORDABILITY—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Noting that between 2011 and 2021, median house prices for properties in parts of the Charlestown electorate have risen from \$443,051 to \$730,758, an increase of 65 per cent, whilst wage growth has stagnated over the same period, what outcomes can the Government report on its housing affordability policies as at 8 June 2021?
- (2) What improvements are there in regard to the number of people being able to buy their own home?
 - (a) How many more people own their own currently, compared to 2011 (as at 8 June 2021)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is committed to ensuring that there is an adequate supply of new dwellings that are affordable, well-designed, and located in places that people want to live.

The Government has released the State's first ever whole of government housing strategy, Housing 2041. The strategy sets a 20-year vision for better housing outcomes across New South Wales. It considers all housing types and tenures across the housing spectrum, from crisis housing, to social and affordable housing, to private rental and specialist housing, to home ownership.

A range of initiatives will be delivered through Housing 2041 to address housing affordability. This includes more effective use of Government-owned land to test and implement innovative and more affordable housing solutions which will set an exemplar for the housing industry.

The Government also assists first home buyers through a range of stamp duty concessions and grant schemes.^f

Through the Government's COVID-19 support and stimulus measures more than six thousand additional first homebuyers have gained a foothold on the property ladder in just six months following the

Government's decision to provide additional relief on stamp duty. This additional relief will remain in place until July 31, 2021.

The total value of stamp duty concessions and exemptions granted by the Government was \$559.7 million in 2020.

* 5989 BOARDING HOUSES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) How many boarding houses are currently listed on the Boarding House Register:
 - (a) Across New South Wales?
 - (b) Within the Summer Hill electorate?
- (2) Are units or rooms within boarding houses able to be recognised as separate addresses for the purposes of receiving mail?
- (3) What protections are in place to support residences in boarding houses against instances of mail theft or fraud?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) As at 8 June 2021, there were 1,210 boarding houses listed on the Boarding House Register.
 - (b) Information pertaining to electoral areas is not collected for inclusion on the Boarding House Register.
- (2) There are no provisions in the Boarding Houses Act 2012 (the Act) relating to the delivery and receipt of mail to residents in boarding houses. The Boarding House Register does not recognise units or rooms within boarding houses as separate address and given the shared nature of boarding premises, it may not always be possible to have a separate mailbox for each individual room of a boarding house.
- (3) While there are no specific protections in the Act against mail theft or fraud, the Government is in the process of implementing recommendations from the statutory review of the Act. While this issue was not raised through the statutory review, this feedback will be considered further as part of ongoing work to improve residents' living experience in shared accommodation contexts.

Mail theft or fraud matters fall under the jurisdiction of the NSW Police if the potential offense occurs in New South Wales. The NSW Police offers guidance on ways to reduce the risk of mail theft that may be of some relevance to shared accommodation residents, for example, collecting important items such as credit cards from the bank or post office.

Australia Post may also be able to provide guidance on other options for securely storing and receiving mail.

* 5990 MANDATORY MINIMUM ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Why did the Government oppose the inclusion of mandatory minimum accessibility standards for new residential construction work in the National Construction Code?
- (2) Does the decision to oppose the inclusion of minimum standards fail people who live with disability, older people and people in the community who live with chronic illness or injury?
- (3) Did the Minister consult the former Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services before making this decision?

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Answer—

- (1) The Regulatory Impact Analysis undertaken by the Centre for International Economics (CIE) on behalf of the Australian Building Codes Board indicated the inclusion of minimum accessibility requirements for all new housing in the National Construction Code would come at a significant net cost to the community. It will also have negative impacts on housing affordability and the construction sector. Other more flexible and balanced approaches to increase the supply of accessible housing, including the non-regulatory options proposed in the analysis were not fully explored.
- (2) The Government has already introduced initiatives to improve the supply of accessible public and private housing as part of our commitment to the National Disability Strategy. These include policies to ensure that all new social and affordable housing built by government is constructed to silver accessibility standards. There are also policies requiring at least 20% of all medium to high density dwellings developed by Landcom to meet or exceed the silver accessibility standard. The NSW Apartment Design Guide also encourages 20% of apartments within new residential apartment buildings to achieve a minimum silver level. The Government will continue to monitor the NCC proposals as they are progressed and further investigate the potential implementation of new initiatives outside of the NCC framework. This approach would provide NSW with the balance and flexibility to consider options to increase the supply of accessible housing, while minimising any burdens on housing affordability.
- (3) The Government's position was subject to cabinet determination.

* 5991 RENT BIDDING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) How many complaints or reports have been lodged with NSW Fair Trading in each of the past six months in relation to rent bidding, whereby agents encourage prospective tenants to outbid others to secure a property?
- (2) Considering that soliciting rent bidding is outlawed under the Property and Stock Agents Regulation 2014, what is the Government doing to curtail rent bidding practices as rents increase across the state?
- (3) Will consideration be given to outlawing rent bidding, as is the case in Victoria and Queensland?

Answer—

- (1) No complaints have been received by NSW Fair Trading in relation to rent bidding in the last 6 months.
- (2) The New South Wales Government is actively monitoring the number of complaints about rent bidding, including solicitation of rent bidding.
- (3) NSW Fair Trading conducted a statutory review of the Residential Tenancies Act 2010 (the Act) during 2015-16. Rental auctions were not raised as a major issue of concern in submissions to the review. No recommendations were made in relation to rent bidding. NSW Fair Trading continues to actively monitor the situation relating to rent bidding.

* 5992 CASUAL CROSSING GUARD SUPERVISORS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many crossing guard supervisors were employed on each of the following dates:
 - (a) 1 June 2019?
 - (b) 1 December 2019?
 - (c) 1 June 2020?
 - (d) 1 December 2020?

- (e) 1 June 2021?
- (2) What is the average number of days in 2020-21 (to 8 June 2021) that a typical New South Wales school has been without a crossing supervisor due to not being able to find a casual supervisor to cover a shift?
- (3) What was the average number of days in 2019-20 that a typical New South Wales school has been without a crossing supervisor due to not being able to find a casual supervisor to cover a shift?
- (4) What was or is the total budget expended for casual crossing supervisors in each financial year from 2018-19 to 2020-21?
- (5) What was or is the total budget allocated for casual crossing supervisors in each financial year from 2018-19 to 2020-21?

Answer—

The School Crossing Supervisor program is administered by Transport for NSW.

This question should be referred to the Minister for Transport and Roads, the Honourable Andrew Constance MP.

* 5993 CONTACT TRACER WORKING CONDITIONS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What was the total number of full-time equivalent contact tracers employed by NSW Health on each of the following dates:
- (a) 1 March 2020?
- (b) 1 June 2020?
- (c) 1 September 2020?
- (d) 1 December 2020?
- (e) 1 March 2021?
- (f) 1 June 2021?
- (2) What is the total percentage of the contact tracer workforce as of 1 June 2021 that are casual employees?
- (3) What is the average salary for a contact tracer in New South Wales?
- (4) What is the average number of hours worked per week by a contact tracer in New South Wales?
- (5) What occupational health and safety support is provided to contact tracers to assist with mental health, workload and the other pressures of the job?

Answer—

(1) to (4) The number of people engaged in contact tracing fluctuates to meet the demands of the COVID-19 pandemic. Contact tracers are engaged through various sources and work varying hours. Salary will vary depending on conditions of employment as a contractor or deployment from an existing health agency or other government agency. Contract contact tracers are advised before commencing work of the variability of the work and their engagement conditions.

(5) Support is available for contact tracers dealing with difficult calls and for any other workplace concerns. Irrespective of their employment status, all contact tracers can access an employee assistance program which provides free confidential counselling, coaching and wellbeing services.

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* 5994 COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What specific actions have NSW Health taken to ensure that people with profound disability, comorbidity and complex health issues living in disability residential accommodation received COVID-19 vaccinations?
- (2) What specific actions have NSW Health taken to ensure residents of disability residential accommodation in the Summer Hill electorate have received COVID-19 vaccinations?
- (3) Considering that residents in these facilities are often at extreme risk of injury, illness or death if they leave their home, what additional measures are being taken to ensure they are vaccinated for COVID-19?

Answer—

The Commonwealth Government is leading the national COVID-19 vaccination program, including vaccination to residents and workers in disability residential accommodation settings. To support the Commonwealth Government's roll-out to the disability sector, NSW Health Local Health Districts are working with their respective communities to identify and vaccinate those who are not covered by the Commonwealth Government's roll-out schedule.

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

* 5995 PARRAMATTA TO SYDNEY SHARED PATHWAY—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Of the \$500,000 allocated in the 2019-20 NSW Budget towards a feasibility study for a Parramatta to Sydney Shared Pathway, how much has been spent to 8 June 2021?
- (2) Is Transport for NSW preparing the feasibility study?
 - (a) If not, who is?
- (3) When is it expected that the feasibility study will be completed?
- (4) When will it be made public?
- (5) Have, or will, community groups including Walk Sydney and Bicycle NSW, as well as councils along the proposed route been/be consulted?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) \$80,000
- (2) The feasibility study is being prepared by a consultant, engaged via a competitive tender process, with Transport for NSW managing its development.
- (3) And (4) It is expected to be completed by the end of July 2021. It will be an internal document to inform next steps.
- (5) City of Sydney, Inner West Council, Canada Bay Council and Parramatta City Council were engaged in the study development process.

* 5996 LAND AND PROPERTY SALES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What is the total number of Government owned properties or parcels of land from across New South Wales that have been sold in each financial year from 2018-19 to 2021-21 (to 8 June 2021)?
- (2) What is the total area of land across New South Wales and owned by the Government that has been sold in each financial year from 2018-19 to 2021-21 (to 8 June 2021)?

- (3) What is the total revenue raised from selling properties or land owned by the Government in each financial year from 2018-19 to 2021-21 (to 8 June 2021)?
- (4) What is the total number of Government owned properties or parcels of land in the Summer Hill electorate that have been sold in each financial year from 2018-19 to 2021-21 (to 8 June 2021)?
- (5) What is the total area of land in the Summer Hill electorate and owned by the Government that has been sold in each financial year from 2018-19 to 2021-21 (to 8 June 2021)?
- (6) What is the total revenue raised from selling properties or land in the Summer Hill electorate owned by the Government in each financial year from 2018-19 to 2021-21 (to 8 June 2021)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The total number of Government-owned properties that have been sold in the financial years 2018-19 to 2019-20, and in financial year 2020-21 to 8 June 2021 are:

Financial Year	Total number of properties sold
2018-19	2,568
2019-20	1,987
2020-21 to 8 June 2021	1,531

- (2) The total area of Government-owned land that has been sold in the financial years 2018-19 to 2019-20, and in financial year 2020-21 to 8 June 2021 are:

Financial Year	Total area (hectares)
2018-19	14,219.58
2019-20	102,503.68
2020-21 to 8 June 2021	15,132.51

- (3) The total sales revenue derived from the sale of Government-owned properties in the financial years 2018-19 to 2019-20, and in financial year 2020-21 to 8 June 2021 are:

Financial Year	Total sales revenue (\$)
2018-19	\$988,061,720
2019-20	\$601,965,239
2020-21 to 8 June 2021	\$596,754,562

- (4) The total number of Government-owned properties located in the Summer Hill electorate that have been sold in the financial years 2018-19 to 2019-20, and in financial year 2020-21 to 8 June 2021 are:

Financial Year	Total number of properties sold in the Summer Hill electorate
2018-19	4
2019-20	5
2020-21 to 8 June 2021	2

- (5) The total area of Government-owned land located in the Summer Hill electorate that has been sold in the financial years 2018-19 to 2019-20, and in financial year 2020-21 to 8 June 2021 are:

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Financial Year	Total area (m2) – Summer Hill electorate
2018-19	3,374
2019-20	1,388
2020-21 to 8 June 2021	1,254

- (6) The total sales revenue derived from the sale of Government-owned properties located in the Summer Hill electorate in the financial years 2018-19 to 2019-20, and in financial year 2020-21 to 8 June 2021 are:

Financial Year	Total sales revenue (\$) – Summer Hill electorate
2018-19	\$15,546,001
2019-20	\$4,327,000
2020-21 to 8 June 2021	\$3,790,000

NB: Figures are subject to rounding. Updates to sales information is dependent on the parties registering the transfer of a property dealing with NSW Land Registry Services. Consequently, sales data for financial years is subject to change over time.

Information on sales data was extracted from the Government Property Register on 10 February 2021. Property sales within the Summer Hill electorate have been identified based on current electorate boundaries.

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- * 5997 SCHOOL CLEANING HOURS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Does the Government plan to cut cleaning hours in schools?
 - (a) If so, which schools in the Murray electorate will have their hours cut?
 - (i) Why has this decision been made considering the fantastic job performed by cleaners during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Answer—

In March 2019, a new cleaning contract was implemented across all public schools in New South Wales to align with changes to the Whole-of-Government facilities management contract. The new contract is designed to be more equitable for schools while still incorporating the same rigorous cleaning standards.

Included in the tender process was an assessment of the number of hours per week required at each school to meet Department cleaning standards and benchmarks. As a result, a small proportion of schools were found to have an excess of cleaning hours in place. To ensure a smooth transition to the new arrangements, previous contract cleaning hours were maintained at these schools until the end of 2020, with new contract arrangements commencing in Term 1, 2021. Principals at impacted schools were kept informed during the process and are aware of procedures to follow if there are any subsequent concerns.

In addition to general cleaning, enhanced cleaning has been in place in all schools since Day 1 Term 2, 2020, in line with advice from NSW Health regarding COVID-19. A supplementary day-clean has also been taking place at every school across New South Wales from 11 May 2020.

Additional cleaning measures will remain in place during Term 3.

- * 5998 RURAL ADVERSITY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM COORDINATORS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

Of the two Rural Adversity Mental Health Program coordinator positions within the Murrumbidgee Local Health District, how many of their allocated hours have been spent attending to constituents of the Murray electorate in the past 12 months (as at 9 June 2021)?

Answer—

Health services information is not collected by electorate.

- * 5999 VACANT PROPERTIES IN GRIFFITH—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) Of the total number of properties owned by the Land and Housing Corporation in the Griffith district (as at 9 June 2021):

- (a) How many are currently vacant?
- (b) How many vacant properties are in the process of being re-let?
- (c) How many vacant properties are not intended to be re-let?
 - (i) What are the specific reasons and locations of each of these cases?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

- (a) As at 6 June 2021, there are 12 vacant New South Wales Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) owned properties managed by the Department of Communities and Justice in the Griffith local government area.
- (b) As at 6 June 2021, there are four properties in the process of being re-let.
- (c) As at 6 June 2021, there are eight properties not intended to be re-let. Three have been sold to Griffith Council as part of the Griffith Green Affordable Housing Project, four are part of a redevelopment site, and the future use of the remaining property is being reviewed by LAHC due to it having extensive termite damage.

- * 6000 TOLL RELIEF PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

(1) How many residents in the Bankstown Electorate have applied for Toll Relief (as at 9 June 2021)?

- (a) How many have been successful?
- (b) What is the total sum of Toll Relief payments issued for residents in the Bankstown Electorate?

Answer—

Please note: Data is available by local government area.

As at 9 June 2021, the in the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Government Area:

- (1) 7,923 residents have applied for Toll Relief.
- (2) 4,341 residents have received Toll Relief.
- (3) \$1,584,692 in Toll Relief payments have been issued to residents.

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* 6001 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

(1) Between 1 June 2020 and 30 May 2021, how many infringement notices for speeding were given to drivers for the following locations:

- (a) Edward Street, Bankstown;
- (b) Minmai Road, Chester Hill;
- (c) Caroline Crescent, Georges Hall;
- (d) Treloar Crescent, Chester Hill;
- (e) Chapel Road, Bankstown;
- (f) Chifley Avenue, Sefton;
- (g) Orchard Road, Bass Hill;
- (h) Saltash Street, Yagoona?

Answer—

Data on speed camera penalty notices, searchable by the road and suburb of the camera location, is available at:

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

* 6002 VACCINE DOSAGES IN BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How many residents in the Bankstown electorate have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, as of 8 June 2021?

Answer—

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

* 6003 RATE CHANGES IN CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN COUNCIL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Local Government—

Given the recent approval issued by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for the Canterbury-Bankstown Council to increase its rates following the 2016 amalgamation of Canterbury and Bankstown Councils, what support is being provided by the Department to ensure that the costs of this Council amalgamation are not solely passed onto ratepayers?

Answer—

Earlier this year, I proudly introduced the Local Government Amendment Bill 2021, which has since passed both Houses and was assented in May. It included a number of important reforms to the rating system, providing greater flexibility and fairness for both councils and ratepayers.

You can find these important reforms online at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/bills/Pages/bill-details.aspx?pk=3845.

It is now 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.

- * 6004 PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Given the recent announcement of \$250 million available for new parklands, how much has been allocated for parks and public spaces in the Bankstown electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government announced \$250 million for new and improved public spaces through the Public Spaces Legacy Program, of which Canterbury Bankstown Council was provided \$5.5 million to develop Stage 1 of the Paul Keating Park Precinct Park Masterplan. Further information is available here: <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Planning-reforms/NSW-Public-Spaces-Legacy-Program>.

All other funding provided to Canterbury-Bankstown Council for parks and public spaces, is publicly available here: https://dpie.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/great-public-spaces#.

- * 6005 BANKSTOWN-SYDENHAM LINE CHANGES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Given the recent Transport for NSW announcement of bus replacement services during the June/July T3 Bankstown-Sydenham Line Changes, will there be any bus services that run directly from Bankstown Station, a major transport hub, to the city?

(a) If so, how often?

(b) If not, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publically available on the My Sydney website.

- * 6006 PARKING CHANGES FOR T3 BANKSTOWN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Given the Transport for NSW Memo entitled “Proposed temporary parking changes for T3 Bankstown Line upgrade work”, dated 19 April 2021 that outlines a process for community feedback regarding the planned closure of parking spaces:

(a) What community feedback was received?

(b) How has this feedback been incorporated into updated parking changes?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publically available on the My Sydney website.

- * 6007 PARKING CHANGES TO BANKSTOWN STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Given the Transport for NSW Memo entitled “Proposed temporary parking changes for T3 Bankstown Line upgrade work”, dated 19 April 2021 that outlines the planned closures of over 224m of parking outside Bankstown station, what support will be given to commuters who need to park near the station to commute?

Answer—

I am advised:

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There is no impact to commuter parking at Bankstown Station. Temporary changes have been made to some timed parking zones around Bankstown Station, including 5-minute, 1-hour and 2-hour parking zones, to provide additional bus services for commuters.

Transport for NSW sought feedback from the community and worked closely with Canterbury Bankstown Council.

- * 6008 FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR PALLIATIVE CARE IN FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Has any funding been allocated for palliative care services in the Fairfield Electorate in 2021?

Answer—

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

- * 6009 KIDNEY DIALYSIS TREATMENT AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Have there been any improvements in the kidney dialysis treatment available at Fairfield Hospital in 2021?

(a) If so, what improvements have there been?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

The South Western Sydney Local Health District provides comprehensive treatment options for renal dialysis patients, including in-home services, in-centre dialysis services and satellite services. Fairfield Hospital is part of the District's renal service and the haemodialysis unit located at this facility is a satellite dialysis unit with 17 chairs.

The capacity for dialysis across the District has been enhanced in 2021, with additional chairs at Liverpool and Campbelltown hospitals, giving Fairfield residents access to an increased number of chairs District-wide.

- * 6010 OPERATING THEATRES IN FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How many operating theatres are there in Fairfield Hospital as at 9 June 2021?

Answer—

Fairfield Hospital has four operating theatres. Information about services provided at Fairfield Hospital can be found on the South Western Sydney Local Health District website.

- * 6011 PALLIATIVE HEALTH CARE IN FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How many Government-run palliative health care facilities are there in the Fairfield Electorate (as at 9 June 2021)?

Answer—

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

* 6012 SOUTH WEST SYDNEY HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Have any of the recommendations from the Legislative Council Health Portfolio Committee's Inquiry into the provision of health services in the South-West Sydney been adopted by the Government as at 9 June 2021?

(a) If so, which recommendations have been adopted?

Answer—

The Government's response to the final report of the inquiry into the 'Current and future provision of health services in the South-West Sydney Growth Region', conducted by the Legislative Council's Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health, was tabled on 28 May 2021 and is available on the NSW Parliament's website.

* 6013 THEATRE EQUIPMENT AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Has the Government replaced any theatre equipment at Fairfield Hospital?

(a) If so, what items of theatre equipment have been replaced?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

Fairfield Hospital has replaced four laparoscopic towers and purchased power tools for orthopaedic surgery.

* 6014 RIVER CLASS FERRIES STANDARDS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the new River Class ferries were made in Indonesia, do they meet Australian maritime standards?

(a) If not, what are the modifications that need to be carried out to bring the ferries up to these standards?

(i) What is the overall cost for the modifications works?

Answer—

I am advised:

The new River Class ferries have been designed and built to Australian standards, specifically the National Standard for Commercial Vessels (NSCV).

The vessels have been confirmed to meet NSCV by an independent surveyor accredited by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority.

* 6015 RIVER CLASS FERRIES TENDERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Were any tenders from Australian ship-building companies received by the Government to build the new River Class ferries?

(a) If so, how many?

(i) What are the names of these companies?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 10 new River Class ferries are being delivered as part of the Ferry System Contract between Transport for NSW and Transdev Sydney Ferries.

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The fleet was proposed by Transdev Sydney Ferries as an integrated part of their tender response to Transport for NSW. Birdon Marine, an Australian family-owned company based in New South Wales, were nominated as their selected shipbuilder for the project.

* 6016 RIVER CLASS FERRIES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

When will the new River Class ferries be operational?

Answer—

I am advised:

The new River Class ferries are expected be operational in 2021.

* 6017 DINE AND DISCOVER—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

(1) In relation to the Dine and Discover voucher scheme, how could residents in the Macquarie Fields electorate who do not have an email address and have a restricted driver's licence, which prevents them from driving to the Macarthur Service NSW Centre, claim the vouchers?

(2) How many people in the following suburbs are eligible for the vouchers:

- (a) Bardia;
- (b) Bow Bowling;
- (c) Casula;
- (d) Denham Court;
- (e) Edmondson Park;
- (f) Eschol Park;
- (g) Glenfield;
- (h) Ingleburns;
- (i) Kearns;
- (j) Leppington;
- (k) Leumeah;
- (l) Long Point;
- (m) Macquarie Fields;
- (n) Macquarie Links;
- (o) Minto;
- (p) Minto Heights;
- (q) Raby;
- (r) St Andrews;
- (s) Varroville?

(3) How many people in the above suburbs redeemed the vouchers?

Answer—

(1) Customer can apply for Dine and Discover NSW by calling 13 77 88 with their proof of identity documents. Customers will receive their voucher details via SMS or email.

- (2) Service NSW does not have data on the number of people eligible for Dine and Discover by suburb. Service NSW maintains data on the number of people who register for Dine and Discover.
- (3) Service NSW does not have data on the number of people living in the above suburbs who redeemed vouchers. Service NSW maintains data on the number vouchers redeemed relating to the business where the voucher was used.

* 6018 INGLEBURN GARDENS ESTATE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Why are there currently no public bus routes servicing the Ingleburn Gardens Estate in Bardia?
- (2) Given the recent opening of the new Bardia Road connection to Ingleburn Gardens Drive, is a bus route to service the Ingleburn Gardens Estate being considered?
 - (a) If so, when will the bus route be operational?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Until recently, Ingleburn Gardens Estate was only accessible via one access point from Campbelltown Road, preventing efficient bus access.

As local road links have now been constructed, Transport for NSW will consider providing bus services to the area as part of future service planning.

* 6019 ADDITIONAL ELECTIVE SURGERIES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Further to LA Q3538, how much funding to undertake elective surgeries delayed by COVID-19 was allocated to:
 - (a) Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
 - (i) How many surgeries were completed with this funding?
 - (ii) What were the top five surgeries performed?
 - (b) Wollongong Hospital?
 - (i) How many surgeries were completed with this funding?
 - (ii) What were the top five surgeries performed?

Answer—

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District has been allocated additional funding to undertake elective surgeries.

This funding prioritised patients who had their elective surgery or procedure delayed due to COVID-19. It also facilitated increased collaboration with private providers, and boosts public hospital surgical activity so public patients have faster access to their surgery.

The Bureau of Health Information website provides quarterly updates on elective surgery activity and performance by local health district and hospital.

* 6020 VACCINATION CENTRE FOR ILLAWARRA—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Will a COVID-19 mass vaccination centre be established in the Illawarra?
 - (a) If so, when is it expected to commence operations?

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- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

A NSW Health Vaccination Centre is being planned for the Illawarra Region and is expected to be open to the Illawarra community in August 2021.

* 6021 FORESTRY CORPORATION EXPORTS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) How many cubic metres of softwood saw logs were exported by Forestry Corporation in the following years:
 - (a) 2017;
 - (i) What were the top three destinations for the exports?
 - (b) 2018;
 - (i) What were the top three destinations for the exports?
 - (c) 2019;
 - (i) What were the top three destinations for the exports?
 - (d) 2020;
 - (i) What were the top three destinations for the exports?
 - (e) 2021 (as at 9 June 2021)?
 - (i) What were the top three destinations for the exports?
- (2) How many cubic metres of pulp logs were exported by Forestry Corporation in the following years:
 - (a) 2017;
 - (i) What were the top three destinations for the exports?
 - (b) 2018;
 - (i) What were the top three destinations for the exports?
 - (c) 2019;
 - (i) What were the top three destinations for the exports?
 - (d) 2020;
 - (i) What were the top three destinations for the exports?
 - (e) 2021 (as at 9 June 2021)?
 - (i) What were the top three destinations for the exports?
- (3) How many cubic metres of hardwood saw logs were exported by Forestry Corporation in the following years:
 - (a) 2017;
 - (i) What were the top three destinations for the exports?
 - (b) 2018;
 - (i) What were the top three destinations for the exports?
 - (c) 2019;
 - (i) What were the top three destinations for the exports?

- (d) 2020;
- (i) What were the top three destinations for the exports?
- (e) 2021 (as at 9 June 2021)?
- (i) What were the top three destinations for the exports?
- (4) Given the current timber shortages in New South Wales, has Forestry Corporation considered ceasing sawlog exports until timber supplies recover?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) to (3): Forestry Corporation primarily sells to domestic processors. Where there is no local processing capacity, or when production has exceeded or been outside the specifications of local processing capacity, Forestry Corporation has sold to domestic intermediaries for the purpose of exporting. The volume exported under these arrangements is provided in tonnes. Specifications for export sawlog do not align with domestic sawlog specifications. As Forestry Corporation is not the exporter of record, the destination markets are not verified.

Softwood

Tonnes	Calendar Year				
Product	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Pulp grade	227,810	259,421	207,260	506,192	138,288
Sawlog	308,696	338,572	377,249	1,093,710	219,117

Hardwood

Tonnes	Calendar Year				
Product	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Pulp grade	2,777	4,966	11,685	N/A	N/A
Sawlog	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(4) Yes.

* 6022 MOST POPULAR TAFE COURSES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) What were the 10 most popular courses by enrolment at West Wollongong TAFE for the following years:
- (a) 2018;
- (b) 2019;
- (c) 2020;
- (d) 2021 (as at 9 June 2021)?
- (2) What were the 10 most popular courses by enrolment at Wollongong TAFE for the following years:
- (a) 2018;
- (b) 2019;
- (c) 2020;
- (d) 2021 (as at 9 June 2021)?

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Answer—

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

However, I am advised that the most popular areas of study for Wollongong West campus, since 2018, have been in the following Skills points:

- Tourism and Experience Services
- Technology and Business Services

For Wollongong campus, the most popular areas of study have been in the following Skills points:

- Infrastructure, Energy and Construction
- Supply Chain and eCommerce

I am also informed that TAFE NSW provides enrolment and course information in its annual report, which can be found at <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/corporate/annual-report>.

* 6023 WOLLONGONG ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections representing the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) Have you ever attended an event or function at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre?
- (2) Are you scheduled to tour the Wollongong Entertainment Centre?
 - (a) If so, when?
- (3) Have you been briefed by the Board or management of Venues NSW on the future of the Wollongong Entertainment Centre?
- (4) Have you requested an update from Wollongong City Council on the progress of the work of the multi-agency steering committee on its work to develop a vision for the Illawarra Sports and Entertainment Precinct?
 - (a) If so, when will you receive the plans?
- (5) When you receive the plans developed by Wollongong City Council and the multi-agency steering committee on its vision for the Illawarra Sports and Entertainment Precinct will you release it to the public?
- (6) Will you release the stakeholder consultation report on the Wollongong Entertainment Centre and surrounding precinct completed by KPMG and received by Venues NSW in 2020?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

As the new Minister for Sport, it is a privilege to be responsible for our states key sporting and entertainment assets and I am committed to ensuring that all venues continue to deliver high quality content for the people of New South Wales.

Since taking on my new role, I have received briefings from Venues NSW on our regional venues, including in Wollongong.

With regard to the Wollongong Entertainment Centre and the wider precinct, the project being undertaken by Wollongong City Council and the multi-agency steering committee will provide valuable insight into the possibilities for this key site.

Be assured that the Government will continue invest in both the Wollongong Entertainment Centre and Wollongong Stadium to ensure both venues deliver for Wollongong and the Illawarra.

* 6024 M1 PRINCES HIGHWAY UPGRADES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) When will the Transport for NSW traffic study into upgrades on the M1 Princes Motorway between Figtree and Dapto be completed?
 - (a) Will the study be released publicly?
 - (i) If not, why not?
- (2) Does the study include a route options analysis to consider options to improve the performance of the route?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (i) When will this be conducted?
 - (b) If so, does the route options analysis include an examination of a southbound on ramp and northbound off ramp at Kanahooka Road?
 - (i) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Modelling to assess the current and anticipated future performance of the M1 Princes Motorway between Wollongong and Dapto is still underway. This work will tie in with other motorway projects and modelling carried out for the Albion Park Rail bypass and the Mount Ousley interchange.

Once the current and anticipated future performance has been assessed, a range of options will be tested. Improvements may include upgrades to on-ramps, off-ramps and construction of additional lanes if necessary.

An examination of a potential southbound on-ramp and northbound off-ramp at Kanahooka Road does fall within the study area.

* 6025 MOBILE PHONE BLACKSPOTS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What is the progress on addressing mobile phone blackspots on the South Coast Line?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to Supplementary Question 256.

* 6026 ZERO EMISSION BUS TRIAL—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many expressions of interest were received for the Zero Emission Bus Trial?
 - (a) How many of the expressions of interest involved trials of buses manufactured in:
 - (i) New South Wales;
 - (ii) Australia;
 - (iii) Overseas?
 - (b) How many of the expressions of interest involved buses powered by hydrogen?
- (2) How many expressions of interest were received by operators in the Wollongong local government area?
 - (a) How many of the expressions of interest involved trials of buses manufactured in:
 - (i) New South Wales;

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- (ii) Australia;
- (iii) Overseas?
- (b) How many of the expressions of interest involved buses powered by hydrogen?
- (3) When will the Zero Emission Bus Trial be complete?
- (4) When will the final results of the Zero Emission Bus Trial be known?

Answer—

I am advised:

39 submissions were received, including a range of submissions involving buses manufactured in New South Wales, Australia and overseas as well as buses powered by hydrogen.

One submission was received from an operator in the Wollongong local government area. This submission involves buses manufactured in New South Wales and powered by hydrogen.

The successful proponents of the Expressions of Interest are expected to be announced in the coming months. Trials vary in length. Some trials run for less than 12 months and other trials are expected to run for a number of years.

* 6027 AMBULANCES BETWEEN ILLAWARRA AND SYDNEY—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) On how many occasions have ambulances and paramedics from the Illawarra been redirected to Sydney as a result of staff shortages in metropolitan Sydney in the following years:
 - (a) 2018;
 - (i) On average how many ambulances and paramedics were called to Sydney?
 - (ii) On average, how many hours was each ambulance used in the Sydney area?
 - (iii) Did the Illawarra have reduced ambulance coverage during this time?
 - (iv) What was the average response time for ambulances in the Illawarra for all call-outs?
 - (v) What was the average response time for ambulances in the Illawarra for all call-outs during the occasions when ambulances were redirected from the Illawarra to assist in Sydney?
 - (b) 2019;
 - (i) On average how many ambulances and paramedics were called to Sydney?
 - (ii) On average, how many hours was each ambulance used in the Sydney area?
 - (iii) Did the Illawarra have reduced ambulance coverage during this time?
 - (iv) What was the average response time for ambulances in the Illawarra for all call-outs?
 - (v) What was the average response time for ambulances in the Illawarra for all call-outs during the occasions when ambulances were redirected from the Illawarra to assist in Sydney?
 - (c) 2020;
 - (i) On average how many ambulances and paramedics were called to Sydney?
 - (ii) On average, how many hours was each ambulance used in the Sydney area?
 - (iii) Did the Illawarra have reduced ambulance coverage during this time?
 - (iv) What was the average response time for ambulances in the Illawarra for all call-outs?

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- (v) What was the average response time for ambulances in the Illawarra for all call-outs during the occasions when ambulances were redirected from the Illawarra to assist in Sydney?
 - (d) 2021 (as at 9 June 2021)?
 - (i) On average how many ambulances and paramedics were called to Sydney?
 - (ii) On average, how many hours was each ambulance used in the Sydney area?
 - (iii) Did the Illawarra have reduced ambulance coverage during this time?
 - (iv) What was the average response time for ambulances in the Illawarra for all call-outs?
 - (v) What was the average response time for ambulances in the Illawarra for all call-outs during the occasions when ambulances were redirected from the Illawarra to assist in Sydney?
 - (2) How many intensive care paramedics are stationed at ambulance stations in the Illawarra?
 - (3) How many trainee intensive care paramedics are stationed in the Illawarra?
 - (4) What advice has NSW Ambulance provided to the Government on resolving staff shortages in the Illawarra?
 - (5) Has NSW Ambulance provided advice to the Government that there is current a staff shortage of at least 42 paramedics in the region?
 - (6) What was the date of construction of each NSW Ambulance Station in the Illawarra and South Coast?
 - (7) What is the asset life of each NSW Ambulance Station in the Illawarra and South Coast?
 - (8) Are there any plans to replace the Wollongong Ambulance Station?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (9) How will paramedics be consulted in the design of the new Fairy Meadow Ambulance Station?

Answer—

(1) to (5) Paramedics are a mobile workforce and the response to an emergency call within a geographical area is provided by the nearest available paramedics at the time. The practice of ‘fluid deployment’ is consistent with the operational practices of ambulance services throughout Australia and overseas.

NSW Ambulance has sufficient resources in the Illawarra Shoalhaven zone. There are 322 paramedics employed across the Illawarra Shoalhaven zone, including 57 intensive care paramedics. There was an increase of 64 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in the Illawarra Shoalhaven zone between 2018 and 2021, with 60 of these positions delivered as part of the State-Wide Enhancement Program.

(6) to (9) The oldest constructed building in the region is Ulladulla station. It was built in 1955 and remains fit-for-purpose. Three stations at Bay and Basin, Kiama and Berry were all constructed in the last four years as part of the Government's \$232 million Rural Ambulance Infrastructure Reconfiguration (RAIR) program. The expected asset life of a new station is around 40 years, and this can be extended through regular maintenance and minor works.

NSW Ambulance undertakes a prioritisation of assets including building age and condition, fitness for purpose and capacity required to meet current and future demand. There are currently no plans to replace the Wollongong Ambulance Station.

For each RAIR project, a local user group of paramedics, managers and other NSW Ambulance staff are consulted to provide input into the design of the station. This group provides crucial insight into the planning of the local station.

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* 6028 ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

With regard to small businesses in the CBD which continue to lose significant business as a result of work from home policies in adjacent towers and which relied on JobKeeper to stay afloat, what action will be taken to introduce protections against loss of security bonds or financial guarantees for those businesses that decide to close?

Answer—

This response was updated with additional information on 14 July 2021.

The support package announced on 13 July 2021 includes a specific provision requiring commercial and retail landlords to attempt mediation before recovering a security bond, or locking out or evicting a tenant impacted by the COVID-19 Public Health Order.

Commercial and retail landlords liable for land tax will be eligible for a land tax concession to the value of rent reductions provided to impacted tenants up to 100 per cent of 2021 land tax liability.

The support package also includes these supports for impacted small businesses:

- An extension to the previously announced business grants program, providing eligible businesses with wages below \$10 million grants between \$7,500 and \$15,000 to cover the first three-weeks of restrictions.
- An additional scheme to provide cashflow support to businesses with employing businesses receiving fortnightly payments of up to 30 per cent of payroll, to a maximum of \$10,000 per week (on the basis that they maintain employee headcount), and non-employing businesses up to \$1,000 per week.
- Payroll tax waivers of 25 per cent for businesses with Australian wages of between \$1.2 million and \$10 million that have experienced a 30 per cent decline in turnover, as well as payroll tax deferrals and interest free repayment plans.
- A new grants program for micro businesses with a turnover of between \$30,000 and \$75,000 which experience a decline in turnover of 30 per cent. These businesses will be eligible for a \$1,500 payment per fortnight of restrictions.

Earlier supports

Small businesses impacted by COVID-19 had protections under the Retail and Other Commercial Leases Regulation, which put in place temporary measures to share the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic between commercial landlords and tenants.

While the prescribed period of the Regulation ended for all tenants on 28 March 2021, the Government amended the Retail Leases Act so that landlords cannot take actions against eligible tenants relating to a breach of the lease that occurred during the prescribed period, unless they have renegotiated rent and attempted mediation.

The Small Business Commission's Mediation Services team can support tenants and landlords to resolve disputes in a cost-effective and non-adversarial way, regardless of whether the Regulation applies, including disputes about security binds and financial guarantees. Any application for mediation through the Small Business Commission will be assigned a case manager and treated as a high priority.

Encouraging people to return to the CBD

The Government has been committed to encouraging people to return to the CBD whenever it is safe to do so, and has invested in a broad range of CBD and Greater Sydney initiatives, including:

- Funding a CBD revitalisation program to re-ignite Sydney's economy and boost jobs and foot traffic in the CBD. Following an initial \$20m partnership with City of Sydney after the Government's Summer Summit in September 2020, a further \$20 million supplement for

CBD revitalisation was announced during a second summit, in April 2021. This includes support for large events such as Sydney Solstice, activations in the Rocks and Darling Harbour, and grants for musicians and live performance.

- \$20 million for up to 200,000 \$100 CBD accommodation vouchers. Business registration has opened, however, the pilot is currently paused due to public health orders. Hotels and accommodation providers of all sizes in the CBD are able to apply.
- Introduction of a new \$50 million CBD Friday voucher stimulus program that will offer New South Wales residents \$100 worth of vouchers for use towards dining and entertainment experiences in the Sydney CBD on Fridays.
- Live Music Support package, administered by Destination NSW in consultation with Create NSW and the Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner which saw \$21m paid out to venues in June 2021, including 46 venues in the City of Sydney.
- \$5.5 million Business Events and Tourism Industry support package, including a Sydney Events package to encourage businesses events.
- Treasury continues to follow NSW Health advice in respect of its employees' working arrangements. When required, Treasury has issued work-from-home directives as pursuant to Public Health Orders. Outside of this, Treasury has introduced a Hybrid Working Model which reflects the final phase of its Return to Office plan. Currently, Treasury staff must work from home as required under the current stay-at-home orders.

Recent restrictions – Initial support package

In addition to the initial grants package (now replaced by extended grants) announced in response to the recent COVID-19 restrictions, the Government also:

- Extended the Dine & Discover program for a further month until 31 August 2021 to allow people more time to use their vouchers. Every adult in New South Wales is eligible for four \$25 vouchers worth \$100 in total, to spend across over 14,000 participating businesses.
- Allowed Dine vouchers to be redeemed on takeaway from a business registered for the Dine component of Dine & Discover, with pick up permitted but delivery direct to the home by the restaurant or café recommended where possible.
- Appropriate measures to support small businesses impacted by COVID-19, are under active consideration, as they have been and will be throughout the course of the pandemic.

* 6029 HEALTH WORKER VISAS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the Victorian Government's program to support overseas health workers obtain permanent subclass 190 visas?
- (2) What support has the Government provided for overseas health workers working in Australia during the pandemic to become permanent residents?
- (3) What further support will the Government provide in this situation?

Answer—

The sponsoring of overseas skilled workers on temporary and permanent visas is the responsibility of the local health district or specialty network that employs them. The appropriate type of visa depends on the district or network's local workforce needs, and the applicant's circumstances.

NSW Health is bound by various sponsorship obligations pertaining to the permanent sponsorship of overseas skilled workers including first exhausting all opportunities to recruit from the domestic market. Granting of these visas is a matter for the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs.

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* 6030 COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier—

- (1) Noting that the Commonwealth Government is responsible for income security and emergency relief funding, what advocacy has the Government carried out to ensure people on low incomes can afford rent, food and utilities during the pandemic?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the need for ongoing support for vulnerable groups include people who are homeless, social housing tenants and international students;
- (3) What further action will the Government take to encourage Commonwealth income support and emergency relief?

Answer—

As part of our response to the current outbreak, we are making additional commitments of up to \$5.1 billion which includes more than \$1 billion from the Commonwealth. This includes support for residential tenants, those at risk of or experiencing homelessness and mental health programs.

Further information can be found at www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19.

* 6031 WOMEN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCACY SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

- (1) Noting increasing reporting of domestic and family violence and a 62 per cent increase in Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services (WDVCAS) services provided in the last two years, what additional funding has the Government provided for these services?
 - (a) What further action will the Government take to increase funding for WDVCAS services?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2020-21, the Government provided \$28.5 million in ongoing funding to Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services (WDVCASs) across the state. In addition, the New South Wales and Commonwealth Governments provided \$1.38 million in additional funding to WDVCASs to assist the services to adapt service delivery during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 22 June 2021, the Government announced that an extra \$148.6 million would be invested as part of the 2021-22 NSW Budget to boost support for domestic and sexual violence survivors and appoint eight extra magistrates. This includes an additional \$60 million over two years to strengthen frontline domestic and sexual violence services across New South Wales.

* 6032 SYDNEY FOOTBALL STADIUM—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections representing the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) What work has commenced to prepare a site specific Event Traffic and Transport Management Plan for the proposed operation of the Sydney Football Stadium when it opens in line with its consent conditions?
- (2) What consultation has begun with Transport for NSW, NSW Police, City of Sydney Council, Venues NSW and the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust?
- (3) What assessment has been made of recent Sydney Cricket Ground events that saw traffic chaos including parking over driveways and on footpaths in Paddington streets?
- (4) Will the plan be in place before the stadium opens in order for its use for events at the Sydney Cricket Ground?
- (5) When is the Event Traffic and Transport Management Plan expected to be in place?

Answer—

I am advised the Event Traffic and Transport Management Plan is expected to be in place prior to the opening of the Sydney Football Stadium.

I am further advised consultation on the plan is scheduled to commence in late July 2021.

* 6033 BAYS SPRECINCT ON DEMAND FERRY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What review of the Bays Precinct On Demand Ferry Service between Barangaroo and Pirrama Park, Fish Market and Blackwattle Bay has the Government carried out?
 - (a) What is the outcome of this review and when will this information be made public?
- (2) When does the Government plan to restart this service or provide an alternative ferry service?

Answer—

I am advised:

A trial Ferry On Demand service operated from 14 October 2019 until 13 April 2020 connecting customers from wharves at the Fish Markets, Blackwattle Bay and Pirrama Park with Barangaroo.

A number of learnings were identified during the six month trial period regarding customer demand in the precinct, as well as customer preferences in relation to the service offering.

These learnings will help to inform future planning decisions for On Demand Ferry services.

* 6034 SOCIAL HOUSING IN SYDNEY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What investigation has been done into building new social housing on vacant Land and Housing Corporation land at Nicholson Street, Woolloomooloo since LA Q3825?
- (2) What plans does the Government have to increase the number of social housing properties in the Sydney electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) is currently reviewing planning opportunities for Nicholson Street, Woolloomooloo.
- (2) LAHC has previously announced five major renewal projects within the Sydney electorate at: Waterloo South; 600 Elizabeth Street, Redfern; 17-31 Cowper Street and 2A-2D Wentworth Park Road, Glebe; Franklyn Street, Glebe; and Explorer Street, Eveleigh to increase the number of new social housing properties within the electorate.

Details of these major sites are available at: <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation>.

* 6035 SOCIAL HOUSING SALES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many social housing properties in the Sydney electorate have been sold since 2011 (to 9 June 2021)?
 - (a) How many of these properties are located in:
 - (i) Surry Hills,
 - (ii) Darlinghurst,
 - (iii) Kings Cross/Potts Point,

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- (iv) Woolloomooloo,
 - (v) Paddington,
 - (vi) Woollahra,
 - (vii) Millers Point or Dawes Point,
 - (viii) Pyrmont and
 - (ix) Ultimo;
- (2) What properties are currently planned for sale?
- (3) What current plans does the Government have to sell social housing properties in the Sydney electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) (i) One.
- (ii) 0.
- (iii) 0.
- (iv) Five.
- (v) 0.
- (vi) 0.
- (vii) 455.
- (viii) 0.
- (ix) 0.

Sales information in respect of the current 2020-21 financial year is not yet available.

(2) There is one property currently planned for sale in Millers Point.

(3) The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) continually reviews the suitability of its property portfolio to ensure it meet the needs of the social housing system.

* 6036 LAND ABOVE CROSS CITY TUNNEL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What options have been considered for Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) property above the Cross City Tunnel in 110 to 130 William Street since LA Q2585?
- (2) What options has the Government considered for RMS property in Palmer Street and Egan Place associated with the Eastern Distributor since LA Q2585?
- (3) When does the Government expect to carry out the promised community consultation?
- (4) What short term options has the Government considered for these sites?
- (5) What further plans does the Government have to improve visual amenity, green landscaping and public access for these sites?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW continually reviews opportunities to transform underused transport owned land into new urban places for the benefit of the community.

Transport for NSW is actively looking at opportunities for a range of sites, including in Woolloomooloo. The community and stakeholders will be consulted on any opportunities to transform sites at the appropriate time through the normal planning assessment processes.

While Transport for NSW owns the land at Woolloomooloo, a large component is within the Cross City Tunnel and Eastern Distributor tollway area. This land needs to be removed from the designated tollway area to enable any longer term transformation. Transport for NSW is working with the Tollway Operator to remove this land from the designated tollway area and enable its transformation.

* 6037 FRAUD AND SCAM PROTECTION—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) What action has been undertaken to protect vulnerable people and the elderly in the Granville electorate from fraud and scams?
- (2) How many scams affecting a consumer in the Granville electorate were recorded in NSW Fair Trading's complaint database each year for the last five years (to 9 June 2021)?

Answer—

- (1) 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.

- (2) The Fair Trading database does not record complaints by electorate.

* 6038 IMPROVEMENT OF WORKER SAFETY IN MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

Considering the facial injuries, eye damage and bleeding on the brain sustained by a nurse at Cumberland Hospital in 2015, what actions have been taken by SafeWork to improve worker safety in New South Wales mental health facilities?

Answer—

SafeWork NSW responds to incidents and requests for service involving violence and aggression in NSW hospitals, including mental health facilities, as they arise. Inspector actions have included providing advice and issuing improvement notices to improve the systems of work/work environment and worker health and safety.

SafeWork NSW published the Preventing and Responding to Work-Related Violence Guide on its website in 2017. This year SafeWork NSW contributed to Safe Work Australia's national guide on Preventing Workplace Violence and Aggression, as well as the Workplace Violence and Aggression – Advice for Workers information sheet. In 2021, SafeWork NSW will also be undertaking a proactive Inspector workplace visit program with a focus on work-related violence in New South Wales hospitals.

In 2019, SafeWork NSW:

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- launched the Health Care and Social Assistance Work Health and Safety Sector Plan to 2022, which identifies work-related violence as a key priority area
- presented at the Improving Safety and Security in Hospitals conference on the needs to address work-related violence
- issued a prohibition notice in a high-risk NSW Health mental health facility, and a further improvement notice requesting the facility maintain a barrier between workers and patients, in consultation with workers. This notice was challenged in the Industrial Relations Commission but was upheld, and the barrier between workers and patients remains.

Since 2019, SafeWork NSW has met quarterly with the NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association (the Union) and separately with the NSW Ministry of Health to discuss and monitor issues of work health and safety (WHS), including violence against nurses.

Recently, SafeWork NSW presented to the Australian Nursing and Midwives Accreditation Council (ANMAC) on the issue of work-related violence and aggression against nurses and midwives. This will allow ANMAC to consider improving training of nurses and midwives prior to their registration to build greater knowledge on workers' rights to a healthy and safe workplace, including zero tolerance for work related violence.

The Work Health and Safety Manager's Toolkit was developed and published on the SafeWork NSW website in 2020, to provide the health care and social assistance sector with key resources to help manage WHS, including work-related violence.

In 2020, SafeWork NSW also funded an exploratory research project applying systems thinking to the issue of work-related violence in NSW hospital settings. In response to this research, an Action Against Violence in NSW Hospitals Working Group will be established this year with sector leaders to address several key recommendations.

* 6039 MENTALLY HEALTHY WORKPLACES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

Will consideration is being given to implementing recommendation 16, establishing mentally healthy workplaces, of the Final Report of the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System in New South Wales?

Answer—

The Government is committed to ensuring that more New South Wales businesses are taking effective action to create mentally healthy workplaces. In 2018, SafeWorkNSW began implementing an NSW Mentally Healthy Workplaces Strategy 2018-2022 to enable businesses to take effective action.

The NSW Mentally Healthy Workplaces Strategy has four focus areas to maximise its impact:

- Direct practical coaching: free online and interactive business support for micro, small and medium businesses
- Regional businesses: recognising the unique needs of regional New South Wales
- Small and medium businesses: tailored workplace mental health support. Help they need when they need it
- Key industries: focused collaboration with high-risk industry sectors.

The Government will continue to partner with industry to inform how we design, promote, and deliver initiatives to ensure they reach targeted groups, and meet their needs.

- * 6040 REGISTERING NSW FAIR TRADING COMPLAINTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

Considering the response to LA Q5511, what is the breakdown of the 439 complaints, by the complaint categories, used by Fair Trading when registering complaints?

Answer—

A breakdown of the 439 complaints Fair Trading has received about Residential Land Lease Communities from 1 November 2015 to 24 March 2021 is detailed below.

Complaint Category	Number of complaints
Repairs and maintenance	98
Residential Community – other	80
Agreement/Contract	57
Right/Responsibilities – other	52
Budget/levies/Finances	27
Pricing/charges/rent/fees – other	23
Village Rules	22
Unsatisfactory Conduct	17
Rent/Occupant Fees	11
Embedded Network Electricity Charges	9
Conduct – Harassment/Coercion	5
Change of use/relocation/Sale of Dwelling	5
Misrepresentation Uses/benefits/facilities/features	5
Conduct – Misleading/Deceptive	4
Conduct – other	4
Refunds	4
Failure to supply information/documents	4
Access/Inspections	4
Termination Notice	2
Lockout	2
Conduct – Unconscionable	1
Conduct – Loss/Damage to customer's property	1
Meetings	1
Safety/Standards – other	1
Total	439

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- * 6041 ESTABLISHMENT OF MENTALLY HEALTHY WORKPLACES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

Will consideration is being given to implementing recommendation 16, establishing mentally healthy workplaces, of the Final Report of the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System in New South Wales?

Answer—

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

- * 6042 HASHMI EYELINER PRODUCTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering the response to LA Q5583, what was the cause of the delay from receiving advice of three cases with elevated blood lead levels after using Hashmi eyeliner products between December 2017 and March 2018 and the issuing of the product warning by NSW Fair Trading on 20 September 2018?

Answer—

Any questions relating to product safety alerts should be directed to the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation.

- * 6043 EXPANSION OF PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH SERVICES IN THE WESTMEAD HEALTH PRECINCT—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

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

Answer—

I refer the Member to the answer to LA Q5607, provided by the Minister for Health and Medical Research.

- * 6044 M4 TOLLS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What is the total value of tolls collected on the M4 since its reintroduction (to 9 June 2021)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding value of tolls collected is publicly available on the Transurban website.

- * 6045 QUEENSLAND HUNTER GAS PIPELINE AUTHORITY TO SURVEY—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

Does the approval of the Queensland-Hunter Gas Pipeline (MP06_0286) provide the ability for Authority to Survey to be granted over properties whose owners have not signed an access agreement?

Answer—

I am advised:

An Authority to Survey is an instrument available to be granted to pipeline proponents under the Pipelines Act 1967 subject to application. It is not provided for by the current development consent granted under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

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* 6046 **TEACHER SHORTAGE**—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Is there a teacher shortage in New South Wales?
- (2) Will the Government consider offering additional incentives to encourage teachers to take up roles in rural schools that are hard to fill?
 - (a) If so, what type of additional incentives would be offered?
 - (i) Would the Government consider reduced face-to-face teaching hours?
- (3) What is the current data on teacher vacancies in rural New South Wales?

Answer—

The Department of Education currently has, and will maintain, an adequate supply of teachers to meet the needs of the New South Wales school system.

Current teacher vacancies in our public schools represent about 1.5 per cent of overall teaching roles, which is a low vacancy rate for an organisation of our size.

There can be challenges in attracting and retaining staff in schools in regional and rural New South Wales. That is why we are currently reviewing the incentives used to attract and retain high quality staff in these areas. This review is underway, and will:

- assess the effectiveness of the current incentive scheme; and
- provide recommendations for improvement, based on evidence-informed best practice.

* 6047 **PENALTY NOTICES**—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) Is Service NSW able to override a magistrates ruling regarding penalty notices?
 - (a) If so, on what grounds?

Answer—

Revenue NSW (not Service NSW) is the agency responsible for administering penalty notices.

If a person elects to have a matter heard in Court, Revenue NSW processes this court election and issues a Court Attendance Notice showing the court listing details. Once a Court Attendance Notice has been issued, the matter is in the jurisdiction of the court.

Once the matter is heard, the court will decide what penalty, if any, a person will receive.

Revenue NSW has no authority to override a court ruling.

* 6048 **VACCINES FOR REMOTE NEW SOUTH WALES**—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Are there plans to ensure the COVID-19 vaccines are readily available to remote New South Wales, without residents having to travel to larger regional towns to receive the vaccine?
- (2) Will the vaccines be available in Multi-Purpose Services facilities?

Answer—

NSW Health local health districts have operated over 100 outreach clinics across regional and rural New South Wales to ensure COVID-19 vaccines are available to as many eligible people as possible. The

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Commonwealth and New South Wales Governments are working with general practices, general practitioner-led respiratory clinics and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services to ensure Australians

living in remote locations have access to COVID-19 vaccines. NSW Health has made COVID-19 vaccines available to residents and staff in Multi-Purpose Service facilities since March 2021.

Earlier this month, the Government announced that 22 pharmacies across regional and rural New South Wales will begin administering the AstraZeneca vaccine as part of a pilot program. The first pharmacies to administer the COVID-19 vaccine in New South Wales are located where access to a general practitioner or vaccine clinic is more limited due to geography with additional pharmacies expected to join the vaccination program in the future.

* 6049 HUNTER PARK PROJECT—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections representing the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) With regard to the Hunter Park project in Newcastle that is currently being progressed by the Government and Venues NSW, and for which a significant residential component is being proposed, how many residential dwellings are being proposed for the project?
- (2) Is the purpose of the residential development to fund the proposed upgrades and facilities on the site?
- (3) What percentage of any proposed dwellings are to be social housing?
- (4) What percentage of any proposed dwellings are to be affordable housing?
- (5) Has the master plan been published or otherwise made available for public viewing?
 - (a) If so, how can members of the public obtain a copy?

Answer—

The Government has announced \$6.7m for the next stage of planning for the Hunter Park project to deliver a world-class sporting and entertainment precinct at the Broadmeadow site.

The funding will be used to undertake work to consider how to best utilise the site.

* 6050 SOCIAL HOUSING IN GLEBE—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Of people who are included in an eligible application for housing assistance or application for transfer and are on the social housing waiting list for assistance in allocation zone CS03, how many are waiting for an allocation in the suburb of Glebe (Postcode: 2037)?
 - (a) How many of these people have a priority need for housing assistance?
 - (b) How many of these people require accessible homes on ground level and/or without stairs?
 - (c) How many of these applications include families with children under the age of 18?
- (2) What is the average waiting time for social housing in the suburb of Glebe (Postcode: 2037):
 - (a) For a single bedroom or studio dwelling?
 - (b) For a two bedroom dwelling?
 - (c) For a dwelling with three or more bedrooms?
- (3) What are the average annual maintenance costs for Land & Housing Corporation owned properties in Glebe (Postcode: 2037):
 - (a) For single bedroom or studio dwellings:
 - (i) Built more than 50 years ago?

- (ii) Built less than 50 years ago?
- (b) For two bedroom dwellings:
 - (i) Built more than 50 years ago?
 - (ii) Built less than 50 years ago?
- (c) For dwellings with three or more bedrooms:
 - (i) Built more than 50 years ago?
 - (ii) Built less than 50 years ago?
- (4) What is the level of accommodation, in terms of number of dwellings and number of bedrooms per dwelling, that is currently or potentially available for the Land and Housing Corporation to let to eligible applicants, taking into account both occupied and unoccupied dwellings, in the Communities Plus project known as Franklyn Street, Glebe?
- (5) Once redevelopment of the Franklyn Street, Glebe site is completed, what is the level of accommodation, in terms of number of dwellings and number of bedrooms per dwelling, that will be available or potentially available to the Land & Housing Corporation or a registered community housing provider to let to eligible applicants as:
 - (a) Social housing, taking into account both occupied and unoccupied dwellings?
 - (b) Affordable housing, taking into account both occupied and unoccupied dwellings?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The management of social housing applications, waitlists and tenancies fall within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services. The questions should be referred to the Minister.

(3) The approximate average annual maintenance costs for NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) owned properties in Glebe (Postcode: 2037) as at 30 June 2020:

(a) For single bedroom or studio dwellings:

(i) Built more than 50 years ago is \$281.

(ii) Built less than 50 years ago is \$3,417.

(b) For two bedroom dwellings:

(i) Built more than 50 years ago is \$3,217.

(ii) Built less than 50 years ago \$5,351.

(c) For dwellings with three or more bedrooms:

(i) Built more than 50 years ago is \$5,520.

(ii) Built less than 50 years ago is \$5,837.

(The data is for the financial years 2015-16 to 2019-20 inclusive. The average spend is based on the total maintenance spend divided by the number of properties in that bedroom category separated into the two property age categories.)

(4) Franklyn Street, Glebe continues to have 108 social homes.

(5) At this early stage, LAHC is targeting around 129 new social units on site, with a mix of studio, one and two-bedroom units.

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* 6051 ELECTRONIC GAMING MACHINES WOLLONGONG—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) From how many electronic gaming machines was the taxation revenue generated in the Wollongong local government area in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2019-20;
 - (b) 2020-21 (as at 8 June 2021)?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) 2,974 electronic gaming machines. Note – this figure represents the average number operating for that financial year at the end of each quarter (the number can vary from day to day as machines are activated and deactivated due to maintenance, repairs, etc).
 - (b) As at 6 Jun 2021 (the closest date to 8 June 2021 for which data is available), the number of electronic gaming machines operating in the Wollongong LGA was 2,718.

* 6052 SOCIAL HOUSING AREAS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How much has been spent in relation to the 2016 announcement of Future Directions for Social Housing and the commitment to spend \$2 million toward the establishment of new early childhood education centres in social housing areas?
- (2) Where are the new early childhood education centres located?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The full amount of the \$2 million Future Directions for Social Housing Early Childhood Education initiative has been expended.
- (2) The Department of Communities and Justice funded the Early Childhood Education Services program in two Districts: Western Sydney (Mt Druitt) and New England (Moree).

* 6053 TRANS AORTIC VALVE IMPLANTATION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Why is the Trans Aortic Valve Implantation program at St George Public Hospital being closed?
 - (a) What date is the closure planned?

Answer—

There is no plan to remove cardiothoracic services from St George Hospital.

The NSW State Budget 2021-22 announced \$21.6 million over four years to provide a state-wide Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implementation (TAVI) service for high risk patients, including those in rural and remote areas of New South Wales. The service will provide access to TAVI for high risk patients who are not able to safely have a surgical aortic valve replacement due to their clinical condition.

Following a successful expression of interest, South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD) has been asked to nominate the host site to provide TAVI services for this complex high-risk cohort of patients.

* 6054 WEEKEND PSYCHIATRISTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many psychiatrists are employed on the weekends at each of the following hospitals (as at 10 June 2021):

- (a) Wollongong;
- (b) Shellharbour;
- (c) Shoalhaven?

Answer—

Psychiatrists and psychiatry trainees are employed to provide care to mental health patients across the entire week. Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need at any point in time.

* 6055 GREATER MACARTHUR 2040—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) When will the Greater Macarthur 2040 plan be finalised?
- (2) Why has the plan taken so long to finalise given the interim plan was released in 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Early 2022
- (2) The Technical Assurance Panel are addressing several strategic issues in order to finalise the plan.

* 6056 WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) When will proposed corridors for the fuel pipeline to the Western Sydney Airport be announced?
- (2) When will construction on the fuel pipeline to Western Sydney Airport begin?
- (3) When will the fuel pipeline to Western Sydney Airport be operational?

Answer—

I am advised:

Planning for the fuel pipeline is continuing and the community will be updated as appropriate.

* 6057 AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOWER-INCOME EARNERS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Does the Government have plans to increase the required percentage of affordable housing builds for lower-income earners in new developments under its existing environmental planning policies?

Answer—

I am advised:

Questions relating to planning instruments or changes to planning policy should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

* 6058 EXTENDING LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING INSTRUMENTS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Is the Government considering extending planning instruments to Local Government Areas in rural and regional New South Wales such as amending the required percentage of affordable housing in new developments and land tax exemptions to create financial incentives to build more affordable housing for lower-income earners?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Questions relating to planning instruments or changes to planning policy should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

Questions relating to the administration of state taxation laws should be referred to the Minister for Customer Service.

* 6059 HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Noting the Deputy Premier's comments that the current rental affordability crisis is a 'champagne problem' for regional New South Wales, how can a low-income family afford to pay \$800 a week for a modest rental property recently advertised in East Lismore?
- (2) What actions are being taken to help regional residents receive affordable housing?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has announced the first whole of government housing strategy, Housing 2041, with a 20-year vision for better housing outcomes across metropolitan and regional areas. In alignment with the strategy framework, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE), in collaboration with the Department of Regional NSW, is investigating solutions to address the supply and affordability pressures in regional New South Wales. Innovative solutions are being considered, for fast and effective delivery to support local communities facing significant housing pressures.

* 6060 NORTHERN RIVERS SOCIAL HOUSING WAITLIST—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Is the Government considering the community need – identified by the 2018 Northern Rivers Housing Forum -- to develop at least 250 new properties per year to clear the region's current waitlist for social housing, which can be upwards of 10 years?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) continually reviews its portfolio to identify opportunities to increase social housing, including across the Northern Rivers.

To address the rising demand for social housing in the Tweed area, LAHC is constructing 40 social housing units at 33-35 Boyd Street, Tweed Heads. Construction is targeted for completion in mid-2022 and will comprise 24 two-bedroom and 16 one-bedroom units over seven storeys.

In June 2021, LAHC also completed four social housing dwellings in South Grafton and Casino (two social housing dwellings at each site) under the Medium Density Housing Program.

More information about the construction of new dwellings in regional New South Wales is available at: www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/regional.

* 6061 NORTHERN RIVERS GOVERNMENT OWNED LAND—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Did the Crown Lands review identify any Government-owned land on the Northern Rivers which could be better utilised to address the critical shortage of housing in the region, thereby housing people, encouraging economic growth and creating jobs?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government recently delivered its first housing strategy, Housing 2041 – NSW Housing Strategy with a 20-year vision for better housing outcomes across metropolitan and regional areas. This strategy takes a

whole of government approach to deliver coordinated, agile and evidence-based action to ensure better housing outcomes for the people of New South Wales, including those in regional areas.

The Government continues to review housing needs across New South Wales and look for opportunities to deliver innovative solutions to support local communities.

In the Northern Rivers area, the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) is currently redeveloping a site at 33-35 Boyd Street, Tweed Heads to deliver 40 new fit for purpose social homes, due for completion by mid-2022.

In addition, LAHC's Medium Density Housing Pilot Program has constructed additional dual occupancy projects at South Grafton and Casino. These projects were completed on 30 June 2021.

- * 6062 NORTHERN RIVERS HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Does the Government plan to redevelop Housing NSW properties on the Northern Rivers to deliver better quality housing and higher density housing in appropriate locations?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes

- * 6063 RENTAL HOUSING SUBSIDY—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Will the Government consider increasing the private rental housing subsidy that Department of Communities and Justice - Housing can deliver to reflect market rents, as housing providers across the sector agree that the \$240 benchmark is too low?

Answer—

I am advised:

Questions relating to Department of Communities and Justice should be referred to the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

- * 6064 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) Noting the North Coast Community Housing-commissioned report, "Housing Needs - Northern Rivers Housing Study 2018" by Dr Tony Gilmour, will the Government allocate part of the Social and Affordable Housing Fund for rural and regional areas like the Northern Rivers to support affordable and social housing development?

(a) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

Questions relating to Department of Communities and Justice should be referred to the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

- * 6065 SUPPORT FOR HOMELESS IN NORTHERN RIVERS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Noting the last two Census studies which showed that Northern Rivers region has approximately 4 per cent of the New South Wales population but more than 20 per cent of the rough sleepers, will the Government consider allocating a more representative proportion of homeless support funding for the Northern River

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region including 24/7 youth and adult crisis services, and rough sleeper outreach programs, in the Lismore Electorate and north of Coffs Harbour?

Answer—

I am advised:

Questions relating to Department of Communities and Justice should be referred to the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

* 6066 **COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY CLAIMS**—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) How many compulsory third party insurance claims were lodged as a result of motor vehicle collisions that occurred on Paterson Road Bolwarra (2320) between Ekert Lane and Flat Road in the years;
- (a) 2015;
 - (b) 2016;
 - (c) 2017;
 - (d) 2018;
 - (e) 2019;
 - (f) 2020;
 - (g) 2021 (10 June 2021)?

Answer—

Below is a list of the total number of accidents that occurred on Paterson Road in Bolwarra (2320), by calendar year:

Calendar Year	Total Number of Accidents
2015	Nil
2016	1
2017	Nil
2018	Nil
2019	Nil
2020	1
2021 (as at 10 June 2021)	1

Additionally, information held by SIRA captured one accident that occurred on Flat Road, Bolwarra (2320) in 2019.

Disclaimer: Information held by SIRA on motor vehicle accidents is captured by street and road names, suburb, and postcode. SIRA does not hold information regarding the exact proximity of the accident (e.g. between Ekert Lane and Flat Road, or by street number, etc.) and therefore is unable to provide specific claims data to this level of granularity.

* 6067 **MOUSE BAIT PROGRAM**—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) What date in July will the Mouse Bait Rebate Program open?
- (2) How long will the Mouse Bait Rebate Program be open for?

- (3) How many times will applicants be able to claim a rebate?
- (4) What rebates are available for businesses who have more than 20 employees?
- (5) What is the quantum of the Mouse Bait Rebate Program?
- (6) Will additional funding be provided when funds are exhausted?

Answer—

I am advised that this information is available online.

* 6068 MOUSE PLAGUE RESEARCH—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) How much money has the Government invested in mouse plague research in each year from 2011-2021 (as at 10 June 2021)?
- (2) How many workshops have been scheduled as at 8 June 2021 for farmers?
 - (a) Where have they been located?
 - (b) How many have been held at each location
 - (c) When did these workshops take place?
 - (d) How many participants have attended in person?
 - (e) How many participants attended online?
- (3) Has the Minister ever attended another event, meeting or function while a joint party room meeting has been held?
 - (a) How many times?
 - (b) What were the events?

Answer—

- (1) The Government supports the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) mouse population monitoring work across the state and has invested \$1.8 million to support mouse genetic biocontrol research.
- (2) Details of the 23 face-to-face mouse workshops coordinated by Government are as per below table. In addition, the Molong workshop on 14 May was broadcast live, with 284 online participants (497 registrations and workshop recorded and placed into the Department of Primary Industries website).

Location of Workshop	Attendees in person
Collie (29 March 2021)	37
Armatree (30 March 2021)	35
Coonamble (30 March 2021)	43
Burren Junction (31 March 2021)	15
Walgett (31 March 2021)	25
Baradine (1 April 2021)	15
Tooraweenah (1 April 2021)	16
Mullaley (12 May 2021)	65
Leadville (15 May 2021)	34

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Ballimore (13 May 2021)	65
Molong (14 May 2021)	18
Junee (18 May 2021)	13
Young (18 May 2021)	12
Condobolin (19 May 2021)	30
Lake Cargelligo (20 May 2021)	40
Coleambally (20 May 2021)	22
Goolgowi (20 May 2021)	8
West Wyalong (21 May 2021)	14
Narrabri (25 May 2021)	23
Bingara (25 May 2021)	30
Croppa Creek (26 May 2021)	12
Moree (26 May 2021)	30
Wellington (28 May 2021)	10
TOTAL	612

(3) No.

* 6069 MAITLAND HOSPITAL SECURITY PERSONNEL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many security personnel are currently employed (as at 9 June 2021) at Maitland Hospital?
 - (a) How many full-time?
 - (b) How many Part-time?
- (2) On how many occasions have security personnel worked double shifts?
- (3) Does Maitland Hospital have a casual pool of security personnel?
 - (a) If so, how many are listed in the casual pool?
 - (b) How many occasions this year (as at 10 June 2021) have casual security personnel been employed?
- (4) How many security personnel were employed each year at Maitland Hospital from 2011 to 2021? Please disaggregate by financial year.
- (5) How many security incidents were there at Maitland Hospital each month during 2021 (to 10 June 2021)?
 - (a) How many of these included physical assaults on staff, patients or visitors?
- (6) How many security incidents were there at Maitland Hospital each month during 2011-2021? Please disaggregate by financial year.
 - (a) How many of these included physical assaults on staff, patients or visitors?
- (7) How many Maitland Hospital security personnel have active workers compensation claims?
- (8) By financial year, how many workers compensation reports have been made by Maitland Hospital security personnel during 2011-2021 (as at 10 June 2021)?

(9) Will additional security staff be employed at the new Maitland Hospital?

Answer—

(1) to (6) and (9) I refer the Member to my response to Questions 144 – 147 in Budget Estimates Supplementary Questions 144 – 147 (4 March 2021).

New Maitland Hospital security staffing levels will be determined in the lead-up to its opening.

(7) and (8) Information on workers compensation claims is published in the NSW Health Annual Report.

* 6070 ACCOMMODATION VOUCHERS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

(1) When will accommodation providers be able to register for the accommodation voucher program?

(2) Have accommodation providers been sent information inviting them to register?

(a) If so, when was it sent?

(3) How many calls have Service NSW received in relation to the vouchers since the program was announced?

(4) When will residents of New South Wales be able to apply for the vouchers?

(a) Who is responsible for allocating the vouchers?

(b) How will they be allocated?

(5) How will residents of New South Wales know when they are able to apply for an accommodation vouchers?

Answer—

(1) All eligible accommodation providers will be able to register for the Scheme at the end of June 2021.

(2) Information inviting accommodation providers to register will be issued prior to the program launch.

(3) As at 17 June 2021, Service NSW records indicate a total of 40 calls related to the accommodation vouchers have been received since March 2021.

(4) The Scheme will be rolled out to consumers state-wide in July 2021. NSW residents will be invited to apply to receive an accommodation voucher.

(a) Service NSW will be responsible for allocating the vouchers

(b) A random draw will be conducted to allocate the vouchers to NSW residents who successfully register for the Scheme.

(5) There will be communication and announcements released prior to the program launch.

* 6071 POLICE ROAD TO CRASHES ON PATERSON ROAD BOLWARRA—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) How many motor vehicle collisions that meet the ‘Major Traffic Criteria’ did NSW Police attend on Paterson Road Bolwarra (2320) between Ekert Lane and Flat Road in the years:

(a) 2015;

(b) 2016;

(c) 2017;

(d) 2018;

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- (e) 2019;
 - (f) 2020;
 - (g) 2021 (as at 10 June 2021)?
- (2) How many 'Tow Away Only' motor vehicle collisions on Paterson Road Bolwarra (2320) between Ekert Lane and Flat Road were reported to NSW Police in the years:
- (a) 2015;
 - (b) 2016;
 - (c) 2017;
 - (d) 2018;
 - (e) 2019;
 - (f) 2020;
 - (g) 2021 (as at 10 June 2021)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The following major traffic crash incidents were recorded:
- (a) 0
 - (b) 0
 - (c) 0
 - (d) 1
 - (e) 2
 - (f) 1
 - (g) None up until 10 June 2021.
- (2) No incidents for the period from 2015 up until 10 June 2021.

* 6072 DATA FOR PATERSON ROAD BOLWARRA—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) When did Transport for NSW or Roads and Maritime Services conduct the most recent speed limit review on Paterson Road Bolwarra (MR101) between Ekert Lane and Flat Road?
- (2) Was traffic counter/traffic classifier data collected for Paterson Road Bolwarra between Ekert Lane and Flat Road, or the nearby area, during the following years;
- (a) 2015;
 - (i) If so, what were the results?
 - (b) 2016;
 - (i) If so, what were the results?
 - (c) 2017;
 - (i) If so, what were the results?
 - (d) 2018;
 - (i) If so, what were the results?

- (e) 2019;
 - (i) If so, what were the results?
- (f) 2020;
 - (i) If so, what were the results?
- (g) 2021 (as at 10 June 2021)?
 - (i) If so, what were the results?
- (3) What was the crash data for Paterson Road Bolwarra between Ekert Lane and Flat Road in the years;
 - (a) 2015;
 - (b) 2016;
 - (c) 2017;
 - (d) 2018;
 - (e) 2019;
 - (f) 2020;
 - (g) 2021 (as at 10 June 2021)?
- (4) What warning/advisory signs are in place for Paterson Road Bolwarra (2320) between Ekert Lane and Flat Road?
 - (a) Do they warn motorists about the presence of a child care centre, for example children may be crossing ahead?
 - (b) Do they warn motorists about the pedestrian activity in the area, for example pedestrians may be crossing ahead?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1), (2) and (4) Transport for NSW completed a speed zone review on Paterson and Tocal Road in October 2014. At that time, the review recommended maintaining the existing 50 kilometres per hour, 60 kilometres per hour and 80 kilometres per hour speed limits based on consideration of adjacent land use, crash rates and road geometry.

Paterson Road is a regional road under the management of Maitland City Council. Any requests for traffic count data and road signage information are matters for Council to provide comment on.

(3) Transport for NSW reports on road traffic crashes in which at least one person was killed or injured or in which at least one motor vehicle was towed away.

Between 2015 and 2019 there were three crashes recorded on Paterson Road between Ekert Lane and Flat Road (2020 and 2021 data is excluded as it is incomplete and subject to change).

* 6073 TESTERS HOLLOW MR195 UPGRADE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the current status of construction on the upgrade of MR195 Cessnock Road, Testers Hollow?
- (2) What impact did the March 2021 flood event have on the project?
 - (a) Has the construction timetable been affected?
 - (b) How much of the pre-loaded earthworks material was eroded?

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(3) When is traffic forecast to be using the new section of road?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW – Roads and Waterways website.

* 6074 **PATERSON ROAD BOLWARRA CRASHES**—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) How many motor vehicle collisions did the Fire and Rescue NSW attend on Paterson Road Bolwarra (2320) between Ekert Lane and Flat Road in the years:

- (a) 2015;
- (b) 2016;
- (c) 2017;
- (d) 2018;
- (e) 2019;
- (f) 2020;
- (g) 2021 (as at 10 June 2021)?

(2) How many motor vehicle collisions did NSW Rural Fire Service attend on Paterson Road Bolwarra (2320) between Ekert Lane and Flat Road in the following years:

- (a) 2015;
- (b) 2016;
- (c) 2017;
- (d) 2018;
- (e) 2019;
- (f) 2020;
- (g) 2021 (as at 10 June 2021)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Information for Fire and Rescue NSW is only available by financial year:

- (a) 2014/15 – 1
- (b) 2015/16 – 0
- (c) 2016/17 – 1
- (d) 2017/18 – 1
- (e) 2018/19 – 2
- (f) 2019/20 – 0
- (g) 2020/21 – date not yet available.

(2) The NSW Rural Fire Service only attended one motor vehicle collisions as below.

- (a) 2015 – 0
- (b) 2016 – 0

- (c) 2017 – 0
- (d) 2018 – 1
- (e) 2019 – 0
- (f) 2020 – 0
- (g) 2020 (as at 10 June 2021) - 0

* 6075 EASTERN SUBURBS SCHOOLS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Does the Government intend to build a co-educational high school on the site of Randwick Girls' and Randwick Boys' High Schools?
 - (a) If so, what work has been done to create a co-educational campus, for years 11 and 12, on the site of Randwick Girls' and Randwick Boys' High Schools?
- (2) Has an announcement already been made on a co-educational High School in the Eastern Suburbs?
 - (a) If so, when was this announcement made?
 - (b) If so, where was this announcement made?
- (3) What planning has been done to evaluate the feasibility of opening a co-educational school on this site?
- (4) What work has been done to evaluate the demand for a co-educational high school in the Eastern Suburbs?
- (5) What work has been done to evaluate the impact of a new, co-educational high school on Randwick Boys' and Randwick Girls' High Schools?
- (6) What work has been done to develop a whole of district infrastructure and transition plan for public schools in the Eastern Suburbs?
- (7) What consultation was completed with the NSW Teacher's Federation?

Answer—

The 2021-22 NSW Budget allocated funding to progress the proposed upgrades at Randwick Boys High School and Randwick Girls High School. It is proposed that the project will provide upgrades to school facilities including learning spaces to meet the needs of these school communities. A business case has been submitted to NSW Treasury. Further information will be made available upon approval of the business case.

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

The Eastern Suburbs Secondary School Community Group (SCG) is able to meet projected demand to 2036.

In December 2019 the Department completed a review of the eastern suburbs secondary school group. The review found the Department is able to meet demand utilising the area's existing schools, and a new high school is not required in Sydney's eastern suburbs.

At present, there is an imbalance in the utilisation of schools across the network, with some schools exceeding permanent accommodation while others remain with surplus teaching spaces into the long term. The initial analysis has demonstrated that the schools in the Eastern Suburbs currently provide sufficient accommodation to meet student demand in the medium and long term, with a need to rebalance the utilisation.

The Department uses a number of methods to ensure that all schools can meet local student demand. Where imbalances are identified, a number of interventions can assist in alleviating pressure from over-utilised

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schools while improving enrolment numbers in underutilised schools. These include changes to intake areas, school classification, locations and numbers of selective streams, operational and educational changes, and in some instances, capital works to renew assets. All of these options are being explored as part of the Department's study of the Eastern Suburbs schools. A Strategic Merit Assessment has commenced to progress the initial analysis by determining the best options to rebalance utilisation across these schools and improve outcomes.

The evaluation of demand accounts for factors including, but not limited to, population and dwelling growth, enrolment trends, geographic constraints and opportunities, and local community need.

* 6076 PRIVATE RENTAL SUBSIDY—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What is the formula by which the cap on the Private Rental Subsidy is calculated?
- (2) What is the formula by which the Private Rental Subsidy is calculated?
- (3) What is the formula by which the benchmark rent for each Local Government Area is calculated?
- (4) Is there a legal or regulatory reason for why the benchmark rent for each Local Government Area is not made public?
 - (a) If not, is this simply Department policy?
 - (i) If so, was this decision made by the Minister?
- (5) What are the quarterly benchmark rents and caps for the suburb of Coogee for the past 5 years?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Private Rental Subsidy assistance is capped at the benchmark rent. Benchmark rents are capped at the median rent of the middle ring of the Sydney suburbs. This information can be found in the publicly available Private Rental Assistance Policy at: https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/policies/private-rental-assistance-policy/_recache.
- (2) The majority of Private Rental Subsidy assistance clients contribute 25 per cent of their gross household income plus 100 per cent of Commonwealth Rent Assistance to rent; however, there are some exceptions in which a client may pay 30 per cent. This information can also be found in the Private Rental Assistance Policy.
- (3) The information in relation to Private Rental Subsidy assistance benchmark rent is provided by the Rental Bond Board on a quarterly basis. It is based on lodged bonds for each area from the previous 12 months. Areas with less than 10 lodged bonds are considered statistically unstable and are not included in the data file. These areas retain their benchmarks from the previous figures provided.
- (4) When a client is approved for Private Rental Subsidy assistance, they are given a benchmark rent amount that will be approved for a private rental property. Benchmark rents can vary by location, property type, number of bedrooms and client eligibility start date. The department does not publish the benchmark rents to avoid misinterpretation.
- (5) There would be a large number of different benchmark rents for Coogee over the past five years. For example, for the 2034 postcode, there are 18 different benchmark rents based on the latest quarter's data from the Rental Bond Board, ranging from \$330 to \$1,530 per week. In exceptional circumstances a client may be approved to pay rent that is over the benchmark, as outlined in the Private Rental Assistance Policy.

* 6077 SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL RANDWICK—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many children have presented to the Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick with the indicators of an eating disorder in the following years:
 - (a) 2018;
 - (b) 2019;
 - (c) 2020;
 - (d) 2021 (as at 10 June 2021)?
- (2) How many children have presented to the Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick with the indicators for depression in the following years:
 - (a) 2018;
 - (b) 2019;
 - (c) 2020;
 - (d) 2021 (as at 10 June 2021)?
- (3) How many children have presented to the Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick with the indicators for anxiety in the following years:
 - (a) 2018;
 - (b) 2019;
 - (c) 2020;
 - (d) 2021 (as at 10 June 2021)?
- (4) How many young people have presented to the Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick with the indicators for suicidal ideation in the following years:
 - (a) 2018;
 - (b) 2019;
 - (c) 2020;
 - (d) 2021 (as at 10 June 2021)?

Answer—

Since 2018 there has been an increase in the number of presentations for Eating Disorders, Anxiety, and Suicidal Ideation, while the number of presentations for Depression has remained about the same.

* 6078 FALSE POSITIVE DRUG TESTS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What was the percentage of positive road side drug tests that were found to be false positives in New South Wales in the following years;
 - (a) 2019;
 - (b) 2020;
 - (c) 2021 (as at 10 June 2021)?
- (2) What was the average wait time for re-testing results after a positive road side drug test, in the following years;
 - (a) 2019;

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- (b) 2020;
- (c) 2021 (as at 10 June 2021)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The figured below indicate the error rate between positive roadside saliva tests and the subsequent laboratory test results.
 - (a) 5.92 per cent
 - (b) 4.78 per cent
 - (c) 5.13 per cent (January – March 2021)

For a laboratory test to occur there must be an initial positive roadside saliva test and a secondary positive oral fluid test using the Dräger instrument.

- (2) Laboratory results following a positive secondary oral fluid test are, on average, processed within two weeks of the roadside drug testing.

* 6079 EASTERN SUBURBS BUS SERVICES—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Noting the Government's cuts on the Eastern Suburbs bus network, how many bus stops will be removed from the Eastern Suburbs and region 9?
 - (a) Will the public be consulted, specifically about bus stop numbers and locations, before any bus stops are removed?
 - (b) When will the public be informed about how many bus stops will be removed?
 - (c) When will the public be informed about which bus stops will be removed?
- (2) When will a detailed timetable be released, that reflects the Eastern Suburbs bus network after the cuts have been made?
 - (a) Will the public be consulted, specifically about the proposed timetables, before any services are removed?
- (3) Given that no community consultation was completed before the services were removed, will the Government return the following buses;
 - (a) M10;
 - (b) M50;
 - (c) 891;
 - (d) 893;
 - (e) 361;
 - (f) 378?
- (4) Noting community concern, will the Government consider retaining the following bus services;
 - (a) 300;
 - (b) 391;
 - (c) 302;
 - (d) 309X;
 - (e) 310X;

- (f) 314;
- (g) 316;
- (h) 317;
- (i) 338;
- (j) 353;
- (k) 357;
- (l) 372;
- (m) 373;
- (n) 376;
- (o) 377;
- (p) 391;
- (q) 393;
- (r) 394;
- (s) 395;
- (t) 400;
- (u) 400N;
- (v) L94;
- (w) X40;
- (x) X93; and
- (y) X99?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1), (2) and (4) Community consultation on the South East bus changes started on 6 May 2021 and concluded 30 June 2021. Feedback from community consultation is currently being considered and will inform development of final timetables. Final timetables are released before service changes are implemented.

Information about proposed bus stop changes is publicly available on the MySydney website.

(3) Transport for NSW has no plans to reintroduce routes M10, M50, 891, 893, 361 or 378. There are alternative services available for each of these routes.

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.

* 6080 FLOOD RELIEF IN THE GOSFORD ELECTORATE—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) How many businesses in the Gosford electorate:
 - (a) applied for flood relief (as at 6 May 2021)?
 - (b) received funding for flood relief (as at 6 May 2021)?

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Answer—

I am advised that information on applications for Flood Disaster Recovery – Small Business Grants is not maintained by electorate.

* 6081 FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

(1) How many commercial fishing businesses currently operate in:

- (a) New South Wales?
- (b) Gosford?

(2) How many oyster farmers currently operate in:

- (a) New South Wales?
- (b) Gosford?

(3) How many individuals work as fishermen in:

- (a) New South Wales?
- (b) Gosford?

(4) How many dairy farmers are there in:

- (a) New South Wales?
- (b) Gosford?

(5) How many chicken farmers are there in:

- (a) New South Wales?
- (b) Gosford?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Primary Industries:

(1)

- (a) There are currently 1,056 fishing businesses which could undertake some type of commercial fishing activity in New South Wales managed fisheries.
- (b) Commercial fishing operations extend beyond a specific region. It is estimated 45 fishing businesses report landings from the Hawkesbury River for the financial year 2019-20, which would include the Gosford region.

(2)

- (a) There are currently 262 businesses in the State.
- (b) There are currently 14 businesses in the Gosford area.

(3)

- (a) There are currently 1,140 commercial fishers licensed in New South Wales. As at 17 June 2021, 768 are nominated as the commercial fishers under one or more fishing business.
- (b) Commercial fishing operations extend beyond a specific region. However, the number of licensed commercial fishers listing a residential address in the Gosford is 18 as at 17 June 2021.

(4)

- (a) There are currently 531 licensed dairies in New South Wales.
- (b) There are no current dairy primary production licenses active in the Gosford/Central Coast Council local government area (LGA).

(5)

- (a) There are currently 252 licensed egg farms in New South Wales and 267 poultry meat farms.
- (b) There are currently 11 licensed egg farms on the Central Coast, including the Central Coast Plateau. There are currently 37 poultry meat farms in the Central Coast LGA.

* 6082 CENTRAL COAST SCHOOLS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What was the annual maintenance spend at the following schools, over the past five financial years?
 - (a) Glenvale School (Narara Campus);
 - (b) Glenvale School (The Entrance North Campus)?
- (2) How many students applied for placement in each financial year from 2017-18 to 2019-20 at:
 - (a) Glenvale School (Narara Campus);
 - (b) Glenvale School (The Entrance North Campus)?
- (3) What is the total budget for new Covered Outdoor Learning Area at the:
 - (a) Glenvale School;
 - (b) North Entrance Campus?
- (4) What was the total cost of the demountable relocation to the Glenvale School North Entrance Campus?
 - (a) What is the ongoing cost of maintenance for said demountable at the North Entrance Campus?
- (5) Which Central Coast schools have specialist support classes?
 - (a) What is the total number of students enrolled in each of these schools?
- (6) How many students seek supported education positions in the electorates of:
 - (a) Gosford;
 - (b) Terrigal;
 - (c) The Entrance;
 - (d) Wyong;
 - (e) Swansea?
- (7) How many children with a disability are not currently attending school on the Central Coast as at 10 June 2021?
- (8) How many students moved out of the ASPECT school into public education positions in each financial year from 2017-18 to 2020-21?

Answer—

- (1) Maintenance funding allocated to Glenvale School is provided below, noting that whilst it operates across two campuses it is one school.

Table 1 Annual maintenance spend over the past five financial years

Financial Year	Glenvale School (4)
2015-16	45,388.00
2016-17	68,263.00
2017-18	50,143.94

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2018-19	260,890.00
2019-20	1,205,656.89

- (2) Placements are determined on a school year basis, not financial year. Students whose applications are supported at panel are assigned to Glenvale School. Assigning students to either the North Entrance or Narara site is at the Principal's discretion.

2017	13
2018	27
2019	20
2020	16
2021	8

- (3) The Covered Learning Areas (COLA) at Glenvale School Narara Campus and The Entrance North Campus have not yet been completed and procurement of materials and services are still being undertaken, therefore costings are Commercial in Confidence.
- (4) There has been no relocation of a demountable building to the Glenvale School North Entrance campus.
- (5) Below is the list of Central Coast schools that have specialist support classes and the total number of students enrolled at each school, as at 2020.

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus	910
Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus	668
Brooke Avnue Public School	477
Budgewoi Publish School	523
Chertsey Public School	183
Chittaway Bay Public School	374
Erina High School	719
Ettalong Public School	535
Girakool Educaiton and Training	44
Glenvale School (North Entrance and Narara)	149
Gorokan High School	101
Gorokan Public School	563
Gosford East Public School	353
Gwandalan Public School	406
Henry Kendall High School	809
Hope Town School	42
Kanwal Public School	614
Killarney Value Public School	430
Kincumber High School	1024

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Kincumber Public School	420
Lake Munmorah High School	722
Lake Munmorah Public School	419
Lisarow High School	824
Mannering Park Public School	98
Narara Public School	379
Narara Valley High School	824
Niagara Park Public School	564
North Gosford Learning Centre	27
Northlakes High School	825
Northlakes Public School	377
Terrigal High School	970
Terrigal Public School	909
The Entrance Public School	454
Toukley Public School	456
Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College Berkeley Vale Campus	803
Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College The Entrance Campus	751
Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College Tumby Umbi	1170
Valley View Public School	336
Wadalba Community School	1641
Wamberal Public School	699
Woy Woy Public School	428
Wyoming Public School	381
Wyang High School	770
Wyang Public School	469

- (6) The number of students who have sought supported education positions in each electorate is listed below. The numbers provided are for 2021.
- (a) Gosford: 12
 - (b) Terrigal: 21
 - (c) The Entrance: 63
 - (d) Wyong: 53
 - (e) Swansea: 52
- (7) The Government and Department of Education are committed to providing children and young people with a disability, with an education that meets their needs. The Department only hold data on currently enrolled students.
- (8) The Department of Education does not track the movement of students from non-government schools.

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* 6083 OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE AT CENTRAL COAST SCHOOLS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) In the 2018-19 and 2019-20 financial years, what is the value of outstanding maintenance for all schools in the electorate of:
 - (a) Gosford;
 - (b) Terrigal;
 - (c) The Entrance;
 - (d) Wyong;
 - (e) Swansea?

Answer—

There is no outstanding maintenance at any schools in the electorates specified.

* 6084 WAMBERAL BEACH—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Regarding the Government's ongoing collaboration with Central Coast Council to address the erosion of Wamberal Beach, when will the cost-benefit analysis for the Wamberal Seawall and other alternatives be released?
- (2) Which community consultation meetings have been held regarding the creation of solutions for the future management of Wamberal Beach?
- (3) How many attended each of the listed meetings?
- (4) How were members of the Wamberal Seawall Task Force selected?
- (5) Did the Wamberal Seawall Task Force include all members of the Wamberal Terminal Protection Working Group?
- (6) Why did the Central Coast Council fail to qualify for Coastal Protection funding for The Entrance sea wall mitigation works?

Answer—

These questions should be referred to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Shelley Hancock.

* 6085 CENTRAL COAST CARDIO PATIENTS TREATED AT ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

In each financial year from 2017-18 to 2020-21, how many Central Coast patients travelled to the Royal North Shore Hospital for cardio treatment that could not be provided at Gosford or Wyong Hospitals?

Answer—

The number of Central Coast patients who required advanced interventional cardiac procedures treated at Royal North Shore Hospital remained relatively stable during this period, ranging from 85 in 2017-18, to 43 in the first six months of 2020-21 (full year data not yet available).

* 6086 BRISBANE WATER AND TUGGERAH LAKES POLICE DISTRICTS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) In each financial year from 2014-15 to 2020-21, what does the recidivism data show for:
 - (a) Brisbane Water Police District;
 - (b) Tuggerah Lakes Police District?

(2) In each financial year from 2014-15 to 2020-21, what were the rates of property crime for:

- (a) Brisbane Water Police District;
- (b) Tuggerah Lakes Police District?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) is responsible for maintaining statistical databases by Local Government Area on crime and criminal justice in this State. Questions relating to crime and recidivism statistics are best directed to the Attorney General as the Minister responsible for BOCSAR.

NSW Police Force Police Area Commands and Police Districts review crime trends, including property crime, on a daily basis to inform policing activities, including resource allocation decisions. Brisbane Water and Tuggerah Lakes Police Districts deploy proactive and high visibility policing in conjunction with covert methodologies to address property crime occurring within their Districts. Additional resources can also be allocated to known hot spots, and there is continuous review of property sold through local pawn shops.

As part of Operation Overwatch, both Police Districts closely monitor and prioritise known offenders. This Operation is supported by the Northern Region of the NSW Police Force, through the provision of additional resources.

* 6087 PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) With regard to the number of individuals/families seeking and registered for public or social housing on the Housing Wait List in the Cessnock Local Government Area (LGA), how many were registered in each year since 1 July 2015 (as at 10 July 2021)?
 - (a) How many were successfully housed in each year?
 - (b) How many have withdrawn their applications in each year?
 - (c) How many were removed from the Housing Wait List by the relevant housing provider without a property being provided in each year?
 - (d) How many properties were purchased or built each year?
 - (e) How many properties were sold in each year?
- (2) With regard to the number of individuals/families seeking and registered for public or social housing on the Housing Wait List in the Lake Macquarie LGA, how many were registered in each year since 1 July 2015 (as at 10 July 2021)?
 - (a) How many were successfully housed in each year?
 - (b) How many have withdrawn their applications in each year?
 - (c) How many were removed from the Housing Wait List by the relevant housing provider without a property being provided in each year?
 - (d) How many properties were purchased or built each year?
 - (e) How many properties were sold in each year?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding the number of people waiting for social housing is publicly available and can be accessed at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/expected-waiting-times>.

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Questions relating to public and social housing properties purchased, built or sold should be referred to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing.

* 6088 PARAMEDICS AT CESSNOCK AND KURRI KURRI—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Noting that there have been an additional 43 paramedics at Toronto, Belmont, Hamilton, Rutherford and Birmingham Gardens since the 2018-2019 New South Wales Budget and a further 22 paramedic positions being introduced at Singleton and Muswellbrook in 2021, are there any increased paramedic positions being introduced at Cessnock?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) What is the current number of paramedic positions at Cessnock?
- (2) Are there any increased paramedic positions being introduced at Kurri Kurri?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) What is the current number of paramedic positions at Kurri Kurri?

Answer—

NSW Ambulance's service planning utilises a multi-layered methodology that assesses a variety of factors to determine areas of greatest need for staffing enhancements. With these enhancements to surrounding stations, Cessnock Station and Kurri Kurri stations have experienced network benefits, such as improved priority 1 and 2 response times.

* 6089 STUDY NSW PARTNER PROJECTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Since the 2014 introduction of Study NSW Partner Projects initiative, who have been the successful recipients?
 - (a) Which have been the successful projects?
 - (b) Who have been the sector partners for each successful recipient and project?
 - (c) What was the amount of the Government grant for each successful recipient and project?
 - (d) Are there available statistics of the number of international students who have either benefited or been supported by the projects?
 - (i) If so, what are they?
 - (e) Have any of the successful projects been adopted permanently by the Government?
 - (i) If so, which projects?

Answer—

Study NSW delivers core initiatives including policy, advocacy and activities to enhance the experience of the more than 250,000 international students studying in New South Wales each year. Study NSW Partner Projects come from a consortium of providers and/or organisations to ensure benefits reach a broad range of international students, including some projects that benefit the whole sector. Individual project details are available on the Study NSW website.

* 6090 PREMIER'S GALA CONCERTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections representing the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) How many tickets were issued for each of the 2021 Premier's Gala Concerts held on 21 and 22 April?
 - (a) How many of the issued tickets were not utilised by the holder for each concert?

- (b) How many tickets were returned unused from Members of Parliament?
- (2) What is the maximum capacity for each concert?
- (3) Are there 'standby' tickets available at the door for each concert for those seniors who were unable to obtain a ticket either on-line or through Members of Parliament offices?

Answer—

I am advised:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the concerts were delivered to a reduced capacity of 75 per cent (5,939 tickets issued per concert). The normal capacity of the theatre is 7,923. To enable more seniors to enjoy the entertainment during the pandemic, a live stream of one of the gala concerts was made available.

* 6091 TAFE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) What is the location of each TAFE site which has been sold since 1 July 1991?
- (a) In which year were each of these TAFE sites sold?
- (b) What is the location of the closest open TAFE to each of the TAFEs sold since 1 July 1991?
- (i) How far is each of these open TAFEs located from the sold TAFE sites?
- (2) What is the location of each TAFE site which has been purchased since 1 July 1991?
- (a) In which year were each of these TAFE sites purchased?

Answer—

I am advised that data for the period 1 July 1991 to December 1994 is not held by TAFE NSW and therefore unavailable. Additionally, TAFE NSW does not hold acquisition data before 2015, which follows its establishment as a separate agency. I am further advised that the first site acquired by TAFE NSW following its establishment as a separate agency was in December 2017. Details of full divestments and acquisitions are included in the tables below:

Full Divestments since 1995

No.	Settlement Date	Address	Property Name	Property Type	Suburb
1	25/01/1995	Talbragar Street	Dubbo TAFE College Site Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Dubbo 2830
2	11/08/1995	Waratah Street/Park Street	Mona Vale TAFE Site Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Mona Vale 2103
3	28/11/1995	155-157 Manners Street	Tenterfield College of TAFE Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Tenterfield 2373
4	19/08/1996	230-232 High Street	Maitland College of TAFE Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Maitland 2320
5	10/01/1997	Napier Street/Blake Street	Dover Heights College of	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Dover Heights 2030

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			TAFE Campus		
6	19/09/1997	50 Bombala Street	Cooma College of TAFE Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Cooma 2630
7	22/12/1997	127 Unuon Street	TAFE NSW Newcastle Annexe	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Cooks Hill 2300
8	1/04/1998	56 Havelock Street	Mudgee TAFE Site Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Mayfield 2304
9	2/04/1998	Flirtation Hill	Mudgee TAFE Site Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Mudgee 2850
10	12/05/1998	Shoalhaven Drive	Woy Woy TAFE Site Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Woy Woy 2256
11	24/07/1998	Cudgen Road	Kingscliff TAFE Site Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Kingscliff 2487
12	27/01/1999	Lot 1, Edgeworth Street	Cessnock College of TAFE Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Cessnock 2325
13	18/05/1999	7 Harold Street	TAFE NSW Forbes Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Forbes 2871
14	27/08/1999	206 Mort Street	TAFE Lithgow Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Lithgow 2790
15	13/12/2002	Frith Street / Beath Crescent	TAFE Kahibah Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Kahibah 2290
16	23/08/2004	191 Johnston Street	TAFE Tamworth Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Tamworth 2340
17	17/08/2004	31-47 Wallendoon Street	TAFE Cootamundra Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Cootamundra 2590
18	23/09/2005	84 Adelaide Street	TAFE Blayney Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Blayney 2799
19	6/06/2006	27 Tiral Street	TAFE Charlestown Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Charlestown 2290

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20	16/01/2007	Cope Street / John Street	Ultimo TAFE College – Waterloo Annexe	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Waterloo 2017
21	15/02/2007	40 East Street	TAFE Quirindi Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Quirindi 2343
22	12/06/2012	Lot 1 Sydney Road	TAFE NSW Seatforth Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Seaforth 2092
23	5/09/2013	17 Government Road	Nelson Bay TAFE Annexe	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Nelson Bay 2315
24	26/05/2015	149 West Street	TAFE NSW Crows Next Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Crows Next 2065
25	24/06/2016	104 Burton Street	National Arts School, East Sydney TAFE Annexe	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Darlinghurst 2010
26	24/06/2016	156 Forbes Street	NAS (East Sydney TAFE Campus)	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Darlinghurst 2010
27	1/07/2016	West Street	TAFE NSW Petersham Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Petersham 2049
28	25/01/2017	7-9 Gang Gang Street	Katommba TAFE Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Katoomba 2780
29	22/06/2017	68-80 South Street	Granville TAFE Annexe	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Granville 24142
30	14/12/2018	8-12 Wellington Street	Bombala Access Centre	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Bombala 2632
31	25/03/2019	160 Bourke Street	Goulburn Annexe	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Goulburn 2580
32	12/04/2019	Lot 1 Taree Street	Tuncurry Annexe	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Tuncurry 2428
33	28/06/2019	86 Chelmsford Avenue	TAFE Epping Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Epping 2121
34	20/04/2021	70 Court Street	Mudgee Annexe	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Mudgee 2850
35	10/05/2021	2 Flemington Drive	Scone Campus	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Scone 2337

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36	28/05/2021	67 Verner Street	Goulburn Annexe	Campus/Annexe/Access Centre	Goulburn 2580
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Note: *"Annexe" and "access Centre" are old terms that refers to smaller campuses in areas where there were multiple training delivery locations

Sites Acquired since 2015

No.	Settlement Date	Address	Property Type	Suburb
1	20/12/2017	9 Haberfield Street	Campus / CLC	Menindee 2879
2	28/02/2018	115 & 117 Wollumbin Street	Campus / CLC	Murwillimbah 2484
3	23/07/2018	9 Melyra Street	Campus / CLC	Grenfell 2810
4	2/11/2018	Lot 21 Treelands Drive	Campus / CLC	Yamba 2810
5	30/11/2018	26-28 Main Street	Campus / CLC	Scone 2337
6	24/01/2020	2183 Giinagay Way	Campus / CLC	Nambucca Heads 2448
7	3/03/2020	1-5 Prince Street	Campus / CLC	Cobar 2835
8	6/06/2018	Part 1 McKee Drive	Campus / CLC	Bega 2550
9	4/05/2020	Part 1 McKee Drive	Campus / CLC	Bega 2550

* 6092 STATE OWNED CORPORATIONS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What are the names of all State Owned Corporations (as at 10 June 2021)?
 - (a) When were each of these corporations established?
 - (b) Were any of the corporations a state government agency prior to being established as a corporation?
 - (i) If so, which government agencies?
 - (c) Which government agency is each corporation under the control of?
 - (i) Which Minister is responsible for each of these agencies?

Answer—

Treasury has advised me as follows:

The publicly available NSW State Budget Papers list all government entities, including State Owned Corporations.

The list of State Owned Corporations, with responsible Minister, is provided below.

Further information regarding each of these State Owned Corporations is also publicly available on their respective websites.

Entity	Enabling Legislation	Portfolio Minister
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Essential Energy	Energy Services Corporations Act 1995	Minister for Energy and Environment
Forestry Corporation of NSW	Forestry Act 2012	Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade
Hunter Water Corporation	Hunter Water Act 1991	Minister for Water, Property and Housing
Landcom	Landcom Corporation Act 2001	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces
Port Authority of NSW	Ports and Maritime Administration Act 1995	Minister for Transport and Roads
Sydney Water Corporation	Sydney Water Act 1994	Minister for Water, Property and Housing
Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE)	Transport Administration Act 1988 Part 2 Transport Asset Holding Entity	Minister for Transport and Roads
Water NSW	Water NSW Act 2014	Minister for Water, Property and Housing

* 6093 STATE OWNED CORPORATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Since 1 July 2011, has the Auditor-General made any special reports regarding any matter arising from an audit of all State Owned Corporations (SOC) that should be brought to the attention of Parliament?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) Which SOC?
 - (ii) When were the special reports made?
 - (iii) When were they presented to the Legislative Assembly?

Answer—

Treasury has advised me as follows:

- (1) All reports prepared by the Auditor-General are tabled in Parliament.
- (2) These reports can also be accessed on the Auditor-General's website at <https://www.audit.nsw.gov.au/our-work>.

* 6094 CENTRAL COAST WATER CORPORATION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) With regard Central Coast Water Corporation (CCWC), which entity now holds the share capital as one share each was previously held by Gosford City Council and Wyong Shire Council?
 - (a) When was this changed/amended?
- (2) Does the corporation still have two voting shareholders?
 - (a) If so, who are they?
 - (b) When was this changed/amended?
- (3) What assets are held by the CCWC?

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- (a) Are these assets held in the name of CCWC or held by Gosford City Council and/or Wyong Shire Council?
- (b) Has the ownership of these assets changed since 2006?
 - (i) If so, when?

Answer—

The Central Coast Water Corporation Act 2006 provides for the constitution and functions of the Central Coast Water Corporation and for its establishment as a water supply authority under the Water Management Act 2000.

The Central Coast Water Corporation was formed, with Gosford and Wyong Councils as shareholders, under the Central Coast Water Corporation Act 2006. The aim of the corporation was to provide water supply and sewerage services to the Central Coast.

Work on development of the corporation was suspended in 2012 when the constituent councils (Gosford and Wyong) were unable to agree on an implementation model. The Councils have since been amalgamated and are operating as Central Coast Council. Water and sewerage infrastructure in the Council area are owned by the amalgamated Central Coast Council.

* 6095 WATERNSW DULY QUALIFIED PERSONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Are Duly Qualified Persons (DQP) required by WaterNSW to certify and test meters within the metering scheme employed by WaterNSW or contactors or a combination?
 - (a) How many DQP were employed by WaterNSW as at 31 December 2020?
 - (b) How many DQP were contracted by WaterNSW as at 31 December 2020?
 - (c) How many DQP are anticipated to be employed by WaterNSW by 31 December 2021?
 - (d) How many DQP are anticipated to be contacted by WaterNSW by 31 December 2021?

Answer—

- (1) DQP's are required by the new Water Management (General) Regulations 2018 to certify and test all meters within the metering scheme.

DQPs are therefore required to certify and test meters owned by WaterNSW. However, these functions are not performed by WaterNSW staff. WaterNSW has a contracted service and maintenance provider who is responsible for the provision of these functions.

WaterNSW staff do not perform DQP functions for private meter owners. A DQP is a person who holds a current relevant certification issued by Irrigation Australia Ltd.

- (a) As at 31 December 2020, WaterNSW had 19 employees certified as DQPs. However, while these WaterNSW employees have undergone the training to qualify as DQPs, WaterNSW staff do not perform DQP functions.
- (b) As at 31 December 2020 WaterNSW contracted an external service and maintenance provider with 4 employed and 2 sub-contracted DQPs in their team, to provide DQP services for the WaterNSW 'Government owned' meter fleet only.

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- (c) WaterNSW anticipates the number of employees certified as DQPs will remain at current levels by 31 December to 2021, noting again that while selected WaterNSW employees have undergone the training to qualify as DQPs, WaterNSW staff do not perform DQP functions.

- (d) WaterNSW anticipates maintaining the contracted service and maintenance provider, and that by 31 December 2021 this external provider's DQPs will remain at current numbers (to fulfil its obligations required under its contract to WaterNSW in respect of the WaterNSW 'Government owned' meter fleet).

* 6096 BROMADIOLONE RODENTICIDE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Does bromadiolone rodenticide accumulate in the food chain?
- (2) Has National Parks and Wildlife Service raised concerns about the approval of this poison in New South Wales?
- (3) Will this poison result in the death of native fauna?
- (4) Do you have concerns about the use of this poison killing native animals?
- (5) Has National Parks and Wildlife Service done any modelling on the number of native animals that will die as a result of using bromadiolone rodenticide?
- (6) How many native animals does NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service estimate will be killed as a result of this poison?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer to my answer to LA Q6613.

* 6097 MAKE READY SERVICE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What NSW Ambulance stations currently operate the Make Ready Service (as at 10 June 2021)?
 - (a) How many of these stations are located in Sydney?
 - (b) How many of these stations are located in the Hunter?
- (2) Will the Minister consider rolling out the Make Ready Service to the NSW Ambulance Station at Hamilton?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I refer the member to my response to question LC Q6614.

* 6098 LABOUR HIRE FIRMS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Premier representing the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts—

- (1) What labour hire firms has the New South Wales Public Service used in the past 10 years?
 - (a) How many people were employed through labour hire firms in each of the following years:
 - (i) 2011;
 - (ii) 2012;
 - (iii) 2013;
 - (iv) 2014;
 - (v) 2015;
 - (vi) 2016;

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- (vii) 2017;
- (viii) 2018;
- (ix) 2019;
- (x) 2020;
- (xi) 2021?

Answer—

I am advised:

As the whole-of-government contingent workforce scheme is managed by NSW Procurement, this question is best directed to the Minister for Finance and Small Business.

* 6099 PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How much does it cost for a 1km journey on public transport in Newcastle?
- (2) How much does it cost for a 3km journey on public transport in Newcastle?
- (3) How much does it cost for a 5km journey on public transport in Newcastle?
- (4) How much does it cost for a 10km journey on public transport in Newcastle?
- (5) How much does it cost for a 1km journey on public transport in Sydney?
- (6) How much does it cost for a 3km journey on public transport in Sydney?
- (7) How much does it cost for a 5km journey on public transport in Sydney?
- (8) How much does it cost for a 10km journey on public transport in Sydney?
- (9) Why do Newcastle public transport users pay more than those in Sydney?
- (10) Why were public transport fares increased by over 40 per cent in Newcastle?
- (11) Will these increases to fares be reversed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Refer to the response to LC Q6612.

* 6100 HUNTER INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT FUND—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Considering the \$5 million committed from the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund in 2016 to upgrade the Newcastle Basketball Stadium at Broadmeadow, and that Newcastle Basketball is relocating to Lake Macquarie, what is the status of this funding?
- (2) Has this funding been spent?
 - (a) If not:
 - (i) Will it be allocated to the Lake Macquarie facility?
 - (ii) Will it be allocated to another project in the Hunter?
 - (iii) Could this funding be used to progress the Hunter Sports and Entertainment Precinct?

Answer—

Treasury has advised me as follows:

- (1) The \$5 million in funding for the delivery of the Newcastle Basketball Multipurpose Complex was formally relinquished by Newcastle Basketball in 2020 on account of Newcastle Basketball relocating to Lake Macquarie, in addition to the project being funded by an alternative source.
- (2) The relinquished funding was returned to the Restart NSW Fund where it will be used to fund future capital infrastructure projects consistent with the Restart NSW Fund Act 2011.

* 6101 EVERYONE CAN PLAY—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Is the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) now eligible to apply to apply for the Everyone Can Play grant?
- (2) What consideration has been given to the playground on Fowler Street, Hamilton South outside the community hall which is in a dangerous state of disrepair?
- (3) Will the Minister direct LAHC to apply for funds from the Everyone Can Play grant program so that the children in Hamilton South have access to safe play equipment?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) is eligible to apply for the Everyone Can Play grant.

As you have previously been advised, the Fowler Street playground is part of the Hamilton South Community Hall site where a local service provider has a lease with LAHC. Under the terms of the lease, the lessee is responsible for all maintenance of the playground and its equipment.

* 6102 PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTY SALES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many social housing properties were sold in the NN07 allocation zone for each of the following years:
 - (a) 2011;
 - (i) What is the address of each property?
 - (ii) How much was each property sold for?
 - (b) 2012;
 - (i) What is the address of each property?
 - (ii) How much was each property sold for?
 - (c) 2013;
 - (i) What is the address of each property?
 - (ii) How much was each property sold for?
 - (d) 2014;
 - (i) What is the address of each property?
 - (ii) How much was each property sold for?
 - (e) 2015;
 - (i) What is the address of each property?
 - (ii) How much was each property sold for?
 - (f) 2016;
 - (i) What is the address of each property?

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- (ii) How much was each property sold for?
- (g) 2017;
 - (i) What is the address of each property?
 - (ii) How much was each property sold for?
- (h) 2018;
 - (i) What is the address of each property?
 - (ii) How much was each property sold for?
- (i) 2019;
 - (i) What is the address of each property?
 - (ii) How much was each property sold for?
- (j) 2020;
 - (i) What is the address of each property?
 - (ii) How much was each property sold for?
- (k) 2021 (as at 10 June 2021)?
 - (i) What is the address of each property?
 - (ii) How much was each property sold for?
- (2) What are the projected social property sales in the NN07 allocation zone for each of the following years?
 - (a) 2021;
 - (b) 2022;
 - (c) 2023;
 - (d) 2024?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2020, the following number of properties (including land) were sold in the NN07 allocation zone:
 - (a) FY 2011: Five
 - (b) FY 2012: Eight
 - (c) FY 2013: 14
 - (d) FY 2014: 31
 - (e) FY 2015: Four
 - (f) FY 2016: Four
 - (g) FY 2017: Three
 - (h) FY 2018: 12
 - (i) FY 2019: 12
 - (j) FY 2020: Seven

- (k) FY 2021: Sales information in respect of the current 2020-21 financial year will not be available until release of the audited financial statements.

Individual sales and address information is not provided due to privacy regulations.

- (2) There are no specific major sales programs in LAHC's recent projections for NN07.

* 6103 VACANT PROPERTIES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many vacant properties are there in the NN07 allocation area?
- (2) When will number 5 Chater-Lea Way, Hamilton South be restored by Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) and leased?
- (3) What is the average time it takes for LAHC to complete a vacant restoration?
- (4) Will the Minister consider fast-tracking vacant restorations so vulnerable people can be housed as soon as possible?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As at the end of May 2021, there were 44 vacant properties in the NN07 allocation area.
- (2) Number 5 Chater-Lea Way, Hamilton South is currently undergoing vacant restoration works.
- (3) The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) takes between 16-18 working days to complete works on a standard vacant restoration.
- (4) LAHC works closely with its maintenance contractors and the Department of Communities and Justice to ensure re-letting of the vacated property in the shortest time possible.

* 6104 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) On 31 May 2021 did the John Hunter Hospital reduce the number of ambulances it could receive?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) By how many?
 - (ii) For how long?
 - (iii) What caused this decision to be made?
 - (b) At any time was the John Hunter Hospital removed from the NSW Ambulance matrix?
- (2) During May 2021 how many times was ambulance capacity at the John Hunter Hospital reduced?
 - (a) At any time was the John Hunter Hospital removed from the NSW Ambulance matrix?

Answer—

The NSW Health Patient Allocation Matrix incorporates all local health districts within defined matrix boundaries and identifies each hospital's clinical specialties. The number of ambulances that a hospital accepts per hour is predetermined by the Matrix, which ensures patients are transported to the facility best equipped to manage their medical condition. Temporary adjustments to the Matrix are based on several operational factors and centre on providing patients with the most appropriate and safe medical care.

* 6105 WESTERN SYDNEY PARKLANDS—Mr Stephen Bali to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What percentage of the originally announced 5,500ha of land for Western Sydney Parklands sits within Blacktown Local Government Area?

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- (a) Does this include the area subsequently developed as Bungarribee suburb also known as Bunya residential estate?
- (2) Of the land originally announced as Western Sydney Parklands what percentage has been set aside for uses other than open space parkland?
- (3) Of the land originally announced as Western Sydney Parklands which sits within Blacktown Local Government Area what is the percentage of land that has been set aside for uses other than open space parkland?
- (4) What is the percentage of land originally announced as Western Sydney Parklands sitting within other Local Government Areas?
- (5) Of the land originally announced as Western Sydney Parklands sitting within other Local Government Areas (that is other than Blacktown City Council), what is the percentage of land that has been set aside for uses other than open space parkland within each Local Government Area?
- (6) How does Blacktown Local Government Area compare with other Local Government Areas as to the extent and percentage of land originally announced as Western Sydney Parklands but which has since been set aside for uses other than open space parkland?
- (7) What are the locations and area of land originally announced as Western Sydney Parklands but which have been set aside for uses other than open space parkland within Blacktown Local Government Area?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 43 per cent.
 - (a) Bungarribee is a suburb within the Blacktown Local Government Area (LGA) that is largely comprised of:
 - Bungarribee Park, which is part of Western Sydney Parklands and included in the Blacktown LGA percentage; and
 - Bunya residential estate, which is not part of Western Sydney Parklands and subsequently not included in the land use percentage for Western Sydney Parklands.
- (2) This information is available in Western Sydney Parklands Plan of Management: <https://www.westernsydneparklands.com.au/assets/POM2030/PlanOfManagement2030-Final.pdf>.
- (3) Refer to (2).
- (4) Refer to (2).
- (5) Refer to (2).
- (6) Blacktown and Fairfield LGAs have similar percentages of land use set aside for uses other than open space parkland. Liverpool LGA has the lowest percentage of land use set aside for uses other than open space, due to the large percentage set aside for water supply infrastructure at Prospect Reservoir and urban farming in Fairfield.
- (7) The locations within Blacktown LGA set aside for uses other than open space parklands include:
 - Prospect Reservoir and water supply infrastructure;
 - Eastern Creek Waste Facility and associated infrastructure;
 - Raging Waters water park, Skyline Drive-In and supporting tourist facilities;
 - Sydney Zoo and supporting tourist facilities;

- Blacktown Animal Holding Facility;
- Community and Road Education Facility;
- Grace's Place for homicide affected families;
- Eastern Creek Retail Centre; and
- Light Horse Interchange Business Hub.

* 6106 CANTERBURY RACECOURSE SITE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What support and resources is the Government providing to Canterbury Bankstown Council to conduct a masterplan for the Canterbury Racecourse site?
- (2) Who owns the land that comprises the Canterbury Racecourse site?
- (3) What ability does the Government have to ensure that all parcels of land that comprise the Canterbury Racecourse site are included in the masterplan process?
- (4) What ability does the Government have to ensure the highest standards of transparency are applied to the master process?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) has executed a funding agreement of \$148,100 with Canterbury Bankstown Council (Council) for the Canterbury Racecourse Master Plan.
- (2) The Australian Turf Club.
- (3) As part of the Master Plan process, Council is testing options for the entire Racecourse site.
- (4) Council is responsible for establishing the Committee and developing a long term planning strategy for the racecourse if the Australian Turf Club operations cease. In July 2020 Council resolved to commence a masterplan process for the Racecourse and sought the cooperation of Government agencies. The Committee is independently chaired by the Greater Sydney Commission's District Commissioner, former Government Architect Peter Poulet. It includes senior executive level members of the Greater Sydney Commission, Canterbury Bankstown Council and DPIE. A probity officer also attends the Committee meetings. Council has also sought the input of a Community Voice Panel and will report a preferred Masterplan option to a Council meeting. Following the council meeting it will go on public exhibition for community feedback.

* 6107 NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many employees who ceased employment at Murrumbidgee Local Health District between 1 May 2016 and 1 May 2021 signed a non-disclosure agreement?
- (2) What is the total dollar amount that Murrumbidgee Local Health District has paid departing employees as a result of non-disclosure agreements signed between 1 May 2016 and 1 May 2021?

Answer—

Between 1 May 2016 and 1 May 2021, 16 District employees separated from employment at the District pursuant to a Deed of Release between the District and the employee. A Deed of Release is used to address any dispute between the District and employee in relation to the proposed separation.

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The Deeds of Release included confidentiality obligations on both parties that prevent the District from disclosing details about the agreements including the circumstances of separation or the amount of any payment made.

* 6108 PARAMEDIC ACCESS TO MY HEALTH RECORD—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Why do NSW Ambulance Paramedics not have access to the My Health Record information of patients they treat in an emergency?
- (2) Has a patient ever died or sustained further injury due to NSW Ambulance Paramedics not having immediate access to My Health Record information?
- (3) Will the Minister consider granting NSW Ambulance Paramedics access to the My Health Record information to improve treatment as safety?

Answer—

The My Health Record system is governed and operated by the Australian Government, which is responsible for granting access to the system.

Patient identification is required to gain access to a patient's My Health Record. NSW Ambulance clinicians may not always be able to adequately identify patients in order to access their My Health Record, prior to commencing clinical treatment.

NSW Ambulance clinicians treat critically ill patients based on their presentation and rely on the clinical assessment, patient history assessment and information from family and bystanders to determine a care pathway.

There are no incidents recorded in the incident management system where a review of the incident has indicated that access to a patient's My Health Record could have changed the clinical outcome.

* 6109 ACCESSLINE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) In each calendar year between 2015 and 2020, how many calls were made to the Murrumbidgee Local Health District Mental Health AccessLine (1800800944)?
 - (a) What was the average wait time before the caller spoke to a person?
 - (b) How many callers only spoke to a recorded message?
 - (c) How many callers were referred to a face-to-face appointment with a health professional?
 - (d) How many callers subsequently attempted suicide or took their own life?

Answer—

Calls to Mental Health Line services are answered by mental health clinicians who offer advice, triage and referral to appropriate services, including to the local mental health team.

There are three key performance indicators for the Mental Health Line:

- Grade of service: 70 per cent of calls are answered in 30 seconds
- Maximum speed to answer: Less than 5 per cent of calls wait over two minutes in the call queue before being answered by a mental health clinician
- Call abandonment rate: Less than 5 per cent of calls are abandoned.

The Murrumbidgee Local Health District mental health access line receives over 2,000 calls a month and consistently 90 per cent of calls are answered in under 30 seconds and its call abandonment rate is less than one per cent.

Following a brief initial recorded message outlining emergency and privacy considerations, callers are connected to a trained clinician. The Murrumbidgee Access Line is not an automated system.

* 6110 DELIVERY OF TAFE NSW COURSES—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) After the changes to the methods of providing TAFE NSW courses as a result of COVID-19, how many TAFE NSW courses:
 - (a) Have returned to face to face learning;
 - (b) Continue to be provided via the on-line learning platform or connected learning?
- (2) After the changes to the methods of providing TAFE NSW courses as a result of COVID-19, what proportion of courses have recommenced normal provision in:
 - (a) Regional New South Wales;
 - (b) Metropolitan areas of New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

The health and safety of staff, students and visitors is the highest priority for TAFE NSW.

Following a temporary pause starting 30 March 2020, TAFE NSW recommenced educational delivery from 27 April 2020, utilising a range of delivery modes.

For critical skills areas and practical courses requiring specialised equipment or facilities, TAFE NSW progressively resumed modified face-to-face training and assessment as soon as it was viable to do so from 27 April 2020. Comprehensive risk management plans were implemented in line with NSW Health advice to maintain the safety of students and staff.

TAFE NSW continues to deliver a variety of study options to provide flexibility to suit students' needs.

TAFE NSW will continue to follow advice from NSW Health when making decisions on face to face delivery of training to students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

* 6111 YOUTH JUSTICE CENTRES AND COVID-19—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) As at 10 June 2021, how many workers are employed at the Acmena Youth Justice Centre?
 - (a) How many workers are employed at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?
 - (i) How many of these workers have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
 - (b) How many young people are detained at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?
 - (i) How many of young people have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
 - (c) How many volunteer workers are there at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?
 - (i) How many of these volunteer workers have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
 - (d) How many workers engaged by third parties are employed at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?
 - (i) How many of these workers have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
- (2) As at 10 June 2021, how many workers are employed at the Cobham Youth Justice Centre?
 - (a) How many workers are employed at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?

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- (i) How many of these workers have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
- (b) How many young people are detained at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?
 - (i) How many of young people have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
- (c) How many volunteer workers are there at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?
 - (i) How many of these volunteer workers have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
- (d) How many workers engaged by third parties are employed at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?
 - (i) How many of these workers have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
- (3) As at 10 June 2021, how many workers are employed at the Frank Baxter Youth Justice Centre?
 - (a) How many workers are employed at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?
 - (i) How many of these workers have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
 - (b) How many young people are detained at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?
 - (i) How many of young people have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
 - (c) How many volunteer workers are there at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?
 - (i) How many of these volunteer workers have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
 - (d) How many workers engaged by third parties are employed at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?
 - (i) How many of these workers have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
- (4) As at 10 June 2021, how many workers are employed at the Orana Youth Justice Centre?
 - (a) How many workers are employed at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?
 - (i) How many of these workers have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
 - (b) How many young people are detained at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?
 - (i) How many of young people have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
 - (c) How many volunteer workers are there at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?
 - (i) How many of these volunteer workers have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
 - (d) How many workers engaged by third parties are employed at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?
 - (i) How many of these workers have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
- (5) As at 10 June 2021, how many workers are employed at the Reiby Youth Justice Centre?
 - (a) How many workers are employed at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?
 - (i) How many of these workers have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
 - (b) How many young people are detained at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?
 - (i) How many of young people have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
 - (c) How many volunteer workers are there at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?
 - (i) How many of these volunteer workers have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
 - (d) How many workers engaged by third parties are employed at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?

- (i) How many of these workers have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
- (6) As at 10 June 2021, how many workers are employed at the Riverina Youth Justice Centre?
 - (a) How many workers are employed at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?
 - (i) How many of these workers have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
 - (b) How many young people are detained at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?
 - (i) How many of young people have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
 - (c) How many volunteer workers are there at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?
 - (i) How many of these volunteer workers have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
 - (d) How many workers engaged by third parties are employed at this Youth Justice Centre as at 10 June 2021?
 - (i) How many of these workers have been vaccinated against COVID-19?
- (7) When are all of the workers, volunteers and inmates all due to receive their vaccination at the:
 - (a) Acmena Youth Justice Centre?
 - (b) Cobham Youth Justice Centre?
 - (c) Frank Baxter Youth Justice Centre?
 - (d) Orana Youth Justice Centre?
 - (e) Reiby Youth Justice Centre?
 - (f) Riverina Youth Justice Centre?
- (8) When will normal activities such as normal family visits, education and other activities involving external providers and visitors, fully recommence at the each of the Youth Justice Centres listed in (7)?
- (9) In 2020 and 2021 (to 10 June 2021), how many people, including departmental workers, and private sector staff, contracted COVID-19 during the pandemic at the each of the Youth Justice Centres listed in (7)?

Answer—

I am advised as at 10 June 2021:

- (1) Acmena Youth Justice Centre
 - (a) workers are employed.
 - (b) young people are detained.
 - (c) Two volunteer workers.
 - (d) 36 workers engaged by third parties.
- (2) Cobham Youth Justice Centre
 - (a) 319 workers are employed
 - (b) 66 young people detained
 - (c) 15 volunteers workers
 - (d) 36 workers engaged by third parties.
- (3) Frank Baxter Youth Justice Centre
 - (a) 275 workers are employed

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- (b) 51 young people detained
 - (c) 31 volunteer workers
 - (d) 69 workers engaged by third parties.
- (4) Orana Youth Justice Centre
- (a) 97 workers are employed
 - (b) 7 young people detained
 - (c) Nil
 - (d) 25 workers engaged by third parties.
- (5) Reiby Youth Justice Centre
- (a) 196 workers are employed
 - (b) 30 young people detained
 - (c) 25 volunteer workers
 - (d) 41 workers engaged by third parties.
- (6) Riverina Youth Justice Centre
- (a) 102 workers are employed
 - (b) 24 young people detained
 - (c) Nil
 - (d) 35 workers engaged by third parties. \

Note that data for workers employed at the Youth Justice Centres consist of the following staff categories:

- Ongoing full time
- Ongoing part time
- Temporary full time
- Temporary part time
- Casuals.

The number of casuals captured reflects the total pool of casuals in Youth Justice centres, and that some may be inactive/not working at any given point in time.

Vaccination against COVID-19 is not mandatory for staff working in Youth Justice custodial facilities. Staff are encouraged to access vaccinations.

- (7) Youth Justice is working closely with Justice Health on a vaccination roll out for all Youth Justice custodial facilities. The dates for each centre are not yet finalised.
- (8) On 23 June 2021, Youth Justice temporarily suspended family visits and outings for all young people in line with recent advice from NSW Health. Virtual visits will be made available to support young people and their families. Family visits and outings will resume once NSW Health advises it is appropriate and safe to do so. Quarantine of new admissions along with COVID-19 screening and cleaning activities have been introduced to help protect staff and young people from possible infection of COVID-19 in line with advice from NSW Health. Education and other activities have recommenced for all young people in general population at all custodial centres. It may be necessary to suspend these services in the future if increased risks are identified in the community. This will be done in consultation with NSW Health.

Prior to the most recent COVID-19 restrictions (June 2021), family visits were initially suspended in March 2020. Virtual visits were made available to support young people by the end of April 2020. Visits were resumed in a limited capacity on 23 November 2020. Family visits recommenced fully from 13 April 2021 for all young people in general population. Young people in quarantine and medical isolation continue to be provided virtual visits.

- (9) I am advised that Youth Justice staff have had no confirmed COVID-19 infections at any of the Youth Justice facilities during this pandemic.

* 6112 SUPPLY OF NITROUS OXIDE CANISTERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering it is an offence to supply nitrous oxide canisters (also known as nangs) to anyone reasonably believed to misuse them, what is the Government doing to make the sale of these products illegal to those under the age of 18 years?

Answer—

The Government is considering a range of options to limit nitrous oxide misuse including coordinated national action.

NSW Health has developed educational resources about the harms associated with the recreational use of nitrous oxide. NSW Health's alcohol and other drugs website 'YourRoom' has a dedicated nitrous oxide page (<https://yourroom.health.nsw.gov.au/a-z-of-drugs/Pages/nitrous-oxide.aspx>).

NSW Health continues to monitor alcohol and other drug related harm, including impacts from nitrous oxide.

* 6113 SUPPORT FOR MALE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

Noting that there are very few places where male victims of domestic violence can access crucial support, what funding is supplied to counselling, services and shelters for male victims in the Wallsend electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are a number of services available to male victim-survivors of domestic violence in NSW, including in the broader Wallsend region.

Safer Pathway provides support to victim-survivors of domestic and family violence across NSW. It involves specialist support workers undertaking risk assessments, needs assessments, safety planning and case coordination via telephone with victims. They also make referrals to other services that provide psychosocial, legal and/or health support to address victims' needs.

Relationships Australia NSW is funded by the NSW Government to support male victims of domestic and family violence under the Safer Pathway program, including in the Wallsend region.

Victims Services in the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) provides information and referral to support services for all victims of crime and administers the Victims Support Scheme. The scheme provides eligible victims of crime, including men who have experienced domestic violence, with up to 22 hours of free counselling. It also provides financial support to eligible victims of domestic violence, including men, with immediate needs support packages of up to \$5,000 for items such as rental assistance, household items and security upgrades.

DCJ funds the Victims of Crime Assistance League (VOCAL) to deliver support services to all victims of crime in the Hunter Region, including Wallsend.

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Through the Specialist Homelessness Services program, DCJ funds services to support male victim-survivors of domestic violence with case management support, accommodation assistance and referrals to other local support services in Wallsend:

- St Vincent De Paul – Mathew Talbot Specialist Homelessness Service covers the needs of men experiencing or at risk of homelessness in the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie local government areas.
- Carries Place Specialist Homelessness Service provides service to all victim-survivors in Maitland and Cessnock.

* 6114 NEW HOUSING AND SCHOOLS BETWEEN WALLSEND AND GLENDALE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Noting that more than 4,000 homes are being planned for the western suburbs of Newcastle between Wallsend and Glendale and that the catchment schools of Maryland Public School, Glendore Public School and Callaghan College, Wallsend are all at or over capacity, what plans are in place to deal with the influx of new students that will come from these 4,000 homes?

Answer—

The Department of Education monitors population and development trends so that it can plan to meet enrolment needs in schools across New South Wales.

The Department is aware that a developer is planning a new Eden Estates residential development to the east of Cameron Park and north of Glendale and Edgeworth.

The educational needs of students living in the Glendale area is currently being met by Edgeworth Public School, Glendale East Public School, Argenton Public School, Elernmore Vale Public School and Glendale Technology High School.

The Department regularly consults with relevant departments and agencies such as the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and local councils. In cases of sustained and stable enrolment increases, the Department provides additional permanent facilities, or new schools, as necessary.

* 6115 CLEANING CONTRACT HOURS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

As a result of the new method of calculating cleaning hours under the Whole of Government Cleaning Contract, how many schools across New South Wales will have hours increased?

Answer—

The Department of Education administers cleaning contracts in line with the provisions of the NSW Whole-of-Government facilities management and cleaning contracts.

In March 2019, a new cleaning contract was implemented across all New South Wales public schools. The new contract is designed to be more equitable for schools while still incorporating the same rigorous cleaning standards.

Included in the tender process was an assessment of the number of hours per week required at each school, to meet Department cleaning standards and benchmarks. As a result, a small proportion of schools were found to have an excess of cleaning hours in place. To ensure a smooth transition to the new arrangements, previous contract cleaning hours were maintained at these schools until the end of 2020 and the new contract arrangements commenced in Term 1, 2021. School principals at impacted schools were kept informed during the process and are aware of procedures to follow if there are subsequent concerns.

In addition to general cleaning, further cleaning measures were introduced in 2020 based on advice from NSW Health and in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee guidance to reduce the potential risk of COVID-19. These measures remain in place during Term 3 2021.

- * 6116 WALLSEND SCHOOLS AFFECTED BY CLEANING CONTRACT CHANGES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Noting that the Government has announced that hours will be cut from schools within the Whole of Government Cleaning Contracts, what schools within the Wallsend electorate will have hours cut?

Answer—

Please refer to answer to LA Q6115.

- * 6117 CONTRACT CLEANING HOURS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

As a result of the new method of calculating cleaning hours under the Whole of Government Cleaning Contract, how many sites across New South Wales will have hours increased?

Answer—

The Whole-of-Government Facility Services Management (Cleaning Services) Contract is managed by Public Works Advisory. Questions about this contract should be directed to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW, Industry and Trade.

- * 6118 WALLSEND SITES AFFECTED BY CLEANING CONTRACT CHANGES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

Noting that the Government has announced that hours will be cut from sites within the Whole of Government Cleaning Contracts, what sites within the Wallsend electorate will have hours cut?

Answer—

The Whole-of-Government Facility Services Management (Cleaning Services) Contract is managed by Public Works Advisory. Questions about this contract should be directed to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW, Industry and Trade.

- * 6119 NEW HOMES AND INCREASED TRAFFIC BETWEEN WALLSEND AND GLENDALE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Noting that more than 4,000 homes are being planned for the western suburbs of Newcastle between Wallsend and Glendale and that the Newcastle Link Road, Minmi Road, Main Road, Thomas Street and Newcastle Road are already congested, what plans are in place to deal with the influx of cars on these roads that will come from these 4,000 homes?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is working with stakeholders to understand potential land use changes and help identify necessary service and infrastructure improvements to accommodate anticipated growth in employment and housing across Newcastle.

Future service and infrastructure initiatives for the Hunter have been identified through the Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan as well as the Greater Newcastle Future Transport Plan, the overarching strategic transport network and vision that guide future transport planning for the Greater Newcastle area.

- * 6120 IMPROVING PUBLIC TRANSPORT BETWEEN WALLSEND AND GLENDALE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Noting that more than 4,000 homes are being planned for the western suburbs of Newcastle between Wallsend and Glendale and that the area has little to no public transport meaning the new suburbs would be car dependent causing further road congestion, what plans are in place to improve public transport in the area to service these 4,000 homes?

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Answer—

I am advised:

The area surrounding Newcastle Link Road is continuing to experience growth with significant future development anticipated. Transport for NSW is working with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Lake Macquarie City Council, City of Newcastle and developers to understand potential land use changes and help identify necessary service (including potential public transport initiatives to help encourage mode shift at this increasingly congested area) and infrastructure improvements required to accommodate these potentially significant changes.

Transport for NSW is investigating longer term improvements for key intersections along Newcastle Link Road, Thomas Street and Newcastle Road as well as potential public transport initiatives to help encourage mode shift at these increasingly congested areas.

Transport for NSW is also investigating options to cater for future growth in the North West Catalyst Area, including Glendale, which was identified in the Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan. To do this, Transport for NSW is working with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation, Regional New South Wales and Lake Macquarie City Council to identify the transport services and infrastructure required to accommodate the anticipated growth in employment and residential dwellings. This planning work includes considering the public transport network including buses and trains, the road network and active transport needs in the area including at these locations.

In addition, the Greater Newcastle Future Transport Plan (GNFTP) was released in 2018. The plan identified key transport policy, service and infrastructure initiatives for investigation within Greater Newcastle. The expected growth between Glendale and Wallsend was considered and identified Glendale as an emerging strategic centre with links to urban renewal corridors. Wallsend to Newcastle Interchange was also identified as a 'Priority Corridor' to be investigated for investment in priority public transport over the next 10 years.

The GNFTP was developed in collaboration with the Department of Planning and Environment's Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan 2036 and has been informed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet's A 20-Year Economic Vision for Regional NSW. These documents form the basis of future public transport planning including planning for new developments between Wallsend and Glendale.

In March 2019, the Government committed to introducing two new bus routes from Minmi to Cardiff, one via Wallsend and the other via Glendale. Transport for NSW is working with bus operators to introduce the new routes.

- * 6121 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH LIBRARIES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Noting that health libraries are vital for research and training of clinicians, why was critical funding of \$420,000 from Hunter New England Health Libraries withdrawn and what work is being undertaken for the funding to resume?

Answer—

The University of Newcastle (UoN) has advised that effective 1 July 2021, it will cease to provide funding of \$420,000 to Hunter New England Local District to provide library services for UoN students. The UoN is introducing a new digital model where library services will be provided online, with remote support and the option to book a librarian on an as-needs basis.

The UoN has decided to stop the funding to the District because its students will no longer require the library services provided by the District under the funding arrangement.

- * 6122 BERKELEY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) In each year from 2015 to 2021 (as at 10 June 2021) at Berkeley Vale Public School:

- (a) How many:
- (i) Students were enrolled?
 - (ii) Teachers were employed?
- (b) How much additional funding was received to support students with additional learning needs or students with a disability?

Answer—

(1) (a) (i) School enrolment data is available on the MySchool website (<https://www.myschool.edu.au/>), up to 2020.

2015	801
2016	775
2017	752
2018	717
2019	699
2020	678

(ii) School staff data is available on the MySchool website (<https://www.myschool.edu.au/>), up to 2020.

2015	41.2 (full time equivalent)
2016	41.2
2017	40.6
2018	40.0
2019	39.9
2020	37.7

(b) Like all schools in New South Wales, Berkeley Vale Public School is provided with resources to support students with lower level additional needs through flexible funding, as part of the Resource Allocation Model methodology. Resources to support students with moderate to high level needs are also provided through individual integration funding for students.

* 6123 TUGGERAH LAKES EXPERT PANEL—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Considering LA Q5687, when was the Tuggerah Lakes Expert Panel report presented to the Government?
- (a) When will the Government respond to the report?

Answer—

(1) The report was delivered to the Government on 31 December 2020.

- (a) Staff from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment are working with staff from Central Coast Council to review how the panel's various recommendations may be addressed.

* 6124 SOCIAL ISOLATION—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

Considering people living in social housing, what procedures are in place to ensure social housing resident do not become socially isolated?

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Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) currently uses the Australian Red Cross Telecross service, which places calls to elderly and housebound tenants on a daily basis to ensure they are safe and well. DCJ staff can refer elderly and disabled tenants to this service.

DCJ housing conducts client service visits for both public and Aboriginal housing tenancies. Client service visits are conducted both face to face and virtually, to keep up to date with tenancy management needs.

DCJ makes referrals to support services for all tenants who have support needs. DCJ will make a referral at the request of the tenant, or DCJ may identify a need for support through talking with a tenant or their family when they attend an office, during a visit to the tenant's home or through the following indicators:

- Disability modification requests
- Property care issues
- Rental arrears
- Incidents of antisocial behaviour.

* 6125 ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) In relation to electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), what regulatory and enforcement action have been taken to ensure e-cigarettes are not sold to those under the age of 18?

(a) What specific regulatory action has been taken in:

- (i) The Entrance electorate?
- (ii) Wider Central Coast region?

(2) What action has been taken to ensure that e-cigarettes containing nicotine are not sold to the public?

(a) What specific regulatory action has been taken in:

- (i) The Entrance electorate?
- (ii) Wider Central Coast region?

Answer—

Consistent with all Australian jurisdictions, New South Wales currently bans the sale of e-cigarettes and e-liquids that contain nicotine. E-liquids that do not contain nicotine are legal in NSW and are regulated in a similar way to tobacco cigarettes, including banning their sale to minors and their use in smoke-free areas, and placing restrictions on their display and advertising.

NSW Health has an active compliance and enforcement program for tobacco and e-cigarette retailing laws, including sales to minors testing, and the sale of liquid nicotine.

I am advised that between 1 January 2017 and 31 May 2021, NSW Health inspections of retailers within Central Coast Local Health District for liquid nicotine products resulted in over 6,100 ecigarettes and e-liquids containing nicotine, or labelled as containing nicotine, being seized.

NSW Health encourages people to report suspected breaches of smoking, tobacco and e-cigarette retailing laws through the Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412 or the NSW Health online complaints portal (<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/let-us-know-reports-complaints.aspx>).

* 6126 WYONG LOCAL FLOOD PLAN—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) Considering the responses to LA Q5456 and LA Q5028, what is current status of the Wyong Local Flood Plan as at 10 June 2021?

(a) When will the review and updating of the plan be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Central Coast Flood Plan has been updated by the NSW State Emergency Service. It has been submitted to the next Central Coast Local Emergency Management Committee meeting on 21 July 2021 for endorsement.

* 6127 WILFRED BARRETT DRIVE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) In relation to the Central Coast Highway between The Entrance North and Noraville, also known as Wilfred Barrett Drive, what works have been undertaken since 2019 to:

- (a) Resurface the Highway;
- (b) Separate traffic;
- (c) Separate traffic from cyclists;
- (d) Improve safety on the route?

Answer—

I am advised:

Safety improvement work on Wilfred Barrett Drive at the intersections of Oleander and Denison Streets was completed in May 2020. This work included:

- Kerb extension to improve sight distance at intersection of Wilfred Barrett Drive and Denison Street.
- Installation of painted cycle lanes at intersections with Denison Street and Oleander Street.
- Installation of ‘cyclist’ signage.
- Enhanced line marking.

Works have been undertaken just north of The Entrance at Wyuna Avenue to improve safety at the intersection. Completed in June 2020, works included:

- Barrier works to roadside
- Installation of back to back right turn lanes into Two Shores Holiday Village & Wyuna Ave
- Concrete median to improve safety/sight at the intersection of Wyuna Ave & Pacific Highway
- Alteration to bus turning circle to improve manoeuvrability, including pavement upgrade
- Enhanced line marking, including cycle lanes

From 30 May 2021, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has commenced a route safety upgrade from between Wyuna Avenue to 1.2 kilometres North of Pelican Beach Road – Due to be completed in the 2021-22 financial year, works to include:

- Wide centre line treatment
- Shoulder widening
- Roadside barriers
- Intersection safety improvements

Safer Roads Program funding has been allocated to install median separation and roadside safety barriers along sections of the Central Coast Highway near Magenta and Noraville, with construction scheduled to commence in the 2021-22 financial year.

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Further information on improvements along Central Coast Highway is publicly available on the Transport for NSW – Roads and Waterways website.

* 6128 TUGGERAH STATION LIFTS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering LA Q4814 and LA Q5685, what funding towards the provision of lifts at Tuggerah Station was made in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 Budgets?
 - (a) What work has been undertaken at the station towards the provision of lifts?
 - (b) When will work start on the lifts?
 - (c) When is work expected to be completed on the lifts?
 - (d) What funding to other upgrades at the Station was made in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 Budgets?
 - (e) What work towards other upgrades has occurred since 2019 (as at 10 June 2021)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 2019-20 and 2020-21 Budget papers are publicly available on the NSW Treasury website.

Site survey and investigation work for the Tuggerah Station upgrade was completed in early 2020, with the concept design currently underway. Community consultation will be carried out on the proposed scope of the upgrade.

Transport for NSW is also investigating longer-term improvements to nearby car parking, bus and vehicle movements and pedestrian access.

* 6129 THE ENTRANCE CHANNEL—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will ongoing funding for dredging of The Entrance channel be provided as recommended by the Tuggerah Lakes Expert Panel in its recent report to the Minister for Energy and Environment?
- (2) What funding is currently available for dredging of the channel?
 - (a) Has the Central Coast Council applied for funding?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW provides funding assistance to local councils to undertake navigational dredging works in local waterways through the Boating Access Dredging program. Applications under the program closed on 30 April 2021. Local councils are expected to be notified of successful applications by September 2021.

* 6130 WATER LEVEL GAUGE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Noting the Tuggerah Lakes Expert Panel's recommendation that a water gauge be installed at The Entrance Channel bridge, will a gauge be provided?
 - (a) If so, when?

Answer—

This should be referred to the Minister for Energy and Environment.

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- * 6131 RURAL RESILIENCE PROGRAM—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

Noting that the Rural Resilience Program has connected individuals, communities, and services which is vital for resilience, health and wellbeing, will the Minister reverse the decision to cease the Rural Resilience Program this year?

Answer—

The Rural Resilience Program has not ceased. The Government has established a dedicated agency, Resilience NSW, which will administer the Program.

- * 6132 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL NSW—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Is there enabling legislation for the Department of Regional NSW?
- (2) Is there a cabinet report each meeting by the Department of Regional NSW?
- (3) Is there an impact statement required to be made on Regional NSW when Cabinet submissions are being made?

Answer—

The Department of Regional NSW is legislated by the Administrative Arrangements (Administrative Changes – Regional NSW and Independent Planning Commission) Order 2020 under the Constitution Act 1902.

Please visit www.dpc.nsw.gov.au for Cabinet Submission guidelines.

- * 6133 NEW ENGLAND LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What are the current wait times in the Hunter New England Local Health District, specifically the Mehi Sector for people to access mental health services?
- (2) Given the long wait times should the situation be classified as an emergency?
- (3) Is the Minister concerned that the lack of early mental health intervention services is leading to more mental health emergencies?
- (4) Is there funding available to provide additional mental health services in the Hunter New England Local Health District, specifically the Mehi Sector?

Answer—

There is no current waitlist for mental health services in the Mehi sector. Patients are seen according to their clinical priority. Hunter New England Local Health District continually reviews wait times to ensure they are kept to a minimum. The NSW Government is investing a record \$10.9 billion over the next four years, including \$2.6 billion in 2021-22, for mental health services to continue important work that supports people in need across the state. This includes:

- \$109.5 million over four years to develop 25 ‘Safeguards’ – Child and Adolescent Mental Health Response Teams across NSW to provide services to children and teenagers with moderate to severe mental health issues and their families and carers. This funding package will enhance specialist child and adolescent mental health services in every local health district. Hunter New England Local Health District has been identified as a priority and will receive a team in the first tranche of the program’s rollout.

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- \$12.2 million over two years to fund Tresillian for six Regional Family Care Centres to provide services to families experiencing difficulties in the critical first years of their child's life and five 'Tresillian 2U' vans to provide mobile community support to families with infants and children, one of which will be based in Inverell.
- \$36.4 million over four years for 57 mental health Response and Recovery Specialists across regional and rural NSW to provide assertive outreach support for communities, and coordination with local services at the time of a disaster or crisis, and during the ongoing recovery phase.

* 6134 MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) For each month between January 2020 and November 2020, how many speeding fines were issued by mobile speed cameras in the following post codes:
 - (a) 2167;
 - (b) 2564;
 - (c) 2565;
 - (d) 2566;
 - (e) 2179;
 - (f) 2174;
 - (g) 2558?
- (2) For each month between December 2020 and April 2021, how many speeding fines were issued by mobile speed cameras in the following post codes:
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- (g) 2558?

Answer—

Data on speed camera penalty notices, searchable by the road and suburb of the camera location, is available at:

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

* 6135 TRANSFERS BETWEEN GRIFFITH AND WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many patients were transferred from Griffith Base Hospital to Wagga Wagga Base Hospital for orthopaedics treatment in each calendar year between 2015 and 2020?
- (2) How many patients were transferred from Griffith Base Hospital to Wagga Wagga Base Hospital for mental health treatment in each calendar year between 2015 and 2020?

Answer—

From July 2015 – May 2021 a total of 1268 patient transfers occurred from Griffith Base Hospital to Wagga Wagga Base Hospital for orthopaedics. In the same period there were 882 transfers for mental health care.

Further details on patient transfers are available on the Bureau of Health Information website.

* 6136 COUNSELLING AT TAFE THE RIVERINA—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) How many on-site counsellors are there for the 7,000 active students at TAFE Campuses across the Riverina?
- (2) How long has the counsellor position at Griffith TAFE been vacant?
- (3) How do students at Griffith TAFE access face-to-face counselling noting the absence of an on-site counsellor?
- (4) Considering the high suicide rate in Murrumbidgee, will the Government consider recruiting a full-time permanent counsellor at Griffith TAFE?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are currently three counsellors based at TAFE NSW Riverina campuses. Recruitment is underway to fill a further three positions.

The Griffith-based counsellor position became vacant in January 2021 due to a retirement. TAFE NSW will continue to undertake recruitment for this position until it is filled by an appropriately qualified applicant.

In the interim, TAFE NSW students at Griffith continue to access counselling services, including face-to-face services, by making a face-to-face, telehealth/online or telephone appointment via the Intake Officer.

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Where a face-to-face appointment is needed or a crisis arises, one of the TAFE NSW counsellors in the Riverina area attends Griffith TAFE to provide the support required.

* 6137 SUPPORT FOR BORDER TOWNS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Treasurer—

Given the dependence of border towns in New South Wales businesses on visitors from Victoria, what targeted support will the Government offer businesses who lost revenue as a result of the decision to impose entry restrictions on Victorian residents in early June 2021?

Answer—

The Government is committed to supporting businesses, communities, and the economy to navigate the challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic and are adapting our support as the pandemic evolves.

In particular, in response to increased restrictions in New South Wales and the lockdown in Greater Sydney from 26 June, the Government has made \$5.2 billion available for businesses and communities across New South Wales, which includes the following:

- COVID-19 Business Grant providing eligible businesses with turnover between \$75,000 and \$50 million (inclusive) grants between \$7,500 and \$15,000.
- COVID-19 JobSaver Payment for businesses with turnover between \$75,000 and \$50 million (inclusive), which provides fortnightly payments of 40% of payroll from a minimum of \$1,500 per week up to a maximum of \$10,000 per week (non-employing businesses receive \$1,000 per week).
- COVID-19 Micro-Business Grants providing small businesses or sole traders with an annual turnover more than \$30,000 and less than \$75,000 with fortnightly payments of up to \$1,500.
- Additional tax deferrals and waivers including:
 - Payroll tax waivers of 25 per cent for businesses with Australian wages of less than \$10 million that have experienced a 30 per cent or greater decline in turnover;
 - Payroll tax payments deferrals for all payroll taxpayers on the 2020-21 annual reconciliation return and on wages paid in July and August 2021 until 7 October 2021. Taxpayers can also seek an interest free repayment plan for up to 12 months for the payroll tax payments due on 7 October 2021;
 - Extension of the gaming machine tax deferral period.
- Protections for commercial and retail tenants, and incentives for landlords to reduce the rent of financially distressed tenants, including:
 - Retail and commercial landlords cannot evict/lock out tenants that are COVID-19 impacted without mediation. The Small Business Commissioner funded \$2 million to provide additional mediation services;
 - Commercial and retail landlords liable for land tax will be eligible for a land tax concession where they reduce the rent of financially distressed tenants, up to 100 per cent of the 2021 land tax year liability.
- \$75 million NSW Performing Arts COVID Support Package, administered by Create NSW, to provide urgent financial support to performing arts venues, producers and promoters impacted by the cancellation or postponement of performances.
- \$26 million Accommodation Support Grant for eligible accommodation premises across New South Wales that lost room nights in the winter school holidays (grants of up to \$5,000).

This is in addition to a number of ongoing support measures which are available state-wide to support businesses. These include;

- The Dine & Discover program, providing New South Wales residents with 4 x \$25 vouchers to support dining, arts and recreation businesses (which has been extended to 31 August 2021 and extended eligibility to take away).
- Providing small businesses with a fees and charges rebate of \$1,500 to help with the cost of doing business.
- Increasing the payroll tax threshold from \$1 million to \$1.2 million and reducing the payroll tax rate from 5.45 percent to 4.85 percent
- Continuing Business Connect, so more businesses can continue to get advice to navigate Covid-19's challenges.

* 6138 HAY HEALTH SERVICE TRANSFERS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) In each year from 2015 to 2020, how many times was a patient transferred from the Hay Health Service (HHS) to Griffith Base Hospital (GBH) for further treatment?
- (2) When a patient is transferred from the HHS to GBH for further treatment, is the HHS required to cover the cost of the patient's transfer?
 - (a) If so, what is the average cost of transporting a patient between the two hospitals?
 - (i) Does the HHS receive additional funding to cover this cost?

Answer—

Hay Hospital is small rural hospital and patients who require specialist care are transferred to Griffith Base Hospital. During the requested years, a total of 663 patients were transferred from Hay Health Service to Griffith Base Hospital for specialist care, including surgery, cardiology and neurology.

Ambulance costs are built into the Hay Health Service annual budget.

* 6139 MOBILE BLACK SPOT FREE IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Noting your 17 June 2019 announcement that the Government will make regional New South Wales black spot free and digitally connected across every corner of the state, will mobile services be provided to the 150-plus residents living and working in the black spot zone between Mullion Creek and Long Point?
 - (a) If so, when will mobile service capability be instated to that area?

Answer—

This blackspot zone is recorded on the NSW Mobile Black Spot Database that is used to design the NSW Mobile Connectivity Program.

All mobile black spot sites in rural and regional New South Wales, where people live and work, are given due consideration in the design and delivery of Government mobile connectivity investments.

* 6140 NGURANG-GU YALBILINYA INTENSIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Will consideration be given to directing Department of Education funding towards infrastructure and program development of the Ngurang-gu Yalbilinya intensive education program for indigenous boys in Orange, which advances students to education benchmarks whilst encapsulating indigenous art, culture and language?

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Answer—

Canobolas Rural Technology High School has committed to funding two teachers for two years (2021-2022) to further support the Ngurang-gu Yalbilinya intensive education program, which caters currently for up to 14 students. The NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group also provides funding for a student support officer for this program.

Investigations are underway to determine the viability of expanding the program.

* 6141 COAL INNOVATION FUND—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Has the Government committed \$100 million to carbon capture and storage through the Coal Innovation Fund?
 - (a) What funds have been expended from this fund?
 - (b) What are the outcomes of this work?
 - (i) What information is publicly available about the results?
 - (c) What evaluation has the Government made of the costs and benefits of this large expenditure?
 - (d) What changes to spending has the Government made in response to assessment of costs, benefits and alternative allocations?

Answer—

- (1) The Coal Innovation NSW Fund was established by the Coal Innovation Administration Act 2008. Funding can only be invested in low emissions coal technologies, including carbon capture and storage.
 - (a) \$40.4 million has been expended from this fund.
 - (b) The Coal Innovation Administration Act 2008 requires an annual report detailing allocations from the Coal Innovation NSW Fund and an evaluation of the effectiveness of the expenditure.
 - (i) Annual reports are tabled at the Parliament of NSW and published on the Department of Regional NSW, Mining, Exploration and Geoscience website.
 - (c) See (b)
 - (d) Coal Innovation NSW evaluates the effectiveness of expenditure from the Fund on an ongoing basis. This evaluation forms the basis for recommendations it makes to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW, Industry and Trade.

* 6142 SERVICE NSW—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) Noting LA Q5793 where the Charlestown Electorate was misidentified as being in the Port Macquarie local government area, how many businesses in the Lake Macquarie local government area registered with the Service NSW Quick Read (QR) Code check-in prior to 1 January 2021?
 - (a) How many Lake Macquarie businesses registered between 1 January 2021 and 18 February 2021?
- (2) How many businesses in the Newcastle local government area registered with the Service NSW QR Code check-in prior to 1 January 2021?
 - (a) How many Newcastle businesses registered between 1 January 2021 and 18 February 2021?
- (3) Noting the methodology used to check that a business is using a QR code, how many of these businesses have fallen below five scans in seven days at any time?

Answer—

- (1) 2,274 businesses in the Lake Macquarie LGA registered prior to 1 January 2021.
 - (a) 901 businesses in the Lake Macquarie LGA registered between 1 January 2021 and 18 February 2021.
- (2) 2,785 businesses in the Newcastle LGA registered prior to 1 January 2021.
 - (a) 1,038 businesses in the Newcastle LGA registered between 1 January 2021 and 18 February 2021.
- (3) As at 18 February 2021, the total number of businesses that recorded to not have at least five scans in previous seven days were:
 - Lake Macquarie LGA – 1,774
 - Newcastle LGA – 1,993.

* 6143 MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Noting LA Q5848, do all Department of Communities and Justice districts provide Mental Health First Aid Training and/or Mental Health Awareness Training?
 - (a) If this training is not provided by all districts, which districts provided this training in 2020?
 - (i) Which districts provided this training in 2019?
 - (ii) How many have offered it in 2021 (as at 22 June 2021)?
 - (b) How many permanent housing client service officers completed this training in the following years:
 - (i) 2021 (as at 22 June 2021);
 - (ii) 2020;
 - (iii) 2019;
 - (iv) 2018;
 - (v) 2017?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) delivers an induction program to all new client service officers (CSOs). The induction program includes information on diversity and working within a client centred approach. Since the program commenced in November 2016, a total of 849 staff have completed this training.

All ongoing housing CSOs are required to undertake a Certificate IV in Social Housing. This training delivers a client centred and collaborative approach to working with clients, including those with mental health conditions. Since September 2017, 741 staff have successfully completed this qualification, with an additional 127 staff currently progressing through the program.

Since 2018, all seven DCJ districts have provided mental health first aid training and/or mental health awareness training.

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* 6144 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Noting that the NSW Police Force Education and Training Command delivers a number of workshops to frontline officers, including courses specific to domestic and family violence investigation and training, how regularly do workshops related to domestic and family violence take place?
- (2) In which police districts have these workshops taken place over the five years to 2021?
- (3) How many police officers have been involved in training workshops related to domestic and family violence in the following years:
 - (a) 2021 (as at 22 June 2021);
 - (b) 2020;
 - (c) 2019;
 - (d) 2018;
 - (e) 2017;
 - (f) 2016;
 - (g) 2015?
- (4) How many of these officers have been assigned to each police district?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force is committed to providing its officers with ongoing training and access to educational resources throughout their career.

In relation to domestic and family violence, officers first receive foundational training while students at the NSW Police Force Academy. A range of training and educational products are provided to officers, from informal online training packages through to face to face workshops and units of Mandatory Continuing Police Education.

Generally, face to face training is delivered at the Region level and managed by individual Commands and Districts. Training may be delivered on an impromptu or formal basis, proactively or in response to legislative and procedural changes, such as the introduction of Domestic Violence Evidence in Chief reforms.

Since 2015, the NSW Police Force has delivered face to face domestic and family violence training workshops to almost 12,000 officers.

Domestic and Family Violence Workshop training attendance by year

Year	Officers
2021 (up until 22 June 2021)	1297
2020	1061
2019	1435
2018	984
2017	601
2015	5303

Domestic and Family Violence Workshop training attendance by Region

Region	Officers
Central Metropolitan	2399
Northern	2428
Southern	1537
Western	1790
North West Metropolitan	2083
South West Metropolitan	1328

* 6145 HILLSBOROUGH ROAD—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) What traffic studies have been undertaken at Hillsborough Road and when were they conducted?
 - (a) Where are the findings of these studies published?
- (2) What monitoring of traffic movements is being undertaken at Hillsborough Road and at what specific locations?
 - (a) What dates has monitoring occurred on?
- (3) How is any monitoring of Hillsborough Road being reported?
- (4) When will the Minister make the results of any traffic studies or monitoring publicly available?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW completed a final draft of the Lake Macquarie Traffic Study in 2018. This study identified Hillsborough Road as a high priority for further investigation. Strategic traffic modelling between Newcastle Inner City Bypass and west of Crockett Street was carried out in August 2018. Additional traffic modelling was completed in May 2020 at the intersection of Hillsborough Road and Crockett Street.
- (2) As part of the development of the Hillsborough Road Strategic Business Case (SBC) traffic count data was sourced at multiple intervals over the last few years and the network remodelled to ensure that any changes in travel behaviours and growth is understood. The SBC identifies the broader network. Traffic data used in the traffic modelling is from 2017.
- (3) Hillsborough Road monitoring data was reported from the traffic modelling report completed in 2017.
- (4) Transport for NSW awarded a contract to GHD Pty Ltd to develop the concept design and environmental assessment for the Hillsborough Road upgrade. This included plans to display the Review of Environmental Factors and Concept Design for public comment by mid-2022, consultation is now open. Additional traffic modelling is expected to be completed as part of the concept design process.

* 6146 LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Noting LA Q5850, can the Minister advise as to the type of works that have been undertaken in the following post codes:
 - (a) 2280;
 - (b) 2282;
 - (c) 2285;
 - (d) 2289;

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- (e) 2290;
- (f) 2291;
- (g) 2305;
- (h) 2306?

Answer—

I am advised:

The types of works that were completed through the accelerated maintenance and upgrading stimulus in the postcodes above as at 11 May 2021, included:

- (a) Bathroom upgrades, disability modifications, fire safety upgrades, kitchen upgrades, roof upgrades, upgrades to vacant properties
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Disability modifications, external upgrades, fire safety upgrades, roof upgrades, vegetation management works
- (d) Disability modifications, fire safety upgrades
- (e) Disability modifications, external upgrades, fire safety upgrades, kitchen upgrades, roof upgrades, vegetation management works, upgrades to vacant properties
- (f) Disability modifications, roof upgrades, upgrades to vacant properties, structural remedial works, restoration of fire damaged property
- (g) Bathroom upgrades, disability modifications, fire safety upgrades
- (h) Bathroom upgrades, disability modifications, external upgrades, fire safety upgrades, kitchen upgrades, plumbing upgrades, roof upgrades, structural works, vegetation management works, upgrades to vacant properties.

* 6147 SYDENHAM AND PARK ROADS MARRICKVILLE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) In the past ten years, how many complaints have been made about the intersection of Sydenham and Park Roads, Marrickville (as at 22 June 2021)?
- (2) In the past ten years, what has been the total number of crashes or accidents at this site (as at 22 June 2021)?
 - (a) How many of these involved pedestrians?
 - (b) How many of them involved cyclists?
- (3) In the past ten years, what has the Government done to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety at the intersection?
- (4) What other measures is the Government considering to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety at the intersection?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Over the past ten years Transport for NSW has received three complaints about the intersection of Sydenham and Park roads at Marrickville.
- (2) During the 10 year period 2011-20, there were six crashes recorded at or within 10 metres of the intersection of Sydenham Road and Park Road, Marrickville. No crashes were reported between 1 January 2020 and 22 June 2021 (provisional data, subject to change).

(a) No crashes included pedestrians.

(b) No crashes included cyclists.

(3) and (4) The intersection is signalised and includes three pedestrian crossings - two across Sydenham Road and one across Park Road.

* 6148 WESTCONNEX COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUPS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Why has the WestConnex Community Reference Group for the M4-M5 Link Tunnels not met since late 2020?

(2) Why has the WestConnex Community Reference Group for the Rozelle Interchange not met since November 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

The next WestConnex Community Reference Group for the Rozelle Interchange is currently scheduled for 29 July 2021.

As WestConnex projects have progressed, engagement methods have been adapted to ensure affected residents, businesses and stakeholders have access to the information and people they need, when they need it.

With the progression of projects through various phases and a better understanding of the communities' needs, Transport for NSW's approach to communications and engagement has changed and improved over time.

* 6149 HABERFIELD HERITAGE LISTING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Premier representing the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts—

(1) Since the March 2019 General Election, what specific work has been undertaken to progress the listing of the entire suburb of Haberfield, or Postcode 2045, on the State Heritage Register?

(2) Has the Minister met with groups advocating for the listing, including the Haberfield Association?

(3) Will the Government list the entire suburb of Haberfield on the State Heritage Register?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Heritage NSW has consulted extensively with the Inner West Council about the submission of a nomination by Council for a potential State Heritage Register listing in Haberfield. Discussion have been ongoing prior to, and since, the March 2019 election. I am advised consultants have been engaged by Council to undertake community consultation and compile the necessary documentation to progress the nomination to the Heritage Council.

(2) Summaries of scheduled meetings are published quarterly on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website in accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05.

(3) The appropriate boundary will be considered by the Heritage Council of NSW as part of the process for the nomination.

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* 6150 FIRST NATIONS HERITAGE IN HABERFIELD—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Premier representing the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts—

- (1) What action is the Government taking to identify, acknowledge, document and inform the community about sites important to First Nations heritage in Haberfield?
- (2) What such sites in Haberfield are currently protected by the Government?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Government respects the rights of First Nations communities as the knowledge holders and custodians of their cultural heritage.

Heritage NSW is working with the Inner West Council in finalising a nomination of an area of Haberfield for State heritage listing. First Nations history will be part of the assessment process for any nomination of Haberfield for State Heritage Register listing.

- (2) All Aboriginal objects are subject to protections under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

* 6151 TREASURY HOLDINGS IN HABERFIELD—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What are the current landholdings held by Treasury in Haberfield and Ashfield that were acquired or repurposed for the construction of WestConnex?
- (2) Will these lands be provided to Inner West Council for community use and benefit?
 - (a) If not, what is the proposed use of these lands?

Answer—

Treasury has advised me as follows:

- (1) Treasury is not responsible for the construction of WestConnex, and therefore does not hold any such properties
- (2) Not applicable

* 6152 WOOLWORTHS BRESCIA SITE HABERFIELD—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Why has Transport for NSW decided that vegetation and greenery adjacent to the electrical substation proposed for Bland Street should be reduced?
 - (a) Is it being reduced because installing concrete at the location will allow more access to the pit?
 - (i) If so, won't installing concrete and hard surfaces make it less accessible?
- (2) Is Woolworths being asked to manage the leftmost lane on Parramatta Road between Chandos Street and Bland Street leading into and out of the proposed Woolworths site on Parramatta Road, Haberfield?
 - (a) If so, how will this work in practice?
- (3) What consultation has Transport for NSW conducted with local Haberfield residents in relation to these proposals?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) It is the responsibility of Woolworths to manage the vegetation and greenery adjacent to the electrical substation.
Transport for NSW has not been part of any discussion or involved in reducing the vegetation and greenery adjacent to the electrical substation.
- (2) Under the Works Authorisation Deed, Woolworths is responsible for managing and maintaining their works during the 12-month defect liability period. Woolworths is required to engage a prequalified contractor to conduct the works. Woolworths must ensure that the proposed contractor is engaged by them under terms and conditions that ensure the contractor will satisfy Woolworths' obligations to Transport for NSW.
- (3) Woolworths is responsible for undertaking the design, construction and consultation as part of its development application. Any consultation required as part of this process will be completed by Woolworths.

* 6153 LEWISHAM STATION FLOODS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What has been the total cost to Transport for NSW associated with mitigating and managing flooding at Lewisham Station in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2020-21 (as at 22 June 2021);
 - (b) 2019-20;
 - (c) 2018-19;
 - (d) 2017-18;
 - (e) 2016-17?
- (2) What was the total projected cost of upgrading Lewisham Station prepared prior to the plans being deferred in 2018?
- (3) What is the cost estimate for fixing the flooding at Lewisham Station revealed in the scoping study on track drainage issues undertaken in mid-2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

The cost of managing the Lewisham Station subway in accordance with its Technical Maintenance Plan is estimated at \$2,000 per annum. During heavy rain and flood events may attract ad hoc additional costs from time to time.

In 2019, drainage works were completed and a pump installed to improve the capacity of the drainage system to remove water from the subway.

These works were successful in minimising water ingress during low to moderate rain, however during heavy or protracted rain the subway continues to flood.

Transport for NSW commissioned a hydrological study in mid-2019 to investigate the water ingress during heavy rain, which concluded that structural deficiencies with the track drainage system was contributing to water entering the subway. Water is entering the subway from the tracks above rather than draining away.

The preliminary scoping study recommended undertaking further CCTV investigation of the track drainage system adjacent to Lewisham Station subway and the surrounding area, to determine the current condition and further actions required. The drainage system at this location is very complex

* 6154 HOUSING TRANSFER LIST—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) As at 22 June 2021:

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- (a) What is the total number of people currently on the general housing transfer list across New South Wales?
- (b) What is the total number of people currently on the priority housing transfer list across New South Wales?
- (2) On 22 June 2020:
 - (a) What was the total number of people on the general housing transfer list across New South Wales?
 - (b) What was the total number of people on the priority housing transfer list across New South Wales?
- (3) As at 22 June 2021:
 - (a) What is the total number of people currently on the general housing transfer list currently residing in the Summer Hill Electorate?
 - (b) What is the total number of people currently on the priority housing transfer list currently residing in the Summer Hill Electorate?
- (4) On 22 June 2020:
 - (a) What was the total number of people on the general housing transfer list residing in the Summer Hill Electorate?
 - (b) What was the total number of people on the priority housing transfer list residing in the Summer Hill Electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) does not have a general or priority housing transfer list. DCJ has a transfer list and escalated transfer list. The below answers reflects the ‘transfer list’ and ‘escalated transfer list’.

- (1) Data for the period ending 22 June 2021 is not available. The data below is current as at 31 May 2021:
 - (a) 7375 people were on the transfer list in NSW.
 - (b) 3108 people were on the escalated transfer list in NSW list.
- (2) Data is available for the period ending 30 June 2020:
 - (a) 6105 people were on the transfer list in NSW.
 - (b) 3906 people were on the transfer list in NSW.
- (3) Please note that the Summer Hill Electorate is mostly covered by the CS3 Leichhardt/Marrickville and CS7 Inner West allocations zones. The data below is current as at 31 May 2021, for the transfer list for those allocations zones.
 - (a)
 - CS3 (Leichhardt/Marrickville) – 387
 - CS7 (Inner West) – 200
 - (b)
 - CS3 (Leichhardt/Marrickville) – 179
 - CS7 (Inner West) – 93

- (4) Please note that the Summer Hill Electorate is mostly covered by the CS3 Leichhardt/Marrickville and CS7 Inner West allocations zones. The data below is at 30 June 2020, for the transfer list for those allocations zones.

(a)

- CS3 (Leichhardt/Marrickville) – 356
- CS7 (Inner West) - 173

(b)

- CS3 (Leichhardt/Marrickville) – 214
- CS7(Inner West) - 139

* 6155 RAILWAY TERRACE AND WEST STREET PETERSHAM—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) In the past ten years, how many complaints have been made about the intersection of Railway Terrace and West Street, Petersham (as at 22 June 2021)?
- (2) In the past ten years, what has been the total number of crashes or accidents at this site (as at 22 June 2021)?
 - (a) How many of these involved pedestrians?
 - (b) How many of them involved cyclists?
- (3) In the past ten years, what has the Government done to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety at the intersection?
- (4) What other measures is the Government considering to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety at the intersection?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In the past 10 years, Transport for NSW has received 28 complaints specifically about the intersection of Railway Terrace and West Street, Petersham.
- (2) During the 10 year period 2011-20, there were 71 crashes recorded as occurring at or within 10 metres of the intersection of Railway Terrace and West Street, Petersham. Of these, one crash involved a pedestrian and no crashes involved cyclists. Between 1 January 2021 and 1 July 2021, no crashes have been recorded.
- (3) Traffic light phasing changes were introduced at this intersection in early 2015. The changes ban right-turns between 6am to 9pm seven days a week. This change improved safety for both pedestrians and motorists.
- (4) Transport for NSW is aware that Inner West Council proposed a cycleway on Railway Terrace, which crossed at this intersection. Transport for NSW does not hold information on the current status of Inner West Council's proposal.

* 6156 METRO RENEWAL PROGRAM LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Which were the ten projects funded under the Metro Renewal Program in the electorate of Liverpool?

Answer—

This is an active program being delivered by the Department of Education. The finalised list of projects approved for funding will be available at the conclusion of the program.

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- * 6157 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT NEAR HISTORICAL SITE—Mr Paul Lynch 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 steps will you take to prevent residential development on or near the site of the 1816 Appin Massacre?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 7 July 2021, the Heritage Council of NSW resolved to jointly nominate the Appin Massacre Site for listing on the State Heritage Register with the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee.

For a site to be listed on the NSW State Heritage Register, a recommendation from the Heritage Council of NSW is required.

Heritage NSW will now assess the heritage significance of the Appin Massacre Site for listing on the State Heritage Register. If listed, any major change and/or development would require approval from the Heritage Council of NSW under the Heritage Act 1977.

- * 6158 APPIN RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

What steps will you take to ensure there is no residential development on or near the site of the 1816 Appin Massacre?

Answer—

I am advised:

The massacre site is noted in the Greater Macarthur 2040 Interim Plan, which acknowledges the area's Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Aboriginal and archaeological and cultural heritage investigations and engagement with the Aboriginal community have identified the presence of Aboriginal sites of significance and cultural value. These are mainly located along the Nepean River and its tributaries, which are not suitable for development.

An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Study, which will involve comprehensive consultation with local Indigenous groups, will be undertaken for this area.

- * 6159 MAINSBRIDGE SCHOOL SITE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

When will a decision be made on the future of the land used for Mainsbridge School for Specific Purposes?

Answer—

Please refer to LA Q5813.

- * 6160 MRI E-CYCLE SOLUTIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

When will the stockpile of batteries created by MRI e-Cycle Solutions in Orange Grove Road, Warwick Farm be removed?

Answer—

I am advised the Environment Protection Authority has issued a legal notice to SOAR Development Group, the owner of the Orange Grove Road warehouse, requiring them to remove and lawfully dispose of the used batteries by 9 February 2022.

* 6161 LIVERPOOL ASSAULT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

What action will be taken against the police officer convicted in May 2021 of assault and perverting the course of justice in relation to his purported arrest of a transgender woman in Liverpool in May 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

The officer has been suspended from duties since his arrest in May 2019. As the matter is currently before the court, it would be inappropriate for me to make any further comment.

I have full confidence in the Commissioner of the NSW Police Force, to undertake appropriate management action upon the conclusion of the court proceedings.

* 6162 FIXATED PERSONS INVESTIGATIONS UNIT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) Why was the Fixated Persons Investigations Unit (FPIU) involved in investigating Kristo Langker?

(a) What guidelines exist concerning whether the FPIU investigates complaints by Ministers of the Crown?

(b) Will you refer the actions of the FPIU in relation to the Deputy Premier's complaint to the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission?

Answer—

It would be inappropriate for me to comment on the specifics of this incident as it is subject to Court proceedings.

* 6163 RELIGIOUS CONFESSION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

When will the Government conclude its consideration of the principles developed concerning religious confession and its impact upon New South Wales legislation?

Answer—

I am advised:

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's findings and recommendations, including in relation to confessional privilege.

The Government is currently considering the application of the principles to New South Wales legislation and the information provided by church leaders.

* 6164 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

What are your proposals concerning s293 of the Criminal Procedure Act?

Answer—

I hope to make a decision in the coming months about any reform of section 293 of the Criminal Procedure Act 1986.

* 6165 THE ENTRANCE ROCK GROUYNE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

In relation to the rock groyne constructed at The Entrance beach:

(1) Has Central Coast Council asked that a hydrological study be undertaken to determine the impact of the groyne on water movement in The Entrance channel?

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- (2) Has the Government agreed to undertake the study?
- (3) Has the study been undertaken?
- (4) Will the Government ensure the study is made public?
- (5) Will the Government respond to the study?

Answer—

I am advised:

No, Central Coast Council has not asked that a hydrological study be undertaken.

Although a study has not been requested, Transport for NSW is monitoring the works over a 10-year period. Stage one is currently underway and a report will be available to stakeholders once complete. Central Coast Council were consulted by Transport for NSW regarding the scope of the monitoring study and report.

* 6166 LISMORE BASE HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) In relation to Lismore Base Hospital, how many vacant positions have not been filled as of 1 June 2021?
- (2) What are the vacancies according to specific roles (as at 1 June 2021)?
- (3) Will NSW Health fund additional full time after hours Nurse Managers to deal with existing workload issues?
- (4) What is the Government doing to recruit additional staff to the maternity unit?

Answer—

The Northern NSW Local Health District has mechanisms in place to identify vacancies and recruit to positions in accordance with service delivery needs and models of care. Local health districts and hospitals vary profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational needs at any point in time.

* 6167 NORTH COAST CANCER INSTITUTE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Are there staffing shortages in the North Coast Cancer Institute in Lismore?
- (2) What additional staff will be recruited over the next 12 months?

Answer—

There are no staff shortages at the North Coast Cancer Institute and additional staff are provided to meet demand. Northern NSW Local Health District is reviewing nursing activity to determine the level of staffing required over the next twelve months.

* 6168 MOUNT OUSLEY INTERCHANGE PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What will the money allocated in 2021-2022 to the Mount Ousley Interchange Project be used on?
- (2) What is the estimated timeline for construction to commence?
- (3) What is the estimated timeline for construction to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The money allocated in 2021-22 to the Mount Ousley Interchange Project will be used to start the property acquisition process, undertake further environmental assessments as required, start the

detailed design for utility relocations and undertake a review and update of the concept design for use as a reference design.

(2) and (3) Construction timelines will be determined as the development of the project is progressed.

* 6169 KIAMA RAIL CORRIDOR—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) What specific action is the Government undertaking to upgrade the rail corridor between Kiama and Bomaderry?

(a) For each of the planned works for this corridor what are the start and completion dates?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport NSW is delivering the \$40 million South Coast Track Upgrade project, which involves the reconstruction of approximately 13 kilometres of single track, between Kiama and Bomaderry on the South Coast Line. This project was funded under the Government's \$400 million Fixing Country Rail program. Stage 1 was completed between July 2019 and June 2020. Stage 2 commenced in July 2020 and is expected to be completed in September 2021.

Also, in March 2019, the Government committed \$125 million to deliver the duplication of the rail line between Berry and Gerringong, comprising of a passing loop around Toolijooa and an extra platform at Bomaderry Station. Investigations to help inform the design of the proposed crossing loop have been completed and construction will commence in 2022.

* 6170 PFIZER VACCINE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) In relation to the vaccination program for COVID-19, will New South Wales have enough of the Pfizer vaccine to be able to cope with the increasing number of people waiting to have this vaccine instead of the AstraZeneca vaccine?

(2) What action is the Government taking to ensure individuals over the age of 60 with specific health issues can access the Pfizer vaccine?

Answer—

(1) NSW Health is receiving a weekly supply of Pfizer vaccine from the Commonwealth Government and is working with the Commonwealth Government to ensure all NSW Health vaccination clinics have adequate Pfizer supply to meet the increase in demand.

(2) In New South Wales, people with evidence of one of the specified reasons recommended not to receive AstraZeneca in line with the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) advice, can apply to receive an alternative COVID-19- vaccine. A medical assessment is required by a general practitioner or a specialist who will complete a 'Recommendation for Alternative Vaccination Form'. The individual can then be vaccinated at a vaccination clinic. The form must be presented at the time of vaccination.

* 6171 CONTRACTED CLEANING HOURS—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Are there any plans to reduce the number of contracted cleaning hours in New South Wales schools?

(a) If so:

(i) Which schools in the Balmain electorate will have their contracted cleaning hours reduced?

(ii) How many contracted cleaning hours will be lost for each affected school?

(iii) Will contracted cleaners be redeployed within the Department of Education or other Government agencies to make up for their lost hours of work?

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Answer—

The Department of Education administers cleaning contracts in line with the provisions of the New South Wales Whole-of-Government facilities management and cleaning contracts.

In March 2019, a new cleaning contract was implemented across all New South Wales public schools. The new contract is designed to be more equitable for schools while still incorporating the same rigorous cleaning standards.

Included in the tender process was an assessment of the number of hours per week required at each school, to meet Department cleaning standards and benchmarks. As a result, a small proportion of schools were found to have an excess of cleaning hours in place. To ensure a smooth transition to the new arrangements, previous contract cleaning hours were maintained at these schools until the end of 2020 and the new contract arrangements commenced in Term 1, 2021. School principals at impacted schools were kept informed during the process and are aware of procedures to follow if there are subsequent concerns.

In addition to general cleaning, further cleaning measures were introduced in 2020 based on advice from NSW Health and in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee guidance to reduce the potential risk of COVID-19. These measures remain in place during Term 3 2021.

* 6172 CUMBERLAND MOBILE PHONE DETECTION CAMERAS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

How many mobile phone detection cameras have been deployed to the Cumberland Local Government Area (as at 12 May 2021)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Mobile phone detection cameras have been deployed across New South Wales for enforcement since 1 March 2020.

There are a number of mobile phone detection camera sites in the Cumberland Local Government Area which have had mobile phone detection cameras deployed for varying lengths of time since enforcement began on 1 March 2020.

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.

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* 6173 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Is there a current audit of transport services including community and government funded services for Regional New South Wales and specifically the Barwon electorate?
- (2) What are the contact details for the Regional Transport Coordinator/s in the Barwon electorate?
- (3) In the past a booklet showing local transport services has been published through the Transport coordinators, this booklet was well received, are there current such publications?
- (4) Will Transport for NSW consider an audit of services and publicising details if this is not currently being undertaken?
- (5) Does the Government partially or otherwise fund transport services with Australian Unity in the Barwon electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (4) Transport for NSW (TfNSW) consistently analyses service provisions which include identifying emerging and changing customer needs for services. For this reason, there is no consideration of an audit in this area.

(2) The Regional Transport Coordinator position no longer exists and their tasks have been transitioned to Precinct Managers in TfNSW. For the Barwon Electorate, the contact is the Senior Manager Community and Place Partner, Far West Precinct, via email at OfficeofRegionalDirectorWest-ROM-CandP@transport.nsw.gov.au.

(3) There are no current publications showing local transport providers in a booklet format, however relevant information is available on the TfNSW website.

(5) Australian Unity is provided with funding from State and Federal funding for two transport service programs in the Barwon electorate:

- Commonwealth Home Support Program - Federal funding from the Department of Health to provide transport trips for the elderly (over 65 year olds and over 50 for Aboriginal customers).
- Community Transport Program - State funding from TfNSW to provide transport trips for the transport disadvantaged.

* 6174 FISHERIES OFFICER RECRUITMENT—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) How many of the 100 Fisheries Officers located in 17 coastal and nine inland locations are allocated to Barwon?
- (2) How many of the newly recruited Fisheries Officer positions will be located in Barwon?

Answer—

- (1) Fisheries Officers are routinely deployed to various locations across the state to meet evolving risk profiles.
- (2) Announcements regarding Fisheries Officers will be made when the recruitment process has been completed.

* 6175 FIXATED PERSONS INVESTIGATIONS UNIT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Which activities by journalists and/or YouTube comedians are covered within the remit of the NSW Police Fixated Persons Investigations Unit?
- (2) How many times can a journalist approach a New South Wales politician in a public setting before the Fixated Persons Investigations Unit threshold for suspected "lone-wolf terrorism" is reached?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has rigorous policies and procedures relating to the investigation of matters by the Fixated Persons Investigations Unit (FPIU).

Matters that relate to potential fixated persons are triaged for assessment and review through the Anti-Terrorism and Intelligence Group. This Group receives hundreds of referrals for assessment each year in relation to possible terrorist threats and/or fixated persons.

A person's employment or hobby does not preclude them from assessment or investigation by the FPIU.

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* 6176 AMBULANCES IN DENILQUIN AREA—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How often was an ambulance used to transport a patient from one health facility to another in the Deniliquin area in each year from 2015 to 2020?
- (2) Noting the high demand for patient transport in the Deniliquin area on weekends, and the limited capacity of NSW Ambulance vehicles to meet this need, will the Government fund the Deniliquin Patient Transport vehicle to operate two shifts, seven days a week, rather than its current 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday-Friday roster?
- (3) Will this service include transport to and from aged care homes to health facilities?

Answer—

The Murrumbidgee Local Health District's Patient Flow Transport Unit determines the appropriate timing and mode of transport. An average of 189 patients per year were transferred from Deniliquin by ambulance in the calendar years 2019 and 2020. Earlier figures are not available due to the transition to an electronic medical record in that time.

In the past five years, the District has invested in four additional patient transport vehicles and has increased operating hours to a seven day per week service. Additionally, from 25 June 2021, the Royal Flying Doctor Service commenced a patient transfer service in the Deniliquin area from Friday to Sunday.

Aged care resident transfers between hospitals and residential aged care facilities are booked through New South Wales Ambulance or community transport services.

* 6177 MOAMA AMBULANCE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What was the average wait-time (in minutes) for all Moama residents who called an ambulance in the 2020-21 financial year (as at 23 June 2021)?
- (2) Noting Moama's eight per cent population growth and reliance on the Victorian Ambulance Service, is the NSW Ambulance CEO's advice that Moama "is not currently the highest priority for additional NSW Ambulance services" still up to date?
 - (a) If so, what is the highest priority for additional NSW Ambulance services?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Ambulance activity and performance data is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au.
- (2) The Regional Ambulance Infrastructure Reconfiguration capital program is delivering station upgrades, rebuilds or new rural ambulance stations to priority areas. Information is available at mylocalambulance.health.nsw.gov.au

* 6178 LISAROW HIGH SCHOOL—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Noting the response to LA Q5928 regarding wellbeing and behaviour support for Lisarow High School, and that on 15 June the school community was advised a social worker would be recruited to the school, will a social worker be recruited to the school in addition to the other support you outlined in your answer?

Answer—

Yes, this is in addition to the Deputy Principal position noted in response to LA Q5928. Recruitment for this additional position is underway.

* 6179 WELLBEING AT SCHOOLS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What is the wellbeing staffing at each of the following schools:

- (a) Lisarow High;
 - (i) How many school counsellors are there at this school?
 - (ii) Are there plans to improve wellbeing support at this school?
- (b) Tuggerah Lakes Berkeley Vale High;
 - (i) How many school counsellors are there at this school?
 - (ii) Are there plans to improve wellbeing support at this school?
- (c) Tuggerah Lakes Tumby Umbi;
 - (i) How many school counsellors are there at this school?
 - (ii) Are there plans to improve wellbeing support at this school?
- (d) Tuggerah Lakes The Entrance Campus?
 - (i) How many school counsellors are there at this school?
 - (ii) Are there plans to improve wellbeing support at this school?

Answer—

(1)

- (a)
 - (i) Current school counselling allocations is 1.0 FTE and the school is receiving 1.05 FTE from three school counselling staff.
 - (ii) Yes, in accordance with the school's Strategic Improvement Plan which is available on the school's website.
- (b)
 - (i) Current school counselling allocation is 1.0 FTE and the school is receiving 1.15 FTE from two school counselling staff.
 - (ii) See answer to (1)(a)(ii).
- (c)
 - (i) Current school counselling allocation is 1.0 FTE and the school is receiving support from two school counselling staff.
 - (ii) See answer to (1)(a)(ii).
- (d)
 - (i) Current school counselling allocation is 1.0 FTE and the school is receiving support from two school counselling staff.
 - (ii) See answer to (1)(a)(ii).

* 6180 STATE ROADS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to state roads located within the Central Coast Region, what funding has been provided to the local government authority in each year since 2011 to maintain state roads including maintenance of weed and landscaping within the road corridor (to 23 June 2021)?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Transport for NSW enters into Road Maintenance Council Contracts (RMCCs) to carry out road maintenance work on State Roads.

The RMCCs establish a collaborative contractual relationship between Transport for NSW and local councils.

Funding provided to local councils covers all activities in RMCCs, including weed management and maintenance of landscaping.

Since 2011 over \$12 million has been provided to local councils in the Central Coast Region for maintenance of State Roads under the RMCCs.

- * 6181 LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

What are the total number of dwellings held by the Land and Housing Corporation for social and public housing in the state for each year since 2011 (to 23 June 2021)?

Answer—

I am advised:

For each year since 2011 to 30 June 2020, the total number of dwellings held by the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) for social and public housing as at 30 June of each year are:

Financial Year	Number of Residential Dwellings
2010-11	130,664
2011-12	130,326
2012-13	129,612
2013-14	126,349
2014-15	126,119
2015-16	126,137
2016-17	126,311
2017-18	126,149
2018-19	125,880
2019-20	125,334

Financial year 2020-21 data will only be available following the finalisation of the 2021 financial year audit.

- * 6182 SALE OF 5 AND 6 FAYE CLOSE, BATEAU BAY—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) Considering the answer to LA Q4646 on the sale of the Land and Housing Corporation property located at 5 and 6 Faye Close, Bateau Bay, what was the:

(a) Gross profit;

(b) Net profit?

(i) Does this figure include the cost of maintaining this untenanted property since it was vacated in 2012?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

- (a) The gross proceeds to Land and Housing Corporation on the sale of 5 and 6 Faye Close Bateau Bay was \$148,801.
- (b) The net proceeds to Land and Housing Corporation, including the cost of maintaining the property, was \$124,946.

* 6183 SALE OF THE SIRIUS BUILDING—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) Considering the sale of the 'Sirius' building, what was the:

- (a) Gross profit;
- (b) Net profit?

Answer—

I am advised:

Conditions precedent for completion of the sale of the Sirius building by the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) to JDH Capital are not yet fully satisfied. Completion of the sale is currently forecast to occur early in the 2023 financial year. Details in respect of the sale, including the financial outcome for LAHC for accounting purposes (i.e. gross profit and net profit calculations) will not be finalised until completion has occurred.

* 6184 BUILDING AND IMPROVING SCHOOLS IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Given the Government's nominal commitment to education and the allocation of \$3.4 billion to building and improving schools in the 2021–22 NSW Budget, why has the Bankstown electorate only received a total of \$26.1 million despite numerous schools in the electorate exceeding the enrolment cap?

Answer—

The Department of Education identifies and prioritises the school infrastructure need across New South Wales by assessing factors including current and projected demand for teaching spaces, the suitability of assets, the functionality of spaces, the opportunity to improve the utilisation of existing assets and the provision of temporary accommodation where it is required.

The following projects in the Bankstown electorate are anticipated to meet demand for student places in the short and medium term:

- Bankstown North Public School (in construction);
- Birrong Boys High School and Girls High School (announced as part of the 2021-22 State Budget); and
- Yagoona Public School (finished and operational).

* 6185 CHESTER HILL HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Given that Chester Hill High School has 28 demountables, the most out of all schools in the Bankstown Electorate and was recently impacted by the March Storms, why has no funding been allocated to improving Chester Hill High School in the 2021-22 NSW Budget?

Answer—

One of the reasons Chester Hill High School has more demountables compared to other schools in the Bankstown area is that a portion of the school campus accommodates an Intensive English Centre.

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In responding to damage sustained during the severe storms in March 2021, an additional five demountables were installed at Chester Hill High School to provide temporary accommodation whilst repair works are undertaken.

The Department of Education uses numerous strategies to manage fluctuating enrolment demands in the short to medium term including:

- enforcing the Department's school enrolment policy to restrict non-local enrolments;
- reviewing school intake areas to improve utilisation across schools in a local area; and
- providing additional demountable facilities, including classrooms and specialist spaces as required.

In cases of long term, sustained and stable enrolment increases and where there are no other options available, the Department provides additional permanent facilities, or new schools, as necessary.

* 6186 DISPARITY IN HIGH SCHOOL FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Given the significant disparities between the funding allocated to different electorates for school improvements, reflected by the \$26.1 million for schools in the Bankstown electorate and the \$81 million for schools in the Willoughby electorate, what criteria was used to determine which schools were allocated funding?

Answer—

The Government is investing \$7.9 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 215 new and upgraded schools to support communities across New South Wales. This includes funding for 44 new and upgraded school projects announced as part of the 2021-22 Budget.

This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of New South Wales.

The allocation of this historic funding is based on a rigorous and assured process that directs investment where and when it is required.

The Department of Education identifies and prioritises the school infrastructure need across New South Wales by assessing factors including current and projected demand for teaching spaces, the suitability of assets, the functionality of spaces and the opportunity to improve the utilisation of existing assets.

* 6187 FUNDING FOR SOCIAL HOUSING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) Given that the 2020-21 NSW Budget estimated a projected total spending of \$36.43 million for new supplies of social housing in the Bankstown electorate, why has this been decreased in the 2021-22 NSW Budget, which estimates a projected total spending of only \$24.69 million for new supplies of social housing in the Bankstown electorate?

(a) Why has the estimated completion date for many of these new units been pushed back from June 2024 to June 2031?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 2020-21 New South Wales Budget of \$36.43 million reflects the total project expenditure across eight projects. Five of these projects were completed in the 2020-21 financial year.

(a) The change in the estimated completion date is due to a change in reporting methodology.

The estimated completion date of June 2031 reflects a change in process driven by the Government's PRIME IT system. Bankstown electorate new supply projects included in the 2021-22 New South Wales Budget are forecast to be completed by June 2023.

- * 6188 FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Given previous concerns raised regarding overcrowding in schools in the Bankstown electorate, why has only \$4.98 million been allocated in the 2021-22 NSW Budget for new works in schools in the Bankstown electorate?

Answer—

Please refer to answer to LA Q6184.

- * 6189 OVERCROWDING IN BANKSTOWN SCHOOLS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Noting the issue of overcrowding in schools in the Bankstown electorate, including Birrong Public School, which exceeded its enrolment cap in 2020, and the numerous schools that heavily rely on demountables including Bankstown South Infants School, Bankstown West Public School and George Bass School, why has no funding been allocated to improving these schools in the 2021-22 budget despite the Government's pledge to combat overcrowding in public schools?

Answer—

Please refer to answer to LA Q6184.

- * 6190 CHESTER HILL TRAIN STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Given that \$365 million has been allocated for station upgrades in the state, why has no funding been allocated to improving the accessibility at Chester Hill Train Station despite it being previously ranked as a station most in need of accessibility upgrades in a Transport for NSW report?

Answer—

I am advised:

Making public transport more accessible continues to be a priority of the Government. More than \$2 billion has been committed to providing accessible, modern and integrated transport infrastructure, in keeping with the Government's commitment to the Disability Discrimination Act 1992. These upgrades are delivered through Transport for NSW's Transport Access Program and other infrastructure programs.

The Transport Access Program assessment process uses evidence-based criteria, including current and future patronage, customer demographics, proximity to important services such as hospitals or schools, and accessibility to nearby interchanges.

While Chester Hill Station is not currently scheduled for an accessibility upgrade, the Government recognises that there is still a lot of work to go and remains committed to providing accessible, modern and integrated infrastructure across the New South Wales transport network.

- * 6191 RICKARD ROAD UPGRADES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Given that the 2021-2022 Budget allocates \$115,000 for planning of the Rickard Road upgrades, when can these upgrades be expected to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning Industry and Environment has committed a total of \$10.7 million towards the planning and design of upgrades to Rickard Road under the Special Infrastructure Contributions (SIC) Program.

The SIC Program helps to fund the cost of infrastructure to support the release of new housing and employment lands in high growth areas.

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The \$10.7 million will enable Transport for NSW and Camden Council to deliver project business cases to progress the design of the upgrades to Rickard Road (between Bringelly Road and Springfield Road).

Questions relating to the construction and delivery of the project are a matter for the Minister for Transport and Roads.

* 6192 STACEY STREET UPGRADES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Given that the 2021-2022 Budget allocates \$10 million to complete Stage 2 of the widening of Stacey Street, Bankstown, when is Stage 2 expected to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Commonwealth Government's Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications website.

* 6193 CONTACT TRACTERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) In relation to the employment of Contact Tracers in New South Wales, why are they employed by a third party recruitment partner?

(a) Why are they not employed directly by NSW Health?

Answer—

The number of contact tracers needed in the COVID-19 response changes frequently. Engagement of contact tracers as contractors supports the scalability of the contact tracing team and enables NSW Health staff to focus on strategic and operational aspects of the COVID-19 response including core leadership, policy, data analysis and reporting functions.

NSW Health is committed to using all available resources to focus efforts on stopping the spread of COVID-19 and thanks the health staff from Western Australia, South Australia and the Commonwealth currently supporting our contact tracers in their efforts.

The New South Wales Ministry of Health is continuing to assess the operational structure and requirements of the ongoing COVID-19 response operations.

* 6194 HOUSING ACCELERATION FUND—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Given that none of the 50-plus projects funded through the Government's Housing Acceleration Fund have made it north of Port Macquarie (according to Department of Planning website), will the Minister give urgent consideration to announcing some projects in the Northern Rivers and Northern Tablelands regions?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Housing Acceleration Fund (HAF) is aimed at supporting increased and accelerated housing supply in areas of high growth through the delivery of supporting infrastructure. Since 2012, the Government has announced five rounds of the HAF.

The HAF has always maintained a focus on providing funding to critical infrastructure projects state-wide. Of the 56 projects funded by the HAF, 23 are in regional areas and funding earmarked for regional projects totals \$278.6 million.

By mid-2018, the entire program budget was assigned to projects which are underway or have been completed.

Should a future round of the HAF be announced, councils and eligible agencies in all areas of the State will be invited to nominate projects for funding.

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* 6195 HEALTH BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) In relation to the 2019-20 Budget announcement of an additional 880 allied health staff, how many additional psychologists have been employed as at 22nd June 2021?
 - (a) Which local health districts have the psychologists been assigned to?
- (2) In relation to the 2019-20 Budget announcement of an additional 1,060 medical staff, how many additional psychiatrists have been employed as at 22 June 2021?
 - (a) Which local health districts have these psychiatrists been assigned to?
- (3) In relation to the 2020-21 NSW Budget announcement to provide an additional 100 wellbeing and in reach nurses in vulnerable regions, how many have been employed as at 22 June 2021?
 - (a) What are the regions that they have been employed in?
- (4) In relation to the 2020-21 Budget announcement to provide additional mental health clinicians and peer workers to enhance community mental health services and support vulnerable populations, how many have been employed as at 22 June 2021?
 - (a) How many have been employed as at 22 June 2021?

Answer—

Local Health Districts (LHDs) are responsible for ensuring that an appropriate skilled workforce are available to deliver clinical services to the NSW community. LHDs are responsible for the allocation of key workforce including psychologists, nurse coordinators and mental health staff.

* 6196 INFECTIOUS DISEASE MANAGEMENT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How many staff within NSW Health were dedicated to infectious disease management in each year from 2019 to 2021 (to 22 June 2021)?

Answer—

I am advised the data requested is not readily available.

Monitoring and responding to infectious diseases in New South Wales is carried out by clinical and nonclinical staff within the NSW Ministry of Health and across a range of agencies and clinical settings. I am advised staffing decisions are made locally by agencies, local health districts and speciality health networks to meet service needs at different points in time.

* 6197 REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CLINICS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many abortion clinics were operating in New South Wales in each year from 2019 to 2021 (to 22 June 2021)?
 - (a) What are the locations of each of these clinics?

Answer—

NSW Health does not regulate private abortion clinics in New South Wales and does not maintain this information.

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Affordable and timely access to abortion is a whole of sector response shared by the public health system, private providers, primary care and accredited non-government organisations.

NSW Health has introduced initiatives to improve equitable access to information and services for abortion and best practice long acting reversible contraception. In early 2021, Family Planning NSW was the successful tenderer to trial a new service model to support the delivery of community-based abortion services (medical and surgical) and long acting reversible contraception for women who experience barriers to services in regional New South Wales. This trial will commence in the second half of 2021.

NSW Health also provides a statewide Helpline to assist women access services. The NSW Health funded NSW Pregnancy Choices Helpline 1800 008 463 and website provides support with free and confidential information on pregnancy choices in New South Wales, including details about accessing abortion information, support and services.

* 6198 TRAFFIC LIGHTS INSTALLATION DELAY—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Considering the delay in installing traffic lights at Bardia Public School is due to the private developer being unable to meet their prior contractual obligations, when was Transport for NSW informed that the private developer would not be able to fund delivery of the traffic lights?
- (2) What, if any, consideration will be made to fast-tracking the traffic lights to improve safety at the school?

Answer—

- (1) Questions regarding discussions between Transport for NSW and the developer are best directed to the Minister for Transport and Roads.
- (2) The Department of Education is not responsible for the design and installation of the pedestrian traffic lights at the junction of Arthur Allen Drive and Macdonald Road. This question is best directed to Campbelltown Council.

* 6199 CLEANING HOURS FOR SCHOOLS IN THE MACQUARIE FIELDS ELECTORATE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Considering the Governments cuts to school cleaning hours, how many cleaning hours will be cut at the following schools:
 - (a) Ajuga Public School;
 - (b) Bardia Public School;
 - (c) Campbell House School;
 - (d) Campbellfield Public School;
 - (e) Cunan Public School;
 - (f) Eschol Park Public School;
 - (g) Glenfield Park School;
 - (h) Glenfield Public School;
 - (i) Glenwood Public School;
 - (j) Guise Public School;
 - (k) Ingleburn High School;
 - (l) Ingleburn Public School;

- (m) James Meehan High School;
- (n) Kearns Public School;
- (o) Leumeah High School;
- (p) Macquarie Fields High School;
- (q) Macquarie Fields Public School;
- (r) Minto Public School;
- (s) Passfield Park School;
- (t) Robert Townson High School;
- (u) Robert Townson Public School;
- (v) St Andrews Public School;
- (w) Sackville Street Public School;
- (x) Sarah Redfern Public School;
- (y) Sarah Redfern High School;
- (z) The Grange Public School?

Answer—

The Department of Education administers cleaning contracts in line with the provisions of the NSW Whole-of-Government facilities management and cleaning contracts.

In March 2019, a new cleaning contract was implemented across all New South Wales public schools. The new contract is designed to be more equitable for schools while still incorporating the same rigorous cleaning standards.

Included in the tender process was an assessment of the number of hours per week required at each school, to meet Department cleaning standards and benchmarks. As a result, a small proportion of schools were found to have an excess of cleaning hours in place. To ensure a smooth transition to the new arrangements, previous contract cleaning hours were maintained at these schools until the end of 2020 and the new contract arrangements commenced in Term 1, 2021. School principals at impacted schools were kept informed during the process and are aware of procedures to follow if there are subsequent concerns.

In addition to general cleaning, further cleaning measures were introduced in 2020 based on advice from NSW Health and in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee guidance to reduce the potential risk of COVID-19. These measures remain in place during Term 3 2021.

* 6200 INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESSES WHO MOVE TO NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

- (1) Considering the Government's announcement regarding zero payroll tax for four years for domestic and international businesses that move their head offices to New South Wales, how many businesses have taken advantage of this program?
 - (a) How many jobs have those businesses brought to New South Wales?
 - (b) How many of these businesses employ more than 100 people?
 - (c) What is the total of payroll tax forfeited by the businesses in this program?

Answer—

- (1) The Jobs Plus Program will accept applications on an ongoing basis, until Program funding has been fully allocated or at 5pm on 30 June 2022, whichever occurs first.

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- (a) The Jobs Plus Program is open for applications from 15 December 2020 to 30 June 2022 with a target to support 25,000 new jobs where job creation is initiated by 30 June 2022 and complete by 30 June 2024.
- (b) Under the Jobs Plus Program, eligible applicants include: domestic companies with at least 30 FTE employees in Australia at the time of application, and foreign owned entities with at least 80 FTE employees globally, which provide written intent to establish a subsidiary or branch office in New South Wales through a physical presence, with staff located and paid in New South Wales.
- (c) Payroll Tax Relief is provided for up to a four-year period, for every new job created where a business has committed to create at least 30 net new jobs (and 20 net new jobs for non-metropolitan areas) related to the new investment project.

* 6201 NEW SOUTH WALES TRADE OFFICES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) How many New South Wales trade offices are there in overseas countries?
 - (a) Where are they located?
 - (b) Who heads each office?
 - (c) What locations are proposed to have an office but are not currently open?
 - (d) What is the time frame for each of these proposed offices to be open?

Answer—

Details of the Government's international network and expansion information is available on the Invest NSW website and within the Global NSW Strategy.

* 6202 GLOBAL NSW STRATEGY—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Premier—

- (1) Considering the \$34,000 estimated expenditure by Investment NSW on the Global NSW Strategy, as per the 2021-22 NSW Budget Paper No. 3 under the Department of Premier and Cabinet cluster, what specifically was the \$34,000 spent on?
- (2) What were the planned major works in the 2020-21 financial year in relation to the Global NSW Strategy?
- (3) Which of the planned works were carried out in the 2020-21 financial year?
- (4) Considering the Global NSW Strategy was allocated \$2.8 million in the 2020-21 Budget, why was the estimated expenditure to 30 June 2021 only \$34,000?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information can be found in Budget papers and annual reports.

* 6203 NSW YOUTH PARLIAMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What funding does the Government provide to support the annual NSW Youth Parliament?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the value of this event and its education and training for leaders of the future?
- (3) What further support will the Government provide to ensure the NSW Youth Parliament can continue to provide education and training opportunities for young people in how Parliament works?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Department of Communities and Justice does not provide funding to the YMCA's NSW Youth Parliament Program.
- (2) The Department of Communities and Justice has not carried out an evaluation of the event.
- (3) The Department of Communities and Justice does not currently have funding available to support this initiative.

* 6204 PLUNKETT STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What plans does the Government have to update public school resourcing to account for complexity of need rather than only the number of enrolments?
 - (a) How would this impact on Plunkett Street Public School resources?
- (2) What plans does the Government have to provide an additional classroom for the Plunkett Street Public School to meet increasing community need?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to address the WHS hazards at Plunkett Street Public School identified from safety incidents?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to allocate an additional full-time teacher to this school?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to increase the school counselling allocation of one day per fortnight at Plunkett Street Public School to better reflect the complex needs of students?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to provide behaviour management support for Plunkett Street Public School?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to improve Plunkett Street Public School's capacity?

Answer—

- (1) In 2018, the Government signed the National School Reform Agreement with the Commonwealth Government. Under the agreement, the Government will invest an additional \$6.4 billion over the life of the agreement to 2027 in needs based, sector blind funding to support students across New South Wales.

Under this model, funding is calculated on the needs of the individual student and allocated accordingly. In New South Wales, the Resource Allocation Model (RAM) includes three base loadings and four equity loadings that account for individual student needs including socio-economic background, Aboriginal background, English language proficiency and low-level adjustment for disability.

In 2021, Plunkett Street Public School is receiving \$172,283 in RAM funding. This funding is to directly support the individual needs of students.

Plunkett Street Public School also receives targeted Integration Funding Support for its eligible students in mainstream classes who require moderate to high levels of adjustment. This funding supports the needs of specific students enrolled at the school.

- (2) Plunkett Street Public School has three permanent home base teaching spaces and one demountable home base teaching space, which is equal to its entitlement for four home bases, including the preschool class. There is no current entitlement for an additional home base.
- (3) In accordance with the Department's Work Health and Safety Policy, there are a range of policies, procedures, safe systems of work and risk management guidelines that schools implement so that identified risks are managed. This relates to a range of issues including first aid, student safety and staff wellbeing.

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The Department's Incident Report and Support Hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to support staff. Staff can contact the hotline to notify of workplace incidents and seek support and advice on a range of health and safety matters including injuries, illnesses and emergency matters.

The Risk Management Team within the Department's Health and Safety Directorate also work closely with the school and relevant areas of the Department to identify the causes and factors contributing to specific situations and put in place measures to address the risk and minimise the likelihood of further incidents arising.

- (4) Plunkett Street Public School will continue to be staffed in accordance with the staffing entitlement formula, based on student enrolment. This is a state-wide process that ensures all New South Wales public schools are suitably staffed to meet the needs of students.
- (5) The school counselling service allocation to Plunkett Street Public School is 0.1 FTE (full time equivalent) and the school is receiving this allocation. The Senior Psychologist Education is also available to provide support to the school. School counselling allocations are based on student enrolment data and on indicators of need. The methodology for allocating school counselling resources is determined by a stakeholder group who is currently determining allocations for the next three year cycle. Schools will be advised of their next three year allocation later in 2021.
- (6) As part of the Department's Student Behaviour Strategy, a specialist workforce has been recruited to facilitate targeted and intensive support, guidance and advice for behaviour support activities/programs and complex case management.

Behaviour Specialists are located throughout New South Wales and are members of the Department's local Delivery Support team. They work with schools as part of the 'Team around a school' approach. Schools, including Plunkett St Public School, are able to request a Behavioural Specialist to support complex student behaviour matters by contacting their local Learning and Wellbeing Advisor.

The Delivery Support team also includes Learning and Wellbeing officers and Network Specialist Facilitators, as well as school-based roles such as the Assistant Principal Learning and Support. Assistance can be sought from these staff who are available to work with schools to support students with complex behaviours as well as offer a range of capacity-building resources.

An Assistant Principal Learning and Support is currently providing support to Plunkett Street Public School. The Assistant Principal Learning and Support is building the capacity of the school's Learning and Support team focusing on classroom and playground strategies and trauma informed practices. The Aboriginal Education team has also been engaged by the school since May 2021 to support the school and community.

Plunkett Street Public School's first point of contact for behaviour support is the Assistant Principal Learning and Support or the Learning and Wellbeing Officer. School executive can reach out to discuss supports for individual students or to seek assistance in building the capacity of staff.

- (7) Under the School Success Model, Principals will be supported in analysing school performance data and selecting evidence-based professional learning to build school and teacher capacity in identified areas of need.

* 6205 SOCIAL HOUSING REDEVELOPMENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What current plans does the Government have to redevelop social housing multi-unit properties in the Sydney electorate in the 2021-22 financial year?
- (2) What other plans does the Government have to redevelop existing multi-unit social housing properties in the Sydney electorate after June 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) is constantly assessing its property portfolio to ensure that it meets the needs of our tenants and our communities.

LAHC has previously announced five major renewal projects within the Sydney region at: Waterloo South; 600 Elizabeth Street, Redfern; 17-31 Cowper Street and 2A-2D Wentworth Park Road, Glebe; Franklyn Street, Glebe; and Explorer Street, Eveleigh, to increase the number of new social housing properties in inner city Sydney.

* 6206 HIGH SEVERITY CROWN FIRES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the research report 'The severity and extent of the Australia 2019-20 Eucalyptus forest fires are not the legacy of forest management' published in Nature Ecology & Evolution (May 2021)?
- (2) What action has the Government taken in response to the evidence that trees in previously logged areas were as likely to crown scorch on the mildest bushfire days as were trees in undisturbed forests on severe bushfire days?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to restrict logging in native forests given the increasing evidence of worse fire impacts after logging and expected increase in severe bushfires?

Answer—

I note that as the Forestry Corporation of NSW is the land manager of state forests and responsible for fire management, these questions should be referred to the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade, the Hon. John Barilaro MP.

However, it is clear that the 2019-2020 bushfires have had a massive impact on our forests and the Environmental Protection Agency maintains an active risk-based compliance program to ensure that forestry operations comply with the conditions of the Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals.

* 6207 QUANTUM REVOLUTION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) Considering that quantum computing, quantum communications and other quantum-enabled technologies are predicted to be the next major technological revolution, what support does the Government provide for this science and technology?
- (2) What support does the Government provide for the commercialisation of university-developed intellectual property in New South Wales?
- (3) What further action will the Government take to develop quantum technologies?

Answer—

The Government has a number of programs to explore quantum technology.

In April 2021, the Minister for Transport announced a partnership between Transport for NSW and Q-CTRL to explore quantum computing technology in transport network resilience management. In addition, the Government, through the Office of the NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer, has committed \$1 million of the funding towards two projects operated by the NSW Defence Innovation Network's (DIN) Defence Industry Quantum Research Consortium based around quantum technology for defence applications.

The NSW DIN is a university-led initiative of the Government and the Commonwealth Defence Science and Technology Group to enhance NSW Defence industry capability through collaboration with government and academic research institutions.

Looking forward, the Government will continue to work with academia and industry on opportunities for quantum technology to be used to help drive improvements in the delivery of services and promote jobs in New South Wales.

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For example, New South Wales is developing game-changing solutions across the emerging digital technology spectrum, including cyber security, artificial intelligence and quantum technology.

As the future home of Sydney's innovation and technology community, Tech Central will create a vibrant innovation and technology precinct in the heart of Sydney's CBD, with strong links to international markets, Greater Sydney, and the rest of New South Wales.

In addition, the Sydney Quantum Academy and future Space Industry Hub, are planned to be located within the Tech Central precinct and will help to future proof and diversify the New South Wales economy and cement its position as a leader in:

- Fintech, Cyber and e-Health
- Digital and deep technology including quantum, blockchain, AI, robotics, IOT and analytics
- Creative industries including VR and game design

* 6208 DECARBONISING HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What programs does the Government have to decarbonise health services in New South Wales?
- (2) What steps have been taken to power health care services by zero emissions electricity?
- (3) How has the Government ensured that health service buildings promote energy efficiency, zero emissions, and climate resilience?
- (4) Does the Government require all new health service fleet vehicles to be low or zero emission operations?
- (5) What programs does the Government use to procure supplies, deploy clean technologies, reduce the volume and toxicity of health care waste and manage waste sustainably?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to decarbonise health services in New South Wales?

Answer—

Information on programs, actions and the purchase of low emission fleet vehicles to reduce carbon emissions in health facilities is contained in the Government Resource Efficiency Policy and the NSW Net Zero Interim Plan Stage 1 2020-2030 available on the Department of Planning Industry and Environment website. Information on the NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap is available on the Energy NSW website and the Government Resource Efficiency Policy and the Government Waste and Recycled Materials Strategy 2041 are also available on the Department of Planning Industry and Environment website.

NSW Health is committed to NSW Government Policy directions and is continually improving the environmental performance of Health assets and services to meet the Government's net zero emissions by 2050 target.

* 6209 INCIDENTS ON PARTY BOATS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Are incident reports to NSW Police about party boat noise and anti-social behaviour on Sydney Harbour increasing or decreasing?
 - (a) What numbers of reports are being made each month?
 - (b) What locations are the subject of most reports?
 - (c) What days and times are these reports made?
- (2) What action does the Police Marine Command take in response to these incident reports?

- (3) What proactive operations does the Marine Command carry out to prevent incidents in 'hot spot' locations or to target recidivist offenders?
- (a) How many of these operations were carried out in each year from 2019 to 2021 (as at 24 June 2021)?
- (4) What results or outcomes were achieved from these operations?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to protect harbourside communities from offensive noise and anti-social behaviour associated with party boats late at night?

Answer—

I am advised:

Complaints relating to 'party boats' and 'anti-social behaviour' are generally captured as noise complaints in the NSW Police Force Computerised Operational Policing System (COPS).

Between June 2019 and June 2021, the NSW Police Marine Area Command attended approximately 100 noise complaints on Sydney Harbour. Approximately half of these incidents related to party boats.

Over the reporting period, the majority of complaints were made from the east side of Sydney Harbour on Saturdays and Friday evenings.

While party boats have not been the target of specific operations, the Marine Area Command do conduct multi-faceted operations, including Operations Swell and Riptide, which focus on the compliance of commercial vessels on Sydney Harbour. Marine Area Command crews routinely perform high visibility patrols, as well as intelligence led taskings to address hotspots and concerns relating to specific vessels.

- * 6210 HOSPITAL SECURITY PACKAGE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

What is the allocation to Wollongong Hospital and the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District of the \$69.7 million hospital security package in the 2021-22 financial year?

Answer—

Information on allocations to the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District will be available in the 2021-22 Service Agreement when finalised.

- * 6211 BRADFIELD CITY CENTRE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

What is the breakdown of \$870 million in enabling works for Bradfield City Centre?

Answer—

The Government has committed \$870 million for enabling works to prepare the Bradfield City Centre for private sector investment. This includes funding for utilities and services, site preparation and access, along with the provision of new community and recreation facilities and public open space.

- * 6212 ILLAWARRA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer—

What are the details of the \$35.9 million allocated to Illawarra Infrastructure Fund in the 2021-22 NSW Budget?

Answer—

Treasury has advised me as follows:

\$35.9 million in Restart funding has been allocated to fund six regional infrastructure projects, including aged and healthcare facilities, facilities for people with disabilities, a family support centre and road infrastructure.

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As at July 2021, five of these projects are complete, with one project still in delivery.

* 6213 ADDITIONAL INTENSIVE CARE PARAMEDICS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) How many of the additional intensive care paramedics announced in the 2021-22 Budget will be stationed in Wollongong and the Illawarra?

(a) What is the timetable for the rollout of these positions?

Answer—

The 2021-22 Budget includes \$34 million for the conversion of 246 paramedics to intensive care paramedics over the next four years, with two thirds of these positions located in regional areas. NSW Ambulance will use existing service planning methodology to determine the allocation of the positions and best meet the clinical needs of the New South Wales community.

* 6214 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) How many electric vehicle charging stations will be between Sydney CBD and Wollongong CBD?

(a) Where will they be located?

(b) What is the timetable for the roll out of these electric vehicle charging stations?

(2) How many electric vehicle charging stations will be installed between Wollongong CBD and Nowra CBD?

(a) Where will they be located?

(b) What is the timetable for the rollout of these electric vehicle charging stations?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government will invest \$171 million over the next four years to ensure widespread electric vehicle charging coverage. The charging stations will be rolled-out to regional and metropolitan zones, including in or near public transport hubs, ensuring that electric vehicle owners have access to charging options and coverage that will suit their lifestyle and journey needs. In addition to the regional NSW electric vehicle charging partnership, the Government is currently investigating locations and timing of the future roll-out to support the NSW Electric Vehicle Strategy.

* 6215 MULTISPORT COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections representing the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

(1) Will the Wollongong local government area be eligible for the Multisport Community Infrastructure Fund?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Yes.

* 6216 ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT ELIGIBILITY—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Is Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District one of the 15 Local Health Districts eligible for community care for people with movement disorders?

- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The \$8.6 million package will support people with movement disorders across the state, including people in Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District.

- * 6217 CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS TEAMS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) Will any of the 25 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Crisis Teams be based in Wollongong or Illawarra?

- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The new ‘Safeguards’ – Child and Adolescent Mental Health Response Teams will be established in every local health district over the next four years.

- * 6218 ILLAWARRA RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) How much funding has been allocated to the establishment of the Illawarra Renewable Energy Zones?

- (2) What is the timetable for this funding to be provided?

- (a) If there is no timetable, what is the delay in the funding allocation?

Answer—

The Government announced in the 2021–22 Budget, a commitment of \$379.6 million to deliver the Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap. This includes funding for the Illawarra Renewable Energy Zone as well as the other four Renewable Energy Zones set out in the Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020. This funding is in addition to a previous Government commitment of \$110 million for the development of NSW Renewable Energy Zones and establishment of the Energy Corporation of NSW.

- * 6219 HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FORUM—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Premier—

Will consideration be given for the Premier to convene a day-long Housing and Homelessness Forum at the Parliament of New South Wales so Members of Parliament can at least listen to the lived experience of the homeless and people who cannot afford suitable housing, and to those in the sector who can advise on better ways to respond to the issue, programs that work and to have substantive discussions on long-term solutions?

Answer—

This question would be better directed to the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

- * 6220 NURSES LEAVING TENTERFIELD DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How many registered and/or enrolled nurses have left employment at Tenterfield District Hospital during the past two years?

Answer—

The Hunter New England Local Health District has mechanisms in place to identify vacancies and recruit to positions in accordance with service delivery needs and models of care. Local health districts and hospitals vary profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational needs at any point in time.

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- * 6221 TRANSITIONAL ACCOMMODATION—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Will the Government support the 2018 Northern Rivers Housing Forum's plan, still current three years later, to increase transitional accommodation for clients of special homelessness services in the region by 150 properties?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Land and Housing Corporation is focused on growing and changing the NSW social housing portfolio to house more vulnerable people and families in better quality modern homes. This includes building more social housing to provide pathways out of crisis and transitional housing.

- * 6222 CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL HOUSING RENEWAL PILOT PROGRAM—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Considering the Lismore electorate ranks 21st out of 93 electorates in New South Wales for the highest number of homeless people, will the Government consider the City of Lismore, identified as a growth centre, as a pilot location for a contemporary social housing renewal program?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) has well established construction programs, and continues to work across all areas of the state to address the need for more and better social housing.

To meet high demand for social housing in the Northern Rivers area, LAHC is currently delivering 40 new social homes at 33-35 Boyd Street, Tweed Heads, which is due for completion by mid-2022.

- * 6223 TINY HOMES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Considering that the tiny homes movement is being embraced by many people in the Northern Rivers region as a more affordable option than conventional housing, does the Government view pre-fabricated or modular housing as part of the solution for housing affordability and supply?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is committed to ensuring that there is an adequate supply of new dwellings that are affordable, well-designed, and located in places that people want to live.

The Government released its first housing strategy, Housing 2041: NSW Housing Strategy which sets a 20-year vision for better housing outcomes across New South Wales.

In parallel with the announcement of Housing 2041, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has launched the Government Property Index (GPI) which provides a free, one-stop shop for information on NSW Government-owned property and allows industry to put forward innovative proposals for that land to improve utilisation and benefits for local communities including housing.

Housing 2041, and its accompanying 2021-22 Action Plan, will help to improve housing affordability in a number of ways, including:

- * 6224 STREET HOMELESSNESS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Premier—

Is the Government on track to meet the Premier's personal policy priority of halving street homelessness in New South Wales by 2025?

Answer—

I understand we are currently on track to halve homelessness in New South Wales by 2025.

Further questions in relation to homelessness should be directed to the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

- * 6225 SHORTAGE OF ONE AND TWO BEDROOM HOUSES—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Considering that detached dwellings make up two-thirds of all homes in New South Wales and most of these have more than three bedrooms, how is the Government addressing the shortage of one-bedroom or two-bedroom units as identified by community and social housing providers and by real estate agents?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government's social housing policy, Future Directions for Social Housing in NSW, recognises the need to build more smaller, fit for purpose homes to match the needs of new and future social housing tenants. Currently, most applicants on the NSW Social Housing Register need either a one or two-bedroom home.

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) Portfolio Strategy includes a focus on building more homes that are better matched to tenant needs and contributing to the diversity of homes in New South Wales.

LAHC is continually reviewing the State's social housing portfolio. As part of this process, LAHC engages with local councils and community housing providers on opportunities for new housing that will respond to the needs of current and future social housing tenants.

From financial year 2018/19 to 2020/21, LAHC delivered nearly 900 new homes, 92 per cent of which have one or two bedrooms.

The NSW Government announced its first housing strategy, Housing 2041 with a 20-year vision for better housing outcomes across metropolitan and regional areas by 2041. It is recognised that housing configuration and housing mix vary by location, and there is not always a balanced mix of diverse housing supply in every location. This is most noticeable in regional New South Wales where larger dwellings continue to dominate new stock.

In the first two years of delivering Housing 2041, and as outlined in the five priority areas, the Government is to provide planning, regulation and guidelines to support new housing typologies to meet the needs of individuals and communities.

The five priority areas also outline the need to work with local governments and communities to achieve the housing objectives, which includes the support to people and communities for access to diverse housing choices without compromising on basic needs.

- * 6226 NEW SOCIAL HOUSING DWELLINGS FOR THE LIMORE ELECTORATE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

How many of the 800 new social housing dwellings announced in the 2021-22 Budget will be allocated to the Lismore electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government will deliver six dwellings to the Lismore electorate.

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- * 6227 HOUSING SUPPLY AND AFFORDABILITY—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

What is the Government doing in a proactive sense to encourage the Commonwealth Government to play a bigger role in addressing housing supply and affordability, and to have a workable plan and policy putting the Government and Commonwealth Government on the same page?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government has announced its first housing strategy, Housing 2041 with a 20-year vision for better housing outcomes across metropolitan and regional areas by 2041. Through implementation of the Strategy, the Government is committed to working with the Australian Government to ensure policy alignment across the housing sector and opportunities for partnership to deliver housing solutions and advocate for better housing choice and improved housing outcomes. Specifically, NSW has also been the first state to access funding through the National Housing Infrastructure Facility (NHIF). Of the \$562 Commonwealth funding provided to states last year, New South Wales has accessed over 80 per cent of it.

- * 6228 COVID-19 VACCINATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) How many COVID-19 vaccinations have been administered as at 24 June 2021?

- (a) How many of these have been for recipients over 50 years old?
 - (i) How many of these are residents of the Hunter?
- (b) How many of these have been for recipients under 50 years old?
 - (i) How many of these are residents of the Hunter?
- (c) How many of these have been administered in the public health system?
- (d) How many of these have been administered by general practitioners?
- (e) How many of these have been administered by pharmacists?
 - (i) How many of these are residents of the Hunter?
- (f) How many recipients over 50 years old have been fully vaccinated i.e. have received both doses of the relevant vaccine?
 - (i) How many of these are residents of the Hunter?
- (g) How many recipients under 50 years old have been fully vaccinated i.e. have received both doses of the relevant vaccine?
 - (i) How many of these are residents of the Hunter?
- (h) How many prospective recipients are unable to access a vaccine due to their general practitioner not offering the service?
 - (i) How many of these are residents of the Hunter?

Answer—

Information on vaccination administration is available on the Commonwealth Government's website at <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/australias-covid-19-vaccine-rollout>

This includes information on vaccinations provided by states and territories and other providers, including general practitioners, and doses by age and sex.

* 6229 ENT ADULT PATIENTS IN THE HUNTER NEW ENGLAND LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Considering adult patients requiring ear, nose and throat (ENT) appointments and/or surgery in the Hunter New England Local Health District in public hospitals with an Otolaryngologist (ENT Specialist), in each financial year from 1 July 2015 (to 24 June 2021):
 - (a) What is the average wait time for:
 - (i) An appointment?
 - (ii) Surgery?
 - (b) How many patients were listed for:
 - (i) An appointment?
 - (ii) Surgery?
- (2) What is the recommended timeframe for a patient to be:
 - (a) Allocated an appointment?
 - (b) Scheduled for surgery after an appointment?
- (3) What hospitals provide appointments with an ENT Specialist?
- (4) What hospitals have surgeons who perform ENT surgery?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Waiting times for appointments and surgery are allocated according to a patient's clinical urgency, with the most urgent patients seen first. The Bureau of Health Information publishes independent reports about the performance of the New South Wales public healthcare system. See https://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au/Healthcare_Observer.

Referrals to specialty consultant outpatient clinics are managed in accordance with the NSW Health Guideline Outpatient Services Framework (GL2019_011) that provides guidance for local health districts and hospitals on the planning, provision and management of outpatient services.

Hunter New England Local Health District regularly audits surgical waitlists to determine if patients still require appointments or whether their situation has changed.

The Government committed an additional \$458.5 million in 2020-21 and a further \$80 million in 2021-22 to boost elective surgery activity by partnering with private hospitals to support the completion of elective surgeries that were postponed due to the pandemic.

(3) and (4) John Hunter Hospital provides ENT specialist outpatient services in the Hunter New England Local Health District. Some patients are also eligible to access ENT appointments via Aboriginal Medical Service clinics located in Inverell (Armajun Aboriginal Health Service), Tamworth (Tamworth Aboriginal Medical Service), Forster (Tobwabba Aboriginal Medical Service), Taree (Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre) and Hamilton (Awabakal Medical Service). These clinics are supported by John Hunter Hospital ENT specialists and registrars. Telehealth appointments are also available to those living in rural and regional areas, where clinically appropriate.

Hunter New England Local Health District has four hospitals that perform ENT surgery: John Hunter, Belmont, Kurri Kurri, and Maitland.

* 6230 ENT CHILD PATIENTS IN THE HUNTER NEW ENGLAND LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Considering child patients requiring ear, nose and throat (ENT) appointments and/or surgery in the Hunter New England Local Health District in public hospitals with an Otolaryngologist (ENT Specialist), in each financial year from 1 July 2015 (to 24 June 2021):

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- (a) What is the average wait time for:
 - (i) An appointment?
 - (ii) Surgery?
- (b) How many patients were listed for:
 - (i) An appointment?
 - (ii) Surgery?
- (2) What is the recommended timeframe for a patient to be:
 - (a) Allocated an appointment?
 - (b) Scheduled for surgery after an appointment?
- (3) What hospitals provide appointments with an ENT Specialist?
- (4) What hospitals have surgeons who perform ENT surgery?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to LA Q6229.

* 6231 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PALLIATIVE CARE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What is the average cost of end-of-life palliative care for a patient who is treated and remains in a public hospital for:
 - (a) One week;
 - (b) Two weeks;
 - (c) Four weeks;
 - (d) Ten weeks?
- (2) What is the average cost of end-of-life palliative care for a patient who remains in their family home and has palliative care nurses and personal care providers attend for:
 - (a) One week;
 - (b) Two weeks;
 - (c) Four weeks;
 - (d) Ten weeks?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to LA Q5721.

* 6232 GUN SAFE PLATFORM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What is the expected time-frame for the establishment of the new online customer service platform – Gun Safe?
- (2) Will this new platform be operational under the Service NSW banner?
- (3) Will the reporting capabilities of both the Registry and its customers to track the status of applications and permits be bought online simultaneously?
 - (a) If not:
 - (i) Why not?

(ii) What are the projected time differences?

(4) When is the anticipated commencement date?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Gun Safe customer portal was launched on 25 February 2021, and currently supports seven types of firearms related applications. Further functionality is planned to be delivered during the next 18 months. Since the launch of Gun Safe, over 43,000 transactions have taken place.
- (2) Service NSW provides account management and proof of identity services for the new Gun Safe portal. Once an applicant has established their account and identity with Service NSW, they are directed through to the NSW Police Force Community Portal, which includes Gun Safe.
- (3) Currently, customers can track the status of their permits to acquire, and view the submitted status of their new licence and renewal applications through the Gun Safe dealer portal. Capability also exists for the portable to be used to record firearms declared through the permanent amnesty. The Firearms Registry's reporting capabilities have also been enhanced with real-time reporting. It is intended that further customer tracking improvements and reporting enhancements, including public reporting, will be delivered over the next 18 months.
- (4) Gun Safe was launched with the above-mentioned functionality on 25 February 2021.

* 6233 DINE AND DISCOVER PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) What is the total number of Dine and Discover vouchers claimed for each postcode across New South Wales?
- (2) What is the percentage of eligible persons, in each postcode across New South Wales that has claimed their Dine and Discover vouchers?
- (3) What dollar value has been spent/recovered using Dine and Discover vouchers at eligible outlets, in each postcode across New South Wales?

Answer—

(1) and (3) The total number of vouchers claimed, and total dollar value of vouchers redeemed for each postcode across New South Wales is listed below by postcode (data extracted 13 July 2021).

Postcode	Total Vouchers Redeemed	Total Value Redeemed
2000	1,477,547	\$36,389,354
2007	4,223	\$104,875
2008	21,447	\$535,150
2009	21,995	\$548,295
2010	75,512	\$1,879,298
2011	59,000	\$1,449,464
2015	18,111	\$450,306

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2016	9,671	\$240,816
2017	20,988	\$522,269
2018	19,352	\$481,975
2019	5,089	\$126,612
2020	14,111	\$350,460
2021	22,440	\$559,345
2022	34,813	\$867,474
2023	647	\$16,000
2024	6,114	\$152,388
2025	3,286	\$81,712
2026	22,942	\$571,336
2027	1,729	\$43,069
2028	4,654	\$115,687
2029	5,760	\$143,657
2030	6,970	\$173,981
2031	32,805	\$814,546
2032	18,940	\$471,140
2033	2,757	\$68,615
2034	15,384	\$383,077
2035	20,406	\$509,275
2036	19,161	\$476,920
2037	49,847	\$1,237,947
2038	5,929	\$147,507
2039	8,201	\$204,117
2040	39,800	\$987,567
2041	11,386	\$284,054

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2042	64,998	\$1,615,397
2043	9,747	\$242,137
2044	9,065	\$225,049
2045	4,582	\$114,442
2046	17,737	\$442,888
2047	12,299	\$306,611
2048	1,629	\$40,560
2049	8,175	\$203,656
2050	2,489	\$61,736
2060	47,563	\$1,168,864
2061	9,252	\$231,076
2062	9,667	\$240,703
2063	1,944	\$48,526
2064	3,976	\$99,010
2065	29,996	\$747,924
2066	21,334	\$530,990
2067	80,273	\$2,000,645
2068	6,344	\$157,818
2069	8,227	\$203,311
2070	6,045	\$150,957
2071	1,865	\$46,149
2072	7,533	\$187,568
2073	1,748	\$43,615
2074	4,130	\$103,088
2075	6,950	\$173,187
2076	6,165	\$153,639

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2077	47,457	\$1,181,856
2079	1,218	\$30,289
2081	1,036	\$25,840
2082	3,141	\$78,232
2083	5,556	\$138,860
2084	6,815	\$170,005
2085	10,893	\$271,690
2086	45,497	\$1,124,394
2087	4,501	\$112,260
2088	158,861	\$3,958,390
2089	27,785	\$693,518
2090	15,952	\$390,435
2092	3,876	\$96,202
2093	13,668	\$341,142
2094	256	\$6,341
2095	46,303	\$1,154,195
2096	9,456	\$235,490
2097	8,333	\$207,836
2099	108,019	\$2,692,275
2100	9,669	\$240,075
2101	17,234	\$429,963
2102	3,220	\$79,646
2103	16,016	\$393,794
2104	117	\$2,925
2105	2,579	\$64,315
2106	9,206	\$228,632

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2107	8,975	\$223,411
2108	5,202	\$129,805
2110	6,776	\$169,123
2111	8,281	\$206,278
2112	40,238	\$1,003,579
2113	46,119	\$1,149,626
2114	17,318	\$430,341
2115	730	\$18,248
2116	2,475	\$61,281
2117	2,178	\$54,395
2118	9,352	\$233,383
2119	4,240	\$105,699
2120	48,031	\$1,175,816
2121	8,697	\$217,075
2122	55,508	\$1,386,412
2125	8,114	\$202,641
2126	3,472	\$86,514
2127	18,819	\$469,305
2128	463	\$11,515
2130	4,938	\$123,258
2131	20,998	\$524,635
2132	2,793	\$69,804
2133	4,213	\$103,709
2134	56,109	\$1,400,359
2135	15,248	\$380,651
2136	5,368	\$133,717

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2137	34,596	\$863,065
2138	76,475	\$1,895,264
2140	7,173	\$179,024
2141	42,376	\$1,057,019
2142	5,905	\$147,425
2143	2,467	\$61,227
2144	32,104	\$800,701
2145	35,125	\$876,151
2146	7,125	\$177,380
2147	9,468	\$235,482
2148	736,940	\$18,233,119
2150	118,000	\$2,944,615
2151	12,407	\$309,630
2152	8,131	\$202,496
2153	30,848	\$769,619
2154	52,752	\$1,315,034
2155	66,152	\$1,642,036
2156	4,067	\$101,480
2157	1,510	\$37,538
2158	21,993	\$548,465
2159	2,622	\$65,470
2160	31,500	\$785,638
2161	4,513	\$112,445
2162	9,674	\$241,355
2163	17,599	\$438,002
2164	27,901	\$695,304

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2165	21,280	\$530,785
2166	101,154	\$2,523,502
2167	379	\$9,432
2168	7,636	\$190,513
2170	78,594	\$1,954,899
2171	7,609	\$188,898
2172	16	\$400
2173	1,247	\$31,088
2174	7,308	\$181,867
2175	171	\$4,263
2176	44,579	\$1,112,973
2177	5,892	\$147,189
2178	1,492	\$37,257
2179	4,921	\$122,910
2190	5,166	\$128,732
2191	2,374	\$59,347
2192	11,693	\$291,260
2193	6,489	\$160,951
2194	21,260	\$530,926
2195	11,728	\$292,741
2196	22,257	\$555,186
2197	10,154	\$251,257
2198	1,232	\$30,740
2199	57	\$1,425
2200	83,643	\$2,085,706
2203	6,375	\$159,029

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2204	25,138	\$626,404
2205	8,067	\$201,108
2206	1,976	\$49,262
2207	3,778	\$94,042
2208	3,048	\$75,654
2209	7,219	\$180,148
2210	16,072	\$400,128
2211	6,199	\$154,150
2212	15,850	\$393,767
2213	6,606	\$164,322
2214	4,716	\$117,641
2216	23,369	\$582,367
2217	19,887	\$495,632
2218	2,492	\$62,098
2219	17,148	\$427,570
2220	63,290	\$1,581,358
2221	8,510	\$211,465
2222	3,634	\$90,656
2223	15,228	\$379,563
2224	3,804	\$94,768
2225	264	\$6,584
2226	6,859	\$171,109
2227	13,076	\$325,672
2228	22,034	\$549,171
2229	18,750	\$458,204
2230	34,718	\$865,088

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2231	227	\$5,657
2232	32,787	\$817,121
2233	44,154	\$1,087,539
2234	12,119	\$301,062
2250	85,458	\$2,108,242
2251	21,170	\$526,140
2256	15,011	\$373,158
2257	30,004	\$746,537
2258	3,669	\$91,359
2259	56,585	\$1,404,841
2260	30,079	\$749,337
2261	56,529	\$1,403,900
2262	11,603	\$289,467
2263	30,922	\$767,570
2264	9,325	\$231,334
2265	361	\$8,958
2267	4,313	\$107,465
2280	17,037	\$422,947
2281	15,203	\$377,116
2282	32,469	\$807,131
2283	14,613	\$363,157
2284	17,207	\$427,331
2285	22,854	\$568,065
2286	1,197	\$29,888
2287	17,585	\$437,539
2289	32,842	\$816,581

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2290	71,954	\$1,787,514
2291	17,806	\$442,798
2292	3,022	\$74,612
2293	4,619	\$115,120
2294	2,172	\$53,889
2295	4,018	\$100,130
2296	2,021	\$50,062
2297	188	\$4,671
2298	657	\$16,400
2299	8,323	\$205,345
2300	69,873	\$1,740,132
2302	4,927	\$122,826
2303	16,616	\$413,574
2304	4,536	\$111,262
2305	30,580	\$756,200
2306	890	\$22,198
2307	1,938	\$48,185
2308	884	\$22,091
2311	253	\$6,315
2312	2,225	\$55,348
2315	52,390	\$1,306,993
2316	19,173	\$478,484
2317	11,093	\$276,513
2318	16,833	\$419,047
2319	2,802	\$69,992
2320	77,312	\$1,922,746

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2321	6,428	\$159,659
2322	12,513	\$310,293
2323	39,142	\$973,267
2324	25,895	\$644,525
2325	45,474	\$1,134,183
2326	717	\$17,924
2327	3,345	\$82,313
2328	1,719	\$42,254
2329	579	\$14,445
2330	10,352	\$256,271
2333	11,262	\$280,743
2334	462	\$11,509
2335	7,240	\$180,157
2336	692	\$17,262
2337	3,808	\$94,520
2338	384	\$9,582
2339	402	\$10,047
2340	56,036	\$1,388,806
2341	449	\$11,156
2342	263	\$6,535
2343	1,191	\$29,669
2346	487	\$12,075
2347	542	\$13,448
2350	23,802	\$588,791
2352	1,548	\$38,666
2354	484	\$12,016

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2355	415	\$10,364
2357	2,737	\$68,061
2358	2,402	\$59,865
2360	13,782	\$339,998
2365	589	\$14,719
2370	4,392	\$109,262
2371	91	\$2,275
2372	3,763	\$93,690
2380	6,388	\$157,842
2381	239	\$5,960
2382	218	\$5,367
2388	543	\$13,499
2390	7,409	\$183,791
2395	69	\$1,716
2396	193	\$4,786
2399	441	\$10,964
2400	7,004	\$174,374
2401	44	\$1,100
2402	487	\$12,158
2403	99	\$2,472
2404	609	\$14,991
2406	94	\$2,350
2408	25	\$586
2420	1,584	\$39,391
2421	5,138	\$122,002
2422	2,532	\$63,063

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2423	1,857	\$46,143
2425	519	\$12,939
2427	5,011	\$124,101
2428	37,480	\$933,941
2429	3,501	\$87,075
2430	43,866	\$1,092,148
2431	9,333	\$231,582
2439	529	\$13,065
2440	15,074	\$373,320
2441	1,031	\$25,684
2443	10,742	\$266,971
2444	94,966	\$2,367,251
2445	3,112	\$77,486
2446	24,677	\$615,316
2447	5,732	\$142,582
2448	10,455	\$258,150
2449	510	\$12,589
2450	82,779	\$2,057,326
2452	13,992	\$348,459
2453	952	\$23,762
2454	6,006	\$148,678
2455	3,959	\$98,492
2456	11,355	\$282,430
2460	31,042	\$771,851
2462	1,912	\$47,713
2463	4,962	\$123,165

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2464	12,905	\$321,909
2465	1,061	\$26,450
2466	1,235	\$30,691
2469	333	\$8,274
2470	11,442	\$283,989
2471	342	\$8,478
2472	570	\$14,199
2473	3,755	\$92,991
2474	4,613	\$115,053
2476	130	\$3,199
2477	5,729	\$142,285
2478	49,215	\$1,224,494
2479	5,577	\$139,178
2480	38,333	\$949,221
2481	20,219	\$502,687
2482	6,818	\$169,387
2483	7,287	\$181,565
2484	12,372	\$305,807
2485	30,400	\$755,131
2486	10,972	\$272,747
2487	24,440	\$607,382
2488	4,310	\$106,994
2489	4,754	\$117,890
2490	1,644	\$41,047
2500	77,137	\$1,917,685
2502	15,852	\$395,548

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2505	528	\$13,174
2506	2,559	\$63,452
2508	41,680	\$1,039,204
2515	11,143	\$276,561
2516	4,529	\$112,757
2517	5,865	\$146,424
2518	16,718	\$415,524
2519	13,731	\$341,654
2525	5,728	\$142,026
2526	5,840	\$145,292
2527	24,927	\$618,396
2528	14,660	\$361,655
2529	20,260	\$505,231
2530	11,088	\$275,585
2533	22,948	\$572,423
2534	8,315	\$207,546
2535	10,262	\$255,763
2536	41,712	\$1,040,724
2537	9,305	\$231,224
2538	2,593	\$64,592
2539	32,548	\$810,375
2540	45,124	\$1,121,169
2541	41,480	\$1,029,482
2545	498	\$12,368
2546	15,082	\$374,345
2548	21,577	\$537,366

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2549	3,106	\$77,283
2550	8,348	\$206,843
2551	3,861	\$95,772
2556	276	\$6,900
2557	14,541	\$362,123
2558	87	\$2,172
2560	108,894	\$2,705,121
2563	26	\$650
2564	697	\$17,317
2565	11,400	\$284,561
2566	8,043	\$200,729
2567	36,565	\$910,677
2568	2,079	\$51,975
2570	26,804	\$668,791
2571	8,608	\$214,449
2573	2,559	\$63,434
2574	899	\$22,182
2575	18,866	\$470,565
2576	27,011	\$672,311
2577	17,217	\$427,716
2578	1,479	\$36,774
2579	1,623	\$40,128
2580	32,947	\$818,739
2581	629	\$15,619
2582	5,630	\$139,378
2583	1,378	\$34,236

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2584	188	\$4,676
2586	830	\$20,676
2587	908	\$22,602
2590	4,887	\$121,417
2594	9,870	\$245,306
2619	621	\$15,386
2620	18,925	\$470,523
2621	2,183	\$54,260
2622	1,764	\$43,898
2624	92	\$2,284
2625	434	\$10,850
2627	7,091	\$176,263
2628	107	\$2,648
2629	122	\$2,997
2630	7,318	\$181,935
2631	247	\$6,126
2632	518	\$12,859
2633	33	\$824
2640	55,168	\$1,363,509
2641	5,666	\$139,255
2642	1,360	\$33,909
2643	1,037	\$25,739
2644	755	\$18,724
2646	2,882	\$71,552
2647	2,046	\$50,906
2648	1,128	\$27,932

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2650	105,874	\$2,629,525
2652	317	\$7,891
2653	1,218	\$30,309
2656	187	\$4,669
2658	96	\$2,400
2659	85	\$2,125
2660	325	\$7,875
2663	2,805	\$69,912
2665	218	\$5,436
2666	3,430	\$84,794
2668	21	\$521
2669	103	\$2,550
2671	2,886	\$71,817
2672	419	\$10,149
2675	256	\$6,329
2680	43,642	\$1,088,792
2700	2,187	\$54,207
2701	987	\$24,521
2702	59	\$1,452
2705	5,843	\$145,817
2706	1,542	\$38,525
2707	300	\$7,472
2710	5,465	\$134,990
2711	2,256	\$56,036
2712	193	\$4,807
2713	1,850	\$46,159

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2714	1,082	\$26,632
2715	435	\$10,815
2716	464	\$11,584
2717	655	\$16,170
2720	4,973	\$123,663
2722	1,706	\$42,280
2726	628	\$15,687
2729	310	\$7,726
2730	285	\$7,068
2731	4,302	\$106,560
2732	408	\$10,013
2733	114	\$2,826
2734	241	\$5,958
2736	77	\$1,919
2737	251	\$6,269
2738	687	\$16,986
2739	63	\$1,495
2745	5,303	\$132,127
2747	12,893	\$319,966
2748	232	\$5,797
2749	3,573	\$88,109
2750	137,882	\$3,421,728
2752	1,529	\$38,145
2753	10,810	\$269,093
2754	1,574	\$39,279
2756	37,401	\$929,515

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2757	1,428	\$35,669
2758	3,824	\$95,220
2759	2,401	\$59,835
2760	19,111	\$474,369
2761	8,482	\$210,779
2762	1,014	\$25,294
2763	5,814	\$144,746
2765	19,885	\$494,004
2766	20,813	\$519,554
2767	127,943	\$3,197,270
2768	9,681	\$241,659
2769	1,052	\$26,292
2770	31,101	\$774,773
2773	10,716	\$266,970
2774	5,761	\$142,833
2775	300	\$7,461
2776	510	\$12,660
2777	7,166	\$178,129
2778	210	\$5,220
2779	222	\$5,519
2780	69,094	\$1,723,440
2782	2,731	\$68,128
2783	1,888	\$47,103
2785	3,035	\$75,746
2786	3,121	\$76,901
2787	12,016	\$294,095

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2790	12,682	\$313,698
2791	182	\$4,507
2792	70	\$1,750
2793	37	\$925
2794	9,331	\$230,905
2795	63,008	\$1,561,333
2798	381	\$9,505
2799	1,046	\$26,085
2800	43,532	\$1,081,710
2804	1,952	\$48,404
2805	62	\$1,501
2806	157	\$3,925
2807	76	\$1,896
2809	13	\$325
2810	976	\$23,984
2817	61	\$1,511
2820	3,803	\$93,950
2821	1,466	\$36,346
2823	362	\$9,042
2824	526	\$13,000
2825	1,233	\$30,431
2826	184	\$4,587
2827	1,249	\$30,907
2828	298	\$7,336
2829	1,647	\$40,082
2830	53,997	\$1,332,417

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2831	289	\$7,215
2832	760	\$18,938
2834	2,685	\$66,705
2835	1,454	\$36,116
2839	367	\$9,148
2840	894	\$22,250
2842	76	\$1,868
2843	280	\$6,893
2844	484	\$12,063
2845	964	\$24,051
2847	261	\$6,525
2848	68	\$1,686
2849	800	\$19,983
2850	16,566	\$410,748
2852	2,656	\$66,162
2864	30	\$748
2865	78	\$1,906
2866	1,154	\$28,642
2868	58	\$1,434
2869	171	\$4,270
2870	7,291	\$179,116
2871	6,213	\$153,914
2873	106	\$2,640
2874	120	\$2,987
2875	276	\$6,900
2877	794	\$19,701

2879	12	\$300
2880	14,001	\$347,659
2898	110	\$2,750
3644	922	\$22,935
3691	195	\$4,861
Unknown	107,450	\$2,667,970

(2) Service NSW does not maintain data on the number of people eligible for Dine & Discover vouchers or the percentage of eligible persons who redeemed vouchers.

* 6234 NSW GENERATIONS FUND—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Considering the NSW Generations Fund and projected injection of funds from various sources, how much is expected, each year over the forward estimates, to go into the funds from TCorp dividends?
- (2) How much is expected, each year over the forward estimates, to go into the funds from Mining Royalties dividends?
- (3) How much is expected, each year over the forward estimates, to go into the funds from each of the State Owned Corporation dividends?

Answer—

Treasury has advised me as follows:

The State's forecast revenues including royalties' revenue, State Owned Corporation (SOC) dividends and distributions are set out in the Budget papers.

* 6235 REGIONAL SENIORS TRANSPORT CARD—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the total number of the Regional Seniors Transport Card vouchers claimed for each postcode across New South Wales?
- (2) What is the percentage of eligible persons, in each postcode across New South Wales that has claimed their Regional Seniors Transport Card vouchers?
- (3) What dollar value has been spent using the Regional Seniors Transport Card in each postcode across New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In 2020, there were around 337,000 Regional Seniors Travel Card claims across New South Wales. So far in 2021, there have been around 339,000 claims across New South Wales.
- (2) Transport for NSW does not hold this data. \
- (3) In 2020, Regional Seniors Travel Card holders have benefited from transactions totalling \$67.6 million to ease the cost of living. So far in 2021, Regional Seniors Travel Card transactions have reached \$62.5 million.

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* 6236 HEALTH EXPENDITURE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Considering the Health expenditure referred to in Budget Paper 1, page 1-8, under the heading “Safeguarding the health of our people” there is reference to funding amounts of \$340 million for personal protective equipment, \$261.3 million to support vaccination rollout, \$200 million to support COVID-19 pop-up clinics and \$145.4 million for returning travellers, is this money to be found from within the existing Health Budget or is this funding additional and supplementary to the existing Health Budget?
- (2) What was the percentage increase to the Health Recurrent budget?
- (3) What is the percentage increase of the Health recurrent Budget when the specific projects referred to (1) are included and excluded?
- (4) With regard to \$8.6 million to support community care for people with movement disorders at page 1-10 of Budget Paper 1, is this funding additional to the normal recurrent Health Budget or is it expected to be found from within existing resources?
 - (a) Where will the 15 specialist nurses and allied health staff be located?

Answer—

The information can be found in 2021-22 Budget Paper 2, Chapter 3 and 2021-22 Budget Paper 4, Chapter 3.

* 6237 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering that the 2021 -22 NSW Budget, Budget paper No. 2. Outcomes Statement on page 8-8/9-9 provides the customer satisfaction for people with disabilities in relation to each of the major public transport modes in Sydney, why has the light rail not been included in this data?
- (2) What is the customer satisfaction for people with disabilities with relation the South East Sydney Light rail?

Answer—

I am advised:

Customer satisfaction for people with disabilities in relation to light rail services was not included in the data due to low sample counts. The results from low sample counts is not statistically reliable.

* 6238 WAIT TIMES FOR INFANT MRI SCANS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) In each year from 2017 to 2021 (up to 1 June 2021), what was the average wait time for infant Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scans:
 - (a) In New South Wales?
 - (b) At the Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick?
 - (c) At the Westmead Children's Hospital?
- (2) In each year from 2017 to 2021 (up to 1 June 2021), where was the largest average wait time for infant MRI scans in New South Wales?
- (3) What steps is the Government taking to reduce infant MRI wait times at:
 - (a) The Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick?
 - (b) The Westmead Children's Hospital?

Answer—

Various factors affect the waiting time for an infant's Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), for example a patient's assigned clinical priority. For infant MRI scans categorised as urgent, 95 per cent of Sydney Children's Hospitals Network patients receive their scan within the recommended seven days.

Early discussions have commenced to improve access to MRI at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick in the longer term as part of the Randwick Campus Redevelopment. Additionally, an MRI redesign project is underway at The Children's Hospital at Westmead. The redesign team is working through solutions with a view to implementing the strategies by December 2021.

* 6239 RUBY PRINCESS PASSENGERS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Were any family members of any Minister or Member of Parliament present on the Ruby Princess when passengers were allowed to disembark in Sydney in March 2020?

Answer—

The NSW Ministry of Health does not have information on whether any family members of any Minister or Member of Parliament were present on the Ruby Princess.

* 6240 SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PATIENTS TRANSFERRED BETWEEN RANDWICK AND WESTMEAD—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) In each year from 2017 to 2021 (to 1 June 2021), how many children from the Randwick campus, including Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick and The Royal Hospital for Women, have been transferred to Westmead Children's Hospital for:
 - (a) ECMO;
 - (b) Emergency cardiac surgery;
 - (c) Semi-elective/elective cardiac surgery;
 - (d) A cardiac surgery consult;
 - (e) Other surgical interventions that require a cardiac surgeon to be on site?
- (2) In each year from 2017 to 2021 (to 1 June 2021), what are the transportation times for children from the Randwick campus, including Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick and The Royal Hospital for Women are being transferred to Westmead Children's Hospital for:
 - (a) ECMO;
 - (b) Emergency cardiac surgery;
 - (c) Semi-elective/elective cardiac surgery;
 - (d) A cardiac surgery consult;
 - (e) Other surgical interventions that require a cardiac surgeon to be on site?
- (3) In each year from 2017 to 2021 (to 1 June 2021), what was the average time delay between the decision to operate being made and the operation commencing, created when transferring children from Randwick campus, including Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick and The Royal Hospital for Women, to Westmead Children's Hospital for:
 - (a) ECMO;
 - (b) Emergency cardiac surgery;
 - (c) Semi-elective/elective cardiac surgery;
 - (d) A cardiac surgery consult;

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- (e) Other surgical interventions that require a cardiac surgeon to be on site?

Answer—

- (1) From 2017-2020, 28 patients were transferred from Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick to The Children's Hospital at Westmead for cardiac procedures including, but not limited to, ECMO and emergency cardiac surgery. Patients are not transferred for semi/elective cardiac surgery or cardiac surgery consultations. Data on transfers for other surgical interventions that require a cardiac surgeon to be on site is not available.
- (2) and (3) This information is not available.

* 6241 SPEEDING FINES IN THE ENTRANCE ELECTORATE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) For each year since 2011, how many speeding fines have been issued by fixed mobile speed cameras located in the Entrance electorate?
 - (a) What was the total dollar sum of these fines?
- (2) When did mobile speed cameras commence to operate without warning in The Entrance electorate?
 - (a) How many fines were issued from this date (to 24 June 2021)?
 - (i) What was the total dollar sum of these fines?

Answer—

- (1) Revenue NSW does not collect or hold data by electorate. However, data on speed camera penalty notices, searchable by the road and suburb of the camera location, is available at: <https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/help-centre/resources-library/statistics/All-speeding-and-red-light-camera-detected-offences-DSF-010.xlsx>.
- (2) Questions about the operation of mobile speed cameras are best directed to the Minister for Transport and Roads.
 - (a) Revenue NSW does not collect or hold data by electorate. However, Data on speed camera penalty notices, searchable by the road and suburb of the camera location, is available at: <https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/help-centre/resources-library/statistics/All-speeding-and-red-light-camera-detected-offences-DSF-010.xlsx>.

* 6242 VEGETATION ON MEDIANS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering correspondence sent to my office on 12 March 2021 (reference 01188145) regarding maintenance of State roads by Council, particularly vegetation on medians on Wyong Road, you advise Transport staff met with Council on 3 February to address the issue, what was the outcome of the meeting?
 - (a) What work has been done?
 - (b) Did Council receive any additional funding?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW met with Central Coast Council staff to address vegetation maintenance issues along Wyong Road. The Council has advised the following work has been completed:

- On 7 June 2021: sight line issues were resolved at the intersection of the Central Coast Highway and Wyong Road, Two Islands.

- On 15 June 2021: vegetation maintenance along the medians and kerbs along Wyong Road, Tuggerah (outside of Westfield).
- On 16 June 2021: site lines were reinstated and vegetation was removed from signs and roundabout perimeters at the Geoffrey Road and Bryant and Reliance drives roundabouts.
- On 21 and 22 June 2021: vegetation was decreased to ground level, site lines were reinstated at the pedestrian refuge and vegetation was removed from kerbs and right lane on the South Street to Cornish Avenue median.

Central Coast Council did not require additional funding.

* 6243 CENTRAL COAST PUBLIC INQUIRY—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Where will the Office of the Commissioner for the Central Coast Inquiry be located?
- (2) Who is the Commissioner?
- (3) What are the Commissioner's qualifications?
- (4) Will the Office of Local Government provide all secretarial and administrative support to the Commissioner?
- (5) What legislative authority will the Commissioner use to conduct the Inquiry?
- (6) What are the Terms of Reference of the Inquiry?
- (7) How can the people of the Central Coast make a submission to the Inquiry?

Answer—

Information on the Central Coast Council Public Inquiry can be found at:

<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public-inquiries/central-coast-council-public-inquiry/>

* 6244 FAIRFIELD MOBILE PHONE DETECTION CAMERAS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

How many mobile phone detection cameras have been deployed to the Fairfield Local Government area as at 21st June 2021?

Answer—

I am advised:

Mobile phone detection cameras have been deployed across New South Wales for enforcement since 1 March 2020.

There are a number of mobile phone detection camera sites in the Fairfield Local Government Area which have had mobile phone detection cameras deployed for varying lengths of time since enforcement began on 1 March 2020.

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.

* 6245 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE STANDARD MATERIALS SAMPLES - ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGIES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Why are there no Higher School Certificate Standard Materials samples currently available for students on the NSW Education Standards Authority website for Industrial Technology Stage 6 subject Electronics Technologies for Section 2 and Section 3?

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Answer—

In Higher School Certificate courses with different options like Industrial Technology, NSW Education Standards Authority publishes standards materials for some options only, as the level of understanding demonstrated by students at each band is the same no matter the option studied.

In Industrial Technology, the most popular option is Timber and Furniture, and so this option is most often represented in the standards materials.

* 6246 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE STANDARD MATERIALS SAMPLES - GRAPHICS TECHNOLOGIES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Why are there no Higher School Certificate Standard Materials samples currently available for students on the NSW Education Standards Authority website for Industrial Technology Stage 6 subject Graphics Technologies for Section 2?

(a) Why have the Section 3 samples for Industrial Technologies subject Graphics Technologies not been updated since 2010?

Answer—

(1) In Higher School Certificate courses with different options, NSW Education Standards Authority publishes standards materials for some options only, as the level of understanding demonstrated by students at each band is the same no matter the option studied.

In Industrial Technology, the most popular option is Timber and Furniture, and so this option is most often represented in the standards materials.

(a) HSC Standards materials are generally only updated when the existing samples become outdated, such as when a syllabus changes. As there have been no changes to the Industrial Technology syllabus, the standards materials are still current.

* 6247 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE STANDARD MATERIALS SAMPLES - METAL AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Why are there no Higher School Certificate Standard Materials samples currently available for students on the NSW Education Standards Authority website for Industrial Technology Stage 6 subject Metal and Engineering Technologies for Section 2 and Section 3?

Answer—

Please see answer to LA Q6245.

* 6248 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE STANDARD MATERIALS SAMPLES - MULTIMEDIA TECHNOLOGIES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Why are there no Higher School Certificate Standard Materials samples currently available for students on the NSW Education Standards Authority website for Industrial Technology Stage 6 subject Multimedia Technologies for Section 3?

(a) Why have the Section 2 samples for Industrial Technologies subject Multimedia Technologies not been updated since 2010?

Answer—

Please see answers to LA Q6246.

- * 6249 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE - VET CONSTRUCTION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Why are there no Higher School Certificate Standard Materials samples currently available for students on the NSW Education Standards Authority website for Industrial Technology Stage 6 subject VET Construction?

Answer—

Industrial Technology does not have a Construction option.

Standards materials for VET Construction Section II are available on the NSW Education Standards Authority website.

- * 6250 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE STANDARD MATERIALS SAMPLES - TIMBER PRODUCTS AND FURNITURE TECHNOLOGIES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Why are there no Higher School Certificate Standard Materials samples currently available for students on the NSW Education Standards Authority website for Industrial Technology Stage 6 subject Timber Products and Furniture Technology for Section 2 and Section 3?

Answer—

The Government is increasing its investment in public education infrastructure, with funding for 44 new and upgraded school projects announced as part of the 2021-22 NSW Budget.

This investment increases our historic school building program, with \$7.9 billion over the next four years to deliver 215 new and upgraded schools on top of the \$7 billion already invested since 2017.

The Government is spending \$2 billion in Western Sydney and more than \$1 billion in growing regional areas over four years.

For further information on school projects please visit the School Infrastructure NSW website at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/>.

- * 6251 CAPITAL WORKS FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS IN THE FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Which schools in the Fairfield electorate have received capital works funding the 2021-22 Budget?

(a) How much capital works funding has been received by each school?

Answer—

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- * 6252 EASY ACCESS PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Will Carramar, Villawood and Yennora Railway Stations receive any funding for the Easy Access program in the 2021-22 Budget?

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- (a) If so:
- (i) How much?
- (ii) When will works commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

Making public transport more accessible continues to be a priority of the Government. More than \$2 billion has been committed to providing accessible, modern and integrated transport infrastructure, in keeping with the Government's commitment to the Disability Discrimination Act 1992. These upgrades are delivered through Transport for NSW's Transport Access Program and other infrastructure programs.

The Transport Access Program assessment process uses evidence-based criteria, including current and future patronage, customer demographics, proximity to important services such as hospitals or schools, and accessibility to nearby interchanges.

While Carramar, Villawood and Yennora stations are not currently scheduled for an accessibility upgrade, the NSW Government remains committed to providing accessible, modern and integrated infrastructure across the NSW transport network. All three stations will continue to be considered as future projects within the Transport Access Program.

- * 6253 CUMBERLAND MOBILE PHONE DETECTION CAMERAS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

How many mobile phone detection cameras have been deployed to the Cumberland Local Government area as at 21st June 2021?

Answer—

I am advised:

Refer to the response to LAQ 6172.

- * 6254 PEDESTRIAN PROTECTION AT HANNELL AND DOWNIE STREETS, MARYVILLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Does Transport for NSW have plans to provide increased pedestrian protection at the intersection of Hannell and Downie Streets, Maryville?
- (2) Considering that Transport for NSW previously advised upgrades would be completed in early 2021, why has this not occurred?
- (3) When will the upgrades be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The project at Hannell Street and Downie Street is currently underway to modify traffic signal software and installing new right and left turn arrows at the traffic lights.

In addition, further upgrade works at this location will provide an additional pedestrian crossing, with a further pedestrian crossing to be installed at Woolshed Place. This work will also include improvements to pedestrian ramps, connecting paths and the installation of new signage. Construction is forecasted to commence in early 2022.

* 6255 DISCLOSURE OF PROPERTY SALES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Considering the response to LA Q5955, which privacy regulations prevented disclosing individual sales proceeds from properties sold?
- (2) Which document contains the privacy regulations that prevent the disclosure of the individual sales proceeds from properties sold by Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC)?
- (3) Why are the details of these properties sold by LAHC being refused?
- (4) Were privacy regulations breached when the addresses and proceeds of property sales made by LAHC were previously provided?
 - (a) If so, what action has been taken to address the breach of privacy regulations?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (PPIP Act).
- (2) Section 18(1) of the PPIP Act prevents disclosure of individual sales proceeds from properties sold.
- (3) Addresses of the properties sold meet the definition of ‘personal information’ in section 4(1) of the PPIP Act. The identity of former LAHC tenants and property purchasers could reasonably be ascertained from disclosure of individual addresses and therefore cannot be disclosed.
- (4) No. The total proceeds of property sales previously disclosed in response to LAQ 5955 do not contain personal information and therefore do not breach the PPIP Act. Further, I am not aware of disclosure of property addresses previously.
 - (a) No action is required as a breach has not occurred.

* 6256 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Are nurses working in the John Hunter Hospital (JHH) Emergency Department (ED) under enormous strain?
 - (a) Are some nurses in this emergency department working up to 19 hours straight?
- (2) What is the average overtime hours worked by nurses at the JHH ED?
- (3) Have new beds been added to the JHH ED with no extra staff provided?
- (4) Are nurses in the JHH ED expected to provide care for up to 10 patients at time?
- (5) Is there a significant wait time for ambulances to have their patients admitted to a bed at the JHH?
- (6) How many triage nurses are employed in the JHH ED waiting room?

Answer—

The District has employed additional nursing and medical staff to improve workloads and ensure patients receive safe quality care.

In May 2021, two nurses worked voluntary overtime (a double shift) on the same shift due to an unprecedented surge in activity and high acuity patients. This was a rare occurrence and has not occurred since. Overtime equates to approximately two per cent of total rostered nursing hours in the department.

The department is appropriately staffed according to the requirements outlined in the Public Health System Nurses' and Midwives' Award. Staffing levels vary according to activity, patient need and acuity. Acute beds are generally staffed at one nurse to three patients. Nurses are not expected to provide care for up to 10 patients at a time.

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Triage staffing is rostered with additional support from Clinical Initiative Nurses who are appropriately trained to triage patients.

The Bureau of Health Information publishes independent reports about the performance of the New South Wales public healthcare system. See www.bhi.nsw.gov.au/Healthcare_Observer.

* 6257 PFIZER VACCINE ACCESS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Can people over the age of 60 years old in New South Wales receive the Pfizer vaccine if they have an underlying medical condition that prevents them from receiving the AstraZeneca vaccine?
- (2) What is the process for people over the age of 60 with an underlying medical condition accessing the Pfizer vaccine?

Answer—

- (1) Yes. People with evidence of one of the specified reasons recommended not to receive AstraZeneca in line with the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) advice, can apply to receive an alternative COVID-19 vaccine.
- (2) A General Practitioner or Specialist can assess an individual for eligibility in line with ATAGI advice and complete a 'Recommendation for Alternative Vaccination Form'. The eligible individual presents the form at a NSW Health COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic and will be vaccinated with the recommended alternative vaccine.

* 6258 BROADMEADOW LOCOMOTIVE DEPOT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Does the Hunter Central Coast Development Corporation have any plans to investigate the redevelopment of the Broadmeadow Locomotive site?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) When?
 - (ii) Has Transport for NSW been advised of this?

Answer—

I refer you to the response given in Question on Notice LA Q3856.

* 6259 AUSGRID SHAREHOLDERS DIVIDENDS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) How much was paid out in dividends to Ausgrid shareholders in each year from 2015 to 2021 (to 24 June 2021)?
- (2) Where can this information be found?

Answer—

Information on Ausgrid dividends is publicly available in Annual Reports and Financial Statements on the websites of the Parliament of New South Wales and NSW Treasury. Questions regarding dividends fall within the portfolio responsibilities of the NSW Treasurer, the Hon. Dominic Perrottet MP.

* 6260 TRANSPORT FOR NSW TRAINS ACCIDENTS AND NEAR MISSES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) In each local government area, how many accidents have occurred involving Transport for NSW trains in each financial year from 2014-15 to date (to 24 June 2021)?

- (2) In each local government area, how many 'near misses' have occurred involving Transport for NSW trains in each financial year from 2014-15 to date (to 24 June 2021)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW does not hold accident or near miss data based on local government area.

On average, over 90 per cent of incidents reported each year are of a less serious nature, such as minor injury or minor damage to assets.

- * 6261 LEVEL CROSSINGS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many level crossings are in New South Wales?
- (a) How many are on public roads?
- (b) How many are on private roads?
- (2) How many level crossings in New South Wales do not have boom gates and/or flashing lights to alert motorists or pedestrians when trains are approaching on:
- (a) Public roads?
- (b) Private roads?

Answer—

I am advised:

Currently, there are 2,769 road level crossings recorded in the Australian Level Crossing Assessment Model database. This number excludes any road level crossings within private rail yards and on non-operational rail lines. Of the 2,769 road level crossings, 1,360 are on public roads and an estimated 1,409 are on private roads/properties. Of the 1,360 level crossings on public roads, 927 crossings do not have boom gates and/or flashing lights.

Transport for NSW does not hold information on the number of boom gates or flashing lights on private roads/properties. Installation of boom gates and flashing lights on private roads/ properties is a matter for each Individual Rail Infrastructure Manager and landowner.

- * 6262 TRANSFER OF REGIONAL ROADS TO COUNCIL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the Government's 2019 election commitment to transfer up to 15,000 kilometres of regional roads to the State as part of a broader package of support for local councils to better manage and maintain the rural road network, is the Independent Panel on track to deliver its final recommendations to the Government by July 2021?
- (a) If not:
- (i) Why not?
- (ii) When will it be delivered?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Independent Panel submitted its Interim Report to the NSW Government in February 2021 which included priority roads recommended for transfer and reclassification. The report is currently being reviewed and information around the outcome of this priority round will be made available in coming months.

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All New South Wales Councils will be invited to provide their submissions for reclassification and regional Councils will be invited to provide their submissions for Regional Road Transfers in the full round of the Regional Road Transfer and Road Classification Review, due to open later this year.

The panel is expected to submit its final report following its review of all submissions in the full round in the first quarter of the 2021-22 financial year; this is an indicative milestone and subject to change, particularly given the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

* 6263 REGIONAL ROAD TRANSFER AND NSW ROAD CLASSIFICATION REVIEW—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) On how many occasions have members of the Regional Road Transfer and NSW Road Classification Review – Independent Panel:
 - (a) Met face to face since it was established?
 - (b) Met via video or telephone since it was established?
- (2) Are members of the Regional Road Transfer and NSW Road Classification Review – Independent Panel remunerated?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) How much are they paid?
 - (ii) Are they paid an annual or monthly payment or do they receive a fee for each meeting attended?
- (3) How many times has the Minister met with the Regional Road Transfer and NSW Road Classification Review – Independent Panel?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Independent Panel was appointed in January 2020 by the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads to make recommendations to the NSW Government on the Regional Road Transfer and NSW Road Classification Review.
The Independent Panel has met regularly since February 2020, including 12 times face to face and 10 times via video or telephone conference.
- (2) The Independent Panel is paid in accordance with advice from the Public Service Commission. The Panel members are paid when they invoice – some chose to invoice monthly, others quarterly or annually.
- (3) The Minister for Regional Transport and Roads receives briefings from the Independent Panel Chair

* 6264 BUSES ON THE RURAL AND REGIONAL BUS SERVICE CONTRACT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) In each local government area across the state, how many dedicated school buses operate under the Rural and Regional Bus Service Contract?
 - (a) How many of these are fitted with seatbelts?
- (2) Will all dedicated school buses providing services under a Rural and Regional Bus Contact in rural and regional local government areas have seatbelts fitted by 31 December 2021?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The number of dedicated school buses provided under the Rural and Regional Service Bus Contract is 2,625.

As at 30 June 2021, there are 2,255 school buses with seat belts. A further 141 dedicated school buses are due to be replaced with new school buses with seatbelts and 229 dedicated school buses will be retrofitted with seatbelts.

Transport for NSW doesn't hold information on numbers of school buses by local government area.

- (2) Yes. In line with the Government's commitment, by the end of 2021 all dedicated school buses providing services under a Rural and Regional Bus Contract in rural and regional local government areas will have seatbelts.

* 6265 UPGRADE OF CESSNOCK ROAD, TESTERS HOLLOW—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Of the \$8.5 million (over the next two years) listed in Budget Paper No.3 for the upgrade of Cessnock Road, Testers Hollow, how much of the \$5.2 million listed for 2021-22 year will the Government contribute?

(a) Will the remainder be contributed by the Commonwealth Government?

- (2) Has the Government's original \$2 million commitment now been increased?

(a) If so, what is the Government's total contribution to the project?

- (3) When is the upgrade of Cessnock Road, Testers Hollow expected to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Commonwealth Government allocated \$5.2 million for the Cessnock Road, Testers Hollow upgrade in 2021-22. The total Government funding for the project remains at \$2 million.

The project is planned to be opened to traffic in early-2023, weather permitting.

* 6266 TRAIN AND CAR COLLISION—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has the accident which occurred in the Hunter region on 22 June where three people were seriously injured after their car collided with a train been investigated?

(a) If so:

(i) By whom?

(ii) What were the results?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force is investigating the incident. While NSW Trains completed an internal investigation of the incident in line with established processes and procedures, it is the role of the NSW Police Force to report on its investigation.

The incident was also reported to the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator as required under the Rail Safety National Law.

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- * 6267 COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY INSURANCE CLAIMS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

How many compulsory third party insurance claims were lodged as a result of motor vehicle collisions that occurred on Edwards Avenue and Government Road, Thornton (2322) in each financial years from 2014-15 to 2020-21?

Answer—

Below is a table of the total number of accidents that occurred on Edwards Avenue in Thornton (postcode 2322), by calendar year:

Calendar year Total number of accidents

Calendar year	Total number of accidents
2014	Nil
2015	1
2016	1
2017	Nil
2018	Nil
2019	Nil
2020	Nil
2021 (30 June 2021)	Nil

Below is a table of the total number of accidents that occurred on Government Road in Thornton (postcode 2322), by calendar year:

Calendar year Total number of accidents

Calendar year	Total number of accidents
2014	Nil
2015	1
2016	Nil
2017	Nil
2018	Nil
2019	Nil
2020	Nil
2021	Nil

- * 6268 FIXING COUNTRY ROADS PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) In the 2021-22 NSW Budget, \$458.2 million was committed from the Restart NSW Fund to the Fixing Country Roads Program - when will Councils be able to submit applications for the next round of the Fixing Country Roads Program?
- (a) How long will Councils have to submit their applications?
- (b) Who assesses the applications?

(c) When will Councils be notified of their application outcome?

Answer—

I am advised:

The timing of the next round will be based on maximising the program outcomes and supporting the delivery of projects by Councils. Applications will be assessed by a technical panel and all applications are appraised by the Regional Independent Assessment Panel, chaired by Infrastructure NSW. The Technical Panel members include representatives from both government and industry, as well as a probity officer. Transport for NSW will update councils about future rounds.