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* 6671 PROJECT MANAGEMENT TENDER—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Has the tender for Project Management of the new Wee Waa High School gone out to market?
- (a) If so, what was the tendering process?
- (b) If not, what will the tendering process be and when will it commence?

Answer—

Yes. A Project Manager has been appointed in accordance with the Government's competitive tender and regulatory approval process.

More information about how School Infrastructure NSW partners with industry can be viewed on its website at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/we-partner-with-industry.html>

* 6672 LOCAL LAND SERVICES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) What is the annual Aboriginal Cultural Heritage budget for Local Land Services?
- (2) How does Local Land Services engage with communities and make decisions on this expenditure?

Answer—

- (1) The Aboriginal Cultural and Community Engagement budget for 2022 is \$3.4m. This includes all Local Land Services Regions work on Aboriginal Cultural and Community Engagement and the Strategy and Engagement group.
- (2) Local Land Services has an Aboriginal Engagement Strategy that outlines the key priorities for expenditure on Aboriginal cultural heritage. Most Local Land Services regions have an Aboriginal Community Advisory Group (ACAG) who provide advice to the Local Boards on key priorities for expenditure in line with the Strategy.

* 6673 GENERAL PRACTITIONERS IN COOLAH—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Has the provision of General Practitioner services to Coolah and therefore a Visiting Medical Officer to the hospital been problematic for two years now?
- (2) Is there currently no General Practitioner and Telehealth providing the hospital coverage?
- (3) What Measures will be taken to rectify this situation and ensure the people of Coolah are provided with access to a General Practitioner locally and the hospital has in person medical coverage?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2) In conjunction with the Virtual Rural Generalist Service, a locum doctor provided 24 hour, seven days a week medical service to the Coolah Multipurpose Service (MPS) from 17 November 2021. The District continues to advertise for locums and permanent doctors.
- (3) Brenshaw Medical Pty Ltd will continue to provide medical services. The District will also continue to advertise for locums and permanent doctors.

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- * 6674 WINE CENTRE AT THE GRIFFITH TAFE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

When will TAFE NSW deliver on its commitment to establish a Wine Centre at the Griffith TAFE?

Answer—

I am advised TAFE NSW Griffith has a Food and Wine Technology Centre delivering programs both on campus and in the workforce to meet the training needs of the wine and food industry. I understand TAFE NSW also regularly engages with local industry leaders and will host a Wine and Food industry forum on 28 January 2022 at the Griffith Campus to ensure that training continues to meet industry need into the future.

- * 6675 FUNDING FOR BRIDGE UPGRADES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) Considering the Fixing Country Bridges program only applies to timber bridges, what funding sources are available to regional Local Government Areas (LGA) to upgrade the many aging concrete bridges and culverts across the state?

- (a) How can this funding (if any) be accessed in a timely way?
(b) How can resource-poor rural LGAs, who struggle with competitive grant-writing, ensure their concrete bridges and culverts get the funds and attention they need?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are both New South Wales and Commonwealth Government programs that councils may apply for funding. The relevant New South Wales Government programs are the Regional Road REPAIR Program and Fixing Country Roads. The relevant Commonwealth Government programs are the Bridges Renewal Program and the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program.

- (a) Under the Regional Roads REPAIR program, councils nominate projects directly to Transport for NSW. Funding rounds are conducted on a yearly basis. Eligible local councils will be notified when the next round of the Fixing Country Roads program opens.

The Bridges Renewal Program and the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program run in parallel so applicants can access the right program for the right project at the right time. The Commonwealth Government considers projects on an ongoing basis with applications accepted all year round to provide increased flexibility and permit projects to be submitted when they will be of most benefit.

- (b) Transport for NSW encourages councils to work with its local Government representatives to ensure applications meet guidelines and address all relevant criteria. Transport for NSW offers further support through guidelines and training packages to assist councils during grant submissions.

Bridges Renewal Program enquiries can be directed to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport Regional Development and Communications by email at: bridgesrenewal@infrastructure.gov.au.

- * 6676 DENILQUIN AND NARRANDERA TAFES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) Will the Government sell off buildings and facilities at Denilquin TAFE and Narrandera TAFE?

- (a) If so, which specific building and facilities will be sold?
(b) Will practical courses like automotive repair continue to be taught to local students?

- (c) If students need to travel or relocate to bigger centres to get a practical education, what contribution will the Government make to their travel and living costs?
- (2) What programs does the Government have in place to attract much-needed skilled workers back to small centres like Deniliquin and Narrandera if they are trained elsewhere?

Answer—

I am advised:

TAFE NSW has recommended part of the TAFE NSW Deniliquin site that has not been used for service delivery in over three years, be divested so that proceeds can be reinvested back into TAFE NSW facilities. To date, there has been no approval granted for this divestment to proceed.

Narrandera TAFE Campus continues to be operational and there are no plans to divest any part of this site.

TAFE NSW has offered qualifications such as the Certificate IV in Ageing Support and the Diploma of Youth Work at the Narrandera CLC, as well as a range of other qualifications.

I am further informed that since opening, the Deniliquin CLC has offered qualifications at Certificate IV or Diploma level in areas including Ageing Support, Youth Work and Mental Health.

TAFE NSW will continue to train local students in practical courses, supported by Mobile Training Units where required.

* 6677 SUICIDE MONITORING SYSTEM STATISTICAL DATA—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) NSW Health's online Suicide Monitoring System indicates that information collated includes residential location of suicide victims. For locations of suicide deaths outside of metropolitan Sydney, Blue Mountains and Central Coast it is classified as Rest of NSW, which includes the Level 4 Statistical Areas of Richmond - Tweed, Coffs Harbour, Grafton, Mid North Coast, Newcastle and Lake Macquarie, Hunter Valley, New England and North West, Central West, Far West and Orana, Murray, Riverina, Capital Region, Illawarra, Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven. Why is viewable suicide data in monthly summaries for Rest of NSW not broken down into each Level 4 Statistical Area?
- (a) Will you update the Suicide Monitoring System monthly summaries to show the data for each Level 4 Statistical Area?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Suicide Monitoring System provides high-level data that is consistent with that issued by other States. Further data around age and gender will be incorporated from 1 January 2022.

Suicide registers do not typically publish data on individual months for small areas. Statistical areas often only have one suicide. Where numbers are low, there is a risk of inadvertently identifying individuals prior to the Coroner making its findings on cause and manner of death.

Further, reliable comparison or monitoring of trends requires averaging data over one or more years to avoid inaccurate conclusions.

* 6678 SHORT TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATION PLATFORM OBLIGATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) With commencement of the new state-wide policy for Short Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) having commenced on 1 November:
- (a) Which platforms has the Government entered into a memorandum of understanding with about their obligations set out in the Code of Conduct?

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- (b) What is the scope of the memorandums, what precisely do they include?
- (c) Who has access to these memorandums?
- (d) Why are these memorandums not public?
- (e) How will the Government ensure that platforms do not "list" any properties that have not registered on the STRA Register?
- (f) How will the Government ensure that premises that are subject to a "No STR" By-Law or Development Consent Condition or Term of a Lease that prohibit STRA are not included in the STRA Premises Register?
- (g) How will the Government ensure there is extensive public awareness of the requirement to have premises registered or will the Government rely entirely on the platforms to provide this public education?
- (h) What resources have been set aside for enforcement of the new policy?
- (i) What penalties will be used for non-compliance?
- (j) What information will be publicly available about breaches?
- (k) Has the Government entered any formal or informal agreement or understanding with the industry that unregistered properties can continue to be advertised but no booking taken until the premises is registered?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) The Government has not entered into a memorandum of understanding with platforms. The obligations set out in the Code of Conduct are statutory requirements under the Fair Trading Act 1987.
- (b) The scope of requirements is set out in the Code of Conduct.
- (c) The Code of Conduct is a public document.
- (d) The Code of Conduct is a public document.
- (e) Under the Code of Conduct, booking platforms must not list a property unless the host provides a Property Identification Number (PID) issued by the Premises Register. The PID number is validated against the Premises Register database to ensure it is the correct number for the property. Booking platforms that are found to be listing an unregistered property could face a fine of up to \$110,000.
- (f) Under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021, it is an obligation of the host to be aware of any restrictions imposed by the Strata Schemes Management Act 2015 or any conditions of development consent.
- (g) The Government has undertaken an extensive public awareness campaign including advertising on the domain.com.au website, social media and local radio stations across New South Wales.
- (h) Local council - A local council can be contacted with issues or complaints relating to fire safety (including overcrowding), planning approvals, parking or ongoing noise.
NSW Police - The NSW Police can be contacted if the issue relates to an urgent noise issue.
NSW Fair Trading - Where there has been a proven contravention of other laws (for example enforcement action by local council, a finding in court or tribunal) evidence can be provided to NSW Fair Trading to take further action under the provisions of the Code of Conduct. If NSW Fair Trading receives complaints that are best managed by the local council in the first

instance, it will either refer the matter to the relevant council or instruct the complainant to lodge their matter directly with the council. Fair Trading has adequate staffing levels to meet the needs of the Code of Conduct.

- (i) Unregistered properties that are found to be engaging in Short Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) could face a fine of up to \$2,200.
- (j) An exclusion register has been established under the Code of Conduct. Access to the exclusion register will be available on the NSW Fair Trading website.
- (k) No.

* 6679 SHORT TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATION PLATFORM OBLIGATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

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 - (a) How will the Government ensure that platforms do not "list" any properties that have not registered on the STRA Register?
 - (b) How will the Government ensure there is extensive public awareness of the requirement to have premises registered or will the Government rely entirely on the platforms to provide this public education?
 - (c) What resources have been set aside for enforcement of the new code of conduct?
 - (d) What penalties will be used for non-compliance?
 - (e) What information will be publicly available about breaches?
 - (f) Has the Government entered any formal or informal agreement or understanding with the industry that unregistered properties can continue to be advertised but no booking taken until the premises is registered?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) Under the Code of Conduct, bookings platforms must not list a property unless the host provides a Property Identification Number (PID) issued by the Premises Register. The PID number is validated against the Premises Register database to ensure it is the correct number for the property. Booking platforms that are found to be listing an unregistered property could face a fine of up to \$110,000.
 - (b) The Government has been working to raise awareness since the policy was announced in 2018, including working with councils, platforms as well as digital and broadcast advertising on the across New South Wales. This campaign is still ongoing.
 - (c) Councils, Police, NSW Fair Trading and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment will all play a role in ensuring that hosts are registered and are adhering to the Code of Conduct and making sure guests are adhering to the rules.
 - (d) Unregistered properties that are found to be engaging in Short Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) could face a fine of up to \$2,200.
 - (e) An exclusion register has been established under the Code of Conduct. Access to the exclusion register will be available on the NSW Fair Trading website.
 - (f) No. Booking platforms automatically de-list any properties that are not registered.

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* 6680 VACCINATION DATA—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Is it true that vaccination data shows some areas with unusually low rates and others completely vaccinated or more?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the accuracy and relevance of the Australian Bureau of Statistics Estimated Resident Population 2019 estimates used to calculate New South Wales vaccination rates?
- (3) How has the Government assessed the impact on inner city Sydney population estimates for vaccination of:
 - (a) International border restrictions reducing visitors?
 - (b) Absence of tourists and travellers?
 - (c) Loss of international students?
 - (d) Remote learning for university students?
 - (e) Remote work rules?
 - (f) Movement away from expensive rental areas due to job losses and lost earnings?
- (4) What adjustments have been made to account for population losses due to the pandemic, as has occurred in other cities including Melbourne?
- (5) How has the Government ensured that City of Sydney and inner city postcode population data used to calculate vaccination rates reflect changes in population due to the pandemic?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to improve data accuracy in calculating vaccination rates?

Answer—

The Australian Government Department of Health is responsible for public reporting of statistics relating to the Australian Immunisation Register.

NSW Health has alerted the Australian Government Department of Health to anomalies in the data in a number of locations across New South Wales. There are several contributing factors to this data discrepancy, including some of the factors mentioned in the Member's question. NSW Health is working closely with the Australian Government Department of Health to identify and manage these anomalies.

* 6681 SMALL TOURISM OPERATORS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, and Minister for Industry and Trade—

- (1) Considering the long term impacts of pandemic restrictions on tourism and travel, what assessment has the Government carried out into impacts on small tourism operators such as hotels and tour guides, including those based in the city centre?
 - (a) What outreach efforts has the Government made to operators and industry representatives to understand these impacts and identify where help is most needed?
 - (b) What support programs and financial support does the Government provide specifically for these small tourism operators?
 - (c) What further help with the Government provide for small tourism operators to recover from pandemic restrictions?

Answer—

- (1) Destination NSW tracks accommodation performance of hotels and serviced apartments in New South Wales in terms of occupancy rate, revenue and daily rate through data delivered by STR, a

global data analytics provider. This information is available on Destination NSW's website at: www.destinationnsw.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/str-accommodation-snapshot-sept-qtr-2021.pdf.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics published a report on Business Conditions and Sentiments, available at: <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/economy/business-indicators/business-conditions-and-sentiments/latest-release#changes-in-revenue>

- (a) In 2021, during the statewide lockdown and to-date, the Government, via Destination NSW, held weekly visitor economy forums with key industry stakeholders from the hotel, hospitality, restaurant and attraction sectors, retail sector, aviation, with peak industry bodies and City of Sydney. Minister Ayres and his office attended the majority of these forums and answered questions from stakeholders. The weekly forums ensured pressing matters were raised and discussed and informed the road to recovery for Sydney and New South Wales.
- (b) During the pandemic, the Government introduced a suite of economic support measures for businesses, with dedicated assistance for small businesses. Measures included the JobSaver scheme, the 2021 COVID-19 business grant, the 2021 COVID-19 micro-business grant, tax relief measures, assistance programs for employees. The Government has introduced a new Hardship Review Panel, which is considering financial support for businesses that did not qualify for COVID-19 business support measures, including the business grant, micro-business grant and JobSaver.
- (c) The Government continues to deliver the Government Business Connect program, so more businesses can continue to obtain advice to navigate challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Government has also made permanent increase to the payroll tax threshold from \$1 million to \$1.2 million and reduced the payroll tax rate from 5.45 percent to 4.85 percent. It is providing small businesses with fees and charges rebate of \$1,500 until 30 June 2022 to help them with the cost of doing business.

The Government's tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW, is providing industry-wide assistance through its investment in events, destination marketing, PR and industry development programs to help businesses recover. Destination NSW has developed a new Sydney and NSW Visitor Brand Strategy, and launched a new marketing campaign, 'Feel New', which will benefit visitor economy operators by providing a compelling new visitor message to entice visitors back.

This is in addition to dedicated recovery initiatives, such as the Central Business District (CBD) Revitalisation Program to support events and activations in CBDs across Greater Sydney and surrounds, with an additional \$50 million allocated in October 2021, and the \$6 million allocation to bring business events back to the city through the Accelerate program.

The Government also allocated \$250 million to expand the Stay & Rediscover scheme and \$250 million to expand the Dine & Discover initiative. Sydney CBD businesses will also benefit from a \$50 million stimulus program, which will offer 500,000 New South Wales residents four \$25 vouchers for dining and entertainment experiences in the Sydney CBD on Fridays.

* 6682 PARTY BOAT ENFORCEMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering increasing reports of intrusive noise from party boats late at night, what increased enforcement has the Government carried out beyond advising boat operators?
- (2) What resources are allocated to marine noise enforcement and what additional resources have been allocated since LA Q 5778?

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- (3) What action has been taken on the review of the 2008 'Code of Conduct for Charter Vessels Operating with Amplified Music Systems' as referenced in LA Q 5778?
- (4) How does the Government monitor charter vessel loading and unloading passengers at night through the Charter Wharf Booking System?
- (5) What complaints have been received about night noise and anti-social behaviour at Charter Wharves at :
 - (a) Campbells Cove?
 - (b) Casino?
 - (c) Ives Steps?
 - (d) King Street?
 - (e) Walsh Bay?
 - (f) Circular Quay?
- (6) What measures are in place to prevent noise and anti-social behaviour impacts at Charter Wharves at night?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to balance commercial use of the harbour and Charter Wharves with protecting adjacent communities from offensive noise and anti-social behaviour at night?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Since 1 October 2021, NSW Maritime has conducted three evening patrols targeting noise. One noise abatement direction was issued to a boat operator.
- (2) NSW Maritime Boating Safety Officers, the NSW Police Force Marine Area Command, NSW Environment Protection Authority and local council all allocate resources to marine noise enforcement. In relation to NSW Maritime, additional patrols are planned over the Christmas and New Year period.
- (3) On 19 October 2021, a newly established industry working group first met. A Code of Conduct was reviewed with feedback being considered.
- (4) The loading and unloading of passengers is not monitored through the Charter Wharf Booking System.
- (5) There have been two complaints about noise levels at Charter wharves, both at Casino.
- (6) NSW Maritime and the NSW Police Force Marine Area Command conduct proactive patrols of Charter wharves to ensure compliance with relevant legislation.
- (7) NSW Maritime aims to ensure the equitable use and enjoyment of waterways is maintained for all stakeholders, by balancing the needs of adjacent residential communities with recreational boating and commercial operators.

* 6683 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What action has been taken under the NSW Electric Vehicle Strategy to provide easy access to public Electric Vehicle (EV) charging?
 - (a) How many charging stations are operating and how many are planned under the proposed:
 - (i) EV Super-Highways?

- (ii) EV Commuter Corridors?
- (iii) EV off-street parking chargers?
- (iv) Tourist destination charging facilities?
- (b) How many of these charging facilities are in the inner city or planned for the inner city?
- (2) What further action will the Government take to provide and encourage electric vehicle charging?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to LA Q6410 and LA Q6411.

* 6684 KIPPAX LAKE WILDLIFE PROTECTION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What steps did the Government take to protect birdlife on Kippax Lake following attacks on the resident swans?
 - (a) What further action is planned to prevent future attacks on birdlife?
- (2) What longer term measures will the Government implement to protect and support wildlife including birds around the lake?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Greater Sydney Parklands has taken a number of steps to protect birdlife on Kippax Lake. It has installed new signage to inform visitors that dogs must be on leash within 10 metres of ponds, increased Centennial Parklands ranger patrols of the area to ensure compliance with the on-leash rule, and erected temporary fencing around a small area near the northern boat ramp of the lake to provide additional protection of the area where the swans commonly feed. Greater Sydney Parklands is also updating its dog brochure and will carry out ongoing marketing to educate the public and inform them that all of the Kippax Lake precinct is designated as a dog on-leash area. More information is available at: www.centennialparklands.com.au/dogs.
- (2) Greater Sydney Parklands takes the protection of its diverse wildlife very seriously. Planned longer-term measures to protect and support wildlife, including birds, include:
 - a review of potential habitat improvements, including an upgrade to the floating island in Kippax Lake, and planter boxes for reed beds.
 - landscape planning for the Kippax Lake precinct of Moore Park. This includes a review of planting strategies to improve habitat provision and design opportunities to better define on- and off-leash dog areas, especially around the lake.

* 6685 DARLINGHURST COURTHOUSE SITE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

- (1) What review has the Government carried out into the fitness and suitability of the Darlinghurst Courthouse, considering its purpose, restricted accessibility and security requirements?
- (2) What long term plans does the Government have for the future of the:
 - (a) Court operations?
 - (b) Courthouse buildings and site?
- (3) Do the recently installed intrusive fence and barriers comply with heritage requirements for the site?

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- (4) What consideration has the Government given to this site being used for other purposes including for arts and cultural activities?
- (5) What long term plans does the Government have for the Darlinghurst Courthouse site?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice regularly undertakes a review of its asset portfolio to assess the suitability and condition of assets and consider future use options for any underutilised assets.

The Darlinghurst Courthouse is an operational court that hears criminal trials by both the Supreme Court of NSW and the District Court of NSW. There are currently no plans in place to consider utilising the courthouse for any other purposes.

The security of the courthouse is currently being upgraded to help protect the safety of the judiciary, court personnel and members of the community who are required to attend the court.

All security upgrades being delivered at the courthouse are approved by the Heritage Council of NSW and have taken into consideration all necessary requirements to help preserve the heritage nature of the courthouse.

* 6686 NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION CODE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Does the Government support new mandatory minimum accessibility standards in the 2022 National Construction Code?
 - (a) Does the Government support the proposed Livable Housing Design Guidelines Silver Standard in the new Code?
- (2) What measures does the Government intend to require for accessibility in New South Wales buildings?
 - (a) What advocacy has the Government carried out to ensure that the updated National Construction Code results in more accessible housing?
 - (b) What new sustainability requirements does the Government support in the National Construction Code?
- (3) What measures does the Government intend to require for future net zero buildings in New South Wales?
 - (a) What advocacy has the Government carried out to ensure that the updated National Construction Code results in net zero buildings?
 - (b) What further action will the Government take to encourage and mandate net zero buildings in future?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

* 6687 COOKS RIVER BANKS NATURALISATION—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What initiatives associated with naturalising the banks of the Cooks River are included in the 2021-2022 State Budget?
- (2) What is the total amount expended on naturalising the banks of the Cooks River since 2011?

Answer—

- (1) Government funding for naturalising the banks of the Cooks River is provided under the NSW Coastal and Estuary Grants program, which falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Local Government.
- (2) Please note answer to question (1) above.

* 6688 HOME BUILDING COMPENSATION FUND—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) When was the last time the maximum cover under the Home Building Compensation Fund (HBCF) was increased?
- (2) Are there any plans to increase the maximum cover given the extraordinary increases in housing costs, the costs of building materials and labour, legal fees and more?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised the maximum cover under the Home Building Compensation Fund was last increased on 1 February 2012.
- (2) This question should be referred to the Minister for Customer Service.

* 6689 RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING TRANSPORT FOR NSW—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Is rapid antigen testing now widely used for transport workers across the transit system?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) How many rapid antigen tests have been administered for transport workers in the following months:
 - (a) July?
 - (b) August?
 - (c) September?
 - (d) October?
 - (e) November to date?
- (3) In the following months, how many rapid antigen tests administered to transport workers in New South Wales by Transport for NSW have returned positive COVID-19 results:
 - (a) July?
 - (b) August?
 - (c) September?
 - (d) October?
 - (e) November to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW's COVID-19 Taskforce engaged Healthcare Australia to provide onsite Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) services at 16 critical operational sites across the Transport cluster as part of a pilot program. The objectives of the pilot are to implement an immediate additional layer of

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protection for workers to maintain operational resilience of the transport network and to evaluate the potential for RAT as a longer term, business-as-usual measure.

Testing was rolled out to the 16 sites from 30 August 2021 with the pilot program extended to 30 November 2021.

RAT is only one strategy that Transport for NSW has implemented to ensure the safety of staff. Other policies and procedures include the provision of Personal Protection Equipment and hand sanitisers, increased cleaning, two-hour paid leave for vaccination, on-line resources, facilitating Working from Home arrangements, and COVID-Safe changes to limiting staff numbers in offices to enable social distancing.

- (2) Up to 14 November 2021, 19,303 tests have been conducted. The following number of tests per month were conducted:
- (a) July – 0
 - (b) August – 94
 - (c) September – 1,989
 - (d) October – 11,030
 - (e) To 14 November – 6,190.
- (3) The following number of tests per month returned positive COVID-19 results:
- (a) July – 0
 - (b) August – 0
 - (c) September – 3
 - (d) October – 27
 - (e) To 14 November – 0.

Of the 30 positive results, all were false positives. The number of positive RAT results, and the proportion that were false positive, are within the bounds of what is expected, given the current prevalence of COVID-19 in NSW and the specifications of the test kit used.

* 6690 PRINCIPAL BIKE NETWORK—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has Transport for NSW withdrawn the Principal Bike Network as the strategic framework for cycling infrastructure?
- (2) When was this decision taken?
- (3) Why was this decision taken?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is committed to creating a connected cycleway network for Greater Sydney as set out in Future Transport 2056.

Transport for NSW is focused on the planning and delivery of a connected cycleway network. The initial step is the staged implementation plans for strategic cycleway corridors that serve Greater Sydney.

This program of work builds on the foundation set within Future Transport 2056 as well as the learnings taken in 2020 from the building of numerous pop-up cycleways in Sydney during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of the program, Transport for NSW will work with local councils to better understand their cycleway priorities to ensure there is alignment of connections to the planned strategic corridors.

* 6691 INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL - VEHICLE MAINTENANCE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What has been the maintenance budget for vehicles on the Inner West Light Rail in each financial year from 1997-1998 to 2020-2021?
- (2) What is the projected budget for maintenance on the Inner West Light Rail for 2021-2022?
- (3) Who is responsible for conducting maintenance of light rail vehicles?
- (4) How are maintenance issues or damage and faults with vehicles reported and to whom are they reported?
- (5) How many people are employed to conduct vehicle maintenance on the Inner West Light Rail?
- (6) What maintenance work led to the discovery of the cracking on the Inner West Light Rail?
- (7) How regularly is that type of maintenance work conducted?

Answer—

I am advised:

From 1997-2012, the Inner West Light Rail was a privately owned tramway. As such, Transport for NSW did not have a maintenance budget for this period.

From 2015, a Service Payment has been made to Altrac Light Rail (Altrac). The Service Payment is a lump-sum payment made to carry out operations and maintenance activities for lines 1, 2 and 3. The Service Payment is commercial in confidence.

Altrac is responsible for maintenance of Light Rail vehicles. Altrac subcontracts Transdev to provide operations and maintenance services for all three lines. Transdev subcontracts Alstom Maintenance to provide maintenance of the Sydney Light Rail including Light Rail vehicles. All track maintenance issues are reported through to Alstom Maintenance as the contracted maintainer. Eight technicians are employed to conduct Light Rail Vehicle Maintenance on the Inner West Light Rail.

The cracking on the Inner West Light Rail was discovered during preventative maintenance, including an under body visual inspection. As a result, further unscheduled inspections of the entire fleet took place which identified cracking in all vehicles. Preventative maintenance is completed every 30 days.

* 6692 INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL - TRACK MAINTENANCE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How regularly is track maintenance conducted on the Inner West Light Rail?
- (2) What track maintenance has been conducted in the past two years?
- (3) What is the total amount of budget allocated towards track maintenance in each of the past five financial years?
- (4) How are maintenance issues or damage and faults reported?
 - (a) To whom are they reported?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Information about track maintenance, including how regularly track maintenance is conducted, what track maintenance has been conducted, and how maintenance issues are reported, is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

The Service Payment is a lump-sum payment made to Altrac to carry out operations and maintenance activities for lines 1, 2 and 3. The details of this service payment are commercial in confidence.

* 6693 INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL - STAFFING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will the Government find and support alternative employment to Inner West light rail workers following the decision to shut down the line for up to 18 months?
- (2) What plans are being put in place to support alternative employment for affected workers?
- (3) How many workers are likely to be impacted by the shut down?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Transdev, the operator of the Sydney Light Rail network, is working with affected employees to provide them with alternate duties, training opportunities, and career development opportunities within the company. All staff are still being paid in accordance with their rostered hours.

Drivers remain on a rotating weekly roster to perform shunting and movement of vehicles along the corridor and in the Lilyfield and Pyrmont Depots, where required. This is to ensure they remain connected with the business and their qualifications remain current so they are ready for the resumption of services.

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* 6694 INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL - REPLACEMENT BUS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Since cracks were first discovered on the Inner West Light Rail, what has been the total cost of running replacement buses along the line?
- (2) What is the total number of replacement buses deployed to assist passengers on the line?
- (3) What is the average travel time for a passenger travelling from Dulwich Hill to Central on the replacement bus service?
- (4) What is the total cost to Transport for NSW of running these services each week?
- (5) What is the projected revenue that Transport for NSW expects to collect from passenger fares on replacement services?

Answer—

I am advised:

During the initial weekday period (28 to 29 October and 1 to 5 November 2021), replacement bus services were provided under the Transport emergency bussing panel contract arrangements.

Since 8 November 2021, State Transit Authority have been operating the weekday services within the capacity of existing bus service contracts. Transit Systems are currently operating weekend services and Transport for NSW are yet to finalise these costs.

Currently weekday services use 29 AM peak buses and 32 PM peak buses. The rostered time between Dulwich Hill and Central is 70 minutes.

Given the current situation with COVID-19, patronage and revenue is difficult to accurately project.

* 6695 INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL REPLACEMENT BUS DAMAGE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Since replacement buses have begun to service passengers affected by the closure of the Inner West Light Rail, have there been any reports of damages to cars or private properties along the replacement routes caused by replacement bus services?
 - (a) If so, how many reports?
- (2) What has been the total cost of damage to date?
- (3) What support has Transport for NSW put in place to assist residents impacted by property damage due to replacement bus services?

Answer—

I am advised:

There have been two reports of a collision involving a replacement bus along the Inner West Light Rail route. On both occasions, insurance details have been provided to the other party involved in the collision. The cost of any damage is yet to be determined.

* 6696 INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL INSPECTIONS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many engineers and associated experts travelled to Sydney from Spain to inspect the Inner West Light Rail following the discovery of cracks in the vehicle wheel wells?
- (2) What was the total cost of the trip including flights, accommodation, professional fees and other costs?
- (3) Who paid for them to come?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) None.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Not applicable.

* 6697 INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL - CBD AND EASTERN SUBURBS LIGHT RAIL CONNECTIVITY—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the exact reason that vehicles from the CBD and Eastern Suburbs Light Rail are unable to be used on the Inner West Light Rail?
- (2) What would be the total cost to Transport for NSW for modifying the Alstom Citadis 305s used on the CBD and Eastern Suburbs Light Rail for use on the Inner West Light Rail?
- (3) Why was the decision made to purchase vehicles that are not compatible on the Inner West Light Rail?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) One Central Business District (CBD) and South East Light Rail Alstom Citadis vehicle travels on the Inner West Light Rail (IWL) to the Lilyfield depot each night for heavy maintenance at a reduced speed. These Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs) are not currently suitable to operate in revenue service on the IWL for a variety of operational and safety reasons, including differing wheel

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profiles, differing vehicle tracking systems, vehicle platform height differences, platform/LRV gaps and differing door locations.

- (2) Altrac and its operator and maintainer, Transdev and Alstom, are currently examining the operational and infrastructure risks and potential mitigations to enable CBD and South East Light Rail Alstom Citadis vehicles to operate on the IWLRL. Altrac has not yet concluded its investigations into feasibility and costs.
- (3) The decision to separate the operation of the IWLRL and the CBD and South East Light Rail allowed Transport for NSW to procure the best light rail vehicles and build the line with the most up to date advancements, including APS technology. Additionally, this configuration also meant that the best suited route conditions and service levels of the new network are used, without constraints from the existing light rail infrastructure.

* 6698 VACCINATIONS IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What is the current percentage of inmates in New South Wales correctional facilities that have been double-vaccinated against COVID-19?
- (2) How many inmates in New South Wales correctional facilities have contracted COVID-19 since the commencement of the Delta outbreak in June 2021?
- (3) What is the current percentage of inmates in New South Wales juvenile justice facilities aged 12-18 who have been double-vaccinated against COVID-19?
- (4) How many inmates in New South Wales juvenile justice facilities have contracted COVID-19 since the commencement of the Delta outbreak in June 2021?

Answer—

- (1) As of 11 November 2021, 75.6 per cent of adults in NSW public correctional facilities have been double-vaccinated.
- (2) There have been 226 cases of COVID-19 being contracted by inmates in custody during correctional centre outbreaks.
- (3) As of 11 November 2021, 66.1 per cent of youths aged 12 to 18 in New South Wales juvenile justice facilities have been double-vaccinated.
- (4) There has been one identified in-custody transmission of a youth in New South Wales juvenile justice facilities.

* 6699 GAY CONVERSION THERAPY—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What action has been taken to progress a ban on so-called "gay conversion therapy" since LA Q5018 on 17 March 2021?
- (2) What possible steps to progress this issue were identified in the meeting between representatives from the NSW Ministry of Health and Department of Communities and Justice referenced in LA Q5018?

Answer—

Government agencies are continuing to monitor developments in other states and territories on this issue.

Representatives from the NSW Ministry of Health and the Department of Communities and Justice have met to consider this issue in New South Wales.

NSW Health has mechanisms to regulate people who are health practitioners, however outside of the New South Wales health system is a matter for the Attorney General.

* 6700 FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND SUPPRESSED ABNS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) How many applications for COVID-19 business financial support have been lodged by business owners with a suppressed Australian Business Number (ABN)?
- (2) For what reasons might an ABN be suppressed?
- (3) Why have business owners with a suppressed ABN had to wait months in order for applications to be approved and funds disbursed?
- (4) Why has the Government not developed a work around and provided these funds, particularly given that people with suppressed ABN's may be vulnerable people including being victims of domestic violence?

Answer—

- (1) 54
- (2) Suppression of ABNs is the responsibility of the Australian Taxation Office, who manage the Australian Business Register.
- (3) Businesses with suppressed ABNs can apply through the digital application for the Small Business Grant. For the Micro Business grant and JobSaver, businesses can apply via a manual process. These businesses can apply and have their applications processed manually.
- (4) Service NSW digital products integrate with public and private Australian Business Register application programming interfaces. The Australian Business Register responds with a suppressed indicator if the ABN is suppressed.

The Application Programming Interface (API) is currently being used by Service NSW on the COVID19 business grant to enable customers with suppressed ABNs to apply for grants in a secure and private way. The solution is currently being rolled out across other grant programs. The solution was developed in a secure way to ensure that the business details of vulnerable customers are not released to individuals that may claim to be a contact or associate of the business entity.

As an interim solution, Service NSW developed a non-digital solution to allow customers with a suppressed ABN to submit their application.

* 6701 OUT OF AREA ENROLMENTS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many out of area enrolment applications have been received for the following high schools for the 2022 school year:
 - (a) Ashfield Boys High School?
 - (b) Canterbury Boys High School?
 - (c) Canterbury Girls High School?
 - (d) Dulwich High School of Visual Art and Design?
 - (e) Fort Street High School?
 - (f) Marrickville High School?
 - (g) Sydney Secondary College Blackwattle Bay Campus?
 - (h) Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus?
 - (i) Tempe High School?

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- (2) How many out of area enrolment applications have been approved for the following high schools for the 2022 school year:
- (a) Ashfield Boys High School?
 - (b) Canterbury Boys High School?
 - (c) Canterbury Girls High School?
 - (d) Dulwich High School of Visual Art and Design?
 - (e) Fort Street High School?
 - (f) Marrickville High School?
 - (g) Sydney Secondary College Blackwattle Bay Campus?
 - (h) Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus?
 - (i) Tempe High School?

Answer—

- (1) The number of non-local enrolment applications received for the following high schools for the 2022 school year is:
- (a) Ashfield Boys High School – 176
 - (b) Canterbury Boys High School – 70
 - (c) Canterbury Girls High School – 123
 - (d) Dulwich High School of Visual Art and Design – 83 for mainstream, 125 for Arts stream.
 - (e) Fort Street High School – selective, no defined enrolment boundary
 - (f) Marrickville High School – 53
 - (g) Sydney Secondary College Blackwattle Bay Campus – 22
 - (h) Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus – 64
 - (i) Tempe High School – 122
- (2) The number of non-local enrolment applications approved for the following high schools for the 2022 school year is:
- (a) Ashfield Boys High School – 75
 - (b) Canterbury Boys High School – 42
 - (c) Canterbury Girls High School – 51
 - (d) Dulwich High School of Visual Art and Design – 31 for mainstream, 92 for Arts stream
 - (e) Fort Street High School – selective
 - (f) Marrickville High School – 35
 - (g) Sydney Secondary College Blackwattle Bay Campus – 8*
 - (h) Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus – 19
 - (i) Tempe High School – 17

* An additional 112 non-local enrolments will transfer to Blackwattle Bay Campus from the junior campuses at Leichhardt and Balmain, as per the college enrolment protocol.

* 6702 RESIDENTIAL TENANCY SUPPORT PROGRAMS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) How many applications were received for the residential tenancy support package by residents in the Summer Hill electorate?
- (2) How many of these applications were approved?
- (3) How many of these applications were rejected?
- (4) To date, what is the total amount of funding support provided to residents of the Summer Hill electorate through residential tenancy support programs?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation.

* 6703 CHILD PROTECTION (OFFENDERS REGISTRATION) ACT 2000 REFORMS AND AMENDMENTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

- (1) Have you referred reforms and amendments of the Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000 as raised by the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission, to the NSW Law Reform Commission?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The report of the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission identified that the issues with the Child Protection Register were a result of complex and interrelated operational and legislative challenges. The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) indicated it had the capacity and expertise to conduct the review of the Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000 (the Act) with regard to these interrelated issues. The NSWPF review is in progress. The Minister for Police and Emergency Services is responsible for the administration of this Act, and further questions about the status of the review should be directed to him.

* 6704 DRAFT GREATER SYDNEY WATER STRATEGY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What is the location of the proposed desalination plant for purified recycled water referred to in the Draft Greater Sydney Water Strategy?
- (2) What planning and preparatory work has been done for the proposed desalination plant for purified recycled water referred to in (1) above?

Answer—

Desalinated water and purified recycled water are produced from different water sources.

Purified recycled water is water recycled from industry and homes (including from kitchens, showers and toilets) that has been purified to meet strict Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling to supplement drinking water sources.

Desalination refers to drinking water that is sourced from seawater and treated (usually through reverse osmosis) to remove salt and other impurities to produce water of drinking quality before it is introduced to the drinking water supply.

In line with the recommendations of the draft Greater Sydney Water Strategy, Sydney Water has commenced detailed planning for a purified recycled water demonstration facility and is assessing potential locations.

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* 6705 CLADDING RECTIFICATION PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

(1) How many, and which properties in the Local Government area of Liverpool will benefit from the cladding rectification program?

(a) Does the property at 1-3 Bigge Street, Warwick Farm benefit from the rectification program?

Answer—

Progress on Project Remediate is published on the NSW.gov website. Once registrations for the project are finalised, public reporting will be expanded to provide greater information about the progress of remediation for each tranche of buildings. Neither the NSW Cladding Taskforce or Project Remediate disclose information that could identify the location of high risk buildings with potentially combustible cladding.

This is because of the increased risk to public safety associated with potentially arson or terror threats against these buildings. This risk has been confirmed by Fire and Rescue NSW and NSW Police.

However, representatives of any potentially affected building can contact the Office of Project Remediate to discuss the building's circumstances and their eligibility for assistance.

* 6706 CLADDING IN THE LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL COMPLEX—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Since 1 January 2020, has any cladding been removed from any building in the Liverpool Hospital complex?

Answer—

Cladding has been removed as part of demolition and early works construction of the Liverpool Health Academic Precinct. Project information can be found on the Health Infrastructure NSW website.

* 6707 WITHDRAWN APPLICATION IN THE LOCAL COURT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) Why did police make an application in the Local Court that they subsequently withdrew to remove videos from the Friendly Jordies channel and to prevent Jordan Shanks from making particular public comments?

(a) What competent legal advice was obtained before this application was lodged?

Answer—

I am advised:

Subsequent to the application being made, the NSW Police Force sought independent legal advice, after which the application was withdrawn.

* 6708 HOXTON PARK RECYCLED WATER SCHEME—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) How many (a) houses and (b) industrial properties have been supplied with recycled water in the Hoxton Park Recycled Water Scheme?

(2) How many (a) houses and (b) industrial properties are proposed to be supplied with recycled water in the Hoxton Park Recycled Water Scheme?

Answer—

The Hoxton Park Recycled Water Scheme will ultimately provide recycled water to more than 12,000 dwelling for flushing toilets and watering gardens.

- * 6709 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CYBER SECURITY POLICY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—

How many, and which, Councils have implemented the Local Government Cyber Security Policy?

Answer—

The Office of Local Government is working with Cyber Security NSW in consultation with councils to develop and implement guidelines to assist councils to develop their own cyber security policy.

- * 6710 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES WAITLIST IN THE LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

How many patients are on a waiting list to access mental health services in the electorate of Liverpool?

Answer—

Health information is not collected by electorate.

- * 6711 VACANT POSITIONS IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

(1) How many positions are vacant in Mental Health services at Liverpool Hospital?

- (a) Which positions are these?
- (b) When will they be filled?

Answer—

(1) There are nine vacant positions in Liverpool Inpatient and Community Mental Health Services.

- (a) The vacant positions are from various areas including administrative.
- (b) One position is to be re-advertised and the remaining eight positions are at various stages of the recruitment process.

- * 6712 WALAMA COURT PROPOSAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

When will you bring to Parliament a proposal for a Walama Court?

Answer—

On 22 November 2021, I announced the Walama List pilot will start operations in February 2022 at the Sydney Downing Centre District Court. Offenders will be drawn from Sydney, Parramatta, Campbelltown and Penrith District Courts.

The Walama List pilot will provide an opportunity to trial and evaluate a novel court process in the District Court, which may inform future investments to support specialist approaches for sentencing Aboriginal offenders. No primary legislation is required for the pilot.

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* 6713 RENTAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REQUESTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) Do staff in your Department dealing with maintenance of rental properties refuse to respond to Members of Parliament making representations on behalf of constituents about maintenance unless those constituents have already lodged a request with the maintenance section?

(a) If so, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

Tenants and members of the public are encouraged in the first instance to use the Contractor Maintenance Line to report all repair and maintenance issues. This service is available 24/7, 365 days per year.

In instances where there is no previous history of a maintenance request being reported to the Contractor Maintenance Line, the NSW Land and Housing Corporation advises the Member of Parliament's office that the tenant is encouraged to report the issue via the normal process. The exceptions are health and safety risk requests which are referred to the Asset Maintenance Service (AMS) contractor to action and communicate with the tenant, with the Member of Parliament's office advised of the action undertaken.

* 6714 SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

(1) What programs have been funded by the Government in the field of suicide prevention in the electorate of Liverpool in these periods:

(a) 1 January 2019 – 30 June 2020;

(b) 1 January 2020 – 30 June 2021?

Answer—

Mental health programs are not provided on the basis of electorate.

* 6715 FIFTEENTH AVENUE, AUSTRAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Why won't Government agencies take responsibility for Fifteenth Avenue, Austral?

(2) When will the Government provide additional funding for Fifteenth Avenue, Austral?

Answer—

I am advised:

Fifteenth Avenue, Austral is a Local Road under the care and control of Liverpool City Council.

* 6716 IMPROVEMENT FOR THE INTERSECTION OF HUME HIGHWAY, HOXTON PARK ROAD AND MACQUARIE STREET—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Will the Government provide funding to improve the intersection of Hume Highway, Hoxton Park Road and Macquarie Street in Liverpool?

(a) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

In January 2020, Transport for NSW completed upgrades to this intersection as part of the Government's \$300 million Urban Roads Pinch Points Program.

- * 6717 AMENDMENTS TO THE CHILD PROTECTION (OFFENDERS REGISTRATION) ACT 2000—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

What steps have you taken to implement the recommendations of the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission to amend and reform the Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000?

Answer—

I am advised:

The New South Wales Police Force is currently finalising the review of the *Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000*. The review includes consideration of the observations and recommendations made by the Law Enforcement and Conduct Commission in the Operation Tusk Report.

- * 6718 REIMBURSEMENT TO FAMILIES FOR USA DANCE TOUR—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Will your Department reimburse families with students at Westfield Sports High School for money lost on the United States of America Dance Tour that was proposed for April 2020?

- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am pleased to advise the Department of Education is in the process of making payments to families of the students who were impacted to ensure they are not out of pocket as a result of the cancelled excursion.

- * 6719 PUBLIC HOUSING SALES REVENUE—Ms Jodi McKay to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What is the total amount, represented in dollars, the Government has received through the sale of public housing in the years:

- (a) 2011-12?
- (b) 2012-13?
- (c) 2013-14?
- (d) 2014-15?
- (e) 2015-16?
- (f) 2016-17?
- (g) 2017-18?
- (h) 2018-19?
- (i) 2019-20?
- (j) 2020-21?

Answer—

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) is predominately self-funded. It sells properties which aren't fit for modern use as social housing. Every dollar generated from a sale is reinvested to fund new supply and capital maintenance. LAHC has received \$2.883 billion through the sale of public housing properties between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2021.

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* 6720 EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many cases of emergency accommodation were processed in the period from June to October 2021 from the Bankstown electorate?

Answer—

Between 1 June 2021 and 31 October 2021, there were 132 households with an address in the Bankstown electorate assisted by the Department of Communities and Justice with temporary accommodation.

* 6721 FIRE DAMAGED BUILDING BANKSTOWN CITY PLAZA—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has Transport for NSW made a determination on what action it will take with respect to the building at Bankstown City Plaza that was damaged by a fire on 17 December 2020 and has been cornered off?
- (a) Will Transport for NSW seek to refurbish the building or will it be demolished and the land be sold off?
- (b) Has Transport for NSW lodged an insurance claim for the damage caused by the fire?
- (i) If so, what was the insurance payout?
- (c) Have the businesses affected by the fire been adequately compensated?

Answer—

I am advised:

The property is owned by the Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE) and is leased to Laresu Pty Ltd on a ground lease. The lessee is responsible for the building, any improvements to it, insurance claims and any compensation to impacted businesses. Transport for NSW is not aware of any plans for the demolition or sale of the land.

* 6722 AUSGRID WORKS BANKSTOWN CITY PLAZA—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has Transport for NSW been briefed by Ausgrid about the works that Ausgrid undertook between Thursday 27 October 2021 and Sunday 30 October 2021 at Bankstown City Plaza (near 122 Bankstown City Plaza) to replace cables?
- (a) Were Transport for NSW informed that the works undertaken by Ausgrid were associated with the Sydenham to Bankstown Metro or train station upgrades?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is not aware of and has no involvement with these works.

* 6723 AUSGRID WORKS BANKSTOWN CITY PLAZA—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Were the works undertaken by Ausgrid between Thursday 27 October 2021 and Sunday 30 October 2021 at Bankstown City Plaza (near 122 Bankstown City Plaza) part of scheduled maintenance?
- (a) If so, how much notice was given to businesses?
- (b) Were the businesses advised that this would impact their trading?

- (c) If the works were not scheduled maintenance, what was it caused by?

Answer—

I am advised this was an unplanned outage caused by four separate faults requiring successive location, repair and testing. Ausgrid staff communicated with business owners as the complexity of this unplanned work evolved.

- * 6724 DRIVING TEST BACKLOG BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) What initiatives have been taken to alleviate the backlog of driving tests in Bankstown electorate?

Answer—

Service NSW is actively recruiting new Driver Testers to address the backlog of customers requiring a test following the suspension of this service in line with Public Health Orders during the COVID-19 lockdown period from July to October 2021.

In addition to recruiting additional Driver Testers, Service NSW is currently facilitating increased driver testing numbers through ‘Super Saturdays’ at a number of sites including Bankstown.

- * 6725 SUPPORT FOR CUSTOMER VACCINATION CHECKS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How are small businesses in the Bankstown electorate being supported in enforcing checks on customer vaccination certificates?

Answer—

Businesses in industries with vaccination requirements for staff and customers under the Public Health Orders are required to “take reasonable steps to prevent unvaccinated people entering” the business premises.

Extensive information on appropriate measures to comply with this requirement, including detailed information on acceptable proofs of vaccination, along with downloadable posters to support these measures, was made available on the Service NSW website ahead of reopening on 11 October 2021.

A range of communication channels have been used to support small businesses across New South Wales, including in the Bankstown electorate, in taking reasonable steps to prevent unvaccinated people entering business premises, including by checking customers’ vaccination certificates, including:

- A series of emails with summaries of this information and links for further information and resources were sent in early October to all businesses registered with the Australian Business Register as a New South Wales business. These emails included a telephone number and link to a call back service for personalised advice from the Service NSW Business Concierge.
- Stakeholder briefings with specific industry groups including through participation in community and business webinars hosted by Mr Jihad Dib, MP and Mr Tony Burke, MP.
- The provision of information to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) audiences, through in-language advertising, translated versions of posters and animations, and electronic digital messages to stakeholders with translated toolkits and resources for distribution to CALD communities.

From 15 October 2021, customers have had the option of integrating the COVID-19 Digital Certificate demonstrating double vaccination status which is provided through the Express Medicare App with the Service NSW app to enable seamless check-in and display of proof of vaccination.

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As of 6 December 2021, over 2.587 million customers had chosen this option and used it for over 199 million check-ins.

Small businesses have adapted to the requirement to check vaccination status and the vast majority of customers treat staff requesting proof of vaccination with kindness and respect.

NSW Police are available to respond – as always – to small businesses who need assistance in dealing with would-be customers acting unlawfully.

* 6726 MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

(1) Given the recent Government pledge of \$130 million to mental health, what local initiatives will be funded in the Bankstown electorate?

Answer—

Mental health services are not provided on the basis of electorate. However, a number of aspects of this package will provide benefits to people in the Bankstown area including:

- \$20 million to help reduce the waitlist for the Federally-run Headspace centres, including Headspace Bankstown
- \$35 million to open up more psychology and psychiatry appointments, a significant proportion of which will go to the South Western Sydney Primary Health Network
- \$14 million to provide suicide prevention training to 275,000 teachers, students, parents and people working or participating in community groups and sporting clubs
- Additional (Full Time Equivalent) FTE for South Western Sydney Local Health District including new Aboriginal peer workers and care navigators, and eating disorder clinicians
- Mental health support for child protection caseworkers
- \$3 million towards a South Western Sydney trial making publically funded private beds available to 12-24 year olds experiencing complex trauma and eating disorders
- Grant programs funding community wellbeing events and mental health programs run locally by sporting codes
- A new Multicultural Mental Health line which can be used for people from linguistically diverse backgrounds to speak to someone about mental health supports.

* 6727 BANKSTOWN AND PADSTOW TAFE CAMPUSES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

(1) Were Bankstown or Padstow TAFE campuses considered for sale as part of the nineteen recently revealed 'surplus sites'?

Answer—

No.

* 6728 DISCUSSIONS ABOUT BANKSTOWN TAFE SITE AS POTENTIAL HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

(1) Has any Member of Parliament, Minister or ministerial staff spoken to you about the Bankstown TAFE site (or part thereof) being used as a potential new hospital site?

(a) If so, please name the person(s)?

- (b) If so, when and where were these discussions?

Answer—

The question is in breach of Standing Order 128 (3) (d).

* 6729 CORRESPONDENCE WITH NSW HEALTH ABOUT BANKSTOWN TAFE SITE AS POTENTIAL HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) Have you been spoken to or had correspondence and/or any contact with NSW Health representatives including the Board members regarding the Bankstown TAFE site (or part thereof) being utilised as a site for the new \$1.3 billion hospital?

Answer—

The question is in breach of Standing Order 128 (3) (d).

* 6730 APPROACHED ABOUT BANKSTOWN TAFE SITE AS POTENTIAL HOSPITAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) Have you or your staff or any NSW Department of Education staff been approached by NSW Health or Canterbury-Bankstown Council or any lobbyists to reconfigure the Bankstown TAFE site to accommodate a potential hospital?

Answer—

The question is in breach of Standing Order 128 (3) (d).

* 6731 1 LEICESTER STREET CHESTER HILL FAST TRACK ASSESSMENT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Have any Canterbury-Bankstown Council officers including elected officials, directors or any staff made contact with NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) staff or the Minister's office to attempt to fast track the assessment of the 1 Leicester Street, Chester Hill proposal?
- (a) Will the Minister make public the number of meeting requests and phone and/or email correspondence DPIE have undertaken with the applicant and their representatives and council representatives?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The planning proposal is not currently lodged with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. On 22 December 2020, the Department wrote to Council requesting them to withdraw the previous planning proposal and complete further work described in the Council resolution prior to resubmitting the planning proposal.
- (a) Department staff have been invited to observe urban design workshops with Council staff and Council's consultants. Department staff attended workshops on 3 August, 20 August and 19 October 2021.

Department staff met with the proponent, Holdmark, on 8 October 2020, 21 January 2021, 8 April 2021, and 7 July 2021 as part of a series of quarterly meetings on several projects.

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* 6732 1 LEICESTER STREET CHESTER HILL SAFEGUARDS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Given community concern regarding Canterbury-Bankstown Council overseeing the assessment of the planning proposal at 1 Leicester Street, Chester Hill, what safeguards will the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment set up to ensure the evaluation and assessment meets the highest levels of transparency and ethical standards?
 - (a) What are the measures and processes that the Canterbury-Bankstown Council will have to utilise when assessing the proposals?

Answer—

I am advised:

When the planning proposal for 1 Leicester Street, Chester Hill is resubmitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for Gateway assessment, the Department will, consistent with practice for all planning proposals, review it against the state and local planning policy framework. The Department will also consider the views of Local Planning Panel as part of its assessment.

* 6733 1 LEICESTER STREET CHESTER HILL PLANNING PANEL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Given the direction of the Planning Panel and the subsequent and abrupt Canterbury-Bankstown Council meeting attempting to fast track the inappropriate and large scale planning proposal at 1 Leicester Street Chester Hill, are there any updates that can be made public at this stage?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment wrote to Council on 22 December 2020. The Department requested Council undertake further work that was identified in the Council resolution (including urban design and traffic studies) and update the planning proposal prior to resubmitting to the Department for a Gateway assessment and determination.

Council has not yet resubmitted an amended proposal for Gateway assessment.

* 6734 BANKSTOWN TAFE CAMPUS SITE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) Will you rule out any possibility of the Bankstown TAFE campus site being utilised to accommodate the \$1.3 billion new Bankstown hospital proposed by NSW Health and in doing so protect the current footprint and land pertaining to Bankstown TAFE?

Answer—

TAFE NSW will continue to deliver first class vocational education and training from its Bankstown campus. The location of the New Bankstown Hospital is the responsibility of the Minister for Health and Medical Research.

* 6735 BUSINESS COMPENSATION FOR AUSGRID WORK BANKSTOWN CITY PLAZA—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Were the businesses located in Bankstown City Plaza, including Chinchilla Café, Peter Quang Hot Bread, 7/11, Rumore's Pharmacy and Triumph Health, adequately compensated for the work undertaken by Ausgrid between Thursday 27 October 2021 and Sunday 30 October 2021 at Bankstown City Plaza (near 122 Bankstown City Plaza)?

Answer—

I am advised that affected customers can lodge a claim for compensation in line with Ausgrid's customer service standards.

* 6736 BEDS AT BRAIDWOOD HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

In relation to Braidwood Hospital (Multi Purpose Service) why is there only 24 beds open when there was meant to be 37?

Answer—

Braidwood Multipurpose Service (MPS) has capacity to manage 37 residential aged care residents. The MPS is currently funded to manage 27 residents. Funding for the operation of the full 37 beds is dependent on Commonwealth funding and not the Government. Southern NSW Local Health District intends to apply for further Commonwealth Government funding to open the other 10 beds by mid-2022.

* 6737 COAL TRAINS ON THE SOUTH COAST RAIL LINE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Are there concerns regarding coal dust getting spread across residential homes as a result of coal trains travelling on the South Coast rail line?
- (2) Are there currently coverings placed on coal trains that travel through the Hunter region?
- (3) Will you look at requiring coverings to be used on coal trains using the South Coast rail line?
 - (a) If so, when will this action be implemented?
 - (b) If not, why?

Answer—

- (1) The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has undertaken significant work to address community concerns regarding coal dust from trains. The work included studies that found that there was no appreciable difference between the dust levels measured from the movement of loaded coal trains and other types of freight trains. The EPA does not consider coal dust from coal trains to be causing impacts to the environment and the community across the operational rail network in New South Wales.
- (2) Coverings are not currently placed on coal trains that travel through the Hunter region.
- (3) There are no plans to require coverings on coal trains in New South Wales.
 - (a) Not applicable.
 - (b) See answer to Question 1.

* 6738 LOWER COST IN VITRO FERTILISATION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) In relation to the announcement in January 2020 that the Government would commit \$42 million over four years to provide lower cost In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF);
 - (a) How much money to date (9 November 2021) has been spent on this initiative?
 - (b) How many women were provided lower cost IVF treatments at the Royal Prince Alfred, Westmead Hospital and the Royal Hospital for Women from 1 July 2020 to 1 November 2021?

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Answer—

The total cost to October 2021 for the Government's \$42 million lower cost In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) initiative has been \$21 million.

To 30 September 2021, 2980 women had received IVF treatment under the Government program.

* 6739 EUROBODALLA MORUYA HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Will the new Eurobodalla Hospital provide level 4 clinical services on the day it opens, for:
 - (a) Accident and emergency?
 - (b) Critical Care and Intensive Care?
 - (c) Medicine, surgery, maternity paediatrics and orthopaedics?
- (2) In relation to the Interim Works at Moruya Hospital to expand the Moruya Emergency Department and refurbish the Close Observation Unit:
 - (a) What is the work that will be undertaken?
 - (b) When will the interim works be complete?
 - (c) When the work is complete, will Moruya hospital have a Critical Care and Intensive Care Service?
- (3) When will the Eurobodalla Hospital have an inpatient mental health service?

Answer—

- (1) (a-c)

The new \$260 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital will enable the local delivery of more complex clinical services and support the progression of services such as emergency medicine, critical care and maternity to a level four role delineation.

- (2) (a) to (c)

The new Close Observation Unit at Moruya Hospital will include seven monitored treatment spaces. It will be open by the end of 2021.

The expansion of the Moruya Emergency Department is on track to be completed around mid- 2022. The expansion includes a two-bed resuscitation zone, a central clinical hub, and four additional treatment bays for low acuity care.

- (3) The Government is investing record funding for mental health services across the state, with NSW Health and Local Health Districts continuing to seek opportunities to expand service delivery locally. A range of mental health services are available across the Eurobodalla, including suicide prevention, Aboriginal mental health, perinatal and eating disorder programs.

* 6740 ENFORCING THE SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT ACT 2000—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

As of 9 November 2021, how many enforcing officers in the state of New South Wales are employed by NSW Health or Local Health Districts to enforce the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 in New South Wales?

Answer—

The NSW Ministry of Health and the local health districts jointly enforce smoke-free laws in public transport areas with Transport for NSW.

Across NSW Health, there are approximately 70 officers authorised under the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000. This includes the NSW Ministry of Health and the 15 local health districts. The number of officers authorised by each local health district is based on individual operational requirements.

* 6741 HOSPITAL BEDS FOR THE TREATMENT OF EATING DISORDERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) As of 9 November 2021, how many adult overnight hospital beds are there for the treatment of eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa in New South Wales?
 - (a) Where are those beds located by hospital?
- (2) As of 9 November 2021, how many adult day hospital beds are there for the treatment of eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa in New South Wales?
 - (a) Where are those beds located by hospital?
- (3) As of 9 November 2021, how many overnight hospital beds for patients under the age of 18 are there for the treatment of eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa in New South Wales?
 - (a) Where are those beds located by hospital?
- (4) As of 9 November 2021, how many day hospital beds for patients under the age of 18 are there for the treatment of eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa in New South Wales?
 - (a) Where are those beds located by hospital?

Answer—

I refer the member to my response to LA 4128.

* 6742 LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT CONSULTANTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) In 2019-2020, how much was spent on consultants by the following local health districts:
 - (a) Central Coast Local Health District?
 - (b) Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
 - (c) Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District?
 - (d) Northern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (e) South Eastern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (f) Sydney Local Health District?
 - (g) Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (h) Far West Health District?
 - (i) Hunter New England Health District?
 - (j) Mid North Coast Health District?
 - (k) Murrumbidgee Health District?
 - (l) Northern New South Wales Health District?
 - (m) Southern New South Wales Health District?
 - (n) Western New South Wales Health District?
 - (o) Sydney Children's Hospitals Network?

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- (p) Justice and Forensic Mental Health?
- (q) St Vincent's Health Network?
- (2) In 2020-2021, how much was spent on consultants by the following local health districts:
 - (a) Central Coast Local Health District?
 - (b) Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
 - (c) Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District?
 - (d) Northern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (e) South Eastern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (f) Sydney local Health District?
 - (g) Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (h) Far West Health District?
 - (i) Hunter New England Health District?
 - (j) Mid North Coast Health District?
 - (k) Murrumbidgee Health District?
 - (l) Northern New South Wales Health District?
 - (m) Southern New South Wales Health District?
 - (n) Western New South Wales Health District?
 - (o) Sydney Children's Hospitals Network?
 - (p) Justice and Forensic Mental Health?
 - (q) St Vincent's Health Network?
- (3) If the information is publicly available, where is this information located?

Answer—

The 2019-20 and 2020-21 audited financial statements for NSW Health controlled entities, including details on expenditure on consultants, are publicly available on the NSW Health website: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/annualreport/Pages/default.aspx>

As an Affiliated Health Organisation, audited financial statements for St Vincent's Health Network (SVHN) are not published by NSW Health. Accordingly, NSW Health does not have visibility of the amount spent on consultants by SVHN for either financial year.

* 6743 RUBY PRINCESS SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Considering the Special Commission of inquiry into the Ruby Princess, have all the recommendations been implemented?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

All recommendations made by the Commissioner have been accepted. Four of the five recommendations fall within the remit of the Commonwealth and these recommendations have been referred to the relevant Commonwealth agencies.

NSW Health is an advocate of a national approach to these recommendations and continues to work collaboratively with the respective agencies.

To this end, NSW Health has implemented the recommendations within its remit. A new human biosecurity officer guideline was published in February 2021.

* 6744 PERMANENT COVID VACCINATION CLINICS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What are the plans for permanent COVID vaccination clinics?
 - (a) What are the locations for these clinics?

Answer—

- (1) Australia's COVID-19 vaccination program is led by the Commonwealth Government, with states and territories responsible for implementing parts of the program.
 - (a) Following advice from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI), NSW Health is planning to continue to offer COVID-19 vaccinations at currently established NSW Health Clinics. The clinic locations can be found using the Vaccine Clinic Finder at: <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking/>.

* 6745 PERMANENT COVID TESTING CLINICS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What are the plans for permanent COVID testing clinics?
 - (a) What are the locations for these clinics?
 - (b) Are there any plans to use private pathology companies for long term COVID testing clinics?
 - (i) If so, will residents be charged for the COVID test?

Answer—

A panel of providers, including private pathology companies, are currently engaged to assist NSW Health in COVID-19 testing. COVID-19 testing clinics are expected to remain available for as long as required to support the public health response to COVID-19. NSW Health will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and update its approach to testing clinics as required.

* 6746 NEGATIVE COVID TEST PRIOR TO TRAVEL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) With many individuals requiring a negative COVID test 72 hours prior to travelling interstate:
 - (a) What COVID testing availability will there be on public holidays, especially Christmas and Boxing Day?
 - (b) Should individuals allow additional time for the results to be allocated?
 - (c) How many centres in New South Wales will be operational on public holidays?
 - (d) Will this information be made readily available on the NSW Health website?

Answer—

NSW Health receives notifications about changes to testing clinics run by local health districts, private pathology providers, and general practitioner respiratory clinics through the COVID-19 Testing Clinics Information System, including information about locations and opening hours. Clinic testing coverage will depend on the operational situation at the time.

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The Public Health Laboratories Team monitors the turnaround times for NSW Health Pathology and private pathology providers.

A full list of COVID-19 testing locations and opening hours are displayed for a rolling seven day period and can be found on the NSW Health website at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/clinics.aspx>

* 6747 SCHOOLS IN DAPTO—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) When will the upgrade of Dapto Public School be completed?
- (2) Does the Department of Education currently own land in the West Dapto area for educational requirements?
 - (a) If yes, where is this land located and when was it acquired by the Department of Education?
- (3) Are there any plans to build a new school to cater for the education requirements of the growing population of West Dapto and surrounding suburbs?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) The upgrade to Dapto Public School was completed in October 2021 and has delivered 20 permanent flexible learning spaces, practical activity spaces, an extension to the existing library and administration facilities including a new staffroom, and minor refurbishment to the canteen. Work to deliver the new car park and landscaping is forecast to be completed in early 2022.
- (2) Please refer to answer for LA Q5227.
- (3) The progress of individual projects are communicated to school communities through regular project updates. Further information is available on the School Infrastructure NSW website at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/>

* 6748 DAPTO TAFE CAMPUS SITE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) What are the Government's plans for the former Dapto TAFE Campus site?
- (2) Does the NSW Police Force still have a license agreement in place for the Dapto TAFE Campus site?
- (3) What are the Government's plans for the TAFE Access Point located in Dapto?

Answer—

There are no approved plans for the former TAFE NSW campus at Dapto (145 Fowlers Road). However, TAFE NSW has advised that the site is surplus to requirements. The NSW Police have a current agreement for the site.

TAFE NSW is currently considering its plans for the Access Point in Dapto.

* 6749 SERVICE NSW NETWORK—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) How many Local Government Areas (LGA) across New South Wales currently do not have a permanent Service NSW Centre?
- (2) When you take out mobile Service NSW routes, how many LGA's across New South Wales do not have a Service NSW presence at all?

- (3) How many people have attended the Service NSW Centres at Wollongong, Warrawong and Kiama over the last 12 months?
- (4) When will the next review of the Service NSW network be conducted?
- (5) Does the Government have any plans to establish a dedicated Service NSW centre in the Shellharbour electorate?

Answer—

There are 48 Local Government Areas (LGAs) across New South Wales that do not currently have a permanent Service NSW Centre. Many of these LGAs are serviced by Service NSW through Council Agencies, Digital Kiosks and Mobile Service Centres. 13 LGAs do not have a current Service NSW presence.

In the 12 months from October 2020 to November 2021, approximately 160,000 customers attended the Service NSW Service Centres at Wollongong, Warrawong and Kiama.

The Service NSW Service Centres at Kiama and Warrawong are within an approximate 15-minute drive of the Shellharbour Local Government Area.

While there are no current plans to establish a Service Centre in the Shellharbour electorate, Service NSW continually monitors its network and identifies potential locations based on factors such as estimated population growth by region, and the distance to and utilisation of the nearest Service NSW Centre. Locations for Service NSW Service Centres are chosen as part of a network benefitting the whole community.

* 6750 FAIRFIELD WASTE TREATMENT PLANT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What plans does the Government have to recycle waste water from the Fairfield Waste Treatment Plant and supplement it into Western Sydney's drinking water?
 - (a) What is the timeline for implementation?

Answer—

In response to the opportunities identified in the draft Greater Sydney Water Strategy, Sydney Water has commenced investigations into a range of options for the augmentation of Greater Sydney's water supply including desalination, purified recycled water and the provision of system inter-connections to increase resilience. In line with the recommendations of the draft Greater Sydney Water Strategy, Sydney Water has commenced detailed planning for a purified recycled water demonstration facility and is assessing potential locations.

* 6751 COVID-19 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES IN THE FAIRFIELD AREA—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

How many Covid-19 Infringement Notices were issued to Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA) residents from 24 June 2021 to 9 November 2021 in the Fairfield LGA for non-facemask wearing?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Police Force systems do not report by Local Government Area. Data is instead provided for the most relevant Police Area Command (PAC) or Police District.

From 24 June 2021 to 9 November 2021, 214 infringement notices for face mask related offences were issued to individuals with a last known address recorded in NSW Police Force systems as being within the Fairfield PAC.

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- * 6752 COVID-19 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES IN THE CUMBERLAND AREA—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

How many Covid-19 Infringement Notices were issued to Cumberland Local Government Area (LGA) residents from 24 June 2021 to 9 November 2021 in the Cumberland LGA for non-facemask wearing?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Police Force systems do not report by Local Government Area. Data is instead provided for the most relevant Police Area Command (PAC) or Police District.

From 24 June 2021 to 9 November 2021, 329 infringement notices for face mask related offences were issued to individuals with a last known address recorded in NSW Police Force systems as being within the Cumberland PAC.

- * 6753 COVID-19 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES IN THE WAVERLEY AREA—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

How many Covid-19 Infringement Notices were issued to Waverley Local Government Area residents from 24 June 2021 to 9 November 2021 in the Waverley LGA for non-facemask wearing?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Police Force systems do not report by Local Government Area. Data is instead provided for the most relevant Police Area Command (PAC) or Police District.

From 24 June 2021 to 9 November 2021, 184 infringement notices for face mask related offences were issued to individuals with a last known address recorded in NSW Police Force systems as being within the Eastern Suburbs PAC.

- * 6754 COVID-19 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES TO SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE FAIRFIELD AREA—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

How many Covid-19 Infringement Notices were issued to Fairfield Local Government Area small businesses from 24 June 2021 to 9 November 2021 for non-compliance in relation to QR Codes and other COVID Safe practices?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Police Force systems do not report by Local Government Area. Data is instead provided for the most relevant Police Area Command (PAC) or Police District.

From 24 June 2021 to 9 November 2021, one infringement notice for a QR Code related offence was issued to a business within the Fairfield PAC.

- * 6755 COVID-19 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES TO SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE CUMBERLAND AREA—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

How many Covid-19 Infringement Notices were issued to Cumberland Local Government Area small businesses from 24 June 2021 to 9 November 2021 for non-compliance in relation to QR Codes and other COVID Safe practices?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Police Force systems do not report by Local Government Area. Data is instead provided for the most relevant Police Area Command (PAC) or Police District.

From 24 June 2021 to 9 November 2021, two infringement notices for QR Code related offences were issued to businesses within the Cumberland PAC.

- * 6756 COVID-19 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES TO SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE WAVERLEY AREA—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

How many Covid-19 Infringement Notices were issued to Waverley Local Government Area small businesses from 24 June 2021 to 9 November 2021 for non-compliance in relation to QR Codes and other COVID Safe practices?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Police Force systems do not report by Local Government Area. Data is instead provided for the most relevant Police Area Command (PAC) or Police District.

From 24 June 2021 to 9 November 2021, two infringement notices for QR Code related offences were issued to businesses within the Eastern Suburbs PAC.

- * 6757 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES FOR BREACH OF COVID-19 CURFEW IN THE FAIRFIELD AREA—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

How many Covid-19 Infringement Notices were issued to Fairfield residents for breaching curfew orders during the 2021 lockdown?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Police Force systems do not report by Local Government Area. Data is instead provided for the most relevant Police Area Command (PAC) or Police District.

From 24 June 2021 to 9 November 2021, 66 infringement notices for curfew related offences were issued to individuals with a last known address recorded in NSW Police Force systems as being within the Fairfield PAC.

- * 6758 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES FOR BREACH OF COVID-19 CURFEW IN THE CUMBERLAND AREA—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

How many Covid-19 Infringement Notices were issued to Cumberland residents for breaching curfew orders during the 2021 lockdown?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Police Force systems do not report by Local Government Area. Data is instead provided for the most relevant Police Area Command (PAC) or Police District.

From 24 June 2021 to 9 November 2021, 92 infringement notices for curfew related offences were issued to individuals with a last known address recorded in NSW Police Force systems as being within the Cumberland PAC.

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- * 6759 DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES INFRINGEMENT NOTICES TO FAIRFIELD RESIDENTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

How many Covid-19 Infringement Notices were issued to Fairfield residents by the Department of Primary Industries for fishing during the 2021 lockdown?

Answer—

Zero.

- * 6760 DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES INFRINGEMENT NOTICES TO CUMBERLAND RESIDENTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

How many Covid-19 Infringement Notices were issued to Cumberland residents by the Department of Primary Industries for fishing during the 2021 lockdown?

Answer—

Zero.

- * 6761 SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS IN FAIRFIELD AREA—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

(1) How many Fairfield Local Government Area small businesses have received Small Business Grants since the June 2021 lockdown to 9 November 2021?

(a) What was the total sum of grants issued to Fairfield Local Government Area small businesses?

Answer—

As at 29 November 2021, \$234,422,811 has been paid for 14,242 applications from businesses in the Fairfield Local Government Area for 2021 Covid-19 Business Grants; JobSaver Payments; and Micro-Business Grants.

- * 6762 SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS IN CUMBERLAND AREA—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

(1) How many Cumberland Local Government Area small businesses have received Small Business Grants since the June 2021 lockdown to 9 November 2021?

(a) What was the total sum of grants issued to Cumberland Local Government Area small businesses?

Answer—

As at 29 November 2021, \$295,724,412 has been paid for 18,707 applications from businesses in the Cumberland Local Government Area for 2021 Covid-19 Business Grants; JobSaver Payments; and Micro-Business Grants.

- * 6763 NSW WATER POLICE INFRINGEMENT NOTICES TO FAIRFIELD RESIDENTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) Were any Fairfield Local Government Area residents issued Covid-19 Infringements Notices by New South Wales Water Police for off shore fishing during the 2021 lockdown period?

(a) If so, how many Infringements Notices were issued?

Answer—

I am advised:

From 24 June 2021 to 9 November 2021, one infringement notice was issued to a resident of the Fairfield Police Area for a fishing related offence.

* 6764 NSW WATER POLICE INFRINGEMENT NOTICES TO CUMBERLAND RESIDENTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) Were any Cumberland Local Government Area residents issued Covid-19 Infringements Notices by New South Wales Water Police for off shore fishing during the 2021 lockdown period?

(a) If so, how many Infringements Notices were issued?

Answer—

I am advised:

From 24 June 2021 to 9 November 2021, two infringement notices were issued to residents of the Cumberland Police Area for a fishing related offence.

* 6765 WESTINVEST FUND—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, and Minister for Industry and Trade—

(1) Considering that the Government has promised a \$5 billion injection into the Westinvest Fund to provide new and improved facilities and local infrastructure to help communities impacted severely by COVID, will Fairfield be receiving any funds?

(a) If so, how much?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA) is one of the 15 eligible LGAs that will be able to access the WestInvest Fund. No decisions have yet been made about which projects will receive funding from WestInvest.

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* 6766 RETENTION OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN REMOTE WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) What is being done to address the issue of retention of allied health professionals in remote areas of Western New South Wales?

(2) Why does NSW Health continue to offer short term contracts in hard to fill locations which are unattractive to professionals looking to relocate?

Answer—

Western New South Wales Local Health District actively recruits to vacant allied health positions across its footprint, in line with the position terms. These allied health positions are predominantly permanent.

For difficult-to-recruit temporary positions in rural areas, resources are often combined to provide a service through virtual models of care.

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The Allied Health Rural and Remote HECS-HELP incentive package is a four-year comprehensive incentive package focused on recruitment and retention to areas of critical need in rural and remote NSW. It is designed to attract early career Allied Health professionals with a HECS-HELP loan debt.

The Western NSW Primary Health Network (PHN) commissioned a range of services within the District footprint to meet identified gaps and improve outcomes for patients. These activities are funded by the Australian Government under the PHN Program, and are usually on a contract basis.

* 6767 COBAR PREGNANCY CARE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Why is there currently no midwifery care within a 300 kilometre radius of Cobar?
- (2) Will NSW Health commit to having a midwife available in the Cobar community?
- (3) Will NSW Health provide funding for an ultrasound machine and sonographer to travel to Cobar on a rotation rather than have pregnant women travel a 4-6 hour round trip to access this service?

Answer—

I am advised that the incumbent Cobar Health Service community midwife is on maternity leave, and recruitment to fill temporary relief to this role is ongoing. The role remains on the staffing profile. Bourke, which is located 160 kilometers from Cobar has outreach obstetric antenatal care services and a part-time registered midwife. Additionally, maternity clients continue to be supported and cared for by Cobar general practitioners in partnership with the clients' obstetricians.

The District currently provides ultrasound services at Bourke Multi-Purpose Service, five days a week. A private sonography clinic operates monthly in Cobar through the Primary Care Centre operated by the Outback Division of General Practice.

* 6768 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT PROGRAM—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) Considering your response to LA Q6173, what actions does the Government take when providers such as Australian Unity are not providing transport trips as they cannot attract drivers to the program as has been the case in Cobar since March 2021?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW works with Community Transport Service Providers to identify and resolve issues through informal and formal means, such as governance meetings.

During these governance meetings, Service Providers demonstrate the steps they have and will take to engage potential drivers and customers and Transport for NSW, where possible, will provide suggestions on how to engage both customers and drivers. Transport for NSW works collaboratively with Service Providers to improve trip performance and deliver a positive customer experience.

* 6769 BUSINESS CASES FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND UPGRADES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Considering business cases for the construction of new schools and upgraded schools in New South Wales in each of the years in the period 2011 to 10 November 2021:
 - (a) How many business cases were prepared for:
 - (i) Public schools?
 - (ii) High schools?

- (b) What was the cost of each business case?
- (c) How long did each business case take to prepare?

Answer—

The status of individual projects is communicated to school communities through regular project updates.

Details of new schools and upgrades are shared as they become available on the School Infrastructure NSW website at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/>

* 6770 NEW SERVICE NSW CENTRE IN EDMONDSON PARK—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) In relation to the new Service NSW Centre located within the Ed. Square complex in Edmondson Park:
 - (a) How much of the allocated funds have been spent on the new Service NSW Centre as of 10 November 2021?
 - (b) When will the fit-out of the new Service NSW centre be completed?
 - (c) When will the new Service NSW centre open to the public?
 - (i) Will the new Service NSW centre open to the public before 31 December 2021?
 - (d) Will the new 'digital' Service NSW centre require everyone to have an online Service NSW account?
 - (e) How many staff will be employed at the Service NSW Centre?
 - (f) How long is the lease for the premises?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) Approximately \$120,000
 - (b) Fit-out is scheduled to be completed by the end of June 2023.
 - (c) All Service NSW centres under the New Metro Service Centres program which includes Edmondson Park, will be open by end of June 2023.
 - (i) No
 - (d) No. All standard Service NSW transactions will be available at the new centre in Edmondson Park. Dedicated Service NSW staff will be available to assist customers through our face-to-face 'digital first' approach through the new enhanced self-serve. Customers without a Service NSW account will still be able to access services by non-digital means.
 - (e) Full time equivalent 28.2 (21 Full Time and 12 Part Time)
 - (f) The terms of the lease are commercial-in-confidence

* 6771 GRANT FOR RELOCATION OF ABS FACADE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) With regards to the \$3 million grant from the Government's Regional Job Creation Fund to facilitate the relocation of ABS Façade from the Australian Capital Territory to Queanbeyan:
 - (a) Of the claimed 150 new jobs:
 - (i) Where did this figure of 150 new jobs come from?

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- (ii) Are only New South Wales residents able to fill these new positions?
 - (1) If not, why not?
- (iii) Over what period of time will these claimed new 150 be created?
- (b) Of the claimed 30 new apprenticeships:
 - (i) What trades will these be in?
 - (ii) Will the apprenticeships only be open to New South Wales residents?
 - (1) If not why not?
 - (iii) Over what period of time will these new apprenticeships be created?
- (c) Was a business case prepared to assess the merit of the granting ABS Façade the \$3 million grant?
 - (i) If not, why not?
- (d) Did you, your office or your staff have any role in the assessment of the merits of granting ABS Façade the grant?
- (e) How long has ABS Façade committed to staying in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) Expected job estimates are based on thorough analysis.
- (b) The new apprentices will be for a Certificate III in Carpentry.
- (c) The Regional Job Creation Fund involves a robust assessment and due diligence process aligned with the Program Guidelines, with independent probity advice engaged for all key decision points. As part of the assessment process a cost-benefit analysis was completed by Investment NSW. Further details regarding the assessment of applications to the Regional Job Creation Fund is available on the Invest Regional NSW website.
- (d) No. Regional Job Creation Fund applications are assessed by the Department of Regional NSW with the support of Investment NSW and the Department of Education in accordance with the Program Guidelines.
- (e) Projects have a jobs creation target that must be achieved over three years.

* 6772 WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) Regarding written representations to the Minister from Members of Parliament:
 - (a) Is it the policy that replies will be provided only by email and signed off by a Departmental officer who is only identified by their first name?
 - (i) If so, when was this policy introduced?
 - (ii) If so, does the policy apply to both Government and Non-Government members?
 - (iii) If not, why is such a response being sent to my office?
 - (b) Does the Minister sign any written responses to Members of Parliament?
 - (i) If so, are these responses sent to both Government and Non-Government members?

Answer—

The policy in relation to ministerial correspondence varies depending on the nature and urgency of the matters raised. The Minister endeavours to respond to correspondence from MPs and members of public in the most timely and effective manner. On occasion, this requires delegation to the department for a response on the Minister's behalf.

* 6773 CASHBACK FOR M5 EAST MOTORISTS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Does the M5 Cashback Scheme apply for motorists using the M5 East?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The M5 Cashback Scheme does not apply for motorists using the M5 East. The Cashback Scheme was introduced for users of the M5 South-West Motorway on 1 January 1997.

* 6774 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY SHORT STAY UNIT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Given the Griffith Base Hospital Master Plan Summary Report, published in May 2018, includes reference to an 8-bed short stay emergency unit, but more recently plans do not include reference to this short stay emergency unit:
 - (a) Has the Government scrapped plans for an 8-bed short stay emergency bed unit at Griffith Base Hospital?
 - (i) If so, why has the Government made this decision?
 - (ii) What consultation did the Government have with hospital staff and the community before the decision to scrap the unit was made?
 - (iii) Has the recently announced plans for a short stay mental health unit replaced the short stay emergency unit?
 - (b) Why is the updated version of the Griffith Base Hospital master plan not published online?
 - (i) When will the updated master plan be published online and on what website will the public be able to access it?

Answer—

Emergency Department Short Stay Unit models of care are not always appropriate for rural facilities due to workforce requirements and capacity. The Griffith Base Hospital Emergency Department will offer an open planned department supporting enhanced patient flow. Local clinicians have been active participants in designing their work environment.

A Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment web page is regularly updated on the progress of the redevelopment.

* 6775 NEW REFUGES AND AFFORDABLE HOMES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

Considering the 75 new women's refuges and 200 affordable homes that the Government recently announced, how many will be allocated to the Murray electorate?

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Answer—

Questions relating to women's refuges should be referred to the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Questions referring to affordable housing should be referred to the Minister for Minister for Water, Property and Housing.

* 6776 COVID-19 SUPPORT PAYMENT DELAYS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Considering reports from businesses that have been approved for COVID Support payments (Business grants, JobSaver, etc.) and have yet to be paid:
 - (a) Does the Government have the funds to pay all of the eligible businesses?
 - (b) What is the reason for the delays in payments, especially delays longer than four weeks?
 - (c) When can all businesses expect to receive their payments in full?

Answer—

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

* 6777 MATERNITY UNIT AT SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) In relation to the new Shellharbour Hospital:
 - (a) Will there be a full maternity unit located at the new hospital?
 - (i) If so, what specific maternity services will be available?
 - (ii) If not, why not?

Answer—

Antenatal and postnatal services will be provided at the new Shellharbour Hospital. Access to the Midwifery Group Practice based at the Wollongong Hospital will also be available.

Birthing services will continue to be provided at Wollongong Hospital for Shellharbour and Kiama residents. For safety reasons, it is important the existing birthing and inpatient neonatal and paediatric services remain at Wollongong Hospital, alongside their specialist support services.

* 6778 RESEARCH ON EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS OF MURWILLUMBAH MEGA CAMPUS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

When will the four public school communities of Murwillumbah receive the promised research which explains the educational benefits for students of its proposed mega school campus on the current Murwillumbah High School site?

Answer—

Communication materials shared with the community over the past 12 months have consistently included information about the educational benefits of the campus, as well as the positive, tangible education outcomes that have been recorded following similar school mergers in the region.

One of the benefits of the campus is that it will enable the Department of Education to provide students and teachers from all public schools in Murwillumbah with access to new, flexible learning environments that better support contemporary teaching approaches.

Information provided at a virtual information session in September 2021 outlined the evidence-based benefits of flexible learning spaces and a link for further information and research about contemporary learning and teaching and flexible learning environments.

* 6779 WOMEN'S REFUGE MURWILLUMBAH—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Premier—

While welcoming the Government's \$484.3 million investment to tackle domestic and family violence (DFV), can one of the 75 extra women's refuges be built and funded in Murwillumbah, where one was abruptly closed in 2015 to the shock of DFV survivors and the local community?

Answer—

Thank you for your question. I have referred the matter to the Minister with portfolio responsibility, the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women.

* 6780 EXTENSION OF COVID-19 MICRO-BUSINESS GRANT—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

Will the Government consider extending its COVID-19 Micro-Business Grant (now closed) for eligible businesses who rely heavily on Northern Rivers arts and crafts markets for trade, particularly as these markets are unlikely to resume until early next year due to the New South Wales roadmap for easing COVID-19 restrictions changing to 95 per cent double vaccination or from 15 December 2021, whichever comes first?

Answer—

The Government is always considering the best way to support small businesses throughout New South Wales.

The COVID-19 Micro-Business Grants have been targeted at supporting small businesses with an annual turnover of less than \$75,000 through the period of COVID-19 restrictions from 26 June 2021 to 30 November 2021, who experienced a 30% or more decline in turnover due to those restrictions.

The Government has provided \$747.27 million in COVID-19 Micro-Business Grants to 62,226 small businesses, including 1,894 small businesses in the Northern Rivers region.

The Public Health Order currently in force allows “markets that do not predominantly sell food”, including arts and crafts markets, to operate subject to a requirement to take reasonable steps “to ensure that an unvaccinated adult is not on the premises”. Any decision not to open while the restrictions are in place is a matter for each market to decide.

Under the roadmap for easing COVID-19 restrictions this requirement will no longer apply from 15 December 2021.

The Government is now focused on supporting the economy to rebound from the recent lockdown. The recently announced \$2.8 billion recovery package will continue to support the State's small businesses to reopen and recover from the lockdown. The package includes the expansion of the small business rebate for fees and charges from \$1,500 to \$2,000 to help reduce the costs of establishing or running a small business.

To assist small businesses deal with the challenges of COVID-19, the Government extended the Business Connect program with a total commitment of \$39.3 million over four years. Free expert business advice is available for small businesses impacted by COVID-19, including from experts in arts and recreation services in the Northern Rivers region.

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- * 6781 RURAL MATHS TEACHERS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What strategy does the Government have in place to redress the situation whereby one in five mathematics classes in some parts of rural and regional New South Wales are being taught by teachers who lack any maths training?

Answer—

On 15 October 2021, the Government announced a \$125 million investment into the Teacher Supply Strategy. A number of initiatives under this strategy specifically target high demand subjects and locations, including science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects, and rural and remote locations.

As part of the Teacher Supply Strategy, there will be opportunities for experienced teachers to retrain in high-demand subjects, particularly in rural and remote schools.

Teacher Supply initiatives that target maths teacher supply include Recruitment beyond New South Wales and Mid-career programs. The existing Teach and Learn Scholarship program will also be reviewed and enhanced in 2022 to upskill more teachers, including those currently teaching out-of-field.

Additionally, as a part of the Government's Maths Strategy, the Department of Education offers the teach.MathsNOW scholarships targeted towards mathematics industry professionals and STEM undergraduates seeking a career change to maths teaching. As a newly launched program, the teach.MathsNOW scholarship program is continually being reviewed and refined. There are up to 320 scholarships available over a four-year period, with the first cohort commencing study in 2020.

- * 6782 PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHERS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Will the Government lift current restrictions to allow professional school photographers to return to public schools on the Northern Rivers and Northern Tablelands to fulfill their end-of-year work in a COVID-safe manner?

Answer—

Following changes to school settings introduced on 8 November 2021, school photos, namely class and individual photos, have been allowed outdoors on all school sites. Providers supporting school photos must be fully vaccinated and sign in using the school check-in app.

- * 6783 CRITICAL HEALTH ACCOMMODATION FOR TENTERFIELD DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

Will Tenterfield District Hospital benefit from Hunter-New England Local Health District being the first to trial new critical health accommodation to be built under the Government's \$35 million Regional Housing Package announced earlier this month?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Health and Medical Research.

- * 6784 REGIONAL HOUSING DELIVERY PLANS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

Of the \$5 million the Government has allocated to deliver Regional Housing Delivery Plans, will this initiative seek the involvement of Lismore City, Kyogle, Tenterfield Shire and Tweed Shire councils in the Electorate of Lismore?

Answer—

On 28 October 2021, the Government announced a \$35 million Regional Housing Package as part of the \$200 million Regional Recovery Program. As part of this package, \$5 million has been allocated to deliver Regional Housing Delivery Plans, working with local councils, industry and regional communities to develop practical, local solutions to manage their housing needs.

The Department of Regional NSW is currently developing criteria to select the Regional Housing Delivery Plan locations. The Department will work closely with Councils, industry and local communities in developing the Regional Housing Delivery Plans.

- * 6785 CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR COVID-19 OUTBREAKS IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

What contingency plans are in place – i.e. additional emergency accommodation and services – for dealing with COVID-19 outbreaks in Indigenous communities in the Northern Rivers and Northern Tablelands regions, where overcrowding of homes can present challenges for residents?

Answer—

The Northern NSW Local Health District provides support to all COVID-19 positive individuals. The District works with Aboriginal Medical Services, Aboriginal Health, Public Health and the local Aboriginal Communities to ensure the safety of COVID-19 positive people, who often prefer to remain at home. If an outbreak occurs in an Aboriginal community, the District offers Community Based Testing and Vaccinations services in that community.

Where it is not possible to safely isolate at home, a variety of health supported accommodation is available and is provided in consultation with Elders of the community.

- * 6786 TAFE ONLINE DELIVERY OF ENGINEERING COURSES—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

Has TAFE NSW consulted with industry and employers on its proposal to move to online delivery of its Fitting & Machining and Metal Fabrication Stage 1 courses for Term 1 next year across the North Region, including at Wollongbar TAFE campus?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes

- * 6787 200 EXTRA HOMES - DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE - LISMORE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Premier—

Of the Government's \$52.5 million investment in social housing announced last month, how many of the projected extra 200 homes for women experiencing domestic and family violence will be built in the Electorate of Lismore?

Answer—

Thank you for your question. I have referred the matter to the Minister with portfolio responsibility, the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women.

- * 6789 SCHOOLS RENEWABLES GRANT PROGRAM—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Premier—

Why were no public schools in the Electorate of Lismore selected for the Government's \$20-million pilot Schools Renewables Grant program to fund solar power systems and batteries?

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Answer—

I am advised:

There is no "Schools Renewables Grants program".

If your question refers to the Schools Renewable Energy Infrastructure Pilot Project, it should be noted that this is not a grants program.

Rather, the \$20 million pilot project will see a number of schools trial batteries in combination with solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. The pilot project will assess the benefits and costs of large-scale implementation of solar systems and batteries, together with other initiatives that have the potential to reduce demand on the electricity network.

The schools that have been selected to participate in Tranche 1 of the pilot project are those that have been identified as requiring electrical infrastructure upgrades to provide the additional electrical capacity required to run the air conditioning being installed as part of the Cooler Classrooms program.

- * 6790 COOLER CLASSROOMS PROGRAM—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

How many public schools in the Electorate of Lismore are among the 432 schools statewide which are still to have air-conditioning installed as promised under the Government's Cooler Classrooms program?

Answer—

The NSW Government is investing a record \$500 million over five years to provide a sustainable air conditioning program in thousands of classrooms and library spaces in more than 900 public schools. This is the first time there has been a dedicated program to install air-conditioning in NSW public schools with priority given to schools in the hottest part of the state.

More than 600 schools were automatically eligible for the program as, based on data from the Bureau of Meteorology, they experience a mean maximum January temperature of 30 degrees Celsius and above. This includes 19 schools in the Lismore electorate.

Schools that experience a mean maximum January temperature below 30 degrees Celsius were invited to submit an application to the Cooler Classrooms Fund. 24 schools in the Lismore electorate submitted an application with 11 schools approved for delivery.

It is important to note that an application to the Cooler Classrooms Program does not indicate a school does not have existing air-conditioning.

- * 6791 REDIRECTING MURWILLUMBAH MEGA CAMPUS BUDGET—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Why is the Government proposing a mega school campus for Murwillumbah instead of directing the reported \$100 million cost towards infrastructure and maintenance upgrades to Murwillumbah High School, Murwillumbah East Public School, Wollumbin High School and Murwillumbah Public School?

Answer—

After exploring a range of possible options, it was found that investing in one primary school and one high school at the Murwillumbah High School site offered the best opportunity for meeting Murwillumbah's current and projected education needs and maximising benefits to students and the community.

While investing in multiple sites might deliver new and upgraded learning spaces for some students, many existing buildings are not suitable for conversion to innovative learning environments and this would not overcome the constraints and issues associated with the existing school sites.

* 6792 MURWILLUMBAH MEGA SCHOOL CAMPUS BUDGET—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Has the Government made any cuts to the reported \$100 million budget allocated to the planning, construction and fit-out of its proposed mega school campus for Murwillumbah?
- (2) Do these cuts relate to the removal of a performing arts centre which could be used by students and the wider community?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2) See response to LA Q6390.

* 6793 DIVESTMENT OF MURWILLUMBAH TAFE CAMPUS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

Will the Government rule out its planned full divestment in 2022 of the Murwillumbah TAFE Campus, located at 146 Murwillumbah Street, as it is still offering courses to further the vocational education of local residents?

Answer—

There are no approved plans to divest the TAFE NSW Murwillumbah site.

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* 6794 UNPLANNED POWER OUTAGES IN HERMIDALE AND CANBELEGO—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) How many unplanned outages have consumers experienced, both residential and rural, in the past 12 months?
- (2) How long have consumers been without power during these unplanned outages?
- (3) During one week in the Canbelego area, there were three outages; 3 November 2021 from 2.30 to 3.30pm unplanned; 5 November 2021 from 8.42pm to 10.07pm planned; and 5 November 2021 from 2.30pm to 9.16pm unplanned, what investigative measures are in place to minimise these disruptions and stabilise electricity delivery to its consumers and their businesses?
- (4) Is Essential Energy at full staff capacity for maintaining this Western New South Wales area?
 - (a) If not, what positions are vacant?
- (5) Does the Minister credit the time lost by its customers with these unplanned outages?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In the Hermidale and Canbelego area there were 25 unplanned outages and 11 planned outages in the past 12 months.
- (2) The average duration of these unplanned outages was 4.60 hours and 3.65 hours for the planned outages.
- (3) In the Canbelego area, Essential Energy reports an unplanned outage on 3 November 2021 from 2.23 to 3.35pm and a planned outage on 5 November 2021 from 8.42am to 12.52pm.

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Under the requirements of the licence conditions, Essential Energy measures the performance of individual feeders and must investigate where the standard has not been met. The Nyngan West feeder servicing the Hermidale and Canbelego areas is performing within the individual feeder standards.

- (4) Yes.
- (5) Compensation claims for unplanned outages can be made directly to Essential Energy as Customer Service Standards payment.

* 6795 MODELLING STUDENT NUMBERS - NEW WEE WAA HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many students will the new Wee Waa High School be able to cater for?
 - (a) How was this number determined?
- (2) What are the student population modelling projections for the school and what is the data that informed these projections?

Answer—

- (1) The new Wee Waa High School will accommodate 200 students with the master plan allowing for expansion to 300 if future demand requires.
 - (a) School Infrastructure NSW produces enrolment projections for all public schools in New South Wales on an annual basis. The number of students expected to be enrolled in each school is projected over a five year timeframe.
- (2) Wee Waa High School has 141 students in 2021. This number is projected to remain stable over the next 5 years. The Department of Education uses a number of sources to help it forecast student population requirements including Census data, Local Government Area forecasts and Department of Planning Industry and Environment's population projections.

* 6796 COAL SEAM GAS ROYALTIES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Is the royalty due to the Government for Coal Seam Gas ten percent of the value at wellhead?
 - (a) Can project expenses be deducted to reduce this value?
- (2) On what grounds would discretion be exercised as allowed by section 86 of the Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991?
- (3) Has the proponent of the Narrabri project Santos requested relief for this project?

Answer—

These questions should be referred to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional New South Wales, the Hon. Paul Toole MP.

* 6797 OVERSIGHT OF IRRIGATION CORPORATIONS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Given that Irrigation Corporations are often the only suppliers of water for essential needs, and that such corporations are not signed up to Ombudsman schemes or subject to direct local government control:
 - (a) What recourse do private individuals who are reliant on Irrigation Corporations for essential utilities have in disputes with the Irrigation Corporation?

- (b) What government body, if any, conducts independent oversight on the governance of such Corporations?
- (c) What legislation, if any, ensures that Irrigation Corporations act in the best interests of all stakeholders in the areas they serve, and what avenues are open to individuals in those areas to seek dispute resolution or redress?

Answer—

- (1) (a) It depends on the nature of the dispute (see below).
- (b) Irrigation corporations are private companies holding bulk water entitlements on behalf of their shareholders. They are required to hold water access licences and works and use approvals under the Water Management Act 2000 (WMA). The Natural Resources Access Regulator monitors compliance with these licences and approvals.

Irrigation corporations are also required to hold an operating licence. Compliance with operating licences is subject to Ministerial oversight under the WMA.

Irrigation corporations are subject to statutory duties of directors, office holders and employees under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and, where relevant, the Cooperatives National Law, which provides a detailed scheme governing the operation of entities registered under it.

Irrigation corporations are also subject to Australian Consumer Law and the Fair Trading Act 1987. The Australian Consumer Law contains extensive rules regulating the conduct of entities and sets out general and specific protections for consumers. It also creates several offences.

The ACCC is responsible for enforcing compliance with the Competition and Consumer Act 2010, which incorporates the Australian Consumer Law. The object of that law is to enhance the welfare of all Australians through the promotion and enforcement of competition and fair trading with provision for consumer protection.
- (c) Under the Fair Trading legislation the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal can hear customer disputes.

* 6798 COOLER CLASSROOMS PROGRAM AND AIR QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAMS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Which of the 59 schools in the electorate of Murray listed as recipients under the Cooler Classrooms Program have had the works completed to install air conditioning?
 - (a) Which schools are currently in either design, tender or delivery stage of the Cooler Classrooms Program?
- (2) Of the 59 schools in the electorate of Murray, which will be part of the School Air Quality Assurance Program?

Answer—

- (1) There are 58 schools in the Murray electorate under the Cooler Classrooms Program. As at 18 November 2021, a total of 35 schools have had air conditioning systems fully installed.

Three schools are currently in the construction phase, eight projects are being tendered and 12 have been assessed as having fit for purpose air-conditioning systems in all eligible learning spaces and libraries.

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- (2) The Government is delivering a \$100 million air quality assurance program to support ongoing improvements to air quality in NSW schools. Under the program, the Department of Education will provide air purifiers to schools as required.

The vast majority of spaces in schools are adequately ventilated through natural and mechanically assisted ventilation.

Air purification is only recommended where air quality is compromised by bush fire smoke or where natural ventilation cannot be achieved. This approach is strongly supported by expert advice.

* 6799 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL CANCER TREATMENT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Why have the Murrumbidgee Local Health District refused Riverina Cancer Care's offer to send more oncology specialists to Griffith Base Hospital to treat cancer patients?
- (2) Have cancer patients waited for five weeks to access their first cancer treatment due to staff shortages?
- (3) Do the long wait times for cancer treatment at Griffith Base Hospital create significant health risks for cancer patients?
- (4) What is Murrumbidgee Local Health District doing to recruit more oncology nurses at Griffith Base Hospital?
- (5) Between 1 January 2021 and 31 October 2021, how many Griffith Base Hospital patients had to travel to Wagga, Albury or Sydney for cancer treatment?

Answer—

(1) to (3) I am informed that Murrumbidgee Local Health District has no record of Riverina Cancer Care Centre offering extra medical oncology services, however the District has advised that all new referrals who are suitable for medical oncology consultation and treatment at Griffith Base Hospital can be accommodated.

(4) Griffith Oncology Service has a 0.4 full time equivalent nursing vacancy which is currently being recruited to.

(5) This information is not centrally available. Patients from Griffith Base Hospital may receive treatment in other areas for a variety of reasons. For more complex cancers that require surgery, evidence shows that people may have better outcomes if they have surgery at a specialist centre that performs the procedure regularly, and this may require travel at some distance from the patient's residence.

* 6800 PUBLIC HOUSING WAIT TIMES IN AUBURN/GRANVILLE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

Considering the expected waiting time for a 2-bedroom property in the GW02 Auburn/Granville allocation zone is 10+ years; and 741 applicants are on the general waiting list, what is being done to shorten the wait time for applicants?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2021-22, the Government is spending over \$1.19 billion on housing and homelessness through assertive outreach, early intervention and social and affordable housing programs.

In October 2021, the Government announced a COVID-19 economic recovery strategy that will significantly increase the supply of social and affordable housing, with an additional \$183 million dedicated to fast-tracking more than 1,400 new social and affordable homes. Part of this package includes

\$50 million for the delivery of approximately 290 new social houses in partnership with community housing providers through the Community Housing Innovation Fund (CHIF).

Also in October 2021, the government announced a further additional \$52.5 million over four years for the CHIF partnership with the community housing sector as part of the Premier's announcement of additional funding for domestic and family violence (DFV) services. The funding will provide approximately 200 sustainable, social and affordable housing dwellings for women experiencing DFV.

The Communities Plus program is delivering up to 23,000 social housing, 500 affordable housing and 40,000 private dwellings over 10 years.

The \$1.1 billion Social and Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF) is delivering over 3,400 social and affordable dwellings under the first two phases of the program. The program is expected to deliver access to 3,485 additional social and affordable homes across the state by the end of 2023, with a target of 30 per cent of all homes to be delivered in regional New South Wales. As of 30 September 2021, SAHF providers have delivered 2,589 new social and affordable homes across New South Wales.

The Western Sydney Nepean Blue Mountains district continues to assess eligibility and priority assistance for clients seeking social housing in accordance with the department's policies. Clients who are most in need will be placed on the NSW Housing Register according to their priority status and their registration date. Throughout this process, specialist departmental housing staff support priority clients in sourcing a suitable social housing tenancy, or where appropriate, a private tenancy will be sourced with financial assistance from the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ). In addition, DCJ works with the clients to identify additional services to ensure that clients are fully supported. DCJ can assist with the initial establishment costs via the Rent Choice Bond Loan and Bond Extra housing products.

* 6801 RESIDENTIAL TENANCY SUPPORT PROGRAMS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) How many applications were received for the residential tenancy support package by residents in the Granville electorate?
 - (a) How many of these applications were approved?
 - (b) How many of these applications were rejected?
- (2) To 11 November 2021, what is the total amount of funding support provided to residents of the Granville electorate through residential tenancy support programs?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation.

* 6802 SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES IN THE CUMBERLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) In each financial year from 2011-12 to 2021-22 (to 11 November 2021), how many government properties have been sold in the Cumberland local government area?
 - (a) What is the total value of these sales?
 - (b) What is the location of these properties?
 - (c) What was the sale price of all these properties?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Cumberland Local Government Area (LGA) was established on 12 May 2016 from the merger of parts of the Cities of Auburn, Parramatta and Holroyd.

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Sales of government property that occurred prior to the creation of the Cumberland LGA have been included where the property's location falls within the current Cumberland LGA boundary.

The total number of Government-owned properties sold in the Cumberland local government area from financial year 2011/12 to 2021/22 (to 11 November 2021) was 264.

- (a) The total sales revenue derived from the sale of NSW Government-owned properties during this period was \$184,906,700.
- (b) The suburbs in the Cumberland LGA which experienced the most sales activity during this period were Granville, Merrylands and Guildford.
- (c) See response to question (a).

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 18 November 2021. Property sales within the Cumberland LGA have been identified based on current LGA boundaries, which have changed over time.

* 6803 GRANVILLE TAFE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

Was Granville TAFE considered for sale as part of the nineteen recently revealed 'surplus sites'?

Answer—

No.

* 6804 PUBLIC HOUSING WAIT TIMES IN PARRAMATTA—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

Considering the expected waiting time for a 2-bedroom property in the GW01 Parramatta allocation zone is 10+ years; and 1,833 applicants are on the general waiting list, what is being done to shorten the wait time for applicants?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2021-22, the Government is spending over \$1.19 billion on housing and homelessness through assertive outreach, early intervention and social and affordable housing programs.

In October 2021, the Government announced a COVID-19 economic recovery strategy that will significantly increase the supply of social and affordable housing, with an additional \$183 million dedicated to fast-tracking more than 1,400 new social and affordable homes. Part of this package includes \$50 million for the delivery of approximately 290 new social houses in partnership with community housing providers through the Community Housing Innovation Fund (CHIF).

Also in October 2021, the government announced a further additional \$52.5 million over four years for the CHIF partnership with the community housing sector as part of the Premier's announcement of additional funding for domestic and family violence (DFV) services. The funding will provide approximately 200 sustainable, social and affordable housing dwellings for women experiencing DFV.

The Communities Plus program is delivering up to 23,000 social housing, 500 affordable housing and 40,000 private dwellings over 10 years.

The \$1.1 billion Social and Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF) is delivering over 3,400 social and affordable dwellings under the first two phases of the program. The program is expected to deliver access to 3,485 additional social and affordable homes across the state by the end of 2023, with a target of 30 per

cent of all homes to be delivered in regional NSW. As of 30 September 2021, SAHF providers have delivered 2,589 new social and affordable homes across New South Wales.

The Western Sydney Nepean Blue Mountains district continues to assess eligibility and priority assistance for clients seeking social housing in accordance with the department's policies. Clients who are most in need will be placed on the NSW Housing Register according to their priority status and their registration date. Throughout this process, specialist departmental housing staff support priority clients in sourcing a suitable social housing tenancy, or where appropriate, a private tenancy will be sourced with financial assistance from the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ). In addition, DCJ works with the clients to identify additional services to ensure that clients are fully supported. DCJ can assist with the initial establishment costs via the Rent Choice Bond Loan and Bond Extra housing products.

* 6805 P1 DRIVING TEST WAIT TIMES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) How many learner drivers are awaiting a Practical Driver Test for the P1 Licence in the Granville electorate?
- (2) What is the average wait time for learner drivers from booking to taking the Practical Driver Test?
- (3) Will extra driver examiners be employed to meet the demand of learner drivers seeking a Practical Driver Test?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Service NSW does not hold information on the number of learner drivers awaiting a Practical Driver Test in the Granville electorate. This question should be referred to the Minister for Transport and Roads.

The maximum timeframe for any customer between booking and taking a Practical Driver Test as at 25 November 2021 is four weeks. Service NSW is not able to provide a breakdown of wait times between learner drivers and other customers taking the test.

Service NSW is actively recruiting up to 50,100 new Driver Testers to address the backlog of customers requiring a test following the suspension of this service in line with Public Health Orders during the COVID-19 lockdown period from July to October 2021.

* 6806 PUBLIC HOUSING WAIT TIMES IN HOLROYD—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

Considering the expected waiting time for a 2-bedroom property in the GW07 Holroyd allocation zone is 10+ years; and 450 applicants are on the general waiting list, what is being done to shorten the wait time for applicants?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2021-22, the Government is spending over \$1.19 billion on housing and homelessness through assertive outreach, early intervention and social and affordable housing programs.

In October 2021, the Government announced a COVID-19 economic recovery strategy that will significantly increase the supply of social and affordable housing, with an additional \$183 million dedicated to fast-tracking more than 1,400 new social and affordable homes. Part of this package includes \$50 million for the delivery of approximately 290 new social houses in partnership with community housing providers through the Community Housing Innovation Fund (CHIF).

Also in October 2021, the Government announced a further additional \$52.5 million over four years for the CHIF partnership with the community housing sector as part of the Premier's announcement of

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additional funding for domestic and family violence (DFV) services. The funding will provide approximately 200 sustainable, social and affordable housing dwellings for women experiencing DFV.

The Communities Plus program is delivering up to 23,000 social housing, 500 affordable housing and 40,000 private dwellings over 10 years.

The \$1.1 billion Social and Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF) is delivering over 3,400 social and affordable dwellings under the first two phases of the program. The program is expected to deliver access to 3,485 additional social and affordable homes across the state by the end of 2023, with a target of 30 per cent of all homes to be delivered in regional New South Wales. As of 30 September 2021, SAHF providers have delivered 2,589 new social and affordable homes across New South Wales.

The Western Sydney Nepean Blue Mountains district continues to assess eligibility and priority assistance for clients seeking social housing in accordance with the department's policies. Clients who are most in need will be placed on the NSW Housing Register according to their priority status and their registration date. Throughout this process, specialist departmental housing staff support priority clients in sourcing a suitable social housing tenancy, or where appropriate, a private tenancy will be sourced with financial assistance from the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ). In addition, DCJ works with the clients to identify additional services to ensure that clients are fully supported. DCJ can assist with the initial establishment costs via the Rent Choice Bond Loan and Bond Extra housing products.

* 6807 ORAL HEALTH FEE FOR SERVICE SCHEME—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) In the last financial year:

- (a) How many applications for Oral Health Fee for Service Scheme vouchers have been received in the following postcodes:
 - (i) 2142?
 - (ii) 2145?
 - (iii) 2150?
 - (iv) 2160?
 - (v) 2161?
- (b) How many applications for Oral Health Fee for Service Scheme vouchers were approved in the following postcodes:
 - (i) 2142?
 - (ii) 2145?
 - (iii) 2150?
 - (iv) 2160?
 - (v) 2161?
- (c) What was the quantum for Oral Health Fee for Service Scheme voucher payments in the following postcodes:
 - (i) 2142?
 - (ii) 2145?
 - (iii) 2150?
 - (iv) 2160?
 - (v) 2161?

- (d) How many applications for Oral Health Fee for Service Scheme vouchers were denied in the following postcodes:
- (i) 2142?
 - (ii) 2145?
 - (iii) 2150?
 - (iv) 2160?
 - (v) 2161?

Answer—

Public dental services are provided according to criteria that prioritises emergency situations, as well as patient groups in most need and at highest risk of disease. Patients requiring the most urgent care are given immediate appointments and do not appear in waiting list numbers.

Patients are seen in order of priority from the waiting list and when taken off the list will be issued either an appointment or a voucher. There is not a separate wait list for patients accessing vouchers or appointments and therefore a specific number of patients awaiting access for a voucher cannot be determined.

The issue of vouchers depends on the dental needs of the patient and the resources available to the local health district public oral health service. Patients can use the voucher to attend a participating private dental service.

Waiting list data is regularly updated and can be accessed at www.health.nsw.gov.au.

* 6808 ENFORCEMENT ORDERS IN THE CUMBERLAND AREA—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) In each of the following months how many Infringement Notices issued to Cumberland Local Government Area (LGA) residents were upgraded to Enforcement Orders:
- (a) March 2020?
 - (b) April 2020?
 - (c) May 2020?
 - (d) June 2020?
 - (e) July 2020?
 - (f) August 2020?
 - (g) September 2020?
 - (h) October 2020?
 - (i) November 2020?
 - (j) December 2020?
 - (k) January 2021?
 - (l) February 2021?
 - (m) March 2021?
 - (n) April 2021?
 - (o) May 2021?
 - (p) June 2021?

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- (q) July 2021?
- (r) August 2021?
- (s) September 2021?
- (t) October 2021?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is not held by the NSW Police Force. This question should be directed to the Minister for Customer Service, as the Minister responsible for Revenue NSW.

- * 6809 SOCIAL HOUSING ANNOUNCEMENT—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Will any additional social housing be located in the Granville electorate as a result of the recently announced \$183 million social housing package?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on the social housing package can be found at www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/plans-and-policies/accelerating-the-delivery-of-more-than-1,400-homes-across-nsw

As at 31 October 2021, the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) is delivering 55 new fit-for-purpose social homes across five projects in the Granville electorate funded through various other programs including previous stimulus funding. There are further projects in the electorate in the stages of early design, development approval, or construction tender.

- * 6810 SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES IN THE PARRAMATTA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) In each financial year from 2011-12 to 2021-22 (to 11 November 2021), how many government properties have been sold in the Parramatta local government area?
 - (a) What is the total value of these sales?
 - (b) What is the location of these properties?
 - (c) What was the sale price of all these properties?

Answer—

I am advised:

The total number of Government-owned properties sold in the Parramatta Local Government Area (LGA) from financial year 2011/12 to 2021/22 (to 11 November 2021) was 1,620.

- (a) The total sales revenue derived from the sale of Government-owned properties during this period was \$1,913,810,778.
- (b) The suburbs in the Parramatta LGA which experienced the most sales activity during this period were Sydney Olympic Park, Wentworth Point, Ermington and Dundas.
- (c) See response to question (a).

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 15 November 2021. Property sales within the Parramatta LGA have been identified based on current LGA boundaries, which may have changed over time.

- * 6811 MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES IN GRANVILLE ELECTORATE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

Considering the recent Government pledge of \$130 million to mental health, what local initiatives will be funded in the Granville electorate?

Answer—

Mental health services are not provided on the basis of electorate. However, a number of aspects of this package will provide benefits to people in the Granville area including:

- \$20 million to help reduce the waitlist for the Federally-run Headspace centres, including Headspace Parramatta
- \$35 million to open up more psychology and psychiatry appointments, a significant proportion of which will go to the Western and South Western Sydney Primary Health Networks
- \$14 million to provide suicide prevention training to 275,000 teachers, students, parents and people working or participating in community groups and sporting clubs
- Additional FTE for Western Sydney Local Health District including new Aboriginal peer workers and care navigators, and eating disorder clinicians
- Mental health support for child protection caseworkers
- \$3 million towards a South Western Sydney trial making publically funded private beds available to 12-24 year olds experiencing complex trauma and eating disorders, which, if successful, may be considered in other areas.
- Grants programs funding community wellbeing events and mental health programs run locally by sporting codes
- A new Multicultural Mental Health line which can be used for people from linguistically diverse backgrounds to speak to someone about mental health supports.

- * 6812 OUT OF AREA ENROLMENTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many out of area enrolment applications have been received for the following high schools for the 2022 school year:
- (a) Granville Boys High School?
 - (b) Holroyd High School?
 - (c) Merrylands High School?
 - (d) Parramatta High School?
 - (e) Sefton High School?
 - (f) Macarthur Girls High School?
 - (g) Auburn Girls High School?
 - (h) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School?

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- (i) Arthur Phillip High School?
- (j) Greystanes High School?
- (2) How many out of area enrolment applications have been approved for the following high schools for the 2022 school year:
 - (a) Granville Boys High School?
 - (b) Holroyd High School?
 - (c) Merrylands High School?
 - (d) Parramatta High School?
 - (e) Sefton High School?
 - (f) Macarthur Girls High School?
 - (g) Auburn Girls High School?
 - (h) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School?
 - (i) Arthur Phillip High School?
 - (j) Greystanes High School?

Answer—

- (1) The number of non-local enrolment applications received for the following high schools for the 2022 school year is:
 - (a) Granville Boys High School - 46
 - (b) Holroyd High School - 27
 - (c) Merrylands High School - 90
 - (d) Parramatta High School - 690
 - (e) Sefton High School - 172
 - (f) Macarthur Girls High School - 411
 - (g) Auburn Girls High School - 110
 - (h) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School - 53
 - (i) Arthur Phillip High School - 276
 - (j) Greystanes High School - 173
- (2) The number of non-local enrolment applications approved for the following high schools for the 2022 school year is:
 - (a) Granville Boys High School - 39
 - (b) Holroyd High School - 19
 - (c) Merrylands High School - 43
 - (d) Parramatta High School - 0
 - (e) Sefton High School - 0
 - (f) Macarthur Girls High School - 130
 - (g) Auburn Girls High School - 27
 - (h) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School - 37

- (i) Arthur Phillip High School - 179
- (j) Greystanes High School - 33

* 6813 TEST AND ISOLATE PAYMENTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) How many applications for the test and isolate payments have been received in the following postcodes:
 - (a) 2142?
 - (b) 2145?
 - (c) 2150?
 - (d) 2160?
 - (e) 2161?
- (2) How many applications for the test and isolate payments were approved in the following postcodes:
 - (a) 2142?
 - (b) 2145?
 - (c) 2150?
 - (d) 2160?
 - (e) 2161?
- (3) What was the quantum for the test and isolate payments in the following postcodes:
 - (a) 2142?
 - (b) 2145?
 - (c) 2150?
 - (d) 2160?
 - (e) 2161?
- (4) How many applications for the test and isolate payments were denied in the following postcodes:
 - (a) 2142?
 - (b) 2145?
 - (c) 2150?
 - (d) 2160?
 - (e) 2161?

Answer—

As of 8th December 2021:

- (1)
 - (a) 776
 - (b) 1,252
 - (c) 784
 - (d) 881

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(e) 1,062

(2)

(a) 748

(b) 1,198

(c) 751

(d) 846

(e) 1,015

(3)

(a) \$228,480

(b) \$367,680

(c) \$232,320

(d) \$259,520

(e) \$309,440

(4)

(a) 17

(b) 21

(c) 20

(d) 25

(e) 34

* 6814 HOUSING TRANSFER NUMBERS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

(1) How many applications are there currently on the NSW Housing Register for Transfers in Public/Social Housing in New South Wales?

(a) How many people on this list:

(i) Have been on the list for more than 1 year?

(ii) Have been on the list for more than 2 years?

(iii) Have been on the list for more than 5 years?

(iv) Have been in their current housing property for less than 2 years?

(2) How many people on this list are on the Priority Transfer list in New South Wales?

(a) How many people:

(i) Are on the Priority Transfer list for ‘medical condition and/or disability’?

(ii) Are on the Priority Transfer list who are classified ‘at risk’?

(iii) Are on the Priority Transfer list who are classified as experiencing ‘serious and ongoing harassment’?

(iv) Are on the Priority Transfer list who are classified as experiencing ‘severe overcrowding’?

(v) Are on the Priority Transfer list who are on the list for ‘compassionate’ reasons?

- (vi) Are on the Priority Transfer list who are on the list for ‘under-occupancy?’
- (vii) On this list are over 60 years old?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on applications for transfers in public/social housing in New South Wales is not publicly available.

However, data on households assisted with Private Rental Assistance products (which include products for people in difficult circumstances) are available on the Department of Communities and Justice website: https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/TableA2B1C1D0N66-67/Performance_measure

* 6815 RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING FOR UNVACCINATED SCHOOL CHILDREN—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Is NSW Health considering the use of rapid antigen tests (RATs) for unvaccinated children to allow them to return to school after seven days of isolation following a close contact?
 - (a) If so, when will a decision regarding this be made public?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

Yes. This information is publicly available at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/testing/how-testing-works/rapid-antigen-self-tests-for-community> and <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/response-protocol>.

* 6816 HOUSING MEMORANDUM—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Has the Department of Communities and Justice – Housing commenced negotiations on a Memorandum of Understanding with Wollongong City Council similar to that negotiated with City of Newcastle?
 - (a) If so, when did negotiations commence?
 - (b) If not, will the Department of Communities and Justice - Housing seek to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with Wollongong City Council?
 - (i) If so, by when?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation has executed a collaboration agreement with Wollongong City Council. Further discussion with Council about a Memorandum of Understanding will take place in early 2022.

* 6817 CLADDING RECTIFICATION PROGRAM—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

How many, and which properties in the Wollongong local government area will benefit from the cladding rectification program?

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Answer—

Progress on Project Remediate is published on the NSW.gov website. Once registrations for the project are finalised, public reporting will be expanded to provide greater information about the progress of remediation for each tranche of buildings. Neither the NSW Cladding Taskforce or Project Remediate disclose information that could identify the location of high risk buildings with potentially combustible cladding.

This is because of the increased risk to public safety associated with potentially arson or terror threats against these buildings. This risk has been confirmed by Fire and Rescue NSW and NSW Police.

However, representatives of any potentially affected building can contact the Office of Project Remediate to discuss the building's circumstances and their eligibility for assistance.

* 6818 WOLLONGONG TOUCHDOWN OFFICE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Further to LA Q5755, has a final location for the Wollongong Touchdown Office been identified?
 - (a) If so, what is the address?
 - (b) If not, by what date will a decision on the location be made?
- (2) By what date will the Wollongong Touchdown Office be available for use?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No.
- (2) No date has been determined.

* 6819 SERVICE NSW DRIVER TESTERS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) As at 10 November 2021, how many new driver testers has Service NSW recruited following lockdowns being lifted?
 - (a) How many of these have been within the Illawarra region?
- (2) What forms of driving tests is Service NSW making available online?
 - (a) When will these tests be available online?

Answer—

Service NSW reopened online bookings for all forms of Driver Tests from 5 November 2021.

Service NSW was limited in preparing to recover Driver Testing services given the COVID restrictions that impacted recruitment and training activities but is actively recruiting up to 100 new driver testers to better meet the high demand.

New driver testers are required to undergo at least four weeks of training and meet competency prior to being employed. As at 10 November 2021, recruitment activities for new driver testers were still underway and no additional testers had yet been on boarded.

Following the successful completion of training, the new driver testers will be appointed to a relief pool and deployed to areas across the state experiencing the highest demand.

* 6820 PRIORITY DRIVING TESTS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) What conditions is Service NSW considering in the determination of priority driving tests?
 - (a) Is conditional employment being considered as a factor in determining priority?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (ii) If so, how highly does it factor into the priority determination?

Answer—

Service NSW reopened online bookings for all forms of Driver Tests from 5 November 2021. Requests for priority driving tests are being considered by Service NSW on a case-by-case basis with consideration given to a range of factors, including employment requirements.

Customers seeking a priority driving test are encouraged to discuss their needs with their local Service Centre Manager.

* 6821 SOCIAL HOUSING MAINTENANCE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) For each of the following suburbs, how much was spent on social housing maintenance in (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21 and (c) 2021-22:
 - (a) Corrimal?
 - (b) Towradgi?
 - (c) Fairy Meadow?
 - (d) North Wollongong?
 - (e) Wollongong?
 - (f) Coniston?
 - (g) Mangerton?
 - (h) West Wollongong?
 - (i) Cringila?
 - (j) Warrawong?
 - (k) Port Kembla?
 - (l) Lake Heights?
 - (m) Berkeley?
 - (n) Kembla Grange?
 - (o) Kanahooka?
 - (p) Primbee?
 - (q) Windang?
- (2) In each of the financial years in (1) for each of the suburbs in (1) how many properties had maintenance work undertaken on them?
- (3) In each of the financial years in (1) for each of the suburbs in (1) how many properties were tenanted?

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Answer—

I am advised:

Across the listed suburbs, in 2019-20 and 2020-21:

- (1) \$10.186 million and \$10.459 million respectively were spent on the maintenance of NSW Land and Housing Corporation-owned/ Department of Communities and Justice-managed properties.
- (2) and (3) Over 2,900 properties had maintenance work undertaken in each financial year and the majority were tenanted.

Data for 2021-22 will only be available following release of the audited financial statements.

* 6822 AMOUNTS COLLECTED FROM SPECIAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTIONS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What were the amounts collected in (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2021-22 for the following:
 - (a) Aerotropolis Special Infrastructure Contribution
 - (b) Bayside West Special Infrastructure Contribution
 - (c) Frenchs Forest Special Infrastructure Contribution
 - (d) Greater Macarthur Special Infrastructure Contribution
 - (e) Gosford City Centre Special Infrastructure Contribution
 - (f) Hunter Region Special Infrastructure Contribution
 - (g) Illawarra Shoalhaven Special Infrastructure Contribution
 - (h) North West Growth Area Special Infrastructure Contribution
 - (i) Rhodes Special Infrastructure Contribution
 - (j) St Leonards and Crows Nest Special Infrastructure Contribution
 - (k) Western Sydney Growth Areas Special Infrastructure Contribution
 - (l) Wilton Special Infrastructure Contribution

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

Special Infrastructure Contribution	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22*
Western Sydney Growth Areas Special Infrastructure Contribution	\$37,284,603	\$56,749,168	\$19,392,887

*FY2021-22 as at 24 November 2021.

- (2) (a)-(j) and (l) No revenue was received under these 11 Special Infrastructure Contribution plans (SICs) for financial years 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22 (as at 24 November 2021). Many of these SICs are in draft form or only newly created.

- (k) The Western Sydney Growth Areas SIC plan, created in 2006, received the following in cash revenue:

* 6823 CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE TEAM—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) What is the timeline for the establishment of the 'Safeguards' Child and Adolescent Mental Health Response Team in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
- (2) When is the Response Team expected to be operational?

Answer—

- (1) The Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District commenced planning in November 2021, and is undertaking a co-design process with consumers, carers, peer workers and staff to develop the care pathway and implementation plan. This co-design process will take six weeks to complete. Recruitment is underway, including the recruitment of a child and adolescent psychiatrist and psychiatry registrar.
- (2) It is envisaged that the Safeguard team will be fully operational by March/April 2022, dependent on the ability to recruit to the specialist positions.

* 6824 RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING FOR UNVACCINATED CHILDREN—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Does the Department of Education support the introduction of rapid antigen tests (RATs) for unvaccinated children who are deemed to be close contacts, to allow them to leave isolation after seven days and minimise disruption to their learning?
 - (a) If so, would this be applicable to all students under 16 or only those under 12?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

NSW Health has approved the use of rapid antigen home test (RAHT) kits as an option to get school students back to face-to-face learning earlier if they are identified as a close contact from an exposure at school, and this approach has been in place across all NSW schools since 29 November 2021.

RAHT is not an option where a student is identified as a close contact from a community exposure and not at school. In these circumstances, NSW Health has advised that the full isolation period is required.

* 6825 CLADDING IN HOSPITAL COMPLEXES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Since 1 January 2019 has any cladding been removed from any building in either the (a) Wollongong or (b) Port Kembla hospital complexes?

Answer—

Since 1 January 2019, and following an extensive safety review, no cladding has been removed from any building at either Wollongong or Port Kembla hospitals.

* 6826 DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING PROGRAMS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) For each of the following Development Infrastructure Funding programs:
 - (a) Accelerated Infrastructure Fund;

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- (b) Housing Acceleration Fund;
 - (c) Low Coast Loans Initiative;
 - (d) Parramatta Road Urban Amenity Improvement Program;
 - (e) Precinct Support Scheme;
 - (f) Special Infrastructure Contributions;
 - (g) Voluntary Planning Agreements.
- (1) Provide the following information since the program (a-e) was established:
- (i) What are the details of all applicants for funding rounds and nature of the application?
 - (ii) What are the details of the successful applicants and location of projects?
 - (iii) What is the total funding amount for each successful applicant?
 - (iv) What state electorate were the successful projects located in?
 - (a) Was the successful project for new or to re-new existing infrastructure?
 - (v) How were funding applications evaluated for approval?
 - (vi) What date were successful applications announced?
 - (vii) What date was the successful project completed or scheduled for completion?

Answer—

I am advised:

Details are available [here](#).

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment oversees the program delivery and the details of funded projects are constantly being reviewed. The completion date, scope and funding amount are subject to change in consultation with the delivery partner.

* 6827 STOCKTON HOUSING ISSUES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Does DCJ Housing have any plans to remove the tenants from 34 Newcastle Street, Stockton?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (b) If so, will DCJ Housing consider allowing the existing tenants to stay in their home?
- (2) What supports have been offered to tenants who are being asked to leave their family home?
- (3) On what date are the tenants being asked to vacate the property by?
- (4) Has DCJ Housing or Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) been taken to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal by the tenant for failing to undertake maintenance work at the property?
 - (a) If so, is the tenant being removed because they took DCJ Housing or LAHC to the tribunal?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) currently does not have any plans for 34 Newcastle Street, Stockton.

In the event a tenant/s is asked to move, DCJ covers any costs associated with their relocation.

It is not appropriate for DCJ to comment publicly on whether a matter has been raised by tenant/s with the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

- * 6828 DUBBO TAFE GEORGE STREET CAMPUS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

What are the other uses TAFE has identified for the Dubbo TAFE George Street Campus that caused you to withdraw your approval to divest the site?

Answer—

I withdrew my approval to allow further consideration of opportunities for continued community use.

- * 6829 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL CARRIAGES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Have the Newcastle Light Rail carriages been inspected for cracking?
 - (a) If so, what was the outcome?
- (2) Can the Minister guarantee that the Newcastle Light Rail carriages will not crack?
- (3) What was the cost of purchasing the Newcastle Light Rail carriages?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Keolis Downer Hunter Pty Ltd, the operator and maintainer of the Newcastle Light Rail, has completed initial inspections and no cracking was found.

Further detailed inspections are being undertaken in accordance with advice from the manufacturer, Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles.

(3) The carriages were purchased as part of the \$510 million Newcastle Urban Transformation and Transport Program.

- * 6830 STOCKTON HOUSING ISSUES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Does Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) want the existing long term tenants removed from 34 Newcastle Street, Stockton?
 - (a) If so, why?
- (2) What plans does LAHC have for 34 Newcastle Street, Stockton?
 - (a) Does LAHC plan to sell the property?
 - (b) Does LAHC plan to redevelop the property?
- (3) Will LAHC reconsider its decision to remove the existing long term tenants?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) What support is being offered to the tenants who are being asked to vacate their family home?
- (5) Is LAHC aware a number of lights do not work in this property due to water damage?
- (6) Is LAHC aware the roof at this property is leaking?
- (7) Has DCJ-Housing or LAHC been taken to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) by this tenant for failing to undertake maintenance work at the property?

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- (a) If so, has LAHC received orders from the NCAT to undertake maintenance work at the property?
- (b) If so, has the NCAT case had any impact on the decision to ask the tenants to leave their property?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1), (3) and (4) These questions are a matter for the Minister of Families, Communities and Disability Services as the responsible Minister for social housing tenancies.

(2) LAHC continually reviews the State's portfolio of social housing assets to identify opportunities to deliver more and better housing.

(5) and (6) Lights have been reinstated. Further works will be undertaken following the replacement of the roof.

(7) It is not appropriate for the NSW Land and Housing Corporation to comment publicly on whether a matter has been raised by tenant/s with the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

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* 6831 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT FUNDING TO GP ACCESS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What funding did the Hunter New England Local Health District (HNELHD) provide to the GP Access services operated by Hunter Primary Care in each of the following years:
 - (a) 2011?
 - (b) 2012?
 - (c) 2013?
 - (d) 2014?
 - (e) 2015?
 - (f) 2016?
 - (g) 2017?
 - (h) 2018?
 - (i) 2019?
 - (j) 2020?
 - (k) 2021?
- (2) Why has the HNELHD cut hundreds of thousands of dollars of funding from this service?
 - (a) Has this decision to cut funding from the Government to GP Access contributed to the decision to close Calvary Mater service and reduce hours at other services?
- (3) Does the GP Access service keep patients out the emergency department?
 - (a) If so, what is the saving to the HNELHD?
 - (i) Is this saving greater than the funding the HNELHD has ripped out of the service?
- (4) What is the rationale to cut funding to an important service like GP Access?

- (5) Does the Minister support the HNELHD's decision?
- (6) Will the Minister direct the HNELHD to reverse this funding cut?

Answer—

The provision of primary care services is a responsibility of the Commonwealth Government. Despite this, Hunter New England Local Health District has supported the GP Access After Hours services over the years by contributing funding, facilities and equipment for the clinics. From 2011 to 2020 financial years, funding has ranged from \$494,800 to \$630,600, and \$102,000 in 2021.

The GP Access service operated by Hunter Primary Care provides after-hours primary care services to the Hunter region. When the GP Access service was established in 2011, there were limited primary care after-hour options in the region. I am advised that over the past 10 years, there have been new options for after-hours primary care, which have been enhanced with federally funded telehealth and mobile services. All after-hours primary care services provide patients with options to receive lower acuity care, outside the normal business hours of GPs, rather than attending an emergency department.

The Commonwealth Government is the primary funder of GP Access services, via funding to the Primary Health Network and by reimbursement from the Medicare Benefits Scheme to the commissioned service provider. The decision to close the Calvary Mater service and reduce hours at other services was made by Hunter Primary Care, under an agreement with the Hunter New England-Central Coast Primary Health Network.

In line with the District's core responsibilities, Hunter New England Local Health District is focused on delivering acute and tertiary health services, and will redistribute State funding to acute services at John Hunter Hospital.

I have made representations to the Commonwealth Minister for Health and Aged Care, who is responsible for funding of the GP Access services, seeking his commitment to ongoing funding to enable the service to continue operating under its current arrangements for the people of Hunter New England.

* 6832 SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO COVID-19 CASES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many public high schools and primary schools in Maitland have been shut down due to COVID-19 cases since schools returned on 25 October 2021? For each school and closure:
- (a) What was the date of the positive test result?
 - (b) What date was the school notified?
 - (c) What date was the school closed?
 - (d) What date did the school resumed?
- (2) How many non-government schools in Maitland have been shut down due to COVID-19 cases since schools returned on 25 October 2021? For each school and closure:
- (a) What was the date of the positive test result?
 - (b) What date was the school notified?
 - (c) What date was the school closed?
 - (d) What date did the school resumed?
- (3) How many Out of School Hours Care services in Maitland have been shut down due to COVID-19 cases since schools returned on 25 October 2021? For each school and closure:
- (a) What was the date of the positive test result?
 - (b) What date was the school notified?

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- (c) What date was the school closed?
- (d) What date did the school resumed?
- (e) Which schools had students attending the service?
- (4) How many child care centres and early learning providers in Maitland have been shut down due to COVID-19 cases since schools returned on 25 October 2021? For each school and closure:
 - (a) What was the date of the positive test result?
 - (b) What date was the school notified?
 - (c) What date was the school closed?
 - (d) What date did the school resumed?

Answer—

(1) and (2) There were nine New South Wales schools temporarily made non-operational in Maitland due to confirmed cases of COVID-19 since 25 October 2021.

The Department of Education does not hold records of when the school was notified of a confirmed case. This data shows when the school reported that a person has advised that they had tested positive or when NSW Health reported the confirmed case to the Department through to when communication was issued to the school community.

Date reported	School Name	Communication issued to school community	Date temporarily ceased operations
12/10/2021	Gillieston Public School	12/10/2021	13/10/2021
17/10/2021	Hunter River Community School	17/10/2021	17/10/2021
22/10/2021	Thornton Public School	24/10/2021	25/10/2021
27/10/2021	Maitland East Public School	27/10/2021	28/10/2021
27/10/2021	Francis Greenway High School	27/10/2021	28/10/2021
30/10/2021	Maitland Grossmann High School	30/10/2021	31/10/2021
Not applicable	All Saints College	Not applicable	2/11/2021
Not applicable	St Paul's Primary School	Not applicable	2/11/2021
4/11/2021	Maitland Public School	6/11/2021	7/11/2021

*In these instances, NSW Health validation of results with the positive case was required – communication was issued to schools on the same day this validation was received.

From 17 November, 2021, the Department has been able to act on information provided to the school where a person has received a text message advising of a positive result, and where the person has been on school grounds within the previous two days, without requiring validation by NSW Health. Where the person has been on school grounds earlier than this time, the Department requires the advice to be provided by NSW Health to verify the persons infectious period to determine if they have been on school grounds within their infectious period.

(3) Four OSHC Services were impacted with closures.

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Date Reported	OOSH Name	Ccommunication issues to school community	Date ceased operation	Dated resumed operation	Schools which had students attending the service
1/11/2021	St Nicholas OOSH Rutherford	1/11/2021	1/11/2021	2/11/2021	St Pauls Rutherford
28/10/2021	East Maitland Before & After School Care	28/10/2021	28/10/2021	29/10/2021	East Maitland Public School
25/10/2021	Thornton Before & After School Care and Vacation Care	25/10/2021	25/10/2021	26/10/2021	Thornton Public School
25/10/2021	Team Kids – hunter Valley Grammar	25/10/2021	25/10/2021	26/10/2021	Hunter Valley Grammar School

(4) Two early childhood care services were closed and both were linked with the same positive case. Both services have the same name and provider.

Date reported	ECE service provider name	Communication issued to school community	Date ceased operations	Date resumed operations
24/10/2021	Joeys Pre-School & Early Learning Centre	24/10/2021	25/10/2021	28/10/2021
24/10/2021	Joeys Pre-School & Early Learning Centre	24/10/2021	25/10/2021	28/10/2021

* 6833 ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY ACTION—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What legal /financial actions have the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) taken against the former owner/s of the Truegain site at 6 Kyle Street Rutherford New South Wales 2320 since 1 January 2016? For all actions:
 - (a) What was the date of commencement?
 - (b) What was the court or tribunal hearing the action?
 - (c) What was the names of all parties to the proceedings?
 - (d) Has the action completed or is it still being heard?
 - (i) If completed, for all actions:
 - (1) What, if any, determination has been made?

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- (2) Are all recovery actions completed?
- (3) What is the quantum of funds that have been recovered from Truegain and/or its former directors?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The former owners of the premises at 62 Kyle Street Rutherford NSW 2320, are Mr Robert Lenard Pullinger and Glowbye Pty Ltd (Glowbye) as tenants in common in equal half shares. The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has not taken any legal action against Glowbye, which was deregistered on 28 June 2020. Mr Pullinger was the sole Director of Glowbye. The EPA has taken the following legal actions against Mr Pullinger since 1 January 2016:

Debt recovery proceedings for recovery of \$1,178,940.78 in clean-up costs incurred by the EPA plus pre-judgment interest and legal costs:

- (a) 20 October 2020.
- (b) Land and Environment Court.
- (c) EPA (Applicant), Robert Lenard Pullinger (Respondent).
- (d) No. The matter was heard on 14-16 and 22-23 September 2021 and judgment has been reserved.

Proceedings for a failure to comply with a Clean-Up Notice (as varied) issued by the EPA on 5 June 2017 and a Prohibition Notice issued by the Minister on 25 August 2020:

- (a) 16 November 2020.
- (b) Land and Environment Court.
- (c) EPA (Prosecutor), Robert Lenard Pullinger (Defendant).
- (d) No. The matters are listed for hearing from 31 January 2022 to 4 February 2022.

Proceedings for failing to comply with an EPA notice for information and records, and for supplying false and misleading information in response to an EPA notice:

- (a) 29 September 2020.
- (b) Parramatta Local Court.
- (c) EPA (Prosecutor), Robert Lenard Pullinger (Defendant).
- (d) Yes.

(i)

- (1) On 23 February 2021, Mr Pullinger was convicted of the offences, fined \$1500 and ordered to pay the EPA's costs of \$3350.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) No funds have been recovered.

* 6834 REMEDIATION ACTION OF TRUEGAIN SITE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What, if any, remediation action has been taken on the Truegain site at 6 Kyle Street Rutherford?
- (2) Who owns the site?
- (3) Who is currently in control of the site?

- (4) How many times has the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) attended the site since 1 January 2016?
- (5) What is the total quantum of funding that has been spent on managing the site since April 2011?
- (6) What is the expected quantum of funding required to remediate the site?
- (7) When will the process for the Request for Proposal that was issued in March 2021 result in a request for tender?
 - (a) How long will the remediation take?
 - (b) When will the community be able to be confident that the site is safe, and that all hazards have been addressed?
- (8) What are the Government's ultimate plans for the site?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No remediation has taken place on the Truegain site.
- (2) The site is owned jointly by Mr Pullinger's Bankruptcy Trustee and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC).
- (3) As the site is vested in Mr Robert Pullinger's Bankruptcy Trustee and ASIC, the Trustee and ASIC together control the site. However, the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is exercising control over the site for the purpose of arranging clean up action under section 92 of the Protection of the Environment Act 1997, including the monitoring, collection, removal and disposal of liquid waste by the EPA's contractor.
- (4) EPA officers have attended the premises on approximately 170 occasions since 1 January 2016.
- (5) Approximately \$10.6 million.
- (6) The remediation costs are subject to a confidential tender process and remain commercial in confidence.
- (7) The request for tender process has been completed by Property & Development NSW which has selected, but not yet appointed, a preferred contractor.
 - (a) The remediation will commence when the land is in Government ownership. The extent of soil and groundwater contamination is not currently known, therefore a timeframe and final cost for the remediation cannot be established.
 - (b) At the completion of remediation works a site audit statement will be obtained from an EPA accredited contaminated site auditor. The site audit statement will outline the suitability of the land for future use.
- (8) When remediated the government will offer the site for sale on the open market.

* 6835 CAUTION SIGNS FOR LEVEL RAIL CROSSINGS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) Considering the 500 'Caution Stop and Look Trains on this Property' signs available for landholders with private level rail crossings:
 - (a) What is the quantum of funding allocated to producing these signs?
 - (b) Are the signs constructed in accordance with guidelines set down by Standards Australia to comply with Australian Standard – Road Signs – Specifications (AS 1743)?

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- (i) Considering the signs are constructed out of corflute materials rather than metal (eg: hot dip zinc coated or aluminium/zinc-coated), what is the expected life of the sign in normal use conditions?
- (ii) Do the signs meet the Australian New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1906.1 of any other materials?
 - (1) If not, why not?
- (iii) Do the signs have any retroreflective materials so they are easily seen in low light and dusty conditions?
 - (1) If not, why not?
- (c) Have the signs been approved by the Australian Standards Road Traffic Signals Committee (LG006)?
 - (i) If not, why not?
- (d) Are the signs marked “This is not a regulatory sign”?
 - (i) If so, why?
- (e) Are the signs included in the Transport for NSW Traffic Signs Register at <https://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/index.cgi?action=searchtrafficsigns.form> ?
 - (i) If not, why not?
- (f) Which Government Agency designed the signs?
 - (i) Do they have regulatory approval to design such signs?
 - (1) If not, why not?
 - (2) If so, under which regulations?
- (g) Have the signs been approved by the Director of Traffic Engineering Services?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (ii) If not, who approved the signs?
- (h) Are the signs prescribed traffic control devices?
 - (i) If not, what is their purpose?
- (i) Is the campaign listed on the Centre for Road Safety website?
 - (i) If not, why not?
- (j) How have landholders been informed of the campaign?
- (k) What happens when the current supply of 500 signs (2 per property) is exhausted?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) The signs are part of the Harvest Season campaign, a partnership with GrainCorp, which provides warning signs on key freight routes and level crossings across western New South Wales, reminding drivers to take extra care on the roads during the harvest season. It includes portable Variable Message Signs on New South Wales and council controlled roads and corflute signs on private properties.

The total cost of the campaign is \$130,000, and includes \$40,000 from the Heavy Vehicle Safety Program. The remainder has been funded by the Level Crossing Safety Program and a contribution of \$10,000 from Graincorp.

- (b) As the corflute signs are not prescribed control devices and are for use on private property, compliance with Standards Australia signage guidelines is not required.
- (c) As the corflute signs are not prescribed control devices and are for use on private property, approval is not required.
- (d) The corflute signs have clear labels indicating they are not regulatory signs.
- (e) The corflute signs are not designed to be used on the New South Wales road network as they are for use on private property, therefore are not required to be included on the traffic sign register.
- (f) and (g) The corflute signs were a Transport for NSW Community and Partnering initiative developed in partnership with the Australian Rail Track Corporation and designed by an external contractor/designer. As these signs are not prescribed control devices and are for use on private property, approval is not required.
- (h) No, the corflute signs are warning and advisory signs.
- (i) and (j) Transport for NSW promotes the campaign on the Transport for NSW Road Safety Facebook page. The signs are also promoted using social media, radio and variable message signs, and have been shared by NSW Police Force, councils and Australian Rail Track Corporation.
- (k) This will be considered if the supply is exhausted.

* 6836 ELECTRONIC MESSAGE SIGNS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) What is the quantum of funding for the 27 electronic message signs along harvest routes?
- (a) What is Graincorp's investment in the project?
- (2) Have the sites for the 27 electronic message signs been selected?
- (a) If so, how were they selected?
- (b) Who was responsible for selecting them?
- (c) What was the criteria used?
- (d) Have the electronic signs been installed?
- (i) If not, when will they be installed?
- (ii) Who is responsible for installing them?
- (3) What is the quantum of funding that has been allocated to the additional 18 electronic message signs at high-risk level crossings?
- (4) Have the sites for the additional 18 electronic message signs been selected?
- (a) If so, how were they selected?
- (b) Who was responsible for selecting them?
- (c) What was the criteria used?
- (d) Have the electronic signs been installed?
- (i) If not, when will they be installed?
- (ii) Who is responsible for installing them?

Answer—

I am advised:

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The signs are part of the Harvest Season campaign, a partnership with GrainCorp, which provides warning signs on key freight routes and level crossings across western New South Wales, reminding drivers to take extra care on the roads during the harvest season. It includes portable Variable Message Signs on New South Wales and council controlled roads and confluent signs on private properties.

The total cost of the campaign is \$130,000, and includes \$40,000 from the Heavy Vehicle Safety Program. The remainder has been funded by the Level Crossing Safety Program and a contribution of \$10,000 from Graincorp.

Portable, trailer-mounted Variable Message Signs (VMS) have been placed on selected routes and busy level crossings during the November 2021 to January 2022 harvest season to advise of road and rail safety messages. There are 35 boards, 17 on selected routes and 18 near level crossings.

Transport for NSW considers various factors and performance criteria when determining the placement and operation of portable VMS within a road related area.

When portable VMS are used for special events, such as the Harvest Campaign, the Government Guide to Traffic and Transport Management for Special Events must be complied with.

The signs are portable trailer mounted temporary Variable Message Boards that will be in place until January 2022.

These signs are leased from various suppliers and will be removed at the end of the campaign. Transport for NSW has engaged a number of contractors to supply and place the VMS boards.

* 6837 NSW TRAINS PERFORMANCE REPORT (REGIONAL)—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) When will the NSW Trains – Performance reports (regional) be updated on the Transport for NSW website?
 - (a) Why hasn't the data been updated since April 2021?
- (2) During April 2021, there were 25 days out of the month that NSW Trains did not meet their 78% Regional Performance target, what action has been taken to address this?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Performance reports for NSW TrainLink are publicly available on the Transport for NSW website. Transport for NSW is not aware of any recent or past disruption in the published data. Performance data is regularly refreshed by NSW Trains and can be filtered by financial year as well as other criteria.
- (2) NSW TrainLink regional train services can be delayed by a number of factors. Many are outside NSW TrainLink's control, including but not limited to:
 - Significant weather events.
 - Speed restrictions set by the rail infrastructure maintainer.
 - Infrastructure and rolling stock issues.
 - Anti-social behaviour and customer emergencies.
 - Issues with freight trains.

NSW TrainLink works closely with the rail infrastructure and fleet maintainers to minimise disruption to its customers and improve reliability. This includes regular meetings to determine the cause of disruptions, prioritise remedial actions and to confirm fault rectification and track improvement works.

* 6838 BACKLOG OF LEARNER DRIVER TESTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) What is the backlog of learner drivers who have held a learner drivers licence for at least 12 months as at 11 November 2021?
- (2) How many learner drivers have held a drivers licence for the following time periods at 11 November 2021?
 - (a) 11 Months?
 - (b) 10 months?
 - (c) 9 months?
 - (d) 8 months?
 - (e) 7 months?
 - (f) 6 months?
- (3) How many driver tests are conducted at the Greenhills Service NSW Centre at East Maitland each week?
- (4) When will the backlog of learner drivers who have been waiting on a driving test prior to 11 November be reduced to zero?
- (5) How is the Government prioritising learner drivers who have been waiting for longer periods of time?
- (6) Have any initiatives been taken to alleviate the backlog of driving tests in the Maitland electorate?
 - (a) If so, what are they?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (7) What is the longest time period that a learner driver licence has been held without having accessed a driving test in Maitland as at 11 November 2021?

Answer—

(1), (2) and (7) Service NSW does not hold data to be able to report on the number of learner drivers who have held learner driver licences for set time periods. This question should be referred to the Minister for Transport and Roads.

(3) Approximately 80 Driver Tests are conducted at the Maitland Service Centre per week.

(4) and (5) Customers on a learner driver licence must complete 120 driving hours to be eligible to take a practical driving test. Service NSW does not hold data on the number of driving hours completed by customers with a current learner driver licence is therefore not able to report on the number eligible to take a test.

(6) Service NSW is actively recruiting up to 100 new driver testers to better meet the high demand for tests across the state. Following the successful completion of training, the new driver testers will be appointed to a relief pool and deployed to areas experiencing the highest demand.

In addition to recruiting additional driver testers, Service NSW is increasing the number of tests available to customers through the introduction of ‘Super Saturdays’ at some sites.

* 6839 COOLER CLASSROOM PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many public schools in the Maitland electorate applied for funding under round one of the Cooler Classrooms program?

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- (a) How many of those were successful?
- (b) Has work been completed for all schools in the Maitland electorate who were successful in round one as at 11 November 2021?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (ii) When will the outstanding works be completed for each school?
- (2) How many public schools in the Maitland electorate applied for funding under round two of the Cooler Classrooms program?
 - (a) How many schools were successful?
 - (b) How many schools are still waiting to be advised of an outcome of their application?
 - (c) Has work been completed for all schools in the Maitland electorate who were successful in round two as at 11 November 2021?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (ii) When will the outstanding works be completed for each school?
- (3) How many public schools in the Maitland electorate do not have air conditioning in all classrooms, halls, libraries, demountables, other teaching or learning spaces, offices, gymnasiums, canteens?
 - (a) What are the names of each school which does not have air conditioning in one of these areas?
 - (i) For each school, which areas do not have air conditioning?

Answer—

The Government is investing a record \$500 million over five years to provide a sustainable air conditioning program in thousands of classrooms and library spaces in more than 900 public schools. This is the first time there has been a dedicated program to install air-conditioning in NSW public schools with priority given to schools in the hottest part of the state.

More than 600 schools were automatically eligible for the program as, based on data from the Bureau of Meteorology, they experience a mean maximum January temperature of 30 degrees Celsius and above. This includes 17 schools in the Maitland electorate.

Schools that experience a mean maximum January temperature below 30 degrees were invited to submit an application to the Cooler Classrooms Fund. As per the response to LA QON 4178, Francis Greenway High School submitted an application, which was approved and the project is complete. Millers Forest Public School and Thornton Public School, have also been approved for funding under the Cooler Classrooms Fund.

The number of air conditioned spaces at schools in the Maitland electorate will continue to change as air conditioning is delivered as part of this five-year program.

All new and upgraded facilities delivered as part of the Government's record investment in school infrastructure are fitted with air-conditioning systems.

All demountable teaching spaces are fitted with air conditioning.

* 6840 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FUNDING—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How will the Government's recent \$130 million investment into mental health provide immediate access to mental health services for anyone living in the Maitland electorate who has been impacted by the COVID pandemic?
- (2) Will any mental health services receive additional funding?

- (a) If so, what is the total quantum of the additional funding?
 - (i) Can you disaggregate any additional funding by service provider?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (3) How will organisations be able to apply for funding for the local community wellbeing events program?
- (4) When will organisations be able to apply for funding ?
- (5) When will funding roll out to successful applicants?

Answer—

(1) and-(2) Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

The Government's record \$130 million extra investment in mental health will assist people whose mental health has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Hunter New England Local Health District has received \$260,833 in 2021-22 to employ an Aboriginal mental health care navigator, an Aboriginal health and wellbeing peer worker and an eating disorders clinician. This investment will increase to \$490,000 from 2022-23.

In addition, the Hunter New England and Central Coast Primary Health Network (which includes the population served by the District) will be allocated \$6,139,000 over two years (2021-22 to 2022-23) to boost surge capacity of the mental health clinical workforce. The allocation of remaining investment to other organisations is still being progressed.

(3) to (5) This is a matter for the Minister responsible for Resilience NSW.

* 6841 ELECTRONIC MESSAGE SIGNS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) Considering the 27 electronic message signs along harvest routes:
 - (a) What is the quantum of funding allocated to producing these signs?
 - (b) How have the sites for these signs been determined?
 - (c) How many signs have been erected as at 12 November 2021?
 - (d) Are the signs constructed in accordance with guidelines set down by Standards Australia to comply with Australian Standard – Road Signs – Specifications (AS 1743)?
 - (i) Do the signs meet the Australian New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 1906.1?
 - (1) If not, why not?
 - (ii) Do the signs have any retroreflective materials so they are easily seen in low light and dusty conditions?
 - (1) If not, why not?
 - (e) Have the signs been approved by the Australian Standards Road Traffic Signals Committee (LG006)?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (f) Are the signs included in the Transport for NSW Traffic Signs Register at <https://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/index.cgi?action=searchtrafficsigns.form> ?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (g) Which Government Agency designed the signs?
 - (i) Do they have regulatory approval to design such signs?

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- (1) If not, why not?
- (2) If so, under which regulations?
- (h) Have the signs been approved by the Director of Traffic Engineering Services?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (ii) If not, who approved the signs?
 - (i) Are the signs prescribed traffic control devices?
- (j) Is the campaign listed on the Centre for Road Safety website other than the media release advising of the program?
 - (i) If so, why is that?
- (k) How have landholders, transport operators and other relevant stakeholders been informed of the campaign?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) The total cost is \$130,000, with \$80,000 funding from the Level Crossing Safety Program, \$40,000 from the Heavy Vehicle Safety Program and a \$10,000 contribution from Graincorp.
 - (b) Transport for NSW considers various factors and performance criteria when determining the placement and operation of portable Variable Message Signs (VMS) within a road related area. When portable VMS are used for special events, such as the Harvest Campaign, the Government Guide to Traffic and Transport Management for Special Events must also be complied with.
 - (c) There are 35 boards, 17 on selected routes and 18 near level crossings. These portable, trailer-mounted VMS have been placed on selected routes and busy level crossings during the November 2021 to January 2022 harvest season to advise of road and rail safety messages.
 - (d) The portable VMS signs managed by Transport for NSW and used on the New South Wales State Road network must comply with Australian Standards AS 4852.2 Variable message signs, Part 2: Portable sign. Relevant legislation and guidelines for installation of the signs must also be followed. The signs meet AS/NZS 1906.1.
 - (e) The Australian Standards Road Traffic Signals Committee is not required to approve signage on variable message boards as the messages included on these signs are short and concise, to ensure readability for drivers.
 - (f) These messages are not in the traffic sign register as they are not standard traffic signs. The messages displayed on the temporary VMS are short and concise and consistent with other road safety messages used throughout the state.
 - (g) Portable VMS are only for temporary use and meet design requirements. The messages displayed on the temporary VMS are short and concise and consistent with other road safety messages used throughout the state.
 - (h) No, approval is not required as the signs are not prescribed control devices and are provided as advisory during a temporary campaign.
 - (i) No, the signs are not prescribed traffic control devices.

- (j) The Harvest Season campaign is a partnership with GrainCorp aimed at reminding road users to take care on roads during the busy harvest season. Transport for NSW promotes the campaign on its Road Safety Facebook page.
- (k) Councils were informed where VMS were placed on their roads. Other stakeholders were informed via social media. Farmers are encouraged to order corflute signs for their property.

* 6842 ACTIVE KIDS PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections representing the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) Considering each of the financial quarters since the program commenced (as at 11 November 2021), how many Active Kids vouchers have been applied for in the Maitland electorate? Please disaggregate by postcode.
- (2) Considering each of the financial quarters since the program commenced (as at 11 November 2021), how many Active Kids vouchers have been redeemed in the Maitland electorate? Please disaggregate by postcode.
- (3) What is the total breakdown by sport for which the Active Kids vouchers were utilised, listed by quarter since the program began?
- (4) How many children have dropped out of sports programs for which an Active Kids rebate was issued, listed by quarter since the program began?
- (5) How many registered Active Kids providers are operating in the Maitland electorate?
 - (a) What are the names of all registered activity providers in the Maitland electorate?
- (6) How many children are eligible for the Active Kids program in the Maitland electorate?

Answer—

I am advised information and statistics relating to the Active Kids program is publicly available through the Office of Sport website.

* 6843 STAMP DUTY INCOME—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What was the Stamp Duty income received from the following postcodes during the 2020-2021 financial year:
 - (a) 2320?
 - (b) 2321?
 - (c) 2322?
 - (d) 2323?
 - (e) 2324?
 - (f) 2000?

Answer—

I am advised that this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Finance and Small Business.

* 6844 SERVICE NSW OFFICE IN EAST MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) How many times has the Service NSW Office at Garnett Road East Maitland been closed since 1 January 2021?

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- (a) What dates was the office closed?
- (b) What was the reason for the closure of the office?
- (c) How was the public notified of the closure?
- (2) What is the average number of in-person transactions that are conducted each day at the Service NSW Office at Garnett Road East Maitland?

Answer—

As at 26 November 2021, the Maitland Service Centre has been closed on two separate occasions since 1 January 2021 in line with NSW Health advice as a result of COVID-19 exposures and close contact classifications at the site.

The centre was closed from 2pm on 10 August and all day on 11 August 2021 and again on 1 and 2 November 2021. Details of the centre closure were published on the Service NSW website and signage was put in place onsite.

The Maitland Service Centre serves approximately 350 to 400 customers per day.

* 6845 INACTIVE LEVEL CROSSINGS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) How many inactive level crossings on public roads in New South Wales have:
 - (a) Level crossing warning signs?
 - (b) Level Crossing flashing lights?
 - (c) Road markings painted on the road approaching the crossing?
 - (d) Boom gates?
- (2) How many inactive level crossings on private land in New South Wales have:
 - (a) Level crossing warning signs?
 - (b) Level Crossing flashing lights?
 - (c) Road markings painted on the road approaching the crossing?
 - (d) Boom gates?

Answer—

I am advised:

While Transport for NSW does not have a classification of ‘inactive’ in relation to level crossings on rail lines, in this context there are level crossings on non-operational and disused rail lines. There are more than 3,000 kilometres of non-operational lines on the New South Wales rail network, with the vast majority located on the Country Regional Network (CRN).

In 2016, Transport for NSW identified the need for a comprehensive works program to be undertaken across the CRN to assess each level crossing on non-operational line. Consultation also occurred with the applicable road manager and where appropriate, ensured that the road signage was altered to be reflective of the actual road and rail condition.

* 6846 MORPETH RAILWAY STATION MAINTENANCE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Who is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the building and lands at the old Morpeth Railway Station?

- (2) When will the grass be cut?
- (3) When will plants overgrowing around the station be trimmed?
- (4) When will the broken windows near the toilet on the left hand side of the building and the one at the front of the building be replaced?
- (5) There is a flag pole, but no flag on the building, when will it be replaced?
- (6) When will the interior be repainted?
- (7) When will the exterior be repainted?
- (8) When will pest control be undertaken?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Water, Property and Housing.

* 6847 CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR COVID-19 CLOSURES IN SCHOOLS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Were school bus operators advised that New South Wales schools would be shut down prior to them being shut down?
 - (a) If so, by whom?
 - (b) What operational plans were put in place to protect students who attended other schools but caught the same buses?
- (2) What operational plans were put in place by the NSW Department of Education to isolate students who were siblings of students at shut down schools?
- (3) What contingency plans have been put in place to assist students facing HSC exams with completing the exams where their school was closed?
- (4) When were these contingency plans communicated to:
 - (a) School staff?
 - (b) Parents and Carers?
 - (c) Students?
- (5) For each answer above, were separate processes followed for:
 - (a) Public and privately operated schools?
 - (b) Public and privately operated Early Childhood Education Services?
 - (c) Public and privately operated Out of School Hours Care Services?

Answer—

- (1) The State Emergency Operations Centre is advised when a school is made non-operational and disseminates information to other agencies including Transport for NSW and NSW Police Force. Where a school is made non-operational during a school day parents are advised to collect their children directly from the school. Principals provide on the ground co-ordination of arrangements for students where a school is made non-operational during the school day.
- (2) The identification of close contacts is undertaken in consultation with NSW Health in line with NSW Health approved risk framework. Cohorts are kept separate to reduce risk of transmission. A positive case is advised by NSW Health and household members are required to self-isolate as part

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of their contact tracing processes. A sibling of a positive case would be collected by a parent from the school if they were identified as a close contact during the school day.

- (3) Additional safety measures were put in place to ensure COVID-safe HSC exams. This included screening of students, hygiene packs, ventilation and identification of alternate venues. With these layered measures in place, approximately 400,000 individual exam sessions were successfully delivered state-wide with no COVID-19 disruption.
- (4) Detailed information on regarding COVID-safe HSC exams was provided to schools at the start of the term and was also available publicly. Principals also received a reminder of this advice in the lead up to the exams.
- (5) Non-government schools operate under the same NSW Health risk framework as government schools, undertaking their own contact tracing processes in consultation with NSW Health. The Department assists in the recording and reporting of this information.

The Department continues to work with NSW Health and the Commonwealth Government to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Department regulates rather than operates early childhood education and care (ECEC) services, including Out of School Hours Care Services, in accordance with the National Law and National Regulations, except for preschools attached to NSW public schools. The National Regulations stipulate that approved providers must ensure that reasonable steps are taken to prevent the spread of infectious disease, and that there must be policies and procedures in place in relation to dealing with infectious disease.

The Department is working closely with NSW Health to ensure that appropriate information is available for ECEC services. Guidance is available on the Department's website and services are informed via email when further information is available. The Department also has an Information and Enquiries line and provides assistance with enquiries and requests from the sector.

Contingency plans and COVID-related procedures for Departmental preschools are the same as the public schools to which they are attached. They have an added requirement to notify the Regulatory Authority when the school or preschool is closed due to a COVID-19 case.

* 6848 COUNTRY UNIVERSITIES CENTRES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) How much in total has the Government spent on all Country Universities Centres since the first Centre was opened in 2017?
- (2) How many students in total have been supported by all Country Universities Centres since 2017?
- (3) What is the total financial contribution from Australian Universities to Country Universities Centres since 2017?
- (4) How has the university retention rate of remote and regional students changed since Country Universities Centres were opened in 2017?
- (5) By what year will County Universities Centres be fully funded by universities and not reliant on any Government funding?

Answer—

- (1) The Government has committed two \$8 million grants to Country University Centres since 2017 (\$16 million in total) of which \$11.26 million has been expended to date.
- (2) This information is reported in the Annual Reports for Country University Centres. According to those reports, 2,727 students have been supported in New South Wales centres since 2017.
- (3) Australian universities have contributed \$873,784 to Country University Centres since 2017.
- (4) This information is reported to the Commonwealth Department of Education Skills and Employment, which publishes aggregate student statistics online.

- (5) The current Government grant runs until 2023. The Country University Centre is responsible for its financial strategy including diversification and sustainability.

* 6849 FISHERS ACCESS TO HUNTHAWANG SECTION OF LACHLAN VALLEY NATIONAL PARK—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

Considering the Hunthawang section of Lachlan Valley National Park is closed for general public access, will the Government consider a trial, allowing a small number of fishers to access Hunthawang for on-park fishing and camping opportunities?

Answer—

I am advised that the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has permitted limited vehicle access to the Hunthawang section of Lachlan Valley National Park in support of the annual Hillston Hook Line and Sinker Fishing Festival. Other opportunities to launch small boats and undertake fishing are available in the immediate vicinity of the park, as in the nearby Lachlan River Campground beside the Kidman Way. Once on the river, fishers can access the park along the river as the river is not part of the park.

* 6850 SELF-HARM IN MURRUMBIDGEE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

How many students at Murrumbidgee Regional High School self-harmed or attempted suicide in each of the calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?

Answer—

The Department of Education has an obligation to maintain student privacy and confidentiality. Releasing the requested data may enable the easy identification of a student and therefore it will not be provided.

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* 6851 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, contrary the original advice of 18 January 2021, the project to upgrade the girls' boarding facilities at Yanco Agricultural High School has not progressed from the planning phase (as of 3 November 2021), what are the specific reasons for the delay in progressing these major works?

(a) By what date will construction commence?

(b) By what date will it be completed?

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 NSW 2021-22 Budget. This includes an upgrade of Yanco Agricultural High School and will include an upgrade to the boarding facilities to ensure they are fit for purpose for current and future students.

The progress of individual projects is communicated to school communities through regular project updates as they become available on the School Infrastructure NSW website at www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au

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- * 6852 HIGH-VOLTAGE ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE ANNUAL RENT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

In lieu of the current one-off, compulsory-acquisition compensation payment, will the Government consider paying an annual rent, along the lines of that paid to hosts of renewable energy generators, to landholders who are forced to host new high-voltage electricity infrastructure, so as to retain overall land values, compensate for loss of productive land, and avoid lumping farmers with a capital gains event?

Answer—

The Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 sets out a process for the compulsory acquisition of land for electricity infrastructure and the relevant considerations for the amount of compensation paid to landholders, which includes, among other matters, the market value of the land, special value and loss due to severance or disturbance.

Questions on the efficacy of the compulsory acquisition process should be referred to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing.

As part of its role in implementing the Government's Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap and delivering Renewable Energy Zones (REZs), the Energy Corporation of NSW (EnergyCo NSW) is exploring opportunities to ensure the contribution landholders make in hosting essential transmission infrastructure is fairly and respectfully recognised. This is in recognition of the supporting role of regional communities in the delivery of a modern electricity grid for New South Wales.

- * 6853 NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL - INTERSTATE JURISDICTION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

Does the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal have interstate jurisdiction for consumer complaints?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) has interstate jurisdiction for consumer complaints up to the value of \$40,000 where a contract was entered into, goods supplied or services given in NSW and if one of the parties is, at the time of lodging an application at NCAT:

- a corporation,
- a resident of a territory,
- a non-permanent resident of a different state, or
- a party who resides overseas.

NCAT does not have jurisdiction for consumer complaints if, at the time of lodging an application at NCAT, one party is a permanent resident of one state and the opposing party a resident of a different state.

- * 6854 AL FRESCO RESTART PACKAGE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) How many businesses have applied for \$5,000 hospitality grants under the Alfresco Restart Package since it was announced?
 - (a) To 16 November 2021, how many applications have been approved?
 - (b) To 16 November 2021, what is the total amount of funding disbursed under the program?
- (2) How many businesses in the Summer Hill electorate have applied for \$5,000 hospitality grants under the Alfresco Restart Package since it was announced?

- (a) To 16 November 2021, how many applications in the Summer Hill electorate have been approved?
- (b) To 16 November 2021, what is the total amount of funding disbursed under the program to businesses in the Summer Hill electorate?

Answer—

Registration for the rebate commenced online via Service NSW on the 15 December 2021.

* 6855 RIDE SHARE SEXUAL ASSAULTS AND MISCONDUCT—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What specific actions are being taken by Transport for NSW to act on reports of sexual assault on ride share platforms?
- (2) What actions are being taken in response to the confidential audit conducted by the NSW Point to Point Transport Commission around incidents on the UBER platform?
 - (a) Why was the audit not published?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Point to Point Transport Commissioner is New South Wales's independent regulator for taxis, rideshare and hire vehicles. Regular audits are one of the ways the Commissioner ensures compliance with the law by point to point drivers and operators as well as the safety of point to point customers.

Point to point transport law requires drivers to go through a range of thorough checks – when they are being on boarded and ongoing – such as background criminal checks and driver eligibility checks. The Commissioner has made it easier for the point to point industry to run their businesses safely by providing them with an online tool – the Driver Vehicle Dashboard – which enables them to run ongoing checks on drivers and vehicles in New South Wales.

More than 22 million checks were run on drivers and more than 9.5 million on vehicles during the last financial year.

Under the Point to Point Transport (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) Act 2016 (the Act), taxi and booking service providers must notify the Point to Point Transport Commissioner of a notifiable occurrence, that being an occurrence of a serious nature that affects a passenger service, including sexual assault. Failure to do so is an offence prescribed by the Act.

The Point to Point Transport Commissioner recently issued Uber with 13 improvement notices and approximately \$200,000 in fines following an audit under the Act. The Commissioner's staff are actively working with Uber to ensure they make the required changes and improvements.

The Act limits disclosure of information obtained in connection with the administration or execution of the Act and its associated Regulations.

* 6856 URBAN SENSITIVE WATER DESIGN—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

What actions is the Government taking to strengthen urban sensitive water design in the NSW Planning system?

Answer—

I am advised:

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The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) recently released the draft Design and Place State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) for public exhibition in December 2021.

The SEPP package includes a new Urban Design Guide which will apply to planning proposals and development on land to which the SEPP applies that has a site area greater than 1 hectare.

One objective within the Urban Design Guide is specifically dedicated to water quality, retention and management – all elements of water sensitive urban design.

The draft SEPP and draft Guide are available to view on the NSW Planning Portal at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/design-SEPP-2021>.

The Department is also ensuring State-led planning and rezonings include stronger controls and requirements for water design. For example, the Aerotropolis development control plan applies a landscape-led approach, with specific controls provided for management of blue and green infrastructure to ensure they are considered at the start of the design process.

Additionally, the recently completed Wilton development control plan ensures any new development is consistent with the Wilton 2040 vision of creating a liveable new place in the natural environment. Specifically, the plan will ensure that water management measures for development incorporate key principles of water sensitive urban design to help protect, maintain or restore waterway health of identified high value waterways with a minimum requirement of maintaining current health.

* 6857 MARRICKVILLE SOUTH COVID-19 SUPPORT—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

What additional support services has the Department of Communities and Justice deployed to communities living in social and community housing in South Marrickville over the course of the Delta outbreak?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) has provided wide ranging support to social and community housing tenants during the Delta outbreak.

These supports have included;

- Suppling facemasks to all social housing residents living in multi-unit dwellings
- Providing regular Health alerts and updates via SMS messages
- Providing information on vaccination locations, dates and times. Including, links to make vaccination appointments were also provided.

In response to a small number of COVID-19 positive cases or exposure to COVID-19, DCJ hand delivered letters to tenants and sent SMS messages. These letters and messages contained information from NSW Health, and information about how to access supports and information from DCJ.

A1800-hotline was activated by DCJ once it was aware of COVID-19 exposure in multi-unit dwellings in Marrickville. This 1800 number was available to the tenants of properties in Marrickville, enabling them to contact DCJ for support.

Community housing providers (CHPs); St George Community Housing (SGCH), Bridge Housing, Metro Housing and the Women's Housing Company also provide a small number social housing homes in the Marrickville area.

CHPs continue to provide welfare calls to vulnerable clients, referrals to support services as appropriate and support households impacted by wage reductions related to the pandemic. CHPs provide engagement and wellbeing activities online using technology to connect people and the community, sharing up-to-date health information on websites and across a range of social media platforms, in line with messaging distributed by DCJ and NSW Health.

CHPs also distributed masks to Marrickville clients and increased common area cleaning in high density complexes.

* 6858 PUBLIC HOUSING AT LIVINGSTONE ROAD, MARRICKVILLE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What maintenance work is currently being conducted at the public housing at the corner of Addison Road and Petersham Road, Petersham?
 - (a) What is the total amount of money being spent on these maintenance works?
 - (b) When these maintenance works are completed, what will be the total cost of the remaining backlog of maintenance works at the property?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) is undertaking upgrading works at Livingstone Road, Marrickville. Works include conservation and repairs to the facades of the buildings, roof replacements, structural repairs, and stormwater, electrical and fire safety upgrades.
 - (a) Approximately \$2 million.
 - (b) LAHC bases its maintenance expenditure on priority and need.

* 6859 COVID-19 MISINFORMATION—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many reports or complaints of misinformation about COVID-19 or vaccinations for COVID-19 have been reported to the Health Care and Complaints Commission (HCCC) since the Delta outbreak in June?
 - (a) How many of these complaints have been investigated by the HCCC?
 - (b) How many of these investigations have resulted in a criminal or adverse finding?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that the Health Care and Complaints Commission (HCCC) case management system does not separately capture and record COVID-19 complaints concerning ‘misinformation’ or ‘vaccination’ as a specific issue category. Complaints are recorded across a range of the standard issue categories, including treatment, conduct, communication, medication, and consent.

For the period 1 June to 20 November 2021, there have been 1,362 complaints received about COVID-19 related matters.

- (a) Of the total number of COVID-19 complaints received during the period 1 June to 20 November 2021, 61 complaints have been referred for formal investigation.
- (b) Criminal findings are a matter for police and the courts. The HCCC refers any elements of potential criminality to police as part of the investigative process. These investigations are recent and the associated actions and findings are still in the process of being determined.

* 6860 ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Is the Government modelling the economic impact of shutting down the Inner West Light Rail for up to 18 months?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, what is the projected economic impact of the closure?

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- (2) What contact has the Government made with impacted local businesses along the line?
- (3) Given the impact on these businesses, particularly following the long shutdown due to the COVID-19 Delta outbreak, is the Government preparing a compensation package?
 - (a) If so, when will businesses be able to apply?
 - (b) What will be the criteria for businesses to be eligible for compensation?
 - (c) How much compensation will businesses be able to apply for?

Answer—

Transport for NSW recognises that, with the backdrop of the COVID-19 economic recovery, collaboration with local Government, businesses and community is key to achieving good outcomes.

Transport for NSW is working alongside the Small Business Commissioner to engage with and support businesses impacted by the light rail suspension.

Transport for NSW's initial engagement and communication was focused on implementing and communicating the long-term replacement service plan. Transport for NSW has supported Transdev, the operator of the Sydney Light Rail network, in liaising with key stakeholders including schools about these changes.

Transdev has issued notification emails to over 230 business and community groups along, or with an interest in, the L1 Dulwich Hill Line, as well as the L2 Randwick Line or L3 Kingsford Line and surrounding areas. Additionally, courtesy calls were made to schools and major stakeholders. As part of these communications, Transdev provided advice on the replacement bus services available.

Transport for NSW and Transdev will continue to provide extensive proactive communications, both on-mode and on-line, about the closure of the L1 Dulwich Hill Light Rail Line, particularly in relation to the alternative transport arrangements that are in place.

* 6861 INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL REPLACEMENT BUS ACCESSIBILITY—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Are all replacement buses servicing the Inner West Light Rail line fully accessible, including featuring LED destination signs on the front of the bus to assist those who are vision impaired?
- (2) Considering all services on the Inner West Light Rail were fully accessible, why is this not the case with replacement buses now the line has been closed for up to 18 months?
- (3) Are replacement bus services specifically addressed in the Transport for NSW Disability Inclusion Plan 2018-2022?
 - (a) If not, why?
- (4) Is the Government complying with the key actions set out in the Transport for NSW Disability Inclusion Plan 2018-2022 by providing fully accessible replacement buses while the Inner West Light Rail is closed for up to 18 months?
 - (a) If not, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Transport for NSW will utilise only accessible buses as replacement services where possible. Additional processes are in place to assist customers who require alternative accessible transport to reach their destination.

(3) Yes.

(4) Yes.

* 6862 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many electric charging stations will be installed at locations in the Summer Hill electorate as part of the Electric Vehicles Strategy?
- (2) How will the location of electric vehicle charging stations in metropolitan Sydney be determined?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW does not hold this information.
- (2) The Government has committed \$171 million over the next four years to support the roll out of more electric vehicle charging infrastructure. This will include targeting sites in metropolitan Sydney. The Government is finalising the procurement approach

* 6863 FARE REVENUE FROM THE INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the annual fare revenue collected on the Inner West Light Rail in each of the following periods:
 - (a) 2014-2015?
 - (b) 2015-2016?
 - (c) 2016-2017?
 - (d) 2017-2018?
 - (e) 2018-2019?
 - (f) 2019-2020?
 - (g) 2020-2021?
 - (h) To 16 November 2021 in 2021-2022?
- (2) What is the projected patronage on the replacement buses for the Inner West Light Rail for each of the next eighteen months?
 - (a) What is the projected fare revenue collected on replacement bus services in each of the next eighteen months?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Information about annual fare box revenue is in the Transport for NSW Annual Report.
- (2) Due to COVID-19, patronage and revenue is difficult to accurately project.

* 6864 INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE INSPECTIONS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) When were the 12 Urbos 3 light rail vehicles accepted from the Spanish manufacturers?
- (2) Who inspected the trains before despatch in Spain?
- (3) Was there a representative from Transport for NSW present at the point of manufacture?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Each light rail vehicle was accepted by Transport for NSW and handed over to the operator, Transdev, to enter service from 22 July 2014 to 29 May 2015.
- (2) Prior to shipping from Spain, inspections were completed by a rolling stock engineering firm engaged by Transport for NSW for this procurement.
- (3) Transport for NSW project management and contractors attended the factory in Spain and were present at various stages during the manufacturing process.

* 6865 METRO WORKS SHUT DOWN—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Given the shut down of the Inner West Light Rail, does Transport for NSW still intend to proceed with the six week shut down of the T3 Bankstown Line over December 2021 and January 2022 for works to convert the heavy rail line for Sydney Metro?
- (2) What is the total number of replacement buses expected to service passengers who would usually use the heavy light rail?
- (3) Where will they park and what additional planning is being undertaken to avoid traffic impacts on local streets due to two replacement bus services running simultaneously?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The T3 Bankstown Line will not be closed for six weeks.

The next stage of major work to upgrade the T3 Bankstown Line to metro standards will take place between 26 December 2021 and 9 January 2022, when there are fewer customers on the rail network.

Rail replacement bus services will be provided during this period. A number of bus services will also operate to transport customers to select stations on the T8 Airport and South Line.

Consultation with the local community is now open on proposed temporary parking changes to accommodate the additional bus services and keep customers moving during the upgrade works.

More information is available on the My Sydney website.

- (2) The heavy rail replacement bussing is expected to require around 100 buses on the busiest days.
- (3) Transport for NSW is working with the Inner West Council and Canterbury Bankstown Council to identify authorised bus stop and appropriate layover locations.

* 6866 GREENWAY PROJECT—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has Transport for NSW discussed with the Inner West Council ways that works for the GreenWay project can be brought forward given the shut down of the Inner West Light Rail for up to 18 months?
- (2) What of the projected works for the project would require the shut down of the Inner West Light Rail had it continued to be in operation?
- (3) What remaining funding from the Government is still to be contributed to the Inner West GreenWay project?

- (4) If further funds are still forthcoming, would the Minister consider bringing these funds forward to help facilitate works given the closure of the Inner West Light Rail?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Transport for NSW, in partnership with the Inner West Council, are reviewing the feasibility and options for fast tracking sections of the GreenWay project during the Inner West Light Rail shutdown.

(2) Inner West Council has indicated the following works would require a possible shutdown of the system:

- Works requiring the relocation of Sydney Trains' electrical assets in the light rail corridor, including the transformer at Waratah Mills.
- Any works planned in the rail corridor that are immediately near the operating area of the light rail system.

(3) and (4) Inner West Council is leading the project delivery and information is publicly available on their website.

* 6867 LIVE TRIP DATA FOR INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL REPLACEMENT BUSES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Is the on-time running and live trip data of replacement buses for the Inner West Light Rail service available for commuters via online transport apps?

(a) If not, why not?

(2) Given the 18 month shut down of the line, will Transport for NSW make live trip data for replacement buses available?

Answer—

I am advised:

On-time running and live trip data is available for all transport services, including the

replacement buses for the Inner West Light Rail services, via the Transport for NSW website and online transport apps.

* 6868 INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL REPAIRS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) What is the estimated cost of repairing the cracks in the twelve light rail vehicles used on the Inner West Light Rail?

(2) Who is currently assessing the cost of repairing the cracks?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW and ALTRAC Light Rail are conducting detailed investigations, as requested by Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles (CAF). The investigations will provide information which will enable CAF to determine the appropriate repair plan for the twelve light rail vehicles. As the investigations are still progressing, the estimated cost of repairing the cracks is yet to be determined.

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* 6869 INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL REPLACEMENT BUS PARKING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Are replacement buses for the defunct Inner West Light Rail service parking on local residential streets around light rail stations?
 - (a) If so, on what streets surrounding each station on the light rail line are replacement buses directed and/or permitted to park?
 - (b) How many replacement buses are allowed to park on each street at any given time?
 - (c) Are local residents notified that their residential street will be used for this purpose?
 - (d) How many complaints from residents have been received about this issue since cracks were discovered on the light rail vehicles and service ceased?
 - (e) Are drivers instructed not to idle their vehicles?
 - (f) What monitoring and enforcement of the rules around and impacts of replacement buses for the Inner West Light Rail is occurring?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) and (b) Replacement bus stop locations are publicly available on the Transportnsw.info website. Transport for NSW has been working with relevant Councils to ensure only appropriate and authorised bus stops and layover locations are used.
 - (c) A community notification was distributed on 29 November 2021 to approximately 10,000 residents and businesses along the replacement bus routes.
 - (d) The Transport Info Line, 131 500, has received 141 calls related to the Inner West Light Rail. This includes general feedback and enquiries, as well as timetable and trip planning queries.
 - (e) Yes, when drivers are laying over, they are instructed to turn the bus off.
 - (f) Transport for NSW has undertaken to proactively monitoring the bus services and the surrounding traffic network.

* 6870 PENALTY NOTICES ISSUED RELATING TO COVID-19 DELTA HEALTH DIRECTIVE BREACHES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) In relation to the penalty notices issued in New South Wales since the commencement of the COVID-19 Delta health directives, to 13 October 2021, how many recipients of these fines opted to contest the fines:
 - (a) In court?
 - (b) Through Revenue NSW?
- (2) In relation to the penalty notices issued in the Summer Hill electorate since the commencement of the COVID-19 Delta health directives, to 13 October 2021, how many recipients of these fines opted to contest the fines:
 - (a) In court?
 - (b) Through Revenue NSW?

Answer—

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

- * 6871 PROSECUTIONS UNDER SECTION 93Z OF THE CRIMES ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

How many prosecutions have there been under section 93Z of the Crimes Act since the introduction of that provision?

Answer—

I am advised:

Six persons have been charged with committing an offence under section 93Z of the Crimes Act since it was introduced. Of these, two convictions in 2020 were annulled in 2021; two had charges withdrawn in 2021; and two matters are to be heard in 2022.

- * 6872 ACTION AGAINST POLICE OFFICER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

What action has been or 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:

I have full confidence in the Commissioner of the NSW Police Force to take all necessary management actions in relation to this matter. As this matter is currently being finalised, it would not be appropriate for me as Minister to make any further comment at the current time.

- * 6873 LETTERBOX DROP WITH NOTICE FOR UPDATED SPEED LIMIT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) What was the area covered by the letterbox drop undertaken by Transport for NSW to inform residents of the proposed 30 kmph speed limit in Liverpool Central Business District (CBD)?

(a) Did the letterbox CBD drop area referred to above only include the area in which the limit was imposed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The letterbox drop took place in residential areas bounded by Park Road and Crimson Crescent in the west, Shrivener and Shore streets in the east, Lawrence Hargrave Drive in the north, and Hoxton Park Road and Atkinson Street in the south.

The letterbox drop exceeded the area of the 30km/hr speed limit.

- * 6874 SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) In the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, how many Government properties were sold in:

(a) Liverpool State electorate?

(b) Liverpool City Council area?

Answer—

I am advised:

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In the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, 14 NSW Government-owned properties were sold in the Liverpool state electorate, and 39 NSW Government owned properties were sold in the Liverpool Local Government Area (LGA).

Information on the number of property sales was extracted from the Government Property Register on 18 November 2021. Property sales within the Liverpool LGA and Liverpool state electorate have been identified based on current boundaries, which may have changed over time.

- * 6875 VACANT LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION PROPERTIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

How many properties owned by the Land and Housing Corporation in the Liverpool electorate are vacant as at 15 November 2021?

Answer—

I am advised:

There were 107 vacant properties owned by the NSW Land and Housing Corporation and managed by the Department of Communities and Justice.

According to the Commonwealth Government Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services 2021, as at 30 June 2020, the recorded percentage of public housing dwellings occupied in New South Wales was 97.8 per cent. This is higher than the 97 per cent national average for public housing.

- * 6876 NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE FORCE EVIDENCE REVIEW—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

What action has been taken by the NSW Police Force in response to the request by the NSW State Coroner to conduct a review into all evidence concerning the Luna Park Ghost Train fire of 1979?

Answer—

I am advised:

As requested by the NSW State Coroner, the NSW Police Force is conducting a review of relevant materials to identify any lines of enquiry which may assist the Coroner. For further information, please refer to the response provided to Legislative Council Question on Notice 7659. However, please note that the Coroner extended the deadline for the ABC to provide relevant materials to the NSW Police Force to 14 December 2021.

- * 6877 METRO RENEWAL PROGRAM FUNDING—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Which were the projects funded under the Metro Renewal Program in the Liverpool electorate as referred to in the answer to LA Q5814?

Answer—

As at 7 December 2021, the Metro Renewal Program has delivered the following projects at schools in the Liverpool electorate:

- Busby Public School – canteen upgrade
- Busby West Public School – canteen upgrade
- Green Valley Public School – upgrade to all external hard standing areas
- James Busby High School – upgrade to the external wall cladding of the school support unit

- * 6878 ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT CONDUCT COMMISSION REVIEW—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

What actions will you take in response to the recent Discussion Paper by the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission on the Review of the operation of the amendments to the consorting laws under Part 3A, Division 7 of the Crimes Act 1900?

Answer—

I am advised:

The New South Wales Police Force is currently considering the contents and conclusions made by the Law Enforcement and Conduct Commission in their recent Discussion Paper titled, the 'Review of the Operation of the Amendments to the Consorting Law under Part 3A Division 7 of the *Crimes Act 1900*'.

- * 6879 PROSECUTIONS UNDER S93Z OF THE CRIMES ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

(1) Have further prosecutions been commenced under s93Z of the Crimes Act in relation to the two matters where convictions were annulled because the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions had not been obtained before prosecutions commenced?

(a) If not, why not?

(b) If so, what was the outcome?

Answer—

I am advised:

No further proceedings have been commenced in relation to the annulled convictions. Decisions to commence proceedings under section 93Z of the Crimes Act 1900 are a matter for the NSW Police Force and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

- * 6880 INCREASE IN VOLUME OF CYCLISTS IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

In relation to your answer to LA Q5980, what evidence was and is there of the volume of cycling and any increase thereof in the portion of Liverpool Central Business District covered by the 30kmph speed limit?

Answer—

I am advised:

The roads in the Liverpool Central Business District are local roads under the care and control of Liverpool City Council. Further information in relation to volumes of cycling is available via Council's website.

- * 6881 TRANSPORT FOR NSW INVESTIGATION ASSISTANCE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Did Transport for NSW fail to provide police with computer records relating to the 2018 murder of Nicole Cartwright?

(a) If so, why?

(2) Did Transport for NSW sack its then employee (Mr T. Wood) for assisting police with their inquiries into the 2018 murder of Nicole Cartwright?

(a) If so, why?

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Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the responses to the November 2021 Transport and Roads Budget Estimates Supplementary Questions 17 to 20.

- * 6882 REDEVELOPMENT PLANS OF SOCIAL HOUSING UNITS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

What current plans does the Government have to redevelop social housing units in the Liverpool electorate in the year 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are four projects in the Liverpool electorate estimated to deliver 113 social housing dwellings.

- * 6883 INQUEST INTO THE LUNA PARK GHOST TRAIN FIRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

What progress, if any, has been made into holding a fresh inquest into the Luna Park Ghost Train Fire of 1979?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer the Member to my answer to LA QON 5507.

- * 6884 RELOCATION OF CORPORATE SERVICES STAFF—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

When will the relocation of Corporate Services staff in the Department of Communities and Justice from Liverpool to Parramatta commence and when will it conclude?

Answer—

I am advised:

The relocation of Department of Communities and Justice corporate services staff from Liverpool to Parramatta is anticipated to commence in February 2022 and will be completed by April 2022.

- * 6885 SOCIAL HOUSING MAINTENANCE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) For each of the following suburbs how much was spent on social housing maintenance in the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021:

- (a) Liverpool?
- (b) Warwick Farm?
- (c) Sadlier?
- (d) Ashcroft?
- (e) Heckenberg?
- (f) Miller?
- (g) Busby?

- (h) Hinchinbrook?
- (i) Green Valley?
- (j) Hoxton Park?
- (k) Caitwright?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2020-21, \$13.628 million was spent on the maintenance of Land and Housing Corporation-owned/Department of Communities and Justice-managed properties across the suburbs listed.

- * 6886 LAWS IN THE PREVENTION OF ORGANISED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Will the Police adopt the suggestion by the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission to incorporate more substantively into Standard Operating Procedures recommendations by the Ombudsman about consorting laws to focus on the prevention of organised criminal activity that establishes, uses and builds up criminal networks?

Answer—

I am advised:

The New South Wales Police Force is currently considering the contents and conclusions made by the Law Enforcement and Conduct Commission in their recent Discussion Paper titled, the 'Review of the Operation of the Amendments to the Consorting Law under Part 3A Division 7 of the Crimes Act 1900'.

- * 6887 VILLAWOOD TRAIN STATION EASY ACCESS UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Given that \$365 million has been allocated for station upgrades in the state, does the Government plan to improve the accessibility of Villawood train station?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, when does the Government anticipate to undertake accessibility upgrades at Villawood train station?

Answer—

I am advised:

Making public transport more accessible continues to be a priority of the Government. More than \$2.2 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.

While Villawood Station is not currently scheduled for an accessibility upgrade, the Government is committed to providing accessible, modern and integrated infrastructure across the New South Wales transport network. Accessibility upgrades have recently been completed at nearby Birrong and Canley Vale.

Villawood Station is considered as a future project as part of the Transport Access Program.

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* 6888 PUBLIC SPACES LEGACY PROGRAM FUNDS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) With respect to the Public Spaces Legacy Program, did the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment allocate any funds to Canterbury-Bankstown Council?
- (a) If so, how much has been received?
- (b) If so, when is the estimated completion date of the approved projects?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Canterbury-Bankstown Council was allocated \$5.5 million under the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program.
- (a) The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has so far released \$825,000 to Canterbury-Bankstown Council, in accordance with an executed funding agreement.
- (b) The estimated completion date of the ‘Paul Keating Park Precinct’ being delivered by Canterbury-Bankstown Council is December 2022.

* 6889 PUBLIC SPACES LEGACY PROGRAM APPLICATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

How many applications did the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment receive from Canterbury-Bankstown Council with respect to the Public Spaces Legacy Program?

Answer—

I am advised:

One.

* 6890 FUNDING PUBLIC PARKS IN BANKSTOWN AND EAST HILLS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

Which parks in the electorates of Bankstown and East Hills have received funding in the last 24 months?

Answer—

I am advised:

The following public parks have received Government funding in the last 24 months:

- Bankstown: Paul Keating Park, Thurina Park, Flinders Slopes, Northcote Park Playspace.
- East Hills: Kelso Park North, Killara Reserve, Playford Park.

* 6891 BANKSTOWN AND EAST HILLS PUBLIC PARKS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

What funding has the Government provided to public parks in the electorates of Bankstown and East Hills?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has provided the following funding amounts for public parks in the electorates of Bankstown and East Hills over the past 24 months:

Park	Electorate	Funding Amount	Funding Program
Paul Keating Park	Bankstown	\$5,500,00	Public Spaces Legacy Program
Kelso Park North	East Hills	Approx \$10,000*	2020 Greening our City Grant Program
Killara reserve	East Hills	Approx \$30,000*	2020 Greening our City Grant Program
Playford Park	East Hills	Approx \$3,000*	2020 Greening our City Grant Program
Thurina Park	Bankstown	Approx \$10,000*	2020 Greening our City Grant Program
Flinders Slopes	Bankstown	Approx \$3,000*	2020 Greening our City Grant Program
Northcote Park Playspace	Bankstown	\$50,000	Everyone Can Play
Flinders Slopes	Bankstown	\$200,000	Everyone Can Play
TOTAL		\$5,806,000	

Further information can be found online via:

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Planning-reforms/NSW-Public-Spaces-Legacy-Program>

<http://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/premiers-priorities/greening-our-city/greening-our-city-grants/greening-our-city-grants-round-two>

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Open-space-and-parklands/Everyone-Can-Play-in-NSW>

- * 6892 DENDROBIUM EXTENSION PROJECT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

Has South32 lodged a new planning proposal for the Dendrobium Extension Project?

Answer—

I am advised:

South32 has lodged a request with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) for environmental assessment requirements for a new project. The Department is currently consulting with relevant Government agencies regarding these requirements and will issue Secretary's environmental assessment requirements (SEARs) shortly.

The SEARs will require a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement to be prepared for the project, including independent peer review of key studies and consultation with community and other stakeholders.

- * 6893 DENDROBIUM EXTENSION PROJECT - STATE SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has the Minister declared any future development for the South32 Dendrobium Extension Project to be State Significant Infrastructure so that the Minister may determine the project?

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Answer—

Yes. The Dendrobium Mine Extension Project was declared State Significant Infrastructure on 2 December 2021.

* 6894 FUNDING TO PURCHASE VENTILATORS FOR BANKSTOWN SCHOOLS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Have any schools in the electorate of Bankstown received funding to purchase ventilators?
 - (a) If so, which schools have received funding?

Answer—

The Government is delivering a \$100 million air quality assurance program to support ongoing improvements to air quality in New South Wales schools.

The Department of Education's approach to ventilation in schools is strongly supported by expert advice. The vast majority of spaces in schools are adequately ventilated through natural and mechanically assisted ventilation.

Air purification is only recommended where air quality is compromised by bush fire smoke or where natural ventilation cannot be achieved. The department will provide air purifiers to schools as required.

The department is supporting schools to adapt lessons and make full use of all school facilities, including outdoor learning areas.

There are over 8,500 covered outdoor learning areas (COLAs) and shade structures in Government schools, with 368 COLAs and shade structure projects completed in the past 2 years.

There is a comprehensive range of measures in place, including the staggered return of students, vaccinations of all school staff, servicing and cleaning of air conditioning systems, outdoor teaching, use of masks, additional hygiene supplies and enhanced cleaning.

Schools continue to be provided with updated advice and support on a range of infection control and hygiene measures, as well as a stock of hand sanitiser and supplies of personal protective equipment.

Information on the framework for COVID-safe school operations is publicly available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/business/covid-safe-business/ventilation>.

* 6895 COOLER CLASSROOMS PROGRAM - WATTAWA HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Why has Wattawa Heights Public School to date not received approval for the Cooler Classrooms program?
 - (a) When will Wattawa Heights Public School receive approval for the Cooler Classrooms program?

Answer—

The Government is investing a record \$500 million over five years to provide a sustainable air conditioning program in thousands of classrooms and library spaces in more than 900 public schools. This is the first time there has been a dedicated program to install air-conditioning in New South Wales public schools with priority given to schools in the hottest part of the state.

More than 600 schools were automatically eligible for the program as, based on data from the Bureau of Meteorology, they experience a mean maximum January temperature of 30 degrees Celsius and above.

Schools that experience a mean maximum January temperature below 30 degrees Celsius were invited to submit an application to the Cooler Classrooms Program. An application was received from Wattawa Heights Public School which has not yet been approved.

The Department of Education will consider how to address additional air conditioning requirements following the rollout of the current delivery priorities.

It is important to note that an application to the Cooler Classrooms Program does not indicate a school does not have existing air-conditioning. All demountable classrooms are also air conditioned.

* 6896 COOLER CLASSROOMS PROGRAM 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—

(1) Why has Chester Hill High School to date not received approval for the Cooler Classrooms program?

(a) When will Chester Hill High School receive approval for the Cooler Classrooms program?

Answer—

The Government is investing a record \$500 million over five years to provide a sustainable air conditioning program in thousands of classrooms and library spaces in more than 900 public schools. This is the first time there has been a dedicated program to install air conditioning in New South Wales schools, with priority given to schools in the hottest part of the State.

More than 600 schools were automatically eligible for the program as, based on data from the Bureau of Meteorology, they experience a mean maximum January temperature of 30 degrees Celsius and above.

Schools that experience a mean maximum January temperature below 30 degrees Celsius were invited to submit an application to the Cooler Classrooms Program. An application was received from Chester Hill High School and has not yet been approved.

The Department of Education will consider how to address additional air conditioning requirements following the rollout of the current delivery priorities.

It is important to note that an application to the Cooler Classrooms Program does not indicate a school does not have existing air-conditioning. All demountable classrooms are also air conditioned.

* 6897 COVID-19 PENALTY NOTICES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

(1) In relation to the personal infringement notices handed out in breach of the public health orders from March 2020 to 13 October 2021 for the below postcodes:

(a) 2515

(i) What was the value of these fines?

(ii) How many have been paid?

(iii) What is the value of the outstanding fines?

(b) 2516

(i) What was the value of these fines?

(ii) How many have been paid?

(iii) What is the value of the outstanding fines?

(c) 2517

(i) What was the value of these fines?

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- (ii) How many have been paid?
- (iii) What is the value of the outstanding fines?
- (d) 2518
 - (i) What was the value of these fines?
 - (ii) How many have been paid?
 - (iii) What is the value of the outstanding fines?
- (e) 2519
 - (i) What was the value of these fines?
 - (ii) How many have been paid?
 - (iii) What is the value of the outstanding fines?
- (f) 2500
 - (i) What was the value of these fines?
 - (ii) How many have been paid?
 - (iii) What is the value of the outstanding fines?
- (g) 2525
 - (i) What was the value of these fines?
 - (ii) How many have been paid?
 - (iii) What is the value of the outstanding fines?
- (2) If data is not collected by postcode, is it available for Wollongong local government area?

Answer—

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

- * 6898 EXTENDING LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING INSTRUMENTS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

Is the Government considering land tax exemptions to local government areas in rural and regional New South Wales to create financial incentives to build more affordable housing for lower-income earners?

Answer—

No, the Government is not currently considering this proposal.

- * 6899 FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN RURAL AND REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

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

Answer—

No, the Government is not currently considering the land tax proposals as described. Questions relating to extending planning instruments more generally are best directed to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

* 6900 80 BETTY CUTHBERT DRIVE, LIDCOMBE—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Is there a school proposed for any land on the 80 Betty Cuthbert Drive, Lidcombe site?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) What is the size of the parcel of land required for the school?
 - (ii) Is any proposed school a public high school or a public primary school?

Answer—

Planning for future educational facilities on the site is in the very early stages to determine the type, size and timing for new schools to meet projected enrolment growth in the area.

* 6901 SOCIAL HOUSING FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Have Social Housing properties in GW10 allocation zone received any funding as part of the Land and Housing Corporation Maintenance Stimulus Program?
 - (a) If so, how much?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about Government's investment in social housing maintenance is available at: www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/maintenance.

Funding has been allocated across Greater Sydney and regional New South Wales based on priority need.

* 6902 MEASURES TO MITIGATE SOCIAL HOUSING WAIT TIMES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

What measures will the Government put in place to mitigate the extended waiting time for Social Housing applicants?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

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

Expected wait times on the NSW Housing Register can be found on the Department of Communities and Justice's (DCJ) website at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/expected-waiting-times>

The time an applicant waits for social housing depends on:

- The number of suitable vacancies, and how many social housing properties are in the allocation zone
- The number of approved applicants looking for the same type of property in their allocation zone

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- Acceptance of offers of public housing, community housing or Aboriginal housing (for eligible applicants)
- The number of people approved for priority housing above people who do not have a priority need.

Applicants with complex housing requirements must demonstrate they are in need of urgent housing and are not able to rent privately by showing they have tried to find accommodation in the private rental market before they can be considered for priority housing.

Private rental assistance (PRA) can be offered to clients, either in place of social housing or while they are waiting on the NSW Housing Register. PRA helps clients to establish or keep a sustainable tenancy in the private rental market.

PRA products include Rentstart which includes Rentstart Bond Loan (an interest-free loan to help clients start a private rental tenancy) and Advance Rent (extra financial support for clients in crisis, to establish a private rental tenancy). Additionally Private Rental Brokerage service, Bond Extra and Private Rental Subsidies are options available under the private rental assistance offered by DCJ. Further details about these PRA products are available on the DCJ website.

* 6903 INCIDENCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Has the incidence of domestic violence increased in the Fairfield electorate since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020?
 - (a) If so, what measures has the Government put in place to mitigate these increases?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

Since the commencement of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Fairfield City Police Area Command (PAC) has implemented a number of measures to prevent domestic violence and to support those experiencing domestic violence in the Fairfield area. These measures include:

- Deploying NSW Police Force Multicultural Liaison Officers (MCLOs) to engage with local domestic violence networks and support agencies to provide education and guidance. MCLOs have worked alongside other NSW Police Force personnel to deliver key messaging in multiple languages.
- In March 2020, a MCLO was specifically assigned to the Fairfield City PAC to assist the Command's Domestic Violence Team.
- In April 2021 the Fairfield City Capability and Prevention team was established. The Team prioritises the arrest of domestic violence offenders, monitors their compliance with Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders (ADVOs), and bail conditions.
- Fairfield City PAC is also currently in the process of establishing the Women's Domestic Violence Court Assistance Support (WDVCAS) co-location project. It is anticipated that this project will commence in early 2022.
- The Fairfield City PAC also takes part and utilises other NSW Police Force projects and initiatives to address domestic violence in the Fairfield area.

* 6904 PLANS FOR DEMOLITION AND REBUILDING OF OLDER SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES—
Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Are there any plans to demolish and rebuild existing older social housing properties in the GW10 allocation zone?
 - (a) If so, how many properties will be part of this process?
 - (b) When will the process begin?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) is delivering 10 social housing dwellings across two projects in Bonnyrigg and Fairfield, due for completion by March 2022.

Further details about LAHC projects are available at <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation>.

* 6905 SOCIAL HOUSING ASSET REVIEW—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) When was the last time social housing assets were reviewed in the GW10 allocation zone?
 - (a) Did any changes occur as a result of this review?
 - (i) If so, what were these changes?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation is continually reviewing the State's portfolio of social housing assets to identify opportunities to deliver more and better housing throughout New South Wales.

In 2020-21, 35 new social homes were completed in the GW10 allocation zone.

* 6906 FAIRFIELD STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES HEADQUARTERS UPGRADE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Is the Fairfield State Emergency Services headquarters scheduled for upgrading works?
 - (a) If so, when will the works commence?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

In accordance with the State Emergency Service Act 1989, it is the responsibility of local Government to provide facilities for the NSW State Emergency Service (SES), free of charge.

There are currently no scheduled or planned works for the NSW SES Fairfield Unit facility.

The NSW SES works closely with local councils to ensure volunteers are provided with suitable facilities to perform their critical work in supporting local communities during times of crisis.

The NSW SES would consider providing a Unit Building Grant to Fairfield City Council upon request.

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* 6907 MAINTENANCE FOR FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Considering that Fairfield Public School is one hundred and thirty two years old and a place of local historical significance, has the Government implemented special maintenance protocols to protect it?

(a) If so, what are these protocols?

Answer—

The Department of Education has a well-defined maintenance strategy that ensures all statutory and preventive maintenance is completed as the first priority to ensure our schools are safe and compliant. Planned maintenance is undertaken in parallel and in consultation with the school principal. The maintenance needs of all buildings are assessed annually as part of this process.

Schools across the State are housed in many historic buildings and where heritage requirements or preservation work is needed a Conservation Management Plan or a Conservation Works Schedule is put in place. In the case of buildings at Fairfield Public School, there are no specific measures currently considered necessary.

* 6908 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE BACKLOG—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Will schools in the Fairfield electorate be on the list for clearing the maintenance backlog in New South Wales schools?

(a) If so, when will these maintenance works be completed?

Answer—

The Department of Education has a well-defined maintenance strategy that ensures all statutory and preventive maintenance is completed as the first priority to ensure our schools are safe and compliant.

Planned maintenance is undertaken in parallel and in consultation with the school principal.

* 6909 EXTRA FUNDING FOR TEACHERS AIDES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Will the Government allocate extra funds for teacher's aides in Government schools in the Fairfield electorate post COVID-19 pandemic?

(a) If so, how much funding will be allocated?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) On 18 October 2021, the Government made a major funding commitment to extend a renewed COVID Intensive Learning Support Program for all Government schools in the Fairfield electorate for 2022.

To support the implementation of the 2022 program, Government schools in the Fairfield electorate, can employ experienced School Learning Support Officers to supplement their small group tuition programs. School Learning and Support Officers work under the supervision and direction of a teacher.

(a) The total COVID Intensive Learning Support Program funding allocation for Government schools in the Fairfield electorate for 2022 is \$7,503,596.

(b) N/A

* 6910 ASSISTANCE WITH JOB CREATION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, and Minister for Trade and Industry—

(1) Does the Government have any plans to assist with job creation in the Fairfield electorate post COVID-19 pandemic?

(a) If so, what are these plans?

Answer—

The Government's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Strategy sets a state-wide roadmap to recover jobs, support vulnerable communities, and restore business activity and confidence.

The \$5 billion WestInvest Fund will support medium-term economic recovery, help create jobs and improve the quality of life of the people and communities of Western Sydney. The Fairfield LGA is one of the 15 eligible LGAs that will be able to access the WestInvest Fund.

\$3 billion is allocated for:

- parks, urban spaces, and green space
- enhancing community infrastructure
- modernising local schools
- creating and enhancing arts and cultural facilities
- revitalising high streets
- clearing local traffic.

\$2 billion is allocated for high priority projects, to be developed in consultation with local communities.

* 6911 SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

What measures does the Government have in place to support families in the Fairfield electorate who care full-time for children with disabilities?

Answer—

The Government is investing \$3.6 billion in the NDIS in 2021-2022.

At 30 September 2021, there were 72,713 children and young people in New South Wales (under the age of 18) being supported directly through NDIS plans and a further 4,525 being supported through the Early Childhood Approach.

The Government also supports carers of children with disability through the NSW Carers Strategy 2020-2030. The strategy is available at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/inclusion/carers/nsw-carers-strategy>.

The Service NSW website includes a carer landing page which assists carers to self-identify and seek help. The page is a single access point for carers providing New South Wales-specific information about services and supports, making it easier for carers to access the right information and support. The page is available at: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/guide/carers>

* 6912 FUNDS ALLOCATED TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

(1) Will the Government be allocating extra funds to mental health services to assist individuals in the Fairfield electorate suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and other mental health issues, as a result of the Public Health restrictions Fairfield was placed under for an extended period of time throughout the 2021 lockdown?

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- (a) If so, how much funding will be allocated?
- (b) Which services will receive this funding?

Answer—

Health and Mental Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

* 6913 PLANS FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to redevelop any department of Fairfield Hospital?
 - (a) If so, which department?
 - (b) When will works begin?

Answer—

Fairfield Hospital is currently undertaking redevelopment works. Works had been suspended to comply with Public Health Orders around the use of contractors during the COVID-19 outbreak.

* 6914 EXTRA FUNDING TO COMMUNITY GROUPS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Will the Government provide extra funding to community groups in the Fairfield electorate to assist with the recuperation of funds exhausted during the 2021 lockdown?
 - (a) If so, how much funding will be provided?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Charities and not-for-profits can apply for grants under the Social Sector Support Fund. The fund has so far paid out \$10 million in grants, including to organisations delivering services in the Fairfield local government area (LGA).

A further \$22.5 million will also be available in the open application grant round of the Social Sector Support Fund. Further information about the fund is available at:

<https://www.coronavirus.dcj.nsw.gov.au/service-providers/government-assistance/social-sector-support-fund/chapters/guidelines-for-open-applications-grant-stream>. Grant applications closed on 28 November 2021.

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) also administered grants on behalf of Multicultural NSW. A list of organisations funded under the COVID-19 partnership grant, including those in the Fairfield LGA is published on DCJ's website at:

<https://www.coronavirus.dcj.nsw.gov.au/service-providers/government-assistance/covid-19-partnership-support-grant>.

* 6915 MANUFACTURING SECTOR JOB LOSSES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, and Minister for Trade and Industry—

What measures does the Government have in place to ensure no more jobs are lost in the manufacturing sector in Fairfield and Southwest Sydney?

Answer—

New South Wales is a leader in established and emerging manufacturing sectors such as food and beverage manufacturing, medtech, aerospace and defence, sectors which the Government has prioritised for support in our 2040 Economic Blueprint, Advanced Manufacturing Industry Development Strategy and Global NSW Strategy.

New South Wales produces almost one-third of Australia's total manufacturing output, generating around \$32 billion in industry value, and directly employs around 270,000 people, almost a third of all jobs in the sector nationwide. Western and South Western Sydney are critical to our manufacturing sector.

The Premier has recently announced a Commissioner for Modern Manufacturing. The Commissioner's role will be to identify local research and ideas that we can turn into manufacturing opportunities and jobs. This work will be supported by a taskforce headed by Tony Shepherd.

The Government is already supporting New South Wales manufacturing companies to diversify their supply chains and expand domestically and internationally. We are expanding our international trade and investment network to open doors to manufacturing businesses and industries to participate in global supply chains, connecting New South Wales with more suppliers, buyers and investors.

The Government will continue to fund the Industry Capability Network to provide supply chain matching services to SMEs, in sectors including manufacturing, to access private and public sector projects.

The Government's \$250 million NSW Jobs Plus program is supporting the expansion of New South Wales productive capacity and the reshoring of manufacturing supply chain components. Jobs Plus is designed to support Australian and international companies, including manufacturers, who want to enter or expand their footprint in New South Wales by reducing the cost of establishment, financial risk or increasing their speed to market.

The Government has announced funding for the First Building in the Bradfield City Centre - a multi-purpose facility that will support advanced manufacturing capabilities covering additive manufacturing, machining, composites and manufacturing digitisation and automation technology. This First Building is a significant first step towards the larger scale Advanced Manufacturing Research Facility.

And the Government is further supporting the state's advanced manufacturers through targeted and specialised workforce development and manufacturing skills programs such as:

- VET Diploma of Applied Technologies
- Driving Digital Skills program; and
- Digital Engineering Higher Apprenticeship model.

* 6916 PROBLEM GAMBLERS IN FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) How many problem gamblers have been identified in the Fairfield electorate as at November 2021?
 - (a) Has this number increased or decreased since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020?
 - (b) What measures has the Government put in place to combat online problem gambling?

Answer—

- (1) This information is not available. Statistics on the prevalence of gambling and problem gambling in New South Wales are available in the NSW Gambling Survey Report: https://www.responsiblegambling.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0008/881279/NSW-Gambling-Survey-2019-report-FINAL-AMENDED-Mar-2020.pdf
 - (a) This information is not available.

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- (b) The Commonwealth Government has primary responsibility for online gambling through the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 (Cth). The Commonwealth Government prohibits certain online services such as online casinos, in-play sports betting and betting on unlicensed wagering provider platforms to protect consumers.

The Government is working with the Commonwealth Government and other States and Territories to deliver the National Consumer Protection Framework for Online Wagering (NCPF). The NCPF is a set of ten consumer protection and harm minimisation initiatives aimed at supporting consumers manage their online wagering activity. Measures delivered already include requirements to offer budgeting tools and easy account closure processes, as well as a ban on certain harmful inducements to gamble.

The Government has also taken steps to remove certain harmful inducements to gamble from being advertised in New South Wales. New South Wales represents the high-water mark in Australia with respect to advertising inducements to gamble. Advertisements that include an inducement to participate or participate more frequently in any gambling activity are prohibited in New South Wales, as are the promotion of live odds during a sporting event. Breaches of these restrictions are actively prosecuted by Liquor and Gambling NSW (L&GNSW).

The Government through the Office of Responsible Gambling develops and implements programs, such as the GambleAware counselling service, that minimise the risk of gambling harm in the community. During the COVID-19 Pandemic between 2020-21, GambleAware saw a shift to online counselling, supporting over 5,300 people with over 29,400 counselling sessions delivered through face-to-face, telephone and online channels.

* 6917 HIGH SEVERITY CROWN FIRES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (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—

A member of the Government's Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is one of the report's authors. Its findings are consistent with those of scientific research by the Department of Primary Industries in 2020, which found no causal link between the extent or severity of the 2019/20 bushfires and native forestry. The DPI study looked at the entire fire-affected area in New South Wales across national parks, State forests and private forests and found that at the landscape scale fire severity was much the same regardless of tenure. The key finding of the Bowman et al research is reflected in the title, "The severity and extent of the Australia 2019–20 Eucalyptus forest fires are not the legacy of forest management".

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(Paper No. 131)

* 6918 COUNCIL COMPETITIVE GRANT FUNDING—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Is the Government exploring alternatives to competitive grants as funding sources for councils, to ensure equity for those rural councils who do not have the resources to employ a full-time grant writer?
 - (a) Is the 'user pays' model appropriate for rural Local Government Areas (LGA), which have a much lower rates base to fund basic and essential services?

Answer—

I am advised:

Councils should develop asset management plans and maintain assets in line with their Integrated Planning and Reporting Process (IP&R) responsibilities. Since 2011, the Government has provided more than \$12 billion to New South Wales councils to deliver and improve local infrastructure, services and facilities.

* 6919 REGIONAL HOUSING PACKAGE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Considering the \$35 million allocated to the Regional Housing Package:
 - (a) How many houses will be constructed in the Murrumbidgee and Far West Local Health Districts?
 - (i) When will construction commence?
 - (ii) When will construction conclude?
 - (b) What criteria was used when selecting the Hunter New England and Western New South Wales Local Health Districts as the first to trial the facilities?
 - (c) Will the Government commit further funds to the \$5 million that has been allocated to deliver Regional Housing Delivery Plans in partnership with local councils, industry and regional communities?

Answer—

I am advised that this question is best directed to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW.

* 6920 SALE OF NEW SOUTH WALES WATER—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) When did the Government approve a NSW Water Access Licence for Chinese Government-owned COFCO Corporation subsidiary Unibale Pty Ltd?
- (2) Which entity within the Government approved this Water Access Licence?
- (3) Does Unibale Pty Ltd now own more than 7,000 mega litres of water in the Gwydir Valley?
- (4) Why is this water ownership not recorded on the NSW Water Register?
- (5) Was the Government aware, before it approved any Water Access License for a COFCO Corporation subsidiary, that the Supreme Court of New South Wales had in 2017 ordered COFCO corporation to pay Australian beef producer Bindaree \$31.5 million over a failed deal?

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- (6) Given the Commonwealth Government's Foreign Investment Review Board does not screen for foreign water purchases, what screening does the Government do when foreign Governments buy New South Wales water?

Answer—

(1), (2), (4) and (5) The company was issued with water licences under the Water Act 1912 between 1987 and 1999. Since then, those licences were either cancelled or converted to licences under the Water Management Act 2000, between 2004 and 2006.

(3) This information is on the NSW Water Register.

(6) The question is incorrect. Since 1 July 2017, foreign persons have been required to register their holdings in registrable water entitlements and contractual water rights with the Australian Tax Office (ATO). Further information on this is available on the Foreign Investment Review Board website.

- * 6921 INOPERABLE HEAVY VEHICLE WEIGH BRIDGE AT DAROOBALGIE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) Why does the newly constructed weigh bridge at the Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station at Daroobalgie, near Forbes Livestock Exchange, remain inoperable and closed?
- (2) When can livestock owners and transport operators expect the weigh bridge to return to operation, and to increase efficiency, improve productivity and facilitate safe heavy vehicle movement along the Newell Highway and across the region?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Daroobalgie Heavy Vehicle Safety Station project is one of the largest safety station upgrades undertaken by Transport for NSW. The completed upgrade will provide an all-weather inspection facility.

Upgrades are in the final construction stage, with site drainage and weighbridge entry and exits works nearing completion.

While there have been a number of construction delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated Public Health Orders as well as unseasonal wet weather, Transport for NSW is working with the vendors to finalise the upgrade and complete all remaining works.

Ongoing road safety and heavy vehicle compliance programs are continuing without disruption at alternate locations along the Newell Highway and across the entire Western region.

- * 6922 2021 COVID-19 BUSINESS GRANTS IN THE GRANVILLE ELECTORATE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many applications were received for a 2021 COVID-19 business grant from businesses in the Granville electorate?
- (a) How many applications were:
- (i) Successful?
- (ii) Not successful?
- (2) How many applications were successful in each of the following postcode areas:
- (a) 2142?
- (b) 2145?

- (c) 2160?
- (d) 2161?

Answer—

- (1) Data is not available by electorate
- (2) As at 29 November 2021:
 - (a) 924 successful applications; 109 not approved and 12 in progress
 - (b) 1,879 successful applications; 152 not approved and 17 in progress
 - (c) 1,258 successful applications; 140 not approved and 14 in progress
 - (d) 1,023 successful applications; 122 not approved and 7 in progress

* 6923 JOBSAVER APPLICATIONS IN THE GRANVILLE ELECTORATE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many applications were received for a JobSaver payment from people in the Granville electorate?
 - (a) How many applications were:
 - (i) Successful?
 - (ii) Not successful?
- (2) How many applications were successful in each of the following postcode areas:
 - (a) 2142?
 - (b) 2145?
 - (c) 2160?
 - (d) 2161?

Answer—

- (1) Data is not available by electorate
- (2) As at 29 November 2021, for applications from businesses in these postcode areas for JobSaver Payments there were:
 - (a) 1,008 successful applications; 16 not approved and 14 in progress
 - (b) 1,946 successful applications; 26 not approved and 17 in progress
 - (c) 1,260 successful applications; 16 not approved and 22 in progress
 - (d) 1,073 successful applications; 14 not approved and 18 in progress

* 6924 RESTART NSW FUND BOOST—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

Considering that the Government has established a new \$5-billion WestInvest Fund for Western Sydney, funded by the privatisation of its residual 49 per cent stake in WestConnex for \$11.1 billion, will the Government direct the other half of this to boost the Restart NSW Fund in regional and rural New South Wales?

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Answer—

I refer the member to Chapter 4: The Restart NSW Fund in Budget Paper No 3: Infrastructure Statement from the 2021-2022 Budget for information on how the Restart NSW Fund is funded.

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* 6925 SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE MAITLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Ms Jenny Aitchison 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 Maitland Local Government Area, how many were registered in the following years:
 - (a) 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016?
 - (b) 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017?
 - (c) 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018?
 - (d) 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019?
 - (e) 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020?
 - (f) 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021?
 - (g) 1 July 2021 to 13 October 2021?
- (2) How many were successfully housed in the following years:
 - (a) 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016?
 - (b) 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017?
 - (c) 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018?
 - (d) 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019?
 - (e) 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020?
 - (f) 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021?
 - (g) 1 July 2021 to 13 October 2021?
- (3) How many have withdrawn their applications in the following years:
 - (a) 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016?
 - (b) 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017?
 - (c) 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018?
 - (d) 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019?
 - (e) 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020?
 - (f) 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021?
 - (g) 1 July 2021 to 13 October 2021?
- (4) How many were removed from the Housing Wait List by the relevant housing provider without a property being provided in the following years:
 - (a) 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016?
 - (b) 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017?

- (c) 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018?
- (d) 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019?
- (e) 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020?
- (f) 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021?
- (g) 1 July 2021 to 13 October 2021?

Answer—

I am advised:

Data as at 30 June 2020, for applicants on the social housing waiting register broken down by allocation zone, is available on the NSW Expected Waiting Times dashboard:

<https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/expected-waiting-times>

Data as at 30 June 2021, for applicants on the New South Wales social housing waiting list is expected to be available on the Expected Waiting Times Dashboard before the end of 2021.

* 6926 SUICIDE RATE IN THE MURRUMBIDGEE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) What specific research has the Government conducted or commissioned on why the suicide rate in the Murrumbidgee Local Health District has increased by 59 per cent since 2011?
 - (a) Where have the results of such research (if any) been published?
 - (b) Do the results of such research (if any) point more to acute environmental causes (e.g., natural disasters or personal tragedies), or chronic socio-cultural causes (lack of opportunity, loss of hope in the future)?
 - (c) If the answer to (b) eventuates to be the latter, will the Government commit to treating this as the emergency it is, and treat the socio-cultural causes of poor mental health, rather than only the symptoms of the deeper crisis?

Answer—

The NSW Suicide Monitoring System data show that suicide deaths in rural and regional New South Wales decreased by nearly 10 per cent in 2020 compared to 2019 (down from 456 to 414). The Suicide Monitoring System data for the Murrumbidgee region is consistent with long term averages and population growth. There were fewer deaths in 2020 (47) than in 2019 (54).

The Black Dog Institute has progressed four pilot programs, called Lifespan, across New South Wales to test the hypothesis that a whole of systems approach to suicide prevention would be most likely to reduce suicides.

The Murrumbidgee Region was one of the pilot sites with the Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network as the lead agency, supported by the members of the Murrumbidgee Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Alliance and other organisations including NSW Police Force and the NSW Department of Education. Results of the pilot are not yet available as it requires tracking over time.

Additionally, I refer the member to my response to LA Q5970.

* 6927 ABORIGINAL HOUSING OFFICE FUNDING—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Of the \$269.2 million of funding allocated to the Aboriginal Housing Office under the Interim Indigenous Expenditure Report (IER), what amount will be allocated to housing in the Murray electorate?

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Answer—

I am advised:

\$13.72 million.

* 6928 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Will the Government replace the staff who resigned from the Griffith Base Hospital pathology laboratory?
- (2) Will the number of staff employed in the Griffith Base Hospital pathology service be reduced?
- (3) Will the Government maintain the pathology service in Griffith Base Hospital?

Answer—

- (1) All vacant positions at NSW Health Pathology's laboratory located at Griffith Base Hospital are advertised in line with NSW Health recruitment and selection of staff guidelines. Recruiting and retaining medical and scientific positions in rural and regional areas is a recognised challenge across Australia.
- (2) I am advised that there is no plan to reduce the number of staff employed at NSW Health Pathology – Griffith.
- (3) NSW Health Pathology is planning to further develop its Griffith laboratory services to meet the current and future clinical needs of the hospital and community. NSW Health Pathology is working with Murrumbidgee Local Health District to plan, design and develop a new Griffith laboratory as part of the \$250 million redevelopment of Griffith Base Hospital.

* 6929 DEVELOPMENTAL LANGUAGE DISORDER—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What data does the Government have about the number of school students who have developmental language disorder (DLD):
 - (a) How many of these students are in schools in the Sydney electorate or inner city?
- (2) What evidence does the Government have about the likelihood of children with DLD experiencing anxiety, clinical depression and learning difficulties?
- (3) What measures does the Government have in place to ensure students with DLD are identified and supported in school?
 - (a) What support services operate in the Sydney electorate or inner city?
 - (i) How many students are getting this support?
 - (ii) How many students are waiting to get support?
- (4) What additional funding has the Government provided for diagnostic assessments and support beyond counselling and tuition referrals?
- (5) What training and resources does the Government provide educators to recognise and support students with DLD:
 - (a) What plans are there to expand this support?
- (6) What further plans does the Government have to increase public awareness and support for students with DLD?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education does not collect this data centrally.
- (2) The Department understands that developmental language disorder (DLD), as a specific learning disorder, is a risk factor for emotional and behavioural difficulties and is associated with higher levels of psychological distress.
- (3) The Department has specialist learning and support teacher positions across New South Wales to assist students with additional learning and support needs, including those with DLD, and their teachers. Schools have access to counselling and psychological services. The school counselling service provides psychoeducational assessments and provides psychological guidance around planning and implementation of support for students with disability, including those with language difficulties. The Department has developed a range of literacy diagnostic assessments for students from Kindergarten through to Year 12. These assessments support teachers to know more about students' literacy and numeracy skills at different stages mapped to New South Wales syllabuses and the National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions. Feedback from these assessments allow for targeted teaching that meets students' specific learning needs. A range of other departmental services are available to schools to support students including specialist learning and wellbeing advice, behaviour supports and transition supports.
 - (a) Schools in the inner Sydney area have access to learning and support positions as well as counselling and psychological services.
 - (i) The Department of Education does not hold this information centrally.
 - (ii) There are no waitlists for students to access the services provided by the Department of Education.
- (4) Through the low-level adjustment of disability (LLAD), schools receive funding to support education of all students who have additional learning and support needs, including those with language difficulties. Students do not need a formal diagnosis of DLD to access support through the LLAD. Students with learning difficulties such as DLD, who also have a confirmed disability, may be eligible for Integration Funding Support (IFS). IFS provide schools with additional funding to support students with disability in mainstream classes who have moderate to high learning and support needs. The COVID Intensive Learning Support Program (COVID ILSP) saw additional funding, professional learning and resources, including student assessment tools, provided to schools to support students whose learning has been most affected by the impact of COVID-19 and other disruptions. Implementation of the COVID ILSP included options for schools to use funding allocations to employ Allied Health Providers, including Speech Pathologists, to support small group tuition.
- (5) The Department has a strong focus on professional learning to build teacher skills to identify and respond to the learning and support needs of students, including students with DLD. Key professional learning and resources include:
 - Three 20-hour and one 40-hour tutor led New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA) accredited specialist courses:
 - Speech, Language and Communication Disorders
 - Dyslexia and Significant Reading Difficulties
 - Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder
 - Personalised Learning and Support
 - Disability Strategy Inclusion Hub of evidence-based resources and professional learning for teaching and supporting students with disability, including DLD.

Every mainstream New South Wales public school has access to a specialist learning and support teacher to build capacity of teachers to support students with disability, including those with DLD.

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Resources are available to assist teachers to access and analyse assessment feedback, inform teaching and learning and communicate with parents and carers about student progress.

- (a) The Department will continue to assess its professional learning and resources to ensure all students can access and fully participate in learning.
- (6) The Department will continue to build on the suite of universal resources to ensure that all students can access and fully participate in learning.

As part of a \$256 million investment, more than 1,350 full time equivalent new Assistant Principals, Curriculum and Instruction positions will be supporting 1,755 schools with Preschool to Year 6 enrolments with an explicit focus on literacy and numeracy. A core part of these roles will support curriculum implementation with the new Kindergarten to Year 2 English and mathematics syllabuses rolling out from 2022.

The positions have an explicit focus on leading schools with evidence-based teaching and assessments to improve student outcomes. The leadership roles will support a strong instructional leadership model in all schools, coordinating professional learning for teachers, monitoring student outcomes, and supporting families to be key partners in student learning.

The new program will begin from 2022, with all positions in place ahead of full implementation of the new K-2 English and Mathematics Syllabuses in 2023.

* 6930 PYRMONT ULTIMO HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What assessment has the Government carried out into demand for public high school places for students living in Ultimo and Pyrmont?
- (2) When does the Government predict the Blackwattle Bay Senior Campus and Junior Balmain Campus will have capacity to meet student numbers from Ultimo and Pyrmont?
 - (a) When would the schools need to have demountable classrooms?
- (3) What projections does the Government have about increased demand for school places under the Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy which estimates an additional 8,500 residents and where will high school places for these students be provided?
- (4) What input has the education department provided to Infrastructure NSW about education facilities under the Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to address growth in Ultimo and Pyrmont and the need for high school places through:
 - (a) Building an additional Junior Secondary School campus?
 - (b) Adding Ultimo and Pyrmont to the Inner City High School catchment?
 - (c) Redeveloping the Blackwattle Bay campus for Years 7 to 12?
 - (d) Constructing a new high school on the current Fish Markets site?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to ensure access to local high schools for students living in Ultimo and Pyrmont?

Answer—

(1) and (2)

Population and development trends are continuously monitored so that the Department of Education can plan to meet enrolment needs at schools across the State. The Sydney Secondary College network is currently able to accommodate student demand and is expected to continue to do so in the short to medium term.

Numerous strategies are used in the short to medium term to manage enrolment demand. This can include interventions such as reviewing school intake areas and enforcing the Department's enrolment policy. The use of demountable buildings also allows the Department to be highly responsive to school enrolment needs. Capital works interventions may be considered in cases of longer term or sustained enrolment growth.

(3) and (4)

The Department is aware of the Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy and is in close consultation with the Department of Planning Industry and Environment regarding the projected changes to the local population and the service needs for the area. The Department is providing ongoing input as part of the planning work through a Bays West Working Group, as well as feedback on planning proposals through the Statutory Planning process.

(5 and (6)

The Department observes a strategic, place-based approach to school planning that considers changes in land use and supporting infrastructure, so that schools will keep pace with enrolment growth and changing accommodation needs. The Department works with all relevant agencies to ensure school planning is well-coordinated with the delivery of new developments and supporting infrastructure.

When planning for new and upgraded schools the Department considers a range of factors including long term trends in population growth, the likely uptake of new housing by those with school aged children, the ratio of government and non-government school attendance and the size and location of existing schools. A broad range of capital and non-capital works interventions are evaluated and prioritised in the context of the education needs of all schools and school communities across the state.

The Department currently has no plans to add Ultimo and Pyrmont to the Inner Sydney High School local intake area. Enrolments will continue to be monitored in and around Ultimo and Pyrmont to ensure that student enrolment needs are catered for.

High school aged students living in the Ultimo and Pyrmont area are considered local enrolments for Sydney Secondary College, Balmain Campus for Years 7-10 and Blackwattle Bay Campus for Years 11-12. No further action is planned at this stage.

* 6931 POLICING OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Has the Government reviewed the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) and Homelessness NSW report 'Policing Public Space: the experiences of people sleeping rough'?
 - (a) What action has been taken to implement the recommendations?
- (2) How does the Government ensure NSW Police officers refer people sleeping rough in public spaces to accommodation and support services?
- (3) How does the Government ensure strong working relationships between police area commands and homelessness services to make certain referrals are made?
- (4) What training does the Government provide police officers in dealing with vulnerable people who are sleeping rough?
 - (a) What plans are there to update and expand this training?
- (5) How does the Government ensure that police do not use move on directions and stop and search powers arbitrarily against people who are sleeping rough in the public domain?
- (6) How does the Government assess how police officers apply the Protocol for Homeless People in Public Places to prevent entrenching disadvantage and to ensure respectful treatment of vulnerable people sleeping rough?

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- (7) How does the Government ensure there are no barriers for vulnerable people experiencing homelessness to make complaints about police treatment?
- (a) How many complaints from people who are homeless have been received in the Sydney City, Kings Cross and Surry Hills commands over the past five years?
- (b) What action has been taken in response to these complaints?
- (8) What further steps will the Government take to increase accountability for police dealing with vulnerable people who are homeless?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (6) The Department of Communities and Justice is the lead agency of the Protocol for Homeless People in Public Spaces – Engagement and Communication Strategy. The NSW Police Force is one of the signatory agencies to the Protocol.

As a signatory agency to the Protocol, the NSW Police Force is committed to working with the Department of Communities and Justice to enhance the effectiveness of the Protocol by improving accountability and complaints mechanism, promoting better practice and systemic improvements and further staff education and training.

The NSW Police Force's Police Area Commands and Police Districts continue to work closely with local homeless services. The need for collaboration was particularly heightened during the COVID-19 pandemic and the extended lock down periods in New South Wales.

Regular detailed operational advice regarding the COVID response to people experiencing homelessness was circulated to police commands, including the locations and contacts of Specialist Homelessness Services and Vaccination Centres, as well as detailed advice on the application of the Public Health Orders to people experiencing homelessness who tested positive or were identified as close contacts.

(7) The NSW Police Force works with the community and other government agencies through the mechanisms set up under the Protocol for Homeless People in Public Spaces to improve services and reduce barriers for people experiencing homelessness, including improving accountability and complaints processes.

NSW Police Force recording systems allow the complainants homelessness status to be identified, but do not make it compulsory. Complainants are not required to provide this information or if they do, only such information as they choose. Accordingly, accurate statistics cannot be provided.

(8) The NSW Police Force has protocols in place for engaging with vulnerable people, including people who are experiencing homelessness. In addition, the NSW Police Force supports an outreach program specifically for women, and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

* 6932 THERMAL PERFORMANCE OF SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What data does the Government have about thermal performance in social housing homes and how does the Government assess whether these homes meet liveability standards?
- (a) What liveability standards does the Government use?
- (2) How many social housing dwellings in New South Wales operate outside the healthy temperature recommendations of the World Health Organisation (WHO), especially in winter?
- (a) How many of these are in the Sydney electorate or inner city?
- (3) What action has the Government taken to retrofit social housing homes to improve insulation, upgrade equipment and appliances, and meet WHO building health standards?
- (a) How many properties in the Sydney electorate and inner city have been retrofitted?

- (4) What further plans does the Government have to retrofit social housing properties to reduce costs and meet building health standards?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) This question is a matter for the Treasurer and Minister for Energy and Environment.

(a) The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) uses the 'LAHC Dwelling Requirements' and 'Good Design for Social Housing', which incorporate liveability standards and guidelines as its standards for new LAHC dwellings. The documents are publicly available at <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/news/good-design-for-social-housing>.

The design and specification of new Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) homes is informed by the AHO Design Guidelines. The Design Guidelines were endorsed by the AHO Board in August 2021. The AHO Design Guidelines use the NatHERs star rating system to rate the energy efficiency of a home based on its design and thermal performance. The Design Guidelines identify five key climate zones across New South Wales and set minimum NatHERs ratings that new homes must achieve depending on the climate zone in which they are located.

(2) LAHC and AHO dwellings are designed and constructed to meet New South Wales legislative requirements, including the requirements of the National Construction Code.

(3) and (4) LAHC has retrofitted solar systems at 5,168 properties and energy efficient air conditioners at 2,007 properties since July 2017. Solar systems and air conditioners are prioritised for communities most affected by climatic conditions.

Further details are available at: <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/plans-and-policies/la-hc-heating-and-cooling-policy>.

The AHO has a number of retro-fit programs that aim to improve the liveability and energy performance of dwellings across the portfolio. This includes the installation of energy efficient air conditioning split systems and solar PV systems, as well as recladding, roof replacement and window replacement programs. These programs are being delivered through both existing capital upgrade programs and stimulus-funded programs.

As at end of FY20/21, the AHO has delivered solar panels to a total of 3,931 Aboriginal homes/families, which is circa 67 per cent of AHO's property portfolio. The AHO is currently rolling out the solar stimulus program that will provide solar PV systems to a further 1,760 properties. When the program is completed at 30 June 2022, 100 per cent of AHO properties will have solar panels installed.

As at end of FY20/21, the AHO has delivered energy efficient air conditioning and passive energy upgrades (LED lights, door seals, ceiling fans) to a total of 1,200 Aboriginal homes/families so far. The AHO is continuing to roll out the air conditioning program on a further 1,663 properties with the program scheduled to be completed by 30 June 2022.

Recognising that roof failure can have significant impact on asset condition and tenant wellbeing, the AHO has invested heavily in upgrades to roofs. AHO has undertaken over 200 roof replacements across the last two financial years. The roof replacement program includes the upgrading of insulation to improve the thermal performance of the dwelling and reduce the need for mechanical heating/cooling. The AHO also inspects and/or installs insulation when upgrades are undertaken on the properties as part of the capital upgrade program.

The AHO has undertaken a project to replace old timber windows with aluminium sliding windows, and to remove external AC sheet and replacing with insulated vinyl cladding. The removal of 'drafty' windows and installations of new cladding provides significant thermal upgrades to our older stock. A total of 294 properties have been upgraded as part of this program.

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* 6933 COVID-19 ALLOWANCE FOR FRONTLINE HEALTH WORKERS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Considering the Victorian Government has recognised the extraordinary contribution of frontline public health workers through a ‘Hospital surge support allowance’, what recognition or compensation is the Government providing for frontline public health workers in New South Wales?
- (2) What additional support or compensation is the Government providing to recognise the additional pressure of COVID-19 and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements for intensive care, emergency and paramedic workers?
- (3) What further action will the Government take to acknowledge and reward frontline public health workers during the extreme pressures on the public health system due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Answer—

NSW Health has introduced several measures to support and assist health care workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, including paid special leave, temporary free car parking, access to hotel accommodation where needed for isolation, special leave payment for vaccination outside of normal working hours, flexible work practices, and employee assistance programs.

NSW Health hospital staff are otherwise remunerated in accordance with their applicable award(s). Current Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) policies and guidelines continue to apply.

The Clinical Excellence Commission (CEC) regularly updates and develop new resources to support NSW Health staff. Several educational resources to ensure up to date information on skills and competency as well as health worker safety are available online at <https://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/>

A range of other resources are available to support health workers and their families, including:

- [Employee Assistance Program](#)
- [JMO Support Line](#)
- [Resources for Caring for Yourself and Others](#) during COVID-19 available via the Health Education and Training Institute
- [Pandemic Kindness Movement](#)
- The “[Shift](#)” App designed in partnership with the Black Dog Institute is aimed specifically at junior doctors to help them safeguard their mental health and manage the demands of their profession.

The Clinical Excellence Commission is also supporting five New South Wales Hospitals to test the implementation of [Schwartz Rounds](#). Schwartz Rounds are a type of structured group forum where clinical and non-clinical staff meet regularly to discuss the emotional and social aspects of working in healthcare. Schwartz Rounds provide an opportunity to take 'time-out' to reflect on work in a collegial and safe space.

The Clinical Excellence Commission also provides all staff with access to tools and resources to promote [psychological safety](#) and an awareness of [Human Factors](#) for healthcare staff, including the What Matters to Me? Team work and Wellbeing program, which recognises that the ability for staff to provide safe effective person-centred care is affected by how well they feel cared for themselves.

Local health districts and specialty health networks have also developed specific local wellbeing programs that include:

- [MDOK in Sydney Local Health District](#), which is designed specifically for medical staff and supports programs that cover mentorship wellbeing for dealing with busy schedules, healthy preparation for exams, and physical and mental health; and

- The [Nursewell App](#) in South Eastern Sydney Local Health District, which provides nurses and midwives with tools to support their self-care. NSW Health continues to work with other agencies across the health system to implement wellbeing strategies, with a particular focus on the impacts of COVID-19.

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* 6934 TRAUMATIC STRESS CLINIC—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the Westmead Hospital and University of New South Wales Traumatic Stress Clinic's evidence-based programs for people with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and prolonged grief?
- (2) What support does the Government provide for:
 - (a) Traumatic Stress Clinic services?
 - (b) The clinic's COVID-19 related stress and mood problems program?
 - (c) The clinic's program for Emergency Services workers?
- (3) What further plans does the Government have to expand support for PTSD programs such as through the Traumatic Stress Clinic?

Answer—

The Westmead Hospital and University of New South Wales Traumatic Stress Clinic is managed through The Westmead Institute for Medical Research, a not for profit unlisted company.

Some local health districts have specialist PTSD services. These include statewide programs offered through the Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors, or the Commonwealth funded Open Arms Veterans and Family Counselling service. In Districts that do not offer individual or group treatment with a specific PTSD focus, individuals with PTSD are managed by existing comprehensive adult mental health services, as these consumers often have more than one diagnosis.

* 6935 PLUNKETT STREET SCHOOL TOILETS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the condition of the toilet amenities block at Plunkett Street Public School?
- (2) What plans have been developed to upgrade these facilities to meet current standards and has a development proposal been submitted?
- (3) When does the Government expect to upgrade these facilities?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to improve these school facilities?

Answer—

Plunkett Street Public School shares its campus with the Sydney Distance Education High School.

Plunkett Street Public School has toilet amenities in good working condition on the ground floor of Block B but the school prefers not to use these toilets as they are located next to a main thoroughfare. The school uses the toilets on the ground floor of Block D.

The school successfully applied for a Community Building Partnership Grant to upgrade the Block D toilets to assist in attracting and supporting community use of the school site. The project is due to start in Term 1, 2022.

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- * 6936 AUSTRALIAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

How much money does the Government provide for the development of more Australian Sign Language (AUSLAN) interpreters in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

Over the last three years, \$9,362,539 has been paid for students undertaking Auslan and Interpreter qualifications, \$2.734 million in 2019, \$3.950 million in 2020 and \$2.677 million in 2021 YTD.

- * 6937 LISAROW RAILWAY STATION SIGNAGE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

Considering the answer to LA Q6377, will signage be erected at Lisarow Railway Station to explain the history behind "Andrew's Bridge"?

Answer—

I am advised:

The new sign has been made and installed in line with the wishes of the Bridge family.

- * 6938 SCHOOL TEACHING STAFF—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) In relation to public schools in The Entrance electorate, how many teaching staff are employed at each of the following schools and how many are casual employees:

- (a) Ourimbah Public School?
- (b) The Entrance Public School?
- (c) Bateau Bay Public School?
- (d) Killarney Vale Public School?
- (e) Brooke Avenue Public School?
- (f) Tuggerah Public School?
- (g) Lisarow Public School?
- (h) Narara Public School?
- (i) Valley View Public School?
- (j) Wyoming Public School?
- (k) Niagara Park Public School?
- (l) Lisarow High School?
- (m) Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College - Berkeley Vale Campus?
- (n) Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College - The Entrance Campus?
- (o) Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College - Tumby Umbi Campus?

Answer—

- (1) The overall teacher full-time equivalent (FTE) and casual FTE employed at each school in The Entrance electorate as at 30 June 2021 are:

- (a) Ourimbah Public - 30 FTE (3 casual FTE)
- (b) The Entrance Public - 41 FTE (3 casual FTE)
- (c) Bateau Bay Public - 49 FTE (4 casual FTE)
- (d) Killarney Vale Public - 32 FTE (2 casual FTE)
- (e) Brooke Avenue Public - 43 FTE (4 casual FTE)
- (f) Tuggerah Public - 27 FTE (1 casual FTE)
- (g) Lisarow Public - 14 FTE (0 casual FTE)
- (h) Narara Public - 27 FTE (2 casual FTE)
- (i) Valley View Public - 27 FTE (3 casual FTE)
- (j) Wyoming Public - 34 FTE (1 casual FTE)
- (k) Niagara Park Public - 44 FTE (4 casual FTE)
- (l) Lisarow High - 75 FTE (8 casual FTE)
- (m) Tuggerah Lakes - Berkeley Vale Campus - 67 FTE (4 casual FTE)
- (n) Tuggerah Lakes - The Entrance Campus - 79 FTE (5 casual FTE)
- (o) Tuggerah Lakes - Tumby Umbi Campus - 96 FTE (9 casual FTE)

* 6939 SOCIAL HOUSING INVESTMENT—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How much of the recently announced \$183 million for investment into building social/affordable housing will be spent on the Central Coast and The Entrance electorate?
- (2) How many of the proposed 1,400 new homes will be built on the Central Coast or in The Entrance electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation is continually reviewing the State's portfolio of social housing assets to identify opportunities to deliver more and better housing throughout New South Wales.

Information on the social housing package can be found at www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/plans-and-policies/acceleratingthe-delivery-of-more-than-1,400-homes-across-nsw.

* 6940 THE ENTRANCE ROCK GROUYNE REPORT—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

Considering answer to LA Q6165 on The Entrance Rock Groyne, has the report referred to been finalised and can a copy be provided?

Answer—

The report is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

* 6941 DWELLINGS HELD BY COMMUNITY HOUSING PROVIDERS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

How many dwellings held by Community Housing Providers are available or being used to provide social housing for those on the New South Wales Housing Register?

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Answer—

I am advised:

Data as at 30 June 2020 for social housing dwellings managed by community housing providers in New South Wales, and by district (including the Central Coast), is available on the Social Housing Residential Dwellings Dashboard:

https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/facs.statistics/viz/Social_Housing_Residential_Dwellings/dashboard

- * 6942 DWELLINGS HELD BY LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Considering the answer to LA Q6181, is data for the financial year 2020-21 now available on the number of dwellings held by Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC)?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at 30 June 2021, Land and Housing Corporation owned 125,125 residential dwellings.

- * 6943 WYONG ROAD AND BROOKE AVENUE ROUNDABOUT AND INTERSECTION—Mr David Mehan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

Considering the roundabout and intersection of Wyong Road and Brooke Avenue, Killarney Vale, when will the pedestrian refuge on Brooke Avenue be upgraded to current standard with accessibility provisions and holding guard rails?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has planned a review of the Brooke Avenue and Wyong Road intersection regarding pedestrian safety. The review is scheduled to take place in coming weeks.

- * 6944 NEW INTERCITY FLEET TRAINS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Considering the new Intercity Fleet Trains:

- (a) Did any railway station or infrastructure on the main north line need to be adjusted to accommodate the new trains?
- (b) Will the trains have a guard as well as a driver?
- (c) What arrangements are in place at unstaffed railway stations for passengers who need assistance to board a train including those who need ramp assistance?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)(a) Enabling works were completed across 38 stations on the Central Coast & Newcastle Line. The enabling works included platform extensions at six stations (Hamilton, Adamstown, Wyong, Gosford, Hornsby and Central), signalling modification and installation works at 11 locations, car-markers installation works at all 38 stations, and installation of 157 balise, or trackside transponders, groups at all 38 stations to enable Automatic Selective Door Operation on the Mariyung trains.

(b) The proposed operating model for the Mariyung Fleet includes a driver and a guard.

- (c) The new fleet is one of the most accessible in the world. There will be crew on-board to assist with boarding and alighting. The trains are also equipped with portable boarding ramps in each crew cab.

* 6945 PLAN FOR TREES HARVESTED PREMATURELY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

What is the Government's plan for trees harvested prematurely in state-owned forests that are unable to be utilised for pulp, paper or timber products?

Answer—

I am advised:

Forestry Corporation will use wood to supply existing agreements wherever possible.

* 6946 SUPPLY TO NEW SOUTH WALES TIMBER MILLS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

Will the Government commit that Forestry Corporation will not cut the amount of supply (both contracted and projected) available to New South Wales timber mills in order to accommodate renewable energy infrastructure as proposed under the Energy Legislation Amendment Bill 2021?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Energy Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 contains a range of provisions safeguarding the timber resource, including requirements any development will not result in premature harvesting of timber that causes the corporation to fail to meet its supply commitments to a local timber mill under a timber supply agreement.

* 6947 COMMERCIAL ENTITIES INTEREST IN TIMBER PLANTATION LAND—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

How many commercial entities have expressed an interest in using state-owned timber plantation land to produce energy?

Answer—

I am advised:

Forestry Corporation received approximately 30 unsolicited proposals.

* 6948 PRIVITISATION OF FORESTRY CORPORATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

Will the Treasurer rule out any future privatisation of Forestry Corporation?

Answer—

The Government's position on Forestry Corporation remains unchanged from the announcement made by then-Deputy Premier John Barilaro MP on 20 February 2020.

* 6949 RETAINING FORESTRY CORPORATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

Will the Treasurer commit to retaining Forestry Corporation as a state-owned corporation?

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Answer—

The Government's position on Forestry Corporation remains unchanged from the announcement made by then-Deputy Premier John Barilaro MP on 20 February 2020. The status of Forestry Corp as a state-owned corporation is enshrined in legislation.

- * 6950 POTENTIAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

Did Forestry Corporation provide the Energy Minister, his office or a delegate with a specific list of locations and size of land use for potential renewable energy infrastructure within state-owned timber plantations?

Answer—

I am advised:

No.

- * 6951 PREPARING AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITIES GRANTS EXCLUDING AREAS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

What advice did the Government provide to the Commonwealth Government as the Commonwealth drafted guidelines for its Preparing Australian Communities grants program which excludes Tenterfield Shire, Kyogle, Lismore City, Richmond Valley and Clarence Valley local government areas as priority locations for bushfire assistance despite the 2019 Black Summer bushfires having significant and far-reaching adverse impacts on the Northern Rivers and Northern Tablelands regions?

Answer—

I am advised:

Resilience NSW continues to work with the National Resilience and Recovery Agency to ensure our communities are prepared for natural disasters.

The Government continues to commit record funding for the safety and resilience of our communities.

- * 6952 PREPARING AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITIES GRANTS FLOOD PRONE REGION—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

What advice did the Government provide to the Commonwealth Government as the Commonwealth drafted guidelines for its Preparing Australian Communities grants program which excludes Lismore City Local Government Area as a priority location for flooding assistance despite Lismore's history as one of Australia's most flood prone regional cities?

Answer—

Please refer to the response to LA Q6951.

- * 6953 PREPARING AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITIES GRANTS FLOODING ASSISTANCE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

What advice did the Government provide to the Commonwealth Government as the Commonwealth drafted guidelines for its Preparing Australian Communities grants program which excludes Tweed Shire Local Government Area as a priority location area for flooding assistance despite major flooding in 2017 which had devastating impacts on parts of the town of Murwillumbah in the Lismore electorate?

Answer—

Please refer to the response to LA Q6951.

- * 6954 CATTLE TICK AND TICK FEVER IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

Why is the NSW Department of Primary Industries dismissing cattle tick as a problem only for farmers in the Northern Rivers region when history has shown cattle tick and tick fever can impact much of New South Wales?

Answer—

The NSW Department of Primary Industries cattle tick program is focused on delivering the best outcomes for New South Wales primary industries by targeting higher-risk areas for cattle tick. Cattle tick infestations are largely confined to the north east of New South Wales due to the high rainfall per annum and the climatic conditions are more suitable for cattle tick populations.

- * 6955 CATTLE TICK CONTROL PROGRAM—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

How will the Government continue a cattle tick control program in New South Wales given there is a current shortage of critical field staff within the NSW Department of Primary Industries?

Answer—

The NSW Department of Primary Industries cattle tick program is focused on delivering the best outcomes for New South Wales primary industries by targeting higher-risk areas for cattle tick. There is no critical shortage of field staff within the cattle tick program and any vacancies are through natural attrition. Vacancies are filled in accordance with the Government Sector Employment Act 2013.

- * 6956 SALARIES AND AWARD CONDITIONS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Premier—

Will the Government remove the 2.5 per cent wage cap on public servant pay rises and reinstate the Industrial Relations Commission as the independent umpire, thus allowing fair and equitable determinations around salaries and award conditions of public school teachers – our dedicated frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Answer—

Thank you for your question. On 21 June 2021, the Government announced changes to its Wages Policy to provide for annual increases in remuneration or other conditions of employment of up to 2.5 per cent (inclusive of superannuation).

In accordance with clause 6(b)(i) of the Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Regulation 2014, the Industrial Relations Commission of NSW is able to award increases in remuneration or other conditions of employment that increase employee related costs by more than 2.5 per cent per annum if it is satisfied that sufficient employee related cost savings have been achieved to fully offset the increased employee related costs above 2.5 per cent.

- * 6957 ANDREW STREET LEVEL CROSSING IN KYOGLE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

When will safety improvements be made to the Andrew Street level crossing in Kyogle, the scene of a fatal accident between a motorist and the Express Passenger Train (XPT) on June 14 2017, under the Government's Level Crossing Improvement Program?

Answer—

I am advised:

The collision of 14 June 2017 was a tragedy.

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In response to the collision, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau found that it was very unlikely that further investigation would identify any systemic safety issues.

The upgrade locations funded under the NSW Level Crossing Improvement Program (LCIP) are identified through a prioritisation approach by using the Australian Level Crossing Assessment Model (ALCAM), a review of level crossing incident data for New South Wales and consideration of local knowledge from rail infrastructure managers, road managers and other relevant stakeholders. The rail infrastructure manager of the Andrew Street Kyogle level crossing is Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) and the road manager is Kyogle Council.

The Level Crossing Strategy Council (LCSC), a New South Wales interagency forum that coordinates level crossing safety initiatives and oversees the LCIP, reviewed the Andrew Street Kyogle level crossing as part of the 2020/21 - 2022/23 Program. It was assessed with all other identified level crossings to be funded under the Program and received a low rank against the other ARTC sites and the Transport for NSW sites.

* 6958 GOVERNMENT PROPERTY SALES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) What are the details of all Government properties sold in the Wollongong Local Government Area in (a) 2019-20 and (b) 2020-21, including the address of the i) property, ii) property size and iii) department or agency which owned the property?

(a) What was the total value of the property sales in (1)?

Answer—

I am advised:

In the financial year 2019-20, 25 NSW Government-owned properties were sold in the Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA) generating total sales revenue of \$22,695,500.

In the financial year 2020-21, 15 NSW Government-owned properties were sold in the Wollongong LGA generating total sales revenue of \$8,943,042. In relation to providing the individual addresses of properties sold and which department or agency sold them, there are likely to be overriding privacy and commercial obligations that will need to be investigated before this information can be provided and published.

The total area of NSW Government-owned properties sold in the Wollongong LGA in financial years 2019-20 and 2020-21 was 359,565 m².

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

Information on sales and area was extracted from the Government Property Register on 22 November 2021.

Property data within the Wollongong LGA has identified based on the current LGA boundary, which may have changed over time.

* 6959 OPERATION OF THE NEW INTERCITY FLEET—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

On what date will the New Intercity Fleet be operating on the South Coast Line?

Answer—

I am advised:

Extensive testing, commissioning and operational readiness activities have been completed and the Mariyung Fleet will be ready for customer service on the Central Coast and Newcastle Line once alignment on the Operating Model is achieved and crew training is completed.

A timeline for when the trains will start operating on the Blue Mountains and South Coast lines will be determined after more trains are delivered and further testing completed.

The Mariyung trains are being tested on the South Coast Line (to Kiama), Newcastle Central Coast Lines (to Newcastle Interchange), and on the Blue Mountains Line (to Lithgow).

* 6960 STEEL PRODUCTION FOR REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections representing the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) How many tonnes of steel produced in Australia have been used in the redevelopment of the Sydney Football Stadium?
 - (a) Of this, how many tonnes were produced in New South Wales?
- (2) How many tonnes of steel produced overseas have been used in the redevelopment of the Sydney Football Stadium?
 - (a) Where was this steel sourced?

Answer—

I am advised that;

- (1) 4,460 tonnes.
 - (a) 2,360 tonnes.
- (2) All steel for the Sydney Football Stadium is fabricated in Australia.

* 6961 ELECTION COMMITMENTS IN THE WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Premier—

- (1) How many election commitments were made by the Government in the (a) 2015 and (b) 2019 elections in the Wollongong electorate?
 - (a) How many of these commitments have been delivered?
 - (i) Which commitments have been delivered?
 - (b) How many of these commitments have been abandoned?
 - (i) Which commitments have been abandoned?
- (2) By what date will all commitments in (1) be completed?

Answer—

Thank you for your question. The Government made four election commitments in 2015 and nine election commitments in 2019 for the Wollongong electorate. None of these election commitments have been abandoned. All commitments have either been delivered or will be delivered.

* 6962 STRIKE FORCE TUOHY—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Has Strike Force Tuohy been asked to examine or investigate planning or locations for rail freight blockade activity on the South Coast Line?
 - (a) If not, why not?

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Answer—

No, Strike Force Tuohy is currently an operation specific to the Hunter and Newcastle area. The NSW Police Force Southern Region will continue to monitor and respond to any planned actions or incidents which may affect the South Coast Line.

* 6963 STEELWORKS HOTEL AT PORT KEMBLA—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) In relation to funding through the Community Housing Innovation Fund (CHIF), has a development contract been awarded for the project at the Steelworks Hotel at Port Kembla?
 - (a) If so, to whom?
 - (b) If not, when will the project be put out for tender?
- (2) What is the timeframe for work on the project to commence and an expected completion date?
- (3) Will further funding for the project be required?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) has signed a Community Housing Innovation Fund (CHIF), Community Housing Assistance Agreement with Anglican Community Services for the Steelworks Hotel, Port Kembla Project. The agreement is in relation to grant funds as a contribution towards the cost of the project. Anglican Community Services is responsible for any development contract and construction related tenders.
- (2) Anglican Community Services has advised that construction will commence in mid-2022 and is expected to finish at the end of 2022.
- (3) No additional funding has been requested. DCJ currently has no plans to provide additional funding to this project.

* 6964 STANDARD INSTRUMENT (LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLANS) AMENDMENT (LAND USE ZONES) ORDER 2021—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How will the Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Amendment (Land Use Zones) Order 2021, which was gazetted on 3 November 2021, now be implemented?
- (2) Has the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment provided guidance to local councils on how to implement the Standard Instrument?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, in what form has the guidance been provided?
- (3) How will the Government manage the transition process and the uncertainty created by the implementation of the Standard Instrument?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Amendment (Land Use Zones) Order 2021 was made on 5 November 2021 with a commencement date of 1 December 2021. On commencement, the Amending Order adds the new zones into the Standard Instrument Local Environmental Plan Order alongside the existing Business and Industrial zones. This approach will enable amendment of individual Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) to occur throughout 2022.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is supporting councils with implementation and has prepared and shared preliminary translation details. This translation detail is specific to each council.

Councils will review, amend, and endorse this translation detail to enable public exhibition in March/April 2022. Following exhibition, councils and the Department will together finalise individual LEP amendments. These amendments will be made through a state mechanism which amends individual LEPs without the administrative burden of councils needing to prepare a planning proposal.

The Implementation Plan is available at: <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Employment-Zones-Reform>.

- (2) Yes. Councils were consulted in detail in the development of the employment zones implementation approach. Additionally, a draft Implementation Plan was publicly exhibited in May 2021 and the submissions taken on board. An updated Implementation Plan has been shared with councils and is available at <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Employment-Zones-Reform>.

Specific LEP translation detail commencing implementation has been provided to every council that has an LEP with a Business and/or Industrial zone.

- (3) The project has included a high level of consultation and communication at each stage of the reform and this will continue as we move into the implementation phase.

The way the zones are being introduced into the Order means that the new zones will sit alongside the existing Business and Industrial zones to enable a smooth transition with no gap in permissibility as individual LEPs are amended.

The Department has prepared zone translation detail for each existing LEP land use table to ensure that there is no reduction in development permissibility. The implementation approach where each council will be individually transitioned will minimise uncertainty.

* 6965 COMMUNITY LITTER GRANTS PROGRAM—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Further to the answer to LA Q5236, is the grant from the Community Litter Grants program to The Seabin Foundation still active?
- (a) If so, when is it due for completion?
- (b) If not, what further applications for seabins are being considered following the project?

Answer—

- (1) Yes. The Seabin Foundation Round 5 Community Litter Grant is still active.
- (a) January 2022
- (b) No applications for grants utilising Seabins are currently being considered by the NSW Environment Protection Authority.

* 6966 SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS WITHIN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the total number of school crossing guards employed within the Wollongong Local Government Area as at 17 November 2021?
- (2) What is the total number of school crossing guards employed within the following postcodes as at 17 November 2021:
- (a) 2518?
- (b) 2519?

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- (c) 2500?
- (d) 2502?
- (e) 2505?
- (f) 2506?
- (g) 2526?
- (h) 2528?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 38.
- (2) Transport for NSW does not hold this information in this form.

* 6967 WOLLONGONG SCHOOLS APPLICATION FOR A CROSSING GUARD—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many schools within the Wollongong Local Government Area have applied for a crossing guard within a) the 2020-21 financial year and b) 2021- 22 financial year as at 17 November 2021?
- (2) How many schools within the following postcodes have applied for a crossing guard within the 2020-21 financial year and 2021-22 financial year as at 17 November 2021:
 - (a) 2518?
 - (b) 2519?
 - (c) 2500?
 - (d) 2502?
 - (e) 2505?
 - (f) 2506?
 - (g) 2526?
 - (h) 2528?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 10 applications were received in 2020-21, and no applications were received in 2021-22.
- (2) Transport for NSW does not hold this information in this form.

* 6968 ADDITIONAL SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) During the 2020-21 financial year, and 2021-22 financial year as of 17 November 2021, how many school crossing guards have been hired of the additional 300 confirmed in the 2019-20 State Budget:
 - (a) Within the Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA)?
 - (b) Within postcodes:
 - (i) 2518?
 - (ii) 2519?

- (iii) 2500?
- (iv) 2502?
- (v) 2505?
- (vi) 2506?
- (vii) 2526?
- (viii) 2528?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 181.
 - (a) Eight.
 - (b) Transport for NSW does not hold this information in this form.

* 6969 VACANT PERMANENT TEACHING POSITIONS IN THE WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) As at 17 November 2021, how many permanent teaching positions remain vacant at the following schools in the Wollongong electorate:
 - (a) Berkeley Public School?
 - (b) Berkeley West Public School?
 - (c) Coniston Public School?
 - (d) Cringila Public School?
 - (e) Farmborough Rd Public School?
 - (f) Figtree High School?
 - (g) Five Islands Secondary College?
 - (h) Gwynneville Public School?
 - (i) Illawarra Sports High School?
 - (j) Kemblawarra Public School?
 - (k) Lake Heights Public School?
 - (l) Mt Kembla Public School?
 - (m) Mount St Thomas Public School?
 - (n) Para Meadows Public School?
 - (o) Port Kembla Public School?
 - (p) Primbee Public School?
 - (q) Smith's Hill High School?
 - (r) Towradgi Public School?
 - (s) Unanderra Public School?
 - (t) Warrawong High School?

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- (u) Warrawong Public School?
- (v) Windang Public School?
- (w) Wollongong Public School?
- (x) West Wollongong Public School?

Answer—

- (1) As at 17 November 2021, the number of permanent teaching positions that remain vacant at the below schools in the Wollongong electorate are as follows:
- (a) Berkeley Public School - Nil
 - (b) Berkeley West Public School - 1
 - (c) Coniston Public School - Nil
 - (d) Cringila Public School - 1
 - (e) Farmborough Rd Public School - 1
 - (f) Figtree High School - Nil (this school is in Keira electorate)
 - (g) Five Islands Secondary College - 1
 - (h) Gwynneville Public School - Nil
 - (i) Illawarra Sports High School - 2
 - (j) Kemblawarra Public School - 3
 - (k) Lake Heights Public School - 1
 - (l) Mt Kembla Public School - 1
 - (m) Mount St Thomas Public School - Nil
 - (n) Para Meadows School - Nil
 - (o) Port Kembla Public School - Nil
 - (p) Primbee Public School - 1
 - (q) Smith's Hill High School - 1
 - (r) Towradgi Public School - Nil
 - (s) Unanderra Public School - 1
 - (t) Warrawong High School - 3
 - (u) Warrawong Public School - 1
 - (v) Windang Public School - 1
 - (w) Wollongong Public School - 3
 - (x) West Wollongong Public School - Nil
 - (y) Illawarra Hospital School - Nil (this school in Wollongong electorate was not included in the list in the Question on Notice (QoN))

* 6970 APPLICATIONS AND FUNDING FOR LAND TAX COVID-19 RELIEF—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many applications for Land tax COVID-19 relief were in the electorate of:

- (a) Heathcote?
 - (b) Keira?
 - (c) Wollongong?
 - (d) Shellharbour?
 - (e) Kiama?
- (2) What is the total amount of funding for Land tax COVID-19 relief provided to the electorate of:
- (a) Heathcote?
 - (b) Keira?
 - (c) Wollongong?
 - (d) Shellharbour?
 - (e) Kiama?

Answer—

Revenue NSW does not collect data by electorate.

* 6971 APPLICATIONS AND FUNDING FOR RESIDENTIAL TENANCY SUPPORT PAYMENT—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) How many applications for the Residential Tenancy Support Payment were submitted in:
- (a) Heathcote?
 - (b) Keira?
 - (c) Wollongong?
 - (d) Shellharbour?
 - (e) Kiama?
- (2) What is the total amount of funding provided by the Residential Tenancy Support Payment to the electorate of:
- (a) Heathcote?
 - (b) Keira?
 - (c) Wollongong?
 - (d) Shellharbour?
 - (e) Kiama?

Answer—

Information on the Government's residential tenancy support payments including the number of applications received, number of applications approved or declined and the total amount released can be found on the Fair Trading website.

* 6972 PAYROLL TAX SUPPORT—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many businesses have applied for Payroll Tax Support in the electorate of:
- (a) Heathcote?

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- (b) Keira?
- (c) Wollongong?
- (d) Shellharbour?
- (e) Kiama?
- (2) What is the total amount of funding provided under Payroll Tax Support to the electorate of:
 - (a) Heathcote?
 - (b) Keira?
 - (c) Wollongong?
 - (d) Shellharbour?
 - (e) Kiama?

Answer—

Revenue NSW does not collect data by electorate.

The Government has demonstrated a commitment to lowering taxes for businesses and reducing the burden that they face so they can re-invest in their business and create new jobs.

In the lead up to the 2019 State Election, the NSW Liberals and Nationals set out a pathway to raise the payroll tax threshold from \$750,000 to \$1 million by 2021-22. These tax cuts were opposed by the NSW Labor Party, which means that businesses would have faced higher tax under a Labor Government.

In addition, as part of the 2020-21 NSW Budget, The payroll tax threshold was permanently increased from \$900,000 to \$1.2 million as of 1 July 2020.

The payroll tax rate for 2020-21 and 2021-22 was also reduced from 5.45 per cent to 4.85 per cent. These tax cuts are expected to provide NSW businesses with around \$2.1 billion in savings in total across 2020-21 and 2021-22.

The due date for the payroll tax 2020-21 annual reconciliation and for monthly returns for July to December 2021 has been extended until 14 January 2022.

Additionally, the Government is providing a 50 per cent reduction of payroll tax liability for customers with grouped wages of no more than \$10 million in 2021-22, who have experienced a 30 per cent decline in turnover.

To assist businesses beyond 14 January 2022, the Government is providing the option of a 12-month interest free payment plan for all deferred payroll tax payments.

* 6973 COMMUTER CAR PARK ON SHOWGROUND ROAD—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) When will the commuter car park on the Showground Road in Gosford become a Park&Ride car park?
- (2) How much revenue is expected to be generated by this car park by Transport for NSW?
- (3) Do Transport for NSW or the Government have plans to convert the existing commuter car park in Woy Woy into a Park&Ride car park?
 - (a) If so, what is the timeframe for this?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Showground Road multilevel commuter car park in Gosford is expected to become a Transport Park&Ride car park in early 2022.
- (2) Park&Ride provides up to 18 hours free parking for commuters. The majority of users are expected to be commuters so little revenue is expected.
- (3) There are no current plans to implement Park&Ride in Woy Woy.

* 6974 CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL MEETINGS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Local Government—

How many meetings have you had with the current Administrator for Central Coast Council, Rik Hart since his term began in May 2021?

Answer—

Summaries of scheduled meetings are published quarterly on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website in accordance with Premier's Memorandum M2015-05.

* 6975 CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL MEETINGS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

How many meetings have you had with the current Administrator for Central Coast Council, Rik Hart since his term began in May 2021?

Answer—

Nil since May 2021.

* 6976 CENTRAL COAST LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT CONTRACTS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Under the contracts awarded by Central Coast Local Health District Mental Health Services and NSW Health to Parramatta Mission:
 - (a) How many Full Time Equivalent (FTE) jobs have been created on the Central Coast?
 - (b) How many of these FTE workers are Central Coast residents?
 - (c) How many clients from the Central Coast have been provided care by Parramatta Mission since they were awarded the contract?
 - (d) How many clients from the Central Coast have been engaged in Parramatta Mission's outreach in the last twelve months?

Answer—

- (1) Contracts have been awarded to Uniting (formerly known as Parramatta Mission) for Community Living Supports, and Family & Carer Mental Health Program.
 - (a) Including a full time Service Manager who oversees both teams, 11.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) comprising of:
 - 8.2 FTE for Community Living Supports, which includes a Peer Worker, an Aboriginal Mental Health Support Worker and Mental Health Support Workers.
 - 2.3 FTE for Family & Carer Mental Health Program, which includes a Carer Peer Worker and Support Workers.
 - (b) All employees within the Community Living Support Program and Family & Carer Mental Health Program are Central Coast residents.

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- (c) Since the program commenced in 2016, Community Living Supports Central Coast has supported 211 Central Coast residents in their recovery journey. Uniting has provided services to 357 carers through the Family & Carer Mental Health Program since 1 July 2017.
- (d) In 2020-21, the Community Living Supports program provided psychosocial support to 62 clients, and the Central Coast Family & Carer Mental Health Program supported 168 carers.

* 6977 CONSTRUCTION OF A CONTAINER TERMINAL AT THE PORT OF NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will consideration be given to the construction of a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle which could provide billions of dollars of private investment and create thousands of jobs?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The construction of a container terminal in Newcastle is a matter for the private operator of the Port of Newcastle.

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* 6978 TRAIN STATION UPGRADES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Of the 68 train station upgrades promised at the 2019 election, how many have been delivered?
 - (a) Which locations have been upgraded?
 - (b) When will the remaining locations be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

* 6979 PICTON LOOP RAIL LINE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) In relation to the Parliamentary Budget Office Election Policy Costing Y099 “Supporting Local Communities” has the Picton Loop Line now re-opened?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, what is the quantum of the funding?
- (2) Was the track between Buxton and Colo Vale included in the project?
 - (i) If not, why not?
- (3) Have new platforms been constructed at Hill Top and Balmoral?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If not, when will they be constructed?
 - (c) If not, when will it be re-opened?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport Heritage NSW website at: <https://www.thnsw.com.au/loop-line>

* 6980 NORTHERN RIVERS RAIL TRAIL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) In relation to the Parliamentary Budget Office Election Policy Costing Y099 “Supporting Local Communities” has maintenance been conducted on the Northern Rivers Rail Trail?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, has the maintenance been completed?
 - (c) What did the maintenance include?
- (2) How much has been spent on the project to date?
- (3) When will the project be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW performs monthly spot vegetation and spraying along the Casino to Murwillumbah non-operational corridor. In the 2021-22 financial year the value of this work is approximately \$75,000.

Transport for NSW has leased the section between Crabbes Creek and Condong to Tweed Shire Council, and is in the process of negotiating a lease with Richmond Valley Council in relation to the Casino to Bentley section.

Local councils are responsible for the construction of Rail Trails which includes ongoing maintenance and are best placed to respond to questions in relation to project costs and completion timeframes of individual projects.

* 6981 MULLUMBIMBY HIGH BUS SHELTER—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) In relation to the Parliamentary Budget Office Election Policy Costing Y099 “Supporting Local Communities” has work been completed on the Mullumbimby High Bus Shelter?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (i) When will it be completed?
 - (b) If so, when was it completed?
- (2) How much has been spent on the project to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment provided funding to Byron Shire Council for three bus shelters at Mullumbimby High School. The project was completed in July 2020.

* 6982 MONA VALE BY-PASS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) In relation to the Parliamentary Budget Office Election Policy Costing Y099 “Supporting Local Communities” has construction commenced on the Mona Vale By-Pass project?

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- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If so, what stage is the project up to?
- (2) How much has been spent on the project to date?
- (3) When will the project be completed?

Answer—

This is a matter for the portfolio of Metropolitan Roads.

* 6983 DENMARK LINK ROAD—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) In relation to the Parliamentary Budget Office Election Policy Costing Y099 “Supporting Local Communities” has work commenced on the Denmark Link Road project?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, what stage is the project up to?
- (2) How much has been spent on the project to date?
- (3) When will the project be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW and NSW Treasury websites.

* 6984 CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS—Ms Jenny Aitchison 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) In each of the financial quarters since the program commenced (as at 11 November 2021), how many Creative Kids vouchers have been applied for in the Maitland electorate? Please disaggregate by postcode.
- (2) In each of the financial quarters since the program commenced (as at 11 November 2021), how many Creative Kids vouchers have been redeemed in the Maitland electorate? Please disaggregate by postcode.
- (3) What is the total breakdown by art for which the Creative Kids vouchers were utilised, listed by quarter since the program began (as at 11 November 2021)?
- (4) How many children have dropped out of arts programs for which a Creative Kids rebate was issued, listed by quarter since the program began (as at 11 November 2021)?
- (5) How many registered activity providers are operating in the Maitland electorate?
- (6) What are the names of all these registered activity providers in the Maitland electorate?
- (7) How many children are eligible for the creative kids vouchers in the Maitland electorate?

Answer—

I am informed that:

The \$100 Creative Kids voucher encourages school-aged children to enrol in creative and cultural activities. Creativity plays an important part in a child's development. Engaging in creative activities can have a profound effect on interpersonal skills, and emotional development. It assists in fostering curious, courageous minds in young people allowing them to confidently problem solve and express themselves.

Details of providers and eligibility are available on the service.nsw.gov.au website.

- * 6985 LEVEL CROSSING STRATEGY COUNCIL - YEARLY REPORT 2020-21—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

(1) When will the Level Crossing Strategy Council – Yearly Report 2020-21 be publically available?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Level Crossing Strategy Council Yearly Report 2020-21 was published on Transport for NSW's website on 27 October 2021.

- * 6986 ELECTION COMMITMENTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Premier—

(1) How many election commitments were made by the Government in the (a) 2015 and (b) 2019 elections in the Maitland electorate?

(a) How many of these commitments have been delivered?

(i) Which commitments have been delivered?

(b) How many of these commitments have been abandoned?

(i) Which commitments have been abandoned?

(2) By what date will all commitments in (1) be completed?

Answer—

Thank you for your question. The Government made eight election commitments in 2015 and two election commitments in 2019 for the Maitland electorate. None of these election commitments have been abandoned. All commitments have either been delivered or will be delivered

- * 6987 BIPOLAR DISORDER AND ADHD—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

(1) Which hospitals in the Hunter New England Health District (HNEH) offer psychiatrist outpatient appointments? Please disaggregate by hospital.

(2) What is the current wait time for adults requiring a psychiatrist appointment at a HNEH Hospital? Please disaggregate by hospital.

(3) How many full-time equivalent psychiatrists are employed by HNEH?

(a) Where are they located?

(4) Will additional funding, staffing and resources be directed to HNEH to address the long wait for an appointment with a psychiatrist?

(5) What specific services does the Government fund or provide for adults diagnosed with bipolar disorder?

(6) What specific services does the Government fund or provide for adults diagnosed with ADHD?

(7) What plans does the Government have to improve and expand services for adults with bipolar disorder and ADHD who are living in the Maitland electorate?

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Answer—

- (1) All outpatient mental services are delivered by community mental health teams, which are not a part of a hospital. Individuals are referred for care and treatment under a multidisciplinary team, which may include a psychiatrist.
- (2) There is no waitlist for psychiatry. Whether someone sees a psychiatrist and the timing of this appointment depends on the acuity and/or complexity of the clinical presentation.
- (3) Psychiatrists and psychiatry trainees are employed to provide care to mental health patients across the local health district. Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need at any point in time.
- (4) There is no waitlist for psychiatry. Whether someone sees a psychiatrist and the timing of this appointment depends on the acuity and/or complexity of the clinical presentation.
- (5) to (7) Mental Health Services are not provided based on diagnosis. The service is funded to provide care and treatment for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. Some patients may present with Bipolar Disorder and/or ADHD at times during the course of their illness.

* 6988 ADDITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH COVID FUNDING—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) Will the Government be allocating additional funds to mental health services to assist people living in the Maitland electorate who are suffering significant mental health issues, as a result of the regional COVID-19 lockdown?
 - (a) If so, how much funding will be allocated?
 - (b) Which services will receive this funding?
 - (c) When will it be available?

Answer—

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

* 6989 COMMUNITY GROUP FUNDING—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Will the Government provide extra funding to community groups in the Maitland electorate who have been unable to fundraise during the 2021 lockdown?
 - (a) If so, how do they apply?
 - (i) How much funding will be provided?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Charities and not-for-profits can apply for grants under the Social Sector Support Fund. The fund has so far paid out \$10 million in grants, of which \$100,000 went to organisations covering the Maitland Local Government Area (LGA).

A further \$22.5 million was also available in the Open Application grant round of the Social Sector Support Fund. Further information about the fund is available at: <https://www.coronavirus.dcj.nsw.gov.au/service-providers/government-assistance/social-sector-support-fund/chapters/guidelines-for-open-applications-grant-stream>. Grant applications closed on 28 November 2021.

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) also administered grants on behalf of Multicultural NSW. A list of organisations funded under the COVID-19 partnership grant, including those in the Maitland LGA is published on DCJ's website at: <https://www.coronavirus.dcj.nsw.gov.au/service-providers/government-assistance/covid-19-partnership-support-grant>.

* 6990 TEACHER'S AIDES IN MAITLAND SCHOOLS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Will additional funds be allocated to schools in the Maitland electorate to fund teacher's aides to assist students who are struggling post COVID-19 pandemic?
 - (a) If so, how much funding will be allocated? Please disaggregate by school.
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) On 18 October 2021, the Government made a major funding commitment to extend a renewed COVID Intensive Learning Support Program for all government schools and select non-government schools serving highly disadvantaged students in the Maitland electorate for 2022.

New South Wales public schools in the Maitland electorate may employ experienced school learning support officers to supplement small group tuition programs, working under the supervision and direction of a teacher, to assist students who are struggling post the COVID-19 pandemic.

- (a) The total funding for public schools in the Maitland electorate in 2022 is \$4,656,234. The table below has a list of the 2022 COVID Intensive Learning Support Program funding allocations for public schools in the Maitland electorate.

School full name	2022 Allocation
Bolwarra Public School	\$87,320
Gillieston Public School	\$138,681
Telarah Public School	\$425,785
Largs Public School	\$76,941
Lochinvar Public School	\$99,120
Maitland East Public School	\$191,946
Millers Forest Public School	\$53,153
Morpeth Public School	\$87,320
Tenambit Public School	\$241,726
Thornton Public School	\$285,227
Maitland Public School	\$220,852
Woodberry Public School	\$211,219
Metford Public School	\$261,380
Rutherford Public School	\$354,389
Ashtonfield Public School	\$162,840
Nillo Infants School	\$14,947

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Hunter River Community School	\$57,584
Woodberry Learning Centre	\$22,460
Maitland High School	\$250,235
Maitland Grossmann High School	\$247,320
Francis Greenway High School	\$571,551
Rutherford Technology High School	\$594,239
TOTAL	\$4,656,234

(b) Not applicable.

* 6991 SCHOOL MAINTAINENCE UPDATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What is the maintenance backlog for schools in the Maitland electorate, disaggregated by school, as at 18 November 2021?

Answer—

The Department of Education has a well-defined maintenance strategy that ensures all statutory and preventive maintenance is completed as the first priority to ensure our schools are safe and compliant.

Planned maintenance is undertaken in parallel and in consultation with the school principal.

* 6992 SCHOOL TEACHING STAFF—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) In relation to public schools in the Maitland electorate, how many teaching staff are employed at each school and how many are casual employees? Please disaggregate by school.
- (2) How many schools in the Maitland electorate currently have vacant teaching positions? Please disaggregate by school.
- (a) For each vacant position, how long has the position been vacant for?
- (i) When will the vacant position be filled?

Answer—

- (1) The overall teacher full-time equivalent (FTE) and casual FTE employed at each school in Maitland electorate as at 30 June 2021 are:

	Overall FTE	Casual FTE
Ashtonfield Public School	35	1
Bolwarra Public School	28	3
Francis Greenway High School	74	6
Gillieston Public School	18	1
Hunter River Community School	19	2
Largs Pubiic School	12	1

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Lochinvar Public School	15	2
Maitland East Public School	43	2
Maitland Grossman High School	91	5
Maitland High School	95	9
Maitland Public School	40	6
Metford Public School	34	0
Millers Forest Public School	7	0
Morpeth Public School	16	1
Nillo Infants School	4	0
Rutherford Public School	66	1
Rutherford Technology High School	123	8
Telarah Public School	48	3
Tenambit Public School	34	1
Thornton Public School	49	2
Woodberry Learning Centre	6	0
Woodberry Public School	25	3

(2) 17 schools in Maitland electorate have vacant teaching positions

Ashtonfield Public School	1
Francis Greenway High School	2
Gillieston Public School	3
Hunter River Community School	1
Lochinvar Public School	1
Maitland East Public School	2
Maitland Grossmann High School	1
Maitland High School	2
Metford Public School	2
Millers Forest Public School	2
Rutherford Public School	2
Rutherford Technology High School	7
Telarah Public School	1
Tenambit Public School	2
Thornton Public School	3
Woodberry Learning Centre	2

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- (a) Positions are declared vacant when the Principal advises an intention to fill a position permanently. Up until the point a vacancy is declared, whether the position is a new one or previously occupied by a permanent teacher, the role would typically be occupied by a temporary teacher. As such, measuring the amount of time individual positions have been vacant can only be accurately determined at a local level by the Principal.
- (i) Vacant positions are at various stages of the recruitment process. The Department of Education's School Recruitment and Placement team works with principals to fill all permanent vacancies as soon as possible, in accordance with the requirements of the Staffing Agreement between the Department and the NSW Teachers Federation.

* 6993 COMMUNITY AND SMALL BUSINESS CCTV FUND—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

- (1) How many grants were approved from the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund between 10 February 2021 and 18 November 2021?
- (2) What was the quantum of grants made from the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund to 18 November 2021?
- (3) What is the balance of the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund at 18 November 2021?
- (4) When will the Attorney General or the Department of Communities and Justice assess the program for expansion beyond western and south-western Sydney to other areas of New South Wales?
- (5) When will businesses in the Maitland electorate be able to access the fund?

Answer—

I am advised:

Data is collated on a monthly cycle, the closest timeframes for which data is readily available is 1 February 2021 to 31 October 2021.

- (1) Between 1 February 2021 and 31 October 2021, 161 applications were approved from the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund.
- (2) As of 31 October 2021, installations to the value of \$925,361 were funded from the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund.
- (3) As of 31 October 2021, the balance of the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund is approximately \$3.82 million.
- (4) The Department of Communities and Justice will continue to widely promote the Fund to prospective applicants from the existing eligible local government areas (LGAs) before expansion to other LGAs is considered.
- (5) I refer to my response to question (4).

* 6994 SHEET PILING ALONG COOKS RIVER—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Is the Government responsible for the sheet piling along the Cooks River?
 - (a) Does the Government have any plans to remove the sheet piling?
- (2) What community consultation has the Government done as part of its Coastal Management Plan, specifically in regards to issues with the Cooks River?

Answer—

I am advised :

The Cooks River Alliance (CRA) and its member councils are consulting with the community during each stage of their CMPs development.

The Department will continue to support Cooks River councils and the CRA by providing technical and financial support through the NSW Coastal and Estuary Grants program to develop and implement the Cooks River Catchment CMP.

* 6995 METRO CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many complaints has Metro received in relation to Metro construction projects on:
 - (a) The Campsie Metro station?
 - (b) The Canterbury Metro station?
 - (c) The Hurlstone Park Metro station?
- (2) What has Metro done to action these complaints?
- (3) What action is Metro taking to reduce the noise of night construction works?
- (4) What issues have been raised by residents of the Canterbury electorate via the Metro Community Information line?

Answer—

I am advised:

Over the last three years, Sydney Metro has received approximately 10 complaints about work at Campsie station, 40 complaints about Canterbury station and 75 complaints about Hurlstone Park. Issues raised by residents in the Canterbury electorate via the Metro Community Line include standard construction related issues such as noise, dust, lighting, and work hours.

Sydney Metro uses a range of noise mitigation measures where feasible, including scheduling high noise impact activities to occur during day-time hours, scheduling respite periods for high noise activities as well as offering alternative accommodation and respite activities to eligible residents and monitoring noise and vibration levels to ensure compliance.

* 6996 DRIVING TEST BACKLOG—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the —

- (1) Considering that over 137,000 residents are waiting to take their driving test:
 - (a) What is the Government's plan to resolve this backlog?
 - (b) How many of these residents are in the electorate of Canterbury?
- (2) In relation to the Government hiring 50 additional driving testers:
 - (a) How many of these driving testers will be allocated to Service NSW centres in the electorate of Canterbury (such as the Roselands service centre)?
- (3) Has Service NSW communicated with these 137,000 residents, and provided them with a timeframe for when they might be able to get a test?
- (4) When will Service NSW begin to take new bookings for P-plate drivers licence tests?

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Answer—

- Service NSW reopened online bookings for all forms of Driver Tests from 5 November 2021. Information about the reopening of this service has been shared publicly via the Service NSW website and social channels.
- Based on the number of Driver Tests being completed each week prior to the restrictions introduced as a result of the COVID-19 Delta outbreak in New South Wales, Service NSW estimates a backlog of between 100,000 and 120,000 customers who would have ordinarily booked for a test during this period. It is not possible to identify these customers.
- Service NSW is actively recruiting up to 100 new driver testers to better meet the high demand for tests across the state. Following the successful completion of training, the new driver testers will be appointed to a relief pool and deployed to areas experiencing the highest demand.
- In addition to recruiting additional driver testers, Service NSW is increasing the number of tests available to customers through the introduction of ‘Super Saturdays’ at some sites.

* 6997 CANTERBURY HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Following the Minister’s most recent visit to Canterbury Hospital:
 - (a) Does the Minister understand the urgent need to redevelop Canterbury Hospital?
 - (b) What funding will the Minister allocate to Canterbury Hospital for a major redevelopment?
 - (c) How much funding will the Government allocate towards Canterbury Hospital in 2022?
- (2) In relation to COVID-19 restrictions in New South Wales easing, and the Premier acknowledging that case numbers and hospitalisations will rise:
 - (a) Does Canterbury Hospital have enough doctors to cope with an increase in case numbers?
 - (b) Does Canterbury Hospital have enough nurses to cope?
 - (c) Does Canterbury Hospital have enough allied health staff to cope?
 - (d) Does Canterbury Hospital have enough Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds to cope?
 - (e) Does Canterbury Hospital have enough medical equipment to cope with an increase in case numbers?

Answer—

- (1) (a) to (c)

The need for infrastructure development to meet the future health needs of the local community around Canterbury Hospital is recognised. Funding for a future redevelopment of the Hospital will be considered as part of statewide clinical priorities and the annual NSW State Budget process. Planning funds were allocated in 2021 and will continue into 2022 to finalise the development of an updated Clinical Services Plan and Investment Proposal for Canterbury Hospital.

- (2) (a) to (e)

Canterbury Hospital is part of the Sydney Local Health District and is strongly networked with both Concord and Royal Prince Alfred Hospitals. As part of this network, Canterbury Hospital has the necessary capacity and support to respond to any future healthcare demands related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

* 6998 FUNDING DURING COVID-19 LOCKDOWN—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) During the COVID-19 lockdown period of 26 June – 11 October 2021:
- (a) How much support funding was allocated to disability services for local organisations in the Canterbury electorate?
 - (b) Which non-for-profit organisations in the Canterbury electorate received additional disability support funding during this time?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government indirectly provides funding to disability organisations through its co-funding of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

The NDIS is administered by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NOIA) on behalf of the Commonwealth, state and territory Governments.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the NOIA has made available additional payments to assist NDIS participants and their providers manage the pandemic.

This includes the period of the recent lockdown in the greater Sydney area. While these additional payments were available to participants and providers in the Canterbury electorate, the Government does not have oversight as to the extent that NDIS providers operating in the Canterbury electorate received these additional payments.

* 6999 SAFEGUARDS AGAINST COVID-19 IN SCHOOLS—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What safeguards have been put in place in secondary schools of the Canterbury electorate, to protect students sitting their Higher School Certificate against COVID-19?
- (2) What action has been taken by the Department of Education to implement adequate air conditioning at:
- (a) Belmore Boys Public School?
 - (b) Belmore South Public?
 - (c) Campsie Public School?
 - (d) Canterbury Public School?
 - (e) Canterbury Boys High School?
 - (f) Clemton Park Public School?
 - (g) Earlwood Public School?
 - (h) Kingsgrove North High School?
- (3) What action has been taken by the Department of Education to ensure that air purifiers and adequate ventilation has been implemented at:
- (a) Belmore South Public School?
 - (b) Campsie Public School?
 - (c) Canterbury Public School?
 - (d) Clemton Park Public School?
 - (e) Earlwood Public School?

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- (f) Undercliffe Public School?
- (4) What is the Government's contingency plan for local schools if a COVID-19 outbreak occurs during the Higher School Certificate exam period?

Answer—

(1) The Department of Education and New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA) prepared HSC exam guidelines to protect the health and safety of students to minimise the risk of disruptions during the HSC exams. The Department's priority was to ensure schools had appropriate contingency plans in place to enable all students to sit their exams with minimal disruption. Additional measures implemented included mask wearing, ensuring 1.5 metre separation in exam rooms, access to appropriate cleaning and hygiene supplies and plans for alternative venues if a confirmed case of COVID-19 was to impact a school enabled the HSC exams to progress in a form of close to normal operations.

(2) and (3) The Government is delivering a \$100 million air quality assurance program to support ongoing improvements to air quality in New South Wales public schools. Under the program, the Department will provide air purifiers to schools as required.

The vast majority of spaces in schools are adequately ventilated through natural and mechanically assisted ventilation.

Air purification is only recommended where air quality is compromised by bush fire smoke or where natural ventilation cannot be achieved.

This approach is strongly supported by expert advice. Our buildings allow sufficient ventilation and meet the recommended ventilation guidance from the World Health Organisation.

Information on the framework for COVID-safe school operations is publicly available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/business/covid-safe-business/ventilation>.

(4) The HSC examinations were completed on 3 December 2021. Schools had identified alternative exam locations in the event an examination was unable to proceed in the planned location. This information was provided to students on their personal examination timetable so was readily available in case it was required at short notice.

* 7000 BEDS AT DENILQUIN HOSPITAL—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What was the total number of beds at Deniliquin hospital as at:
- (a) 1 July 2018?
 - (b) 1 July 2019?
 - (c) 1 July 2020?
 - (d) 1 July 2021?
- (2) Does the Government plan to reduce the number of beds at Deniliquin hospitals?
- (3) How many staff vacancies are there at Deniliquin hospital as at 15 November 2021?

Answer—

- (1) Total bed numbers at Deniliquin Hospital at 1 July 2021 was 59. This has not changed since 1 July 2018.
- (2) There are no current plans to reduce the number of acute inpatient beds at Deniliquin Hospital.
- (3) There are currently staff vacancies at the Deniliquin health service in the position of full time equivalent (FTE) permanent registered nurse, FTE temporary registered nurse, FTE permanent enrolled nurse and FTE temporary enrolled nurse. Local health districts have mechanisms in place

to identify vacancies and recruit to positions in accordance with service delivery needs and models of care across their hospitals.

* 7001 AIR CONDITIONING IN SOCIAL HOUSING DWELLINGS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many social housing dwellings managed by Griffith Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) Housing, Griffith Argyle Community Housing and Deniliquin Homes Out West offices have air-conditioning as at 15 November 2021?
- (2) How many social housing dwellings managed by Griffith DCJ Housing, Griffith Argyle Community Housing and Deniliquin Homes Out West offices do not have air-conditioning as at 15 November 2021?
- (3) Given the high temperatures during summer, by what date will all social housing dwellings managed by Griffith DCJ Housing, Griffith Argyle Community Housing and Deniliquin Homes Out West have air-conditioning units?

Answer—

I am advised:

Over 700 properties owned by the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) and managed by the Department of Communities and Justice in the Murrumbidgee District have been retrofitted with air conditioners. Air conditioners are prioritised for communities most affected by climatic conditions. Further details are available at: <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/plans-and-policies/lahe-heating-and-cooling-policy>.

LAHC does not hold data on the total number of social housing properties retrofitted with air conditioners managed by community housing providers.

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* 7002 OUTREACH PROGRAM IN THE BREWARRINA COMMUNITY—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) The Brewarrina community relies heavily on the 'Outreach Program' and the specialists who fly in from city centres to deliver the varied health services and recently services have been cut. Could the Minister please advise:
 - (a) What areas within the Outreach Program allocated budget have been cut?
 - (b) What methods were used to identify and determine why these services were cut?
 - (c) What amount/percentage has been cut from the respective service areas?
 - (d) What support is the Minister providing to replace the services that have been cut?
 - (e) Will the Minister return these services to the Brewarrina community?
 - (i) If not, why not?

Answer—

Services provided by the Western NSW Local Health District have not been reduced.

* 7003 TEACHING STAFF CRISIS EXPERIENCED ACROSS BARWON—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What action is the Minister undertaking to replenish the current teacher crisis within the New South Wales, and in particular Western and Far Western New South Wales?

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- (2) Can the Minister confirm how many scholarships will be offered to regional students looking to study education at university over the next 5 years?
- (3) What incentives will the Minister be offering those teachers who seek teaching positions in Western New South Wales towns?
- (4) Lower wages, increased workloads, and lack of new teachers entering the system are said to be amongst the reasons attributed to the decline. Can the Minister advise the benefits of the 'Teacher Supply Strategy' recently introduced by the Government and how will this effectively attract and grow quality teachers, especially in regional and remote areas of New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) There is no 'teacher crisis' in New South Wales. The premise of this question is untrue and misleading.

To ensure a strong pipeline of teachers joining the profession now and into the future, this year I announced the NSW Teacher Supply Strategy.

The \$125 million Teacher Supply Strategy has three key priorities:

- growing the workforce by making it more attractive to teach;
- retraining and upskilling more teachers in high-demand subjects and specialist areas; and
- boosting the supply of teachers in regional and remote communities.

The Strategy is in addition to an existing spend each year to boost teacher supply, and to implement priority initiatives in response to the review into the Rural and Remote Incentives Scheme.

Key initiatives to boost teacher supply in regional communities include, for example: Recruitment beyond NSW, FASTstream, Casual Work Support, Retraining Teachers, an increase to Teach.Rural scholarships and expanded Rural Experience Program.

- (2) Up to 230 Teacher Education Scholarships, 120 teach.Rural Scholarships, 80 teach.MathsNOW Scholarships and 20 Graduate Teacher Scholarships are available each year to support future teachers, including regional students, while undertaking an initial teacher education qualification. Students will increase their chances of being awarded a scholarship should they be willing to teach in rural or remote locations.
- (3) There are a range of rural and remote incentives available to teachers in eligible rural and remote schools in Western New South Wales, such as the Rural Teacher Incentive, up to 90 per cent rental subsidy, retention benefit, experienced teacher benefit, and recruitment bonus.

Teachers can also access non-financial incentives such as additional leave and professional development days, priority transfers and climatic allowances.

As part of the Rural and Remote Incentives Review, the Government also committed to expanding incentives to temporary teaching staff, and to introduce a range of other measures to improve the attractiveness of teaching in a rural and remote school.

The Teacher Supply Strategy will double the total placements offered under the successful teach.Rural scholarships to 120 per year to attract high quality teachers in rural and remote areas. Furthermore, the Rural Experience Program will be expanded to up to 50 teachers per year.

- (4) Building on our existing successful pipeline of teachers, the Strategy will deliver an additional 3,700 teachers with the right subject qualifications placed in locations of need over the next 10 years. This includes delivering 1,600 of these teachers over the first five years of the Strategy.

The Strategy has other benefits in diversifying our teacher pipelines - such as attracting career-changers, with the right supports - and investing in our existing workforce - such as upskilling

school learning support officers (SLSOs) into teaching, and retraining teachers in high-need subject areas.

* 7004 CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) How many full time Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists are employed by the Far West Local Health District (FWLHD) to provide Child and Adolescent Mental Health services (CAMHS)?
 - (a) Are these services provided face to face or via Telehealth?
- (2) How are children prioritised for intake?
- (3) What is the threshold for a child or adolescent to receive treatment from this service?

Answer—

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

All child and adolescent presentations are triaged and assessed by child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) clinicians, then reviewed by a multidisciplinary team to determine the level of response required.

The District CAMHS provides a range of services in the local community to children, adolescents and their families for a range of difficulties that are seriously impacting their mental health and emotional wellbeing.

* 7005 FISHERIES OFFICER POSITIONS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) What risk profile would be required for additional Fisheries Officers to be deployed to the Darling River from Bourke to Dareton?
- (2) How many of the newly recruited Fisheries Officer positions will be located in Barwon?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Primary Industries, Fisheries Compliance unit uses a risk based and outcomes focused regulatory framework to assess regulatory risks under its legislative responsibilities and to deploy resources accordingly.

Fisheries Officers work flexibly and are often deployed away from their office locations to respond to new and emerging risks. For example high water levels and aggregations of native fish at certain locations in inland rivers have seen a recent increase in illegal fish trapping being detected in our inland rivers. Localised resources as well as resources from coastal districts under the Temporary Inland Mobile Squads (TIMS) program have been deployed to respond.

- (2) First Year Fisheries Officer roles will be located at Tamworth and Dubbo. The newly recruited roles are for existing positions that have been vacant.

* 7006 PURCHASES OF NARRIARRA STATION AND AVENAL/MOUNT WESTWOOD STATION—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Will the Minister publish the Socio-Economic assessment for the purchases of both the Narriarrarra Station and Avenal/Mount Westwood Station with reference to:
 - (a) Environmental and conservation outcomes
 - (b) Social outcomes for the local community
 - (c) Financial outcomes

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- (d) Economic outcomes?
- (2) Has the relevance with nationally agreed biodiversity targets been included in the decision to purchase these estates?
- (a) If so, will the Minister publish that assessment?

Answer—

- (1) The recent acquisitions were carefully selected, concentrating on areas of the State where important biodiversity and other values have little or no protection in existing national parks and reserves. The acquisitions contain exceptional conservation values. For example, Narriearra Caryapundy Swamp National Park contains the only population of the threatened Grey Grasswren in NSW and Avenel-Mount Westwood contains three regional ecosystems that are not protected anywhere else in the State. Both sites contain significant Aboriginal cultural heritage.
- (2) New South Wales national parks attract more than 60 million domestic visits annually, contributing \$17.9 billion in economic activity and supporting more than 74,000 jobs. Across western New South Wales in 2020-21, more than 47,000 people spent over 134,000 visitor nights in national park campgrounds and accommodation. New acquisitions have already generated additional employment; a new campground has opened at Narriearra Caryapundy Swamp National Park; and substantial investment will occur at Metford-Langidoon and Koonaburra in the next 12 to 18 months.
- (3) The decision to acquire these properties was based on a range of factors including their contribution to the comprehensiveness, representativeness and adequacy of the national parks system (e.g. they contain regional ecosystems not protected in other reserves), as well as the fact they contain habitat for threatened species. This is consistent with State and national biodiversity targets and policies.
- (a) A summary of the information was published as part of the former Minister's announcement of the new reserves.

* 7007 SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND TEMPORARY VISA HOLDERS—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections representing the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) What financial COVID-19 support was made available to temporary visa holders and students during the lockdown?
- (2) What non-financial COVID-19 support (mental health, food, housing) was made available to temporary visa holders and students during the lockdown?

Answer—

This question would be more appropriately directed to the Treasurer.

* 7008 ELIGIBLE FORMS OF TRANSPORT UNDER THE IPTAAS SUBSIDY—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering your response to LA Q6328 stating that a patient may be eligible for a travel subsidy if the community transport provider does not receive Government funding, is a patient using the Royal Flying Doctor Service Patient Transport service eligible for an Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) travel subsidy?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response provided at LA 6328 and note that the Royal Flying Doctor Patient Transport Service is a non-commercial provider that receives government funding. However, if patients incur other costs due to travel or accommodation as part of their treatment, they may be eligible for subsidies for these expenses.

* 7009 JOURNALISTS IN PRESS CONFERENCES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Premier—

- (1) Is it the case that the previous premier did not invite certain journalists like Michael West Media to her press conferences?
- (2) Will you commit to inviting all accredited journalists to your press conferences?

Answer—

Thank you for your question. I am unaware of the practices of the previous Premier in relation to media conference invitees.

As Premier, my office invites state political reporters and mainstream media outlets to attend media conferences.

Reporters who do not attend media conferences are able to receive information and engage with the Government in a variety of ways. Media releases are distributed and publicly available at nsw.gov.au, and many media conferences are live streamed.

In addition, media can proactively contact my office with media requests at any time.

* 7010 SOCIAL HOUSING INVESTMENT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Of the 124 projects across New South Wales providing over 3,300 bedrooms, and totalling over \$555 million, how many projects are located in the Far West and Murrumbidgee Districts?
- (2) Of the additional \$80 million for the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) announced on 16 October 2021, as part of the Government's COVID-19 economic recovery strategy, how much of this funding is allocated to the Far West and Murrumbidgee Districts?
 - (a) How many bedrooms in how many dwellings is this funding expected to create?
- (3) Considering LAHC directly bases its maintenance expenditure on priority and need, how many properties in the Far West and Murrumbidgee Districts are considered a priority or needing maintenance?
 - (a) Of those properties, when will maintenance works commence and conclude?

Answer—

As the newly appointed Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes, this question was referred to me for response and I am advised:

- (1) Information on current Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) projects is available at www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation.
- (2) In the Murrumbidgee District, LAHC's Tolland Estate renewal project in Wagga Wagga has been allocated funding as part of the recent social housing package. Further details are available at www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/plans-and-policies/accelerating-the-delivery-of-more-than-1,400-homes-across-nsw.
- (3) Around 3,000 properties in the Far West and Murrumbidgee Districts have been identified for the earlier \$160 million Capital Works Stimulus program. The program commenced in November 2020 and is scheduled to be completed by 30 June 2022.

Further details are available at [www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/news/almost-\\$900-million-investment-takes-total-social-housing-budget-to-\\$4.4-billion](https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/news/almost-$900-million-investment-takes-total-social-housing-budget-to-$4.4-billion)

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- * 7011 LACHLAN RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Can you advise when you will update the Lachlan River (Gooloogong to Jemalong Gap) Floodplain Management Plan, last updated in January 2011?

Answer—

Following review of 10 rural floodplain management plans in the Lachlan, Murrumbidgee and Murray valleys, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Water (the Department) is preparing to replace all three floodplain management plans in the Lachlan valley with at least one valley-wide, connected plan.

The Department will use the [Technical Manual for Rural Floodplain Management Plans under the Water Management Act 2000](#) (developed for the northern Murray-Darling Basin floodplain management plans) to guide the planning process. Rural floodplain management plans prepared under the Water Management Act 2000 provide the legal framework for coordinating flood work development to:

- Minimise future changes to flooding behaviour
- Improve the environmental health of floodplains, and
- Increase awareness of the high-risk flood areas in rural floodplains.

More information about the planning process is available on the Department's website at <https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/plans-programs/healthy-floodplains-project/plans/developing>

Technical scoping and early planning for consultation and engagement is underway. The Department will contact key stakeholders in early 2022 to discuss the planning process and how they may be involved in the development of the plan.

- * 7012 SERVICE NSW APPLICATION—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) How many customers in the electorate of Granville have downloaded the Service NSW app?
- (2) Since 16 June 2021 how many times have customers in the electorate of Granville checked in to venues using the Service NSW app?
- (3) Since 16 June 2021 how many times have customers in the electorate of Granville been notified of having attended case locations after checking in to venues using the Service NSW app?
- (4) How many customers in the electorate of Granville have connected their proof of vaccination to their Service NSW account?

Answer—

Due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between Monday, 27 December 2021 and Friday, 7 January 2022 as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to these questions.

- * 7013 MICRO-BUSINESS GRANTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many Micro-Business Grants were approved for the Granville electorate in the following postcodes:
 - (a) 2142?
 - (b) 2145?
 - (c) 2150?

- (d) 2160?
- (e) 2161?
- (2) How many Micro-Business Grants were approved for the Newcastle Local Government area?
- (3) How many grants in the following postcodes were rejected?
 - (a) 2142?
 - (b) 2145?
 - (c) 2150?
 - (d) 2160?
 - (e) 2161?
- (4) How many grants in the Cumberland Local Government area were rejected?
- (5) How many grants in the City of Parramatta Local Government area were rejected?

Answer—

- (1) Revenue NSW does not collect data by electorate. Data is for the postcode area regardless of electorate.
 - (a) 467
 - (b) 794
 - (c) 408
 - (d) 665
 - (e) 523
- (2) 930 applications were approved; 109 were not approved
- (3)
 - (a) 65
 - (b) 117
 - (c) 51
 - (d) 72
 - (e) 84
- (4) 452 applications were not approved; 930 were approved
- (5) 266 applications were not approved; 2,434 were approved

* 7014 COMMUNITY SPORT RECOVERY PACKAGES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) In relation to the Community Sport Recovery Package in 2020, how many grassroots sports applied for a grant from the following postcodes:
 - (a) 2142?
 - (b) 2145?
 - (c) 2150?
 - (d) 2160?
 - (e) 2161?

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- (2) How much money was paid to these grassroots sports in the following postcodes:
- (a) 2142?
 - (b) 2145?
 - (c) 2150?
 - (d) 2160?
 - (e) 2161?
- (3) In relation to the Community Sport Recovery Package in 2021, how many grassroots sports applied for a grant from the following postcodes:
- (a) 2142?
 - (b) 2145?
 - (c) 2150?
 - (d) 2160?
 - (e) 2161?
- (4) How much money was paid to these grassroots sports in the following postcodes:
- (a) 2142?
 - (b) 2145?
 - (c) 2150?
 - (d) 2160?
 - (e) 2161?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, Minister for Western Sydney

* 7015 WESTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT POP UP VACCINATION CLINICS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Which vaccination pop up clinics were established by Western Sydney Local Health District?
- (2) What is the total number of people vaccinated at each vaccination pop up clinic including:
- (a) Guildford Community Centre pop-up clinic?
 - (b) Allan Ezzy Community Centre Pemulwuy pop up clinic?
 - (c) Burge Hall Merrylands pop-up clinic?
 - (d) Greystanes Community Centre pop-up clinic?
 - (e) Holroyd Centre pop up clinic?
- (3) What is the total number of doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered at each vaccination pop up clinic including:
- (a) Guildford Community Centre pop-up clinic?
 - (b) Allan Ezzy Community Centre Pemulwuy pop up clinic?
 - (c) Burge Hall Merrylands pop-up clinic?
 - (d) Greystanes Community Centre pop-up clinic?

(e) Holroyd Centre pop up clinic?

Answer—

(1) Western Sydney Local Health District has delivered COVID-19 vaccines through various vaccination pop up clinics and organisations at:

- Blacktown - Baitul Huda Mosque, Marrin Weejali, Aboriginal Health Hub, Jesuit Social Services, Indigenous Outreach – Wilmot Community Hub, Western Sydney Local Health District Public Health Unit Wurimbirra Team, Blacktown PCYC, Blacktown Workers Sports Club, Department of Community and Justice Social Housing – Bidwill, Tregear, Doonside, Seven Hills, Needle Syringe Program Mount Druitt, Drug Health Mount Druitt, Methadone Clinic Blacktown, Blacktown Area Community Centre, Lalor Park Anglican Church, BE Campbell, Embark Building Mental Health, Melaleuca Unit Mental Health, Pasifika Community – Mount Druitt Hub/Community Hall, Gurdwara Sikh Temple Glenwood, Sudanese Community.
 - Cumberland - Onelink Warehouse, Granville Centre, Auburn Youth Centre, Auburn Community Health Centre, Cumberland Hospital Inpatients, The Holroyd Centre, Guildford Community Centre, Ted Burge Hall, Allan G Ezzy Pemulwuy, Greystanes Community Centre, Andrews Meat Industries, Cordina Farms, Cumberland LGA Disability, Auburn Gallipoli Mosque, Cumberland City Council Staff, Pasifika Community – Guildford Community Centre, House of Welcome, Salvation Army, Department of Community and Justice Social Housing – Auburn and Merrylands.
 - Parramatta - St Vincent de Paul Harris Park, Jeffery House, Dundas Area Neighbourhood Centre, Parramatta Mission Meals Plus/Hope Hostel, Department of Community and Justice – Telopea Social Housing, Settlement Services International, Jesuit Refugee Service, Karabi Community and Development Services, Drug Health Fleet Street, Our Lady of Lebanon, Baxter Healthcare, Don Moore Community Centre, Rough Sleepers Parramatta, Westmead Rehabilitation Hospital.
 - The Hills Shire - Afghan Community.
- (2) The statewide Vaccination Administrator Management system does not support this level of data recording.
- (3) The total number of vaccine doses administered at each of the pop-up clinics are:
- Guildford Community Centre pop-up clinic - 2,195
 - Allan Ezzy Community Centre Pemulwuy pop up clinic – 665
 - Burge Hall Merrylands pop-up clinic – 693
 - Greystanes Community Centre pop-up clinic – 909
 - Holroyd Centre pop up clinic - 1,974.

* 7016 LUMP SUM COVID-19 BUSINESS GRANTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

(1) How many lump sum COVID-19 Business Grants were approved for the Granville electorate in the following postcodes:

- (a) 2142?
- (b) 2145?
- (c) 2150?
- (d) 2160?

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- (e) 2161?
- (2) How many lump sum COVID-19 Business Grants were approved for the Newcastle Local Government area?
- (3) How many grants in the following postcodes were rejected:
 - (a) 2142?
 - (b) 2145?
 - (c) 2150?
 - (d) 2160?
 - (e) 2161?
- (4) How many grants in the Cumberland Local Government area were rejected?
- (5) How many grants in the following postcodes were rejected for the reason that they didn't meet the downturn threshold:
 - (a) 2142?
 - (b) 2145?
 - (c) 2150?
 - (d) 2160?
 - (e) 2161?
- (6) How many grants in the City of Parramatta Local Government area were rejected?
- (7) How many grants in the following postcodes were rejected for the reason that they didn't meet the downturn threshold:
 - (a) 2142?
 - (b) 2145?
 - (c) 2150?
 - (d) 2160?
 - (e) 2161?

Answer—

All data is at 29 November 2021 and for the 2021 COVID-19 Business Grant.

- (1) Revenue NSW does not collect data by electorate. Data is for the postcode area regardless of electorate.
 - (a) See the answer to QoN 6922
 - (b) See the answer to QoN 6922
 - (c) 1,757 applications were approved
 - (d) See the answer to QoN 6922
 - (e) See the answer to QoN 6922
- (2) 2,400
- (3) Revenue NSW does not collect data by electorate. Data is for the postcode area regardless of electorate.

- (a) See the answer to QoN 6922
- (b) See the answer to QoN 6922
- (c) 106 applications were not approved
- (d) See the answer to QoN 6922
- (e) See the answer to QoN 6922
- (4) 692 applications were not approved; 7,550 were approved
- (5) (a-e)
This data is not available at postcode level.
- (6) 407 applications were rejected; 7,302 applications were approved
- (7) (a-e)
See the answer to (5) (a-e)

* 7017 E-TOLL ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many customers in the electorate of Granville have:
 - (a) An E-Toll account?
 - (b) An E-Toll tag?
- (2) How many customers in the electorate of Parramatta have:
 - (a) An E-Toll account?
 - (b) An E-Toll tag?
- (3) How many customers in the electorate of Seven Hills have:
 - (a) An E-Toll account?
 - (b) An E-Toll tag?
- (4) How many customers in the electorate of Epping have:
 - (a) An E-Toll account?
 - (b) An E-Toll tag?
- (5) What was the toll paid by customers with an E-Toll account in 2020-21 in the electorates of:
 - (a) Granville?
 - (b) Parramatta?
 - (c) Seven Hills?
 - (d) Epping?
- (6) What was the toll paid by customers in Class 2 vehicles in 2020-21 in the electorates of:
 - (a) Granville?
 - (b) Parramatta?
 - (c) Seven Hills?
 - (d) Epping?
- (7) What was the toll paid by customers in Class 4 vehicles in 2020-21 in the electorates of:

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- (a) Granville?
- (b) Parramatta?
- (c) Seven Hills?
- (d) Epping?

Answer—

Due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between Monday, 27 December 2021 and Friday, 7 January 2022 as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to this question.

* 7018 COVID-19 SUPPORT FUNDING—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) How many applications were there in the electorate of Granville for:
 - (a) Land tax COVID-19 relief?
 - (b) Residential Tenancy Support payment?
 - (c) Commercial Landlord Hardship Fund?
 - (d) Support for accommodation providers?
- (2) How many applications were there in the electorate of Parramatta for:
 - (a) Land tax COVID-19 relief?
 - (b) Residential Tenancy Support payment?
 - (c) Commercial Landlord Hardship Fund?
 - (d) Support for accommodation providers?
- (3) How many applications were there in the electorate of Seven Hills for:
 - (a) Land tax COVID-19 relief?
 - (b) Residential Tenancy Support payment?
 - (c) Commercial Landlord Hardship Fund?
 - (d) Support for accommodation providers?
- (4) How many applications for JobSaver for registered charities (30 per cent decline) were submitted in the electorate of:
 - (a) Granville?
 - (b) Parramatta?
 - (c) Seven Hills?
- (5) How many applications for JobSaver for registered charities (15 per cent decline) were submitted in the electorate of:
 - (a) Granville?
 - (b) Parramatta?
 - (c) Seven Hills?
- (6) What is the total amount of funding provided by JobSaver for registered charities (30 per cent decline) in the electorate of:

- (a) Granville?
 - (b) Parramatta?
 - (c) Seven Hills?
- (7) What is the total amount of funding provided by JobSaver for registered charities (15 per cent decline) in the electorate of:
- (a) Granville?
 - (b) Parramatta?
 - (c) Seven Hills?
- (8) How many applications for the Test and Isolate support payments were submitted in the electorate of:
- (a) Granville?
 - (b) Parramatta?
 - (c) Seven Hills?
- (9) What is the total amount of funding provided under the Test and Isolate support payments in the electorate of:
- (a) Granville?
 - (b) Parramatta?
 - (c) Seven Hills?

Answer—

Due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between Monday, 27 December 2021 and Friday, 7 January 2022 as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to these questions.

* 7019 GOVERNMENT PROPERTY SALES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What are the details of all Government properties sold in the Cumberland Local Government Area in (a) 2019-20 and (b) 2020-21, including the address of the i) property, ii) property size and iii) department or agency which owned the property?
- (a) What was the total value of the property sales in (1)?
- (2) What are the details of all Government properties sold in the City of Parramatta Local Government Area in (a) 2019-20 and (b) 2020-21, including the address of the i) property, ii) property size and iii) department or agency which owned the property?
- (a) What was the total value of the property sales in (2)?

Answer—

As the newly appointed Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes, this question was referred to me for response and I am advised:

- (1) Details of the total sales of Government-owned properties in the Cumberland Local Government (LGA) area in financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21 were provided in response to Question on Notice LA/6802. Investigation into any overriding privacy and commercial obligations will need to be completed before information can be provided and published on individual addresses of properties sold and which department or agency owned them. The total area of Government-owned properties

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sold in the Cumberland LGA in financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21 was 21,169 m². However, this figure does not include the area of lots within deposited plans that comprise of roads, and of lots within strata plans, as this information is not captured in the Government Property Register (GPR).

- (2) Details of the total sales of Government-owned properties in the Parramatta Local Government Area (LGA) in financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21 were provided in response to Question on Notice LA/6810. Investigation into any overriding privacy and commercial obligations will need to be completed before information can be provided and published on individual addresses of properties sold and which department or agency owned them. The total area of Government-owned properties sold in the Parramatta LGA in financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21 was 38,914 m². However, this figure does not include the area of lots within deposited plans that comprise of roads, and of lots within strata plans, as this information is not captured in the GPR.

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

Information on sales data for the response to Questions on Notice LA/6802, and area data on Government-owned properties sold in the Cumberland LGA, was extracted from GPR on 18 November 2021. Information on sales data for the response to Questions on Notice LA/6810, and area data on Government-owned properties sold in the Parramatta LGA, was extracted from GPR on 15 November 2021.

Property data within the Cumberland and Parramatta LGAs have been identified based on current LGA boundaries, which may have changed over time.

* 7020 COVID-19 CLEARANCE LETTERS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Noting the answer to LA Q6339 that "Deisolation data is not centrally available. Information is also not collected nor available by electorate", since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, how many people have been issued clearance letters by Western Sydney Local Health District?
- (2) How many people have completed their 14 days in self isolation and waited for more than 1 day for their clearance letter from Western Sydney Local Health District?
- (3) How many people have completed their 14 days in self isolation and are still waiting?

Answer—

- (1) Due to different data systems and changes in practices over the past 21 months in response to the evolving nature of the pandemic, reporting on the total number of people who have been issued clearance letters since the commencement of the COVID-19 outbreak on 27 February 2020 is not available.
- (2) This data is not available.
- (3) As at 25 November 2021, the District has advised that they are not aware of any people who have completed 14 days in self-isolation that are waiting a clearance letter.

* 7021 WESTINVEST FUND—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Considering that the Government has established a new \$5-billion WestInvest Fund for Western Sydney, funded by the privatisation of its residual 49 per cent stake in WestConnex for \$11.1 billion:
 - (a) Of the \$3 billion to be allocated for projects that upgrade parks, urban and green space and local sporting grounds, modernise schools and high streets, enhance arts and cultural facilities and clear local traffic, when will eligibility guidelines be available?
 - (b) Which organisations will be eligible to apply?

- (c) When will the first grants be paid to successful organisations?
- (d) Of the \$2 billion to be reserved for high priority projects that will be developed in consultation with local communities, when will eligibility guidelines be available?
- (e) Which organisations will be eligible to apply?
- (f) When will the first grants be paid to successful organisations?
- (g) What scope is there for communities to have their say on priorities?
- (h) What funding will be made available to the Cumberland Local Government Area (LGA)?

Answer—

The Government announced WestInvest in September 2021. The \$5 billion investment will go towards projects that significantly improve liveability outcomes for the people of Western Sydney – with a focus on economic, social, and environmental infrastructure.

Funding will be allocated to projects aligned to the six WestInvest themes:

- Quality green and open spaces
- Community infrastructure
- School modernisation
- Arts and culture facilities
- High street activation
- Local traffic programs

Projects funded by WestInvest must be located in eligible areas for the primary benefit of the people and communities of those areas. The 15 LGAs that will be eligible for WestInvest support are:

- Blacktown
- Blue Mountains
- Burwood
- Camden
- Campbelltown
- Canterbury-Bankstown
- Cumberland
- Fairfield
- Hawkesbury
- Hills
- Liverpool
- Parramatta
- Penrith
- Strathfield
- Wollondilly

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Projects will need to meet specific criteria and undergo assurance processes before receiving funding. All projects will need to meet Government business case, evidence, and assurance requirements, including the need to specify the metrics against which success will be measured.

More details on the WestInvest consultation and application process will be made available shortly.

* 7022 TOLL RELIEF PROGRAM—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) How many customers in the electorate of Granville have accessed the toll relief program since it commenced?
- (2) How many customers in the electorate of Parramatta have accessed the toll relief program since it commenced?
- (3) How many customers in the electorate of Seven Hills have accessed the toll relief program since it commenced?
- (4) How many customers in the electorate of Epping have accessed the toll relief program since it commenced?
- (5) What is the total value of toll relief granted to customers in the electorate of Granville since it commenced?
- (6) What is the total value of toll relief granted to customers in the electorate of Parramatta since it commenced?
- (7) What is the total value of toll relief granted to customers in the electorate of Epping since it commenced?

Answer—

Due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between Monday, 27 December 2021 and Friday, 7 January 2022 as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to these questions.

* 7023 IBASIS-VIDEO INTERACTION FOR POSITIVE PARENTING THERAPY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of iBASIS-Video Interaction for Positive Parenting (iBASIS-VIPP) therapy, which is being used to specifically support social communication development for very young children with autism?
 - (a) What programs does the Government fund or support using iBASIS-VIPP therapy?
 - (b) What plans does the Government have to support iBASIS-VIPP therapy in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised that there is insufficient research evidence to make a robust assessment of iBASIS-VIPP at this time. As such, the Government does not fund or support any programs using iBASIS-VIPP therapy, and currently has no plans to support iBASIS-VIPP therapy in New South Wales.

* 7024 POEO NOISE STANDARDS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) When did the Government last update noise standards in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act?

- (2) Has the Government assessed the benefits of lower noise and greenhouse emissions possible from electric and battery powered equipment like power tools, leaf blowers and mowers?
- (3) Is it true that current electric equipment is less polluting than equipment fuelled by petrol or diesel?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to update noise controls to support the use of quieter and less damaging equipment?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to encourage and mandate use of electric and battery powered equipment and reduce pollution?

Answer—

- (1) The Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 does not set noise standards. The Protection of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation, which sets noise and time of use limits for some equipment, was last remade in 2017.
- (2) No.
- (3) Not necessarily. It depends on many factors, including how the electricity is generated, how the equipment is used, and how its performance changes over time.
- (4) The Government has been advocating for a national approach for managing noise from portable equipment and air conditioners.

Noise mandates are best managed by the Commonwealth Government to ensure a consistent approach across all jurisdictions. The Commonwealth Mutual Recognition Act 1992 allows goods sold in one Australian state or territory to be sold in another without needing to meet further requirements. This means New South Wales is unable to limit the sale of noisy outdoor petrol equipment sold in other jurisdictions. More information on mutual recognition is available at

<https://www.industry.gov.au/regulations-and-standards/reducing-technical-barriers-to-trade>

- (5) The Government continues to advocate for a national approach to setting noise standards for outdoor power equipment.

* 7025 WENTWORTH PARK GREYHOUND RACETRACK—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) What action has been taken to relocate the greyhound racetrack in Wentworth Park since the 2020 announcement that it would no longer operate on this site?
- (2) Will the Government ensure that the racetrack is no longer operating on Wentworth Park before the 2027 lease expiry?
- (3) When will the Government announce plans for the racetrack's future?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to return this Crown Land to open green space as promised in the Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

* 7026 VACANT SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) As of 19 October 2021:
 - (a) How many social housing properties are vacant in New South Wales?
 - (b) How many social housing properties are vacant in the Summer Hill electorate?

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Answer—

As the newly appointed Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes, this question was referred to me for response and I am advised:

- (1) The number of vacant NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) owned properties managed by the Department of Communities and Justice are:
 - (a) 1,463
 - (b) 10

According to the Australian Government Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services 2021, as at 30 June 2020, the recorded percentage of public housing dwellings occupied in New South Wales was 97.8 per cent. This is higher than the 97 per cent national average for public housing.

* 7027 LOCAL LIBRARIES FUNDING—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 is the total amount of funding for local libraries in the 2021-22 NSW Budget?
- (2) What was the total amount expended on local libraries by the Government in:
 - (a) 2020-21?
 - (b) 2019-20?
- (3) What was the total amount of library funding allocated to Inner West Council and Canterbury Bankstown Council for library services in 2020-21?

Answer—

I am informed that:

The answers to these questions are available at <https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/subsidies-and-grants/public-library-funding-202122>.

* 7028 COOKS RIVER PROJECTS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) What is the total amount of funding in the 2021-22 NSW Budget allocated for works associated with naturalising the banks of the Cooks River?
- (2) What works will be funded and when will work be undertaken?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The Cooks River Alliance was awarded \$565,456 in 2021-22 from the NSW Coastal and Estuary Grants program for a project that will identify, assess, and prioritise works associated with naturalising the banks of the Cooks River. This is a necessary component of developing the Coastal Management Program.
- (2) Works included in a certified Coastal Management Program are eligible for funding under the Coastal and Estuary Grants program. The Cooks River Alliance and its member councils, in consultation with state agencies, are developing the Cooks River Catchment Coastal Management Program, expected to be completed in 2024.

* 7029 SAFE AND LIVEABLE PREMISES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

What steps will you take to ensure either that the premises at 50 Jagungal Place, Heckenberg are safe and liveable, or to locate alternate premises for the current residents?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 24 November 2021, the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) offered the provision of Temporary Accommodation while works are undertaken at the property, as well as referrals to local support services. DCJ has also assured that these offers remain available to them.

Questions about the works at 50 Jagungal Place, Heckenberg should be directed to the Hon. Anthony Roberts, Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes.

* 7030 LICENSES IN THE LIVERPOOL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) How many of the following licenses have been issued to holders within the Liverpool Local Government area:
 - (a) Pawnbroker license?
 - (b) Second-hand Dealer license?
 - (c) Pawnbroker and Second-hand Dealer license?
 - (d) Tattoo Parlour Operator license?
 - (e) Tattooist license?

Answer—

An answer cannot be provided due to a lack of clear parameters within the question.

* 7031 PERSONAL INFRINGEMENT NOTICES IN BREACH OF PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

In relation to:

- (1) Postcode area 2168;
- (2) Postcode area 2170; and
- (3) Liverpool Local Government Area:
 - (a) What is the total amount in fines in personal infringement notices issued for breach of public health orders in the period 1 March 2020 – 21 October 2021;
 - (b) What is the percentage paid of the fines referred to above; and
 - (c) What is the total amount outstanding as at 31 October 2021 of the fines referred to above?

Answer—

This question is best directed to the Minister for Finance

* 7032 DRUG-RELATED DETAINMENT CASE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Why did police refuse to reveal, when they knew the fact in February this year, that a substance identified as an amphetamine was in fact wrongly identified and therefore could not found a prosecution for commercial drug supply against a mother and daughter from the Bankstown area?
- (2) What action will be taken against the police responsible for the events referred to above, having regard to the fact that the mother and daughter were refused bail and thus wrongly detained in jail for approximately 9 months (as revealed in the Downing Centre Local Court on 16 November 2021)?

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Answer—

I am advised:

As this matter is currently before the Court, it would be inappropriate for me as Minister to make any further comment at the current time.

* 7033 BUSINESS APPLICATIONS FOR JOB SAVER PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

(1) How many businesses in the electorate of Liverpool applied for the Job Saver Program as of 31 October 2021?

(a) How many of the applications referred to above were approved?

Answer—

Due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between Monday, 27 December 2021 and Friday, 7 January 2022 as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to these questions.

* 7034 SUPPORT PAYMENT APPLICATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

(1) How many applications were received as of 30 June 2021 from residents within the electorate of Liverpool for:

(a) Commercial Landlord Hardship fund?

(b) Residential Tenancy Support payment?

(c) Support for accommodation providers?

(d) Land tax COVID-19 relief?

Answer—

Due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between Monday, 27 December 2021 and Friday, 7 January 2022 as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to these questions.

* 7035 LINK2HOME CALLS RECEIVED—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

How many calls were received from individuals to Link2Home in the Liverpool electorate in the period 1 January 2021 – 30 June 2021?

Answer—

I am advised as at 30 June 2021, there were 49 Aboriginal children and young people in alternative care arrangements.

I am advised that a demographic breakdown of this data by age, gender and departmental district cannot be provided as the population is too small. This presents an issue around confidentiality and safety for the children in alternative care arrangements.

* 7036 DRIVER TESTS AT THE LIVERPOOL SERVICE CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

(1) How many driver tests were conducted through the Liverpool Service Centre in Orange Grove Road Liverpool, in the period 1 January 2021 – 31 October 2021?

(2) How long do applicants have to wait for a drivers test through the Liverpool Service Centre?

Answer—

Due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between Monday, 27 December 2021 and Friday, 7 January 2022 as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to these questions.

* 7037 ED SQUARE COMPLEX SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

When will the Service NSW centre located within the Ed Square complex at Edmondson Park be open to the public?

Answer—

Due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between Monday, 27 December 2021 and Friday, 7 January 2022 as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to these questions.

* 7038 COVID-19 BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

(1) How many businesses within the electorate of Liverpool applied for the COVID-19 Business Grant Program as of 31 October 2021?

(a) How many of the applications referred to above were approved?

Answer—

Due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between Monday, 27 December 2021 and Friday, 7 January 2022 as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to these questions.

* 7039 BOARDING HOUSE REGISTER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

How many boarding houses are currently listed on the Boarding House Register in the Liverpool Local Government area?

Answer—

As at 23 November 2021, there were three boarding houses listed on the Register of Boarding Houses in the Liverpool Local Government area.

* 7040 COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING REGISTER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

How many buildings within the City of Liverpool are identified in the Combustible Cladding register?

Answer—

Progress on Project Remediate is published on the NSW.gov website. Once registrations for the project are finalised, public reporting will be expanded to provide greater information about the progress of remediation for each tranche of buildings.

Neither the NSW Cladding Taskforce or Project Remediate disclose information that could identify the location of high risk buildings with potentially combustible cladding. This is because of the increased risk

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to public safety associated with potentially arson or terror threats against these buildings. This risk has been confirmed by Fire and Rescue NSW and NSW Police.

Members of the Legislative Council have been reminded of the risks to public safety on a number of occasions.

- * 7041 SERVICES FOR ROUGH SLEEPERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

What services are provided by the Department of Communities and Justice to rough sleepers in the Liverpool Local Government area?

Answer—

I am advised:

Rough sleepers in the Liverpool local government area are identified through two Assertive Outreach patrols each week, and assisted through access to:

- Temporary accommodation while working with the Department of Communities and Justice to resolve their long-term housing needs through the Together Home program and specialist homelessness services
- Support services including health services
- Basic assistance with food vouchers, transport and mobile phones
- Personal protective equipment.

In 2021-22, the Government will invest over \$1 billion in a range of homelessness and social and affordable housing programs.

- * 7042 EMPOWERING HOMES PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

To which area does the Empowering Homes Program apply?

Answer—

The full list of eligible postcodes under the Empowering Homes Program pilot is available at: www.energysaver.nsw.gov.au/solar-battery-loan-offer

- * 7043 SOAR DEVELOPMENT GROUP NOTICE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

Has the Notice issued to SOAR Development Group (referred to in Answer to LA Q6160) been complied with?

Answer—

I am advised that SOAR Development Group is making progress towards complying with the Prevention Notice, and has removed a large quantity of combustible waste from the site.

However, as noted in response to LA Q6160 on 27 July 2021, the date by which SOAR Development Group would need to comply with the notice is 9 February 2022.

- * 7044 POLLUTION MITIGATION STRATEGIES IN THE GEORGES RIVER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

What pollution mitigation strategies has the Government implemented in relation to the Georges River?

Answer—

The Government has several pollution mitigation and water quality improvement strategies. These include the Coastal Management Act 2016, the NSW Marine Estate Management Strategy 2020-2028 and the NSW Litter Prevention Strategy 2019-2022.

Since 2016, the Government has provided \$1,503,000 under the Coastal and Estuary Grants Program to implement actions in the Georges River Estuary Coastal Zone Management Plan.

The Georges Riverkeeper is working with its eight member councils, the Government and the community to transition the Coastal Zone Management Plan into a Coastal Management Program, in accordance with the Coastal Management Act 2016. The Government contributed \$63,692.50 towards the cost of Stage 1 of the Coastal Management Program through the Coastal and Estuary Grants Program. Further, the NSW Litter Prevention Grants Program has funded several grants within the Georges River catchment since the grant program began in 2012-13.

The Government is also using its regulation of potentially polluting activities to reduce pollution impacts on the Georges River. Specifically, the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is requiring Sydney Water to undertake maintenance works through a pollution reduction program under its environment protection licence to reduce the potential for dry weather sewer overflows reaching the Georges River. A separate risk-based framework is being applied to reduce the potential risk to the environment and human health posed by wet weather sewer overflows.

Additionally, the EPA partners with Sydney Councils and local catchment groups to undertake coordinated inspections twice a year as part of the Get The Site Right Campaign. The campaign coordinates inspections to enforce best practice on commercial and residential building sites and major infrastructure projects to protect our urban waterways, active in the Georges River Catchment.

- * 7045 ADDITIONAL SOCIAL HOUSING DWELLINGS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

In relation to the announcement of 1,400 extra social housing dwellings made over the last week, will additional domestic violence related housing be part of the 1400 units?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 19 October 2021, the Government announced a landmark investment of \$484.3 million to support women and children escaping domestic abuse with housing and specialist services. Further information about what the package includes is on the Department of Communities and Justice website at: <https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/media-releases/2021/landmark-investment-to-help-more-women-and-children-fleeing-dome.html>

In relation to the accelerated delivery of 1400 social housing dwellings, on 16 October 2021, the Treasurer announced the areas the additional social housing investment will support. These details are available at: <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/articles/2021/Social-housing-investment-key-to-recovery-roadmap>

Properties will be allocated using the NSW Housing Register. This is a single list of approved applicants waiting for social housing and lists applicants in order according to their required housing location, their approval category and approval date. A significant proportion of applicants are experiencing, or have experienced domestic and family violence.

- * 7046 YAGOONA TRAIN STATION ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

Can the Minister provide an update with respect to the Yagoona Train Station Accessibility Upgrades?

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Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

- * 7047 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REGARDING YAGOONA TRAIN STATION UPGRADES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Has community consultation regarding the Yagoona Train Station Accessibility Upgrades commenced?

(a) If not, when will community consultation occur?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

- * 7048 SCHEDULED COMPLETION FOR YAGOONA TRAIN STATION UPGRADES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

When are the Yagoona Train Station Accessibility Upgrades scheduled to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

- * 7049 RAIL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO COMMUTERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

Considering that Option 2 was the preferred option under the Government's 'Planning for rail services west of Bankstown in 2024' report, what services will be made available to commuters accessing Birrong train station and Yagoona train station beyond a shuttle service?

Answer—

I am advised:

The outcomes for Option 2 are addressed in the 'West of Bankstown rail services in 2024 – Consultation Report' which is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/planning-for-rail-services-west-of-bankstown>

- * 7050 REINSTATE INNER WEST TRAIN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Considering that Option 2 has officially been selected as the preferred route for rail services west of Bankstown, will the Government reinstate the Inner West train line prior to the completion of the Bankstown to Sydenham Metro in 2024?

(a) If not, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

The outcomes for Option 2 are addressed on pages 14 and 25 of the West of Bankstown rail services in 2024 – Consultation Report which is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/planning-for-rail-services-west-of-bankstown>

- * 7051 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FOR RAIL SERVICES TIMETABLE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

When will community consultation commence regarding the timetable options for rail services west of Bankstown in 2024?

Answer—

I am advised:

During 2020, Transport for NSW invited customers to provide feedback on three proposed options for rail services West of Bankstown. In December 2020, Transport for NSW released, the 'West of Bankstown rail services in 2024 - Consultation Report' which is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/planning-for-rail-services-west-of-bankstown>

- * 7052 FUNDING UNDER THE COMMUNITY SAFETY GRANTS PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

How much funding has Canterbury-Bankstown Council received to install, modify or repair traffic islands and other traffic calming measures under the Community Road Safety Grants program?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Community Road Safety Grants Program allows community groups, charity and not-for-profit organisations across New South Wales the opportunity to deliver local safety projects. Canterbury-Bankstown Council is not eligible for funding under this program.

Local councils are eligible for funding under other programs such as the Local Government Road Safety Program where councils can receive 50-50 funding for a Road Safety Officer, as well as funding for local road user safety projects. Road safety infrastructure is funded by the NSW Safer Road Program and the Australian Government's Black Spot Program.

- * 7053 DUNC GRAY VELODROME—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections representing the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

(1) Are there any updates to the Government's plan for the Dunc Gray Velodrome?

(a) Is the Government planning to support Canterbury-Bankstown Council with funding necessary to upgrade Dunc Gray Velodrome?

Answer—

I am advised that;

- (1) ONE A three-year Management Agreement between Canterbury Bankstown Council and Office of Sport for the operation of the Dunc Gray Velodrome, came into effect 1 April 2021. Through this interim agreement, Government is ensuring the continued availability of the velodrome as New South Wales' premier track cycling venue. Since executing the Agreement, the Office of Sport has spent \$237,376.19 on the highest priority works to enable use of the velodrome and bring it to a reasonable condition. The scope of these works includes fire safety, security, lighting, sewerage, and other building works. The Office of Sport has made an annual provision of \$289,500 for the Dunc Gray Velodrome 2021-22 maintenance budget.

(a) No.

The Government is not providing funding directly to Council. The Government, through the Office of Sport, has stepped in to support the operation of the Velodrome. In addition to annual provisions for maintenance, minor capital works and operations, Government will consider a strategic approach to any future investment in the Velodrome.

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* 7054 CYCLING EVENTS AT THE VELODROME—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections representing the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

(1) Is the Government supporting cycling events at the Velodrome?

(a) If so, which events they are supporting and how much funding has been allocated?

Answer—

I am advised that;

(1) Yes.

(a) The financial support by the Government towards the operational costs of running the Canterbury-Bankstown Council owned Velodrome is answered in LA Q7053.

* 7055 SUPPORT TO SCHOOL COMMITTEES IN THE BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Does the Government provide support to schools in the Bankstown electorate to encourage Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) Committees?

(a) If so, which schools are provided with funding and what is the amount of funding provided per each school?

Answer—

All public schools in the Bankstown electorate are committed to encouraging the participation of parents and citizens within their schools and to promoting Parents and Citizens Association Committees within the school community.

The Government does not provide direct financial support to schools in the Bankstown electorate to Parents and Citizens Association Committees.

* 7056 POLICE ATTENDANCE TO DENMAN ROAD, GEORGES HALL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) From January 2021 to September 2021, on how many occasions have police officers attended Denman Road, Georges Hall for speeding or other related road incidents?

(a) How many warnings or infringement notices have been issued?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Twice

(a) Two infringement notices.

* 7057 RESIDENTIAL TENANCY SUPPORT PAYMENT IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

How many applications for the Residential Tenancy Support Payment were received from residents in the Bankstown electorate?

Answer—

Information on the Government's residential tenancy support payments including the number of applications received, number of applications approved or declined and the total amount released can be found on the Fair Trading website.

* 7058 MENTAL HEALTH COACHING—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) In relation to the free training and coaching Mental Health at work program, as at 16th November 2021, how many business in the Keira electorate have applied for:
- (a) One on one business training?
 - (b) Training for employers?
 - (c) Training for managers?
 - (d) Training for everyone?

Answer—

This question is best directed to the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Fair Trading, The Hon. Eleni Petinos

* 7059 GOING GLOBAL SUPPORT PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) In relation to the small and medium exporters assistance program within the Going Global support program, as at 16th November 2021, how many applications were received from the Keira electorate?
- (a) How many were successful in receiving monies?
 - (i) What was the amount distributed to the successful applicants?

Answer—

This question is best directed to the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, Minister for Western Sydney, The Hon. Stuart Ayres.

* 7060 TEACHING HOURS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What is the percentage of total teaching hours in public schools across the Keira electorate when comparing permanent teacher appointments versus casual/temporary appointed teachers in the calendar year:
- (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2019?
- (2) What is the percentage of total teaching hours in public schools across the Heathcote electorate when comparing permanent teacher appointments versus casual/temporary appointed teachers in the calendar year:
- (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2019?
- (3) What is the percentage of total teaching hours in public schools across New South Wales when comparing permanent teacher appointments versus casual/temporary appointed teachers in the calendar year:
- (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2019?

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- (4) What is the percentage of total teaching hours in high schools across the Keira electorate when comparing permanent teacher appointments versus casual/temporary appointed teachers in the calendar year:
- (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2019?
- (5) What is the percentage of total teaching hours in high schools across the Heathcote electorate when comparing permanent teacher appointments versus casual/temporary appointed teachers in the calendar year:
- (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2019?
- (6) What is the percentage of total teaching hours in high schools across New South Wales when comparing permanent teacher appointments versus casual/temporary appointed teachers in the calendar year:
- (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2019?

Answer—

Please see answer to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 6558.

* 7061 AMBULANCE STATIONS IN KEIRA AND HEATHCOTE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) In relation to Ambulance stations in the Keira electorate:
- (a) How many vehicles are located in each station?
 - (b) What is the age of each vehicle?
 - (c) How many kilometres as at 16th November 2021 has the vehicle driven?
 - (d) How many full time employees are working at each station?
 - (e) How many part time employees are working at each station?
- (2) In relation to Ambulance stations in the Heathcote electorate:
- (a) How many vehicles are located in each station?
 - (b) What is the age of each vehicle?
 - (c) How many kilometres as at 16th November 2021 has the vehicle driven?
 - (d) How many full time employees are working at each station?
 - (e) How many part time employees are working at each station?

Answer—

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

* 7062 WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What was the average number of full time equivalent employees at Wollongong Hospital in each of the following financial years:
- (a) 2020-21?

- (b) 2019-20?
- (c) 2018-19?
- (d) 2017-18?
- (e) 2016-17?
- (f) 2015-16?
- (g) 2014-15?
- (h) 2013-14?
- (i) 2012-13?
- (j) 2011-12?
- (2) What are the key roles/job/categories of employment at Wollongong Hospital?
- (3) What portion of the workforce is employed in each of those (approximately)?
- (4) Are there any known plans for the workforce at Wollongong Hospital to significantly increase or decrease in the foreseeable future?
 - (a) If so, what would the nature of those expected future changes be?
- (5) If this information is publicly available, where is this located?

Answer—

(1) to (3) The total full time equivalent at Wollongong Hospital increased by 31.2 per cent from 2012 to 2021. Local health districts and public hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need at any point in time.

The three largest employment groups at Wollongong Hospital are Nursing (52.2 per cent), Medical (18.2 per cent), and Corporate Services and Hospital Support (9.9 per cent). Corporate Services and Hospital Support staff consists of administration support roles for frontline clinicians and general hospital management roles including customer service and facility support, clinical data managers and COVID-19 support roles.

(4) and (5) No.

* 7063 CLEANING HOURS IN SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Of the 480 schools which are to have their cleaning hours reduced in line with the provisions of the 2019 whole of Government cleaning contracts as advised by the Department of Education in a letter to schools in the past 2 months:
 - (a) How many high schools in the Keira electorate have been advised that they have/are to have their cleaners hours reduced?
 - (i) Which high schools?
 - (b) How many primary schools in the Keira electorate have been advised that they have/are to have their cleaners hours reduced?
 - (i) Which primary schools?
 - (c) Do the individual schools have their budgets reduced by a similar amount as the reduced cleaning costs?
 - (d) Was there consultation with the cleaning contractors or were the decisions made by the schools themselves?

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- (e) How many high schools in the Heathcote electorate have been advised that they have/are to have their cleaners hours reduced?
 - (i) Which high schools?
- (f) How many primary schools in the Heathcote electorate have been advised that they have/are to have their cleaners hours reduced?
 - (i) Which primary schools?
- (g) Do the individual schools have their budgets reduced by a similar amount as the reduced cleaning costs?
- (h) Was there consultation with the cleaning contractors or were the decisions made by the schools themselves?

Answer—

The Department of Education administers cleaning contracts in line with the provisions of the whole of Government cleaning contracts negotiated in 2019. All proposed changes were submitted by the contractors as part of their response to the tender for the whole of Government contracts.

In March 2019, the new cleaning contract was implemented by Public Works Advisory. School principals at impacted schools were kept informed during the process. The cleaning standards adopted in the new contracts are identical to those in the previous contracts. The cleaning contracts are designed to be more equitable for all schools.

School budgets are unaffected as cleaning costs are met centrally by the Department of Education.

- * 7064 LIVE MUSIC SUPPORT PACKAGE APPLICATIONS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

In relation to the Live Music Support Package how many applications were received from the Keira electorate?

Answer—

This question is best directed to the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, Minister for Western Sydney, The Hon. Stuart Ayres.

- * 7065 KICKSTART 2021 SYDNEY BUSINESS EVENTS FUND—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

In relation to the Kickstart 2021 Sydney Business Events Fund how many applications were received from the Keira electorate?

Answer—

This question is best directed to the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, Minister for Western Sydney, The Hon. Stuart Ayres.

- * 7066 RESIDENTIAL TENANCY SUPPORT PACKAGE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) How many applications were received for the residential tenancy support package in the following electorates:
 - (a) Heathcote?
 - (b) Keira?
 - (c) Wollongong?

- (d) Shellharbour?
- (2) How many applications were approved for the residential tenancy support package in the following electorates:
- (a) Heathcote?
(b) Keira?
(c) Wollongong?
(d) Shellharbour?
- (3) What was the amount for the residential tenancy support package payments in the following electorates:
- (a) Heathcote?
(b) Keira?
(c) Wollongong?
(d) Shellharbour?
- (4) How many applications for the residential tenancy support package were denied in the following electorates:
- (a) Heathcote?
(b) Keira?
(c) Wollongong?
(d) Shellharbour?

Answer—

Information on the Government's residential tenancy support payments including the number of applications received, number of applications approved or declined and the total amount released can be found on the Fair Trading website.

* 7067 PAYROLL TAX SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many businesses have applied for Payroll Tax Support in the electorate of:
- (a) Heathcote?
(b) Keira?
(c) Wollongong?
(d) Shellharbour?

Answer—

- (1) Revenue NSW does not collect data by electorate.

The NSW Liberals Nationals Government has demonstrated a commitment to lowering taxes for businesses and reducing the burden that they face so they can re-invest in their business and create new jobs.

In the lead up to the 2019 State Election, the NSW Liberals and Nationals set out a pathway to raise the payroll tax threshold from \$750,000 to \$1m by 2021-22. These tax cuts were opposed by the NSW Labor Party, which means that businesses would have faced higher tax under a Labor Government.

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In addition, as part of the 2020-21 NSW Budget, The payroll tax threshold was permanently increased from \$900,000 to \$1.2 million as of 1 July 2020.

The payroll tax rate for 2020/21 and 2021/22 was also reduced from 5.45 % to 4.85%. These tax cuts are expected to provide NSW businesses with around \$2.1 billion in savings in total across 2020/21 and 2021/22.

The due date for the payroll tax 2020/21 annual reconciliation and for monthly returns for July to December 2021 has been extended until 14 January 2022.

Additionally, the Government is providing a 50 per cent reduction of payroll tax liability for customers with grouped wages of no more than \$10 million in 2021/22, who have experienced a 30 per cent decline in turnover.

To assist businesses beyond 14 January 2022, the Government is providing the option of a 12-month interest free payment plan for all deferred payroll tax payments.

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* 7068 NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE FIXATED PERSONS UNIT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many complaints in total did the NSW Police Fixated Persons Unit receive between 1 January 2018 and 1 November 2021?
- (2) How many complaints from members of Parliament and their staff did the NSW Police Fixated Persons Unit receive between 1 January 2018 and 1 November 2021?
- (3) How many investigations did the NSW Police Fixated Persons Unit undertake in total between 1 January 2018 and 1 November 2021?
- (4) How many investigations did the NSW Police Fixated Persons Unit undertake between 1 January 2018 and 1 November 2021 in relation to complaints by members of Parliament and their staff?
- (5) How many investigations did the NSW Police Fixated Persons Unit undertake between 1 January 2018 and 1 November 2021 in relation to victims of domestic violence?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Reports are managed via an internal review process, whereby if it has been determined that a further investigation is warranted, and the Fixated Persons Investigations Unit (FPIU) is the correct unit to conduct the investigation, the investigation will be referred to them. This process resulted in the FPIU conducting 173 investigations during the relevant time period.
- (2) In relation to reports made by members of parliament or their staff, seven matters were referred to the FPIU for investigation.
- (3) 173 investigations.
- (4) Seven investigations.
- (5) None. The NSW Police Force's FPIU's Charter excludes domestic violence matters, as these are managed by other units of the agency. However, the FPIU can and do charge individuals, where during the course of an investigation, the person being investigated commits a domestic violence offence.

* 7069 DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WENTWORTH DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Why did the Government choose a Sydney-based consultant to develop a Clinical Service Plan for a new Wentworth District Hospital?
- (2) How much is the Government paying this consultant?
- (3) As at 24 November 2021, had the Sydney-based consultant travelled to Wentworth to study the area or talk with locals?
- (4) On what date/s were face-to-face community consultation sessions held on the new Wentworth District Hospital and how many people attended each session?

Answer—

The Far West Local Health District acted on advice from the NSW Ministry of Health to engage external consultancy firm Johnstaff to support the District to complete the Clinical Service Plan. This action ensured the project would not be delayed as the District did not have available Service Planning capacity. The Ministry paid for the external consultant.

The consultant undertook all stakeholder, community and consumer consultation via virtual modes at the request of the District, and in line with community expectations and COVID-19 related travel restrictions in New South Wales at the time.

The consultant undertook more than 30 virtual stakeholder and consumer engagements during October and November 2021. There was engagement with more than 50 consumers, key stakeholders and other health organisations. This included the local council, other local health and service agencies and the Member for Murray. The virtual community consultation sessions were advertised via local radio, and social media, and undertaken on 10 and 11 November 2021, with eight community members choosing to participate.

* 7070 SALE OF NEW SOUTH WALES ENVIRONMENTAL WATER—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Why did your department sell 3,875 megalitres of environmental waters to irrigators and water brokers earlier this year?
- (2) If environmental water is supposed to be for the environment, why does your department sell it to brokers and irrigators to use for agricultural production?
- (3) Did Duxton Water or Websters Limited purchase this environmental water?
 - (a) If not, will you provide a full list of all licence holders who purchased this environmental water?
- (4) If ordinary mum and dad farmers want to purchase environmental water from your department, whom do they contact?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment sells and purchases water allocation periodically, for the following purposes:
 - (a) Generate revenue to contribute to the payment of water use fees associated with water licences (the same costs apply to all water licence holders)
 - (b) Support small infrastructure projects which enhance delivery of water to important river or wetland sites
 - (c) Purchase water for use in another valley or river reach
 - (d) Enable carryover of water into future years.

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- (2) A small proportion of water is sold or purchased periodically for the purposes stated depending on environmental demand. A thorough assessment of environmental needs is undertaken prior to making any account water available for sale.
- (3) The Department does not seek to identify individual market participants. The water access licenses that received the water sold by the Department are listed on the public NSW Water Register.
- (4) The Department makes small parcels of water available for purchase via various on-line market exchanges and/or brokerage services. All licence holders within the relevant water source can access these services and the Department offers water in this way to reach the widest range of potential buyers.

* 7071 COVID TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many people were housed in temporary accommodation with food, vaccination and other support during the 2021 pandemic movement and gathering restrictions?
 - (a) How many of these people had been sleeping rough?
 - (b) How many were international students?
 - (c) How many were on visitor, temporary or expired visas?
 - (d) How many were ex-prisoners or detainees released on health grounds?
 - (e) What other groups were housed and how many of each category?
- (2) What number or proportion of those housed were living in the inner city and housed in the inner city?
- (3) How many of those housed remain in temporary accommodation?
- (4) How many of them have active housing applications?
- (5) How many have been provided permanent social housing?
- (6) How many have exited to other accommodation?
- (7) How many people will be provided with housing and wrap around support through the Together Home?
 - (a) How many of these are for the inner city?
- (8) How many remain without long term accommodation options?
- (9) What exit strategy is in place to ensure those in temporary accommodation do not return to sleeping rough or other homelessness?
- (10) What further action will the Government take to ensure everyone exiting temporary accommodation arranged during the COVID pandemic has a home?

Answer—

I am advised:

Between 21 June 2021 and 21 November 2021, the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) provided temporary accommodation to 13,440 households across New South Wales, of which 2,056 were rough sleepers.

DCJ continues to work with people in temporary accommodation to exit into secure and sustainable housing. For those who are at high risk of exiting into homelessness, DCJ extends assistance, so long as they continue to engage with the department on a plan for suitable longer-term housing.

DCJ does not collect all the data requested by the asking Member.

* 7072 INDUSTRY EMISSIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, and Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What incentives does the Government provide to support industry in New South Wales to reduce greenhouse emissions and costs through:
 - (a) Greater energy efficiency?
 - (b) Sourcing renewable electricity?
 - (c) Switching to zero-emissions energy, including electrification of industrial processes and green hydrogen?
 - (d) Renewable feedstocks and carbon capture and storage?
- (2) What further action will the Government take to support industry reductions in greenhouse emissions and costs?

Answer—

This question would be more appropriately directed to the Treasurer and Minister for Energy

* 7073 GLEBE ISLAND BRIDGE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What action has been taken to maintain and repair the heritage-listed Glebe Island Bridge since LA Q4706?
- (2) What repair and maintenance has been carried out on the bridge since LA Q4706 and does this work comply with heritage requirements?
- (3) When will the Government provide details of options for the future of the bridge for community comment?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to ensure retention of the bridge and its use for active transport?

Answer—

I am advised :

(1) and (2) Transport for NSW's maintenance contractor, with approval through Heritage NSW, continues to ensure the bridge provides a safe environment for maritime traffic.

(3) and (4) I refer you to the answer to LA Q4706.

* 7074 OXFORD STREET DRAINAGE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) When did the Government first identify problems with deeper drainage in Oxford Street near the intersection with South Dowling Street north?
- (2) How many times has the drain outside 249 Oxford Street been cleared and unblocked over the past five years?
- (3) What action has been taken to prevent future blockages of this drain?
- (4) Is it true that this blockage was contracted to be repaired by the end of June 2021?
 - (a) Was the contract completed?
 - (b) Was the contractor paid for completing the work?

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- (5) When will the Government provide a permanent solution to this blocked drain and flooding of the footpath, bus stop and adjacent businesses?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to ensure no further flooding at this location?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW identified the issue in mid-2018, and has conducted maintenance activity on the drain 10 times over the past five years. Transport for NSW is investigating further work to improve flow at this location - in the meantime the location is being monitored and ongoing maintenance is undertaken as required.

Further investigative works including CCTV investigations were undertaken prior to June 2021.

The contractor, ConnectSydney, will continue to reactively respond to localised flooding at this location.

* 7075 INTERSEX MEDICAL TREATMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the Australian Human Rights Commission report 'Ensuring health and bodily integrity: towards a human rights approach for people born with variations in sex characteristics', which calls for laws to prohibit medically unnecessary interventions on intersex people?
- (2) Is it true that intersex people in New South Wales are subject to unnecessary medical procedures modifying their sex characteristics without their personal consent?
- (3) How does the Government ensure independent assessment of medical procedures for intersex people unable to provide consent?
- (4) What funding and support does the Government provide for organisations representing intersex people and providing peer support in New South Wales?
- (5) How does the Government ensure that intersex people are key stakeholders in setting policies and programs affecting intersex people?
- (6) How does the Government ensure that New South Wales health and welfare services have access to accurate and current information and skills to help people with variations in sex characteristics?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to ensure that intersex people have control over medical treatment for variations in sex characteristics?

Answer—

The NSW Ministry of Health is working towards the release of the NSW LGBTIQ+ Health Strategy in early 2022, which includes a strategic priority focused on responding to the health needs of intersex people. The Ministry acknowledges the expertise contributed by Intersex Human Rights Australia to this work, and will further examine the Australian Human Rights Commission report recommendations following the Strategy's forthcoming release.

* 7076 AGRICULTURE PHOSPHOROUS RECOVERY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Noting the increasing cost of phosphate fertilizer, unreliable overseas supply chains and scarcity of high-quality rock phosphate, what programs does the Government provide or fund to recover phosphorous used in agriculture?
- (2) What further action will the Government take to recover phosphorous used in agriculture?

Answer—

- (1) The Government has and continues to undertake research and development that seeks to improve the efficiency of use, of applied phosphorus in partnership with industry. This work has been undertaken in collaboration with the grains, cotton, grazing, dairy and horticultural industries. The research is also developing new means of using previously applied phosphorus that is stored in soil but often not available to plants. This research and development has sought to provide farmers with knowledge to more accurately determine required rates of phosphorus and ultimately lead to reduce the use of applied phosphorus.

For example, specific work has focused on the adaptive traits of serradella species in permanent pasture environments to assess their suitability to replace or compliment subterranean clover to reduce phosphorus fertiliser requirements. Precision farming is helping to better target phosphorus applications and reduce overall use, by better understanding the spatial variability of soil chemical properties and limitations.

- (2) The Government has and continues to undertake research and development that fosters the recycling of phosphorus in a number of agricultural production systems. This is through programs that support the safe and efficient re-use of effluent from industries like the dairy industry and recycling of phosphorus containing by-products including biosolids, composts, manures and biochar. These strategies not only reduce phosphorus requirements through rock phosphate derived products but provide a broad range of additional production and environmental benefits.

* 7077 CROWN CASINO BREACHES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) Noting continued Victorian Royal Commission exposure of Crown Casino embedded money laundering, regulatory capture, persistent responsible-service-of-gaming breaches and tax avoidance, what assessment has the Government made of the need for review of the New South Wales Barangaroo casino licence?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of report's finding that Crown is unsuitable to hold a casino licence due to "illegal, dishonest, unethical and exploitative" conduct and the recommendations for a "special manager" to be appointed to oversee extensive reform?
- (3) What steps is the Government taking to:
 - (a) Increase penalties for breaches?
 - (b) Increase regulatory powers and resources?
 - (c) Monitor compliance and ensure tax compliance?
 - (d) Ensure industry funds oversight requirements?
 - (e) Prevent undue influence on legislation and policy through lobbying, donations and staffing?
- (4) What protections is the Government implementing to ensure that Crown Casino New South Wales operations operate ethically and within the law?
- (5) What advocacy has the Government provided to the Commonwealth about national casino regulation?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to increase oversight and strengthen probity requirements for New South Wales casinos?

Answer—

- (1) Responsibility for licensing casinos, including disciplinary proceedings against licensees is a matter for the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority (ILGA). A review of the Barangaroo Restricted Gaming Facility Licence has already been undertaken by ILGA who appointed the Hon. Patricia Bergin SC to inquire into allegations of unlawful conduct at Crown Melbourne and Crown Perth.

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Commissioner Bergin determined that Crown is currently not a “suitable person” to hold a restricted gaming license under the Casino Control Act 1992.

- (2) The Bergin Inquiry established by ILGA determined that Crown is not a “suitable person” to hold a restricted gaming licence under the Casino Control Act 1992. ILGA and Crown have commenced a consultation process regarding a potential pathway to suitability as required by the Agreements between ILGA, the Government and Crown. ILGA has appointed an Independent Monitor, Kroll, to oversee Crown’s remediation reforms that it must implement before it can be considered “suitable”.
 - (a) The Finkelstein Royal Commission into Crown Melbourne recently recommended that penalties in be increased. The Government is currently reviewing the Finkelstein recommendations and will consider implementing any recommendations from that inquiry as it implements the recommendations from the Bergin Report.
 - (b) The Bergin Report made 19 recommendations for reform to the regulatory framework for casinos in New South Wales including reforms to regulatory powers and resources. The Government has agreed to support all 19 recommendations either in full or in part. Further work is required to determine the best method of implementation of those recommendations within the broader liquor & gaming regulatory framework.
 - (c) The Bergin Report made 19 recommendations for reform to the regulatory framework for casinos in New South Wales including reforms to ensure ongoing compliance with State and Federal laws. The Government has agreed to support all 19 recommendations either in full or in part. Further work is required to determine the best method of implementation of those recommendations within the broader liquor & gaming regulatory framework.
 - (d) Casinos already pay for regulatory oversight by the Government through the casino supervisory levy.
 - (e) Lobbying and donations, including those involving casino operators, are separately regulated through the Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981 and the Lobbying of Government Officials Act 2011.
- (4) Aside from implementing the recommendations in the Bergin Report, the Government is undertaking extensive work to impose more stringent conditions on Crown through its internal controls manual, particularly in relation to money laundering controls. The Government is also preparing a compliance plan for the first 100 days of Crown’s operation, to be implemented if and when ILGA determines that Crown may open.
- (5) The Government does not support the Commonwealth Government taking the power to regulate casinos. The Government is working with other jurisdictions to ensure cooperation in relation to casinos’ compliance with Government and Commonwealth Government laws and the differing regulatory requirements between jurisdictions.
- (6) The Bergin Report made 19 recommendations for reform to the regulatory framework for casinos in New South Wales including reforms to probity and oversight powers. The Government has agreed to support all 19 recommendations either in full or in part. Further work is required to determine the best method of implementation of those recommendations within the broader liquor & gaming regulatory framework.

* 7078 GREYHOUND REHOMING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the Coalition for the Protection of Greyhounds report 'A GAPing hole in the industry' which identified poor performance of the taxpayer funded New South Wales Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP)?
- (2) Is it true that the NSW GAP accepted only 246 dogs for rehoming in 2019/20 despite a target of 1,000 dogs and a \$3.4 million budget?

- (a) If not, what numbers were accepted?
- (3) Is it true that other greyhound rehoming bodies achieved a higher number of greyhounds for rehoming, with 347 dogs accepted, despite being largely voluntary bodies?
- (4) Is it true that the NSW GAP has a high kill rate and euthanised just over one in 10 greyhounds accepted for rehoming?
- (a) If not, what rates apply?
- (5) Is it true that a 52 per cent increase in puppies bred by Greyhound Racing New South Wales between 2016/17 and 20/21:
- (a) If not, what is the increase?
- (6) Is it true that Greyhound Racing New South Wales has failed to meet rehoming targets in its 2020/21 strategic plan?
- (7) What action has the Government taken about this reported poor success and poor use of Government funding?
- (8) What further action will the Government take to increase greyhound rehoming numbers and rates?

Answer—

Due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between Monday, 27 December 2021 and Friday, 7 January 2022 as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to these questions.

* 7079 FUNDING UNDER THE ROYALTIES FOR REJUVENATION PROGRAM—Mr David Mehan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) Is the Central Coast Region eligible for funding under the Royalties for Rejuvenation Program?
- (a) If so, what funding has the Central Coast received?

Answer—

I am advised:

Eligible Local Government Areas under the program are yet to be confirmed.

* 7080 FUNDING UNDER THE RESOURCES FOR REGIONS PROGRAM—Mr David Mehan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) Is the Central Coast Region eligible for funding under the Resources for Regions Program?
- (a) If so, what funding has been allocated to the Central Coast?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No Local Government Areas in the Central Coast Region are eligible for Resources for Regions.
- (a) Nil.

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* 7081 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES ISSUED TO FORESTRY CORP AT CHERRY TREE FOREST—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

(1) Have any penalty infringement notices been issued to Forestry Corp in relation to the timber harvesting operation at Cherry Tree Forest in the last five years?

(a) If so, how many infringement notices were issued?

(i) What were the infringement notices for?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) No

(a) N/A

* 7082 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES ISSUED TO FORESTRY CORP IN RELATION TO OPERATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

(1) Have any penalty infringement notices been issued to Forestry Corp in the last five years in relation to any forestry operation in New South Wales?

(a) If so, how many infringement notices were issued?

(i) What were the infringement notices for?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Yes.

(a) Information about penalty infringement notices received and the acts under which they were issued is published annually in Forestry Corporation's Sustainability Report.

* 7083 PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE GLENDELL CONTINUATION PROJECT STATUS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—
What is the current status of Glencore's planning application for the Glendell continuation project?

Answer—

I am advised:

The application is currently under assessment by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

* 7084 APPLICATION FOR THE GLENDELL CONTINUATION PROJECT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

When will the current application for the Glendell continuation project be determined?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is currently finalising its assessment. The project will then be referred to the Independent Planning Commission to hold a public hearing and determine the project within 12 weeks of the Department's referral.

- * 7085 RELOCATION OF RAVENSWORTH HOMESTEAD—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

Is the relocation of the Ravensworth Homestead a part of Glencore's application submission?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes. Information about the proposed relocation of the homestead is available at

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/10086>.

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- * 7086 LEVEL CROSSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

(1) Of the 20 level crossing sites that have been identified for upgrade between 2021-22 and 2022-23 under the Level Crossing Improvement Program, which sites will be upgraded in 2021-22?

(a) When will work commence?

(b) How long will it take to complete the upgrade once the project commences?

Answer—

I am advised:

Of the 20 level crossings that have been identified for upgrade in 2021-22 and 2022-23 under the Level Crossing Improvement Program (LCIP), the following four level crossings are being upgraded in 2021-22:

- Wirrinya Road, Wirrinya – the upgrade was commissioned in September 2021
- Maxwell Street, Wellington – the upgrade was commissioned in December 2021
- Bulunbulun Road, Breeza – the upgrade has commenced on site and is planned to be completed in May 2022
- Merriwa Road, Willow Tree – the upgrade has commenced on site and is planned to be completed in May 2022.

In addition, upgrade works at the following five level crossings will commence on site after 30 January 2022 and are planned to be completed in September 2022:

- Akuna Road, Parkes
- Overshot Road, Euchareena
- Convent Road, Borenore
- Goldfields Way, Old Junee
- Beni Street, Wongarbon

All level crossing major upgrades funded under the LCIP include the installation of high intensity LED lights, bells and retro-reflective boom gates with new signage and line marking for both the rail and roadway.

- * 7087 PERMANENT CLOSURE OF WAGONGA SCENIC DRIVE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

(1) Who is responsible for the permanent closure of a section of rural public road, known as Wagonga Scenic Drive (north) Tourist 4?

(2) Wagonga Scenic Drive is a dirt road which was closed using mounds of earth. Does Transport for NSW have standardised methods for the closure of public roads?

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- (a) Where are these methods outlined (policy, legislation)?
- (b) Who administers the relevant policy and legislation?
- (3) Did Forestry or Eurobodalla Shire Council contact Transport for NSW before the closure of Wagonga Scenic Drive?
- (4) Would Forestry or Eurobodalla Shire Council be in breach of Section 4 of the Roads Act 1993 which affirms a person's right to pass along a public road?
 - (a) Would council also be in breach of Section 138 which specifically prohibits erecting a structure or digging up the surface of a public road?
- (5) In what situations would Transport for NSW approve the closure of a public road?
- (6) Who is responsible for maintaining the large mounds of earth?
 - (a) How often is this area inspected?
 - (i) By whom?
- (7) Has Transport for NSW consulted with the NSW Rural Fire Service regarding the closure?
 - (a) Are there alternative tracks available for emergency services to use?

Answer—

I am advised:

Wagonga Scenic Drive is a Local Road administered by Eurobodalla Shire Council.

Questions about closure of the road should be directed to Council.

The Roads Act 1993 outlines requirements for closing of council public roads by councils. The Act also outlines the requirements for notification to the public, affected landholders and authorities.

* 7088 ELECTION COMMITMENTS FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS PROJECTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) How many election commitments were made by the New South Wales Coalition for regional transport and roads projects in the Bega electorate in:
 - (a) The 2015 state election?
 - (b) The 2019 state election?
- (2) Please list all election commitments made in question one?
- (3) For each election commitment, please indicate
 - (a) Which commitments have been delivered?
 - (b) Which commitments have been abandoned or cancelled?
 - (c) By what date will each commitment be completed?
- (4) What is the total quantum of funding that was allocated to each project in each of the following years:
 - (a) 2018-2019 financial year?
 - (b) 2019-2020 financial year?
 - (c) 2020-2021 financial year?
 - (d) 2021-2022 financial year?

- (5) What is the total quantum of funding that was spent on each project in each of the following years:
- 2018-2019 financial year?
 - 2019-2020 financial year?
 - 2020-2021 financial year?
 - 2021-2022 financial year (25 November 2021)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Election Commitments are publicly available on the NSW Treasury website, and information about project funding is publicly available in the NSW Budget Papers.

The current status of Transport for NSW projects is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

* 7089 CROSSING SUPERVISORS BASED IN MAITLAND LOCAL SCHOOLS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- How many school crossing supervisors are based at Maitland local schools for each financial year from 2011 to 2021 financial year?
 - Please indicate how many supervisors for each school?
- How many school crossing supervisors are based at Maitland local schools at the moment?
 - Please indicate how many supervisors for each school?
- During the 2020-21 financial year, and 2021-22 financial year as of 25 November 2021, how many school crossing supervisors were hired from the additional 300 confirmed in the 2019-20 State Budget?
 - Please indicate how many supervisors for each school?
- How many new supervisors were hired within the Maitland Local Government Area?
- How many new supervisors were hired within postcodes:
 - 2320?
 - 2321?
 - 2322?
 - 2323?

Answer—

I am advised:

- From 2011 to 2018, the School Crossing Supervisor Program did not capture the number of Supervisors. In 2019, 17 Supervisors were employed and in 2020 and 2021, 23 were employed.
 - From 2011 to 2018, the SCS Program did not capture SCS numbers at schools.
In 2019, Supervisors were employed at the following schools:
 - East Maitland Public School (Dual Crossing), William Street, East Maitland – two
 - Hunter Valley Grammar School, South Seas Drive, Ashtonfield – one
 - Metford Public School, Chelmsford Drive, Metford – one

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- Nillo Infants School, Belmore Road, Lorn – two
- Rutherford Public School, Weblands Street, Rutherford – two
- St Aloysius Catholic Primary School, Heritage Drive, Chisholm – two
- Tenambit Public School, Edward Street, Tenambit – one
- Tenambit Public School, Maize Street, Tenambit – one
- Thornton Public School, Government Road, Thornton – three
- Thornton Public School, Taylor Avenue, Thornton – two.

In 2020 and 2021, Supervisors were employed at the following schools:

- Ashtonfield Public School, Norfolk Street – one
- East Maitland Public School (Dual Crossing), William Street, East Maitland – two
- Hunter Valley Grammar School, South Seas Drive, Ashtonfield – one
- Maitland Public School, Church Street, Maitland – one
- Metford Public School (1), Chelmsford Drive, Metford – one
- Metford Public School (2), Melaleuca Drive – one
- Nillo Infants School, Belmore Road, Lorn – two
- Rutherford Public School, Weblands Street, Rutherford – two
- St Aloysius Catholic Primary School, Heritage Drive, Chisholm – two
- St Aloysius Catholic Primary School, Tigerhawk Drive, Chisholm – one
- Telarah Public School, George Street, Telarah – two
- Tenambit Public School, Edward Street, Tenambit – one
- Tenambit Public School, Maize Street, Tenambit – one
- Thornton Public School, Government Road, Thornton – three
- Thornton Public School, Taylor Avenue, Thornton – two.

(2) There are currently 23 Supervisors based at Maitland local schools:

- Ashtonfield Public School, Norfolk Street – one
- East Maitland Public School (Dual Crossing), William Street, East Maitland – two
- Hunter Valley Grammar School, South Seas Drive, Ashtonfield – one
- Maitland Public School, Church Street, Maitland – one
- Metford Public School (1), Chelmsford Drive, Metford – one
- Metford Public School (2), Melaleuca Drive – one
- Nillo Infants School, Belmore Road, Lorn – two
- Rutherford Public School, Weblands Street, Rutherford – two
- St Aloysius Catholic Primary School, Heritage Drive, Chisholm – two
- St Aloysius Catholic Primary School, Tigerhawk Drive, Chisholm – one
- Telarah Public School, George Street, Telarah – two

- Tenambit Public School, Edward Street, Tenambit – one
- Tenambit Public School, Maize Street, Tenambit – one
- Thornton Public School, Government Road, Thornton – three
- Thornton Public School, Taylor Avenue, Thornton – two.

Supervisors work over a two-week period. Where there is more than one Supervisor employed at a school, the Supervisors work splits shifts at various locations over the two week period.

- (3) In 2020-21, five new crossing locations were appointed, with one Supervisor appointed to each crossing. In 2021-22, as at 25 November 2021, no new crossing locations have been appointed.
- (4) From July 2020 to date, ten new Supervisors have been hired due to resignations, and new crossing locations.
- (5) The School Crossing Supervisor Program captures information by Local Government Area and Transport for NSW's Local Council Boundaries, not by postcodes.

* 7090 OPERATIONAL CLOSURE OF WAGONGA SCENIC DRIVE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) Forestry closed a part of Wagonga Scenic Drive (between Box Cutting Road and Red Knob Road) in 2016 and claimed it was an 'operational closure'. What is the proper process for a body to take before it closes a public road like this?
- (2) What community consultation was conducted?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to LA Q7087.

* 7091 RURAL FENCING IN MAITLAND SCHOOLS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many schools in the Maitland electorate have rural fencing rather than tall black steel fencing?
- (2) Is there any plan to replace the rural fencing at these schools?
 - (a) If so, what is the plan?
 - (b) If so, what quantum of funding has been allocated for the replacement of the fences?
 - (c) If not, why not?
- (3) What is the procedure for ensuring that students at schools who leave school without authorisation are kept safe?
- (4) How many students have been reported as missing from school in the Maitland electorate since 2011?
 - (a) Please disaggregate the numbers for each school for each year?

Answer—

- (1) Of the schools in the Maitland electorate, three have full-perimeter security fencing and 13 schools have partial security fencing. Six schools do not have security fencing.
- (2) Not all schools require security fencing. Alternative risk minimisation strategies are often sufficient to address the security needs of a school. Projects to deliver security fencing are funded as part of

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the Department of Education's minor works program, Risk assessments for each school are assessed and approval of funding is based on the greatest need across the State.

- (3) The Department of Education has a duty to take reasonable steps to keep students safe from risk of harm while they are at school and engaged in school related activities. The Department meets its duty of care obligations through the actions of its staff.

Staff will only allow students to leave school grounds during school time to the care of a either a parent/caregiver or as directed by court orders giving care of the child to the nominated parent on file.

The Department's Incident Notification and Response Policy and Procedures assist schools to actively respond and arrange appropriate support to ensure the health, safety and well-being of students. Emergency services are contacted as a priority where there is concern for the welfare of the student.

The Department's website provides dedicated information on Protecting and Supporting Children and Young People procedures and the NSW Mandatory Reporter Guide to assist schools in managing the risk where a student's whereabouts are unknown or have absconded from school.

- (4) As the Department of Education has an obligation to maintain privacy and confidentiality for its students, releasing the data you have requested may enable the easy identification of a child. For this reason, the information will not be released.

* 7092 MAITLAND SCHOOLS NOT CONNECTED TO TOWN SEWER—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many schools in the Maitland electorate are not connected to town sewer?
- (2) For each school which is not connected to town sewer please indicate:
 - (a) Whether it is connected to a biocycle or another type of reticulated onsite sewer management system?
 - (b) Where the system is located in relation to school playground and buildings?
 - (c) The frequency of system checks?
 - (d) The frequency of pumping out of the system?
 - (e) Whether there are any plans to connect to town sewer?
 - (i) If so, when they will be connected to town sewer?
 - (ii) If so, what is the expected cost of connection to town sewer?
 - (f) The total quantum of funding of sewer management costs since 2011, disaggregated by financial year?

Answer—

Two schools in the Maitland electorate are not connected to town sewer. Gillieston Public School and Millers Forest Public School are currently connected to a reticulated pump-out system. The systems at both schools are at an appropriate distance from playgrounds and buildings and the pumps are serviced under the Department of Education's Facilities Maintenance contract when required. The tanks' indicators show when the tank needs to be emptied and the frequency at which they are emptied depends on their use. The Department will investigate connecting Gillieston Public School to the town sewer as nearby residential developments are completed.

* 7093 SNAKES ON SCHOOL PREMISES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many snakes have been reported at Gillieston Public School in each year since 2011?
- (2) What is the procedure for dealing with snakes on the school premises?
- (3) Have any students been injured by a snake at Gillieston Public School?

Answer—

- (1) During 2021, there were eight occasions. There is no data available for the period between 2011 and 2020.
- (2) The school is following the Department of Education's Snakes Risk Management Guidance guidelines for the prevention and management of this hazard provided by the Health and Safety Directorate. This includes prevention strategies such as: ensuring long grass is cut back; removing snakes access to water within the site where possible; removing snake habitats such as ponds, piles of timber and sheets of galvanized iron; maintaining clean yards and surroundings to reduce the mice population; and ensuring an action plan is ready should a snakebite occur. A licensed snake catcher is contacted if snakes are required to be removed from the site.
- (3) No

* 7094 GILLIESTON PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What is the capacity of the Gillieston Public School Hall as at 25 November 2021?
- (2) What was the capacity of the Gillieston Public School Hall as at 25 November 2019?
- (3) What is the total enrolment of students at the school as at 25 November 2021?
- (4) What was the total enrolment of students at the school as at 25 November 2019?
- (5) Is the hall air conditioned?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If not, when will air conditioning be installed?
- (6) Is the canteen air conditioned?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, who paid for it to be installed?
- (7) Does Gillieston Public School have the following facilities:
 - (a) Musical, theatre or creative arts spaces?
 - (b) Covered walkways between classrooms, hall, canteen and ablution blocks?
 - (c) Library?
 - (d) Administration office spaces?
 - (e) Counselling room?
 - (f) Sick bay?
 - (g) Computer laboratories?
- (8) For each of the above facilities, what is the size in square metres?

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Answer—

- (1) Gillieston Public School was provided with supplementary demountable accommodation for the canteen, open hall space and storage, with the internal hall space measuring approximately 110 square metres.
- (2) The school had the same hall accommodation in 2019 which satisfies Education Facilities Standards and Guidelines.
- (3) The total enrolment of students at the school as at 25 November 2021 was 272.
- (4) The total enrolment of students at the school as at 25 November 2019 was 200.
- (5) The school hall has wall fans and louvre windows in the main open hall area. The Cooler Classrooms Program targets installation of air-conditioning in classrooms and libraries. School halls are not eligible.
- (6) Yes, the canteen is air conditioned. The school applied for a school funded project to install air conditioning in the canteen.
- (7)
 - (a) Primary schools generally use a combination of hall space, special programs rooms and classroom space for these activities.
 - (b) There are no requirements for covered walkways.
 - (c) There is a library located in Block A with a total area of 116.36 square metres.
 - (d) There is both an administration demountable and administration accommodation in Block D. The demountable is approx. 145 square metres in total of internal space which accommodates, offices, staff study, toilets, sick bay and clerical spaces. Block D was the schools previous administration and original office spaces remain available to the school as support space to operations.
 - (e) The Education Facilities Standards and Guidelines does not identify a specific "counsellor's office" in primary schools, however Block D has available interview spaces which the school has opted to use for this function. Block D (16.35 square metres).
 - (f) Yes, the sick bay is in the admin demountable approximately 9 square metres.
 - (g) The Education Facilities Standards and Guidelines does not identify this type of space for primary schools. Computer learning takes place in classrooms and the library. With the Bring Your Own Device policy in place, most students access technology in diverse settings.

* 7095 SPORTS IN GILLIESTON PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What is the gradient of the grassed playing spaces at Gillieston Public School where students play sports such as cricket, soccer, hockey, football?
- (2) How many students have experienced injuries on the playground at Gillieston Public school in each school calendar year since 2011?
 - (a) Please disaggregate by school year?
- (3) What is the distance of Gillieston Public School from public sportsfields?
- (4) Do students from the school use local public sports field for physical education classes and team sports days?
 - (a) If so, how do they travel to these fields?
 - (b) Who funds this travel?
- (5) Does Gillieston Public School have the following facilities:

- (a) Sealed court marked up for netball and basketball?
 - (b) Permanent soccer goals?
 - (c) Permanent rugby league goals?
 - (d) Handball courts?
 - (e) Cricket nets?
 - (f) Secure sports storage?
- (6) For each of the above facilities, what is the size in square metres?

Answer—

(1) This information is not known without undertaking a detailed survey of the area.

(2) The number of students that have experienced minor injuries in the playground between 2015 and 2021 are identified in the following table. There were no major injuries sustained in the playground. The school's current student management database does not hold these records prior to 2015.

Year	Minor injuries, student returned to class	Minor injuries, parent collected student
2015	1	0
2016	10	2
2017	21	2
2018	13	4
2019	19	6
2020	45	7
2021	23	2

(3) and (4) There are public sporting facilities located in the area however, not within walking distance of the school. Netball courts are located under 5 kilometres, cricket, baseball and soccer fields within 3 kilometres from the school. The school does not currently use these facilities for sporting programs.

(5)

- (a) There is a sports court under the COLA that is approximately 140m². This area is currently not marked for netball or basketball. This concrete area is currently planned for replacement as part of the 21/22 Planned Maintenance Works Program and school's local Asset Management staff will discuss with the school principal if line marking or games graphics are preferred.
- (b) The school has portable soccer posts
- (c) The school does not have permanent rugby league goals
- (d) There is a concrete area as per above as well as another concrete area uncovered that can be utilised for handball approximately 150m² in size.
- (e) The school does not have cricket nets
- (f) There is a storage shed for sports gear and an indoor sports store which is approximately 8 square metres.

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(6) See question 5

* 7096 FIRE DAMAGE AT GILLIESTON PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What is the total quantum of funding spent on repairs to the original school building at Gillieston Public School on the corner of Gillieston Road and Ryans Road?
- (2) When was the building fire damaged?
- (3) Is the building structurally sound?
 - (a) If not, how is it secured?
- (4) Have any children entered the structure since the building was damaged?

Answer—

The Government is committed to addressing maintenance in schools so that students can enjoy the best learning environment. The Department of Education has a well-defined maintenance strategy that ensures all statutory and preventive maintenance is completed as the first priority to ensure our schools are safe and compliant.

Since 2011, an estimated total of approximately \$716,000 has been spent on maintenance at Gillieston Public School.

In 2014, there was a small electrical fire in the distribution board. It was subsequently upgraded as an Essential Urgent Repair at a cost of approximately \$4,300.

The building is structurally sound and does not pose any safety risks. As such, students are safe to occupy the building.

* 7097 OAKHAMPTON ROAD PIPELINE RESTORATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Has work been completed on Oakhampton Road to restore the pipeline that was damaged during flooding earlier this year?
- (2) When will Oakhampton Road be open to traffic?
- (3) Why has the opening been delayed?
- (4) What additional work needs to be done before the road is re-opened?
- (5) What is the total quantum of funding that has been allocated to re-open Oakhampton Road?
- (6) What is the total quantum of funding that has been spent on re-opening Oakhampton Road?
- (7) When were the roadworks first planned?
- (8) When were the roadworks first commenced?

Answer—

The damage to the flood pipe and corridor has been accepted as flood damage by the insurer and the repairs will be covered by insurance. The Department will undertake the road works in consultation with Council. Opening the road is a matter for Maitland City Council.

* 7098 CROSSING SUPERVISOR APPLICATIONS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) As at 25 November 2021, how many schools in the Maitland Local Government Area (LGA) have applied for a crossing supervisor within:

- (a) The 2020-21 financial year?
 - (i) Please disaggregate by school?
- (b) The 2021-22 financial year?
 - (i) Please disaggregate by school?
- (2) Were all applications successful?
 - (a) If not, which applications were denied? Please disaggregate by school?
 - (b) Why were they denied?
- (3) How many schools in the Maitland LGA currently have crossing supervisors?
 - (a) Please disaggregate by school?
 - (b) How many crossing supervisors are at each school in the Maitland LGA?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Three schools in the Maitland Local Government Area (LGA) applied for a crossing supervisor in 2020-21 . St John the Baptist, Maitland and Morpeth Public School did not meet the criteria. Maitland Public School - Elgin Street was advised on 6 December 2021 that its application was successful.

In the 2021-22 financial year, no schools in the Maitland LGA have lodged an application.

(3) There are 11 schools within the Maitland LGA with 16 locations supervised by crossing supervisors:

- Ashtonfield Public School has one crossing location with one crossing supervisor
- East Maitland Public School has one crossing location with two crossing supervisors
- Hunter Valley Grammar School has one crossing location with one crossing supervisor
- Maitland Public School has two crossing locations with two crossing supervisors
- Metford Public School - Chelmsford Drive has one crossing location with one crossing supervisor
- Metford Public School - Melaleuca Drive has one crossing location with one crossing supervisor
- Nillo Infants School has one crossing location with two crossing supervisors
- Rutherford Public School has one crossing location with two crossing supervisors
- St Aloysius Catholic Primary School - Heritage Drive, Chisholm has one location with two crossing supervisors
- St Aloysius Catholic Primary School - Tigerhawk Drive, Chisholm has one crossing location with one crossing supervisor
- Telarah Public School has one crossing location with two crossing supervisors
- Tenambit Public School - Edward Street has one crossing location with one crossing supervisor
- Tenambit Public School - Maize Street has one crossing location with one crossing supervisor
- Thornton Public School - Government Road - has one crossing location with three crossing supervisors

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- Thornton Public School - Taylor Avenue - has one crossing location with two crossing supervisors.

School crossing supervisors work over a two-week period and may work split shifts at various locations over the two-week period.

* 7099 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS IN MONARO ELECTION COMMITMENTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) How many election commitments were made by the New South Wales Coalition for regional transport and roads projects in the Monaro electorate in:
 - (a) The 2015 state election?
 - (b) The 2019 state election?
- (2) Please list all election commitments made in question one?
- (3) For each election commitment, please indicate:
 - (a) Which commitments have been delivered?
 - (b) Which commitments have been abandoned or cancelled?
 - (c) By what date will each commitment be completed?
- (4) What is the total quantum of funding that was allocated to each project in each of the following years:
 - (a) 2018-2019 financial year?
 - (b) 2019-2020 financial year?
 - (c) 2020-2021 financial year?
 - (d) 2021-2022 financial year?
- (5) What is the total quantum of funding that was spent on each project in each of the following years:
 - (a) 2018-2019 financial year?
 - (b) 2019-2020 financial year?
 - (c) 2020-2021 financial year?
 - (d) 2021-2022 financial year (to 25 November 2021)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Election Commitments are publicly available on the NSW Treasury website, and information about project funding is publicly available in the NSW Budget Papers.

The current status of Transport for NSW projects is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

* 7100 FUNDING UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) How many local Councils received up to 50 per cent funding contributions under the Local Government Road Safety Program (LGRSP) for a Road Safety Officer in each financial year since the program commenced in 2012 (please disaggregate by Council)?

- (2) What is the quantum of funding provided to local Councils from the LGRSP for projects targeting road safety issues in each financial year since the program commenced in 2012 (please disaggregate by Council)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As at 1 December 2021, there are just under 130 Local Government Areas in NSW. Most Local Councils reference involvement with the Local Government Road Safety Program (LGRSP) on their website.
- In 2020-21, 71 Councils received up to 50 per cent funding contributions under the LGRSP for a Road Safety Officer (RSO).
 - In 2019-20, 67 Councils received up to 50 per cent funding contributions under the LGRSP for a RSO.
 - In 2018-19, 68 Councils received up to 50 per cent funding contributions under the LGRSP for a RSO.
 - In 2017-18, 64 Councils received up to 50 per cent funding contributions under the LGRSP for a RSO.
 - In 2016-17, 66 Councils received up to 50 per cent funding contributions under the LGRSP for a RSO.
 - In 2015-16, 76 Councils received up to 50 per cent funding contributions under the LGRSP for a RSO.
 - In 2014-15, 81 Councils received up to 50 per cent funding contributions under the LGRSP for a RSO.
 - In 2013-14, 83 Councils received up to 50 per cent funding contributions under the LGRSP for a RSO.
 - In 2012-13, 87 Councils received up to 50 per cent funding contributions under the LGRSP for a RSO.
- (2) Since 2012, Transport for NSW has provided just over \$46.5 million in funding to Local Councils towards the LGRSP.

* 7101 RESIDENTIAL TENANCY SUPPORT PACKAGE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) How many applications were received for the residential tenancy support package in the following postcodes:
- (a) 2320?
 - (b) 2321?
 - (c) 2322?
 - (d) 2323?
- (2) How many applications were approved for the residential tenancy support package in the following postcodes:
- (a) 2320?
 - (b) 2321?
 - (c) 2322?

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- (d) 2323?
- (3) What was the quantum for the residential tenancy support package in the following postcodes:
- (a) 2320?
- (b) 2321?
- (c) 2322?
- (d) 2323?
- (4) How many applications for the residential tenancy support package were denied in the following postcodes:
- (a) 2320?
- (b) 2321?
- (c) 2322?
- (d) 2323?

Answer—

Information on the Government's residential tenancy support payments including the number of applications received, number of applications approved or declined and the total amount released can be found on the Fair Trading website.

* 7102 NEW BUILDINGS AT GILLIESTONE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) For each new building located at Gillieston Public School since 2011:
- (a) Is the building a permanent or demountable building?
- (b) What is the cost of the building?
- (c) What is the cost of installation of the building?
- (d) What was the date of installation?
- (e) How was the building funded (eg: state or federal or under funding)?
- (f) Was the building installed with stairs or ramps?
- (i) If it was installed with stairs, have these been replaced with ramps?
- (ii) If so, when?
- (iii) If not, why not?
- (g) Was the building air conditioned prior to installation?
- (i) If air conditioning was installed after the building was erected, when was it installed?
- (ii) If so, when?
- (iii) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (a) Since 2011, nine demountable buildings have been placed on the site.
- (b) Refurbishment of the demountable buildings totals \$836,406.
- (c) 1x Learning Unit installed in 2012 at a cost of \$28,615.00

1x Hall/Canteen installed in 2012 at a cost of \$15,012.00
1x Learning Unit installed in 2012 at a cost of \$8,173.00
1x Learning Unit installed in 2013 at a cost of \$18,858.00
1x admin/staff space installed in 2017 at a cost of \$130,775.00
1x Boys Toilet installed in 2018 at a cost of \$12,600.00
1x Learning Unit installed in 2019 at a cost of \$51,028.00
1x Learning Unit installed in 2019 at a cost of \$55,600.00
1x Learning Unit installed in 2021 at a cost of \$28,500.00

- (d) See above.
- (e) New South Wales public school infrastructure is State funded.
- (f) The Department of Education has an annual Integration program to manage access requirements to school buildings to ensure equity which is managed by the school principal, Learning and Wellbeing and School Infrastructure NSW to identify needs and action rectification where required on an individual needs basis. There has been no need identified for works at Gillieston Public School as part of the 2021/22 Integration program.
- (g) All demountable classrooms are air conditioned.

* 7103 FIRE AND RESCUE RESPONSES TO DAMAGED GAS LINE INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Considering the Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) responses to attend damaged gas line infrastructure across the Sydney basin:
 - (a) How many times has a fine been issued to the person(s) responsible for damage of the gas line in the year:
 - (i) 2021?
 - (ii) 2020?
 - (iii) 2019?
 - (iv) 2018?
 - (v) 2017?
 - (b) What is the total value of fines collected in regards to damage of the gas line in the year:
 - (i) 2021?
 - (ii) 2020?
 - (iii) 2019?
 - (iv) 2018?
 - (v) 2017?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has not issued any fines during the years in question.

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* 7104 INTEGRATED FORESTRY OPERATIONS APPROVAL—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) Will consideration be given to allow Western Land Leaseholders the opportunity to sell the timber from authorised clearing to Forestry NSW or other timber operators, in place of burning?
- (2) When will Forestry NSW be permitted to give the authorisation to create Timber Permits?
- (3) As a matter of priority, when will the review of 26A Logging Operations in relation to Western Lands Leases be finalised?

Answer—

I am advised:

Discussions in relation to these issues are ongoing between the Department of Regional NSW and the Environment Protection Authority, the regulatory authority for native forestry in New South Wales.

* 7105 GREATER CITIES SPORT FACILITY FUND—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections representing the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) How many applications were received from groups within the Newcastle local government area for the Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund 2020/21?
 - (a) What was the value of these applications?
 - (b) Which sporting codes submitted applications?
- (2) How many applications were received from groups within the Newcastle local government area for the Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund 2021/22?
 - (a) What was the value of these applications?
 - (b) Which sporting codes submitted applications?

Answer—

I am advised that;

- (1) Eight.
 - (a) A total of \$3,634,767 was applied for and \$937,500 was provided in funding to the Newcastle local government area (LGA).
 - (b) Football, rugby union, sailing and tennis.
- (2) 19.
 - (a) A total of \$9,237,646 was applied for and \$3,392,886 is approved in funding to the Newcastle LGA.
 - (b) Athletics, baseball, cricket, cycling, football, golf, harness racing, lawn bowls, netball, rugby league, rugby union and tennis.

* 7106 DUMPING OF SYDNEY'S TOXIC SLUDGE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Was the Newcastle community consulted about the Government's plan to dump 12,000 cubic metres of toxic sludge in Newcastle?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) Were community leaders consulted about this plan?
 - (i) If not, why not?

- (c) What consultation was undertaken in the Hunter?
- (d) Will the Minister intervene and cancel the plan to dump this toxic waste in Newcastle?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to LC Q7835.

* 7107 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING BUDGET—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) What is the vocational education and training budget for 2021?
- (2) How much of the vocational education and training budget is provided to TAFE NSW?
- (3) How much of the vocational education and training budget is provided to private providers?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In 2021-22*, the Government will invest \$2.9 billion (\$2.6 billion recurrent expenses and \$268.6 million capital expenditure) for vocational education and training to TAFE and private provider.
- (2) In 2021-22, a total of \$2.2 billion will be allocated to TAFE to deliver vocational education and training in New South Wales.
- (3) In 2021-22**, a total of \$232 million will be allocated to private providers to deliver vocational education and training in New South Wales.

*Budget papers No.2, pg. 2-10

**Number does not include Job Trainer training budget.

* 7108 FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING RECOMMENDATIONS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Will you implement all recommendations handed down by the Select Committee on Floodplain Harvesting?
- (2) By what date will you issue floodplain harvesting licences?
- (3) By what date will all water use in New South Wales be fully metered and monitored?

Answer—

- (1) The Government will respond to the Select Committee's report.
- (2) They will be issued in due course.
- (3) The Government's non-urban metering rollout schedule is publicly available.

* 7109 SOCIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Does the Matrix Group have a history of refusing to pay subcontractors?
 - (a) If so:
 - (1) Why did the Government Land and Housing Corporation (LHAC) choose the Matrix Group to build social housing at 16 Spring Street?

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- (2) Why did LHAC continue to pay the Matrix Group for this project even after LHAC were informed that Matrix Group were not paying subcontractors?
- (3) When did you first become aware that Matrix Group were refusing to pay subcontractors?
- (4) Will the Government reimburse all subcontracts who have been left out of pocket as a result of Matrix Group not paying them?
- (2) Given Matrix Group is now insolvent, what will the Government do to recover the taxpayers money it paid to Matrix Group?
- (3) Who will complete the social housing development on 16 Spring Street and by what date will it be complete?

Answer—

As the newly appointed Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes, this question was referred to me for response and I am advised:

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) pays building contractors in accordance with the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 1999. The allegations made against Matrix Group have been referred to the NSW Police Force and it is therefore not appropriate to comment.

As the Matrix Group is in administration, LAHC, like all creditors, are in line. Subcontractors who allege non-payment are advised to seek independent legal advice.

The project at 16 Spring Street, Wagga Wagga will be completed by an alternative builder expected by mid-2022.

* 7110 FLOOD RISK ON THE BULLATALE CREEK—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What studies have been undertaken into flood risk and management on the Bullatale Creek?
 - (a) Is the flood risk augmented by the increased flows required by new, downstream tree-nut plantations?
 - (b) What Government support is available to farmers along the Bullatale to construct and maintain levy banks to protect their stock and property?
 - (c) Where does the money paid by farmers for levy-bank licenses go?

Answer—

- (1) The preparation of the Tuppall and Bullatale Creeks Floodplain Management Plan included a Data Collection and Flood Study (2002) followed by a Floodplain Management Study (2004).
 - (a) No.
 - (b) Water users can contact the WaterNSW helpdesk for advice on how to apply for floodwork approvals.
 - (c) Licence fees and what they fund are covered in the relevant IPART pricing determination.

* 7111 SOCIAL HOUSING DWELLINGS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What is the total number of social housing dwellings held by community housing providers in New South Wales for each of the following years:
 - (a) 2021?

- (b) 2020?
 - (c) 2019?
 - (d) 2018?
 - (e) 2017?
 - (f) 2016?
 - (g) 2015?
 - (h) 2014?
 - (i) 2013?
 - (j) 2012?
 - (k) 2011?
- (2) What is the total number of social housing dwellings held by community housing providers in the Central Coast region for each of the following years:
- (a) 2021?
 - (b) 2020?
 - (c) 2019?
 - (d) 2018?
 - (e) 2017?
 - (f) 2016?
 - (g) 2015?
 - (h) 2014?
 - (i) 2013?
 - (j) 2012?
 - (k) 2011?

Answer—

I am advised:

Data as at 30 June 2020 for social housing dwellings managed by community housing providers in New South Wales, and by district is available on the Social Housing Residential Dwellings Dashboard: https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/facs.statistics/viz/Social_Housing_Residential_Dwellings/Dashboards

Data as 30 June 2021 is expected to be published by the end of the year.

* 7112 TRAVEL PERMITS IN REGIONAL AND RURAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Since the travel permit system that allows people to leave Local Government Areas of concern was introduced, what areas were the permit holders permitted to travel to in regional and rural New South Wales?
 - (a) What is the postcode breakdown of these areas?

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Answer—

Between 21 August and 10 October 2021, people required a permit to leave Greater Sydney to travel to regional NSW. Under the current Public Health (COVID-19 General) Order (No 2) 2021, there is no requirement for a permit for travel across the state.

- * 7113 CHECK AND COMPLIANCE OF TRAVEL PERMITS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Considering the introduction of the travel permit system that enables people to leave Local Government Areas of concern, what is the check and compliance regime for permit holders?

Answer—

With the easing of the COVID-19 related restrictions, the travel permit system is no longer in use within New South Wales.

- * 7114 TAXI LICENCE OWNERS AND HOLDERS PARTICIPATION IN INDUSTRY CONSULTATION—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) How many Wollongong Local Government Area taxi licence owners/holders participated in the September 2021 industry consultation by Transport for NSW on the proposed Point to Point Transport reforms by the following methods:

- (a) Five webinars?
- (b) Two online surveys?
- (c) Eight stakeholder interviews?
- (d) Transport for NSW point to point email address?

Answer—

I am advised:

Throughout September 2021, Transport for NSW conducted consultation with the point to point transport industry including a number of webinars, focus groups, surveys, one on one interviews and a dedicated email for receiving questions and feedback.

While the consultation did not require participants to supply their location, stakeholder interviews were held with representatives of taxi businesses in Wollongong, and 58 of 1,620 survey respondents indicated they were located in the Wollongong Local Government Area. Two further email respondents included in their responses that they were from the Wollongong and Illawarra Region.

- * 7115 STEEL IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW POWERHOUSE MUSEUM—Mr Paul Scully 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) How much locally produced Australian steel is being used on the construction of the new Powerhouse Museum at Parramatta?
- (2) Where was the locally produced Australian steel sourced from?

Answer—

I am informed that:

Powerhouse Parramatta is one of the largest structural engineering and architecturally complex projects underway in Australia. Lendlease Building Australia are partnering with Western Sydney communities

and businesses to deliver this project. They have partnerships with four Western Sydney-based steel fabrication companies.

* 7116 COVID-19 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES ISSUED FOR BREACHING PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many i) Wollongong electorate residents and ii) Wollongong Local Government Area residents were issued with COVID-19 infringement notices for breaching any requirements of the Public Health Orders since those orders were first imposed?
 - (a) What was the total amount of revenue raised by the issue of these infringement notices over the period in (1)?
 - (b) How many infringement notice were subsequently referred to a Court?

Answer—

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

* 7117 DINE AND DISCOVER VOUCHERS IN WOLLONGONG—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) Considering the Dine and Discover Vouchers issued to residents of the Wollongong Local Government Area in early 2021:
 - (a) How many vouchers have been issued since the program commenced?
 - (b) How many dining vouchers have been claimed since the program commenced?
 - (c) How many discover vouchers have been claimed since the program commenced?

Answer—

Due to the Christmas shutdown of the public service (other than frontline services) between Monday, 27 December 2021 and Friday, 7 January 2022 as publicly announced on 14 October 2019 in Premier's Memorandum M2019-03, it is not possible to provide a detailed answer to these questions.

* 7118 VOLUME OF TIMBER FOR HOUSING UTILISED BY LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

What is the volume of timber for housing frame construction used by Land and Housing Corporation in New South Wales on average for each year over the last five years?

Answer—

As the newly appointed Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes, this question was referred to me for response and I am advised:

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) owns and manages the largest social housing portfolio in Australia. Builders engaged to deliver LAHC social housing projects are responsible for timber framing.

* 7119 DWELLING APPROVAL IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Is the NSW Productivity Commissioner's claim that it takes, on average, 190 days for a dwelling approval accurate?
 - (a) If not, what is the average number of days for a dwelling approval in New South Wales?
- (2) Does the Department undertake comparisons of approval times with other states and territories?

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(3) If so, please provide the most recent data for New South Wales and other states and territories.

(a) If not, why not?

(4) What are the reasons for the differences in average approval times in (3)?

Answer—

As the newly appointed Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes, I am advised:

(1) No

(1) (a) The average approval time (gross days) for councils for residential developments in the financial year 2020/21 was 59 Days.

(2) No

(3) Not applicable

(4) Not applicable

* 7120 FOREIGN INVESTOR SURCHARGE REVENUE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

(1) How much revenue was collected through the foreign investor surcharge in each of the following years:

(a) 2016-17?

(b) 2017-18?

(c) 2018-19?

(d) 2019-20?

(e) 2020-21?

(2) How many individuals or organisations paid the foreign investor surcharge in each of the following years:

(a) 2016-17?

(b) 2017-18?

(c) 2018-19?

(d) 2019-20?

(e) 2020-21?

Answer—

(1) (a) \$4.1 million

(2) (a) 1,388

(1) (b) to (e) and (2) (b) to (e) This data is available in the Landtax Surcharge Dataset at: <https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/help-centre/resources-library/statistics>

Note: The issuing of land tax assessments containing surcharge began from 15 March 2017.

* 7121 MORTGAGE RATE IMPACT MODELLING—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) Has Treasury modelled the impact of mortgage rate increases by the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) on households in New South Wales?

- (2) Was any modelling completed on the impact of (1) on i) metropolitan Sydney and ii) Regional New South Wales?
- (a) If so, what did the modelling conclude?
- (b) If not, why not and will the Government commission this advice?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) sets the official cash rate in the economy. Increases in the official cash rate impact the economy to the extent to which they influence other interest rates in the economy – particularly mortgage rates.

NSW Treasury have estimated the impact of RBA cash rate increases on the New South Wales economy as part of its economic modelling and forecasting function. This includes the impact of interest rate moves on the household sector, which encompasses household consumption and the housing market.

Based on NSW Treasury's econometric models, a 1 percentage point increase in the cash rate lowers overall state final demand by 0.6%, relative to what was expected.

- Household consumption would be approximately 0.6% lower than where it would have been otherwise, after approximately one year. This is a similar result to what the RBA's own models would suggest.
 - Both dwelling investment and house prices would be around 4-5 per cent lower, after approximately one year. Once again, RBA modelling suggests a similar result, with dwelling investment approximately 4% lower.
- (2) Monetary policy is exclusively the domain of the Reserve Bank of Australia. The Government has no control over this policy lever.

No modelling has been undertaken on the relative impact of interest rate hikes across regions due to several factors:

- NSW Treasury does not directly control monetary policy. The Reserve Bank of Australia are dedicated to ensuring the optimum setting for monetary policy to achieve a set macroeconomic objective which includes an assessment of the financial strain on households.
- Interest rates are currently at extreme lows. Even with interest rate increases likely at some stage on the horizon, the setting for monetary policy is expected to remain highly expansionary for many years.
- Regional modelling requires a comprehensive data set which are not readily available. The more granular the geographic area, the less data are available to use as sufficient inputs for an econometric model.

* 7122 ACCESS TO SPECIALISED ECONOMIC ADVICE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Does the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment have access to specialised economic advice on planning matters such as i) land supply, ii) rezonings, and iii) project assessments under each gateway within the New South Wales planning system?
- (a) If so, is this advice provided within the i) Department or ii) outsourced to the private sector?
- (i) If this advice is outsourced, who currently provides this economic advice?
- (b) If not, why does the Department not have access to specialised economic advice in (1)?

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Answer—

As the newly appointed Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes, I am advised:

- (1) The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (now Department of Planning & Environment) has an Economics team that provides economic advice on planning related matters.
 - (a) Analysis from this team is provided both internally and externally to the Department.
 - (b) When required, external specialised economic advice is sort to inform project assessments.

* 7123 PROJECTS IN THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA (UDIA) REPORT—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) report, 'Building Blocks -A Practical Approach to Land Supply', published in May 2021?
- (2) Of the nine projects identified in that report:
 - (a) At what project stage is each proposal within the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment?
 - (b) What is the involvement of any other agency toward each project proposal?
 - (c) Please list the role of i) Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and ii) any other agency in each project proposal?

Answer—

As the newly appointed Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes, I am advised:

- (1) The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (now Department of Planning and Environment) is aware of the UDIA report 'Building Blocks - A Practical Approach to Land Supply' published in May 2021.
- (2) The Department is involved in three of the projects listed in the UDIA report:

- Richmond Road Upgrade: The project is partly funded by the Department's grant funding programs (Housing Acceleration Fund (HAF), Special Infrastructure Contribution (SIC) and State Voluntary Planning Agreement (SVPA)). These programs have committed funding for Transport for NSW to undertake planning, design and construction of various sections of the road corridor.

The Department oversees the grant funding process, including project nomination, prioritisation (for HAF, SIC and SVPA programs) and management of the funding agreement (for SIC and SVPA programs).

Transport for NSW received the funding and is responsible for the delivery of the project.

- Spring Farm Parkway Upgrade: The project is partly funded by the Department's HAF program. Funding has been assigned to Transport for NSW to support the construction of the road.

The Department oversees the grant funding process, including project prioritisation and budget allocations. Transport for NSW received the funding allocation and is responsible for the delivery of the project.

The Department has also entered into a SVPA with Landcom to design and construct a 1.7km section of the Spring Farm Parkway. The Department administers the SVPA to ensure developer contributions are made in accordance with the executed agreement. Landcom is responsible for providing the contribution and delivering the agreed section of the Spring Farm Parkway in accordance with the requirements of Transport for NSW.

- Wilton Sewer Treatment Plant: The Department has entered into a SVPA with Lendlease to deliver the project as part of the developer contribution.

The Department administers the SVPA to ensure developer contributions are made in accordance with the executed agreement. The developer is responsible for delivering the Wilton Sewer Treatment Plant project.

- * 7124 FINALISATION OF THE MAMRE ROAD DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

By what date will the 850 hectares near Kemps Creek, announced by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, on 19 November 2021, which includes the finalisation of the Mamre Road Development Control Plan (DCP), be connected to water and sewer services, so it can be transformed into a commercial industry hub?

Answer—

I am advised that Water services for the Mamre Road precinct are being delivered to meet development timing. Water servicing is currently available with work underway to enhance the capacity of this supply on track for completion in Q2 2022. The water network will continue to be enhanced through Sydney Water and developer delivered work to continue to amplify water servicing to meet development demand.

Sydney Water is also working on interim wastewater solutions to ensure that servicing is available before the Sydney Water network is completed.

- * 7125 VENUES NSW APPOINTMENT OF A WOLLONGONG PRECINCT ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections representing the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) Has Venues NSW appointed the Wollongong Precinct Advisory Committee?
 - (a) If so, what are the names the members of the Committee?
 - (b) If not, why not?
 - (i) When will the appointments be made?
- (2) How were Committee members selected?
- (3) What is the term of the appointment?
- (4) Is there a remuneration for members?
 - (a) If so, what is the amount?
- (5) How often does the Wollongong Precinct Advisory Committee meet?
- (6) Are the minutes of meetings available to the public?
 - (a) If so, where can they be accessed?
- (7) Were any Members of Parliament asked to provide comment, suggestions or recommendations on the appointment of the Committee members?
 - (a) If so, who and what comments, suggestions or recommendations were provided?

Answer—

I am advised that;

Venues NSW have established an Advisory Committee for the Wollongong Precinct. Members were recommended by the Venues NSW Board. Members are honorary, no remuneration is paid and the

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appointments have no term limit. Meetings will be held two - three times per year, or as required. Meeting minutes will not be publicly available.

The membership of the Advisory Committee includes:

- Tony Shepherd AO – Chair
- Amy Duggan – Deputy Chair
- Sally Loane
- Michael Cassel
- Noel Cornish AM
- Greg Doyle
- Andrew Lancaster
- Adam Zarth
- Marisa Mastroianni

* 7126 CLOSURE OF ETTALONG AMBULANCE STATION—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Regarding the decision by the Government to close the Ettalong Ambulance Station and build a relocated station at Woy Woy Hospital:
 - (a) What was the process by which NSW Health undertook to make the decision to relocate the Ettalong Ambulance Station?
 - (b) What modelling was undertaken by NSW Ambulance and Health Infrastructure to justify this relocation?
 - (c) Can we be provided a copy of the data and modelling used by NSW Health to make this decision?
 - (d) When were the staff at the Ettalong Ambulance Station made aware of the planned closure?
 - (e) How many meetings were had between NSW Health and the staff at the Ettalong Ambulance Station about the planned relocation?
 - (f) Was there any community consultation of the planned closure and relocation of the ambulance station?
 - (g) When were pamphlets or other materials distributed to members of the public about the planned relocation by NSW Health?
 - (h) How many Full Time Equivalent (FTE) paramedics will be stationed at the relocated site at Woy Woy Hospital?
 - (i) How many FTE paramedics are currently employed at the Ettalong Ambulance Station?
 - (j) How many ambulances are currently used by Ettalong Ambulance Station?
 - (k) How many ambulances will be used by the planned relocated ambulance station at Woy Woy?
 - (l) Did NSW Health or NSW Ambulance service value the land currently occupied by the Ettalong Ambulance Service?
 - (i) If so, how much is this land valued at?
 - (m) Has Government ever spoken to a developer or potential buyer regarding the Ettalong Ambulance Station and the land it currently occupies?
 - (n) Has Transport for NSW been consulted on the impact the relocated ambulance station will have on traffic flow along Ocean Beach Road?
 - (i) What were the results of this consultation?

- (o) When was the last time NSW Health undertook an evaluation of the Ettalong Ambulance Station?
 - (i) What were the results of this evaluation?
- (p) How much has been spent by the Government to refit, upgrade and maintain the Ettalong Ambulance Station over the last ten years?
- (q) When will the new Ambulance Station in Woy Woy Hospital be completed?
- (r) When will the Ettalong Ambulance Station be closed?
- (s) What suburbs are currently covered by the Ettalong Ambulance Station?
- (t) What suburbs would be covered by the new station at Woy Woy?
- (u) What impact will the closure have on call to ambulance arrival time for:
 - (i) Ettalong Beach?
 - (ii) Umina Beach?
 - (iii) Empire Bay?
 - (iv) Bensville?
 - (v) Killcare?
 - (vi) Killcare Heights?
 - (vii) Hardys Bay?
 - (viii) Wagstaffe?
 - (ix) Pretty Beach?
 - (x) Bensville?
 - (xi) St Huberts Island?
 - (xii) Kincumber?
 - (xiii) Macmasters Beach?
- (v) What impact will the closure have on response time for:
 - (i) Ettalong Beach?
 - (ii) Umina Beach?
 - (iii) Empire Bay?
 - (iv) Bensville?
 - (v) Killcare?
 - (vi) Killcare Heights?
 - (vii) Hardys Bay?
 - (viii) Wagstaffe?
 - (ix) Pretty Beach?
 - (x) Bensville?
 - (xi) St Huberts Island?
 - (xii) Kincumber?
 - (xiii) Macmasters Beach?

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Answer—

(1) (a) to (g)

Ettalong Ambulance Station was prioritised to be relocated as part of the \$232 million Rural Ambulance Infrastructure (RAIR) program.

NSW Ambulance and Health Infrastructure worked to identify a new location using best practice modelling software which maps Triple Zero (000) calls to determine the most suitable location for mobile emergency care in the region.

The new site, located at Woy Woy, will ensure paramedics will be in an optimal location to respond to the greatest number of emergency cases in the shortest time. The current station at Ettalong is located outside the area identified by NSW Ambulance Service Planning as providing the best response times for the community.

Current station staff were advised of the planned relocation on 19 November 2021 and this was accompanied by a community consultation program in which representatives from Health Infrastructure and NSW Ambulance doorknocked residents surrounding the proposed site on Ocean Beach Road. A letterbox drop, with a letter and information flyer offering a virtual briefing or follow-up phone call, was also undertaken. Flyers were provided to NSW Ambulance staff as well as to staff and patients at Woy Woy Hospital.

(h) to (k)

Decisions relating to assignment of staff at the new Woy Woy station are still being assessed.

Final allocations to meet current and future demand will be determined prior to the station commencing operations. The new station will include two of the new Intensive Care Unit ambulances being rolled-out in metropolitan and regional New South Wales.

(l) to (v)

NSW Ambulance has property values for all its sites across New South Wales, with the most recent valuation completed in September 2020. This information is commercial in-confidence. NSW Ambulance has not consulted any developers or potential buyers regarding the Ettalong site.

The planning and development application for new ambulance stations includes a traffic management plan. A draft traffic management report has been completed and the RAIR project team is engaging with Central Coast Council as part of the planning approval process.

After an analysis of the growth in demand for ambulance services, Ettalong received a paramedic staff enhancement in 2018-19. Following this enhancement, there was \$185,000 refurbishment on the first floor flat and establishing access to accommodate the staff.

The new station at Woy Woy is expected to be operational in 2023. The existing Ettalong Ambulance Station will remain operational until the new station is complete.

Paramedics are a mobile workforce and the response to an emergency call within the Central Coast area is provided by the nearest available paramedics at the time. This is consistent with the operational practices of ambulance services throughout Australia and overseas.

The new site at Woy Woy has been identified by NSW Ambulance Service Planning modelling as being the best location for a new ambulance station for the majority of the community. This means paramedics at the new station will be in an optimal position to respond to the greatest number of emergency cases in the shortest time.

* 7127 CONSULTATION REGARDING TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG OCEAN BEACH ROAD—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Minister for Regional New South Wales—

- (1) Regarding the decision by the Government to close the Ettalong Ambulance Station and build a relocated station at Woy Woy Hospital:
 - (a) Has Transport for NSW been consulted on the impact the relocated ambulance station will have on traffic flow along Ocean Beach Road?
 - (i) If so, what were the results of this consultation?

Answer—

I am advised:

No, Ocean Beach Road is a Regional Road under the care and control of Central Coast Council. Traffic flow along Ocean Beach Road is a matter for the Central Coast Council.

* 7128 PAEDOPHILE CASES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many paedophile cases were there in New South Wales in:
 - (a) 2015-16?
 - (b) 2016-17?
 - (c) 2017-18?
 - (d) 2019-20?
 - (e) 2020-21?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

* 7129 CENTRAL COAST APPLICANTS IN 2020 INFRASTRUCTURE TRAINEESHIP PROGRAM—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

How many Central Coast applicants were selected as apprentices in the 2020 Government's Infrastructure Traineeship Program?

Answer—

I am advised:

Trainees were inducted into the Infrastructure Traineeship from February 2021 when the Program commenced. 12 applicants received placements across the broader Newcastle area and the Central Coast. One trainee resides in the Central Coast Local Government Area, and 11 reside in the broader Newcastle region.

* 7130 STAMP DUTY INCOME—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) What was the Stamp Duty income received in each of the Gosford, Terrigal, The Entrance, Wyong and Swansea electorates in:

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- (a) 2018-19?
- (b) 2019-20?
- (c) 2020-21?

Answer—

- (1) Revenue NSW does not collect data by electorate.

State wide data on transfer duty is available in the Duties datasets at:
<https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/help-centre/resources-library/statistics>

* 7131 ABSENTEE RATE IN SCHOOLS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What was the total absentee rate for New South Wales public schools in:

- (a) November 2021 (to 25 November 2021)?
- (b) November 2020?
- (c) November 2019?
- (d) November 2018?

- (2) What was the total absentee rate per NSW school regions in:

- (a) November 2021 (to 25 November 2021)?
- (b) November 2020?
- (c) November 2019?
- (d) November 2018?

Answer—

- (1)

Time Period	Absentee Rate
November 2018	11.3 %
November 2019	11.9 %
November 2020	11.6 %
November 2021	13.6 %

Note: Data is provided for the entire month of November 2021

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SA4 Group	Absentee Rate			
	November 2018	November 2019	November 2020	November 2021
Sydney-North	7.4 %	7.6 %	7.5 %	8.2 %
Sydney –Inner	8.8 %	8.5 %	8.0 %	9.8 %
Sydney-South	9.6 %	9.6 %	9.4 %	11.6 %
Sydney-South West	11.3 %	11.5 %	11.4 %	13.7 %

Sydney-West	10.8%	11.1%	9.8%	12.6%
Sydney-North West	10.6%	11.1%	10.8%	11.7%
Central Coast, Newcastle	13.0%	13.4%	13.2%	15.4%
North East NSW	14.0%	17.3%	14.7%	16.9%
North West NSW	14.9%	16.4%	16.8%	20.2%
South East NSW	12.8%	12.9%	13.4%	15.4%
South West NSW	12.7%	14.1%	14.3%	16.6%

Note: Data is provided for the entire month of November 2021

* 7132 STUDENT MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS TO ATTEND SCHOOLS FACE-TO-FACE—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many students have been provided a medical exemption to attending face-to-face learning, and are being supported to continue to learn online:
 - (a) In total?
 - (b) By year group?
 - (c) By gender?
 - (d) By school region?

Answer—

Decisions on the granting of medical exemptions are made by the Principal in line with the Department of Education's School Attendance Policy and Exemption from School Procedures.

Attendance records management, including where students have been affected by overseas or interstate border closures, or where students or their family members have medical concerns and request medical exemptions, is the responsibility of the school. Records of this nature are held by each school.

* 7133 RETURN TO SCHOOL—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many students in the following categories have not returned to the physical classroom in New South Wales public schools since all classes returned to face-to-face learning on 1 November:
 - (a) In total?
 - (b) By year group?
 - (c) By gender?
 - (d) By school region?
- (2) Which ten schools have the highest number of students who have not returned to face to face learning since 1 November?

Answer—

(1) As at 4 December 2021 there were 3,921 students who were yet to return to on-site learning at school since Monday, 25 October 2021. Of this total number, 2,188 are male students and 1,733 are female

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students. Schools and Directors Educational Leadership have worked to follow up with students and families in order to support the return of students to face-to-face learning.

Breakdown by scholastic year:

Scholastic Year	Number of students yet to return
Kindergarten	120
Year 1	123
Year 2	158
Year 3	159
Year 4	149
Year 5	161
Year 6	126
Year 7	239
Year 8	443
Year 9	616
Year 10	990
Year 11	637

Breakdown by School Performance Directorate

School Performance Directorate	Number of students yet to return
Rural North	335
Regional North and West	501
Regional North	720
Metropolitan North	502
Metropolitan South	466
Metropolitan South and West	433
Regional South	465
Rural South and West	286
Connected Communities schools	203

(2) The Department of Education is unable to report on the list of schools as this would contravene Section 18A of the Education Act (1990).

* 7134 TEACHERS NOT VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many teachers are on leave, have been suspended, or had their employment terminated because they are not vaccinated against COVID-19 or have failed to advise the Department of Education they have been vaccinated against COVID-19:
 - (a) In total?
 - (b) By school region?
 - (c) Who are primary school teachers?

- (d) Who are high school teachers?
- (e) Who are school principals?

Answer—

The table below details open investigations as at 7 December 2021 in relation to permanent teachers who are alleged to be non-compliant with the Public Health (COVID-19 Vaccination of Education and Care Workers) Order 2021, applicable determinations and directions.

The Department of Education ensures all investigations comply with due process and procedural fairness requirements. Persons subject of allegations are provided the opportunity to respond to the allegations and proposed disciplinary action.

Region	Open Investigations
School Performance North	415
School Performance South	511
Total	926

Of the 926 open investigations in the table above, 455 relate to permanent teachers in primary schools and 393 relate to permanent teachers in secondary schools. The remaining 78 matters relate to permanent school teachers in other school types including central schools, schools for specific purposes and infant schools.

Further disaggregation of this data may lead to individuals becoming identifiable.

* 7135 ALTERNATIVE CARE ARRANGEMENTS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Of the children currently in alternative care arrangements (including but not limited to motels, serviced apartments and hotels), how many identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander:
 - (a) In total?
 - (b) Per age group?
 - (c) Per gender?
 - (d) Per Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) district?

Answer—

I am advised as at 30 June 2021, there were 49 Aboriginal children and young people in alternative care arrangements.

I am advised that a demographic breakdown of this data by age, gender and departmental district cannot be provided as the population is too small. This presents an issue around confidentiality and safety for the children in alternative care arrangements.

* 7136 COST OF ALTERNATIVE CARE ARRANGEMENTS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What was the average daily cost of caring for a child in alternative care arrangements including, but not limited to, the cost of staffing, accommodation, food, provision of health and/or education services:
 - (a) In 2021-22 (to 25 November 2021)?
 - (b) In 2020-21?
 - (c) In 2019-20?

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Answer—

I am advised:

Alternative care arrangements (ACA) are arranged on an emergency basis and paid on invoice in arrears.

The Department of Communities and Justice systems do not allow for accurately relating placement length and payments made to calculate an average cost per night of an ACA.

* 7137 ESCALATING CASES OF CHILDREN IN ALTERNATIVE CARE—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What arrangements, if any, exist to review or escalate the cases of children in alternative care arrangements for extended periods?
- (2) What triggers exist to review the cases of children in alternate care arrangements (e.g. length of stay, etc.)?
- (3) If a review or escalation occurs, what actions or programs are undertaken to support the child?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) has extensive review and escalation processes in place for children and young people in alternative care arrangements. These include:

- DCJ district executives endorse all entries and track exit planning and progress weekly at minimum.
- The Deputy Secretary of Child Protection and Permanency, District and Youth Justice Services has oversight of all children and young people entering alternative care arrangements, which includes approvals for all entries and any extension requests.
- DCJ districts submit weekly reports against exit progress for all children and young people in alternative care arrangements.
- The Deputy Secretary chairs a weekly meeting to critically examine the exit plans and progress for all children and young people who have been in an arrangement for an extended period.
- DCJ districts have dedicated officers that support children in alternative care arrangements. The Deputy Secretary meets monthly with these officers to ensure children are supported and exited with urgency.

As well as through the above outlined arrangements, a child's length of stay in an alternative care arrangement acts as a trigger to an additional review, specifically at day seven, 10 and 14, and then further where required. Actions to support children and young people while they are in alternative care arrangements include:

- Access to therapeutic services and support
- Education support
- Support for family contact
- Cultural support and connection
- Health assessments and support
- Access to social and extracurricular activities, including sport.

Actions to progress exit include:

- Referral to interim and emergency placement models
- Assessment of suitable relatives or kin
- Placement broadcasts to NGOs for carer availability
- Referral to therapeutic and disability placements
- Targeted carer recruitment and referral to professional care models.

* 7138 LENGTH OF STAY IN ALTERNATIVE CARE ARRANGEMENTS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many children currently in alternative care arrangements (including but not limited to motels, serviced apartments and hotels) have been in this care arrangement for less the 30 days:
 - (a) In total?
 - (b) Per age group?
 - (c) Per gender?
 - (d) Per Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) district?
- (2) How many children currently in alternative care arrangements (including but not limited to motels, serviced apartments and hotels) have been in this care arrangement for 30-60 days:
 - (a) In total?
 - (b) Per age group?
 - (c) Per gender?
 - (d) Per DCJ district?
- (3) How many children currently in alternative care arrangements (including but not limited to motels, serviced apartments and hotels) have been in this care arrangement for 60-90 days:
 - (a) In total?
 - (b) Per age group?
 - (c) Per gender?
 - (d) Per DCJ district?
- (4) How many children currently in alternative care arrangements (including but not limited to motels, serviced apartments and hotels) have been in this care arrangement for more than 90 days:
 - (a) In total?
 - (b) Per age group?
 - (c) Per gender?
 - (d) Per DCJ district?

Answer—

- (1) (a) I am advised as at 30 June 2021, there were 30 children and young people in alternative care arrangements who have been in these arrangements for less than 30 days.
- (2) (a) I am advised as at 30 June 2021, there were 23 children and young people in alternative care arrangements who have been in these arrangements for between 30 and 60 days.
- (3) (a) I am advised as at 30 June 2021, there were 11 children and young people in alternative care arrangements who have been in these arrangements for between 60 and 90 days.

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(4) (a) I am advised as at 30 June 2021, there were 37 children and young people in alternative care arrangements who have been in these arrangements for more than 90 days.

(1) (b) to (d), (2) (b) to (d), (3) (b) to (d) and (4) (b) to (d) I am advised that a demographic breakdown of this data by age, gender and departmental district cannot be provided as the population is too small. This presents an issue around confidentiality and safety for the children in alternative care arrangements.

* 7139 CHILDREN IN ALTERNATIVE CARE ARRANGEMENTS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

(1) How many children are currently in alternative care arrangements (including but not limited to motels, serviced apartments and hotels):

(a) In total?

(b) Per age group?

(c) Per gender?

(d) Per Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) district?

Answer—

I am advised, as at 30 June 2021, there were 101 children and young people in alternative care arrangements.

I am advised that a demographic breakdown of this data by age, gender, and departmental district cannot be provided as the population is too small. This presents an issue around confidentiality and safety for the children in alternative care arrangements.

* 7140 REVENUE FROM RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENCES IN FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

How much revenue was collected from fees for recreational fishing licences in the Fairfield Local Government Area in the 2020-2021 financial year?

Answer—

\$423,360.

* 7141 REVENUE FROM RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENCES IN CUMBERLAND—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

How much revenue was collected from fees for recreational fishing licences in the Cumberland Local Government Area in the 2020-2021 financial year?

Answer—

\$518,322

* 7142 TOTAL COST OF ARTIFICIAL REEFS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

What was the total cost of the artificial reefs at Tweed Heads and Moruya Heads?

Answer—

(1) Total contractor expenses associated with the design, fabrication, transportation and installation of the Tweed offshore artificial reef were \$998,000.

The Eurobodalla offshore artificial reef project is not yet complete.

- * 7143 TOTAL SUM OF RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE FEES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

What was the total sum of fees collected from recreational fishing licences in the 2020-2021 financial year?

Answer—

- (1) Revenue from recreational fishing licences totalled \$17.7 million in 2020/21.

Details of the recreational fishing trust is published in the NSW Recreational Fishing Trusts Annual Report 2020/21 at <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee/rft-annual-report>

- * 7144 COST OF RELEASING FISH FRY AND FINGERLINGS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) How much money was spent in the 2020-2021 financial year on releasing fish fry and fingerlings in:

- (a) Freshwater estuaries?
(b) Saltwater estuaries?

Answer—

- (1) (a) \$2.71 m.
(b) \$766,000.

- * 7145 SPECIES OF FISH FRY AND FINGERLINGS RELEASED—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) What species of fish fry and fingerlings were released in the 2020-2021 financial year in:

- (a) Freshwater estuaries?
(b) Saltwater estuaries?

Answer—

- (1) Fry and fingerlings of the following fish species were stocked into New South Wales waters during the 2020-2021 financial year:

- (a) Freshwater: Atlantic Salmon, Australian Bass, Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Estuary Perch, Golden Perch, Macquarie Perch, Murray Cod, Olive Perchlet, Oxleyan Pygmy Perch, Rainbow Trout, Silver Perch, Southern Purple Spotted Gudgeon, Southern Pygmy Perch, Tiger Trout, Trout Cod.
(b) Saltwater: Dusky Flathead, Mulloway, Yellowtail Kingfish.

- * 7146 INCREASE IN SHARK NETTING ON NEW SOUTH WALES BEACHES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Will there be an increase in shark netting on New South Wales beaches for the 2021 summer season?

- (a) If so, where will they be located?
(b) What is the total cost of installation?

Answer—

- (1) No

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- (a) Not applicable
- (b) Cost of installation of nets by Contractors in 2021 /22 is \$1,806,941 (excl. GST)

* 7147 DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

Will the Government give consideration to a dining and entertainment grant program for community groups, small businesses and local government to assist with improving the night time economy in Southwest Sydney electorates, including the Fairfield electorate?

Answer—

As the newly appointed Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes, I am advised:

Yes.

* 7148 MAINTENANCE OF FAIRFIELD RAILWAY STATION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) How much is being spent on the maintenance of Fairfield Railway Station and the surrounding Government-owned area?

(a) How often do maintenance works take place?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Maintenance budgets are managed at a corporate and regional level, not by individual stations.

(a) Sydney Trains has an annual program of maintenance works for its stations, including Fairfield.

* 7149 PATIENTS RECEIVING DIALYSIS IN FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) How many patients are receiving treatment for renal issues requiring dialysis in Fairfield Hospital in 2021?

(a) What was the number of patients receiving treatment for renal issues requiring dialysis five years ago?

(b) What are the projected number of patients for the next five years?

Answer—

South Western Sydney Local Health District provides a District wide renal service where patients are dialysed according to their clinical needs. Fairfield Hospital has 17 chairs available and provides approximately 70 dialysis treatments per week.

Over the past five years the District renal service has increased the number of chairs and in-centre beds at Liverpool, Campbelltown, and Bowral hospitals.

Across New South Wales the prevalence of patients on dialysis is growing by five per cent annually, and patients in the District will continue to be supported by the District wide renal service.

I also refer the member to the response provided at LA Q6009.

- * 7150 COMPLAINTS REGARDING ROADS IN THE FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many complaints has the Minister received regarding State roads in the Fairfield electorate?
- (a) How many of these complaints have been about the roundabout on Polding Street and the Cumberland Highway?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at 1 December 2021, the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads, has received three complaints regarding State roads within the Fairfield electorate.

None of these complaints specifically reference the roundabout on Polding Street and the Cumberland Highway.

- * 7151 MEASURES TO MITIGATE NOISE POLLUTION CAUSED BY HEAVY VEHICLES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

What measures has the Government implemented to assist with the mitigation of noise pollution caused by heavy vehicles on State roads in the Fairfield electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

When State roads are upgraded to increase capacity, Transport for NSW uses this opportunity to review noise levels at impacted properties in accordance with the NSW Road Noise Policy, administered by the Environment Protection Authority. Heavy vehicle noise is considered as part of overall road traffic noise under the policy.

For roads that are not subject to road upgrades and affected by high levels of road traffic noise, including the contribution from heavy vehicles, Transport for NSW's Noise Abatement Program provides noise mitigation for eligible properties. Over 20 dwellings on the Cumberland Highway have been provided architectural treatment for high levels of road traffic noise under this program. Further information about the program is available on Transport for NSW's website. Other measures in place to mitigate aspects of heavy vehicle noise include conducting regular inspection of heavy vehicles for faulty noise emission control equipment and issuing defect notices, where warranted, and installing compression brake signs on all major truck routes at strategic locations to advise truck drivers to limit the use of compression brakes near residential areas.

- * 7152 GAMBLING HARM AWARENESS IN FAIRFIELD—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service, and Minister for Digital—

- (1) What strategies has the Government implemented to increase gambling harm awareness in the Fairfield electorate, given that it has one of the highest gambling rates in New South Wales?
- (a) How have these strategies been communicated to members of the Cultural and Linguistic Diversity (CALD) communities?
- (i) To the elderly?
- (ii) To young people?

Answer—

The Government has significantly increased funding to gambling harm prevention since 2018, with \$37 million allocated in 2021/22 from the Responsible Gambling Fund. This funding is administered by the

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Office of Responsible Gambling who implements a range of programs and initiatives to prevent and reduce gambling harm, including education and awareness programs for the community.

In 2021, the Government implemented the first-ever gambling awareness gambling targeted at multicultural communities. The investment of \$1.4 million in the The Number that Changed my Life campaign was designed in consultation with culturally and linguistically diverse communities in South West Sydney, to raise awareness of gambling harm and reduce stigma in the Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Hindi, and Arabic communities.

Evaluation results show it is raising awareness of gambling problems and of GambleAware, generating strong community advocacy, normalising conversations about gambling and driving calls to the helpline and visits to the website. 75% of the primary audience who saw the campaign took some positive action

In addition a range of specific grants for gambling harm awareness programs located in the Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA) have been funded, including:

- Two Fairfield projects under the Odds on Youth program, with \$116,000 in funding for Fairfield Council's 'Pay to Play' project which is working on a series of co-designed videos with young people to raise awareness of gambling harm; and The Woodville Alliance's 'Game Over: the Vietnamese Youth Project' which is working with young people from the Vietnamese community on a series of youth-friendly and culturally appropriate videos to raise awareness.
- \$191,000 in grant funding under the Local Prevention Grants Program for Fairfield City Council's Responsible Gambling Community of Practice project. The project aims to educate, facilitate, promote, train, and build the capacity of local community organisations, community workers, and practitioners to deliver best-practice prevention and gambling harm reduction programs in the Fairfield LGA.
- \$235,600 in grant funding to South Western Sydney Primary Health Network to implement a pilot gambling screening tool for use in the Fairfield LGA and establish the Fairfield City Health Alliance, which includes membership from the South Western Sydney Primary Health Network (PHN), South West Sydney Local Health District (LHD), Fairfield City Council. Building from the success of this pilot, the screening tool is to be expanded more broadly within South West Sydney in 2022, with additional funding to be allocated to its expansion.
- \$156,000 grant funding for the Western Sydney Community Forum (Forum) to develop a culturally responsive framework to address gambling related harm. The Forum had representatives from across Western Sydney, including Fairfield City Council, South Western Sydney PHN and non-profit organisations that operate in the Fairfield region. This framework is now in use across South Western Sydney.

GambleAware services throughout New South Wales were established in New South Wales from 1 July 2021, following an extensive reform to the way support and services are delivered to those experiencing gambling harm in New South Wales. In 2021/22 \$17.5 million has been allocated to GambleAware services which provide community education, support and counselling via multiple modes including face to face, telephone and online.

GambleAware South West Sydney is operated by the University of Sydney and key centres include Fairfield, Bankstown, Liverpool, Campbelltown, Bonnyrigg, Wingecarribee and Wollondilly.

There is also a GambleAware Multicultural Service, which provides additional counselling and support to multicultural communities, where GambleAware Providers do not have capacity and work with GambleAware services to increase cultural capability in providing services to diverse communities.

- * 7153 INCREASING JOB OPPORTUNITIES POST PANDEMIC—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, and Minister for Trade and Industry—

What measures will the Government take to increase job opportunities for residents in the Fairfield electorate seeking work post-pandemic?

Answer—

Please see answer to LA Q6910.

- * 7154 SCHOOL ENROLMENT CAPACITY 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) How many schools in the Fairfield electorate have reached one hundred per cent enrolment capacity as at 23rd November 2021?
 - (a) How many of these schools have exceeded enrolment capacity?
 - (b) Which of these schools will either reach or exceed enrolment capacity within the next five years?

Answer—

The Department of Education does not have fixed local enrolment capacities and every eligible student who wishes to attend a Government school will be given a place at their local school.

The Department has the ability to adapt to fluctuating enrolments at schools by enforcing the enrolment policy to restrict non-local enrolments, reviewing intake area boundaries to improve utilisation across schools in a local area, and by providing additional demountable facilities, including classrooms and specialist spaces as required.

- * 7155 TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many residents in the Fairfield electorate are currently using the Transport Subsidy Scheme?
 - (a) How many of these residents require wheelchair accessible vehicles?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are 291 active Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme participants in the Fairfield area. Of these 291, 160 participants were active in the past year with 96 of the active participants requiring use of a wheelchair accessible vehicle.

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- * 7156 HEALTH MEETING REQUEST—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Premier—

- (1) For how many days were suburbs in the Cumberland Local Government Area (LGA) included as suburbs of concern; or named by the Premier in daily COVID-19 press conferences?
- (2) Considering my request dated 12 October 2021 to meet with you and my request to your predecessor dated 1 September 2021 to meet with her concerning COVID-19 in my electorate, do you stand by your reply dated 23 November 2021 that “On this occasion, the Premier will be unable to accept your meeting request”?

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- (3) Considering your reply on 23 November that you referred my request to the Hon. Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Health and Medical Research, was it your expectation that the Minister would also refuse to meet with me?
- (4) Considering your answer to a question without notice in the Legislative Assembly on 24 November 2021 that Members may knock on your door and that “The door is always open”, will you now meet with me and a delegation of local small businesses to discuss recovery from COVID-19 in the Cumberland LGA and what assistance will be provided to them by the Government?

Answer—

Thank you for your questions.

- (1) I am advised that the Cumberland Local Government Area was categorised as an area of concern from 20 August to 10 October 2021 under the former Public Health (COVID-19 Additional Restrictions for Delta Outbreak) Order (No 2) 2021.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Ministers are free to arrange their schedule of meetings and appointments as they see fit.
- (4) Small business COVID recovery matters are the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Small Business, the Hon. Eleni Petinos MP.

* 7157 HEALTH MEETING REQUEST—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) For how many days were suburbs in the Cumberland Local Government Area (LGA) included as suburbs of concern; or named by the Premier in daily COVID-19 press conferences?
- (2) Considering my request dated 26 August 2021 to meet with you concerning COVID-19 in my electorate, do you stand by your reply dated 11 October 2021 that “Regrettably, the Minister is unable to meet with you at this time”?
- (3) Considering that the Premier referred my request dated 1 September 2021 to meet with him concerning COVID-19 in my electorate to you, do you stand by your reply dated 24 November 2021 refusing my request?
- (4) Will you now meet with me and a delegation of local small businesses to discuss recovery from COVID-19 in the Cumberland LGA and what assistance will be provided to them by the Government?

Answer—

(1) The Cumberland Local Government Area was categorised as an area of concern from 20 August to 10 October 2021 under the former Public Health (COVID-19 Additional Restrictions for Delta Outbreak) Order (No 2) 2021.

(2) and (3) The COVID-19 pandemic has been an exceptional time for our community and health services, as we faced the 2020 outbreak and then the Delta variant together. I thank the Member and acknowledge all colleagues for their support and advocacy on behalf of their communities during what has been an incredibly challenging time. Throughout the pandemic, Members have been invited to briefings with senior health officials, including NSW Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant, and myself, and have liaised directly with my office and me. My office will continue to liaise with all Members and organise briefings as appropriate in 2022. As the COVID-19 situation was and continues to evolve, up to date information remains consistently available on the NSW Government website.

(4) Economic recovery and small business support are matters for the relevant Minister/s.

* 7158 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT TEACHER POSITIONS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) In each of the financial years from 2014-15 to 2020-21, how many full-time equivalent teachers were employed at the following schools:
 - (a) Belair Public School?
 - (b) Cardiff High School?
 - (c) Charlestown East Public School?
 - (d) Charlestown Public School?
 - (e) Charlestown South Public School?
 - (f) Dudley Public School?
 - (g) Eleebana Public School?
 - (h) Garden Suburb Public School?
 - (i) Hillsborough Public School?
 - (j) Hunter Sports High School?
 - (k) Kahibah Public School?
 - (l) Kotara High School?
 - (m) Kotara South Public School?
 - (n) Merewether Public School?
 - (o) Mount Hutton Public School?
 - (p) New Lambton South Primary School?
 - (q) Redhead Public School?
 - (r) Warners Bay High School?
 - (s) Warners Bay Public School?
 - (t) Whitebridge High School?
 - (u) Windale Public School?
 - (v) Wiripaang Public School?
- (2) In each of the schools listed above, how many full-time equivalent teaching positions were filled on a permanent basis in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2014-2015?
 - (b) 2015-2016?
 - (c) 2016-2017?
 - (d) 2017-2018?
 - (e) 2018-2019?
 - (f) 2019-2020?
 - (g) 2020-2021?

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Answer—

- (1) The number of full-time equivalent teachers employed in each school in the question for the financial years 2014-15 to 2020-21 are in the table below:

Overall teacher FTE by school, 2015-2021	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Belair Public	29.8	39.9	28.7	29.0	30.9	30.4	30.9
Cardiff High	76.6	72.3	66.8	62.3	70.6	65.9	63.0
Charlestown East Public	24.7	28.4	23.2	18.8	16.8	16.0	16.8
Charlestown Public	17.5	14.5	14.0	12.8	13.4	12.4	12.4
Charlestown South Public	16.7	15.3	15.1	14.1	13.5	13.6	13.8
Dudley Public	19.7	17.6	15.4	15.7	16.9	16.4	16.9
Eleebana Public	32.2	32.7	34.4	36.8	38.6	34.9	35.2
Garden Suburb Public	19.8	16.5	15.7	17.4	17.4	16.6	18.1
Hillsborough Public	21.4	18.0	15.0	15.4	15.9	16.4	18.1
Hunter Sports High	76.2	72.9	69.4	71.7	71.9	65.0	70.1
Kahibah Public	22.1	20.7	22.7	22.3	22.1	19.8	19.5
Kotara High	92.0	84.8	86.5	91.6	91.9	99.0	85.0
Kotara South Public	26.8	29.7	27.8	25.1	24.0	21.9	22.4
Merewether Public	13.6	15.3	15.3	13.9	14.8	12.9	13.0
Mount Hutton Public	16.9	16.0	14.2	13.2	14.8	14.7	14.2
New Lambton South Public	28.6	31.0	31.0	30.7	27.3	29.8	32.0
Redhead Public	18.1	21.1	16.8	16.7	19.2	18.9	20.6
Warners Bay High	109.9	113.8	109.7	101.1	99.9	98.7	96.3
Warners Bay Public	33.9	35.8	35.7	31.8	32.7	28.5	27.1
Whitebridge High	87.7	85.0	88.3	82.4	84.3	84.6	85.3
Windale Public	26.3	21.0	28.7	29.0	20.7	20.7	19.3
Wiripaang Public	19.4	18.8	18.0	22.5	22.5	20.1	19.8

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- (2) The number of permanent, full-time equivalent teachers employed in each school in the question for the financial years 2014-15 to 2020-21 are in the table below:

Permanent teacher FTE by school, 2015-2021	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Belair Public	18.9	20.9	20.8	19.6	18.8	19.6	18.7
Cardiff High	46.1	48.7	46.8	44.8	46.7	48.5	48.4
Charlestown East Public	14.7	15.2	14.0	14.6	9.6	11.6	11.8
Charlestown Public	9.4	5.4	6.8	7.6	7.2	7.6	7.0
Charlestown South Public	9.2	8.8	9.2	9.6	9.6	7.6	7.6
Dudley Public	8.4	9.0	8.8	10.4	10.9	10.9	11.6
Eleebana Public	22.0	19.9	20.5	22.1	23.7	23.1	20.2
Garden Suburb Public	11.3	11.4	9.8	10.8	10.2	9.2	10.0
Hillsborough Public	11.0	10.4	10.9	11.4	12.8	11.8	11.4
Hunter Sports High	50.0	48.1	48.6	51.7	45.5	45.1	49.7
Kahibah Public	16.3	13.4	14.6	13.7	13.8	13.3	12.5
Kotara High	65.1	63.4	62.0	66.7	61.3	64.8	60.3
Kotara South Public	17.9	17.0	17.7	16.2	18.4	16.2	16.6
Merewether Public	9.7	10.8	10.0	10.0	9.0	9.2	8.8
Mount Hutton Public	8.8	9.2	7.2	7.7	7.2	8.0	8.2
New Lambton South Public	18.6	16.0	16.8	15.8	14.2	19.6	19.3
Redhead Public	10.9	12.9	11.6	8.8	11.9	12.0	11.8
Warners Bay High	76.0	78.7	73.1	75.7	77.3	78.0	74.6
Warners Bay Public	23.4	22.4	21.3	18.9	19.5	18.9	19.7
Whitebridge High	58.2	56.7	55.1	57.5	56.9	60.3	61.6
Windale Public	17.0	13.3	12.9	10.2	11.3	9.1	8.2
Wiripaang Public	11.8	10.8	9.8	12.3	10.8	11.2	11.2

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* 7159 CAF TRAM INSPECTIONS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) What are the total travel costs of sending Transport for NSW employees or any other Government employees to visit the United Kingdom for the purpose of inspecting CAF Trams on the West Midlands Metro?

(a) Who is paying - Transport for NSW, the operator, or the manufacturer?

Answer—

I am advised:

The cost of this travel is subject to commercial discussions with CAF and Altrac.

* 7160 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT EASTERN SUBURBS LIGHT RAIL REPAIRS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

Has any work been conducted by ALTRAC or any other contractor to replace or reinstall windshields, windows, glass, or any other component on any or all of the trams in the Central Business District – Eastern Light Rail fleet?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes, work has been conducted by Altrac for the replacement or reinstallation of windscreens, glass and other components.

* 7161 COOKS RIVER LITTER STRATEGY—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) What support is the Government providing to the organisations leading the Cooks River Litter Strategy?

(2) What funding support is the Government providing to see the success of the Cooks River Litter Strategy?

(3) What other specific initiatives or support is the Government offering to reduce litter from ending up in the Cooks River?

Answer—

(1) The Government has awarded \$80,000 to the Cooks River Alliance and River Canoe Club of New South Wales under the Community Litter Grant program Round 6 to develop the Litter Strategy.

(2) In addition to the \$80,000 noted above, applications have been received for the current round of Litter Grants. The following applications are pending finalisation:

- The River Canoe Club of NSW and the Cooks River Association (\$100,000) to continue work commenced under the existing grant
- Inner West Council to implement litter projects in line with the Strategy (\$66,400).

(3) The Government offers litter monitoring support through the Key Littered Items Study which measures marine litter along the New South Wales coast and the Australian Litter Measure which measures litter in urban areas. Both datasets include sample sites in the Cooks River catchment. The data will be made available to the Cooks River Alliance and the River Canoe Club of NSW to help develop and monitor their litter target of a 50 per cent reduction in litter entering Cooks River by 2025.

* 7162 COVID-19 VACCINATION RATES IN ASHFIELD—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What specific programs or initiatives are being taken by NSW Health to increase vaccination rates in Ashfield, which currently has a double vaccination rate of 70-80%?
- (2) When was a lower vaccination rate in Ashfield first identified by NSW Health?
- (3) What program or initiatives have been in place since the beginning of the Delta outbreak to support Ashfield residents to access vaccination?

Answer—

NSW Health has more than 40 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and over 100 outreach locations that these clinics visit across the state. The Government's response to COVID-19 is flexible and scalable to respond to the evolving situation. The approach is regularly reviewed based on expert health advice, along with international and local evidence.

Sydney Local Health District established mobile COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Ashfield during the Delta outbreak in partnership with local communities, to offer vaccines to local residents and vulnerable communities.

Overall, there are more than 3,200 COVID-19 immunisation providers across New South Wales, including general practitioners, GP respiratory clinics, community pharmacies and Aboriginal Controlled Community Health Services, in addition to NSW Health vaccination clinics. More information is available on the Commonwealth Government Department of Health website at: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/covid-19-vaccination-clinics-in-australia>.

COVID-19 vaccination information for the community is available on the NSW Health website at: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/vaccine/Pages/community.aspx>. This includes links to trusted sources of information and resources for culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

* 7163 CYCLING FINES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) What was the total number of cycling fines issued during:
 - (a) 2020-2021?
 - (b) July 1 2021 to 25 November 2021?
- (2) What is the total amount of fine revenue collected from cycling fines during:
 - (a) 2020-2021?
 - (b) From July 1 2021 to 25 November 2021?

Answer—

Data on penalty notices for bicycle offences is available in the Bicycle, wheeled toy and non-motor vehicle offences dataset at: <https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/help-centre/resources-library/statistics>

* 7164 EMERALD CLASS 2 MANLY FERRIES COSTS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

What was the total cost of the three Emerald Class 2 Manly Ferries?

Answer—

I am advised:

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The cost of the new fleet forms part of the overall value of the Ferry System Contract between Transport for NSW and Transdev Sydney Ferries. The value of this contract is publicly available.

- * 7165 EMERALD CLASS PASSENGER INJURIES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

Have any injuries to passengers or any other safety incidents occurred during embarkation or disembarkation from Emerald Class Mk 1 or Mk 2 Ferries?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since the introduction of the First Generation Emerald Class ferries, two minor injuries to passengers relating to embarkation or disembarkation have been reported. There have been no reports of passenger injuries for the Second Generation Emerald Class ferries during embarkation or disembarkation.

- * 7166 EMERALD CLASS MAINTENANCE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

Have any maintenance or safety issues been raised either by the operator, crew members or transport staff regarding the Emerald Class Mk 1 or Mk 2 Ferries?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transdev Sydney Ferries, the operator of the Emerald Class fleets, has advised that as part of its rigorous safety and maintenance processes it often responds to and investigates safety and maintenance issues raised by employees.

- * 7167 EMERALD CLASS FERRIES PERFORMANCE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

Have Ferry Masters, Ferry Crew members and other transport staff raised concerns with the Department and the office of the Minister for Transport regarding the performance of the Emerald Class Ferries?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW does not make public comment about its private communications.

- * 7168 EMERALD CLASS MK 2 TIMELINE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

Does Transport for NSW have a timeframe for when the other two Emerald Class Mk 2 Ferries will enter service on the Manly route?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Emerald Class Ferries, the Balmoral and Fairlight, commenced F1 Manly passenger operations in October and November 2021 respectively. The remaining Emerald Class Ferry, the Clontarf is expected to enter passenger service in December 2021.

- * 7169 FAIRLIGHT SERVICE SUSPENSION AND SWELLS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

What were the concerns raised by the Master of the Fairlight regarding the swells and passenger safety on the weekend on 20th and 21st of November when Manly Ferry services were suspended?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transdev investigated concerns raised regarding the continued operation of some vessels on 20 and 21 November 2021. It was determined the actions of all Masters were appropriate, given their experience and training, that customers were safe at all times, and the vessels were being operated well within their limits.

- * 7170 FOOD RECYCLING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What initiatives are being conducted by the Government to facilitate food recycling in New South Wales?
- (2) What is the total amount of funding available to support food recycling in the 2021-2022 State Budget?
- (3) How is the Government working to support local councils to expand food recycling in New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) The Government is delivering a \$105.5 million program to support food waste recycling in New South Wales. This includes the Love Food Hate Waste education program to help households and businesses reduce food waste and initiatives to increase food donation, help councils introduce kerbside collection services, increase processing infrastructure and ensure there are strong markets for the recycling product.
- (2) Funding for food waste recycling spans multiple programs over multiple years. Waste Less, Recycle More includes \$105.5 million over nine years for food waste recycling. I am advised the EPA managed budget for food waste programs in 2021-22 is \$2.5 million.
- (3) The Government is continuing its long-standing support for councils to expand food waste recycling. Over the next five years, Government has allocated \$69 million to deliver on new mandates under the new Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy for all New South Wales households and certain businesses to have source separated food and garden waste collections by 2030.

- * 7171 MANLY FERRY SUSPENSIONS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

How many times have services been suspended on Emerald Class Mk 1 and Mk 2 Ferries on the F1 route from Manly to Circular Quay and Circular Quay to Manly?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since October 2021, Emerald Class operations have been suspended twice on the F1 Manly route.

- * 7172 RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING IN NEW SOUTH WALES PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How is rapid antigen testing being made available to New South Wales public schools?

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- (2) How many rapid antigen tests have so far been used in New South Wales public schools?
- (3) As rapid antigen tests are being made available for staff and students at New South Wales Public schools, who will bear the cost of supplying them - the Department of Education, schools, a Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) or families?

Answer—

- (1) From 29 November 2021, students and staff identified as a close contact from an exposure at school are eligible for rapid antigen home testing through the Department of Education's 'test-to-stay' program. The program supports early return face-to-face learning of students. Close contacts who test negative to a PCR (throat and mouth swab) have an exemption to immediately return to school, with seven consecutive days of rapid antigen home testing using the kits provided by the Department, during their self-isolation. Students and staff upload their rapid antigen home test results through an app which is monitored by each school.
- (2) As at 13 December 2021, 26,385 rapid antigen home tests have been uploaded against a NSW public school in the system. To improve equitable access, a small number of families have been able to use a paper version which is not centrally tracked by the Department to alleviate administrative burden on schools needing to upload these results.
- (3) Rapid antigen home testing kits are being supplied by the Department at no cost to schools and will be distributed when there are identified close contacts due to a positive COVID-19 case at the school. Only kits provided by the school can be used under the rapid antigen home test-to-stay program.

* 7173 EMERALD CLASS 2 MANLY FERRIES COSTS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and Minister for Transport and Roads—

What was the total cost of the three Emerald Class 2 Manly Ferries?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to LA Q7164.

* 7174 CLOSURE OF NEW SOUTH WALES SCHOOLS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many schools across New South Wales have closed due to COVID-19 outbreaks since the return to face to face learning?
- (2) At how many schools across New South Wales have year groups had to isolate due to COVID-19 outbreaks?
- (3) How many students across New South Wales have contracted COVID-19 since the return to face-to-face teaching?
- (4) How many transmissions of COVID-19 between students have occurred across New South Wales since the return to face-to-face teaching?
- (5) How many schools across the Summer Hill electorate have closed due to COVID-19 outbreaks since the return to face to face learning?
- (6) At how many schools across the Summer Hill electorate have year groups had to isolate due to COVID-19 outbreaks?
- (7) How many students across the Summer Hill electorate have contracted COVID-19 since the return to face-to-face teaching?

- (8) How many transmissions of COVID-19 between students have occurred across the Summer Hill electorate since the return to face-to-face teaching?

Answer—

- (1) There have been 447 New South Wales schools temporarily made non-operational for contact tracing from 5 October 2021 through to 30 November 2021. Of these, there were 349 New South Wales public schools, 45 Catholic schools and 53 Independent schools.
- (2) From 16 November 2021, the Department of Education commenced reporting on confirmed cases where only the cohort has been requested to isolate for contact tracing. From 16 November 2021 through to 30 November 2021 there have been 78 New South Wales public schools who have had a confirmed case and only the cohort has been requested to self-isolate for contact tracing.
- (3) Confirmed cases of COVID-19 are only reported to the Department where the person has been on school grounds within the previous three weeks. Information requests regarding the number of students who have tested positive should be directed to NSW Health.