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(Paper No. 567)

* 7207 SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE—PROCLAMATION BY GOVERNOR OF NAMES AND MAPS OF ELECTORAL DISTRICTS—The Hon. Anthony D'Adam to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts—

- (1) Why has the Government not proclaimed the final names and maps of electoral districts arising from the recently completed final determination of the Redistribution Panel?
- (2) On what date does the government intend to proclaim the new boundaries?

Answer—

The final names and maps were proclaimed on 25 August 2021.

* 7208 ATTORNEY GENERAL—EVICTIONS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

- (1) How many evictions have sheriff's performed since the 26 June 2021?
 - (a) Please provide a breakdown per week?
- (2) How many evictions are currently arranged to take place in September 2021?
- (3) How many evictions are currently arranged to take place from 19 August 2021 to 11 September 2021?
- (4) How many evictions have occurred since the 26 June 2021?
 - (a) Please provide a breakdown by Local Government Area?

Answer—

Please visit the Parliament's website for the answer.

* 7209 ATTORNEY GENERAL—NSW CIVIL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans representing the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

- (1) How many orders for vacant possession has the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal made since 26 June 2021?
- (2) How many applications for vacant possession have been scheduled to be heard at the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal since June 2021?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) has made a total of 1,412 tenancy termination orders between 26 June 2021 and 28 August 2021.
- (2) NCAT has heard a total of 4,581 termination applications between 26 June 2021 and 28 August 2021.

* 7211 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—SYDNEY WATER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Please provide the total number of claims for financial assistance requested from Sydney Water in the last two months, or the most similar and most recent period of time available?
 - (a) Broken down by local government area?
 - (b) Broken down by state electorate?

Answer—

In the two-month period from 1 June 2021 to 31 July 2021, a total of 9,790 Sydney Water customers reached out to Sydney Water for financial assistance with their water bills.

* 7212 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—EAPA VOUCHERS—The Hon. Courtney Houssos to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Please provide the total number of Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) vouchers claimed in the last two months, or the most similar and most recent period of time available?
 - (a) Broken down by local government area?
 - (b) Broken down by state electorate?
- (2) Please provide the total value of EAPA vouchers claimed in the last two months, or the most similar and most recent period of time available?
 - (a) Broken down by local government area?
 - (b) Broken down by state electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1-2) The Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) scheme helps NSW households experiencing financial hardship due to a sudden financial crisis or emergency to pay their electricity or natural gas bills. The EAPA scheme is a parameter-driven program with customer approvals based on meeting eligibility criteria. Vouchers are not limited by location.

To be eligible, customers must be the energy account holder, have (or be applying for) a residential address in NSW and be experiencing financial hardship due to a sudden financial crisis or emergency. Eligible customers can receive one or more \$50 vouchers from energy retailers to help them pay their current energy bill. Customers can receive up to two transactions per financial year. Customer eligibility is assessed by EAPA Providers.

The Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment does not report the number of households that receive EAPA vouchers per LGA or state electorate. This is to protect customers' privacy in low population areas.

In the last two months, EAPA Providers have delivered a total of \$2,318,200 in EAPA vouchers to 8,563 eligible customers

During the period 1 July 2021 – 24 August 2021, the LGA of Canterbury Bankstown had 4,477 total EAPA voucher applications which represents \$223,850 in assistance provided to households.

The NSW Government's EAPA Assessment Team is being scaled up to manage the increased demand for EAPA and support the response to the COVID-19 Delta Outbreak. On 5 August 2021, the NSW Government announced it would increase the maximum EAPA transaction limit per fuel type from \$300 to \$400. EAPA applications from Service NSW surged from an average of 150 to 600 per day.

I strongly encourage all members to promote the availability and existence of the EAPA scheme to their local community. Applications can be made via Service NSW. Information on eligibility and how to apply for the scheme is available at:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/energy-accounts-payment-assistance-eapa-scheme>.

30 AUGUST 2021

(Paper No. 573)

- * 7330 BETTER REGULATION AND INNOVATION—LAND TAX RELIEF—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) As of the most recent date available:
- (a) What is the total number of residential landlords who have received land tax relief?
 - (b) What is the total dollar value of land tax relief given to residential landlords?
 - (c) What is the total number of commercial landlords who have received land tax relief?
 - (d) What is the total dollar value of land tax relief given to commercial landlords?

Answer—

On behalf of the Minister I refer you to my answer to QoN 7338.

- * 7334 CUSTOMER SERVICE—LAND TAX RELIEF—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) As of the most recent date available:
- (a) What is the total number of residential landlords who have received land tax relief?
 - (b) What is the total dollar value of land tax relief given to residential landlords?
 - (c) What is the total number of commercial landlords who have received land tax relief?
 - (d) What is the total dollar value of land tax relief given to commercial landlords?

Answer—

On behalf of the Minister I refer you to my answer to QoN 7338.

- * 7338 FINANCE AND SMALL BUSINESS—LAND TAX RELIEF—The Hon. Daniel Mookhey to ask the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) As of the most recent date available:
- (a) What is the total number of residential landlords who have received land tax relief?
 - (b) What is the total dollar value of land tax relief given to residential landlords?
 - (c) What is the total number of commercial landlords who have received land tax relief?
 - (d) What is the total dollar value of land tax relief given to commercial landlords?

Answer—

- (1) As at 6 September 2021:

- (a) 4,676
- (b) \$16.0 million
- (c) 8,591
- (d) \$199.2 million

10 SEPTEMBER 2021

(Paper No. 582)

- 7426 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—INVOLVEMENT OF DR ANNETTE COWIE IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO THE REDBANK POWER STATION

MODIFICATION PROPOSAL—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Did Dr Annette Cowie (see current DPI staff profile: <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/research-development/staff/staff-profiles/annette-cowie>) participate in the conciliation meeting between Verdant Earth Technologies and Singleton Council on 22 August 2021 in her capacity as an employee of the Department of Primary Industries?
 - (a) If so, What was Dr Cowie's role in the conciliation?
 - (b) Who approved Dr Cowie's involvement in the conciliation?
 - (c) Was Dr Cowie acting in support of the Verdant Earth Technologies modification proposal?
 - (i) If so, was Dr Cowie's involvement requested by Verdant Earth Technologies or any of the company's representatives?
 - (ii) If not, how did Dr Cowie come to be involved in the conciliation?
 - (d) What information did Dr Cowie provide as part of this conciliation?
 - (e) Was any information provided by Dr Cowie approved by the Department of Primary Industries?
 - (i) If so, by who?
 - (ii) If not, did Dr Cowie seek permissions from the Department of Primary Industries to participate in this conciliation?

7427 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—MEETINGS RELATING TO BIOMASS AND HYDROGEN PROJECTS IN NSW—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Has the Minister met with any of the following people or representatives of the following companies since 1 July 2020:
 - (a) Mr Richard Poole?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (b) Mr Sean Neylon?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (c) Mr Tim Sommers?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (d) Sweetman Renewables?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (e) Verdant Earth Technologies?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (f) Liberty Energy Capital?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (g) Hunter Energy?

- (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (h) Hunter Development Brokerage?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) What was the subject of the meeting?
- (2) Have any of staff of the Minister met with any of the following people or representatives of the following companies since 1 July 2020:
 - (a) Mr Richard Poole?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) Who from the Minister's staff participated in the meeting?
 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (b) Mr Sean Neylon?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) Who from the Minister's staff participated in the meeting?
 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (c) Mr Tim Sommers?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) Who from the Minister's staff participated in the meeting?
 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (d) Sweetman Renewables?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) Who from the Minister's staff participated in the meeting?
 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (e) Verdant Earth Technologies?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) Who from the Minister's staff participated in the meeting?
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 - (f) Liberty Energy Capital?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) Who from the Minister's staff participated in the meeting?
 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (g) Hunter Energy?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) Who from the Minister's staff participated in the meeting?
 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (h) Hunter Development Brokerage?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) Who from the Minister's staff participated in the meeting?
 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?

- (3) Have staff or representatives of the Department of Primary Industries met with any of the following people or representatives of the following companies since 1 July 2020:
- (a) Mr Richard Poole?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) Who from the Department participated in the meeting?
 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (b) Mr Sean Neylon?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) Who from the Department participated in the meeting?
 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (c) Mr Tim Sommers?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) Who from the Department participated in the meeting?
 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (d) Sweetman Renewables?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
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 - (e) Verdant Earth Technologies?
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 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?

7428 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—MEETINGS RELATING TO BIOMASS AND HYDROGEN PROJECTS IN NSW—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Has the Deputy Premier met with any of the following people or representatives of the following companies since 1 July 2020:

- (a) Mr Richard Poole?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (b) Mr Sean Neylon?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) What was the subject of the meeting?
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 - (ii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (h) Hunter Development Brokerage?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) What was the subject of the meeting?
- (2) Have any of staff of the Deputy Premier met with any of the following people or representatives of the following companies since 1 July 2020:
- (a) Mr Richard Poole?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) Who from the Deputy Premier's staff participated in the meeting?
 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (b) Mr Sean Neylon?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) Who from the Deputy Premier's staff participated in the meeting?
 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (c) Mr Tim Sommers?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
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- (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
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 - (h) Hunter Development Brokerage?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) Who from the Deputy Premier's staff participated in the meeting?
 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?
- (3) Have staff or representatives of the Department of Regional NSW met with any of the following people or representatives of the following companies since 1 July 2020:
- (a) Mr Richard Poole?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) Who from the Department participated in the meeting?
 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?
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7429 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE NSW NET ZERO INDUSTRY AND INNOVATION PROGRAM—Mr Justin Field to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Have any expressions of interest been received in relation to any of the grant streams available under the NSW Net Zero Industry and Innovation Program from the following companies:
 - (a) Verdant Earth Technologies?
 - (b) Sweetman Renewables?
 - (c) Sweetman Biomass?
 - (d) Sweetman Hydrogen?
 - (e) Monarch Hydrogen?
 - (f) Patriot Hydrogen?
 - (g) Liberty Hydrogen?

7430 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—MEETINGS RELATING TO BIOMASS AND HYDROGEN PROJECTS IN NSW—Mr Justin Field to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Has the Minister met with any of the following people or representatives of the following companies since 1 July 2020:
 - (a) Mr Richard Poole?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
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 - (ii) Who from the Minister's staff participated in the meeting?
 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?
- (3) Have staff or representatives of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) met with any of the following people or representatives of the following companies since 1 July 2020:
- (a) Mr Richard Poole?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) Who from the EPA participated in the meeting?
 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (b) Mr Sean Neylon?
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- 7431 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—TIMELINES AND GUIDELINES FOR GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE NSW NET ZERO INDUSTRY AND INNOVATION PROGRAM—Mr Justin Field to ask the Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- (1) For the Research, Development and Commercialisation Infrastructure Funding; Research and Development Grants; and Grants for Commercialisation and Pilots as outlined on page 41 of the NSW Net Zero Industry Innovation Program document dated March 2021 and linked to this Government website: <https://www.energysaver.nsw.gov.au/reducing-emissions-nsw/net-zero-industry-and-innovation>
 - (a) Is the program availability still anticipated in the 4th quarter of 2021?
 - (b) For each of these streams:
 - (i) What are the guidelines for funding decisions?
 - (c) For those streams where expressions of interest have already been called:
 - (i) How many expressions of interest have been received?
- 7432 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—MEETINGS RELATING TO BIOMASS AND HYDROGEN PROJECTS IN NSW—Mr Justin Field to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- (1) Has the Minister met with any of the following people or representatives of the following companies since 1 July 2020:
 - (a) Mr Richard Poole?
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 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) Who from the Minister's staff participated in the meeting?
 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (e) Verdant Earth Technologies?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) Who from the Minister's staff participated in the meeting?
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 - (f) Liberty Energy Capital?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) Who from the Minister's staff participated in the meeting?
 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (g) Hunter Energy?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) Who from the Minister's staff participated in the meeting?
 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (h) Hunter Development Brokerage?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?

- (ii) Who from the Minister's staff participated in the meeting?
 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?
- (3) Have staff or representatives of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment met with any of the following people or representatives of the following companies since 1 July 2020:
 - (a) Mr Richard Poole?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) Who from the Department participated in the meeting?
 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (b) Mr Sean Neylon?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
 - (ii) Who from the Department participated in the meeting?
 - (iii) What was the subject of the meeting?
 - (c) Mr Tim Sommers?
 - (i) If so, please provide the date of the meeting?
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7433 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—MOUSE CONTROL SUPPORT PROGRAM—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) What is the role of the Rural Assistance Authority in the mouse control support program?

- (2) What resources are being applied by Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) in administering any aspect of the mouse control program?
 - (a) Please provide details of:
 - (i) Full-time equivalent (FTE) resources?
 - (ii) Monetary contributions?
- (3) What are the establishment/implementation costs for the RAA in fulfilling their role in the program?
- (4) What are the operational costs for the RAA in fulfilling their role in the program?
- (5) Was the implantation and ongoing resource requirements met from existing RAA budget or was supplementation funding provided?
 - (a) If so, how much?

7434 AGRICULTURE AND WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—NEW SOUTH WALES MOUSE CONTROL SUPPORT PROGRAM—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) How much of the \$150 million New South Wales mouse control support program has been allocated to design and build the rebate program overseen by Service NSW?
- (2) Did Service NSW contribute any funds to the design and build of the program?
 - (a) If so, how much?
- (3) How much of the \$150 million New South Wales mouse control program has been allocated to the recurrent costs of Service NSW running the program?
- (4) Do Service NSW contribute any funds to the recurrent costs associated with running the mouse control rebate program?
 - (a) If so, how much?
- (5) What are the total projected recurrent costs associated with the program?

7435 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—NEW SOUTH WALES MOUSE CONTROL SUPPORT PROGRAM—The Hon. Mick Veitch to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) How much of the \$150 million New South Wales mouse control support program has been allocated to design and build the rebate program overseen by Service NSW?
- (2) Did Service NSW contribute any funds to the design and build of the program?
 - (a) If so, how much?
- (3) How much of the \$150 million New South Wales mouse control program has been allocated to the recurrent costs of Service NSW running the program?
- (4) Do Service NSW contribute any funds to the recurrent costs associated with running the mouse control rebate program?
 - (a) If so, how much?
- (5) What are the total projected recurrent costs associated with the program?

David Blunt
Clerk of the Parliament