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(Paper No. 139)

* 7184 COMMISSIONER FOR MODERN MANUFACTURING APPOINTMENT—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Premier—

- (1) With regards to your announcement in December 2021 that you will appoint a Commissioner for Modern Manufacturing:
 - (a) When will the Commissioner be appointed?
 - (b) How much will the Commissioner be paid?
 - (c) Under which Department or agency will the Commissioner be appointed?
 - (d) Which Minister will oversee the Commissioner?
 - (e) Has the position description for the Commissioner been completed?
 - (i) If so, what is the position description and what are the Commissioner's Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)?
 - (ii) If not, when will the position description be drafted?
 - (f) How many staff will the Commissioner be allocated?
 - (g) What is the yearly operational budget for the Commissioner's office?
 - (i) What is the budget for salaries and wages?
 - (ii) What is the budget for stationery?
 - (iii) What is the budget for office accommodation?
 - (iv) What is the budget for IT?
 - (v) What is the budget for training?
 - (vi) What is the budget for hospitality?
 - (h) What is the capital works budget for the fit-out of the office for the Commissioner and their staff?
 - (i) Who will be appointed to the taskforce to work with the Commissioner?
 - (j) What is the role of the taskforce?
 - (k) What is the salaries and wages of appointees to the taskforce?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Hon. Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade.

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(Paper No. 140)

* 7241 MAINTENANCE OF MORPETH RAILWAY STATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (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?

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- (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—

I am advised:

- (1) The Soil Conservation Service (Department of Regional NSW)
- (2) The grass will be cut in the week commencing 28 February 2022.
- (3) Vegetation pruning occurred in the week before Christmas 2021.
- (4) Windows have been boarded up to secure the building
- (5) The premises are not regularly staffed and consequently it is not possible to display and maintain a flag on site.
- (6) There are no current plans to undertake internal painting of the premises.
- (7) Soil Conservation Service has repainted parts of the building's exterior that have been vandalised with graffiti.
- (8) Pest control on the grounds is ongoing.

* 7243 COOLER CLASSROOMS PROGRAM—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Of the three schools in the Murray electorate that were in the construction phase of air-conditioning installation under the Cooler Classrooms Program, have the works been completed to install air conditioning?
- (2) Of the eight projects that were being tendered under the Cooler Classrooms Program, by what date will installation of the air conditioning be completed?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education currently expects the air conditioning installation at the three schools to be completed by mid-2022.
- (2) Contracts to install air conditioning at the eight schools will be awarded as soon as the local electrical supply authority approves necessary electrical infrastructure upgrades. The Department anticipates the air conditioning installation will be complete by the end of 2022.

* 7244 SOCIAL HOUSING WAITING LIST—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) How many applicants on the current social housing waiting list are located in the Murrumbidgee District?
 - (a) Of those, how many are located in Griffith New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Data on applicants on the NSW Social Housing register as at 30 June 2021, can be found in the Expected Waiting Times Dashboard, published on the Department of Communities and Justice's (DCJ) website: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/expected-waiting-times>

Data is available by allocation zone, including S103 Griffith.

* 7246 OVERSIGHT OF EMERGENCY HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) What oversight does the Government have of the multiple agencies and charities that offer emergency housing and accommodation services?
- (2) If a client has a concern about a private sector housing provider, to which government entity can they make a complaint?
- (3) What website or contact information is available to the client?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) provides funding to specialist homelessness services (SHS) to assist people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This can include providing crisis and transitional accommodation.

Link2home on 1800 152 152 is an information and referral telephone service for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness across New South Wales. The service is available to those in need 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year.

The NSW Housing Appeals Committee (HAC) is an independent agency that deals with appeals from people who are unhappy with decisions made by social housing providers. Further information on HAC can be found at <https://www.hac.nsw.gov.au/>

The NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) is the main forum for resolving tenancy disputes between landlords and tenants in New South Wales. The details for NCAT can be found at <https://www.ncat.nsw.gov.au/ncat/case-types/housing-and-property/tenancy.html>

* 7247 FINLEY HOSPITAL FUNDING—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) On what specifically will the \$25 million the Government pledged to spend on Finley hospital be spent on?
- (2) Why did the Government make this announcement without first informing the local member, local council or local health advisory groups?
- (3) Given that the Member for Cootamundra is not the local member, why did she make the funding announcement?
- (4) What community consultation did the Government do with the Finley community on the allocation of this \$25 million?
- (5) Why did the Government choose to spend \$25 million on Finley hospital as opposed to other hospitals in Murray region?

Answer—

An upgrade to Finley Hospital was highlighted in the Finley Health Services Clinical Services Plan, which outlines the future health needs of the local community and the required hospital services. Completed in 2016, the Plan was developed and endorsed by the Murrumbidgee Local Health District Executive and Board, Local Health Advisory Committees based in Finley, Berrigan, Tocumwal and Jerilderie, Finley Regional Care, Berrigan Shire Council, TAFE representatives and the Primary Health Network.

Whilst short-term recommendations made by the Plan have since been implemented, a redevelopment was recommended to meet projected demand for services and incorporate new models of care in the longer term.

As a result of the \$500 million boost to rural and regional health services announced by the NSW Premier, Deputy Premier and Health Minister on 27 November 2021, a review of the Plan will progress in the coming months, as will consultation with local stakeholders and community representatives to determine redevelopment priorities.

Funding for future infrastructure upgrades are considered as part of state-wide clinical priorities and annual prioritisation and budget deliberations by the Government and Treasury. Health services are not in fact provided on the basis of electorate.

- * 7248 THE SAFE SYSTEM ASSESSMENT REPORT—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

The Great Western Highway, Katoomba to Lithgow, Highway Improvements; Safe System Assessment (October 2021) quantifies that a tunnel for the Blackheath to Hartley section of the Great Western Highway (GWH) upgrade is four times safer than the surface road option. What specific justification can be provided for compromising the safety of all road users on the Eastern and Western sections of the Great Western Highway upgrade where a tunnel is not planned, particularly when the Eastern section experiences year round extreme weather events?

Answer—

I am advised:

Reliability and safety have been key factors in planning the upgrade, including greater resilience in times of emergency and extreme weather.

Transport for NSW is developing upgrade options that are appropriate to each section of the Highway. In areas where the surface road is suitable for upgrading safely, designs are progressing using the existing surface route.

Two lanes in either direction will provide safer overtaking opportunities and allow the installation of median treatments, which help prevent head on collisions, while gradients will be improved and curves straightened as much as possible. There will be improvements to the way local traffic interacts with through traffic in populated centres, and safer options for pedestrians and cyclists to move across the Highway.

- * 7249 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THE GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

The environmental assessment of each project, if undertaken by way of an REF, must take into account 'any cumulative environmental effect with other existing or likely future activities' (clause 228(2)(0) of the EP&A Regulation) which includes all the other sections of the Katoomba to Lithgow Great Western Highway Upgrade. What measures will be used to assess the cumulative impacts and what mitigation strategies will Transport for NSW employ?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has a robust process for assessing cumulative project impacts. Current and previous Review of Environmental Factors and Environmental Impact Statements are assessed to identify any cumulative effects on the environment for appropriate mitigation.

When multiple road projects are happening in the same area at the same time, Transport for NSW considers the potential cumulative impacts on the local community and environment, and works to mitigate them during construction and operation.

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When projects are next to each other, environmental studies overlap, to ensure consideration is given to broader environmental impacts, particularly on biodiversity and water quality.

The ongoing cumulative impact assessment for the Great Western Highway program has not only considered other stages of the project, but also other projects and developments in the region near the Highway that will be under construction around the same time and into the future.

The potential cumulative impacts of the proposal and other nearby projects will be assessed for both the construction period and up to ten years post completion.

* 7250 BLUE MOUNTAINS TOURISM—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) The Premier, Deputy Premier and MP Andrew Gee promoted New South Wales Tourism to the new Gardens of Stone National Park and Zipline (November 2021). What studies and assessments has the Government carried out to ensure:
 - (a) The predicted additional 200,000 visitors are able to travel safely and efficiently across the Blue Mountains?
 - (b) Growth of tourism through the Upper Blue Mountains specifically encouraging visitors to 'stay for more than a day'?

Answer—

I am advised:

The duplication of the Great Western Highway is being planned and designed to support future traffic growth in line with forecasted projections, whilst supporting local access, regional tourism and freight connectivity.

An improved connection through the Blue Mountains will support the vibrant and growing tourism industry in the Blue Mountains and beyond.

Modelling indicates that the upgrade will provide significant travel time savings for tourists each year.

* 7251 COMPARATIVE STUDIES CONDUCTED FOR THE BLACKHEATH AND MOUNT VICTORIA TUNNEL—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) A key project objective of the Great Western Highway Upgrade Program (GWHUP) is to improve economic development, productivity and freight accessibility in and through the Blue Mountains, Central West and Orana regions. How much money has been allocated and what comparative studies have been done to investigate and assess the merits of the alternative option of extending the planned Blackheath and Mt Victoria tunnel, including:
 - (a) Improved travel times?
 - (b) Improved safety?
 - (c) Improved transport efficiency?
 - (d) Reduced impact on the environment?
 - (e) Long term sustainability of the project and the lifespan of the surface road duplication?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has undertaken a comprehensive Cost-Benefit Analysis of the Great Western Highway Upgrade Program, which considered wider socio-economic benefits including travel times, safety, transport efficiency and sustainability. This was included in the related Strategic Business Case.

At all stages, the design of the Highway upgrade has been progressed with the aims of achieving the project outcomes of increased safety and improved travel times, whilst minimising impacts on the environment.

Tunnels of various lengths were considered in the options analysis for the Strategic Business Case. An extended tunnel that continued under Medlow Bath was not pursued due to the cost, technical feasibility and environmental impacts.

* 7252 SYDNEY WATER ENDORSEMENT—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Sydney Water requires endorsement from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) that the Great Western Highway Upgrade project does not adversely impact on any existing water, wastewater or stormwater assets, or other Sydney Water asset, including any easement or property.

(a) What specific measures is TfNSW using to provide that endorsement?

(b) How much money is being allocated to provide this endorsement?

Answer—

I am advised:

Where the Great Western Highway Upgrade Program will impact existing assets, they will be replaced with new infrastructure, at Transport for NSW's cost, in consultation with the asset owners. This is the normal process for all infrastructure projects undertaken by Transport for NSW.

Transport for NSW has already commenced consultation and regular communication with Sydney Water to manage impacts to Sydney Water assets.

All Sydney Water assets that are identified as being impacted and needing relocation are being managed in accordance with Sydney Water's standard Asset Adjustment and Deviation process. Transport for NSW has carried out field investigations to locate utilities and are producing relocation design proposals for Sydney Water to consider.

* 7253 BLUE MOUNTAIN SWAMPS—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Blue Mountains Swamps are listed as endangered Threatened Ecological Community (TEC) under the Federal Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act and vulnerable TEC under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act. Transport for NSW was responsible for the catastrophic collapse of an Endangered Ecological Community at Bullaburra. The design for Medlow Bath does not address the risk of detrimental adverse impacts to threatened ecological communities and their associated threatened species such as the Blue Mountains Swamps, Blue Mountains Water Skink and Giant Dragonfly. What strategies will be put in place to preserve these communities and their threatened species?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government acknowledges the valuable hanging swamp ecosystems that exist in the Blue Mountains. The hanging swamp ecosystems along or near the corridor will be carefully considered within the environmental assessment for each section of the Greater Western Highway upgrade.

While there are no swamps within the Medlow Bath footprint, it is recognised that there is potential for runoff to impact swamps outside the footprint. Transport for NSW is partnering with Blue Mountains City Council to explore opportunities to deliver best practice in water quality design during the upgrade, including short and long term mitigation works. These works will be supported by Transport for NSW to address erosion and water quality impacts to date, and reduce impacts going forward.

The Bullaburra swamp was affected by a one in a 100-year storm from run-off from a wide area including the Great Western Highway. Transport for NSW is remediating the site and will undertake associated installation of ponds to reduce the risk of a recurrence of this damage.

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Recent scientific studies have raised concerns about the impact of increasing pH levels on Blue Mountains Hanging Swamps and Transport for NSW is committed to further understanding these results. The proposed water quality treatment measures would greatly improve the water quality overall, by including features like erosion and sediment control basins.

Transport for NSW is ensuring that all the learnings from Bullaburra Swamp are considered and applied in water design for the upgrade of the Great Western Highway.

* 7254 SAFETY UPGRADES IN MEDLOW BATH—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Safety Upgrades in Medlow Bath were completed in 2021.
 - (a) Why then is the Government proceeding with the timeframe for construction to begin on the Great Western Highway Upgrade at Medlow Bath (Q3, 2022) before the Review of Environmental Factors and Costings for the Katoomba to Medlow Bath and Medlow Bath to Blackheath sections have been finalised and released?
 - (b) What does the Government see as its fiscal responsibility in this situation?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW takes its responsibilities towards protecting the environment very seriously. It has worked closely with the community and Blue Mountains City Council regarding the environmental assessment between Katoomba and Medlow Bath.

As a result, Transport for NSW will now simultaneously consider and determine the Review of Environmental Factors for both Medlow Bath and the remainder of the corridor between Katoomba and Medlow Bath.

Transport for NSW will continue to work with the local community and Council as the project progresses and will continue to be open and transparent about the environmental assessment process.

Tenders for construction of Medlow Bath will only be awarded once the Reviews of Environmental Factors are determined, all costs are known, and all final environmental conditions have been addressed.

During consultation on the Medlow Bath upgrade in 2020, Transport for NSW became aware of the need for urgent safety works at Bellevue Crescent and Foy Avenue. Transport for NSW sought funding under the Commonwealth Government's stimulus road safety funding, and these interim safety upgrades at Medlow Bath were brought forward to provide immediate safety benefits to local traffic.

Safety at these intersections will be further enhanced when longer term work to duplicate the Highway through the town is completed.

* 7255 AIR QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS—Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has installed 3 Air Quality Monitoring Stations in the Central Section of the Great Western Highway (GWH) Upgrade.
 - (a) Why has Air Quality Monitoring not been undertaken in the Eastern and Western Sections?
 - (b) Why has Air Quality Monitoring not been undertaken in Medlow Bath with the close proximity of the planned 'shared pathway', the Hydro Majestic Hotel and private residences?
 - (c) What measures will TfNSW implement to ensure safe air quality over the whole of the GWH Upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is committed to monitoring and preserving air quality.

In August 2021, three ambient air quality monitoring stations were installed at key points along the Great Western Highway to gather information about existing air quality. These stations are designed to identify the environmental impacts of a proposed project, with a particular focus on tunnels, to ensure ventilation and air quality is managed properly.

The Great Western Highway upgrade program will result in reduced net emissions on the surface roads. In combination with the duplication of the road, the upgrade will also reduce gradients, creating a more efficient flow of traffic and therefore reducing emissions.

Despite there being more cars on the road, advances in vehicle technology and design, as well as improvements in fuel quality are contributing to a decrease in vehicle emissions. As new, cleaner vehicles replace older cars on the road, the total emissions from motor vehicles will continue to fall.

- * 7256 INDEPENDENT STUDY OF MOUNT VICTORIA AND BLACKHEATH TUNNEL EXTENSION—
Ms Trish Doyle to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In the Consultation Report by Transport for NSW (February 2020) more than 60 per cent of submissions showed a preference for considerations of options other than a surface road from Katoomba to Blackheath. Why has the Government not instructed Transport for NSW to conduct an independent study of the feasibility and benefits of extending the 11km tunnel under Mt Victoria and Blackheath, right through to Katoomba?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to LA 7251.

- * 7257 INFORMATION LITERACY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology—

- (1) What programs does the Government fund or provide to help citizens find, evaluate, and use information effectively to discover new knowledge, solve problems, make decisions and become more informed citizens?
- (2) Does the Government support adult and community education (ACE) providers to provide information literacy programs?
 - (a) What courses have been funded or provided in New South Wales?
 - (b) What courses have been funded in the inner city?
- (3) What outreach campaigns has the Government provided to improve information literacy so that vulnerable groups and people with limited literacy or English can get reliable information?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to improve information literacy?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Department of Education supports the development of student Information Literacy through teaching and learning of syllabus content. Many syllabus documents require students to access and critically analyse information as part of learning how to be effective and discerning citizens in the 21st century. To further support students, the Department developed an Information Literacy framework.

The Government supports its most disadvantaged citizens to access Foundation skills through Smart and Skilled. Up to \$45 million per year is provided for foundation skills programs, to assist participants with literacy, numeracy and digital skills, basic English for speakers of other languages,

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general English, preparation and English for further study, skills for work and vocational training, training in Auslan, and training in study skills. Almost 14,000 students are currently engaged in these programs.

TAFE NSW is a key provider for the Foundation Skills for Your Future program. Funded by the Commonwealth Department of Education, Skills and Employment, the program supports literacy skills in a workplace context as well as recently unemployed individuals. Students enrol in a range of foundation skills courses and non-nationally recognised (NNR) courses. TAFE NSW uses NNR courses, such as the TAFE Statement in Individual Study Pathways, to customise literacy training to the specific needs of the learner.

Additionally, through Community Service Obligation (CSO) funding, TAFE NSW provides disadvantaged students with engagement, pathway and foundation skills courses; language, literacy, numeracy and digital literacy support; vocational and career counselling; modification and/or adjustment of delivery to improve capacity and supports for students with disability to complete training. Support also includes career support and job seeking skills; access to specialised software packages and equipment; and engagement with organisations, communities and individuals to improve access and participation for people facing disadvantage in vocational education and training to transition to further study or employment.

In addition, the Government provides \$22 million to Adult and Community Education (ACE) providers, who are funded to assist disadvantaged and vulnerable people across the State. Over 6,500 citizens across New South Wales are currently enrolled in ACE courses designed to improve their literacy.

These avenues assist New South Wales citizens to develop life skills and vocational skills that will help them participate in their communities and the New South Wales economy.

- (2) (a) The New South Wales ACE Program delivers training that address literacy and numeracy and digital skills equipping participants for the labour market, with further education and increased participation in their communities. Training under the ACE Program may be accredited or non-accredited and includes wrap around support services to assist vulnerable and disadvantaged adults /post school members of the community to contribute to their communities and the economy.

The Government also supports the Reading Writing Hotline which is funded by the Commonwealth and hosted by TAFE NSW. The Hotline refers callers to appropriate agencies and individuals across Australia who are able to assist with literacy, numeracy and digital literacy issues.

- (b) Funding is available to all 32 Approved ACE Providers, of which 10 are located in metropolitan Sydney and 22 are located in regional areas.
- (3) The Government is embarking on the development of an ACE strategy in conjunction with Community Colleges Australia, ACE providers, Department of Education and peak literacy organisations. The development of the Strategy aims to provide information to vulnerable citizens of the services available across the State and to connect them with the organisations able to assist their literacy, numeracy and digital skill needs.
- (4) The Government is increasing its data analysis to provide insights that will identify the areas of need amongst our most disadvantaged citizens and will inform the supply and demand provision of adult and community education.

A New South Wales ACE student survey is being developed to understand student outcomes and increased levels of need to address literacy and other gaps.

The Commonwealth also provides a range of services to assist people with literacy, numeracy and digital skills. They fund the 'Adult Migrant English Program' to assist eligible migrants and humanitarian entrants with low levels of English and the 'Skills for Education and Employment Program' to assist eligible unemployed people to gain the language, literacy, numeracy and digital skills for employment. TAFE NSW is contracted to deliver these programs as do a number of other New South Wales training organisations.

The Government is working closely with the Commonwealth and other jurisdictions on the development of a national Foundation Skills Framework which will improve the access, delivery and outcomes of literacy program throughout Australia.

* 7258 TECH SAVVY SENIORS PROGRAM—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Seniors—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the outcomes of the Tech Savvy Seniors program?
- (2) What plans does the Government have to extend, expand and develop this program to ensure older people are able to participate online?
- (3) How will the Government integrate this program with local community support services like neighbourhood and community centres and council facilities?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to increase older people's online capacity and skills?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In 2021, the NSW Government completed an evaluation of the Tech Savvy Seniors program. It found the program met the foundational digital training needs of seniors. The program has received overwhelmingly positive feedback and continues to deliver value for money with a social return on investment of \$6.64 for each \$1 invested.
- (2) The Government is investigating ways to expand the reach of the Tech Savvy Seniors program to people in geographic areas with lower digital literacy, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and First Nations people.
- (3) The Tech Savvy Seniors program already has strong connections with councils and libraries who act as training providers for Tech Savvy Seniors courses. This allows seniors to develop connections with their local community.
- (4) The Government is currently refreshing and expanding the Tech Savvy Seniors course material and developing stronger linkages to national digital literacy programs, such as Be Connected.

* 7262 ABORIGINAL FLAG—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier—

- (1) Noting the decision to fly the Aboriginal flag permanently on the Sydney Harbour Bridge, what action will the Government take to also fly this flag on:
 - (a) The ANZAC Bridge?
 - (b) Government buildings?
 - (c) The flagpole in Darling Harbour?
 - (d) Official Government events and occasions?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) The Glebe Island Bridge officially became known as the ANZAC Bridge in a ceremony on Remembrance Day 1998, as a memorial to members from both sides of the Tasman who formed the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. In recognition of the Bridge as an ANZAC memorial, neither the Australian nor New Zealand national flag is ever substituted with a different flag.
 - (b) Note response to (d)

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- (c) The Bicentennial Flagpole at Darling Harbour was gifted in the name of the Order of Australia Association to commemorate the Australian Bicentenary in 1988. It is dedicated to the members of the Order of Australia in recognition of their achievements and services to Australia. In recognition of this, the Australian National Flag would not be replaced.
- (d) The Australian Aboriginal Flag flies permanently in both Chambers at New South Wales Parliament and at Government House Sydney. The Government promotes the flying of both the Australian and NSW flags, and encourages Government buildings to also fly the Australian Aboriginal Flag, where flagpoles are available.

7263 RACISM AGAINST INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Regional Youth—

* 7266 AGING POPULATION IN PUBLIC HOUSING—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) What policies or plans does the Department of Housing have pertaining to older people in public housing?
- (2) What specific measures are in place to support the needs of older people in public housing, including those with aging related illnesses such as dementia?

Answer—

I am advised:

Social housing providers generally offer suitable accommodation as it becomes available to older clients listed on the [NSW Housing Register](#), ahead of wait turn clients.

As per the [Social Housing Eligibility and Allocations Policy Supplement](#), clients eligible for social housing may be approved for housing assistance as an elderly client if aged 80 years and over, or confirmed to be an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander and aged 55 years and over.

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) has a range of property types specifically for senior and/or elderly clients, including SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People living with a Disability), Pensioner properties and Public housing senior communities (as noted in the [Social Housing Eligibility and Allocations Policy Supplement](#)).

DCJ makes referrals to support services for all tenants who have support needs, including the elderly. DCJ will make a referral at the request of the tenant, or DCJ may identify a need for support through talking or engagement with a tenant or their family, or during a visit to the tenant's home.

DCJ has now transitioned to using the Australian Red Cross Telecross service. This service places calls to older and housebound tenants on a daily basis.

* 7269 PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

Has any progress been made in the investigation into the murder of Sarik Ariyak on 17 December 1980 at Dover Heights?

Answer—

I am advised:

The matter remains under active investigation. As this is an operational matter for the NSW Police Force, I am unable to provide any further comment.

- * 7270 RESPONSE TO RECENT ATTACKS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

What steps will you take in response to the recent islamophobic attacks on a family in Lalor Park?

Answer—

I am advised:

Any form of race motivated crime is unacceptable. It is the responsibility of the NSW Police Force to investigate and take appropriate action to bring any perpetrators of such crimes to justice. I am confident that the NSW Police Force is taking all appropriate steps to address race-motivated crime.

In relation to this specific incident, the matter remains under active investigation. As this is an operational matter for the NSW Police Force, I am unable to provide any further comment.

- * 7271 BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE LAW AND JUSTICE FOUNDATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

What has been the attendance ratio of the members of the Board of Governors of the Law and Justice Foundation from 1.1.18 to 16.2.22?

Answer—

I am advised:

The aggregate attendance ratio of Board members during the period 1 January 2018 to 16 February 2022 was 92 per cent.

- * 7272 RELIGIOUS VILIFICATION LAWS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

Following a recent Islamophobic attack on a family in Lalor Park, will you introduce Religious Vilification laws in this state?

Answer—

Hateful and vilifying conduct is completely unacceptable in our community.

There are already a number of protections against vilifying conduct in New South Wales. For example, it is an offence under section 93Z of the Crimes Act 1900 to intentionally or recklessly threaten or incite violence on grounds of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or intersex or HIV/AIDS status. This provision was enacted in 2018 as an important part of the Government's response to hateful vilification in the community.

I refer the Member to the Government response's to the NSW Joint Select Committee report - Anti-Discrimination Amendment (Religious Freedoms and Equality) Bill 2020 tabled 7 September 2021. The NSW Government's position remains unchanged.

- * 7273 ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

Granted the failure of the Commonwealth Parliament to implement additional anti-discrimination legislation provisions concerning religion, will you now introduce religious vilification legislation for this state?

Answer—

The premise of the question is incorrect.

The Religious Discrimination Bill 2021 (Cth) passed the House of Representatives on 10 February 2022 with amendment.

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I refer the Member to the Commonwealth Attorney-General's statement to the Senate on 10 February 2022 that "We made a commitment to the Australian people at the last election that we would, on this issue, address it, and we are progressing that commitment".

I also refer the Member to the Government response's to the NSW Joint Select Committee report - Anti-Discrimination Amendment (Religious Freedoms and Equality) Bill 2020 tabled 7 September 2021.

The NSW Government's position remains unchanged.

* 7274 LIVERPOOL COUNCIL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—

What action will you take following the recent steps by a majority of Councillors at Liverpool Council against the then CEO of Liverpool Council?

Answer—

Decisions on the appointment of a general manager are taken by each local council.

The Office of Local Government has no role in decisions of councils regarding the employment of their general managers.

* 7275 RECENT MEETING OF LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—

What steps will you take in relation to the complaint received about the most recent meeting of Liverpool City Council?

Answer—

It would not be appropriate for the Minister to publicly disclose information about complaints she or the Office of Local Government may have received or their management.

7277 SITE FOR PURIFIED RECYCLED WATER DEMONSTRATION FACILITY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

* 7278 FOOTPATH AT LISAROW PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

In relation to Lisarow Public School, please advise when construction of the footpath from the rear entrance of the school to the school bus stop will commence?

Answer—

Construction of the new footpath is scheduled to commence on 28 March 2022 and be complete by 30 March 2022, weather permitting.

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7279 COVID-19 SUPPORT PACKAGE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

7280 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

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- 7281 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- 7282 COOLER CLASSROOMS PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- 7283 BEDS AT MAITLAND HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7284 ACTIVE BEDS AT MAITLAND HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7285 STAFF AT MAITLAND HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7286 WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY INCIDENTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7287 PHONES AT MAITLAND HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7288 DEVELOPMENT OF NEW HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- 7289 DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- 7290 FACE MASK REQUIREMENTS IN SUPERMARKETS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7291 MEDICAL MALPRACTICE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7292 NSW HEALTH NURSES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7293 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH FUNDING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7294 REPORTS TO CRIMESTOPPERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 7295 USE OF DRONES IN THE NSW POLICE FORCE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 7296 VOUCHER PROGRAMS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 7297 ESSENTIAL ENERGY CORPORATE COSTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 7298 ROAD DAMAGE REPAIR POST FLOODING—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 7299 INCREASED CRIME IN BOURKE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

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- 7300 TEACHERS ACCESS ACCOMMODATION—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- 7302 INCREASED CRIME BY JUVENILE OFFENDERS IN BOURKE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Attorney General—
- 7303 CROWN RESERVES IMPROVEMENT FUND—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- 7304 STATUTORY TIMEFRAMES ON COMPLETING FIREARM LICENCE APPLICATIONS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 7305 RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER GUNNINGBAR CREEK WARREN—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- * 7309 COOKS RIVER NATURALISATION—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Due to waste dumping, storm runoff, and industrial waste, the Cooks River ecosystem has been detrimentally impacted. What plan does the Government currently have in place to naturalise the river?
 - (a) What plan does the Government currently have to improve water quality of the river?
 - (2) How much funding has been provided by the Government in 2021 to organisations focusing on naturalising the Cooks River catchment?
 - (a) How much funding will be provided to Cooks River naturalisation organisations in 2022?
- Answer—
- (1-2) I am advised riverbank naturalisation and water quality are priorities in the Coastal Management Program currently being developed for the Cooks River catchment. Questions about the Coastal Management Program, including funding, should be directed to my colleague, the Minister for Local Government.
- 7312 COVID-19 SUPPORT—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 7313 CANTERBURY SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- * 7316 NEWCASTLE HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- (1) How many 1 bedroom wheelchair accessible properties does the department have in the NN07 allocation zone?
 - (2) How many 2 bedroom wheelchair accessible properties does the department have in the NN07 allocation zone?
 - (3) How many 3 bedroom wheelchair accessible properties does the department have in the NN07 allocation zone?
 - (4) How many 4 bedroom wheelchair accessible properties does the department have in the NN07 allocation zone?

Answer—

I am advised:

Whilst data on modifications is collected by the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) and available to ensure that a property is appropriately allocated, details about a wheelchair accessible modification is not able to be aggregated and reported.

LAHC is committed to meeting the needs of tenants with disability, and to comply with its obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992(Cth) to make reasonable adjustments to its properties.

LAHC works with the Department of Communities and Justice and occupational therapists to provide modifications to tenants' homes as needed. Most modification requirements are recommended by an occupational therapist following their assessment of a tenant's needs and include minor additions such as grab rails or major adjustments like accessibility ramps or kitchens and bathrooms modifications.

The LAHC Dwelling Requirements design standard requires a minimum Liveable Housing silver level rating to be applied to all of its new social housing properties where level (step-free) access is possible subject to site constraints. Approximately 10 per cent of new units delivered by LAHC are adaptable for accessibility modifications.

The Minister for Families and Community Services will be able to advise on steps taken to allocate people who require wheelchair accessible public housing properties to the correct houses.

* 7317 NEWCASTLE HOUSING SALES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) How many 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom, 3 bedroom and 4 bedroom properties has Land and Housing Corporation sold 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?
 - (l) 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) is predominately self-funded. It sells properties which aren't fit for modern use as social housing, with proceeds funding new homes and capital maintenance. Every dollar generated from a sale goes back to LAHC for more, and better, social housing.

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Between 30 July 2011 and 30 June 2021, LAHC sold 23 studios, 1 one-bedroom dwelling, 17 two-bedroom dwellings, 28 three-bedroom dwellings and 3 four-bedroom dwellings in the Newcastle electorate. In the same period, LAHC completed 95 new fit for purpose dwellings.

2022-23 data will be available after the release of the audited financial statements.

- 7318 NUCOAL INVESTORS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Attorney General—
- 7319 TAFE NSW COVID FEE-FREE SHORT COURSE PROGRAM—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology—
- 7321 PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—
- 7322 COVID-19 INSURANCE CLAIM—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7323 COVID-19 SUPPORT PAYMENT DELAYS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—
- 7324 PERSONAL INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—
- 7325 STAMP DUTY—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—
- 7326 TOLL NOTICES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—
- 7327 UNREGISTERED VEHICLE FINES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—
- 7328 REGIONAL JOB CREATION FUND—Mr David Mehan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 7329 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POST CODE DATA—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- 7330 CHILDHOOD HOSPITAL MEDICAL PROCEDURES—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7331 USE OF QR CODE CHECK-INS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—
- * 7332 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES AND JUSTICE HOUSING—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- (1) Why is the Government selling off Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) Housing property 10 O'Connor Drive, Bray Park in the middle of a housing crisis in the Lismore electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) continually reviews the suitability of the properties it owns. LAHC sells properties which are not fit for modern use as social housing, with proceeds funding

new homes and capital maintenance. Every dollar generated from a sale goes back to LAHC for more and better social housing.

The property at 10 O'Connor Drive was, until recently, owned by the LAHC. In 2021, the property was assessed as being suitable for sale due to a number of factors, including its age, location and condition. The sale of the property was finalised in February 2022.

Since July 2018, LAHC has delivered 11 new fit-for-purpose social housing dwellings in the Lismore Electorate.

* 7333 ESSENTIAL WORKERS HOUSING—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

(1) What is the Government specifically doing to address housing shortages that face essential workers in the Lismore Electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

Housing 2041 is a whole-of-government housing strategy with a 20-year vision to deliver better housing outcomes for the people of New South Wales by 2041. This strategy is the first of its kind, and it unifies NSW Government commitments to housing-related strategies, including those for regional areas such as the 20-Year Economic Vision for Regional New South Wales. Housing 2041 also includes commitments that support the delivery of safe, secure, and quality housing for key workers in the right locations. The 2021-22 Action Plan also includes an action to review the provision of key worker housing across NSW for frontline workers. This encompasses teachers, police, and health workers. This review of is underway, with findings from the Regional Housing Taskforce contributing to informed solutions

The Teacher Housing Authority and NSW Police Force Housing have 39 properties in the Lismore electorate for providing accommodation to teachers and police officers.

* 7334 DIVERSE HOUSING—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

(1) Considering that principle six of the Regional Housing Taskforce Recommendations Report (2021) recommends that the Government facilitate the delivery of diverse housing that meets demonstrated need through targeted use of government land, what does the Government propose to do to facilitate this in the Lismore Electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to my response to Question on Notice 7335 - AFFORDABLE HOUSING

* 7335 AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

(1) When will the Government consider social and affordable housing as essential social and economic infrastructure as stated in principle five of the Regional Housing Taskforce Recommendations Report (2021)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is currently considering the recommendations that have been provided and a response will be provided in due course.

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* 7336 REGIONAL HOUSING—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) The Regional Housing Taskforce Recommendations Report (2021) principle seven recommends that the Government builds the capacity of local government and local industries to plan and deliver housing in the regions, what is the Government proposing to do to build this capacity?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to my response to Question on Notice 7335 - AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

* 7337 RENTAL ASSISTANCE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Considering that a research paper from SQM Research shows that rent in Lismore increased by 17.3% in 2021, when will the rental assistance offered to Department of Communities and Justice Housing tenants in the private rental market keep up with rent increases?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Families and Communities.

* 7338 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) In my submission to the Housing Strategy for NSW Discussion Paper 2020 I advocated for a targeted amount of the Social and Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF) to be spent in the Northern Rivers, how much of the SAHF has been spent in the Lismore Electorate as at 17 February 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Families and Communities.

* 7339 HOUSING AND PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) What policies is the Government putting in place to ensure a prescribed minimum amount of social and affordable housing is constructed as part of private developments in the Lismore Electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- The Government will work with Lismore Council on a 'Build Back Better' strategy following the recent floods, that will also include an opportunity for more housing to be identified.
- Minimum affordable housing requirements are assessed on an application by application basis.
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021 provides incentives, including floor space bonuses, for developments which include affordable housing.
- Lismore City Council previously had a policy to waive developer contributions for affordable housing. However, this has now expired.
- Council resolved to prepare an Affordable Housing Strategy in July 2021, and also identified as a short-term action its Local Strategic Planning Statement. A range of incentives for affordable and diverse housing will be explored in the Affordable Housing Strategy.
- This is highlighted in the Lismore Regional City Action Plan.

* 7340 DRAFT CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL PLAN 2041—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) What steps were taken in the development of the Draft Central Coast Regional Plan 2041?
- (2) Is the timeline of the draft development going to be made available?
- (3) During the consultation period, how many meetings with stakeholders took place?
 - (a) How long was each meeting?
- (4) Are the minutes of these meetings with stakeholders available, including who attended the meeting, specifically state agencies and groups?
 - (a) If not, will the minutes be made publically available?
- (5) Were there any community workshops leading up to the draft being released?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The draft Central Coast Regional Plan 2041 was prepared by evaluating the existing regional plan and local strategic planning statement, identifying emerging challenges and opportunities and engaging with the Council, other government agencies and stakeholders.
- (2) The project timeline is publicly available via the Department's website.
- (3) There were twelve meetings.
 - Meeting 1 – 60 minutes.
 - Meeting 2 – 60 minutes.
 - Meeting 3 – 30 minutes.
 - Meeting 4 – 60 minutes.
 - Meeting 5 – 90 minutes.
 - Meeting 6 – 90 minutes.
 - Meeting 7 – 90 minutes.
 - Meeting 8 – 30 minutes.
 - Meeting 9 – 90 minutes.
 - Meeting 10 – 90 minutes.
 - Meeting 11 – 90 minutes.
 - Meeting 12 – 60 minutes.
- (4) Meetings with non-government stakeholders have minutes.
 - (a) A consultation report will be prepared and published on the Department's website.
- (5) and 5(a) There were three community workshops held during the 12-week exhibition period from 6 December 2021 to 4 March 2022. Workshops held prior to exhibition were technical in nature. The Department received around 80 submissions from the community during the exhibition.

7341 REGISTERED SMALL BUSINESSES—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

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- 7342 TAFE CAMPUSES—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology—
- 7343 NSW PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—
- * 7345 LIDCOMBE RISE PROJECT—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- (1) How many dwellings will be constructed in total in the Lidcombe Rise project?
 - (2) How many of these dwellings are for private sale?
 - (3) How many of these homes are for community or public housing?
 - (4) What is the breakdown of the size of the community or public housing (three bedroom, two bedroom, one bedroom and studio apartment)?
 - (5) How many car parking spaces are included in this project?
 - (a) How many of these spaces will be for community or public housing residents?
 - (6) Was any land subject to the development gifted to Billbergia or any other entity in return for the inclusion of community or public housing within the development?
 - (7) Did Billbergia pay for any of the land included in this total development and if so how much?
 - (8) Will any monies from the sale of private dwellings be returned to the Government for the sale of any of these dwellings?
 - (a) If so what is the projected return, either as a dollar figure or proportion of sale?
 - (9) Will any of these dwellings be handed to the community housing sector?
 - (a) If so, how many?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 376 dwellings will be constructed.
 - (2) 220 dwellings will be for private sale.
 - (3) 156 dwellings will be for social and community housing, comprising 63 social dwellings and 93 community housing provider (CHP) owned dwellings.
 - (4) 51 one-bedroom dwellings, 85 two-bedroom dwellings and 20 three-bedroom dwellings.
 - (5) 408 car spaces including 122 car spaces for social and community housing residents.
 - (6)-(8) No land has been gifted to Billbergia or any other entity. The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) contributed the land for redevelopment and retains ownership of the land during the development of the project. Billbergia is responsible for funding and managing construction, including the social dwellings. Revenue generated from the sale of private housing is retained by Billbergia in return for delivering 63 social housing dwellings on the project at no cost to the NSW Government.
 - (9) (a) Yes. It is proposed that LAHC's 63 social homes will be managed by a community housing provider. In addition, community housing provider, Evolve has acquired 93 dwellings from Billbergia which it will own and manage.
- 7349 PARAMEDICS IN THE SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 7350 NEW PARAMEDIC RECRUITS IN THE SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7351 STATUS OF FORMER AMBULANCE STATION AT MITCHELL STREET CARRAMAR—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7352 TOTAL REVENUE COLLECTED FOR FUNDING FROM GAMING MACHINES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- 7353 FUNDING FROM GAMING MACHINES ALLOCATED BACK TO THE FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

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- 7354 ASSISTED SCHOOL TRAVEL PROGRAM—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- 7355 SUPPORT CLASSES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- 7356 NEW SELECTIVE SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- 7357 ENROLMENT CAP AND FIGURES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- 7358 REVIEW OF RURAL AND REMOTE INCENTIVES IN NEW SOUTH WALES PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- 7359 HEALTH SERVICES FUNDING IN REGIONAL COMMUNITIES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7360 REIMBURSEMENT FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7361 DRIVER'S LICENCE TESTS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—
- 7362 COVID-19 IN NEW SOUTH WALES CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7363 PARAMEDICS IN SUMMER HILL ELECTORATE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7364 GREENWAY WORKS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

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- 7366 NSW HOUSEHOLD TRAVEL SURVEY—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—
- 7369 SOCIAL HOUSING IN SUMMER HILL—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 7370 COVID-19 BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—
- 7371 HYDROGEN HUBS INITIATIVE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 7372 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—
- 7373 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7374 MULTISPORT COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7375 JOB SAVER PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—
- 7376 DRIVER TEST WAITING TIMES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—
- 7377 POLICE ACTION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 7378 RECOMMENDATIONS PROPOSED BY THE OMBUDSMAN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 7380 INCIDENTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF RABAU ROAD GEORGES HALL AND HENRY LAWSON DRIVE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- 7381 HOUSING APPLICANTS ON PRIORITY WAITLIST—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 7382 TENANTS WAITING FOR ALTERNATIVE HOUSING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 7383 RESIDENTIAL TENANCY SUPPORT PACKAGE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 7384 COMMUNITY SUPPORT RECOVERY PACKAGE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7385 PERSONAL INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—

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- 7386 POLICE ATTENDANCE TO WILLIAM STREET BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 7388 ILLAWARRA MOUNTAIN BIKE NETWORK—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 7389 MT OUSLEY INTERCHANGE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 7390 RENAL DIALYSIS AT KEMPSEY HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7391 URGENT CARE CENTRE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7392 ALDAVILLA CORRECTIONAL CENTRE HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Corrections—
- 7393 NEW FORSTER PUBLIC HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 7394 RESPONSE TO REGIONAL HOUSING TASKFORCE RECOMMENDATIONS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 7395 SOCIAL HOUSING WAITLIST—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 7396 VACANT GOVERNMENT OWNED PROPERTIES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Premier—
- 7397 PUBLIC HOUSING—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 7398 OLD BULLI HOSPITAL SITE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7399 HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN RIVER REMEDIATION WORK—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7400 DERMERGER OF COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL AND SNOWY VALLEYS—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 7401 ENTRY AND EXIT RAMPS—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- 7402 BUSINESS TRADING—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

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- 7403 CHILDREN IN OUT OF HOME CARE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

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- 7404 BUSINESSES IN THE MAITLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- 7405 SPORTING GROUP APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT RECOVERY PACKAGE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7406 HOUSING IN THE MAITLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 7407 WATER LICENCES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- 7408 HOME BUILDING COMPENSATION FUND—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—
- 7409 COVID-19 JOB SAVER PAYMENT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—
- 7410 SECURITY STAFF AT MAITLAND HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7411 RESIDENTIAL TENANCY SUPPORT PACKAGE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
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- 7414 SCHEDULED BURN-OFFS IN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience—
- 7415 FLYING FOX COLONIES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 7416 SOCIAL HOUSING MANAGEMENT TRANSFER PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 7417 COVID-19 MICRO-BUSINESS GRANTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—
- 7418 HOSPITALS IN THE HUNTER—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7419 ELECTION VOTING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Premier—
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- 7421 AFFORDABLE SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

7422 ANTENATAL CARE VIA TELEHEALTH—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

7423 WATER AND SEWER CHARGES IN REGIONAL COMMUNITIES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

7424 NSW IMMUNISATION SCHEDULE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health—

7425 RADIATION THERAPY UNIT IN GRIFFITH—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health—

* 7426 ACQUISITION OF PASTORAL PROPERTY FOR NATIONAL PARKS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

Will you require that, before any further pastoral property is acquired in the Far West New South Wales for national parks, individual business cases are presented to the public?

Answer—

No. All national park acquisitions are informed by independent valuations and a rigorous assessment of environmental values. The recent acquisitions of pastoral properties have been carefully targeted to protect species and habitat that are not protected or are inadequately protected elsewhere. Overall, New South Wales national parks annually generate approximately \$18 billion in economic activity and support 74,000 jobs across New South Wales.

7427 YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

7428 FIRE STATION UPGRADES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience—

7429 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

7430 ENROLMENT CAP AND FIGURES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

7431 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

7432 WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY INCIDENTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health—

7433 COOLER CLASSROOMS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

7434 SOCIAL HOUSING CLIENT SERVICE RESPONSE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

7435 INDIGENOUS CHILDREN IN OUT OF HOME CARE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

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- 7436 ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART VOICE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Regional Youth—
- 7437 MAXIMUM BETS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- 7438 RECYCLED ROAD MATERIALS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- 7439 KING STREET WHARF PRECINCT TRAFFIC—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- 7440 VIRTUAL CLIENT SERVICE VISITS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 7441 NO GROUNDS EVICTIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- 7442 CROWN RESORTS SALE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- 7443 MURWILLUMBAH WOMEN'S REFUGE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- 7444 LISMORE SPEEDWAY DINE AND DISCOVER VOUCHERS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—
- 7445 STAY NSW VOUCHERS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—
- 7446 DRAIN INFRASTRUCTURE IN LISMORE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 7447 LISMORE CITY COUNCIL STORMWATER ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 7449 WILD DOG ATTACKS TO LIVESTOCK—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- * 7450 LISMORE KOALA POPULATION—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What projects in the Lismore Electorate and land buyback opportunities has the Government funded to protect local koala populations?

Answer—

- (1) On 30 March 2020, the National Parks and Wildlife Service purchased 911.12 hectares under the NSW Koala Strategy and reserved it as an addition to Cataract National Park on 18 December 2020. The Biodiversity Conservation Trust delivered a conservation tender in the Lismore area at the end of 2018 to protect koala habitat on private land under conservation agreements.

The Government funded a three-year partnership between Tweed, Byron, Ballina and Lismore councils and Friends of the Koala to deliver private land conservation, veterinary care, habitat restoration, landholder and community engagement and koala monitoring.

A range of other projects in the Lismore area have been funded by the Saving our Species program and the NSW Koala Strategy, including:

- Implementation of key elements of the Lismore comprehensive koala plan of management
- Tracking movements of koalas and wild dogs to better understand their interactions
- Various habitat restoration projects
- Monitoring of koalas around the Skyline Road exclusion fence.

- 7451 ROADS MAINTAINENCE BACKLOG—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 7452 ENERGY GENERATION PROJECTS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 7453 WOLLONGONG HARBOUR MASTER PLAN—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—
- 7454 M1 PRINCES HIGHWAY PERFORMANCE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 7456 VENUES NSW WOLLONGONG PRECINCT ADVISORY BOARD—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7457 WARRAWONG COMMUNITY HEALTH FACILITY—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7458 WOLLONGONG SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCT—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7459 TOUCHDOWN OFFICE IN WOLLONGONG—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 7460 NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR BOARD—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 7462 EMPLOYEES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—
- 7463 EMPLOYEES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES AND JUSTICE—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Attorney General—
- 7464 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- 7465 MINISTRY OF HEALTH—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7466 NSW TREASURY EMPLOYEES—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 7467 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT EMPLOYEES—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

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- 7469 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES EMPLOYEES—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 7470 M4 M5 M8 TOLL EXEMPTIONS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- 7471 M7 TOLL EXEMPTIONS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- 7472 CROSS CITY TUNNEL AND EASTERN DISTRIBUTOR TOLL EXEMPTIONS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- 7473 M2 AND LANE COVE TUNNEL TOLL EXEMPTIONS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- 7474 HARBOUR TUNNEL AND HARBOUR BRIDGE TOLL EXEMPTIONS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- 7475 REGISTERED NURSES AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7476 WESTERN SYDNEY TOURISM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 7477 DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS IN FAIRFIELD SCHOOLS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- 7478 REMEDIAL MAINTENANCE WORKS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

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- 7479 PARK AND RIDE AT EDMONDSON PARK STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—
- 7480 PARK AND RIDE AT GLENFIELD STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—
- 7481 SHEET METAL PILING ALONG THE COOKS RIVER—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Local Government—

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- 7483 AFFORDABLE HOMES IN THE MURRAY ELECTORATE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 7484 HOME BUILDING COMPENSATION FUND—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—
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- 7486 INTRODUCTION OF MINIMUM ELECTRICITY FEED-IN TARIFF—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 7487 PUBLIC RELEASE OF FAST RAIL STRATEGY AND MCNAUGHTON REPORT—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
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- 7494 STUDENT LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICERS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- 7495 DISABILITY FUNDING SUPPORT—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- 7496 RESIDENTIAL TENANCY SUPPORT PACKAGE IN GRANVILLE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

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- 7497 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES ISSUED TO CUMBERLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—
- 7498 P1 DRIVING TEST WAIT TIMES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—
- 7499 NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION CODE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—
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- 7501 RESIDENTIAL TENANCY SUPPORT PACKAGE IN SUMMER HILL—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- 7502 RELOCATION OF CORPORATE SERVICES STAFF—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
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- 7508 COVID-19 VACCINATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7509 HORNINGSEA PARK FIRE STATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—
- 7510 IMPACT OF FLOOD ON WORKS ACROSS HENRY LAWSON DRIVE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- 7511 ROADS DAMAGED BY RECENT FLOODING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- 7512 ASSESSMENT OF FLOOD DAMAGE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- 7513 IMPACT OF FLOODING ON HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 7514 URGENT REPAIRS TO HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

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- 7515 HOUSING RESIDENTS RELOCATED DUE TO FLOODING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 7516 FORESTRY CORPORATION WOOD SUPPLY AGREEMENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 7517 RENEWABLE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
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- 7520 SARCOMA RESEARCH—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—
- 7521 SOLAR PANELS ON LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION PROPERTIES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 7522 WORKERS COMPENSATION REGULATION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—
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- 7524 DIGITAL NATIONAL PARK PASS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 7525 COMMERCIAL MOORINGS IN SNAILS BAY—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—
- 7526 SALE OF LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION PROPERTIES—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 7527 GLEBE ISLAND MULTI-USER FACILITY—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 7528 WOMEN'S REFUGE MURWILLUMBAH—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- 7529 200 EXTRA HOMES - DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE - LISMORE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 7530 PLANS TO REVIEW DECISION REGARDING NEW SCHOOLS—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- 7531 RELOCATED PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

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- 7532 PUBLIC PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- 7533 VILLAWOOD TOWN CENTRE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 7534 TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE VILLAWOOD TOWN CENTRE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

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- 7535 REVIEW OF ISOLATED PATIENTS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health—

Considering in February 2021, the Minister promised a review of the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS), then in August 2021, the Minister noted he remained committed to examining the concerns raised about IPTAAS, will the Minister provide an update on the status of the review?

- 7536 PUBLIC PATIENTS TREATED IN PRIVATE HOSPITALS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Considering that in the initial stages of medical diagnosis many patients attend private specialist appointments to gain the highest quality opinion available, but those who require further specialist treatment are required to pay in full for medical care and hospitalisation, can the Minister confirm if representation or support documentation from local members of parliament is presented to Medicare, can consideration be made to waive the private medical care and hospitalisation fee?
- (2) Does the Government have funding set aside for public patients to attend private hospitals to receive urgent medical surgery and/or treatment, at no cost?

- 7537 NEW SOUTH WALES REGIONAL HOUSING FUND—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Considering COVID-19 has seen a sudden influx of people from metropolitan to regional areas, and that a lack of housing supply in regional New South Wales has resulted in local residents being outpriced from the market in both larger and smaller towns, what process was used by the Regional Housing Taskforce to conclude only larger regional New South Wales cities should be eligible for the Regional Housing fund?
- (2) What steps is the Minister taking to ensure affordable accommodation can be provided to smaller regional towns within Regional New South Wales?
- (3) If smaller regional councils within New South Wales are prohibited from submitting an application for the Regional Housing fund, what plans does the Minister have to inject funding into the development of more community housing to prevent a dramatic spike in homelessness?

- 7538 COMMISSIONER FOR MODERN MANUFACTURING APPOINTMENT—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) With regards to your announcement in December 2021 that you will appoint a Commissioner for Modern Manufacturing:
 - (a) When will the Commissioner be appointed?

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- (b) How much will the Commissioner be paid?
 - (c) Under which Department or agency will the Commissioner be appointed?
 - (d) Which Minister will oversee the Commissioner?
 - (e) Has the position description for the Commissioner been completed?
 - (i) If so, what is the position description and what are the Commissioner's Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)?
 - (ii) If not, when will the position description be drafted?
 - (f) How many staff will the Commissioner be allocated?
 - (g) What is the yearly operational budget for the Commissioner's office?
 - (i) What is the budget for salaries and wages?
 - (ii) What is the budget for stationery?
 - (iii) What is the budget for office accommodation?
 - (iv) What is the budget for IT?
 - (v) What is the budget for training?
 - (vi) What is the budget for hospitality?
 - (h) What is the capital works budget for the fit-out of the office for the Commissioner and their staff?
 - (i) Who will be appointed to the taskforce to work with the Commissioner?
 - (i) What is the role of the taskforce?
 - (j) What is the salaries and wages of appointees to the taskforce?

7539 COMPENSATION CLAIMS IN RELATION TO METRO CONSTRUCTION—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) How many compensation claims have been made by residents of the Canterbury Electorate, in relation to damage caused to private property by Sydney Metro construction works, since Metro construction began?
 - (a) How many of these claims have resulted in compensation being paid out to the resident by Sydney Metro?
 - (b) How much compensation has been paid to residents since the construction of the Sydney Metro commenced?
 - (c) How many compensation claims by residents are still outstanding?
 - (d) Has the Government set aside any provisions for future compensation in relation to damage caused from the construction of the Sydney Metro?
 - (i) If so, how much has been set aside?

7540 COMPENSATION CLAIMS IN RELATION TO METRO CONSTRUCTION IN 2021—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) How many compensation claims by residents in the electorate of Canterbury were made in 2021 in relation to damage caused to private property by Sydney Metro construction works?
 - (a) How many claims in 2021 resulted in an inspection of the damaged site by Sydney Metro officials?

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- (b) How many claims in 2021 resulted in monetary compensation of residents by Sydney Metro?
- 7541 COMPENSATION CLAIMS IN RELATION TO METRO CONSTRUCTION IN 2022—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—
- (1) How many compensation claims by residents in the electorate of Canterbury were made in 2022 in relation to damage caused to private property by Sydney Metro construction works?
- (a) How many claims in 2022 resulted in an inspection of the damaged site by Sydney Metro officials?
- (b) How many claims in 2022 resulted in monetary compensation of residents by Sydney Metro?
- 7542 COMPENSATION CLAIMS IN RELATION TO METRO CONSTRUCTION IN 2020—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—
- (1) How many compensation claims by residents in the electorate of Canterbury were made in 2020 in relation to damage caused to private property by Sydney Metro construction works?
- (a) How many claims in 2020 resulted in an inspection of the damaged site by Sydney Metro officials?
- (b) How many claims in 2020 resulted in monetary compensation of residents by Sydney Metro?
- 7543 NOISE COMPLAINTS DUE TO SYDNEY METRO IN 2020—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—
- (1) How many noise complaints were made by residents in the Canterbury electorate relating to the construction of the Sydney Metro in 2020?
- (a) How many noise complaints were made about Hurlstone Park Metro Station construction works in 2020?
- (b) How many noise complaints were made about Canterbury Metro Station construction works in 2020?
- (c) How many noise complaints were made about Campsie Metro Station construction works in 2020?
- 7544 NOISE COMPLAINTS DUE TO SYDNEY METRO IN 2021—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—
- (1) How many noise complaints were made by residents in the Canterbury electorate relating to the construction of the Sydney Metro in 2021?
- (a) How many noise complaints were made about Hurlstone Park Metro Station construction works in 2021?
- (b) How many noise complaints were made about Canterbury Metro Station construction works in 2021?
- (c) How many noise complaints were made about Campsie Metro Station construction works in 2021?
- 7545 NOISE COMPLAINTS DUE TO SYDNEY METRO IN 2022—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—
- (1) How many noise complaints have been made by residents in the Canterbury electorate relating to the construction of the Sydney Metro in 2022?
- (a) How many noise complaints have been made about Hurlstone Park Metro Station construction works in 2022?

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- (b) How many noise complaints have been made about Canterbury Metro Station construction works in 2022?
- (c) How many noise complaints have been made about Campsie Metro Station construction works in 2022?
- 7546 ROAD CLOSURES DUE TO SYDNEY METRO CONSTRUCTION—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—
- (1) Regarding road closures in the Canterbury electorate as a result of Sydney Metro construction works, how many total road closures have occurred in 2022?
- (a) How many occurred in 2021?
- (b) How many occurred in 2020?
- (c) How many complete road closures lasted for 1 day?
- (d) How many complete road closures lasted for 2 days?
- (e) How many complete road closures lasted for 4 days or more?
- 7547 CONSULTATION REGARDING ROAD CLOSURES DUE TO METRO CONSTRUCTION—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—
- (1) Regarding road closures in the Canterbury electorate as a result of Sydney Metro construction works, what consultation was made to residents affected?
- (a) What multicultural information/resources were used during community consultation?
- 7548 CITY ROAD MEREWETHER—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- (1) Are there any plans to duplicate City Road, Merewether?
- (2) Are there any improvements planned for this section of road?
- 7549 FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO ADDRESS THE LABOUR SHORTAGE IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- What financial incentives is the Government offering to small businesses and those willing to move to rural areas in order to address the ongoing labour shortage?
- 7550 GOVERNMENT RESOURCES FOR LOCAL ABORIGINAL- LAND COUNCILS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Regional Youth—
- Once a Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) acquires land by claiming Crown land, what financial support or resources does the Government provide to the LALC enabling it to achieve a productive outcome with the asset?
- 7551 HEALTHCARE VACANCIES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many healthcare professional roles are currently vacant in the Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
- (a) Of these vacancies, what are the roles and how many are unfilled?
- 7552 COVID-19 SUPPORT PAYMENT DELAYS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

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- (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?
- 7553 GONSKI FUNDING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) Is it true that Government funding to Government schools has grown by more than 50 per cent, while funding to private schools has grown by nearly 100 per cent in the 20 years to 2020?
 - (a) If not, what is the comparative growth in New South Wales?
 - (2) What is the change in Government funding per student over this period?
 - (3) How do schools in the Sydney electorate rate in funding against the Schooling Resource Standard?
 - (4) What progress has been made in New South Wales to reach the Schooling Resource Standard funding level?
 - (5) What progress has been made in Sydney electorate schools to reach the Schooling Resource Standard funding level?
 - (6) Has the Government implemented all commitments made for the 2011 'Review of Funding for Schooling' or 'Gonski' report?
 - (7) What plans does the Government have to increase funding to meet the agreed needs based funding level based on the Schooling Resource Standard?
- 7554 BLACKWATTLE BAY REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—
- (1) How will Infrastructure use the City of Sydney design review to improve the Blackwattle Bay proposal to ensure:
 - (a) The foreshore width provides sufficient public space similar to other harbour promenades including at Barangaroo south, King Street Wharf and Circular Quay?
 - (b) Public park amenity including sufficient tree canopy to protect park users?
 - (c) Street layouts improve connectivity through the area?
 - (d) Pedestrian safety and comfort from wind impacts on public streets?
 - (e) New residents are protected from noise and air pollution?
 - (f) Social and affordable housing provisions are adequate?
- 7555 GREYHOUND REHOMING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- (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 taxpayer funded New South Wales Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP)?
 - (2) Is it true that the New South Wales 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?

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- (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 New South Wales 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 there was a 52 percent increase in puppies bred by Greyhound Racing NSW between 2016/17 and 20/21?
- (a) If not, what is the increase?
- (6) Is it true that Greyhound Racing NSW has failed to meet rehoming targets in its 2018/21 strategic plan?
- (7) How has poor rehoming rates been addressed in the Greyhound Racing NSW Strategic Plan 2022-2024?
- (8) What action has the Government taken about this reported poor success and poor use of Government funding?
- (9) What further action will the Government take to increase greyhound rehoming numbers and rates?
- 7556 DRUG DETECTION DOGS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- (1) Is it true that drug detection dogs were used at the Barangaroo Australia Day public events?
- (2) What consultation did the Government undertake with First Nations communities and police Aboriginal liaison officers about using drug detection dogs at this event?
- (3) What other Australia Day events were subject to drug detection dog operations?
- (4) What other major celebratory events over the last 12 months were subject to drug detection dog operations?
- (5) What criteria are used to determine which major celebratory events will be subject to drug detection dog operations?
- (6) To what extent does NSW Police protocol allow regular use of drug detection dogs at public events expected to attract First Nations peoples?
- (7) What changes will be made to drug detection dog protocols following concerns about racial profiling in use of drug detection dogs at Australia Day events?
- 7557 INNER CITY HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) What proportion of students currently attending the Inner City High School come from:
- (a) Pyrmont and Ultimo?
- (b) Paddington?
- (c) Woollahra?
- (d) Edgecliff?
- (e) Darling Point?
- (f) Point Piper?
- (g) Double Bay?

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- (h) Elizabeth Bay?
 - (i) Rushcutters Bay?
 - (j) Potts Point?
 - (k) Centennial Park?
- (2) What areas make up the rest of students?
- 7558 ENERGY POVERTY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- (1) Is it true that the New South Wales energy consumers with the lowest incomes spend a much greater proportion of their income on energy costs, particularly those in the lowest quintile?
 - (2) What assessment has the Government made of energy poverty or hardship in New South Wales?
 - (a) How does the Government monitor this?
 - (3) What programs does the Government provide to prevent energy poverty?
 - (a) How have these been updated to address pandemic impacts?
 - (4) What changes have been made to support consumers transitioning to cheaper renewable energy and prepare for changing energy supply and distribution as a result of decarbonisation?
 - (5) What plans does the Government have to prevent future energy poverty?
- 7559 NOISE CAMERAS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- (1) What assessment has the Government made of noise camera technology to noisy vehicles since 2019 as in LA Q 2515?
 - (2) What assessment has the Government made of the trial of 'sound radars' in France?
 - (3) What plans does the Government have to use this technology to help prevent the impact of noisy vehicles?
- 7560 SHORE POWER OVERSEAS PASSENGER TERMINAL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—
- (1) Noting the announcement of shore power to be operating at the White Bay cruise ship terminal and Glebe Island industrial facilities by 2024, what progress has been made for shore power to ships berthed at the Overseas Passenger Terminal?
 - (2) When does the Government expect to provide shore power at the Overseas Passenger Terminal?
 - (3) What additional measures are being required for ships berthed at the Overseas Passenger Terminal to reduce noise, air and light pollution on adjacent communities until shore power is installed?
 - (4) What further action does the Government plan to prevent noise, light and air pollution impacts from ships berthed in Sydney Harbour?
- 7561 TRAVEL CONSUMER RIGHTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- (1) What action has the Government taken to provide stronger regulation of the travel industry since the November 2021 announcement?
 - (2) What assessment has the Government made of the CHOICE recommendations for:
 - (a) Easier travel refunds?
 - (b) Minimum voucher/credit rights?

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- (c) A mandatory industry code for all airlines and large travel providers?
- (d) A travel and tourism industry ombudsman?
- (e) A mandatory information standard at time of booking?
- (3) What advocacy has the Government carried out for a national response including an Australian Competition and Consumer Commission market study into travel and tourism?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to better protect travel consumers?
- 7562 THERMAL PERFORMANCE OF SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- What data does the Government have about thermal performance in social housing homes and how does the Government assess whether these home meet liveability standards?
- 7563 ERRONEOUS LAND VALUATIONS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- (1) In the 2021-2022 financial year, how many erroneous land valuation notices were issued to Haberfield residents on account of the Valuer General reclassifying their permanent residential homes due to the M4-M5 Westconnex tunnel?
- (a) To 15 February 2022, how many have been corrected?
- (2) In the 2021-2022 financial year, how many erroneous land valuation notices were issued to New South Wales residents on account of the Valuer General reclassifying their permanent residential homes due to the M4-M5 Westconnex tunnel?
- (a) To 15 February 2022, how many have been corrected?
- (3) Why has this error occurred again, causing considerable distress and administrative burden on residents, when the issue had caused problems in the past?
- (4) What is being done to ensure this does not occur again?
- 7564 POLICE ACTION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- What action will be taken against those police officers responsible for commencing and pursuing charges against Kristo Langker which were dropped and in relation to which costs were ordered against police?
- 7565 DISASTER RECOVERY CENTRE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—
- (1) In relation to the Disaster Welfare and Disaster Recovery Centre established at The Diggers Club during the March 2022 flood around Tuggerah Lake on the Central Coast please advise:
- (a) How many people attended the Centre?
- (b) What assistance was provided?
- (c) How many people required temporary accommodation?
- 7566 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FLOOD RECOVERY—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—
- What financial assistance was provided to the Central Coast Council to assist with flood recovery on the occasion of the March 2022 flood and national disaster declaration?

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- 7567 HOUSING NEED IN THE CENTRAL COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- (1) Given the recent report "Shelter New South Wales' 2021 Regional Housing Need Report" prepared by the Regional Australia Institute has ranked the Central Coast as the Local Government Area with the greatest housing need in New South Wales, what steps will you take to address this?
 - (a) Will additional funding be made available in the 2022-23 budget to address this need?
- 7568 SERVICE NSW ACCESS DATA—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—
- (1) Does Service NSW keep records of the postcode address of people who access Service NSW centres?
 - (a) If so, please advise how many people attended the Tuggerah, Erina and Toukley Service NSW Centres for each year since the centres were established, as well as the number from the 2261 postcode area.
- 7569 'FLOODS NEAR ME NSW' APP—Mr David Mehan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- (1) In relation to the "Floods Near Me NSW" app:
 - (a) Will public works advisory continue to support and develop the app?
 - (b) Will the app be upgraded to reflect changes in flood warning levels across the state?
- 7570 ROUNDABOUT LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF WYONG ROAD, TUGGERAH AND BRYANT AND RELIANCE DRIVE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—
- (1) In relation to the roundabout location at the intersection of Wyong Road, Tuggerah and Bryant and Reliance Drive:
 - (a) Is the roundabout operating safely and to expected standard?
 - (b) What plans are in place to upgrade the roundabout?
 - (c) What work has been done with Central Coast Council to plan traffic movement at the intersection and along Bryant Drive?
 - (d) Does Council have a contribution plan in place to commit with upgrading of Bryant Drive?
- 7571 CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING TRANSPORT SERVICES—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—
- (1) How many people have written to the office of the Minister for Transport, including emails, hard copy letters, the 'Contact the Minister' webpage and all other correspondence, regarding public transport services in the Eastern Suburbs from 2019 through to March 2021?
 - (a) Of these, how many pieces of correspondence were regarding:
 - (i) The cuts to bus services in the Eastern Suburbs?
 - (ii) The removal of bus stops in the Eastern Suburbs?
 - (iii) The privatisation of bus services in Sydney?
 - (iv) Breakdowns on the CBD and South East Sydney Light Rail?
- 7572 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

In my submission to the Housing Strategy for NSW Discussion Paper 2020 I advocated for a targeted amount of the Social and Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF) to be spent in the Northern Rivers, how much of the SAHF has been spent in the Lismore Electorate as at 17 February 2022?

7573 RENTAL ASSISTANCE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

Considering that a research paper from SQM Research shows that rent in Lismore increased by 17.3% in 2021, when will the rental assistance offered to Department of Communities and Justice Housing tenants in the private rental market keep up with rent increases?